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**Mid Week Update ~ July 29, 2020**

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Click on the [picture](#) below to see the August Newsletter!



We are now opening for public worship with social distancing and face masks in place! All are welcome but we kindly ask that you let the Church Office know by phone or email to help our greeters and ushers prepare for your arrival.

**Click [HERE](#) for a summary on the changes in worship!**

For those that are not yet comfortable with in-person worship, we will continue to offer virtual worship via Facebook LIVE at 10 AM or shortly thereafter on our website. Click [HERE](#) to join the LIVE service on Sunday at 10 AM. You don't need a Facebook account to view the service.

Follow along in the bulletin [HERE](#): [Ninth Week of Pentecost](#)

All Worship services, past and present, can be viewed by visiting [www.MorningStarOmaha.org/virtual-service-archive](http://www.MorningStarOmaha.org/virtual-service-archive).

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The Boys & Girls Westside Club needs our help to provide their club members with school supplies this year. You may bring any items (or funds to purchase these) to the church or contact the Church Office to arrange drop off by August 9th so we can bless them. Here are some suggestions:

- Small Bottles of hand sanitizer
- Disinfectant Wipes
- Masks (child & adult)
- Pencil Boxes
- #2 Pencils
- Highlighters
- Folders
- Glue Sticks
- Kleenex
- Loose-leaf paper (wide ruled)
- Pens
- Washable Markers
- Colored Pencils
- Erasers
- Spiral Notebooks (wide ruled)
- Rulers
- 2-Pocket Folder with 3-prongs to hold paper



Miss today's Bible study on Facebook? Find it on our website: [www.MorningStarOmaha.org/Virtual-Service-Archive](http://www.MorningStarOmaha.org/Virtual-Service-Archive).

### **[Bible Study Sheet](#)**

#### ***Lectionary Texts:***

**First Reading** [Isaiah 55:1-5](#)

**Psalm** [Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21](#)

**Second Reading** [Romans 9:1-5](#)

**Gospel** [Matthew 14:13-21](#)

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***Backpack Blessing ~ Sunday, August 9***

We will bless our backpacks (lunchbags and briefcases welcome, too) for the coming year on Sunday, August 9 in the service, and you can participate at home. Blessings will be mailed out prior to the service, including adults upon request!



**Children & Youth Corner**

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!](#)

**Bible Art Quest**

Contact [Greta](#) for a Bible Art Quest activity envelope appropriate for all ages!

**ZOOM Connections**

Connect with other youth your age on a Zoom hang out with Greta. This is a great way to connect from the safety of your own home! If your family is interested in participating in this, please [fill out this form](#) so I can organize meetings and meet you soon! Reach out to Greta any time at 531-301-5579 or [Greta@MorningStarOmaha.org](mailto:Greta@MorningStarOmaha.org)!

**VBS success!**

Bolt VBS ran July 27-29 online and in backyards where youth learned about listening to Jesus, focusing on Jesus, and following Jesus with the help of some wacky videos and outrageous games! Thank you to Kyle Wolfe, Pastor Chris, and Eryn Blagg for participating in the videos. Because this VBS is based on on videos and activities to do at home, it's not too late to participate. Contact Greta to learn more.





**Friday, August 7 ~ Noon - 3<sup>PM</sup> and Saturday, August 8 ~ 9<sup>AM</sup> - Noon**

Follow these steps...

- Drive up and remain in your vehicle.
- Tell us how many communion kits you need.
- We will pass them to you on a tray.
- Join us LIVE on Facebook Sunday at 10<sup>AM</sup>.



Your continued generosity is greatly appreciated! Click [HERE](#) to donate online, contact your bank to subscribe in billpay or you can still mail your gift to the church!

For Green Envelope offerings, choose the EVANGELISM column and it will be applied to this month's recipient:

**Scatter Joy Acres!**



**JULY SERVICE PROJECT**

Our service project to Rejuvenating Women continues through July! Below is a wish list for items to help provide hope and restoration to those enslaved in human trafficking.

Help put an end to human trafficking in Omaha! Learn more about Rejuvenating Women at [www.RejuvenatingWomen.com](http://www.RejuvenatingWomen.com)! Click on the list below...

**[LIST AVAILABLE HERE!](#)**



**Morning Star Church Council Highlights:**

The church will open for in-person services July 19. Thank you to the taskforce for their excellent work in keeping our congregation safe: Cindy Ferris, Kim Hawkins, Jr., Lynn Hedell, Marguerite McGill, Terri Micheels, Laurel Mooney, Kyle Wolfe, Pastor Glenn Schacht and Pastor Chris Hawkins. We will continue to stream live on Facebook for those members who are more comfortable at home.

The preschool successfully reopened in June. The first phase was a partial reopening, and the preschool plans for full enrollment in August. They are grateful for supportive parents and the team that worked with them for the reopening.

Greta Carlson, our Director of Faith Formation and Family Ministries, has been building relationships with our youth and families. She's working on youth events to bring our youth safely together with appropriate social distancing.



**August 2 Readings**

First Reading [Isaiah 55:1-5](#)

Psalm [Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21](#)

Second Reading [Romans 9:1-5](#)

Gospel [Matthew 14:13-21](#)

