

## OUR MINISTRY TOGETHER

	Saturday, January 19	Sunday, January 20
Accompanist	Lois Theesfield	Lois Theesfield
Altar Care		Denise Rehor
Ushers	Craig and Julie Sutherland	The Seyller Family
Lectors		Kelby Rewerts

### January 12 and 13

We Worship	Saturday	26
God	Sunday	98
	Wednesday	57

### Our 2018-2019 Ministry Goal

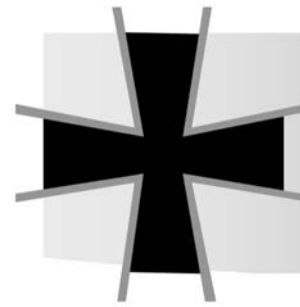
To focus our personal and congregational energies in 2018-2019 on three groups of people for the purpose of a connection with God:

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

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## The SUNDAY MESSENGER

The Second Sunday after Epiphany  
January 20, 2019

### TODAY

**Welcome, Pastor Erika Uthe.** Pastor Erika Uthe is a Director for Evangelical Mission for the ELCA and serves as an Assistant to the Bishop for the Southeastern Iowa Synod. After Sunday worship she will offer an adult forum called "Front Porchin" with a format for recording and sharing our faith stories with one another.

**Check Out the Sunday School Bulletin Board and Facebook.** When the Faith Formation Study Group first began their work in early 2018, they made a list of core values. They named knowing the key stories of our faith. During Epiphany you will find a new story each week. How well do you remember these stories? How does your relationship with God connect in and through these stories? Your thoughts are welcome on Facebook where you will find more.

### THIS WEEK

**The Winter Session of Faith Time Continues This Wednesday.** A great team of folks are busy planning for conversation and activities for all ages around the theme of "Tending Neighborhood." Wednesdays kick off with dinner at 6:00 pm that includes worship with Holy Communion. At 6:45 pm participants rotate through a new learning lab each week. We gather for a sending blessing and depart by 7:30 pm. This week's dinner will be roast chicken and vegetables and fruit salad.

### Generations: Being Church Together-Discussion Forum Starts January 27.

"Generation: Being Church Together" is a forum series designed to stimulate conversation across generations on how we practice our faith, why it's important and what really matters to us all. Join high school students, young adults, boomers and seniors for a video-based discussion with Pastor Herzberg Sundays January 27, February 3, and February 10, from 10:00- 11:00 in the Fellowship Hall. This series hopes to foster meaningful conversations among people of different ages at Memorial as we think about the transitions ahead for our congregation. Child care with fun activities for children will be available during the forum. We hope you will plan to attend.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Church Office Closed Monday in Observance of Martin Luther King Day.

The church office will be closed on Monday, January 21. Regular office hours resume on Tuesday, January 22.

**Beer and Theology Is Back This Thursday.** Beer and Theology gathers this Thursday at a new location, Old Chicago, in Ames. A private room is reserved for Memorial. Come at 6:30 pm for a time of fellowship and conversation. Ordering food or beverages is on your own. The evening ends at 8:00 pm. Invite a friend.

**Council Gathering Your Questions About the Pastoral Transition.** It was suggested at the Council retreat that a "Frequently Asked Questions" document be created with answer from the Council as we move through this time of transition. There is a table near the entrance of the sanctuary with slips to write down questions and a basket for you to use. Watch Facebook, the website, bulletin boards and guest table for this upcoming document and subsequent updates.

**Haiti Mission Group Offers Report Next Weekend.** At both Saturday and Sunday worship the group that traveled to Haiti in late November and early December will share some stories and pictures from the trip. Part of the report will be to talk about the home that was completed and blessed thanks to a grant from Memorial's Ministry Endowment Fund and your generous donations. The group will offer ideas for ongoing ways to be involved with our brothers and sisters in Haiti.

**YSS Seeking Mentors.** There are currently more Central Elementary students desiring mentors than adults ready to serve. If you would be interested in becoming a mentor to meet weekly with an elementary aged student, contact Emily Easton at [esmentoring@yss.org](mailto:esmentoring@yss.org) or 291-2402 to begin the application process. This opportunity is open to high school age students through adults. Mentors typically meet with their students over the lunch hour during the school day.

**Healing Services Scheduled for February 2 and 3.** A healing service happens as part of our regular worship service. During the service there will be special prayers for healing. There is also time to light a candle and be in quiet prayer or to come to the altar for a laying on of hands and personal prayer for healing. If you know someone that would like to participate, please invite them to one of these services.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday Jan. 20	9:00 am 10:15 am 10:30 am 11:30 am	Worship w/Installation of the Council All Ages Fellowship Adult Forum with Pastor Erika Uthe Council Meeting
Monday Jan. 21	4:30 pm 5:30 pm	<i>Office Closed</i> Harmony Clothing Closet Open Food at First Nevada
Tuesday Jan. 22		
Wednesday Jan. 23	9:00 am 5:45 pm 6:00 pm 6:45 pm 6:45 pm 7:30 pm	Harmony Clothing Closet Open Handbell Rehearsal Faith Time 3: Tending Neighborhood 5th Gr & Parents: The Ten Commandments 7th & 8th Gr and Parents Confirmation Memorial Choir Rehearsal
Thursday Jan. 24	9:00 am 5:30 pm 6:30 pm	Staff Meeting Food at First Nevada Beer and Theology
Friday Jan. 25	9:00 am	Bulletin Assembly
Saturday Jan. 26	5:00 pm	Evening Worship w/Haiti Mission Report
Sunday Jan. 27	9:00 am 10:15 am	Worship w/Haiti Mission Report All Ages Fellowship