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Mid Week Update ~ September 7, 2022



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Sunday, September 11th at 9:30 AM!

Morning Star families and adults of all ages are invited to _____ (name coming soon - vote in person on 9/11/22!), our version of Sunday School this fall. We'd like to work on building cross-generational relationships, which is as easy as reading stories and playing together! These 20-minute gatherings before church will have time for meeting each other and

singing a song, story time from the story bible, and a game we can all play together.

The Fall Schedule is on the second & fourth Sundays: Sept. 11 & 25, Oct. 9 & 23, Nov. 13 & 27 and Dec. 11!



“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday is September 11 gives us an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the ELCA: one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. You and your family are free to participate in any of our arranged service activities. Please sign up in the Gathering Space ahead of time or click below to sign up online. Don’t forget...lunch is provided! Bring the whole family for this amazing day of being God’s hands and feet in our community.

God’s Work Our Hands Activities

- Rally Sunday 9:30 AM
- Worship 10:00 AM
- Lunch 11:20 AM
- Altar Guild Lunch 11:20 AM

- Service Projects 11:40 AM (or after lunch)

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Stuff Socks for Homeless Veterans:

We are collecting necessities (see page 2) that homeless vets can grab and go. We will stuff these items into a new pair of socks and New Visions will pass them out. See below for items needed!

Altar Guild:

The Altar Guild is reforming in this post-pandemic world. Come have lunch and hear how you might serve the Lord in our Worship services. RSVP to the Church Office if you will be attending.

Preschool Painting:

Handy with a paintbrush? Two classrooms in the preschool need a little sprucing!

Preschool Yard Signs:

Help spread the word about our 5 star preschool! We will have some specific locations for these easy to place yard signs.

Indoor Clean Up:

There are some hidden nooks and crannies that need a little love around Morning Star!

Outdoor Clean Up:

Help spruce up the outside of the church!

Refugee Collections:

We will be collecting household items for the refugee families. Specifically items that aren't covered by SNAP like cleaning and paper products

Table Grace Café:

Join them for lunch any week day and/or be a matching donor for Matching Mondays (any gift \$100-\$1000).

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Drop of these suggested items in the bin in the Gathering Space at Morning Star by September 11!

Socks	Shampoo
Shaving Cream	Razors
Deodorant	Chapstick
Toothpaste	Kleenex Packets
Toothbrush	Hand Sanitizer
Body Wash	



We are opening a Prayground starting September 11! This is a play space for ages 0-4 yrs old to use during worship in the back of the Chapel. Parents will still be able to hear and participate in worship while their child plays! We are still in need of a few

soft/quiet toys for our toy shelf. Please let Greta know if you would like to donate some gently used toys for our playground!



We will have a Baptism Celebration and Bible Presentation on Sunday, October 16 at 9 AM for any families with children who have been Baptized in the last 5 years. There will be an opportunity to decorate the Faith Chest you received when your child was Baptized and receive a Story Bible!



In addition to a regularly occurring Sunday Faith Formation, we need your input on a midweek gathering of upper-elementary students. Would your kids be interested in a

4-5 PM devotion, snack, and games on a weeknight at church? Call or email Greta to let her know or better yet fill out the survey below!

[SURVEY](#)



The prayer Shawl team make hand-crafted blankets with God's healing and peace prayed over each one. These are available to all who have need of God's comfort!





**Wednesday, September 14
High School Youth Group
7:30 - 8:30 PM in the Youth Room**





Confirmation Sunday is September 18 at 10 AM. Blessings on Theo Hedican, Bryce Peterson, & Hallie Tonniges.



We are going to produce our own pictorial directory available just in time for Reformation Celebration! What we need from you:

UPDATED PHOTO OF YOUR FAMILY

- ~ Selfies
- ~ Professional Photos
- ~ Whatever You Choose

UPDATED CONTACT INFO

- ~ Address
- ~ Phone
- ~ Email
- ~ Preferred Method of Contact

Contact Susie if you have any questions. If we don't receive a photo we will use the last one on file.

Bring or email your photo and information (or click the link below) to the Church Office by October 16!

[Submit Info Here](#)



Lutheran Women of Omaha meet on Tuesday, September 13 at Noon at Bethel Lutheran. Cost is \$7 with a free will offering taken for Project Hope Pantry. RSVP to Ruth Johnson at 402-397-9521.

The Lydia Circle meets on Tuesday, September 27 at 2 PM. The Sarah Circle meets on Thursday, September 22 at 12:30 PM. All are invited to join!



**EVENSONG 2022
& CHILI COOKOFF**

Omaha Campus Ministries Evensong 2022 & Chili Cookoff

Sunday, October 16, 2022

Lord of Love Lutheran Church

5:00 PM Chili Cookoff and Silent Auction

6:30 PM Holden Evening Prayer Worship Service

A fundraiser for Nebraska Lutheran Campus Ministry in Omaha. Festivities include a chili cookoff with cinnamon rolls, silent auction, Holden Evening Prayer worship, and awards presentation. For more info, contact Jon Fredricks at j.fredricks@nelcm.com.



Transportation is a necessity for refugees to obtain a job. Our bus system strives to provide timely routes. Being able to afford personal transportation is a challenge for most refugees. We have contact with three families who could benefit from a vehicle. If you or anyone you know is in a position to donate a road worthy vehicle, it would be a blessing to these families. We can help you obtain the paper work to get a tax benefit from the vehicle donation. Thank you for your prayerful consideration of this matter.



September

September 4	Kim & Karen Hawkins	Kim & Karen Hawkins	Gloria Miller
September 11	Tim & Dawn Karnish	James & Shaila Clark	Gloria Miller
September 18	Francy Van Meter	Francy Van Meter	Gloria Miller
September 25	Jan Zarestky	Jan Zarestky	Jan Zarestky



Attention Coffee & Donut Lovers

Volunteers are needed to help set-up and clean up so we can continue enjoying our fellowship coffee on Sunday mornings. Sign up in the Gathering Space or contact the Church Office to offer your help. Thank you!

Church Council
HIGHLIGHTS

- The Church Council celebrated a successful youth trip to the Minneapolis area.
 - The Church Council's annual retreat is scheduled for Saturday, September 24 at Camp Carol Joy Holling.
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Preschool Kitchen Staff

The kitchen staff member will work cooperatively with administrators and teachers to carry out Morning Star Preschool & Child Care Center's philosophy and mission. Due to these responsibilities, it is imperative that this person is here for all three (3) meals that are served; 7:30-4:30 with a one-hour lunch break. Must be able to walk, climb, bend and kneel frequently. Must be able to stand for long periods of time. Must be able to lift, pull and push frequently. Ability to lift 50 lbs. Salary contingent upon experience. Contact Sarah Dumke, Preschool Director at 402-393-8215 or Sarah@MorningStarOmaha.org for more information.



Suicide Awareness and Prevention

Omaha Area Out of the Darkness Walk

The walk is a journey of remembrance, hope, and support uniting communities and acknowledging the ways in which suicide and mental health conditions have affected our lives.

When: **September 17th**

Where: **Stinson Park**

Register: **11:30 am**

Start: **1:00 pm**

<http://afsp.org/omaha>

From your Faith Partner's Team:

We share the following article with you in order that you may know the help that is available to

you when you, a family member or a friend has challenges to their mental health.



July 16th was the first day "988" was activated as the new three-digit mental health program hotline. In 2020 the FCC designated "988" as the new help number and Congress funded it. Anyone who needs help with their mental health, particularly people in crisis or those struggling with mental health issues, should call this number. Operators speak both English & Spanish and have access to interpreters with over 150 languages.

When people call, text, or chat 988, they will be connected to trained counselors that are part of the existing National Suicide Prevention Lifeline network. These trained counselors will listen, understand how their problems are affecting them, provide support, and connect them to resources if necessary.

The current Lifeline phone number (800-273-8255) will always remain available to people in emotional distress or suicidal crisis, even after 988 is launched nationally.

SuicidePreventionLifeline.org



Faith Partners will have training available Saturday, September 24 at 9 AM here at Morning Star. See Pastor Glenn if you would like to help in this ministry.

OFFICE HOURS

The Church Office is open Monday-Thursday, 8-12, 1-4:30 and most Fridays, 8-12. The Church Office is closed on Tuesdays from 9:30-10:30 for staff meeting.

Check out the newly repaired
Little Free Library
located on the parking island
next to 85th Avenue.

Take a book or leave one. As
always, all books are free!





Drink From The Well is a program of spiritual formation for adults, offering teaching and prayer practices to help open them to receiving the fullness of life in Christ and the richness of God's mercy – right here, right now! This program is available to all adults wherever they may live. Developed by certified spiritual directors associated with Seeking the Spirit Within, the program will run from October 2022 to May 2023. Each month there will be a recorded online webinar to provide instruction and a small group meeting with a spiritual director. Information about the program and the process of registration can be found at www.NebraskaSynod.org and search for Drink from the Well. You may also contact Pat or Emily at dftwnesynod@gmail.com. Registration is open until September 14.

View Morning Star's online calendar by clicking below!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, September 7

10 ^{AM} Bible Study (Conference Room)

12 ^{PM} AI Anon Meeting (Chapel)

7:30 ^{PM} Youth Steering Committee Meeting (Youth Room)

Thursday, September 8

7 ^{PM} DBSA Meeting (Conference Room)

Friday, September 9

Saturday, September 10

5:30 ^{PM} Worship (Chapel)

Sunday, September 11 ~ God's Work, Our Hands

9:30 ^{AM} Rally Sunday

10 ^{AM} Worship (Sanctuary)

11:30 ^{AM} Lunch

11:40 ^{AM} Service Projects

Monday, September 12

6 ^{PM} Faith Formation Meeting (ZOOM?)

7 ^{PM} Outreach Committee Meeting (ZOOM?)

Tuesday, September 13

9:30 ^{AM} Staff Meeting (Conference Room)

5:30 ^{PM} AA Meeting Group 1 (Gathering Space)

8 ^{PM} AA Meeting Group 2 (Gathering Space)

Wednesday, September 14

10 ^{AM} Bible Study (Conference Room)

12 ^{PM} AI Anon Meeting (Chapel)

7:30 ^{PM} Senior High Youth Group (Youth Room)

Thursday, September 15

4:45 ^{PM} Faith Partner's Training (Carol Joy Holling)

7 ^{PM} DBSA Meeting (Conference Room)

Friday, September 16

Saturday, September 17

5:30 ^{PM} Worship (Chapel)

Sunday, September 18 ~ Confirmation Sunday

10^{AM} Worship (Sanctuary)



You are invited to join us IN PERSON for Bible Study every Wednesday at 10 AM! We will continue to broadcast on [Facebook LIVE](#) for those who are unable to attend. This week's study texts are:

First Reading [Exodus 32:7-14](#)

Psalm [Psalm 51:1-10](#)

Second Reading [1 Timothy 1:12-17](#)

Gospel [Luke 15:1-10](#)



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