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Mid Week Update ~ May 5, 2021

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Join us for a special outdoor worship service on Sunday, May 9 at 8:30<sup>AM</sup>. Bring your own chair or blanket and coffee and sit on the west lawn.

**WEATHER PERMITTING**

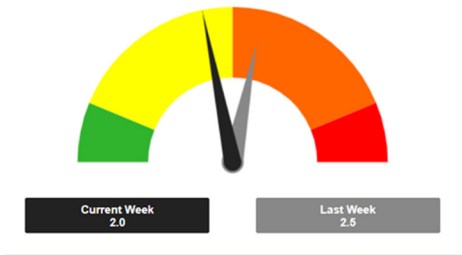
***Table Grace's Mobile Food Truck will be on hand if you would like to purchase breakfast and beverages from 7:45-10:30<sup>AM</sup>.***

Our virtual service remains at 10<sup>AM</sup> on Facebook live or shortly after on our website.

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Moderate Risk of Covid-19 Spread



Covid-19 Risk Dial Category Legend

LOW 0.0 - 0.5	MODERATE 0.5 - 2.0	HIGH 2.0 - 3.5	SEVERE 3.5 - 4.0
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Data current as of Saturday 5/2/2021 11:59 pm.

[Reopening Guidelines](#)



[This Week's Bulletin](#)

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Drive through to pick up consecrated Holy Communion on Friday, May 7 from Noon to 3 PM or Saturday, May 9 from 9 AM to Noon.



Join us for Bible study on [Facebook LIVE](#) or [ZOOM](#) on Wednesdays at 10 AM!

**Bible Study Sheet**

First Reading [Acts 10:44-48](#)

Psalm [Psalm 98](#)

Second Reading [1 John 5:1-6](#)

Gospel [John 15:9-17](#)

[ZOOM Link](#)

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**Children**

Check out our Children's & Youth Ministry page by clicking on the picture above for help to strengthen young people's faith at home! Your very own children's bulletin is [HERE!](#)

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Want s'more  
fellowship?

Youth Fire Pit on Sunday, May 26 ~ 6:30 PM  
Come roast some s'mores at our fire pit in the back parking lot.

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Graduating high school or college this spring or summer? This year has been hard enough so let us help you celebrate by letting the Church Office know what school, degree if college or trade school, and what your future plans are!

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## AT HOME SUNDAY SCHOOL

**We will send weekly videos with a lesson through the end of May. There is not a supply pack - all of the crafts and activities can be done at home with common household items. If you have any ideas, comments, or questions, please let Greta know! Last week's video is below!**



## Confirmation

Confirmation classes are on Wednesdays at 6:30 PM on ZOOM. Click on the link below to connect to the meeting or contact the Church Office, Pastor Chris or Greta for the link. View last week's meeting at [www.MorningStarOmaha.org/family!](http://www.MorningStarOmaha.org/family!)

[ZOOM Link](#)

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Join the Confirmation youth on Saturday, May 15, 9 AM - 3 PM at Camp Carol Joy Holling's Sjogren Center (27416 Ranch Road Ashland, NE). We will explore the Small Catechism, do cool things at camp, and get the Confirmation students together and connecting after a year of Zoom classes. Lunch and snacks provided. Please register by April 29 by telling Greta you plan to attend and by filling out the Parent Consent Form.

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Mark your calendar for VBS this Summer for July 19 - 23 from 9 AM - 12 PM. Children in Pre-K through 5th grade are invited to embark on an epic quest through hidden ruins, ancient caves, and dense jungles. They'll discover God's greatest treasure isn't diamonds, gems, or gold—it's them! Registration information, safety guidelines, and more details coming soon! Both in-person and virtual options will be available.

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# ANNUAL MEETING

Morning Star Annual Congregational Meeting  
Sunday, June 13 ~ 11:30 AM

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### **Quarterly Giving Statements**

Statements have been mailed out. Please contact the Church Office if you haven't received one or if you find errors. Thank you!





Summer Camp is an awesome experience for K-12th grade! Join us to explore God's call to live FEARLESS through Joshua 1:9.

Greta is getting a Morning Star group together to go the week of June 27- July 2! Want to go with other Morning Star kids for a week of fun, Jesus, and friends? View the schedule, register and see COVID-19 adjustments at [CarolJoyHolling.org](http://CarolJoyHolling.org).

Talk to Greta if you're interested in learning more. Morning Star is offering a \$50 campership for members!



Preschool Teacher Appreciation Week is May 3-7. We would like to shower our teachers with love this year. Please consider sending a note of thanks to the Preschool or Church Office to be shared with our hard working teachers!



May 2	Nancy Sweetwood	Sandy Heskett	<b>Available</b>
May 9	Rod & Cindy Anderson	Diane Konvalina	<b>Available</b>

May 16	<b>Available</b>	<b>Available</b>	<b>Available</b>
May 23	<b>Available</b>	<b>Available</b>	<b>Available</b>
May 30	Ric & Pam Miller	Ric & Pam Miller	<b>Available</b>

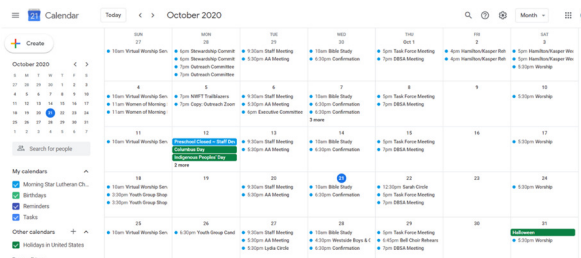
## Council Highlights & CELEBRATION

1. The Council approved moving forward with the COVID Task Force proposed recommendation to use the Douglas County Health Department COVID-19 dial as a tool to guide re-opening of worship. When the dial reaches the yellow zone for two consecutive weeks, we would recommend reopening worship utilizing the same guidelines established in the summer of 2020. <https://www.douglascountyhealth.com/>
2. The preschool staff and church staff began receiving the vaccine this week! The vaccine schedule has been staggered to ensure appropriate staffing.
3. We've already received applications for the Preschool Director position and are excited to fill that position.
4. The Council approved the purchase of some additional technology to enhance our virtual services. The purchase includes two cameras and will provide a better virtual experience as well as building redundancy into the process. Thanks to Kyle Wolfe and Art Lorenz for making virtual worship a possibility.



**The Church Office & Preschool are closed Monday, May 31 for Memorial Day.**

View Morning Star's online calendar by clicking below!



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The logo for 'UPCOMING EVENTS' is displayed in a stylized, blocky font. The word 'UPCOMING' is on the top line and 'EVENTS' is on the bottom line. Each letter is contained within a colored rectangular block. The colors for 'UPCOMING' are: U (dark blue), P (light blue), C (orange), O (green), M (dark blue), I (light blue), N (green), G (orange). The colors for 'EVENTS' are: E (dark blue), V (light blue), E (orange), N (green), T (dark blue), S (light blue).

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## **Wednesday, May 5**

10:00<sup>AM</sup> Bible Study (ZOOM & Facebook Live)  
6:30<sup>PM</sup> Confirmation (ZOOM)

## **Thursday, May 6**

5<sup>PM</sup> Preschool Transition Team Meeting (ZOOM)  
7<sup>PM</sup> DBSA (Chapel)  
7:30<sup>PM</sup> Bell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

## **Friday, May 7**

## **Saturday, May 8**

Pastor Chris Hawkins' Birthday

## **Sunday, May 9**

10<sup>AM</sup> Worship (Sanctuary & Facebook Live)

## **Monday, May 10**

6:30<sup>PM</sup> Church Council Meeting (ZOOM)

## **Tuesday, May 11**

7<sup>AM</sup> Polling Place at Morning Star  
9:30<sup>AM</sup> Staff Meeting (Lg Conf Room)  
5:30<sup>PM</sup> AA Meeting (Chapel)

## **Wednesday, May 12**

10:00<sup>AM</sup> Bible Study (ZOOM & Facebook Live)  
6:30<sup>PM</sup> Confirmation (ZOOM)

## **Thursday, May 13**

4:30<sup>PM</sup> Preschool Graduation (Sanctuary)  
7<sup>PM</sup> DBSA (Chapel)  
7:30<sup>PM</sup> Bell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

## **Friday, May 14**

4:30<sup>PM</sup> Preschool Graduation (Sanctuary)

## **Saturday, May 15**

9<sup>AM</sup> Confirmation Retreat (Camp Carol Joy Holling)

## **Sunday, May 16**

10<sup>AM</sup> Worship (Sanctuary & Facebook Live)

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**May 9 Readings**

First Reading [Acts 10:44-48](#)

Psalm [Psalm 98](#)

Second Reading [1 John 5:1-6](#)

Gospel [John 15:9-17](#)

