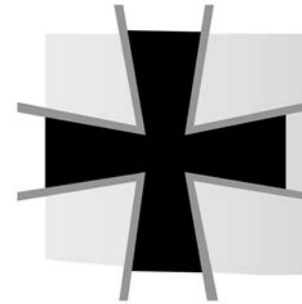


OUR MINISTRY TOGETHER

	Saturday, December 21	Sunday, December 22
Accompanist	Emily Dalthorp	Lois Theesfield
Assisting Minister		Fox Henson
Ushers		The Seyller Family
Lectors		Kenzie Alderson
Altar Care		Denise Rehor



The SUNDAY MESSENGER

Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 22, 2019

TODAY

You Are Invited to Coffee Fellowship After Worship. There is no Sunday School today, but there is still fellowship after worship. All are welcome to fellowship hall for a doughnut, coffee and lemonade. Thank you for all who have provided hospitality for our fellowship hour in 2019.

December 14 and 15		
God	Saturday	42
	Sunday	84
	Family Christmas Worship	150

THIS WEEK

In 2019-2020 Memorial seeks to be a place growing faith in ourselves and others through flexible and inclusive worship, learning and service experiences.

Memorial Offers Giving by Text

Use your Smart Phone and Credit or Debit Card as way to support the General Fund. The number to text to is: **515-808-5325**
Simply place a dollar sign (\$) and an amount in the body of the text to get started.

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Pastor Duane Miller, Interim
Deacon Jodi Schuman
Lois Theesfield, Director of Music Ministry
Mary Stritzel, Receptionist
Fred Alderson, Custodian

Worship With Memorial on Christmas Eve:
Candlelight Service with Holy Communion and Memorial Choir
Tuesday, December 24, at 5:00 pm

Candlelight Service with Holy Communion
Tuesday, December 24, at 11:00 pm

Christmas Office Hours. The church office will close at 1:30 pm on Tuesday, December 24 and be closed on December 25 and 26. Deacon Jodi will be in the office on Friday, December 27 from 7:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Regular Weekend Worship on December 28 and 29. There will be worship at the normal times on Saturday, December 28, and Sunday, December 29. Both services will be Service of the Word for the First Sunday of Christmas.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christmas Festival Gifts Deadline This Weekend. If you would like your festival gift of a poinsettia or a monetary gift to one of Nevada's shared ministries to be listed on the festival insert of the Christmas bulletin, please turn in a gray envelope today.

Freezer Meals Needed. Heart-Y Meals is a quiet feeding ministry here at Memorial. These are easy to re-heat meals stored in the freezer for times of need. They have been offered to Memorial members following an illness or surgery. They are also utilized by Jodi Heeren from the Nevada Schools. She picks up and delivers meals to school families when putting a hot meal on the table is difficult for any number of reasons. The inventory of meals is low. If you are willing to prepare some meals, please sign up on the Sent to Serve. Containers will be made available and reimbursement can be made for groceries.

2019 End of Year Contributions. The deadline for contributions to be considered in this calendar year is 9:00 am on Tuesday, December 31. All contributions received after this time will be credited to 2020 giving.

Winter Faith Time Begins Wednesday, January 8. There will be a new format for the winter session. Our learning and activities will still be cross-generational with everyone in fellowship hall from dinner through sending. Let's use this time together to continue to dream and plan about the future of Memorial. All ages and voices are needed for the conversation. Please mark your calendar for the session on Wednesday, January 22. At that session, Pastor Duane will lead the generations on a conversation about our hoped for mission and ministry at Memorial. Each Wednesday begins with dinner and worship at 6:00 pm.

Office Hours December 20-January 3. The office will close at noon on Tuesday, December 31. Regular office hours resume on Thursday, January 2.

Winter Session of Confirmation Classes. 7th and 8th Grade students and parents meet for the winter session beginning Wednesday, January 8, at 6:45 pm and continuing each Wednesday through February 12. 5th Grade students and parents meet Wednesdays, January 8 through January 29. 6th Grade students and parents meet Wednesdays, February 5 and 12 both beginning at 6:45 pm.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday December 22	9:00 am 10:15 am	Worship Fellowship
Monday December 23	4:30 pm 5:30 pm	Harmony Clothing Closet Open Food at First
Tuesday December 24	5:00 pm 11:00 pm	Christmas Eve Worship Christmas Eve Worship
Wednesday December 25		Christmas Day-Office Closed
Thursday December 26		Office Closed
Friday December 27		
Saturday December 28	5:00 pm	Evening Worship
Sunday December 29	9:00 am	Worship