

Mid Week Update ~ July 7, 2021



Worship Assistants

NEEDED NOW

We need help so worship can run smoothly each week. Would you like to help Usher, Serve Communion, Read Scripture or Greet? Call or email the Church Office today!

COVID-19 Guidelines Update (6/14/21)

Our Congregation Council met on Monday, June 14. Part of our agenda was to update our building and worship guidelines relative to COVID-19 and the rapidly decreasing infection rate in Douglas County. We recognize that not everyone in our worshipping community is vaccinated or feels completely safe to worship in-person. Nonetheless, we have made every effort to create a welcoming and safe space for all with the following guidelines:

- Masks will be encouraged, but optional.
- Hand sanitizer is freely available throughout our building, Gathering Space and hallways.
- Social distance areas have been designated in the rear of the sanctuary as well as in the Gathering Space.
- For those who wish to remain in their pews for Holy Communion, consecrated communion kits will be available at the Welcome Table prior to worship.
- Offerings plates will continue to be available at the Welcome Table prior to worship and will be presented to the Altar during the Offertory Response.
- Please sign attendance cards and place in offering plates at the Welcome Table.
- We will participate in the Sharing of the Peace. You may greet one another as you are comfortable doing so. Sharing the Peace of the Lord without touching or shaking hands is perfectly acceptable.
- The pastors will be available following the service for a greeting.
- We will begin to gradually introduce coffee & fellowship options that may require social distancing and individually wrapped treats.
- Our building is open to committees and groups upon scheduling with the church office.
- We are working on ways to record member attendance and communion for those who wish to continue worshipping at home.

Please know, every person in our worshipping community is valued and respected equally. Those who wish to worship with us virtually are every bit as important as those who attend in person. It is of the utmost importance that everyone feels safe, valued, and welcomed regardless of how they choose to participate in worship.

Worship with us!

Saturdays | In-Person Only 5:30 PM
Sundays | In-Person or Online 10:00 AM

THIS WEEK'S BULLETIN

JOIN US LIVE HERE

We understand and respect that everyone's comfort levels for attending in-person worship are different. If you choose, we are providing stickers for you to wear to let people know your comfort level. **Green**=Ok with hugs & handshakes; **Yellow**=Ok with talking but not touching; **Red**=keeping your distance.



We have not had the ability to receive some new members who joined Morning Star during the pandemic. We will be receiving new members on Sunday, August 15 at the 10 AM Worship Service.

If you have been interested in learning more about membership at Morning Star, let us know so Pastor Chris can meet with you and add you to our membership! Email Office@MorningStarOmaha.org or call 402-393-5553.



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 materials below:

Bible Study Sheet

First Reading [Amos 7:7-15](#)

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

Second Reading [Ephesians 1:3-14](#)

Gospel [Mark 6:14-29](#)



Communion pick up can be arranged any time by contacting the Church Office. LIVE Worship Streaming will always be available on Facebook LIVE at 10 AM or shortly after the service ends on our website: www.MorningStarOmaha.org!



July Service Project

This month we will "STUFF THE BUS" with school supplies for the Westside Boys & Girls Club. Our bus is small but we'll make it mighty with your help! Find the mini "bus" pictured in the Gathering Space and drop off any school supplies by August 1.

Suggested items are:

- No. 2 Pencils
- Erasers
- Pens
- Crayons
- Washable Markers
- Spiral Notebooks
- Loose Leaf Paper
- Glue Sticks
- Safety Scissors
- Colored Pencils



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](#)!

Youth

Worlds of Fun on Thursday, July 8. We're headed to KC with the St. Timothy's youth group for the day! This trip is for incoming freshmen and older (you can bring up to one friend). Meet at St. Timothy Lutheran Church at 7:30 AM. We will return around 11 PM. Cost is \$35 per person + money for food (snacks in the park and a meal on the way home).



Confirmation Stole Making on Wednesdays July 7, 14, & August 4, 6:30-7:30 PM in the Chapel for outgoing Confirmation students being confirmed this fall. If the July dates don't work, please arrange a time with Greta to get measured for your robe and get stole materials.

Youth Room Facelift on Sunday, July 11, 5-6:30 PM with Pizza! The youth room needs some TLC so come help move stuff and get some pizza!

VBS Helpers: Youth can volunteer a day or the whole week to help with arts and crafts, skits, decorations, games, snacks, skits, or hanging out with kids. Sign up with Greta or online at <https://vbspro.events/p/events/morningstarvbs>.



VBS is coming July 19-23 from 9 AM to 11:30 AM. Choose either in-person and online! Kids Kindergarten through 5th grade will discover God's greatest treasure is THEM! Register early as in-person attendance is limited. Get more info or register at www.MorningStarOmaha.org/Family!

[A VBS Needs List can be found HERE!](#)

Our service project is to collect food for the Trinity Feeds Food Pantry, a supplemental pantry that helps families supplement their food supply.

Trinity Feeds Food Pantry Needs List:

- Proteins (tuna, canned chicken, peanut butter)
- Canned Fruits
- Canned Foods (pasta sauce, vegetables)
- Dry Goods (cereal, pasta, macaroni and cheese)
- Health & Beauty Items (shampoo, toothbrush & paste, bar soap)

[Register Here](#)

[VBS COVID Guidelines](#)



July 4	Gloria Miller	Available	Sponsored
July 11	Janice Hass	Delores Albanese	Sponsored
July 18	Sponsored	Sponsored	Sponsored
July 25	Sponsored	Sponsored	Sponsored

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, July 7
10:00^{AM} Bible Study (ZOOM & Facebook Live)

Thursday, July 8
7^{PM} DBSA (Chapel)

Friday, July 9

Saturday, July 10
5:30^{PM} Worship (Sanctuary)

Sunday, July 11
10^{AM} Worship (Sanctuary & Facebook Live)

Monday, July 12
Closed in observance of Independence Day

6:30 ^{PM} Church Council Meeting (Conference Room)

Tuesday, July 13

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

5:30 ^{PM} AA Meeting (Chapel)

Wednesday, July 14

10 ^{AM} Bible Study (Conference Room)

11 ^{AM} Memorial Committee (Conference Room)

Thursday, July 15

5 ^{PM} Preschool Transition Team (ZOOM)

7 ^{PM} DBSA (Chapel)

Friday, July 16

Saturday, July 17

5:30 ^{PM} Worship (Sanctuary)

Sunday, July 18

10 ^{AM} Worship (Sanctuary & Facebook Live)



July 4 Readings

First Reading [Amos 7:7-15](#)

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

Second Reading [Ephesians 1:3-14](#)

Gospel [Mark 6:14-29](#)