



Mid Week Update ~ August 5, 2020



**Our prayers and deepest sympathies are with the family of
Brad Johnson!**

A private graveside service will be held on Thursday, August 6 at 2 PM. Our prayers go with his parents, Ruth & Virgil Johnson, his brother, Matt Johnson & Family and his sisters, Jill Moeller & Family and Michelle Warner & Family.

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.



With the outbreaks of coronavirus disease many may be without a physical copy of *Christ in Our Home*. To assist with devotional life during this time, Augsburg Fortress is offering a limited-time complementary email subscription. Sign up and they will deliver the daily devotional to your email at through September 30th!

Sign up for [Christ in Our Home HERE!](#)



We are open for public worship with social distancing and face masks in place! All are welcome!

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: Tenth Week of Pentecost](#)

All Worship services, past and present, can be viewed by visiting www.MorningStarOmaha.org/virtual-service-archive.



This is the last week to help the Boys & Girls Westside Club provide 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
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If you missed today's LIVE Bible study on Facebook, you can watch at your convenience at www.MorningStarOmaha.org/Virtual-Service-Archive.

Bible Study Sheet

Lectionary Texts:

First Reading [1 Kings 19:9-18](#)

Psalm [Psalm 85:8-13](#)

Second Reading [Romans 10:5-15](#)

Gospel [Matthew 14:22-33](#)



Backpack Blessing ~ Sunday, August 9

Back-to-School Blessing

Reading: *Isaiah 43:18-19 (NRSV)*

Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.

Prayer:

God, we pray for students and teachers at the beginning of this school year. Give them open minds and hearts to learn and to experience more fully the majesty of the world you have created. When they are nervous, remind them of your love. When they are frustrated, give them peace and rest. Enable them to grow in knowledge and wisdom during this school year and all the days of their lives. Bless all these items and those who carry them. In the name of Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

Blessing: *Lay hand on the student or raise hands towards them*

Live without fear: your Creator has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you as a mother. Go in peace to follow the good road and may God's blessing be with us always. Amen.

Prayer and service adapted by Resurrection Lutheran Church in Indianapolis, IN from <https://buildfaith.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/BLESSING-OF-THE-BACKPACKS.pdf> and the Blessing of Saint Clare.



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!

Don't forget about the Yard Games on the Lawn TODAY and the Middle School/High School Back to School BBQ on Sunday! See details below!



Friday, August 7 ~ Noon - 3^{PM} and Saturday, August 8 ~ 9^{AM} - 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^{AM}.



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:

[Table Grace Cafe!](#)

Church Council **HIGHLIGHTS**

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.





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Nourishing Hungry Bodies and Souls



August 9 Readings

Lectionary Texts:

First Reading 1 Kings 19:9-18

Psalm Psalm 85:8-13

Second Reading Romans 10:5-15

Gospel Matthew 14:22-33
