

OUR MINISTRY TOGETHER

	Saturday, December 7	Sunday, December 8
Accompanist	Emily Dalthorp	Lois Theesfield
Assisting Minister		Fox Henson
Ushers	Chuck and Bert Ann Ray	Kevin and Kathy Johnson
Lectors	Mike Coverdale	Dario Zaffarano
Altar Care	Bert Ann Ray	Jeanie Gibson

November 28, 30 and December 1

We Worship	Wednesday	60
God	Saturday	34
	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.

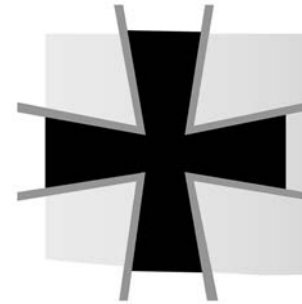
Memorial Offers Giving by Text

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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The SUNDAY MESSENGER

Second Sunday of Advent
December 8, 2019

TODAY

Pillowcases Blessed for Nevada Angel Tree. Many hands have been hard at work to assemble pillowcases for the children receiving gifts through the Nevada Angel Tree. In addition to the pillowcases, the Sunday School children are giving a portion of their offerings to purchase hats and mittens for the Angel Tree.

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.

Help Decorate the Christmas Tree. Following Sunday School today at 11:30 am, help is needed to put the Chrismons on the tree. With a little help, this should not take long to accomplish.

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 on Wednesday, December 11. 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. Rehearsals will be in the Chapel.

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.

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.

Winter Faith Time Begins Wednesday, January 8. There will be a new format for the winter session. Our learning and activities will still be cross-generational with everyone in fellowship hall from dinner through sending. Let's use this time together to continue to dream and plan about the future of Memorial. All ages and voices are needed for the conversation. Watch for more details in the coming weeks.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday December 8	9:00 am 10:15 am 10:30 am 10:30 am 10:30 am 11:30 am 5:00 pm	Worship Fellowship Sunday School Book of Faith Staff and Structure Team Tree Decorating Council Social and Meeting
Monday December 9	4:30 pm 5:30 pm	Harmony Clothing Closet Open Food at First
Tuesday December 10	9:30 am 5:30 pm	Staff Meeting Finance Team
Wednesday December 11	5:45 pm 6:00 pm 7:30 pm	Handbell Rehearsal Sunday School Christmas Rehearsal Memorial Choir Rehearsal
Thursday December 12	4:30 pm 5:30 pm	Harmony Clothing Closet Open Food at First
Friday December 13		
Saturday December 14	5:00 pm	Evening Worship
Sunday December 15	9:00 am 10:15 am 10:30 am 10:30 am 4:00 pm 6:00 pm	Worship Fellowship Sunday School Book of Faith Family Christmas Worship Vespers Rehearsal