

OUR MINISTRY TOGETHER

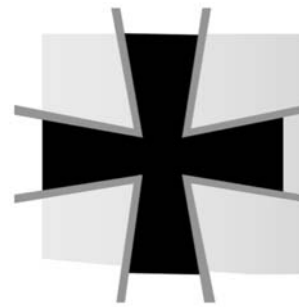
	Saturday, February 17	Sunday, February 18
Accompanist	Dave Blumer	Lois Theesfield
Altar Care		Denise Rehor
Ushers	Cassie Harrell Judi Blair	Virginia Palmisano-Goettsch Sandy Christian
Lector	Cassie Harrell	Kelby Rewerts

We Worship God	February 10 and 11, Ash Wednesday	
	Saturday	51
	Sunday	124
	Ash Wednesday	115

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The
SUNDAY MESSENGER

First Sunday in Lent
February 18, 2018

TODAY

We Welcome Seminarian Maria Bonine. Seminarian Maria is a second year Master of Divinity student at Wartburg Theological Seminary. Prior to entering the seminary she served as the youth director in her home church, St. John's Lutheran Church in Mendota, IL. Please extend a warm welcome to Maria this weekend.

Lent Disciplines Underway. This is the final weekend to join this round of the Friendship Project. Enrollment forms can be filled up on the table with the drop box. You can still pick up a 40 Days of Awesome bag as well.

Special Offering During Lent To Benefit Global Water Projects. This year our Lent offerings as well as your additional loose change offerings will be part of a Southeastern Iowa Synod initiative to raise money for global water projects. These offerings from around the synod will be gathered at the Synod Assembly and then used to bring safe and clean water where needed most.

Body, Mind, Soul Town Meeting This Sunday. Do you know where you could get help if an aging family member needed care? Have you ever wondered about how to take care of yourself when you are caring for someone else? If you have, please join us to learn about different care options, resources and support, and tips to take care of yourself. Megan Hartwig has a Masters in Healthcare Administration and works with the Rural Health program at the Iowa Department of Public Health. Megan has a passion for helping people and wants caregivers to feel empowered to make informed decisions on their care and care for their loved ones.

THIS WEEK

Faith Formation Study Group Meets. The Faith Formation Study Group is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, February 20, at 7:00 PM. The conversation continues around best practice models for faith formation in the 21st century.

Lent Midweek Worship Begins This Wednesday. Come for the Lent Living Table at 11:30 AM. Worship around the lunch table. Lent Evening Prayer Around the Cross will gather Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM for a half hour of quiet prayer and reflection.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Council Seeking Synod Assembly Voting Members. The annual Synod Assembly will be held May 18 and 19 in Coralville, Iowa. Any voting member of the congregation is eligible to be a voting member at assembly. It is a great opportunity for worship, learning and fellowship with others around our synod. This is the final day to indicate your interest in serving. Please sign up on your Sent to Serve or visit with a council or staff member.

Rev. Dr. Mitri Raheb at Bethesda Lutheran February 23. There are flyers available on the guest table with information about the event. Thank you to Bob and Jo Rod for their invitation last weekend. Visit with them if you would like to learn more.

Lent Prayer Retreat Scheduled for Saturday, March 3. The Lent Prayer Retreat is scheduled for Saturday, March 3 from 9:00 am to Noon. The theme of this one-day retreat is "Holy Listening." As we begin our Friendship Project some may want to take time for this retreat and learn the spiritual practice of Holy Listening.

New Member Orientation Offered March 4. If you are interested in membership at Memorial, this is an opportunity to learn more about the ministries that happen in and through this congregation. The officers of the congregation will hold an orientation on Sunday, March 4 at 10:30 am.

Mental Health First-Aid Offered Saturday, March 24. Learn tools for recognizing and responding to people suffering from mental illness. Memorial is again serving as a host site for this day long training. This workshop is for anyone wishing to have a better understanding of how to help others. Pre-registration is needed as the class size is limited. There is no cost.

Have you directed your choice dollars to Memorial yet for 2018 or some that may be left over for 2017? [Deadline for doing this is March 31.](#) [So don't miss your chance to direct Choice Dollars to Memorial.](#) A committee of Thrivent members meets each year in February to decide on use for these dollars. The amount in our account is much lower than it has been in the past. We would welcome your ideas on how to distribute Thrivent funds. One of our main contributions goes to help support Lutheran Lakeside camp attendees each year. So help us out by directing those dollar either by phone (Duane Faas, 515-292-7077 or 1-800-847-4836) or electronically on the computer (Thrivent.com/thriventchoice, go into MyThrivent, then Direct Thrivent Dollars, put in your user ID and Password and hit login--it will walk you right thru the process, very simple). Thanks, Charlene Carsrud,

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday Feb. 18	9:00 am 10:15 am 10:30 am 10:30 am 10:45 am 11:30 am	Worship All Ages Fellowship Sunday School Book of Faith Body, Mind, Soul Town Meeting Council Meeting
Monday Feb. 19	4:30 pm 5:30 pm	Harmony Clothing Closet Open Food at First Nevada
Tuesday Feb. 20	7:00 pm	Faith Formation Study Group
Wednesday Feb. 21	9:00 am 9:30 am 11:30 am 1:00 pm 5:45 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Harmony Clothing Closet Open Care Center Devotions Midday Living Table LWR Work Day Handbell Rehearsal 9th Gr and Parents Orientation to Confirmation Evening Prayer Around the Cross Memorial Choir
Thursday Feb. 22	8:00 am 5:30 pm	Staff Meeting Food at First Nevada
Friday Feb. 23	9:00 am	Bulletin Assembly
Saturday Feb. 24	8:00 am 5:00 pm	Harmony Clothing Closet Open Evening Communion
Sunday Feb. 25	9:00 am 10:15 am 10:30 am 10:30 am	Worship All Ages Fellowship Sunday School Book of Faith