



Mid Week Update
December 4, 2019

Each year we show our appreciation to the dedicated, hard-working staff at Morning Star with a Christmas bonus. If you would like to contribute to this end-of-year gift for our staff please send in your gift to the church or place in the offering plate by December 20. Thank you all for your continued generosity!

THE MORNING STAR MINISTRY TEAM

<i>Christopher Hawkins</i>	<i>Lead Pastor</i>
<i>Glenn Schacht</i>	<i>Associate Pastor</i>
<i>Susie Syx</i>	<i>Office Manager</i>
<i>Susan Snow</i>	<i>Director of Preschool & Childcare Center</i>
<i>Tina Fong</i>	<i>Director of Music Ministry</i>
<i>Bev McCollum</i>	<i>Organist & Bell Choir Director</i>
<i>James Creason</i>	<i>Facility Manager</i>
<i>Susan Beeghly</i>	<i>Choir Director</i>
<i>Lynne Swingen</i>	<i>Saturday Pianist</i>
<i>Art Lorenz</i>	<i>Sound Engineer</i>
<i>Cheyenne Aguilar</i>	<i>Nursery</i>

*MERRY
CHRISTMAS*





REHEARSAL TONIGHT at 5:15 PM!!! WE NEED YOU!

Rehearsal Times

Wednesdays, Dec. 4, 11, 18 at 5:15 PM

Sundays, Dec. 8, 15 at 9:30 AM

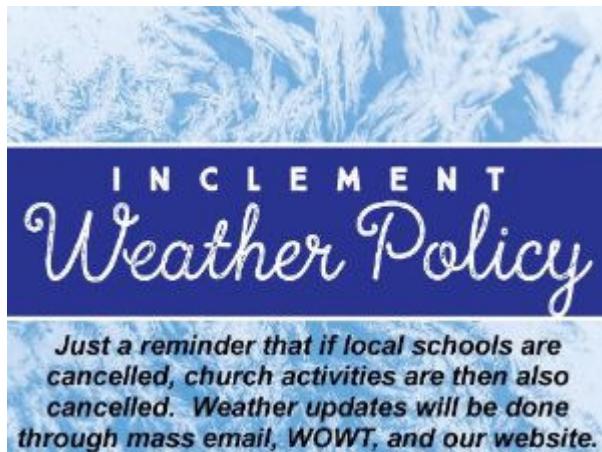
Dress Rehearsal, Saturday, Dec. 21 at 3 PM

Contact Tina at TinaFong@MorningStarOmaha.org for more info.





WELCOME THE STRANGER! A baby shower for the Khawajazada family will be held Saturday, December 7 from 1-3 PM in the Library.



We are honored to have Bishop Brian Maas, Bishop of the Nebraska Synod ELCA join us at both services on Sunday, December 15!




Join us for these
Combined
Worship Services
on Sunday,
December 22 &
Sunday,
December 29 at
9:30^{AM}.



Angel Trees are Here!

"Bring the light of Christ" to a child or family by taking an angel from the tree and purchasing the suggested items (\$25-\$50 range) then return the gift UNWRAPPED in a gift bag. Or you can pick up a gift card from Walmart, Shopko or Target (\$25-\$50 range) and place it in the card box next to the tree. Gifts & cards are due by Dec. 15.



Poinsettia Order Form

To order a poinsettia, complete this form and place it in the offering plate with your check or bring to the Church Office. The cost is \$12 per plant. Orders will be accepted through the afternoon of **December 20th**. You may pick up your poinsettia after the 6 PM service on December 24th.

Poinsettias x \$12 = \$ _____

Check here if you wish to receive an anonymous

Donated by _____

Dedicated to:

The Glory of God

In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____



PRESCHOOL NATIVITY PLAY

Wednesday, December 11
11^{AM} & 4:30^{PM}

Santa Dinner will follow the
4:30 performance!



Attention College Students

MORNING STAR YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP

APPLICATIONS DUE MARCH 1
PICK ONE UP TODAY!

In the office, the Welcome Center or online at:
morningstarlutheran.org/scholarship



MORNING STAR
LUTHERAN CHURCH
16500A - TRACEY LANE, BAY AREA

Applications for 2020 scholarships are now available in the Welcome Center and online. Fill out the "First Time" application if this is your first application. Current scholarship recipients should fill out the renewal form. All applications are due March 1, 2020!



Frank & Tina Fong are leading Tai Chi in the Welcome Center on Wednesdays at 10:30 AM. The class is adaptable for all ages and abilities. There is no charge. An offering will be taken. Contact Tina for more info.



Meet at the church at 5 PM. Have your parents pick you up at Pastor Chris' house (12501 Deer Creek Drive) at 8 PM. Bring a White Elephant Gift to exchange (\$25 or less). RSVP to Angie Hawkins(scarlett325@gmail or 402-740-0856)!



Morning Star's Winter Youth Ski Retreat is February 14-17 in Winter Park, Colorado. It's not too late to reserve your spot. Bring your \$100 deposit to the church THIS WEEKEND. The remaining \$399 due by February 9. Call Pastor Chris with questions! Parents join us Sunday, January 26 at 9:45 for a brief meeting.



Church Office Closed

December 24 ~ Noon, December 25-27, December 31 ~ Noon & January 1

Preschool Closed

December 24 & 25, December 31 & January 1



Church Council **HIGHLIGHTS**

Your Council thanks you for attending our recent Mission and Fellowship Dinners. Council is working to distill the helpful comments you provided and bring life to those suggestions where there is a strong consensus and consistency with our Strategic Plan. We'll report more as this work progresses. As always, you're encouraged to contact your Council Members with any questions or suggestions that you may have. Again, Thanks!

Council is working to build a proposed budget for 2020. That proposed budget will be circulated for your review prior to our Congregational meeting in January. Thank you to all that have returned your Pledge Cards! If you have not returned your Pledge Card, please do so; we rely upon your generous pledged giving in the budgeting process. We thank both Lori Mueller for her hard work on the budget and Susie Syx for the terrific support she supplies to Lori in this process and throughout the year. Finally, we have a new fee-less direct deposit option where your designated weekly or monthly giving could be made automatically from your bank account. If you have interest, please contact the Church Office.

Events approved or discussed by Council that we encourage you to attend: (i) Celebration of 2014 to 2019 Baptisms on 11/17 following 10:30 service; (ii) Bishop Maas at Morning Star on December 15th; (iii) Decorate Morning Star Saturday, November 30th 9:00 a.m.; and

(iv) Christmas Eve Services at 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. with live Nativity and Holiday Carolers!



Annual Reports & Annual Meeting

All ministry leaders...please turn in your annual report by January 3. Reports will be made available January 12 for our Annual Meeting held in January.



You are invited to join either of our weekly Bible studies:

- Wednesdays at 9^{AM} in the Large Conference Room.
 - Thursdays at 2:30^{PM} in the Welcome Center. The Thursday Bible Study will NOT meet for the month of December.
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The logo for Children's Worship Bulletins is set against a solid purple square background. The text "Children's Worship" is in a white, sans-serif font. Below it, "Bulletins™" is also in white, with a small yellow sun icon to the right of the trademark symbol.

Children's Worship Bulletins™

Bulletins for children that coincide with the lectionary sermon series are available once again in the Welcome Center. We love having your kids in service with us but if you prefer, a nursery for under 4 years old is available.



The 2020 Flower & Bulletin Sponsor calendar is now up and available. See the bulletin board in the Welcome Center or call the Church Office!



If you need pastoral care, please contact the Church Office (Office@MorningStarOmaha.org) to notify our pastors.



AA Meeting at Morning Star

Alcoholics Anonymous will host a meeting in the Chapel at 5:30^{PM} on Tuesdays for those needing recovery.



MAKE *my* DONATION go further.

Your to generosity to Morning Star is greatly appreciated! Want to make your donations stretch even farther?

- See if your company **Matches Gifts!**
- Use **GoodSearch** as your search engine!
- Use **TAGG** when you make a purchase!
- Use **Amazon Smile** & select Morning Star!





The Prayer Shawl Ministry provides hand-crafted blankets to give to those that need comfort.

Prayers for peace and healing are prayed over each one as they are made.

The shawls are free to all and available in the Welcome Center. Sunday mornings you can find a small group crocheting and knitting over coffee and doughnuts. Feel free to join us!

Prayer Shawl
ministry



The Little Free Library is for EVERYONE! Stop and take a book that interests you. Return the book when you're done or contribute a book you no longer need. LFL books are always a gift!



Quilts Reach
Envelops Every Need



Acolytes

8:30 Kate & Samuel Lieske

10:30 Claire & Jake Bonnett

Communion

8:30 Diane Konvalina, Francy Van Meter & JoAnn Wollenburg

10:30 Laura Ervin & Susie Bonnett

Greeters

8:30 Colleen Estee

PowerPoint

10:30 Paul Worcester

Readers

8:30 Judy Hollander

10:30 Stacie Neussendorfer

Ushers

8:30 Neil Lindquist, Joel Rohde, Rick Jacobsen & John Davis

10:30 The Mooney Family

Coffee Hosts

Altar Guild



Wednesday, December 4

4:30^{PM} Executive Committee (Lg Conf Rm)

6:30^{PM} Confirmation (Youth Room)

Thursday, December 5

9^{AM}-4^{PM} Preschool Class (Chapel)

6^{PM} Preschool In-Service (FH)

6:30^{PM} Bell Choir (Sanctuary)

7^{PM} DBSA

Friday, December 6

9^{AM}-4^{PM} Preschool Class (Chapel)

Saturday, December 7

9^{AM} Church Reserved (FH~Quilters)

9^{AM} Church Reserved (Gathering Space)

1^{PM} Refugee Family Baby Shower (Library)

5:30^{PM} Worship (Chapel)

Sunday, December 8 ~ Advent 2

8:30^{AM} Worship

9:30^{AM} Sunday School, Coffee & Choir Practice

10:30^{AM} Blue Christmas Worship Service & Luncheon

6^{PM} Crossroads Connections Worship Service

Monday, December 9

9^{AM}-4^{PM} Preschool Class (Chapel)

5:30^{PM} Preschool Advisory Committee (Lg Conf Rm)

6:30^{PM} Church Council Meeting (Lg Conf Rm)

Tuesday, December 10

9^{AM}-4^{PM} Preschool Class (Chapel)

9:30^{AM} Staff Meeting (Sm Conf Rm)

11:40^{AM} Preschool Chapel (Sanctuary)

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

Wednesday, December 11

11^{AM} & 4:30^{PM} Preschool Nativity Play (Sanctuary)

9^{AM} Bible Study (Lg Conf Rm)

5:15^{PM} Children's Christmas Program Practice (Sanctuary)

6:30^{PM} Confirmation (Youth Room)

Thursday, December 12

9^{AM}-4^{PM} Preschool Class (Chapel)

6^{PM} Preschool In-Service (FH)

6:30^{PM} Bell Choir (Sanctuary)

7^{PM} DBSA

Friday, December 13

9^{AM}-4^{PM} Preschool Class (Chapel)

Saturday, December 14

5^{PM} Youth Progressive Dinner (Offsite)

5:30^{PM} Worship (Chapel)

Sunday, December 15 ~ Advent 3

8:30^{AM} Worship with Bishop Brian Maas

9:30^{AM} Children's Christmas Rehearsal, Coffee & Choir Practice

10:30^{AM} Worship with Bishop Brian Maas

5:30^{PM} Staff/Council Christmas Party



December 8 Readings

First Reading

[Isaiah 11:1-10](#)

Psalm

[Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19](#)

Second Reading

[Romans 15:4-13](#)

Gospel

[Matthew 3:1-12](#)



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