



Mid Week Update
November 27, 2019



Tai Chi is cancelled for today! See you next Wednesday!



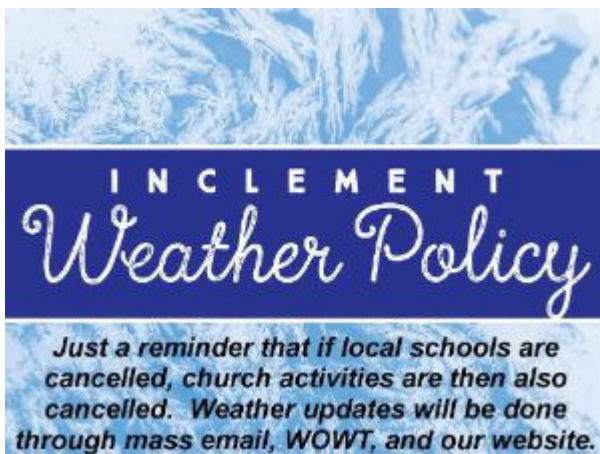
This special service, filled with scripture and song, is a spirit-filled worship time you won't want to miss. After the service, we will share pie, coffee and fellowship. Volunteers are needed to bring pies.



*Church Office & Preschool are closed
November 28 & 29.*



Join us for our annual OWLS Christmas Sing-a-Long with Tina Fong. We'll start at 11:30 with catered lunch from Lil Willy's. Bring a scarf or gloves to go with hats knitted by Delores Albanese for homeless vets!



If you are still in need of a pledge card for 2020, you can download it [here!](#)



Please consider a weekly amount from one of these ranges:
 \$10-\$20 \$20-\$30 \$30-\$40 \$40-\$50

In response to God's call to grow in faith and commitment, I plan to dedicate an appropriate portion of what God has entrusted to me to His work in this coming year:

My plan for 2020 is:

\$ _____ per month
 \$ _____ per week
 \$ _____ per year
 Check this if you prefer cash donation.

Name(s): _____
 Envelope #: _____



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DECORATE
 the Church

Saturday,
 November 30
 9 AM - Noon

Please consider helping! Thank you!

Blue Christmas • Sunday, December 8
A Service of Remembrance & Hope

On Sunday, December 8 at 10:30 AM we will host our annual worship service for those who have suffered loss or have a difficult time during the holidays. Lunch will immediately follow. Please RSVP with the Church Office for the luncheon.



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

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>
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<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 Times


Sundays, Dec. 1, 8, 15 at 9:30 AM

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

Dress Rehearsal, Saturday, Dec. 21 at 3 PM

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



 **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 back if you wish to receive an order slip

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 morningstarscholarship.org/scholarship

 **MORNING STAR**
 LUTHERAN CHURCH
 3636 W. WASHINGTON BLVD.

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.



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.



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)!



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.



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, and "Bulletins™" is in a smaller white font below it. To the right of "Bulletins™" is a yellow sun icon with rays.

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.

**HELP
MAKE THE
MUSIC
HAPPEN**

The music ministry team needs vocal and instrumental help during all worship services! Contact the music team for more info at TinaFong@MorningStarOmaha.org or McCollumOrgan202@gmail.com.



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

BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF THE MIDLANDS
HAWKINS FAMILY CLUB

Community Open House

*You are cordially invited to an open house of the new
Hawkins Family Westside Boys & Girls Club.*

*Tour the Club's state of the art Innovation Center and meet
Westside Community Schools new superintendent Dr. Mike Lucas.*

Thursday, December 5th, 2019
7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.
1312 Robertson Drive
Omaha, NE 68114

Please RSVP to Elizabeth Donner at edonner@bgomaha.org or 402-342-1932



The Bell Choir needs YOU! Join us Thursdays at 6:30^{PM}.



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!



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



**Morning Star's
Refugee Program**



Acolytes

Communion

8:30 Jan Zarestky, Lynn & Royann Hedell

10:30 Bill & Diane Ervin

PowerPoint

10:30 Bill Ervin

Readers

8:30 Lynn Hedell

Ushers

8:30 Neil Lindquist, Joel Rohde, Rick Jacobsen & John Davis
10:30 The Mooney Family

Coffee Hosts

Kyle & Arielle Wolfe



Wednesday, November 27

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

9^{AM} Bible Study (Large Conference Room)

Tai Chi Cancelled Today

6:30^{PM} Thanksgiving Eve Service & Pie Supper

Thursday, November 28

Church Office & Preschool Closed

7^{PM} DBSA

Friday, November 29

Church Office & Preschool Closed

Saturday, November 30

9^{AM} Christmas Decorating Day

5:30^{PM} Worship (Chapel)

Sunday, December 1 ~ Advent 1

8:30^{AM} Worship

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

10:30^{AM} Worship

Monday, December 2

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

11:30^{AM} OWLS (Gathering Space)

7^{PM} NWFT Trailblazers (FH)

Tuesday, December 3

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

9:30^{AM} Staff Meeting (Small Conference Room)

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

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

Wednesday, December 4

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

9^{AM} Bible Study (Large Conference Room)

10:30^{AM} Tai Chi (Welcome Center)

12^{PM} Evangelism Committee Meeting (Library)

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)

12^{PM} Refugee Family Baby Shower (Gathering Space)

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



December 1 Readings

First Reading

[Isaiah 2:1-5](#)

Psalm

[Psalm 122](#)

Second Reading

[Romans 13:11-14](#)

Gospel

[Matthew 24:36-44](#)



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