

## OUR MINISTRY TOGETHER

	Saturday, December 8	Sunday, December 9
Accompanist	Lois Theesfield	Lois Theesfield
Altar Care	Marilyn Nelson	Jenny Helland
Ushers	Ken and Marilyn Nelson	The Spykerman Family
Lectors	Steve Jungst	Jim Stage

### December 1 and 2

We Worship	Saturday	37
God	Sunday	75

### Our 2018-2019 Ministry Goal

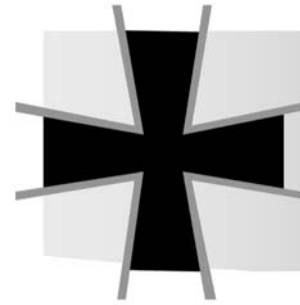
To focus our personal and congregational energies in 2018-2019 on three groups of people for the purpose of a connection with God:

- Community members who are living insecure;
- Empty-nesters or newly retired persons;
- New members or seekers.

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## The SUNDAY MESSENGER

Second Sunday of Advent  
December 9, 2018

### TODAY

**We Welcome D. J. Dunham to the Lord's Supper.** D.J. will receive his First Communion at our Sunday worship.

**Help Decorate This Morning After Worship.** Many hands will make light work to get the hallways decorated for the season. You will find labeled bins on the table in the south narthex. Pick up a bin and place the decorations on the window sills of the room on the bin. After the children are done in the Sanctuary, we will move to decorating the tree.

**Adopt a Friend From MOSAIC For Christmas.** For a few years we have partnered with the MOSAIC staff to help make Christmas merry for the clients living in Nevada. You are invited to adopt one of the clients and pick up a couple of items on their wish list. Items should be returned to Memorial at the end of the week. Tags made by the clients can be picked up from the media cart.

**Family Christmas Worship Today at 4:00 pm.** The Sunday School children have been preparing to lead and assist with this special service. All are welcome to come and hear them share the Christmas story. Children should sit with their families when they arrive for worship.

### THIS WEEK

**Blue Christmas Worship Offered Next Sunday, December 16, at 6:00 pm.** A quiet service around the cross is offered next Sunday. This Blue Christmas worship is for anyone wishing to celebrate the season in a more intimate and quiet setting. Those who have experienced losses since the last Christmas are especially invited to attend.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Church Nerds Rescheduled Worship at University Lutheran Center.** The Church Nerds will try again this week to attend worship with their friends at the University Lutheran Center in Ames.

**Make Your Festival Gift for Christmas.** Poinsettias have been pre-ordered for our Christmas Eve worship services. The cost per plant is \$12. You can use a gray festival envelope found on the guest table to make your gift. You can choose red, white, or pink. An alternative festival gift is an opportunity to support the Lutheran Chaplaincy Organization at the University of Iowa Hospitals. Your gift would be added to the annual support Memorial sends to this ministry in December.

**Christmas Vespers.** The annual Christmas Vespers worship will be Wednesday, December 19, at 7:00 pm. If you would like to display a poster for the event, you can pick one up from the church office. Please let Deacon Jodi know if you are able to help with the fellowship reception.

### Opportunities to Serve in December:

- Harmony Clothing Closet  
Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays
- Christmas Vespers Hospitality  
Wednesday, December 19
- Food at First  
Thursday, December 20

### Christmas Worship Schedule

- Christmas Eve Worship with Holy Communion**  
Monday, December 24, 5:00 pm  
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- Christmas 1 Worship**  
Saturday, December 29, 5:00 pm  
Sunday, December 20, 9:00 am

**Next Faith Time Rotation Begins January 9.** Faith Time will be back at the start of the new year. Beginning Wednesday, January 9, at 6:00 pm you can come for dinner and worship and then join the learning lab activities under the theme of "Tending the Neighborhood." See today's Sent to Serve for ways you can be involved. Faith Time is for all ages to learn and discover God together.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday Dec. 9	9:00 am 10:15 am 10:15 am 10:15 am 10:30 am 10:30 am 11:30 am 4:00 pm	Worship Church Nerds Attend Worship at ULC All Ages Fellowship Hallway Decorating Sunday School Book of Faith Executive Committee Family Christmas Worship
Monday Dec. 10	4:30 pm 5:30 pm	Harmony Clothing Closet Open Food at First Nevada
Tuesday Dec. 11	5:30 pm	Finance Team
Wednesday Dec. 12	9:00 am 1:00 pm 5:00 pm 5:45 pm 7:00 pm	Harmony Clothing Closet Open LWR Work Day Agape Ringers Handbell Rehearsal Memorial Choir Rehearsal
Thursday Dec. 13	9:00 am 5:30 pm 6:30 pm	Staff Meeting Food at First Nevada Threads of Love
Friday Dec. 14	9:00 am	Bulletin Assembly
Saturday Dec. 15	5:00 pm	Evening Communion
Sunday Dec. 16	9:00 am 10:00 am 10:15 am 10:30 am 10:30 am 6:00 pm 6:00 pm	Worship Church Nerds All Ages Fellowship Sunday School Book of Faith Blue Christmas Christmas Vespers Rehearsal