



# THE BEACON

## Morning Star Lutheran Church

CHURCH OFFICE: (704) 847-4502 [www.msclcnc.org](http://www.msclcnc.org)

*Our Vision* - To Empower People to Practice Discipleship at Home & In the Community

*Our Mission* - We are imperfect disciples, walking together to embody Christ's perfect love in our community.

*Our Core Values:* Christ-Centered, Faith-Affirming, Accepting, Discipleship

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### MINISTRY AT MORNING STAR THIS WEEK

#### MONDAY, APRIL 29

- 9:00 a.m. ~ Walkers, FLC Gym
- 11:00 a.m. ~ AA Meeting, Fellowship Hall
- 6:00 p.m. ~ D&D Game Night, Administrative Conference Room

#### TUESDAY, APRIL 30

- 11:00 a.m. ~ Centering Prayer, FLC 134 Living Room & via Zoom
- 12:00 p.m. ~ The 12 & 12 @ 12 AA Group Meeting, Fellowship Hall
- 6:00 p.m. ~ Women's VDC Reunion Group, Administrative Conference Room
- 6:00 p.m. ~ Men's VDC Reunion Group, FLC Conference Room
- 6:15 p.m. ~ Instrumental Praise Ensemble rehearsal, Worship Center
- 7:00 p.m. ~ Radiance Ringers, Worship Center
- 7:00 p.m. ~ Bible Quest Study, Fellowship Hall & Kitchen

#### WEDNESDAY, May 1

- 9:00 a.m. ~ Taking Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS), FLC 108
- 11:00 a.m. ~ AA Meeting, Fellowship Hall
- 1:00 p.m. ~ Staff Meeting, Administrative Conference Room
- 6:00 p.m. ~ Yoga with Andrea Towner, LABYRINTH on MSLC Chapel Grounds
- 6:00 p.m. ~ Youth Time with Meal, FLC Gym & Kitchen, FLC 110 Youth Room
- 7:30 p.m. ~ Young Clappers Youth Handbell rehearsal, Worship Center

#### THURSDAY, May 2

- 10:00 a.m. ~ Women's Book Club meeting, Administrative Conference Room
- 6:00 p.m. ~ Joyful Noise Ringers rehearsal, Worship Center
- 7:05 p.m. ~ Praise Choir & Chancel Choir rehearsal, Choir Room

#### FRIDAY, May 3

- 9:00 a.m. ~ Walkers, FLC Gym
- 11:00 a.m. ~ AA Meeting, Fellowship Hall & Kitchen

#### SATURDAY, May 4

- 9:00 a.m. ~ Beginnings Retreat, 132 Nursery, 134 Living Room, FLC 135, FLC 105, FLC 106, Fellowship Hall 1&2, Fellowship Hall kitchen, FLC Gym & FLC Kitchen
- 10:00 a.m. ~ AA Meeting, Fellowship Hall
- 5:00 p.m. ~ Intergenerational Sneaker Ball, FLC Gym & Kitchen

#### SUNDAY, May 5

~ Pastor Michael Dickson Presiding ~

- 9:00 a.m. ~ Non-Traditional Worship with Holy Communion, *nursery available*
- 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. ~ Big Red Bus Blood Drive in MSLC Parking Lot
- 10:15 a.m. ~ Faith Formation for children and Youth in various classrooms
- 10:15 a.m. ~ Lectio Divina Scripture Class, Administrative Conference Room
- 11:00 a.m. ~ Traditional Worship with Holy Communion, *nursery available*
- 2:00 p.m. ~ Girl Scout Troop 387 Meeting, FLC Gym, Kitchen, FLC Rooms 106, 109, 110, 128, 135

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### SUNDAY, May 5 Sixth Sunday in Easter

- 9:00 a.m. Non-Traditional Worship
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

#### Worship Online:

**YouTube:**

Morning Star Lutheran Church -Matthews, NC  
**Webpage:** [MSLCNC.org](http://MSLCNC.org) - Connect/Watch Live

### Your Generous Stewardship Means the World to Our Ministry

Your generous and Tithes & Offerings make Ministry possible at MSLC! Thank you for your cheerful giving through mailed envelopes, through our website, auto-draft through your bank, disbursements from retirement savings & the Vanco Mobile app, available on Google Pay & Apple App Store. Scan QR code below to financially support our shared ministry.



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR END of GRADE TESTING!

Morning Star has a partnership with Mint Hill Middle School and they need our help with proctoring EOG (End Of Grade) tests. Volunteers oversee the students as they take the test while the teacher is in the room and administers the test.

All YOU need to do is register with CMS online as a volunteer for Mint Hill Middle School at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0C4CA5AC23A0FF2-49113399-proctor#/>

If you have registered before, you will need to re-submit your registration for the EOGs.

The school needs volunteers on these dates:

- ◆ Friday, May 24 — Math EOG
- ◆ Wednesday, May 29 — ELA EOG
- ◆ Friday, May 31 — Science EOG (8th grade only)

Contact Caren Ballantine at [carenballantine@hotmail.com](mailto:carenballantine@hotmail.com) for more information.

IT'S TIME FOR SOME FUN FOR ALL AGES!

## It's the SNEAKER BALL!



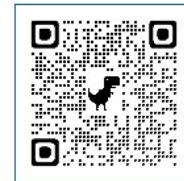
The Family Life Mission Team & the Connect Team have planned...

On Saturday, **MAY THE FOURTH BE WITH YOU** in the Family Life Center. All are invited!

**May 4<sup>th</sup>, from 5PM until 7PM. Our theme is "Star Wars."**

*Come in Sneakers and your best Star Wars outfit, or just wear Black and White. There will be food games, activities, and fun for all ages!*

Scan this QR code to sign up!



There's also a sign-up sheet in the narthex, or you can visit: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0E4CA5A92AA4FC1-49178830-sneaker>



## JOIN THE 250th ANNIVERSARY TEAM!

We are planning a year of celebrations and special activities for 2025, Morning Star's 250th Anniversary. Join us for a planning meeting on **Sunday, May 19 at 11:15 a.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. We are determining how we can celebrate and give thanks for all that God has done at, and through, MSLC throughout the generations.

## DAY CAMP REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Registration is under way for the **Morning Star Summer Day Camp**, scheduled from **June 24-28**.



You can register your kids or grandchildren on the MSLC website, at [www.msclcnc.org/daycamp](http://www.msclcnc.org/daycamp), or scan the QR code to the right.

Day Camp is open to children (or grandchildren) of MSLC members **ages 5 through rising sixth-graders**. Campers may also invite a friend, who also need a completed and submitted registration form.

- ♥ Camp cost is \$50 (scholarships available).
- ♥ Camp runs from **9 a.m.-3 p.m.** each day.
- ♥ Campers receive a hot lunch and an afternoon snack.
- ♥ Campers will enjoy games, Bible lessons, music, crafts and other fun activities.
- ♥ Volunteers, both adults and our MSLC Youth, will run the camp program.
- ♥ The number of children in Day Camp is limited to 25.

We are excited to bring Day Camp to our children this year. Hurry and register your children and their friends. Day Camp fills up fast! See Steve Lyttle or email him at [weatherguysteve@gmail.com](mailto:weatherguysteve@gmail.com) for more information.

## AFTERNOON TEA AT THE GALLERY

Featuring artist Sarah Lasswell of Moss & Thistle Farm with special guests



Are you curious about the willow caskets in the gallery?

Join us for a cuppa and caring conversations about healthcare and Green Burial. Meet Sarah and her special guests, learn how they live into the peace and presence of natural burial options. Get to know how this is not a new trend but a mindful, affordable, legal and sustainable process of your own choosing and design. Bring peace of mind to you and your family by leaving this world better.

2:00PM-4:00PM **SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2024**  
Kindly RSVP: [thegalleryatmorningstar@gmail.com](mailto:thegalleryatmorningstar@gmail.com)



## JOIN US FOR AFTERNOON TEA

The Gallery at Morning Star personally invites you to a casual afternoon tea to discuss ecological burials, to have your questions answered, and to make lifelong connections with kindred spirits. **SEE THE FLYER ABOVE.**

This is a free event open to the public. Please **RSVP at [thegalleryatmorningstar.com](http://thegalleryatmorningstar.com)** so we may know how many to anticipate. Please contact Amelia Osborne at [thegalleryatmorningstar.com](http://thegalleryatmorningstar.com) with any questions.

## CHURCH FAMILY PRAYER REQUESTS

**Allison Morris** ~ health challenges  
**Andy Turner** ~ recovering from stroke  
**Barbara Byram** ~ continued prayers for complete healing from tumor in liver  
**Bruce Klein** ~ experiencing weakness; strength & healing  
**Cathy Thomas** ~ continued strength and improved health  
**Celeste Denecke** ~ home from rehab, strength & healing  
**Charles Perrotta** ~ declining health  
**Christopher Wood** ~ recovering from infection  
**Cindy Kerekes** ~ neuropathy in feet  
**George Walker** ~ recovering from surgery  
**Lillian Michael** ~ in rehab after broken hip from fall  
**Lou Morris** ~ living with Parkinson's Disease  
**Roy Campelo** ~ cancer treatments  
**Sherm Hafner** ~ rehab, recovering from foot surgery  
**Stephanie Bauer** ~ continued strength & healing  
**Steve Kerekes** ~ diabetes control



### HOMEBOUND/SEMI HOMEBOUND & LONG-TERM LIVING FACILITIES

**Al & Linda Sortino, Caroline Payler, Dean Allen, Donna & Don Winslow, Ettie Mae Wheeler, Freddy Holtkamp, Ginger Glen, Janet Killough, Marilyn Bohn, Marita Smith, Rosemarie Gates, Sam & Marilyn Keesler, Sherman & Mary Hafner, Walter & Gisela Kluge**  
**Caroline Payler** ~ 7429 Mariner Cove Drive, Cornelius, NC 28031 (reach out to Ginny her daughter via cell 704.641.8683)  
**Ginger Glenn** ~ Wood Ridge Nursing Home 2515 Fowler Secrest Rd. (room 222) Monroe, NC 28110  
**Janet Killough** ~ Pruitt Health Skilled Nursing & Rehab., 261 S. Herlong Ave., Rock Hill, SC 29732  
**Marilyn Bohn** ~ living with her daughter at 8729 Dartmoor Place, Mint Hill, NC 28227

DONATE BLOOD

**Morning Star Lutheran Church**  
**Sunday, May 5**  
**9:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

All donors receive\*:  
 - \$20 eGift Card  
 - OneBlood T-shirt  
 - Wellness Checkup including blood pressure, pulse, temperature, iron count, and cholesterol screening.

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 + PLUS +  
 OneBlood T-shirt

Fact: Every two seconds of every day, someone needs blood.

Appointments are Encouraged.  
 Please Visit:  
[https://donor.oneblood.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/1467114](https://donor.oneblood.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/1467114)

ID REQUIRED

### **YOGA HAS PERMANENTLY MOVED TO THE LABYRINTH**

Join Andrea Towner on **Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.** for YOGA at the Chapel LABYRINTH. Enjoy the peaceful surroundings as you participate in a relaxing, mindful yoga class on the Chapel grounds. Bring a mat, water and an open heart. All are welcome! No experience necessary! In the case of inclement weather, yoga will be held in the Fellowship Hall. See Andrea Towner or email her at [andreatowner@gmail.com](mailto:andreatowner@gmail.com) for more information.



### **JOIN US FOR DYNAMIC TUESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDIES!**

Join us for fascinating Bible Quest studies on **Tuesday evenings from 7-8 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. We are offering a variety of dynamic classes in the next few weeks.

The following classes are offered through June:

- ♦ **April 23:** Parables, facilitated by Cindy Fliss
- ♦ **April 30:** Apocrypha ~ What, why & how do you find it? - facilitated by Mitch Mackinem
- ♦ **May 7:** Parables, facilitated by Cindy Fliss
- ♦ **May 14:** Parables wrap-up, facilitated by Rick Fliss.
- ♦ **May 21:** Apologetics ~ There will be a week of review then this series will restart a weekly program through June, - facilitated by Roger Lyman and Dan Willard.

Come and learn more about the Bible and how to study it! See Roger Lyman at [rdlyman0689@gmail.com](mailto:rdlyman0689@gmail.com) or Dan Willard for more information.

### **THURSDAY COFFEE & BIBLE STUDY**

There will be **No Coffee & Bible Study with PJ on Facebook on May 2 and 9** while Pastor John is away. Thank you for taking a look at the Gospel for the coming Sunday on your own and diving into the Good News that awaits you.

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## MSLC'S YOUTH ARE MAKING AN IMPACT!

Last weekend, Morning Star's Youth spent time at UNC Chapel Hill learning about Lutheran Campus Ministry, UNC and college life. They made lasting friendships, were welcomed at Holy Trinity Chapel Hill, and spent time planning for the National Youth Gathering in July. We are blessed to have such an active Youth ministry!

