

## OUR MINISTRY TOGETHER

	Saturday, November 16	Sunday, November 17
Accompanist	Emily Dalthorp	Lois Theesfield
Ushers	Don and Karen Blank	Council Members
Lectors	Sandy Christian	Jim Stage
Altar Care		Jenny Helland

### November 9 and 10

We Worship	Saturday	38
God	Sunday	66

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

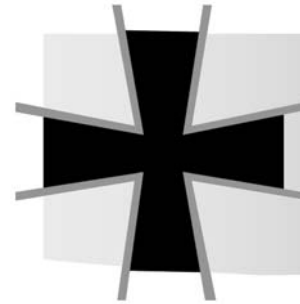
### Memorial Offers Giving by Text

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



## The SUNDAY MESSENGER

Time after Pentecost  
November 17, 2019

### TODAY

**Council Elections.** Voting members of the congregation are eligible to vote to elect members to serve on the Church Council. Please see the information provided by each person who agreed to be on the ballot. Voting will take place before the offering. Thank you to all those who were nominated and prayerfully considered this call.

**Generosity: Lessons From the Saints.** 2020 Plan for Giving will be offered during worship next weekend, November 23 and 24. This morning President Kathy Jo Johnson shares her story of learning generosity of the saints.

### THIS WEEK

**Concerns about the congregation?** Or questions about the pastoral transition? Pastor Duane invites anyone with concerns to visit with him between now and Thanksgiving. Visits usually take 30 minutes (45 minutes for a couple). It's preferred that people make an appointment-please call the church office at 515-382-6509.

**Council Forum Next Sunday, November 24, at 10:30 am.** The purpose of the forum is to seek congregational input on the 2020 General Fund Spending Plan. The Council will be finalizing the proposal at their meeting today. Copies will be made available on the guest table in the narthex and through a link on the home page and Facebook. A special email will be sent on Monday with a link.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Join the Choir for the Season.** All high school students through adults are invited to join the choir from now through Christmas. Sing with the Memorial choir during Advent, Christmas Vespers and the 5:00 pm Christmas Eve service. Memorial Choir rehearsals are Wednesdays at 7:30 pm until 8:45 pm with minor adjustments made in preparation for this season. If you have any questions, contact Lois Theesfield.

**Annual Thanksgiving Eve Worship and Dessert Social.** Prepare a dessert to share, bring your family and friends and begin your Thanksgiving holiday with worship and fellowship. Worship is at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, November 27. A dessert social follows the service. As a special thank-offering, please bring a child or youth hat or mittens/gloves for the Nevada Angel Tree recipients. Your donations will be added to the hats and mittens purchased using Sunday School offerings.

**Do You Love to Decorate for Christmas?** It is time to think about how the Sanctuary and building are decorated during Advent and Christmas. If you have a flair for decorating, your gift is needed. This would mean taking inventory of our current stock of decorations and making a plan. If you are interested, please visit with Deacon Jodi.

**Nominating Ballot for Call Committee Members.** The provision in our Constitution states that the Congregation Council elects a call committee of seven voting members. The Council wishes to have the congregation's input with a nominating ballot. During worship on December 14 and 15 all voting members will be invited to lift up a name of a person as a candidate to serve on the call committee. The council will use the names in electing a call committee. In the coming weeks, keep this matter in your prayers. If you have questions about the duties or process, please visit with a council member.

**Save the Date: Christmas Vespers on Wednesday, December 18, 7:00 pm.** It is time to invite your friends and family to the annual Christmas Vespers featuring Memorial's music ensembles and special guest musicians. The title of this year's service is "Gabriel's Message." A fellowship reception follows the service.

**2019 Christmas Festival Giving.** It is time to make a festival gift of a poinsettia in honor or memory of someone. The poinsettias will decorate the chancel for the Christmas Eve worship services. The cost per plant is \$12. Please use the gray envelopes found on the guest table in the narthex.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday November 17	9:00 am 10:15 am 10:30 am 10:30 am 11:30 am	Worship Fellowship Sunday School Book of Faith Council Meeting
Monday November 18	4:30 pm 5:30 pm 6:30 pm	Harmony Clothing Closet Open Food at First Turning Point Team Meeting
Tuesday November 19	9:30 am	Staff Meeting
Wednesday November 20	5:45 pm 6:30 pm 6:45 pm 7:30 pm	Handbell Rehearsal 4th Gr and Parents: <i>Intro to the Bible</i> 7th and 8th Gr and Parents: Confirmation Memorial Choir Rehearsal
Thursday November 21	4:30 pm 5:30 pm	Harmony Clothing Closet Open Food at First
Friday November 22		
Saturday November 23	5:00 pm	Evening Worship w/2020 Plans for Giving
Sunday November 24	9:00 am 10:15 am 10:30 am 10:30 am 10:30 am	Worship w/2020 Plans for Giving Fellowship Sunday School Book of Faith Council Forum