

## OUR MINISTRY TOGETHER

	Saturday, March 2	Sunday, March 3
Accompanist	Sue Lekwa	Dave Blumer
Altar Care	Marilyn Nelson	Jeanie Gibson
Ushers		
Lectors	Cassie Harrell	Dario Zaffarano

### February 23, 24 and 27

We Worship	Saturday	34
God	Sunday	Cancelled
	Wednesday	35

### Our 2018-2019 Ministry Goal

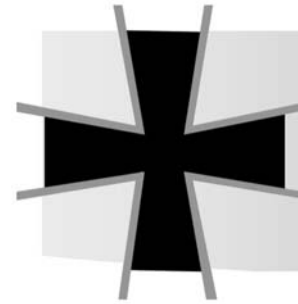
To focus our personal and congregational energies in 2018-2019 on three groups of people for the purpose of a connection with God:

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

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## The SUNDAY MESSENGER

The Seventh Sunday after Epiphany  
March 3, 2019

### TODAY

**Church Council Meets Today at 11:30 am.** The Church Council will be working on answering your questions about our pastoral transition. One place you will find the answers posted is on the bulletin board in the main hallway. The bulletin board also illustrates the steps we will undertake in the process. You can track our progress by finding the "We are Here" arrow. In the center there are ways for everyone to be involved at that step of the process.

### THIS WEEK

**Lent Begins With Ash Wednesday on Wednesday, March 6.** Ash Wednesday worship will be at 7:00 pm with Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion. Beginning Wednesday, March 13 there will be two midweek Lent worship opportunities: Midday Living Table at 11:30 am and Prayer Around the Cross at 7:00 pm. Keep a Holy Lent with these additional worship services. Our theme this year is "One Bread, One Body." Subscribe to a daily devotion delivered to your email by visiting: <https://seiasynod.org/lent/> Scroll to the bottom of the page to subscribe.

**"Listening for God" Saturday March 9.** How do we listen for God in our daily routines and our common, everyday tasks and relationships? Pastor Herzberg invites high school students, adults and seniors to a retreat on this question Saturday, March 9, 9:30 - 1:00 p.m. The retreat includes conversation, quiet time, personal journaling, and prayer. There is no cost to the retreat, but participants are invited to bring a brown bag lunch (beverages provided). It is helpful if you register in advance, sign up on your Sent to Serve, call the church office and leave a message 515.382.6509, or email [mlcoffice@midiaowa.net](mailto:mlcoffice@midiaowa.net). This may be a meaningful way to start out the season of Lent.

*Spring Forward Next Saturday-Daylight Savings Begins!*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Spring Session of Sunday School Starts March 10.** Children will meet for Sunday School during the weeks of Lent, March 10 through April 14. Sunday School through fourth grade gathers in the Sanctuary for opening. Parents are asked to pick up younger children from their classrooms at the conclusion of class.

**Book of Faith Is Back March 10.** Book of Faith is an adult study that looks at the gospel lesson for the week ahead and explores questions of discipleship. The group meets from 10:30 am to 11:30 am in the Library. Bring your coffee and join the conversation.

**Lent Midweek Worship Services.** Midweek Living Tables are back for Lent beginning Wednesday, March 13, at 11:30 am. Come for a simple lunch of soup and bread and worship over the meal. Prayer Around the Cross will be each Wednesday of Lent at 7:00 pm. This is a quiet service of worship and prayer around the cross in the Chapel.

**Memorial Welcomes Pastor Jerry Collell March 23 and 24.** Pastor Jerry Collell is called to serve as pastor to FreeIndeed, a congregation inside the walls of the Anamosa State Penitentiary. Pastor Collell will be our guest preacher for the weekend. There will be an adult forum after Sunday worship in fellowship hall. Come and hear more about this unique and meaningful congregation. FreeIndeed has been the recipient of Memorial's Ministry Endowment Grants and our Lent offerings in 2017.

**Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction Benefit for the Anderson Family on March 30.** A benefit dinner, silent auction and also pub trivia is planned for Saturday, March 30. The spaghetti dinner will be held in fellowship hall from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. There will also be a Silent Auction which will conclude at The Lincoln Tap where the twenty-one and over crowd is invited for trivia beginning at 7:30 pm. Jennifer Anderson is fighting Stage IV Metastatic Breast Cancer. If you are willing to help in the kitchen for the dinner, please contact Deacon Jodi or Kim Stieler.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday Mar. 3	9:00 am 10:00 am 10:15 am 10:15 am 10:30 am 11:30 am	Worship Church Nerds All Ages Fellowship Mission Team Meeting Sunday School Teachers' Meeting Council Meeting
Monday Mar. 4	4:30 pm 5:30 pm	Harmony Clothing Closet Open Food at First Nevada
Tuesday Mar. 5	1:30 pm	Mary-Esther Circle
Wednesday Mar. 6	9:00 am 5:45 pm 7:00 pm 8:00 pm	Harmony Clothing Closet Open Handbell Rehearsal <b>Ash Wednesday Worship</b> Memorial Choir Rehearsal
Thursday Mar. 7	9:00 am 5:30 pm 7:00 pm	Staff Meeting Food at First Nevada Cancer Support Group
Friday Mar. 8	9:00 am	Bulletin Assembly
Saturday Mar. 9	9:30 am 5:00 pm	Lent Prayer Retreat Evening Worship
Sunday Mar. 10	9:00 am 10:00 am 10:15 am 10:30 am 10:30 am	Worship Church Nerds All Ages Fellowship Sunday School Book of Faith