

OUR MINISTRY TOGETHER

	Saturday, February 2	Sunday, February 3
Accompanist	Sue Lekwa	Lois Theesfield
Altar Care	Marilyn Nelson	Jenny Helland
Ushers	Ken and Marilyn Nelson	Stansbery and Ritland Families
Lectors	Maradith Halverson	Juli Tanner

January 26 and 27

We Worship	Saturday	36
God	Sunday	110
	Wednesday	cancelled

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 Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
February 3, 2019

TODAY

Generations: Being Church Together-Discussion Forum Continues This Morning. "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 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.

Come and Go Gathering to Remember +Curt Kohler. A very informal come and go gathering of friends and family to remember Curt Kohler will be held Sunday, February 3, starting at noon at the Stone Brooke clubhouse, 3816 Fletcher Blvd., Ames. Curt had been promising a fish fry, so there will be food and fellowship! +Curt is the brother of Memorial Lutheran members Mary Brinkman and Sue Kohler; brothers Henry (Hank) Kohler and Keith Kohler live in Ames; and brother Eric Kohler lives in Denison. We cordially invite you to our gathering.

THIS WEEK

A New Four Week Session of Faith Time Starts Wednesday. Our new theme for this Faith Time rotation will be "Saying Hello and Saying Good-bye." We welcome Justin Rasmusson from Rasmusson-Bacon Funeral Home as learning lab leader for the "practices" lab. Justin and Scott Huffman will share this rotation for all ages on practices for saying good-bye at the end of life. 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 homemade pizza.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Be Part of Lutheran Day on the Hill. This is an opportunity for Lutherans to advocate for families in need at the Iowa Statehouse. It will be February 19, from 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. This free event, sponsored by Lutheran Services in Iowa and the three Iowa synods of the ELCA is open to anyone who wants to learn more about citizen advocacy. This year, participants will be focusing on three critical issues facing Iowa families: (1) Increased funding for Iowa's child welfare services; (2) Accountability and oversight for Iowa's Medicaid Managed Care Organizations (MCOs); and (3) Support for services that empower refugees. To register, or for more information, go to <https://lsiowa.org/ldh/>.

Share the Weight Workshop in February. Share the Weight is an organization providing weighted blankets for special needs children. Thanks to a Ministry Endowment Grant and other sources, Memorial holds workshops to construct weighted blankets. No experience is needed and there are sewing and non-sewing tasks. The workshop will be held on Friday, February 22, from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm and Saturday, February 23, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Come for an hour or stay all day. For more information contact Kathy Bergmann.

New Ministry Endowment Board Members Elected. The Church Council elected Mark Larsen and Erin Rewerts for terms on the Ministry Endowment Board through an ecclesiastical ballot. Mark was re-elected to a second term. Erin replaces Annette Dalthorp who served her maximum two consecutive terms. Karen Blank was elected to serve as the council member on the board. Thank you Annette, Mark, Erin, and Karen for serving this important ministry.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday Feb. 3	9:00 am 10:00 am 11:30 am	Worship w/Service of Healing Generations: Being the Church Together Executive Committee
Monday Feb. 4	4:30 pm 5:30 pm	Harmony Clothing Closet Open Food at First Nevada
Tuesday Feb. 5	7:00 pm	Martha Circle
Wednesday Feb. 6	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 4: Saying Hello and Saying Good-bye 7th & 8th Gr and Parents Confirmation 9th Gr and Parents: Orientation to Confirmation Memorial Choir Rehearsal
Thursday Feb. 7	9:00 am 5:30 pm 7:00 pm	Staff Meeting Food at First Nevada Cancer Support Group
Friday Feb. 8	9:00 am	Bulletin Assembly
Saturday Feb. 9	5:00 pm	Evening Worship
Sunday Feb. 10	9:00 am 10:00 am	Worship Generations: Being the Church Together