



MORNING STAR
LUTHERAN CHURCH

May & June

NEWS letter



Sunday, June 1st

ANNUAL MEETING

Immediately after worship service



"Noah", aka Kathy Widdershoven, leading the animals to the "ark" in our new Prayer Garden!

Thanks to all who donated shoes! We collected 455 pairs!

This month we celebrate moms with our annual Muffins for Moms on Friday, May 9.

Preschool's Orange Star Graduation is Thursday, May 15 at 6 PM.

Donuts for Dad is June 13!



MORNING STAR
Preschool & Child Care Center
Let's Play!



Nick Bowman
Ralston High School
Nick plans to attend University of Nebraska~Omaha to study psychology & neuroscience



Nathan Hawkins
Jefferson High School
Cedar Rapids, Iowa
Nathan's plans are undecided



Anker Jensen
Central High School
Anker is planning to study wildlife biology at Colorado State University



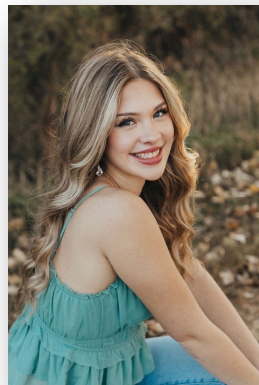
Kate Lieske
Westside High School
Kate plans to go to Wayne State College to study psychology



Renny Maxwell
Central High School
Renny plans to attend the University of Nebraska~Lincoln to study sports media



Hattie Moeller
Central High School
Hattie plans to study sociology & pediatric occupational therapy at University of Massachusetts~Amherst



Hailey Neussendorfer
Westview High School
Hailey plans to attend University of Nebraska~Lincoln



Jackson Post
Westview High School
Jackson will attend University of Nebraska~Lincoln to study finance & political science on track for pre-law



Mason Rue
Westside High School
Mason plans to attend University of Nebraska~Lincoln



Join us on Sunday, May 25 for Graduation Sunday during morning Worship where we will honor graduating students. If you haven't already done so, please RSVP and send us your name, school, picture, degree (if applicable) and future plans by May 15 to Office@MorningStarOmaha.org!



Hope Weber
Millard South High School & Metro Community College (Associates Degree)
Hope will study violin with Anne Nagosky, Omaha Symphony, for a year with plans to attend University of Nebraska~Lincoln

Congratulations to the following children who received First Communion on Maundy Thursday this year:

Nathan Baines
Kimbo Hawkins

Claire Hines
Mona Lierier

Bryce Nabity (not pictured)
Fletcher Placzek



Nathan Baines & Family



Kimbo Hawkins & Family



Claire Hines & Parents



Mona Lierler & Family



Fletcher Placzek

 **Carol Joy
Holling Camp**

Information about summer camp
NOW available in the Bell Tower
entry. Camper scholarships may be
available. Talk to Pastor Chris!

Sunday, June 8th

CONFIRMATION

Congratulations to Zach Bowman,
Luke Lieske and Grace Peterson
who will be confirmed on Sunday,
June 8 during worship!



APPLY FOR
SCHOLARSHIPS

**2025-2026 Winstrom
Youth Service
Scholarship
APPLICATION
DEADLINE is May 30!**



*Blessings to
Leonidas Wesley Hull
upon receiving the sacrament of
Baptism on April 20, 2025.
Congratulations to Lisa Spartacus
& Jared Hull, parents, and brother,
Tyberius!*

ALTAR FLOWERS

If you would like to be a sponsor, contact the Church Office. Thank you to **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

| DATE | FLOWERS | FLOWERS | BULLETINS |
|-------------|--------------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| May 4 | James & Shaila Clark | AVAILABLE | AVAILABLE |
| May 11 | Daryl & JoAnn Wollenburg | Rod & Cindy Anderson | AVAILABLE |
| May 18 | Alan & Alyce Berk | AVAILABLE | AVAILABLE |
| May 25 | Sharon Zahm | AVAILABLE | AVAILABLE |
| June 1 | James & Shaila Clark | AVAILABLE | AVAILABLE |
| June 8 | Diane Meyer | AVAILABLE | AVAILABLE |
| June 15 | Rod & Cindy Anderson | AVAILABLE | AVAILABLE |
| June 22 | AVAILABLE | AVAILABLE | AVAILABLE |
| June 29 | AVAILABLE | AVAILABLE | AVAILABLE |

May & June Worship Assistants

Sunday, May 4

Comm: Betty Fiddelke, Sarah Lieske & Donna Walter
 Reader: Donna Walter
 Usher: Dan & Laurel Mooney
 Acolyte: Hope & Alexandra Weber
 Altar: Diane Meyer

Sunday, May 11

Comm: Rod Anderson, Bob & Lauren Gilmore
 Reader: Rod Anderson
 Usher: Brian & Bryce Peterson
 Acolyte: Jackson Post & Mason Rue
 Altar: Lauren Gilmore

Sunday, May 18

Comm: Kim Hawkins, Dave & Lynn Blagg
 Reader: Kim Hawkins
 Usher: Dean Mathisen & Dianne Misunias
 Acolyte: Nick & Zach Bowman
 Altar: Lynn Blagg

Sunday, May 25

Comm: Kyle & Arielle Wolfe, Mark Carnevalo
 Reader: Kyle Wolfe
 Usher: Joel Rohde & Jim McGill
 Acolyte: Anker & Asta Jensen
 Altar: Tim, Dawn & Abigail Karnish

Sunday, June 1

Comm: Betty Fiddelke, Sarah Lieske & Donna Walter
 Reader: Donna Walter
 Usher: Todd & Deb Washburn
 Acolyte: Nina & Michael Lierler
 Altar: Diane Meyer

Sunday, June 8

Comm: Rod Anderson, Bob & Lauren Gilmore
 Reader: Lauren Gilmore
 Usher: Mark Carnevalo & Dean Mathisen
 Acolyte: Bryce & Grace Peterson
 Altar: Lauren Gilmore

Sunday, June 15

Comm: Kim Hawkins, Dave & Lynn Blagg
 Reader: Dave Blagg
 Usher: Chris Hedican & Nick Saitta
 Acolyte: Quinn Warner & Hallie Tonniges
 Altar: Lynn Blagg

Sunday, June 22

Comm: Kyle & Arielle Wolfe, Mark Carnevalo
 Reader: Kyle Wolfe
 Usher: Dan & Lauren Mooney
 Acolyte: Kate & Luke Lieske
 Altar: Tim, Dawn & Abigail Karnish

Sunday, June 29

Comm: Angie Hawkins, Susie Syx & Dianne Misunias
 Reader: Jan Zarestky
 Usher: Brian & Bryce Peterson
 Acolyte: Renny Maxwell & Abigail Karnish
 Altar: Angie Hawkins



*We ALWAYS need help with
 Communion, scripture
 reading & ushering. Contact
 the Church Office to find out
 how you can help!*



Les Rygg & Don McWhirter were honored for their service during World War II

Thanks

Thank you so much for your recent gift in support of the mission of Habitat. Your generous \$2,113 donation on April 7 is an investment in our community. This donation will support Faith House Coalition. We are grateful you have chosen to make such an impact through Habitat Omaha!

With Gratitude,
John Haske, Chief Development Officer & Lee Cordell, Development Officer, Faith Engagement

Thank you for all that you do as God's people in Omaha. Thank you also for your continued participating in mission share. Though you, and because of you, so much good work is done in the world and so many lives are changed out of God's deep love made real through you. Thank you for sharing God's love & Christ's light!

God's blessings & Peace,
Timothy, ELCA Nebraska Synod

Morning Star's Annual Easter Egg Hunt



**JOIN OUR
TEAM!**

Part-Time Executive Assistant Needed!

We are hiring a part time Executive Assistant to assist our Administrative Ministry. This position will provide hospitality to guests and visitors, answer phone calls, and perform other clerical tasks in support of the Morning Star office. This is a part-time position, averaging 15 hours per week. We are seeking someone with solid interpersonal skills who collaborates well in a team environment. Must exhibit a positive outlook and present oneself with professional decorum. Computer and phone skills are required. If interested, please contact Pastor Chris!

Worship Tech Volunteers Needed!

We also need additional volunteers to help with our brand-new audio/visual system. If you want to support this ministry on Sundays, for concerts, and other events, please contact Pastor Chris directly.

SAVE THE DATE!

Morning Star's next concert is the

**CELEBRATION
OF GRACE**

honoring Pastor Glenn Schacht's 50 years
of ordained ministry benefitting
Table Grace Ministries on

Sunday, August 31

beginning at 11:30 AM

with a catered, three course meal.

The concert with Simone Weber & friends
from Morning Star & Table Grace will follow

(approximately 1 PM)!

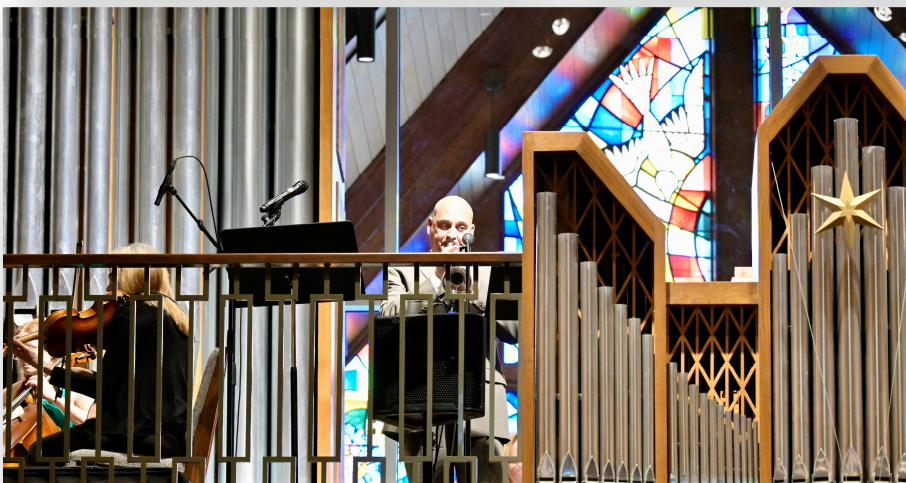
COST: \$36 per person

RSVP by Sunday, August 24 by contacting the
Church Office! Catered by

TABLE **GRACE**
C A F E
Nourishing Hungry Bodies and Souls



Easter Joy Concert held Sunday, April 27 at Morning Star



MISSIONS & OUTREACH

May Green Envelope

This month we support the NCS HOPE Foundation who seek to improve the lives of those in the community who are impacted by cancer treatment. The foundation provides financial assistance, supportive services, and other resources to oncology and hematology patients, families, and caregivers receiving care in Nebraska.

Nebraska Cancer Specialists



May Service Project

We are collecting clothing, personal and household items for the Westside Community Schools Family Resource Center who help families in their district. Bring any donations to the drop box in the bell tower hallway during the month of May! Suggested items are...

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| canned meats | canned fruit & applesauce | shampoo/conditioner |
| peanut butter | fruit snacks | toothpaste/toothbrushes |
| jams & jellies | 100% fruit juice | deodorant |
| rice and rice mixes | toilet paper & facial tissue | feminine hygiene products |
| dry noodles and pastas | paper towels & napkins | Boy clothes - all sizes |
| cold cereals | hand soap | Girls clothes - all sizes |
| canned tomato products | laundry & dish detergent | |
| spaghetti sauce | cleaning products | |



Last year our building team worked on one home in the Bluestem development. This year we are partnering with St. Timothy's who has a weeklong build program. Our Build Day is June 7, 8:00 AM - 3:30 PM. You don't need to be skilled with a hammer or power tools to join us in this great fellowship of contributing to our community. Lunch and drinks are provided. Plan on bringing a lawn chair for breaks. Habitat provides tools to use but you can bring your own. Bring your own gloves! Hard hats and safety glasses are provided. Contact Pam Chelesvig 402-850-0914 with questions.

All volunteers must register. Go to <https://cerv.is/0119g6RSo85> or use the QR code at left and choose the time slot for Sat, Jun 7, 2025. You can also participate by helping with the lunch that MSLC will provide to the combined build teams. Look for sign up sheets starting May 4.

June Green Envelope

Next month we support the RISE Reentry Program. RISE is the largest nonprofit organization in Nebraska focused solely on rehabilitative programming in prisons and reentry support. At RISE, transformation starts pre-release and continues post-release. Our inside/out model bridges incarceration to the community and considers all the critical steps in that journey. We prepare and train people for each phase through intensive character development, employment readiness, job creation through entrepreneurship, family programming and case management. We transform people in the community by building awareness and empathy that leads to support and opportunity. These connections heal families, create employment pathways and lower recidivism.

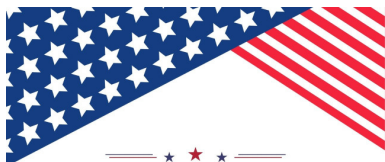
RISE



MORNING STAR LUTHERAN CHURCH

331 S. 85th Avenue

Address Correction Requested



*The Church Office &
Preschool are closed*

MEMORIAL DAY

MAY 26, 2025

Birthdays & Anniversaries

If you don't see your birthday or anniversary in the monthly newsletter, contact the Church Office as we do not have it in our records. Thanks!



May Anniversaries

| | | | | | |
|-----------------|-----------|------|------------------|----------|------|
| Gary & Sandy | Byers | 5/5 | Dan & Bev | Hartman | 6/8 |
| Trevor & Shelby | Wulf | 5/6 | Tyler & Cip | Engel | 6/10 |
| Dan & Laurel | Mooney | 5/16 | John & Tamara | Kellams | 6/13 |
| Ric & Pam | Miller | 5/27 | Matt & Simone | Weber | 6/17 |
| Roger & Janice | Hass | 5/31 | Josh & Shelby | Duncan | 6/18 |
| Tim & Lori | Mueller | 5/31 | Jim & Marguerite | McGill | 6/29 |
| Neil & Cindy | Lindquist | 6/2 | Todd & Deb | Washburn | 6/29 |
| Kyle & Arielle | Wolfe | 6/3 | Brett & Jackie | Froendt | 6/17 |
| | | | Dave & Marvene | Evenson | 5/25 |

May & June Birthdays

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|----------|-----------|-------|---------|------------|-------|---------|-----------|-------|---------|---------|-------|------------|---------|-------|
| Susie | Bonnett | 05/01 | Joanne | Wise | 05/12 | Don | McWhirter | 05/26 | Aidan | Jackson | 06/05 | Rhonda | Wise | 06/24 |
| Brian | Peterson | 05/01 | Jurene | Wegner | 05/14 | Lynn | Blagg | 05/27 | Marilyn | Jewett | 06/07 | Marguerite | McGill | 06/25 |
| Cynthia | Rismiller | 05/03 | Jaime | Trummer | 05/15 | Dick | Zahm | 05/28 | Donna | Crouse | 06/11 | Campbell | Mooney | 06/25 |
| Rick | Jacobi | 05/04 | Ric | Miller | 05/16 | Emily | McWhirter | 05/29 | Watson | Placzek | 06/11 | Hazel | Karnish | 06/26 |
| Dan | Mooney | 05/04 | Brett | Froendt | 05/17 | Aaron | German | 05/30 | Margie | Bross | 06/13 | Ralston | Clark | 06/27 |
| Colin | German | 05/05 | Elaine | Kemper | 05/18 | Nathan | Hawkins | 05/30 | Traci | Owen | 06/13 | Dennis | Moy | 06/27 |
| Susan | Snow | 05/05 | Adam | Johnson | 05/19 | James | Wurtz | 05/30 | Sophie | Wolfe | 06/13 | Lynn | Bowman | 06/29 |
| Bryan | Trummer | 05/05 | Sharon | McGrath | 05/19 | Anita | Bernstein | 06/01 | Shelby | Wulf | 06/16 | Marvene | Evenson | 06/30 |
| John | Kellams | 05/07 | Royann | Hedell | 05/20 | Norma | Rygg | 06/01 | Shelby | Wulf | 06/16 | Troy | Gutheil | 06/30 |
| Beverly | Hartman | 05/08 | Kenneth | Gutheil | 05/21 | Gary | Byers | 06/03 | Caelan | Ladd | 06/18 | | | |
| Chris | Hawkins | 05/08 | Daryl | Wollenburg | 05/21 | Steve | Bross | 06/04 | Arlette | Little | 06/18 | | | |
| Nick | Shehan | 05/08 | Beckett | Duncan | 05/22 | Madison | Warboys | 06/04 | David | Evenson | 06/20 | | | |
| Jennifer | Longley | 05/09 | Charles | Scherer | 05/25 | Jackie | Froendt | 06/05 | Laurie | Nye | 06/24 | | | |