

## OUR MINISTRY TOGETHER

	Saturday, December 29	Sunday, December 30
Accompanist	Emily Dalthorp	Emily Dalthorp
Altar Care		
Ushers		
Lectors	Jim Atkinson	Dario Zaffarano

### December 22 and 23

We Worship	Saturday	60
God	Sunday	92
	Christmas Eve 5:00 pm	311
	Christmas Eve 11:00 pm	121

### Our 2018-2019 Ministry Goal

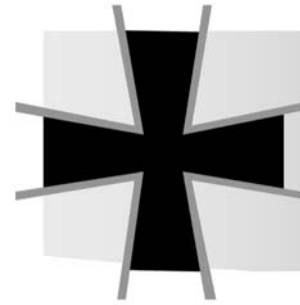
To focus our personal and congregational energies in 2018-2019 on three groups of people for the purpose of a connection with God:

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

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## The SUNDAY MESSENGER

First Sunday of Christmas  
December 30, 2018

### TODAY

**Service of the Word, December 29-30.** The Worship Services for this weekend after Christmas will not include Holy Communion. Join Deacon Jodi Schuman for worship on the theme, "From Heaven Above." There is no Fellowship Time or Sunday School. Coffee fellowship resumes January 6. The Spring session of Sunday School begins March 10.

### THIS WEEK

**Holiday Office Hours.** The church office will close at noon on Monday, December 31 and be closed on Tuesday, January 1. Regular office hours resume on Wednesday, January 2.

**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.

**Nevada Community Blood Drive on January 2.** A community blood drive will be held from 12:30 pm to 6:00 pm on Wednesday, January 2, at Gates Hall. To make an appointment contact Mary McLaughlin at 515-291-3150 or visit Life-Serve at [www.lifeservebloodcenter.org](http://www.lifeservebloodcenter.org).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Cancer Support Group Meets Thursday.** The Cancer Support Group meets for January on Thursday, January 3, at 7:00 pm in the Church Lounge. This group is open to adults living with a cancer diagnosis. Come for a quiet hour of conversation and support.

**Bulletin Assembly Help Needed.** Do you have some free time on Friday mornings? A few extra hands would be welcome in assembling the bulletins for weekend worship services. Bulletin assembly starts at 9:00 am each Friday in the conference room next to the Lounge. Contact Deacon Jodi if you have any questions.

**Annual Council Retreat January 4-6.** The 2019 Church Council will be on Retreat January 4 through 6 at Camp Quaker Heights near Eldora. This annual retreat is time for team-building and planning for the year ahead. The Council welcomes Jim LaDoux from Vibrant Faith as facilitator for the Saturday sessions. Please keep the Council in your prayers as they prepare for the year ahead.

**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.

### Special Guests for January Worship Services.

- On January 19 and 20 we welcome Pastor Erika Utthe from the Southeastern Iowa Synod. Pastor Erika serves as deployed staff from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America as the Director for Evangelical Mission and as an Assistant to the Bishop. In addition to preaching at worship, she will offer an adult forum on Sunday morning during the fellowship hour.
- On January 26 and 27 the 2018 Haiti Mission Trip group will share a report of their recent trip. The report will include pictures and information about the home that was built thanks to a grant from Memorial's Endowment Fund and your generous contributions.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday Dec. 30	9:00 am	Worship
Monday Dec. 31	10:00 am 12:00 pm	Deadline for 2018 Contributions Office Closes
Tuesday Jan. 1		Office Closed
Wednesday Jan. 2	9:00 am 6:00 pm	Harmony Clothing Closet Open Faith Time 3 Planning Team Meeting
Thursday Jan. 3	9:00 am 5:30 pm 7:00 pm	Staff Meeting Food at First Nevada Cancer Support Group
Friday Jan. 4	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Bulletin Assembly Council Departs for Retreat
Saturday Jan. 5	5:00 pm	Evening Worship
Sunday Jan. 6	9:00 am 10:15 am	Worship All Ages Fellowship