



THE BEACON

Morning Star Lutheran Church

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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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YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE BISHOP'S INSTALLATION

Your prayers and presence are requested at the service of Holy Eucharist with the Rite of Installation for the bishop of the North Carolina Synod, ELCA on Saturday, November 15 at 2 p.m. The installation for Bishop Emily K. Hartner will take place at Christ Lutheran Church at 4519 Providence Road in Charlotte. A reception will follow. Join congregations from around North Carolina to officially welcome Bishop Hartner to her new role.



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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

9 a.m. Non-Traditional Worship

11 a.m. Traditional Worship

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2

9 a.m. Non-Traditional Worship

11 a.m. Traditional Worship

Worship Online

~ Temporarily Suspended ~

YouTube: Morning Star Lutheran
Church -Matthews, NC

Webpage: MSLCNC.org/WatchLive

AUTUMN GET-TOGETHERS AT MSLC

Wednesday Nights

October 22, 29 and November 5, 12, and 19

5:15 p.m. ~ Dinner in the FLC Gym

6:00 p.m. ~ Faith Formation Classes in various rooms on campus

Children & Youth (6:00 pm)

Preschool activities & stories in PreK rooms

Elementary Ages ~ Christmas Pageant Practice in FLC Room 105

Confirmation Class (middle schoolers & Jr. High) with Pastor John in his office

Youth ~ Leading Christmas Pageant Rehearsals in FLC Room 105

Adults (6:00 pm)

Advent Joy Bell Group ~ Bell Room All Levels Yoga ~ Fellowship Hall

New Members Class in Administrative Conference Room

"The Parables" in FLC Conference Room

Quilts for Lutheran World Relief in Quilting Room in FLC Gym

WE NEED YOUR COMMITMENT TO 2026 MINISTRY



MSLC members and friends are now committing to build our 2026 ministry. After praying for guidance and generosity, please fill out your form using the QR code or a paper form. The Plan for Ministry will be put together for Council to approve, and then it'll be brought before the congregation at the Annual Meeting on November 9. Your giving is the only way our ministry happens. Thank you for your faithful partnership and strong support.

Your Generous Stewardship Means the World to Our Ministry

Your generous Tithes & Offerings make Ministry possible at MSLC! Thank you for your cheerful giving through mailed envelopes, 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 to financially support our shared ministry.

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MINISTRY AT MORNING STAR

October 21 - November 2

October 21 - October 26

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21

- 9:00 a.m. ~ Floor Buffing at MSLC Chapel
- 11:00 a.m. ~ Centering Prayer, Living Room 134
- 11:00 a.m. ~ AA Meeting, Fellowship Hall, Kitchen & Choir Room
- 6:00 p.m. ~ Women's VdC Reunion Meeting, Administrative Conf. Room
- 6:00 p.m. ~ Men's VdC Reunion Meeting, FLC Conference Room
- 7:00 p.m. ~ Tuesday Night Bible Study, Fellowship Hall & Kitchen

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22

- 9:00 a.m. ~ Taking Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS), FLC Conference Room
- 11:00 a.m. ~ AA Meeting, Fellowship Hall, Kitchen & Choir Room
- 1:00 p.m. ~ Staff Meeting, Administrative Conference Room
- 2:00 p.m. ~ Spirit Bells, Adult Bell Choir, Worship Center
- 5:15 p.m. ~ Autumn Get Together Meal, FLC Gym & Kitchen
- 6:00 p.m. ~ Faith Formation for all ages, various rooms around campus
- 6:00 p.m. ~ All levels YOGA, Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23

- 9:30 a.m. ~ COPNC Retreat, Fellowship Hall & Kitchen
- 10:00 a.m. ~ Coffee & Bible Study with PJ on Facebook
- 10:30 a.m. ~ AM Stars Luncheon, FLC Gym & Kitchen
- 7:00 p.m. ~ Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24

- 9:00 a.m. ~ Walkers in the FLC Gym
- 11:00 a.m. ~ AA Meeting, Fellowship Hall, Kitchen & Choir Room
- 5:00 p.m. ~ Youth Activities, FLC Youth Room 110

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25

- 10:00 a.m. ~ AA Meeting, Fellowship Hall, Kitchen & Choir Room

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12

~ Reformation Sunday ~

~ Celebration of ALL MSLC Confirmands ~

~ Ticket Sales in church office for Autumn Get Together Meals ~

- 9:00 a.m. ~ Non-Traditional Worship, *nursery available*
- 10:15 a.m. ~ Faith Formation for All Ages, various classrooms
- 10:20 a.m. ~ Confirmands Reception, Fellowship Hall & Kitchen
- 11:00 a.m. ~ Traditional Worship, *nursery available*
- 12:30 p.m. ~ Council Meeting, Fellowship Hall & Kitchen

NEXT BEACON NOVEMBER 3

Deadline to submit Beacon articles - October 29

250TH ANNIVERSARY EVENTS

Sunday, October 26 ~ Reformation Sunday celebrating ALL MSLC confirmands through the generations

Sunday, November 2 ~ All Saints Sunday and an afternoon prayer service at the Chapel Cemetery & Columbarium

WEAR RED THIS SUNDAY!

Sunday, October 26, is Reformation Sunday. **Wear RED** to celebrate. Reformation Day honors Martin Luther's posting of his 95 Theses in Wittenberg, Germany on October 31, 1517, sparking a movement that spread across Germany, Europe and beyond. **Show the Spirit** of a living, reforming Church!

October 27 - November 2

MONDAY, OCTOBER 27

- 9:00 a.m. ~ Walkers in the Gym, FLC Gym
- 11:00 a.m. ~ AA Meeting, Fellowship Hall, Kitchen & Choir Room
- 7:00 p.m. ~ Coming to the Table via Zoom

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28

- 11:00 a.m. ~ Centering Prayer, Administrative Conference Room
- 11:00 a.m. ~ AA Meeting, Fellowship Hall, Kitchen & Choir Room
- 6:00 p.m. ~ Women's VDC Reunion Group, Admin. Conference Room
- 6:00 p.m. ~ Men's VDC Reunion Group, FLC Conference Room
- 7:00 p.m. ~ Tuesday Night Bible Study, Fellowship Hall & Kitchen

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29

- 9:00 a.m. ~ Taking Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS), FLC Conference Room
- 11:00 a.m. ~ AA Meeting, Fellowship Hall, Kitchen & Choir Room
- 1:00 p.m. ~ Staff Meeting, Administrative Conference Room
- 2:00 p.m. ~ Spirit Bells, Adult Bell Choir, Worship Center
- 5:15 p.m. ~ Autumn Get Together Meal, FLC Gym & Kitchen
- 6:00 p.m. ~ Faith Formation for all ages, various rooms around campus
- 6:00 p.m. ~ All levels YOGA, Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30

- 10:00 a.m. ~ Coffee & Bible Study with PJ on Facebook
- 7:00 p.m. ~ Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31

- 9:00 a.m. ~ Walkers in the Gym, FLC Gym
- 11:00 a.m. ~ AA Meeting, Fellowship Hall, Kitchen & Choir Room
- 5:00 p.m. ~ HS Youth Activities, FLC 110 Youth Room

SATURDAY, November 1

- 10:00 a.m. ~ AA Meeting, Choir Room

SUNDAY, November 2

~ All Saints Sunday ~

- 9:00 a.m. ~ Non-Traditional Worship, *nursery available*
- 10:15 a.m. ~ Congregational Hearing, Worship Center
- 10:15 a.m. ~ Faith Formation for All Ages, various classrooms
- 11:00 a.m. ~ Traditional Worship, *nursery available*
- 1:00 p.m. ~ All Saints Commemoration, MSLC Chapel & Columbarium

JOIN THE WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

Ladies, join us the **first Thursday of the month at 10 a.m.** in the Administrative Conference Room. Read the book listed and join us for discussion.



♦ **November 6** ~ *The Stolen Life of Colette Marceau* by Kristen Harmel

♦ **December 4** ~ *Isola* by Allegra Goodman

Please email Katie Perry at kperry59@carolina.rr.com OR Karen Miller at khillmiller@gmail.com with questions.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS!

Thank you for holding our Call Team (for Associate Pastor) & our Search Team (Minister of Music) in your prayers. Each team is prayerfully discerning God's call for Morning Star and for the candidates with whom they are having conversation.



JOIN AM STARS FOR FOOD & FELLOWSHIP

Join the AM Stars this **Thursday, October 23 at 10:30 a.m.** in the FLC

Gym for their monthly luncheon and share in entertainment, food and fellowship. Bring a covered dish to share. Please RSVP, or ask questions by emailing Rosie Fuller at rfuller@carolina.rr.com.

AM Stars is Morning Star's ministry to anyone 55 years old or older. You are invited to monthly luncheons, normally held on the fourth Thursday of each month. AM Stars also travels throughout the year for a variety of shows and events.

FILL & RETURN YOUR HOLIDAY FOOD BAGS!



It's that time of year again! Pick up an empty holiday meal bag and grocery list on the table in the narthex to participate in our Holiday Meal Bag program. Simply fill the bag with the items on the list. These bags will go to needy families for Thanksgiving. **Please return these full meal bags by November 9.**

Morning Star has been providing meal bags to needy families in our community for almost 10 years. Our congregation donated over 100 bags last year, with enough to donate meals at Christmas. The meal bags are tangible gifts of support and compassion to members of our community that might be thinking "no one cares about our family struggles."

WEAR RED AND HELP US CELEBRATE OUR CONFIRMANDS!



Sunday, October 26 is Reformation Sunday! It is traditional to wear **RED** to worship that day. Another Morning Star tradition on Reformation Sunday is to welcome our young people who will Affirm the Faith of their Baptism during the 9 a.m. worship.

After these Youth are confirmed, please join Morning Star between services in the **Fellowship Hall (about 10:20 a.m.)** for a reception to celebrate these young people's commitment to discipleship. Join us for refreshments and to meet and congratulate the new confirmands and their families.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY SERVICE OF PRAYER & REMEMBRANCE

Join us at the Chapel Labyrinth/Garden on **Sunday, November 2 at 1 p.m.** for a special Service of Prayer & Remembrance. The beloved saints who rest from their labors are always with us and we will remember them in a quiet and meaningful way.



CONGREGATIONAL HEARING

Sunday, November 2 at 10:15 a.m. in the Worship Center
Hear about the 2026 Plan for Ministry & Council Elections
Share your questions so everyone is informed.

UNIFIED WORSHIP ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, November 9 is WELCA Sunday at MSLC and we will have **Unified Worship at 10 a.m.** in the Worship Center followed by the **Annual Meeting at 11:15 a.m.**

Mark Your Calendars and Plan to Participate!



SEND SOME LOVE TO OUR YOUNG ADULTS!

The Family Life Mission Team will have a "card station" set up in the narthex on **November 2** with cards to be sent to the young adults and college students in our congregation. Please stop by before or after the 10 a.m. UNIFIED worship and write a note of love and encouragement.

Studies show that young adults often feel disconnected from church, and we want to let our young adult members to know that we are thinking of them, love them and appreciate them.

PASTOR APPRECIATION

October is **Pastor Appreciation Month** and we want to share our love and appreciation for Pastor John for his service to our congregation and our community. You can place a card or note in the basket in the narthex during the month of October. No gifts or gift cards; just thoughts and well wishes.



TIME TO ORDER POINSETTIAS

Many people enjoy placing a live poinsettia in the Worship Center at Christmas in memory of, or in honor of, a loved one. You may order them through the church **this Sunday through November 9 for \$20 per plant.**



If you are interested in participating, **complete the form found in Sunday's bulletin** and return it to the offering plate or to the church office **by November 9**, with a check made payable to "Morning Star" with "poinsettia" written in the Memo field. You may also pay with cash in an envelope labeled "poinsettia" with the order form. All names on the order forms will be published in a bulletin insert during the Christmas service.

WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULES

OCTOBER 26 SUNDAY WORSHIP

	<u>9 AM</u>	<u>11 AM</u>
<u>Altar Guild</u>	Liz & Grace Baker	Doug Doak
<u>Communion</u>	Cindy Fliss Rick Fliss Robin Logan Meredith Earp Della Sperlbaum Charles Messer John Perry	Jackie Willard Kim Thibault Ray Brooks
<u>Counters</u>	Kris Lynch & Joe Pittman	
<u>Greeters</u>	Alberta Melchiorre Roger Lyman	Barbara Carter Betty Jackson
<u>Lay Reader</u>	David Kluttz	Ray Brooks
<u>Ushers</u>	Tom Freeburn Bob Burnell Elizabeth Wood Michael Wood	Buddy & Debbie Swayney

NOVEMBER 2 SUNDAY WORSHIP

	<u>9 AM</u>	<u>11 AM</u>
<u>Altar Guild</u>	Rosie Fuller	Sarah Burgoon
<u>Communion</u>	Beverly Elwell Gail Frankenburg Diane Kluttz Ruth Valpreda Missy Thomas Tim Goldbach Liz Baker	Richard Turner Debbie Swayney Buddy Swayney
<u>Counters</u>	Kris Lynch & Joe Pittman	
<u>Greeters</u>	Gail Frankenburg Doug Frankenburg	Dave Kobe Janet Kobe
<u>Lay Reader</u>	Mitch Mackinam	Richard Turner
<u>Ushers</u>	Rosie Fuller Debbie Swayney Susan Goldbach John Perry	Ray Brooks Elizabeth Edwards

AUTUMN GET-TOGETHERS

Autumn Get Togethers are off to a great start! Join us on Wednesday evenings for dinner at 5:15 p.m., with Faith Formation classes following at 6 p.m. We look forward to seeing you there!



THE PUZZLE ROOM IS OPEN!

Looking for a quiet space to reflect or spend some quality time with friends? Come to **Room 128 in the Family Life Center** and choose a puzzle to work on or take one home! There are tables, chairs and recliners for a relaxing respite from the heat. We don't have room for any more puzzles, but you can exchange them. If you bring one, please take one home with you.

Please email Katie Perry at kperry59@carolina.rr.com with any questions.

THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY TEAM IS MAKING A BANNER

Are you a seamstress or love to help with sewing projects? From design to cutting and sewing, all participants are needed. Please consider working with our Team to help design and construct a banner to celebrate and honor our 250th MSLC Anniversary.

Please contact Diane Kluttz at dbkluttz@gmail.com OR Diane Scheid at dyyanblue@gmail.com to be a part of this memorable project!



TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK NOVEMBER 1

Daylight Savings Time ends at 2 a.m. Sunday, November 2.

Don't forget to **turn your clocks back** before you go to bed Saturday evening, **November 1**. By doing so, you ensure that you will be on time to church on Sunday! However, if you forget, you are still welcome to service no matter what time it is!



CHURCH FAMILY PRAYER REQUESTS



Allison Morris ~ recovering from TBI, new home
Barbara Byram ~ cancer, comfort & strength
Bruce Klein ~ continued strength and healing
Christy Case ~ recovery from liver transplant
Clyde Durr ~ outpatient surgery, 10/20
Ettie Mae Wheeler ~ continued strength & healing
George Walker ~ comfort & strength
Janet Kobe ~ recovering from retina surgery, healing
Jill Minder ~ surgery 10/20
Linda Campelo ~ diverticulitis, comfort & healing
Lisa Turner ~ strength & healing from procedure
Lucille Brooks ~ spinal cord stimulator implanted
Phyllis Medlin ~ continued strength & healing
Roberta Whitaker ~ upcoming biopsy
Sarah Baucom ~ upcoming surgery

Andy Turner ~ hospice care at home
Brian Traylor ~ continued strength & health
Cathy Thomas ~ basal cell carcinoma, recovering
Cindy Kerekes ~ neuropathy in feet, covid cough
Don & Donna Winslow ~ caring for one another
George Gates & family ~ on the passing of Rosemarie
Gisela Kluge ~ severe neuropathy in feet
Jerry Sutton ~ prostate cancer, radiation
Katie Perry ~ recovering from broken ankle
Linda Thompson's family ~ on her passing
Lou Morris ~ Parkinson's, strength & comfort
Mary Jackson ~ stomach & leg problems
Ray Campelo ~ cancer treatments, strength & healing
Ryan Edwards ~ Hodgkin's Lymphoma, chemotherapy

HOMEBOUND/SEMI HOMEBOUND & LONG-TERM LIVING FACILITIES

Andy Turner, Caroline Payler, Donna & Don Winslow, Ettie Mae Wheeler, Freddy Holtkamp, Gisela Kluge, Janet Killough, Kathy Kincaid, Marilyn Bohn, Marita Smith, Sam & Marilyn Keesler, Mary Hafner

Carol Bumbulucz ~ 2210 Belle St., Apt. 27, Indian Land, SC, 29707; 803-228-0172

Caroline Payler ~ 1001 Southwest Drive, Davidson, NC, 28036 (reach out to Ginny, her daughter, via cell 704.641.8683)

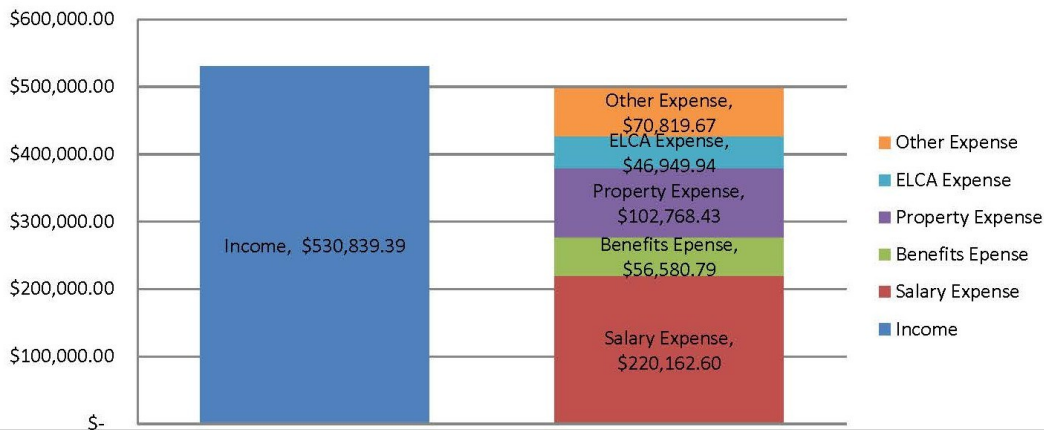
Janet Killough ~ Pruitt Health Skilled Nursing & Rehab., 261 S. Herlong Ave., Rock Hill SC 29732

Kathy Kincaid ~ 12920 Dorman Rd., Apt. #229, Pineville, NC 28134

Marilyn Bohn ~ living with her daughter at 8729 Dartmoor Place, Mint Hill, NC 28227

Mary Hafner ~ living with her daughter, Jane at 3324 Harvey Lane, Monroe, NC 28134; Jane: 704-576-8158

Financial Results January-August 2025



YOUR GENEROSITY MAKES MINISTRY POSSIBLE! THANK YOU!

Your auto bank draft giving, app giving, required distributions from accrued savings, stock gifts, and cash or checks in envelopes make our ministry possible. If you are a regular giver, please return your 2026 Commitment Card. If you're an occasional giver, please consider arranging weekly or monthly offerings and putting that on your card.

KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT

This fall, two Morning Star members will be ministering to young men in prison during Kairos Weekend at Foothills Correctional Institution in Morganton, NC **November 6 - 9**.

While you may not be joining them in prison, you can take part in the ministry by making placemats, or a donation. We also **NEED PRAYER!** Prayer sign up sheets are on the bulletin boards in the narthex and outside of the church office. We ask you to sign up to pray for the MSLC members, facilitators, prisoners and everyone involved in the weekend.

Please see John Perry or Dave Denecke for more information. For additional ways to support this ministry, information sheets are on the credenzas in the narthex, outside of the Worship Center.

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Help Put Together a Year's Worth of Ministry Make a Difference for Generations to Come!

In just a few short weeks, it will be time for Morning Star to take a look at the ministry we wish to have in the coming year and beyond. Every single year, we as a community of faith literally vote on the shape and focus of our ministry within and beyond our congregation. We cannot do it without you, though.

Morning Star has a clear need for a full-time, rostered staff member that strengthens our Ministry of Discipleship, especially for our children, youth and families. MSLC also is preparing to welcome a new, full-time Minister of Music. These vital staff positions come with their own expenses – this is no surprise. These ministry roles are reflected in our 2026 Plan for Ministry.

Your participation is vital to our shared ministry – both in your sharing MSLC's vision for the future and your financial and participatory support. Each of you are gifted disciples, blessed by the Spirit to add your talents and passions to our Gospel ministry. We cannot do this without you (and frankly, it's much more joyous together).

Congregational Hearing

Sunday, November 2 at 10:15 a.m. in the Worship Center

Hear the Proposed 2026 Plan for Ministry, the Nomination Slate for Council, and More

All are Encouraged to Attend and Ask Your Questions about our Ministry

Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, November 9 at 11:15 a.m. in the Worship Center

Following the Unified 10 a.m. Worship (WELCA Sunday)

All Confirmed/ Adult Members Encouraged to Vote and Support our Shared Ministry

Guests, Friends and non-confirmed Youth are Very Much Welcome