

OUR MINISTRY TOGETHER

	Saturday, December 15	Sunday, December 16
Accompanist	Sue Lekwa	Lois Theesfield
Altar Care		Denise Rehor
Ushers		Larry and Deb Parker
Lectors	Jody Melcher	Dario Zaffarano

December 8 and 9

We Worship	Saturday	64
God	Sunday	170
	Family Christmas Worship	248

Our 2018-2019 Ministry Goal

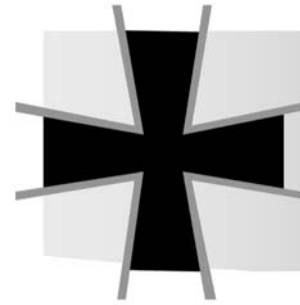
To focus our personal and congregational energies in 2018-2019 on three groups of people for the purpose of a connection with God:

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

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The SUNDAY MESSENGER

Third Sunday of Advent
December 16, 2018

TODAY

We Welcome Connor Link to the Lord's Supper. Connor will receive his First Communion at our Sunday worship.

Blue Christmas Worship Offered Tonight at 6:00 pm. This special Christmas service is especially for those who are grieving. Come for a quiet and meditative celebration of Jesus' birth in the Chapel this evening at 6:00 pm.

Sunday School Concludes Fall Session Today. This is the last day of Sunday School for 2018. Sunday School resumes on Sunday, March 10, at 10:30 am. The Winter Session of Faith Time begins Wednesday, January 9, with dinner and worship starting at 6:00 pm.

Make Your Christmas Festival Gift Today. Pick up a gray envelope from the guest table to make a festival gift of a poinsettia or a donation to the Lutheran Chaplaincy Organization at the University of Iowa Hospitals. You may indicate your festival gift in memory or honor of someone. The cost for a poinsettia is \$12.

THIS WEEK

Christmas Vespers Service This Wednesday at 7:00 pm. All of Memorial's music ensembles, bells and vocal, have prepared a special evening of music and narration. There will be a time of fellowship following the service. If you are willing to help with setting up the goodies and clean up, please sign up on today's Sent to Serve.

Memorial Serves Food at First Nevada This Thursday. Sign up to help prepare and serve the Food at First meal this Thursday. Thank you to all who have served this important ministry in 2018. Memorial prepares and serves the meal each third Thursday of the month at the Methodist Church in Nevada.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christmas Worship Schedule

Christmas Eve Worship with Holy Communion

Monday, December 24, 5:00 pm

Monday, December 24, 11:00 pm

Christmas 1 Worship

Saturday, December 29, 5:00 pm

Sunday, December 30, 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.

Council Appoints Treasurer for 2019. +Eric Dalthorp had been serving as the Council Treasurer with his council term finishing in 2019. On Sunday, December 9, the Council appointed Charlene Carsrud to serve as Treasurer for 2019 and complete this council term. Thank you to Charlene for her willingness to serve again in this role.

2018 Offering Deadline. The final deposit for 2018 will be made at noon on Monday, December 31. The deadline for the tellers to include your contribution for the deposit is 10:00 am on Monday, December 31. All contributions received after the deadline will be considered a 2019 offering. 2018 statements will be mailed on or before January 15, 2019.

Thank You for Adopting MOSAIC Friends. Thank you for your generous response in adopting our friends at MOSAIC again this Christmas. Your gifts will mean a lot to them.

Church Office Christmas Hours. The church office will be closed Monday, December 24, through Wednesday, December 26. Regular hours will resume on Thursday, December 27 and 28. The church office will close at noon on Monday, December 31, and be closed on January 1. Regular hours resume on Wednesday, January 2. If there is a pastoral emergency, please call the church and follow the instructions on the greeting.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday Dec. 16	9:00 am 10:00 am 10:15 am 10:15 am 10:30 am 6:00 pm Varies	Worship Church Nerds All Ages Fellowship Sunday School Book of Faith Blue Christmas Vespers Rehearsal
Monday Dec. 17	4:30 pm 5:30 pm	Harmony Clothing Closet Open Food at First Nevada
Tuesday Dec. 18		
Wednesday Dec. 19	9:00 am 7:00 pm	Harmony Clothing Closet Open Christmas Vespers
Thursday Dec. 20	9:00 am 5:30 pm	Staff Meeting Food at First Nevada
Friday Dec. 21	9:00 am	Bulletin Assembly
Saturday Dec. 22	5:00 pm	Evening Communion
Sunday Dec. 23	9:00 am	Worship