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**September 2022 Newsletter**

**“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday**



**Sept. 11  
2022**



**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**  
God's work. Our hands.

**“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday** is September 11 gives us an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the ELCA: one church, freed in Christ to **serve** and love our neighbor.

Morning Star’s participation God’s Work Our Hands begins with Rally Sunday, a kick off to Faith Formation for ALL ages, worship at 10 AM, lunch then jump in to serve. You and your family are free to participate in any of our arranged service activities. Please sign up in the Gathering Space ahead of time.

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| ★ Stuff Socks for Homeless Vets | ★ Altar Guild          |
| ★ Refugee Families Collection   | ★ Preschool Painting   |
| ★ Outdoor Clean Up              | ★ Preschool Yard Signs |
| ★ Indoor Clean Up               |                        |

**Stuff Socks:**

We are collecting necessities (see page 2) that homeless vets can grab and go. We will stuff these items into a new pair of socks and New Visions will pass them out.

**Altar Guild:**

The Altar Guild is reforming in this post-pandemic world. Come have lunch and hear how you might serve the Lord in our Worship services.

**Preschool Painting:**

Handy with a paintbrush? Two classrooms in the preschool need a little sprucing!

**Preschool Yard Signs:**

Help spread the word about our 5 star preschool! We will have some specific locations for these easy to place yard signs.

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### Indoor Clean Up:

There are some hidden nooks and crannies that need a little love around Morning Star!

### Outdoor Clean Up:

Help spruce up the outside of the church!

### Refugee Collections:

We will be collecting items for the refugee families. Specifically items that aren't covered by SNAP.

### Table Grace Café:

Join them for lunch any week day and/or be a matching donor for Matching Mondays (any gift \$100-\$1000).

Don't forget...lunch is provided! Bring the whole family for this amazing day of being God's hands and feet in our community.

#### Suggested Items Needed for Homeless Vets:

Socks	Shampoo
Shaving Cream	Razor
Deodorant	Chapstick
Toothpaste	Kleenex Packets
Toothbrush	Hand Sanitizer
Body Wash	

#### Suggested Items for Refugee Families:

Dish Soap
Kitchen & Bathroom cleaner
Laundry detergent
Toilet Paper
Paper Towels
Cleansers



Glenda Cannon  
Kim Hawkins, Sr.  
Deb Hysack  
Rick Jacobsen  
Marilyn Jewett  
Betty Kellams  
Virgene Kobold  
Bev McCollum  
John Walter  
Bob & Family (Maxwell's friends)  
Dixie (Deb Washburn's mom)  
Duane (Daryl Wollenburg's brother)

Gary Rue (Dan Rue's father)  
George Zakaras (Amy Hawkins' dad)  
Harold (Pam Miller's dad)  
Jennifer (Gloria Miller's cousin)  
Kathy Harkert Jochim (Karen Hawkins' sister)  
Kitty (friend of John & Donna Walter)  
Korrie Hall (granddaughter of Don & Emily McWhirter)  
Laura (neighbor of Roger & Janice Hass)  
Megan (Betty Williams' daughter)

Rev. Gideon Maghinari (Jensen's friend)  
Shelley Anderson (Carol Anderson's daughter)  
Sherry (friend of Bev Hartman)  
Terry Crouse  
Tim Jensen (Erik's father)  
Wally Koers & Family

### **Worship Assistants for September**

	<i>Communion Assistants</i>	<i>Lay Reader</i>	<i>Greeter/Usher</i>	<i>Acolytes</i>
September 4	Sarah Lieske, Betty Fiddelke & Greta Carlson	Janice Hass	Dan & Laurel Mooney	Nathan & Noah Hawkins
September 11	Donna Walter, Kyle & Arielle Wolfe	Kyle Wolfe	John & Lynn Davis	Quinn & Bei Warner
September 18	Rod Anderson, Bob & Lauren Gilmore	Bob Gilmore	Joel Rohde & Terri Micheels	Luke Beck & Mason Rue
September 25	Kim Hawkins, Jr., Dave & Lynn Blagg	Dave Blagg	Chris Hedican & Jim McGill	Bryce Peterson & Theo Hedican



Congratulations and blessings to Maxwell Thomas Wrighton and his parents, Thomas & Tara, upon receiving the sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, August 28. We welcome him into the Lord's family.



Faith Partners will have training available Saturday, September 24 at 9 AM here at Morning Star. See Pastor Glenn if you would like to help in this ministry.



The Church Council will have their annual retreat to discuss the ministry of Morning Star for the next year on Saturday, September 24 at Camp Carol Joy Holling.

Alcoholics Anonymous are people who come together to solve their drinking problem. It doesn't cost anything to attend A.A. meetings. There are no age or education requirements to participate. It is open to anyone who wants to do something about their drinking problem. Two different groups meet at Morning Star on Tuesdays at 5:30<sup>PM</sup> and 8<sup>PM</sup>.



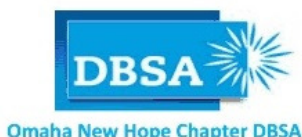
Al-Anon is a group for those who are worried about someone with drinking problems. An Al-Anon group meets at Morning Star on Wednesdays at Noon.



# OFFICE HOURS

The Church Office is open Monday-Friday, 8<sup>AM</sup>-Noon and 1-4:30<sup>PM</sup>. The Church Office is closed on Tuesdays from 9:30-10:30<sup>AM</sup> for Staff Meeting.

If you've ever been at the church on a Thursday night, you've run into the DBSA, Depression, Bi-Polar Support Alliance. They meet at Morning Star every week at 7<sup>PM</sup>. This meeting is open to anyone in need! Call 402-502-HOPE for more information.



The Prayer Shawl Ministry provides hand-crafted blankets given to those that need comfort. Prayers for peace and healing are prayed over each one as they are made. The shawls are available in the Welcome Center. Feel free to take one.



## BIBLE Study



Bible study is Wednesdays at 10<sup>AM</sup>. Call the Church Office for devotion booklets to be sent to you.

## UPDATE YOUR INFO WITH US!

If you've moved recently, changed your email or phone number, please let the Church Office know!

### Altar Flowers & Bulletins

Ministry Opportunity



If you would like to be a sponsor, see the calendar in the Welcome Center or call the Church Office. Thanks **Piccolo Florists** for providing our Altar Flowers at a reduced rate and thanks to **Great Harvest Grain Company** for Communion Bread every week.

#### Flower Sponsors

#### Bulletin Sponsors

September 4	Kim & Karen Hawkins	Kim & Karen Hawkins	Gloria Miller
September 11	Tim & Dawn Karnish	James & Shaila Clark	Gloria Miller
September 18	Francy Van Meter	Francy Van Meter	Gloria Miller
September 25	Jan Zarestky	Jan Zarestky	Jan Zarestky



**Camp Carol Joy Holling 2022**



**Backpack Blessing Sunday**



**Youth Urban Immersion Trip 2022**



Confirmation Sunday is September 18 at 10 AM. Blessings on Theo Hedican, Bryce Peterson, & Hallie Tonniges.

## Morning Star Preschool & Child Care Center



Our new school year is in full swing. The teachers have created welcoming environments for their new groups of children. This year we have a new Music teacher, Ms. Rachel. She has a degree in Music Education and is excited to share appreciation and exploration of music. Chapel with Ms. Greta, S.T.E.M., and Show & Share will all be starting up this month.

Thank you to the Master Gardeners from the church that helped the children plant in May. We have been enjoying the beautiful flowers all summer. The vegetable garden had some great produce that we were able to cook for the children to taste.

### Preschool Kitchen Staff

The kitchen staff member will work cooperatively with administrators and teachers to carry out Morning Star Preschool & Child Care Center's philosophy and mission. Due to these responsibilities, it is imperative that this person is here for all three (3) meals that are served; 7:30-4:30 with a one-hour lunch break. Must be able to walk, climb, bend and kneel frequently. Must be able to stand for long periods of time. Must be able to lift, pull and push frequently. Ability to lift 50 lbs. Salary contingent upon experience. Contact Sarah Dumke, Preschool Director at 402-393-8215 or Sarah@MorningStarOmaha.org for more information.

**JOB OPENING**







Youth Steering Committee Meeting in youth room on Wednesday, September 7 at 7:30 PM. We will meet once a month to guide the direction of what the youth are doing and help plan special events. Youth and parents are welcome. Other adults interested in helping with youth can contact Greta to learn more.



## EVENSONG 2022 & CHILI COOKOFF

**Omaha Campus Ministries Evensong 2022 & Chili Cookoff**

**Sunday, October 16, 2022**  
Lord of Love Lutheran Church

5 PM Chili Cookoff and Silent Auction  
6:30 PM Holden Evening Prayer Worship Service

A fundraiser for Nebraska Lutheran Campus Ministry in Omaha. Festivities include a chili cookoff with cinnamon rolls, silent auction, Holden Evening Prayer worship, and awards presentation. For more info, contact Jon Fredricks at [j.fredricks@nelcm.com](mailto:j.fredricks@nelcm.com).



**Wednesday, September 14 ~ 7:30-8:30 PM**



Rally Sunday!  
9:30 AM on September 11

Morning Star families and adults of all ages are invited to \_\_\_\_\_ (name coming soon - vote in person on 9/11/22!), our version of Sunday School this fall. We'd like to work on building cross-generational relationships, which is as easy as reading stories and playing together! These 20-minute gatherings before church will have time for meeting each other and singing a song, story time from the story bible, and a game we can all play together.

### Fall Schedule- 2nd and 4th Sundays:

September 11- Where's the sheep?  
September 25- The Camel goes Where?  
October 9- Ten Men Healed!  
October 23- A Lesson on Prayer from the Tax Collector

November 13- God's Love is Forever and Ever  
November 27- God will Bring Peace!  
December 11- Who is John the Baptist?

- The Church Council celebrated a successful youth trip to the Minneapolis area.
- The Church Council's annual retreat is scheduled for Saturday, September 24 at Camp Carol Joy Holling.

Drink From The Well is a program of spiritual formation for adults, offering teaching and prayer practices to help open them to receiving the fullness of life in Christ and the richness of God's mercy – right here, right now! This program is available to all adults wherever they may live. Developed by certified spiritual directors associated with Seeking the Spirit Within, the program will run from October 2022 to May 2023. Each month there will be a recorded online webinar to provide instruction and a small group meeting with a spiritual director. Information about the program and the process of registration can be found at [www.NebraskaSynod.org](http://www.NebraskaSynod.org) and search for Drink from the Well. You may also contact Pat or Emily at [dftwnesynod@gmail.com](mailto:dftwnesynod@gmail.com). Registration is open until September 14.



# Missions and Outreach

*Bringing the Light of Christ to ALL Creation*

## September Green Envelope

**Food4Friends** is an original Morning Star ministry that provides a complete Thanksgiving dinner to the "working poor" families of the Omaha Metro area. Morning Star is able to deliver around 150 people a delicious meal during a time that can be financially taxing to families barely making ends meet. With the economy being the way it is, this ministry is needed now more than ever! The time and cost associated with this outreach is entirely sustained by Morning Star. We hope to raise several thousand dollars in the next few months to continue this beloved and necessary outreach event. Thank you for your help in making this a reality!



We are going to produce our own pictorial directory available just in time for Reformation Celebration! Fill out the following and email or drop it off with your photo to the Church Office by October 16! If we don't receive a photo we will use the last one on file. Contact Susie with any questions.

### BRING AN UPDATED PHOTO OF YOUR FAMILY

~ Selfies

~ Professional Photo

~ Whatever You Choose

### UPDATED CONTACT INFO FORM

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Child(ren) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Home ☐ Cell ☐ Work (check)

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Your Preferred Method of Contact (check as many as apply)

☐ Newsletter ☐ Social Media ☐ Robocall (number preferred) \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Email (email preferred) \_\_\_\_\_













We have contact with three refugee families who could use a vehicle. If you or anyone you know can donate a road worthy vehicle to bless these families, please let the Church Office know. We can help you get a tax benefit from the vehicle donation.



Lutheran Women of Omaha meet on Tuesday, September 13 at Noon at Bethel Lutheran. Cost is \$7 with a free will offering taken for Project Hope Pantry. RSVP to Ruth Johnson at 402-397-9521.

The Lydia Circle meets on Tuesday, September 27 at 2 PM. The Sarah Circle meets on Thursday, September 22 at 12:30 PM. All are invited to join!

# SEPTEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>HELLO September</b> 				<b>1</b> 6 Preschool Training 7 DBSA	<b>2</b> 	<b>3</b> 9 Quilting Group 5:30 Worship
<b>4</b> 10 Worship	<b>5</b> 	<b>6</b> 9:30 Staff Mtg 5:30 AA Grp 1 8 AA Grp 2	<b>7</b> 10 Bible Study 12 AI Anon 7:30 Youth Steering Committee	<b>8</b> 7 DBSA	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 5:30 Worship
<b>11</b> 9:30 Rally Sunday 10 Worship 11 God's Work, Our Hands Events  	<b>12</b> 6:30 Church Council Mtg 7 Outreach Committee Meeting	<b>13</b> 9:30 Staff Mtg 5:30 AA Grp 1 8 AA Grp 2	<b>14</b> 10 Bible Study 12 AI Anon 7:30 Sr High Youth Group	<b>15</b> 4:45 Faith Partners 7 DBSA	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 5:30 Worship  
<b>18</b> 10 Worship 	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 9:30 Staff Mtg 5:30 AA Grp 1 8 AA Grp 2	<b>21</b> 10 Bible Study 12 AI Anon 6 Acolyte Training 6:30 Confirmation Class 	<b>22</b> 12:30 Sarah Circle 7 DBSA	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 9 Faith Partners Training 9 Council Retreat 5:30 Worship
<b>25</b> 10 Worship 2 Coffee with Greta	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 9:30 Staff Mtg 2 Lydia Circle 5:30 AA Grp 1 8 AA Grp 2	<b>28</b> 10 Bible Study 12 AI Anon 6:30 Confirmation Class	<b>29</b> 7 DBSA	<b>30</b>	





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**Suicide Awareness  
and Prevention**

**Omaha Area Out of  
the Darkness Walk**

**Saturday, September 17  
Stinson Park**

Registration begins at 11:30 AM.  
The Walk begins at 1 PM.

More information at  
<http://afsp.org/omaha>.



## September Birthdays

Isaiah Boyd	9/2	Leslie Palmer	9/13	Teagan Pierce	9/25
Alexandra Johnson	9/3	Laura Ring	9/13	Janice Zarestky	9/25
Jeremy Ring	9/6	Alec Stevens	9/14	Jude Drey	9/26
Deborah Bruckner	9/8	Charles Bowman	9/15	Robert Gilmore	9/26
Grace Peterson	9/8	Sabrina Beck	9/17	Joshua Bowman	9/28
Sarah Lieske	9/9	Trevor Potter	9/18	Charles Beck	9/29
Ryan Schlehuber	9/9	Kevin Nelson	9/20	John Davis	9/29
Torrie Niewohner	9/10	Adam Hedican	9/23	Stacie Neussendorfer	9/29
Zayden Gaines	9/11	William Ervin	9/24	Susie Syx	9/29
Sheryl Cuba	9/13	Betty Kellams	9/25		

## September Anniversaries

Jon & Sabrina Beck	9/1
Virgil & Ruth Johnson	9/1
Alan & Alyce Berk	9/1
Philip & Torrie Niewohner	9/12
Lee & Judy Hollander	9/13
Mike & Patsy Behm	9/18
Jim Olmsted & Denise Stange	9/22
Troy & Jean Gutheil	9/23
Todd & Jill Moeller	9/27