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Mid Week Update ~ June 9, 2020

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***Greta Carlson,  
Director of Faith Formation & Family  
Ministries***

Hello! My name is Greta Carlson and I am so excited to join the Morning Star community beginning this summer! Originally from South Texas, I moved to Omaha in 2017 for the Lutheran Volunteer Corps. I fell in love with the city and have been working as a community organizer. I studied Social Entrepreneurship and Innovation at Texas Lutheran University and am committed to social justice in the community. I grew up in a Lutheran church where my mom was the youth and music director and I grew into leadership roles in the congregation that flowed into campus ministry, working at my synod's summer camp, and most recently my work as a community organizer. I am excited to meet you all and together create meaningful ministry. Blessings and good health to you all!

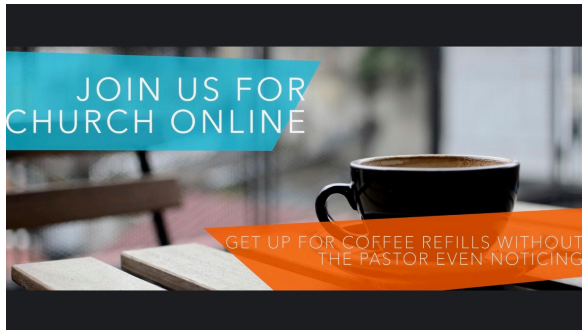
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**Father's Day Drive-Thru Communion Kits**

We will make consecrated communion kits available for Father's Day Sunday via contactless drive through Friday, June 19 from 1-3 PM or Saturday, June 20 from 9 AM-Noon. Then join us LIVE on Facebook on Father's Day Sunday, June 21 at 10 AM as we all commune together virtually!

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- Drive up and remain in your vehicle.
  - Tell us how many kits you need.
  - We will pass them to you on a tray.
  - Follow along with us LIVE on Facebook Sunday, June 21 at 10 AM.
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Click on the picture above to join our LIVE service on Sunday at 10 AM. You don't have to have a Facebook account to view the service LIVE. The service is viewable on our website shortly after the service ends.

Follow along in the bulletin [HERE](#): [Second 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) or LIVE on [Facebook](#).

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# Confirmation

Here's your link for class tomorrow:

[CONFIRMATION CLASS ZOOM LINK](#)

If you miss the lesson, go [HERE](#) and click on the video lesson.

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**ADULTS**

Be sure to join us for Bible study every Wednesday, this week at 10:30 AM on ZOOM or [Facebook LIVE!](#)

**Want to participate in an interactive ZOOM meeting Bible study?  
Join us [HERE!](#)**

## KIDS

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 own bulletin is [HERE!](#)

## YOUTH

Tomorrow's ZOOM lesson link is [HERE!](#)

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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!

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Entrance to the Church building is by appointment only. Please call 402-393-5553 to schedule an appointment where we will ask a short health screening questionnaire. Visits with either Pastor can be arranged by phone or in person. Thank you for your help in keeping everyone safe and healthy!

**OPEN BY  
APPOINTMENT  
ONLY**

## *Church Council* **HIGHLIGHTS**

### **Morning Star Church Council Highlights:**

A primary focus of our May Council Meeting was when and how we should again gather inside our beautiful church building to Worship together. Our Council includes three persons working in the healthcare sector that have valuable expertise, insight and information. We are blessed that the remaining Council Members are exceptionally skilled thinkers with excellent judgment.

**We of course are guided by the shared commitment to our faith and the strong desire to gather with you to Worship and share in Fellowship. And, we are again reminded of Paul's admonition:**

***So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith. ~ Galatians 6:10***

Given the significant current trend of increasing Covid-19 infections, hospitalizations and deaths in Douglas County, notwithstanding our legal entitlement to gather, Council decided

that, for the good of our family of faith, it would not be prudent to do so at this time.

We are extremely encouraged by, and thankful for, the number of persons that are worshipping online and trust that will continue. We of course recognize and regret that not all have that ability.

With the generous and skilled leadership of Pastors Chris and Glenn, we are forming two task forces (including Congregation Members that have expertise with infectious diseases) to help us design a plan for determining how and when (i) we can first gather safely as a Congregation to share in Worship and Fellowship; and (ii) we can re-open our Preschool and Child Care Center.

We will work to keep you informed but please feel free to contact any Council Member with your questions or concerns.



### **JUNE SERVICE PROJECT**

This month our service project is to help Rejuvenating Women! Click below for their shopping wish list items. Rejuvenating Women provides hope and restoration to those enslaved in human trafficking in Nebraska and throughout the country. They empower survivors of human trafficking to lead healthy, independent lives. Rejuvenating Women assists in the prevention of future human trafficking by providing a short and long-term housing recovery program while helping to restore their physical, emotional, and spiritual health. Together, we can 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!](#)**



Proud of your beard grown during this time of social isolation? Send us a picture by mail, text or e-mail. The best-looking beard collects a dozen cookies of your choice baked by your Church Council!

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Show us your creativity! The best-looking homemade mask also wins a dozen cookies of your choice baked by your Church Council! Send us a picture by mail, text or e-mail.

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## CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2020!

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We may be physically distant for the time being but we are proud of the graduates of Morning Star! Join us in congratulations these students:  
Jack Neussendorfer, Burke High School ~ Attending Hastings College this fall on a football scholarship!  
Parker LeFebvre, Westside High School ~ Attending KSU this fall!  
Andy Anderson, University of Colorado Medical Center ~ Doctor of Pharmacology  
Mitchell Krohn, University of Nebraska at Lincoln ~ Bachelors from College of Business. Mitchell is working in Kansas City as an IT Consultant!  
Delaney Micheels, Clarkson College ~ Bachelors in Nursing. Delaney will be working at Children's Hospital!  
Shelby Wolfe, Clarkson College ~ Bachelors in Nursing. Shelby will be working at UNMC!

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While we are waiting to be able to meet in person again, we will need the following supplies before we can open:

- Disinfecting Wipes
- Hand Sanitizer
- Nitrile Gloves (med, lg, xl)
- Face Masks

If you are getting supplies for your home and happen to see these in stock we would appreciate it if you pick some up for the church & preschool as we have not been able to find much. Thank you!!!





***June 14 Readings***

First Reading [Exodus 19:2-8a](#)

Psalm [Psalm 100](#)

Second Reading [Romans 5:1-8](#)

Gospel [Matthew 9:35--10:8](#)