

# The Light

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*"Bringing the Light of  
Christ to all Creation"*

*"God's Work.  
Our Hands"*

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March Light articles  
are due on Monday,  
March 22nd.

Morning Star is  
connected to the  
worldwide mission of  
the Church through the  
West Metro Cluster of  
the Nebraska Synod of  
the Evangelical  
Lutheran Church of  
America.

## Lenten Schedule

Our Lenten theme is "The Lord's Prayer". All Wednesday evening services begin at 7:00 PM. Dinner will be available in the "Solid Rock Cafe" each week at 5:30 PM.

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| March 3  | 2nd Wednesday in Lent - Evening Prayer with Piano<br>Message - "Thy Kingdom Come"<br>Music by Morning Star Children's Choir   |
| March 10 | 3rd Wednesday in Lent - Spoken Prayer at Darkness<br>Message - "Thy Will Be Done, On Earth as it is in Heaven"<br>Music by Organ and Morning Star Adult Choir                               |
| March 17 | 4th Wednesday in Lent - Evening Prayer with Piano<br>Message - "Give Us Today Our Daily Bread"<br>Music by Morning Star Adult Handbell Choir  |
| March 24 | 5th Wednesday in Lent - Service of the Word<br>Message - "And Forgive Us Our Trespasses as We Forgive<br>Those Who Trespass Against Us"<br>Music by Morning Star Praise Team/Choir          |
| April 1  | Maundy Thursday - Special Maundy Thursday Service<br>with Holy Communion Message - "And Lead Us Not Into<br>Temptation But Deliver Us From Evil"<br>Music by Morning Star Praise Team/Choir |
| April 2  | Good Friday - Service of Darkness<br>Message - "Amen . . . It will be"<br>Music by Organ and Morning Star Adult Choir   |
| April 3  | Holy Saturday - Vigil Service at 5:30 PM  |
| April 4  | Festival Easter Worship with Brass<br>8:30 AM Traditional Festival of Resurrection<br>10:45 AM Praise Festival of Resurrection  |



## World Day of Prayer

Morning Star will be participating in the World Day of Prayer on Friday, March 5th with a prayer vigil 7:00 AM - 7:00 PM. It will offer anyone in our community, especially Morning Star members to come and pray for the many needs of people we know, our city, state, country and the world. Stephen Ministry and Evangelism are organizing the event with donuts and coffee in the morning, "grab and go" lunch and cookies in the afternoon. Pastor Tom will lead a structured prayer service 12:15 - 12:45 PM. For more information, contact Ric Miller, 681-7947.

## Green Envelope for March is Mosaic

Mosaic provides a life of possibilities for people with intellectual disabilities through supports which are tailored to the individual's needs and desires. They support people to define their own happiness. They ask people how they like to spend their day, what they love to do in their spare time, where they want to live and goals they would like to achieve. Then they partner with them to make those things happen. These services are provided in collaboration with local, state, national and international partners in 13 states and six countries. Mosaic is a nonprofit 501c3 organization. For more information visit [www.mosaicinfo.org](http://www.mosaicinfo.org).

### Solid Rock Café

Here is the Solid Rock Café schedule for March. Please join us at 5:30 PM on Wednesdays for great food and fellowship.

March 3rd - 7th & 8th Graders, Spaghetti Fundraiser

March 10th - Morning Star Preschool  
Hamburgers, Tater Tots, Relish Tray, Butterbraid coffeecakes

March 17th - Loco Luteranos, Taco Bar

March 24th - All Church Potluck, Main Dish - Chicken

The All Church Potluck on March 24th will be the last Solid Rock Café for the season. Join us for great food and fellowship.



## Prayer Shawl Ministry Expands

This ministry has been so well received that we have added two additional items. **Prayer Squares** are 5 1/2" knitted or crocheted squares which can be carried in a pocket or purse. Several have already been presented. **Knitted hats** are being made for Anna Klock.

Do you have extra yarn, fabric, crochet hooks (sizes F, G, H, I or J) or knitting needles (size 11 or 13)? Please consider donating these to the Prayer Shawl Ministry. Monetary donations are also accepted for purchasing needed materials. Checks may be sent to the church designating Prayer Shawl Ministry on the memo line.

Do you want to join? The first group meets Wednesdays at 5:30 PM in the fellowship hall. Crocheting and knitting can be taught to anyone interested. All necessary materials and patterns are provided upon request. We are considering a second group. If you are interested in joining at a different time, please contact Missy Throckmorton or Sharon McGrath.

If you know of anyone who would benefit from a prayer shawl or square, contact Pastor Tom.

## ELCA Gifts Support Recovery Efforts in Haiti

Since the earthquake in Haiti, the ELCA has received over 27,000 gifts totaling more than \$4.2 million to support humanitarian relief efforts in Haiti.

According to ELCA Treasurer Christina Jackson-Skelton, the ELCA received an additional \$320,000 in matching grants from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, bringing the overall total to more than \$4.6 million in gifts to the ELCA.

## Mission and Ministry January 2010 and 2009

	<u>2009</u>	Actual <u>2010</u>	2010 <u>Budget</u>
Revenue			
Offering	\$32,477	\$41,015	\$41,083
Other	<u>6,949</u>	<u>3,707</u>	<u>3,542</u>
	39,426	44,722	44,625
Expenses	<u>50,435</u>	<u>45,081</u>	<u>45,550</u>
Net	<u>(\$11,009)</u>	<u>(\$359)</u>	<u>(\$925)</u>
	<u>12/31/08</u>	<u>12/31/09</u>	<u>1/31/10</u>
Cash & Accts. Rec.	\$142,600	\$103,000	\$107,074
Aux. & Mem. Accts.	<u>55,800</u>	<u>36,500</u>	<u>42,142</u>
Available Cash	\$86,800	\$66,500	\$64,932

The available cash represents cash in our accounts to pay bills. This is steadily declining. With a deficit budget this means that our available cash could be less than \$30,000 by December 31, 2010.

### The Box Score

Average Weekend Attendance for January	242
Average Sunday School Attendance for January	70
Average Adult Christian Education Attendance for January	17
Mission/Ministry Tithes and Offerings for January	\$41,014.77
Mission/Ministry Giving Goal for January	\$42,500.00
Income from all sources for January	\$44,722.35
Mission/Ministry Expenses for January	\$43,331.43
Planned Mission/Ministry Expenses for January	\$45,750.00

### Preschool News

“Reading is Fun!” will emulate throughout the month of March at the preschool. The different units will explore rhyming, favorite authors and favorite stories. The Rose Theater will present a workshop on March 9 engaging our children in making nursery rhymes come to life. Parents are encouraged to be “guest readers”, and Pastor Tom will visit the classrooms with the “best book ever written”.

At the end of the unit, the children will participate in a book swap. They will bring in used unwanted picture books and take home a “new to them” book - great way to recycle! Any left over books will be donated to a charity.

Scholastic Books Fair is March 15 - 19. Many books will be on display and available to purchase. If you are at the church or plan to be that week, come through and browse the book fair.

Plan to come to Morning Star for the Wednesday night dinner March 10 as the preschool prepares to “picnic into spring” with hamburgers/cheeseburgers, tater tots, fresh vegetable tray and dessert. They’re baaack! Samples of Butterbraid will be the dessert that night. Butterbraid sales are March 1 - 17. Orders can be taken through the office as well as at the March 10 dinner. Butterbraid orders will arrive at the church March 31 - just in time for Easter. Also part of this fundraiser, there will be a booth where you can purchase vegetable and flower seeds. All proceeds will help create vegetable and flower gardens around our existing playground areas. **THINK SPRING!**

## “Journey2Renewal” Update

Several questions have been brought forth to Pastor and to the “Journey2Renewal” committee about Pastor’s upcoming sabbatical. We’re providing the following information to answer some of the questions we have heard, and a few others that might be on your mind:

**Q: What is the purpose of Pastor Tom’s sabbatical?**

A: Sabbaticals are an increasingly common part of long-term pastoral tenure and are encouraged as a vital source of renewal in the relationship between a pastor and the church he/she serves. Pastor Tom’s sabbatical, which we are calling “Journey2Renewal”, will involve travel in Turkey, Greece and Italy as he follows in the footsteps of the Apostle Paul and completes a deep study of Paul’s experiences and writings. It is also an opportunity for mental/physical rest and renewal, deep personal reflection, and renewal of Pastor Tom’s relationship with God, his family and Morning Star.

**Q: When and how long will Pastor Tom be gone?**

A: He will leave on Monday, May 10th and return to his regular church duties on the weekend of July 11th & 12th.

**Q: Who will fulfill Pastor Tom’s duties while he is gone?**

A: The “Journey2Renewal” committee has identified a retired pastor who is interested in serving Morning Star during this period and is currently finalizing details of those arrangements. Plans are also being made for several guest speakers to visit us during Pastor Tom’s absence.

**Q: Is Pastor Tom’s sabbatical a sign that there is something wrong?**

A: Not at all. On the contrary, the fantastic experience that Pastor Tom is set to embark on marks the fulfillment of a commitment that Morning Star made to him when he was initially called to serve our church. It has been in the planning for nearly a year now.

**Q: Will we have any communication with Pastor Tom while he’s gone?**

A: While it is considered to be very important that pastors be able to fully “detach” from their church during their sabbatical, we are working on a plan to have Pastor record one or more video updates from his travels to be played during church services while he is away.

If you have any questions or concerns about the “Journey2Renewal”, please contact Pastor Tom, Gary Wood or Ric Miller

## BROKEN in Concert

**BROKEN** will provide a free concert Friday, March 12th, 7:00 PM at Shadow Lake Community Church (Hwy 370 & 72 St.). The event will be a benefit for the ministry of “Broken and Beautiful”, [www.brokenandbeautiful.org](http://www.brokenandbeautiful.org).

**BROKEN** will be in concert Sunday, March 14th, 6:30 PM at St. Mark’s United Methodist Church (8550 Pioneer Blvd in Lincoln). Special guest “Creation” will open. This worship event is open to all and free of charge.

**BROKEN** features Keith Dudek, Marc Frieden, Don Mott, Matthew Tobias and Dan and Marge Todd, with special guest Tiffany SeEVERS. More information about the band is available at [www.myspace.com/brokenpraise](http://www.myspace.com/brokenpraise). Please help us spread the Word by passing this information to everyone you know who would be encouraged by these worship nights.



## Having a Strong Foundation

My wife and I live in an old house. The original portion of the house was built before 1920. It still has the original wood floors, the original drafty windows and the original lack of insulation. When the house was built, the basement didn't even have a real floor. They added concrete in later years, but they did it on the cheap— leaving an uneven, slanted floor that we can't even have shelving units on because they don't stand level. Electricity was added to the house later, and in the original 2 rooms, there are metal conduits on the outsides of the walls instead of within them as you find in most buildings. But it's a good house, with a strong foundation.

Here at Morning Star, we have a strong foundation as well. Not the building, but the people. The people are the foundation of Morning Star. We've spent a good deal of time this year talking with the High School students about "what makes the Church." We even let them come up with their physical designs and amenities that would make them want to get out of bed on a Sunday morning and come together to Worship. Nothing was out of bounds. We told them that if they thought hot tubs in the Sanctuary were needed, then hot tubs were okay! We told them they could have coffee shops and food service, swimming pools, video games, multimedia, whatever their hearts desired. But when we were done, it all came back to the need for a community of believers, a strong foundation to gather with.

The early Christian Church didn't worry about having a structurally sound facility to gather in. They met, in small groups, wherever they could. They relied on a foundation of people to learn from and share their faith with. I've thought a lot about those early Christians over the past few months. They didn't need stained glass windows, a high-tech projector and sound system, or even a multi-million dollar organ. They only required each other. People are the essential element of the Church; people are the foundation.

The early church didn't refer to worship as "going to Church." No, they knew that *they were the Church!* But what about today? As we struggle to convince our young people that Faith is important, that God's Love is real and that the teachings of Jesus are more than some interesting fables, have we neglected the foundation? We've got an amazing facility with lots of extras— events, activities, cool curriculum... But what about the foundation? Do we sometimes neglect the foundation? Can our young people see the cracks?

If we want to strengthen Morning Star, we need to make sure our foundation is secure. We can't be secure if we let ourselves get distracted by differences. We don't GO to Morning Star, we ARE Morning Star. And once we accept that and work together to secure the foundation, we'll see the fruits of our labor as our young people are willing to build onto what we, as adults, have created. Once we've strengthened the foundation, we can move forward confidently as a whole. Once the foundation is secure, we can have our different worship styles and our different Bible studies and our different ideas and opinions. It won't matter, because we'll be acting together as one community, one family, one Congregation. We'll be one Morning Star.

Something to consider,  
Brian Priesman  
Director of Education Ministries  
brian@morningstarlutheran.com

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### *Project Hope Youth Challenge Preview*

Beginning this month, the Morning Star Youth (7th-12th grade) are challenging each other to raise food and money for Project Hope. Each team (3 Confirmation Teams and 1 High School Team) has been given free reign to bring awareness to their desire to help Project Hope. Keep your eyes open as you see the Youth try to convince you to support their individual teams. No matter which team raises the most food & money, Project Hope is the real winner.

## Easter Egg Hunt

Easter is right around the corner, and that means it's almost time for the annual Morning Star Easter Egg Hunt! We'll be hunting for Easter Eggs Saturday, April 3, from 10:00-11:00 AM. We'll gather in Fellowship for a devotional, some Easter activities and then we'll head across the street to Swanson Park and hunt some eggs! The hunt is open to all children preschool through 6th grade. The Egg Hunt is dependant on good weather, so pray for Spring to be on schedule!

## Volunteers

To help prepare for the Easter Egg Hunt, we will be giving Swanson Park a good cleaning. Join us Friday, April 2, from 4:30-6:00 and Saturday, April 3, from 9:30-11:00 as we prepare the park for the Egg Hunt.

## Eggs, Eggs, and Eggs!

We are trying something a little different with our Easter Eggs this year. We will be accepting donations of filled eggs that are appropriate for 3-year olds and younger OR Morning Star members can help sponsor the hunt by donating money for the purchase of already filled eggs from a company that hires developmentally challenged individuals to fill Easter Eggs. This will allow people to support the Egg Hunt in multiple ways based on personal interest. Remember, the Egg Hunt is provided free of charge to children and can draw anywhere from 50 to 100 children— so we need LOTS of eggs!

## Thank You!

Special thanks to the Lasaga Cooking Team and the Kitchen Crew for their help on Ash Wednesday. Thanks to Costco for donating two cakes that praised "Youth for Haiti". And of course, thanks to all the people who came and ate the wonderful food! A special thanks to the Morning Star congregation, the Morning Star Preschool Red Star classroom, and the Morning Star Endowment Fund. The Preschool class collected change totaling \$86.00 and the Endowment Fund added a gift of \$500.00 to the money earned by the Youth Group to send to Lutheran World Relief's efforts in Haiti. The total amount donated by Morning Star is nearly \$1,500. The funds are going directly to Lutheran World Relief as they respond to the affected communities through it's partners on the ground in Haiti.

## 2010 Youth Mission Trip

If you are interested in providing service while sharing your faith and having fun, join us on the NE Synod Youth Mission Trip from June 26th-July 2. We'll be travelling to Minneapolis, Minnesota and participating in worship and service throughout the week, The final date to get your registration materials to Brian is March 15th! For registration materials, cost, and other questions contact Brian at Morning Star.

## Summer Camp

Camp Carol Joy Holling is now accepting registration for their 2010 Summer Camps! With a theme of "A New Creation" from 2 Corinthians 5:17, the camps look to be lots of fun! Registration forms and camp brochures are available in the Narthex. Camps are available for students in 1st grade through 12th grade, as well as Family camps and even Grandparent Camps. For more information, visit them online at <http://www.caroljoyholling.org>

## No Boys Allowed!

On March 6th we'll be kicking off a brand new Youth Ministry program, "No Boys Allowed." This 7th-9th grade girls program will provide an opportunity for young ladies of Morning Star to gather together and share, learn and grow as a group. They'll discuss family issues, school issues, faith, family, friends and more! Led by Laura Beeghly and other young adult women of Morning Star, "No Boys Allowed" will meet in the Chapel on March 6th from 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM.

## Be Good Stewards

The March Theme for Sunday School (preschool-6th Grade) is Stewardship. We'll be learning about what stewardship means and how we can be good stewards of all that God has given us.

## Sunday School Makeover

As spring gets closer and closer, we're going to begin the long awaited makeover of the Sunday School classrooms. We'll be starting with the Youth and the 7th & 8th Grade classrooms, but we hope to have them all completed by the end of the Sunday School year! If you are interested in helping out with either labor or supplies, contact Brian at Morning Star.

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## Thank You

From Leigh Trumble, Project Hope

Thank you for your donation of food and clothing to Project Hope. We are blessed to have your help in serving those in need. God bless your generous heart.

From Nancy Sweetwood

Thank you to all the Morning Star family for the cards, phone calls, prayers and concerns during my recent health issues. It meant so much and helped in my healing. Thanks.

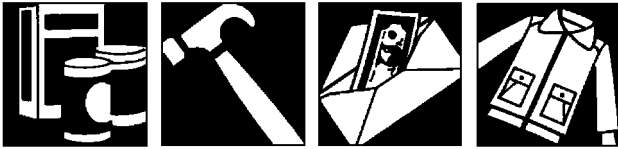
From Jarod & Angie Klock and family

We want to thank you so much for the beautiful and soft prayer blankets that we received for Anna and Rachel. When I covered the girls with them the first night it brought tears to my eyes as I pictured all of your hands infusing prayers into the very fibers of these blankets. I was so comforted as I envisioned them literally being covered and shielded by your precious prayers. Thank you for your continued support and prayers for Anna and our family.

From Michelle, AAA Center for Pregnancy Counseling

Thank you so much for your generous gift to the Center. We are grateful for your support.

## Relief for Victims of the Earthquake in Haiti



## Ministry Investment Endowment Fund

The Ministry Investment Endowment Fund is donating \$500 to Lutheran World Relief towards their efforts in Haiti to go along with the funds that have already been collected by the other groups in our Morning Star family.

## Easter Lily Order Form

Easter lilies are needed for the chancel for Easter services on Sunday, April 4th. If you wish to order a plant, please complete this form and place it in the offering plate, turn it in to the church office or mail it to the church.

Cost per plant is \$9. Your plant may be picked up after the last service on Easter Sunday. Orders will be accepted through Sunday, March 28th. Please make your check payable to Morning Star Lutheran Church.



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Dedicated to

\_\_\_\_\_ The Glory of God

\_\_\_\_\_ In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

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In lieu of an Easter lily, I prefer to donate \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to:

\_\_\_\_\_ Cristo Rey \_\_\_\_\_ First Lutheran

## “Keeping Our Eyes on the Road!”

I’ve been noticing that, as a congregation (and for me personally), there are several things in our life together that are “anxiety” producing. It seems, in my experience, when there are items and issues producing anxiety, the results are usually a series of distractions. Distractions take our eyes off the road. Distractions lead to an “inward focus” and a good deal of “looking in the rear view mirror”.

Earlier this winter I said that Morning Star is a vital, spiritually growing mission center. We are busy laboring in the kingdom of God. God’s abundance is fueling our kingdom work. This is worthy of our thanks and praise. Furthermore, we are a community focused on what lies ahead. We are placing our trust in God to empower us to speak, believe and do more than we have ever imagined.

In order to be faithful in the kingdom work as a vital mission center we have to keep our eyes on the road or we run the risk of getting stuck in the ditch.

I’ve mentioned before the idea that my bicycle will go where I’m looking. If I’m looking at the pothole, I’ll end up there. If I’m focused on the rut which can potentially topple me, I’ll soon be toppled. We tend to go where we look. Therefore, we want to look where we want to go.

This is not to say that we shouldn’t be up front and honest about the issues that produce anxiety. We need to engage our anxiety and determine what we can learn from it. We need to talk fears and anxiety and lift up our history, our “rear view mirror” look. We need to be accountable to our budget, our plans for our life together and our desire to be “debt free.” Along with these we recognize that during this “renewal leave” year we’re doing something we’ve never done before – taken two separate renewal journeys for the sake of a stronger ministry together. In addition, it is important for us to talk though possible changes in ELCA ministry guidelines.

At the same time, we can’t become fixated on these things and take our eyes off of the road. If we do, we run the risk of getting stuck in the ditch.

What is on the road in front of us is God’s mission in and to the world. What is ahead of us is vital and uplifting worship, the preaching of the Gospel of salvation, study of God’s word and our individual faithful responses to God’s grace in our own devotional and prayer lives, our witness and our generosity. What is ahead is the offering of the promises of God’s grace to our world and living out God’s power in our daily lives.

Like any road, what is ahead is at the same time exciting and risky, challenging and rewarding, unknown and known (by the one who walks with us). What is ahead is walking with our God, our God who leads us into the future, which means an emptying our selves of our own anxieties, fears, desires and personal preferences. In wonderful grace, the reward of such vulnerability is participation in God’s creative work in the world. It is a sharing of the miracles of God, which not only touch the world, but also touch and change us.

Friends in Christ, we don’t know what the future holds, but we know who holds the future (as the old clique goes). Knowing that God is in the drivers seat, we can keep our eyes on the road and focus boldly on what lies ahead. We can continue to rest in God’s abundance in such a way as to get caught up in the miracles God is doing in our midst and respond with our own faithfulness in the mission and ministry on the road ahead.

We have ministry to do. We have a mission before us – “... to bring the light of Christ to all creation.” We are a vital and living part of God’s kingdom work.

So, let’s stay focused. Let’s stay on the road.

## Prayer Concerns

### Members of Morning Star

Ruby Ciciulla	Chuck Ciciulla	Peggy Canfield	Dianna Howland	Tom Wood
Bill Kennedy	Harriet Johnson	Anna Klock	Loretta Duff	Jamie Jones
Kelli Sender	Florence Schnauber	Darlene Mahowald	'lil' Mary Marrero	

Josh Feala & Susan Westland during their seminary studies  
Vicar Mark Ekstrom as he serves at St. John's in Otoe, NE and Beautiful Savior in Palmyra, NE

### Friends of Morning Star

Dillon, nephew Missy Throckmorton, & his family  
Wayne, brother-in-law of Lynn & Royann Hedell  
Kim, sister of Kathy Stevens Welsh  
Gloria Snow, mother of Susan Snow  
Jerry, brother-in-law of Dianna Howland  
Diane, sister of Phil Howland  
Mike, brother of Kent Morse  
Velma, Amy & Kasey, friends of Shelli German  
Nancy, friend of Sandy Byer  
Shelly & family, friends of Gary & Christi Wood  
Thelma & Alice, friends of Wayne & Carol Betts  
Dennis, friend of Tom Wood  
Jack, friend of Harlan & Marg Rohrberg  
Julie, friend of Sharon McGrath  
Crystal, sister of Marge Todd

Lisa, sister of Laura Kapustka  
Sam, father of Deb Hysack  
Velda & Sharon, sisters of Betty Goehring  
Teresa, daughter-in-law of Tom & Gloria Miller  
Debbie, daughter-in-law of Jean Sutherland  
Tom & Janet, nephew of Barb Cotton & his wife  
Bob & Marla, nephew of Tom & Gloria Miller  
Lynn, friend of Karen & Ande Hawkins  
Ron & Albert, friends of Tom & Gloria Miller  
Ivan, father of a friend of Chris Hedican  
Paul, friend of Barb Cotton  
Geri, friend of Ric, Pam & Ryan Miller  
Ava, friend of Jude Konvalina  
Joe, friend of Maxine Winje

### Baptism

Morning Star extends baptismal congratulations to Kingston Kevin Maas, son of Kevin and Brigitte Maas, who was received into God's Family and His Church on Sunday, February 7th. His Godparents were John and Jennifer Mickelson and Salvador and Lori Uribe.

Morning Star extends baptismal congratulations to Macy Jane Schneider, daughter of David and Kendra Schneider, who was received into God's Family and His Church on Saturday, February 20th. Her Godparents were Ryan and Missy Beatty.

Morning Star extends baptismal congratulations to Yun Jeong Park, daughter of Kyelong Sik Park and Jung Hwa Jang, who was received into God's Family and His Church on Sunday, February 21st. Her



Godparent was Tyler Price. Tim and Kathy Welsh are her guardians.

We pray for God's special blessings upon Kingston, Macy and Yun Jeong, their families and Godparents as they are blessed by the Baptismal Covenant.

### Christian Sympathy

We extend our Christian Sympathy to Algene Hopkins and family upon the death of her sister, Anna on December 26, 2009.

We extend our Christian Sympathy to Mary Campbell and family upon the death of her sister.

We extend our Christian Sympathy to Pastor Kent Morse and family upon the death of his brother.

We extend our Christian Sympathy to Barb Teter and family upon the death of her mother-in-law, "Gert".

We pray that the power and promise of the resurrection will bring peace and comfort to all who mourn.

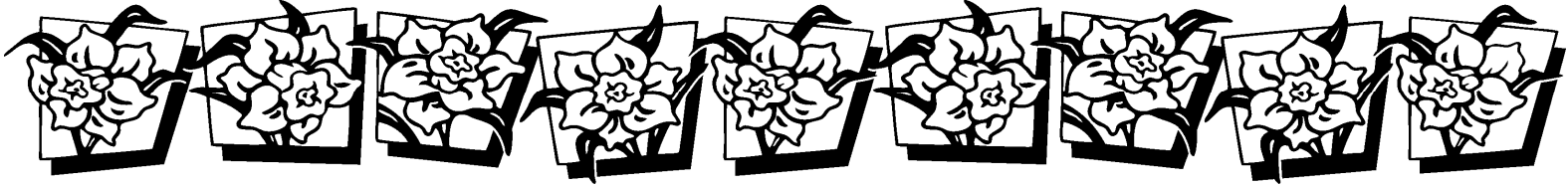




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### Weekend Schedule

**Saturday** 5:30 PM Informal Worship  
**Sunday** 8:30 AM Traditional Worship  
 9:40 AM Sunday School & Fellowship  
 10:45 AM Contemporary Worship

### Ministry Team

Lead Pastor	Rev. Tom Miller
Managing Secretary	Pam Lunbeck
Director of Educational Ministries	Brian Priesman
Director of Preschool Center	Susan Snow
Praise Team/Praise Choir Director	Marge Todd
Organist/Adult Bell Choir Director	Bev McCollum
Adult Choir Director	Mary Sayre
Youth Choir Director	Jeff Sayre
Children's Choir Director	Brian Priesman
Saturday Pianist	Lynne Swingen

### Education (Sept.- May schedule)

Sundays at 9:45 AM  
 Sunday School for children ages 4 years—12th  
 grade & Adult & Couple Bible Studies  
 Wednesday evening  
 Dinner, Confirmation, Music Rehearsals

### 2009 - 2010 Council

**Council President** – Karen Hawkins  
**Council Vice-President** – Donna Walter  
**Council Secretary** - Marguerite McGill  
**Council Treasurer** – Phil Howland  
**Christian Education** – Rick Jacobsen, Shari Page  
**eMinistry** - Gary Wood, Steve Bross  
**Evangelism** – Stan Kapustka, Gary Wood, Ric Miller  
**Finance** – Donna Walter, Phil Howland, Chris Hedican,  
 Rick Jacobsen  
**Hospitality** - Steve Bross, Marguerite McGill,  
 Karen Hawkins  
**Personnel** - Shari Page  
**Property** – Steve Krohn, Ric Miller  
**Social Ministry** - Lonnie Newkirk, Ric Miller  
**Stewardship** – Bob, Sweetwood, Chris Hedican  
**Worship** – Marguerite McGill, Mary Marrero,  
 Karen Hawkins  
**Youth** - Meredith Colombo, Alec Stevens