



Mid Week Update ~ November 3, 2021



Thank you to each of you who donated candy, food, time, money, prayers, trunks and helpers to make our Trunk or Treat so much fun for Morning Star kids, Preschool families, the neighborhood and community! We had approximately 150 kids come with many of those being neighborhood families!

Worship with us!

Saturdays | In-Person Only 5:30 PM

Sundays | In-Person or Online 10:00 AM

[THIS WEEK'S BULLETIN](#)

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Morning Star is partnering with First Presbyterian Church to sponsor a refugee family. No family has been assigned to us yet. We are asking for your help. In addition to the list of items we are already collecting for Lutheran Family Services (see below), we ask that you consider donating household items that you may be replacing in your home. Just as we requested for the family we welcomed three years ago, the items should be in very good condition. It is exciting to partner with another church denomination and to be a part of a new beginning for a family.



Lutheran Family Services of Nebraska, Inc. has been welcoming refugee families and must quickly find housing and supplies to help them resettle in their new community. **WE CAN HELP!** Bring any household items to the tent display in the Gathering Space ([complete list HERE](#)).



Advent Wreath Kits

Greta and the Faith Formation Team are offering Advent wreath kits again this year. The kit includes a candle holder, candles, devotion book, and a few other materials to make your Advent practice at home meaningful this year. Advent devotionals and a new set of candles are also available if you received a kit last year and want to use it again. This year we will not be providing fresh greenery in the kit. These can be easily purchased at a local nursery or artificial wreaths are available in the Christmas section at most stores. Request your kit by November 17 by contacting Greta (Greta@MorningStarOmaha.org or call 402-393-5553). Supplies will be available Sundays, November 21 & 28 or arrange to pick up or drop off.



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 [Isaiah 25:6-9](#)

Psalm [Psalm 24](#)

Second Reading [Revelation 21:1-6a](#)

Gospel [John 11:32-44](#)



Let Greta know if you have a 3rd or 4th grader that hasn't gotten their youth Bible from us!



Sunday School for the whole family will meet monthly on the second Sundays at 9 AM before Worship. We'll be outside as long as the weather lets us.

Family Sunday School Dates:

November 14

December 12

Any youth or adult interested in helping lead an activity or song, please contact Greta!



***The Church Office & Preschool are
closed on Thursday & Friday,
November 25 & 26 for Thanksgiving.
We are thankful for YOU!***



Morning Star's Little Free Library located on the parking island on 85th Ave. needs a little love. If you are handy and have a little time to spare, we would appreciate your help with this neighborhood outreach tool! Contact the Church Office for more info!



Join us Saturday, November 27 at 9 AM as we make Morning Star look festive for Advent & Christmas! No experience necessary!



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!

An orange rectangular banner with the text 'COVID-19 GUIDELINES UPDATE' in white, bold, sans-serif font. The word 'UPDATE' is significantly larger than 'COVID-19 GUIDELINES'.

COVID-19 GUIDELINES UPDATE

Due to increased possible risk of acquisition and transmission of the Delta variant (the predominant strain in Nebraska) even amongst the vaccinated, combined with the updated [CDC guidance for mask use](#) amongst the vaccinated in public places, updated recommendations are needed to optimize the protection of our congregation, staff and students during this evolving phase of the pandemic. These changes are important particularly to reduce transmission of the Delta variant those who are unvaccinated, the under vaccinated (such as the immunocompromised or older persons in which a vaccine may be suboptimal) or those who have high-risk family members at home or family members, such as children, who cannot be vaccinated.

The COVID Task Force is recommending the following changes in order to maintain the safe environment that we have established here:

- Masks/face coverings are required for entering the building.
- Seating in every other pew.

- Holy Communion will be received via prepackaged elements. Worshippers may come forward to the altar to receive the pre-sealed, non-alcohol elements and return to their seats or they may select one of the consecrated kits at the welcome table prior to worship.
 - No coffee fellowship following worship.
 - Groups using the church building can do so as long as they remain masked and socially distanced.
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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!](#)

Youth Fall Plans

- View the schedule of youth events at Morning Star [HERE!](#)
 - All high school youth are invited to a Bible study on November 17 at 6-7:30 PM. Dinner is included!
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church council **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Thanksgiving Eve service will be at 5:30pm on Wed., Nov. 24, in-person and virtually.
 - BCDM Architects and Morrissey Engineering spent time at Morning Star in September as they started the work for our Master Facilities Assessment. This included a review of the investments made in the building the last eight years. Council and a team familiar with the building have reviewed the initial first draft of proposed work. We've asked BCDM to prioritize the list of repairs, work and improvements as well as providing costs for each item. We will continue to keep the congregation informed.
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 **Lutheran Family Services**
of Nebraska, Inc.

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Our green envelope offering this month will go to Lutheran Family Services (LFS) of Nebraska. LFS expresses God's love for ALL people by providing quality human care services that build and strengthen individual, family, and community life. They demonstrate their mission broadly through children's services, community services and behavioral health.

Morning Star's involvement with Lutheran Family Services has included helping refugees relocate to the Omaha area through our Welcome the Stranger program as well as helping families with Thanksgiving meals with Food for Friends and Christmas gifts through our Angel Tree program.



Flowers
Nov 7 Rod & Cindy Anderson
Nov 14 Virgil & Ruth Johnson
Nov 21 Gloria Miller & Nancy Darst
Nov 28 Agneta Gaines

Flowers
Don & Bonnie Daubman
Virgil & Ruth Johnson
Betty Williams
Agneta Gaines

Bulletins
Neil & Cindy Lindquist
Sandy Heskett
Joel Rohde
Joel Rohde

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, November 3

4^{PM} Organ Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
6:30^{PM} Confirmation Class (Gathering Space)

Thursday, November 4

6:30^{PM} Preschool In-Service (Fellowship Hall)
7^{PM} DBSA (Chapel)

Friday, November 5

5^{PM} Langdon/Goff Wedding Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Saturday, November 6

3^{PM} Langdon/Goff Wedding (Entire Church)
5:30^{PM} Worship (Sanctuary)

Sunday, November 7

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

Monday, November 8

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

Tuesday, November 9

9^{AM} Staff Meeting
5:30^{PM} AA Meeting (Chapel)
6^{PM} Faith Formation Team Meeting (Conference Room)

Wednesday, November 10

10^{AM} Bible Study (Conference Room)
4:30^{PM} COVID Task Force (Gathering Space)
6:30^{PM} Confirmation Class (Gathering Space)

Thursday, November 11

1^{PM} Organ Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
7^{PM} DBSA (Chapel)

Friday, November 12

Saturday, November 13

5:30^{PM} Worship (Sanctuary)

Sunday, November 14

9^{AM} Family Sunday School
10^{AM} Worship (Sanctuary & Facebook Live)



November 7 Readings

First Reading [Isaiah 25:6-9](#)

Psalm [Psalm 24](#)

Second Reading [Revelation 21:1-6a](#)

Gospel [John 11:32-44](#)

