

OUR MINISTRY TOGETHER

	Saturday, November 30	Sunday, December 1
Accompanist	Sue Lekwa	Lois Theesfield
Assisting Minister		Dave Lekwa
Ushers		Karla Sexton and Family
Lectors	Gary Kluever	Kathy Johnson
Altar Care		Jeanie Gibson

November 23 and 24

We Worship	Saturday	34
God	Sunday	139

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

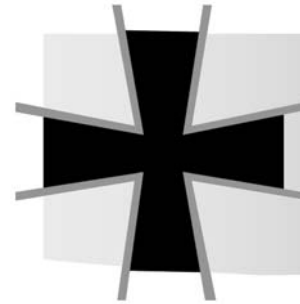
Memorial Offers Giving by Text

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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Lois Theesfield, Director of Music Ministry
Mary Stritzel, Receptionist
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The SUNDAY MESSENGER

First Sunday of Advent
December 1, 2019

TODAY

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.

2020 Plans for Giving Still Received. You may still offer a 2020 Plan for Giving. Forms are available at the ends of the pews and from the guest table in the narthex. Your generosity enables Memorial to remain in a healthy financial position leading through this transition period and into the call of our next pastor.

THIS WEEK

Optional Rehearsal for Family Christmas Worship. The Sunday School children choosing to be part of the optional roles for the worship service will rehearse from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm. It is not too late for your child to participate. Children can rehearse the candle dance between 6:00 pm and 6:40 pm. Shadow play actors and readers rehearse from 6:40 pm to 7:00 pm.

Cancer Support Meets Thursday at 7:00 pm. The monthly Cancer Support meeting takes place on Thursday in the Lounge. This is a quiet hour of conversation and caring. Please let anyone you know who could benefit from this support group that it is open to all.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 appointing a call committee. In the coming weeks, keep this matter in your prayers. An informational brochure can be picked up from the guest table in the narthex.

Participate in a Card Shower to Help Dick Couser Celebrate His 90th Birthday. Dick Couser turns 90 on Monday, December 9. His family invites you to help celebrate with a card shower. Cards may be sent to his home address: 410 Lynne Drive, Nevada, IA 50201.

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. The trees will be decorated on Sunday, December 8, at 11:30 am.

Family Christmas Worship on December 15, 4:00 pm. The Sunday School children will lead a special Christmas worship service titled, "The Name of Jesus." Come and hear the story told through song, drama and movement by the children.

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. Kitchen help is needed for the fellowship reception. Sign up on your Sent to Serve.

Christmas Worship Schedule

Christmas Eve

Tuesday, December 24 5:00 pm and 11:00 pm

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.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday December 1	9:00 am 10:15 am 10:30 am 10:30 am	Worship Fellowship Sunday School Book of Faith
Monday December 2	4:30 pm 5:30 pm	Harmony Clothing Closet Open Food at First
Tuesday December 3	9:30 am 1:30 pm 6:30 pm	Staff Meeting Mary-Esther Circle at Indian Cr Assisted Living Martha Circle in Lounge
Wednesday December 4	5:45 pm 6:00 pm 7:30 pm	Handbell Rehearsal Sunday School Christmas Rehearsal Memorial Choir Rehearsal
Thursday December 5	4:30 pm 5:30 pm 7:00 pm	Harmony Clothing Closet Open Food at First Cancer Support Group
Friday December 6		
Saturday December 7	5:00 pm	Evening Worship
Sunday December 8	9:00 am 10:15 am 10:30 am 10:30 am 5:00 pm	Worship Fellowship Sunday School Book of Faith Council Social and Meeting