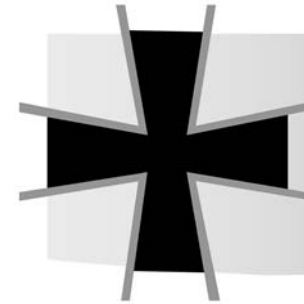


OUR MINISTRY TOGETHER

	Saturday, December 14	Sunday, December 15
Accompanist	Sue Lekwa	Dave Blumer
Assisting Minister		Steve Lekwa
Ushers	Ken and Marilyn Nelson	Wendy and Kennedy Long
Lectors		
Altar Care	Marilyn Nelson	Jenny Helland



The SUNDAY MESSENGER

Third Sunday of Advent
December 15, 2019

TODAY

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 this weekend 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. An informational brochure can be picked up from the guest table in the narthex.

Family Christmas Worship Today at 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. Today is the last day of Sunday School for the fall session. Sunday School resumes on Sunday, February 2.

December 7 and 8		
God	Saturday	31
	Sunday	107

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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Deacon Jodi Schuman
Lois Theesfield, Director of Music Ministry
Mary Stritzel, Receptionist
Fred Alderson, Custodian

THIS WEEK

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.

Memorial Serves Food at First This Thursday. Help is needed in preparing and serving the Food at First meal this Thursday, December 19, at the First United Methodist Church. Prep help begins at 4:00 pm and serving at 5:00 pm. Sign up on today's Sent to Serve.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank You For Decorating Help. Thank you to the following people for getting the building decorated for Christmas: Bev Sorem Sandy Golden, Bill, Carol and Danny Golden, Zack, Tracy, Mya and Dane Spykerman, Josh, Lyndsey, Emerson and Hadley De Vos, Kara, Henry and Shep Nady, and always to Fred and Kenzie Alderson for putting up the trees.

Freezer Meals Needed. Heart-Y Meals is a quiet feeding ministry here at Memorial. These are easy to re-heat meals stored in the freezer for times of need. They have been offered to Memorial members following an illness or surgery. They are also utilized by Jodi Heeren from the Nevada Schools. She picks up and delivers meals to school families when putting a hot meal on the table is difficult for any number of reasons. The inventory of meals is low. If you are willing to prepare some meals, please sign up on the Sent to Serve. Containers will be made available and reimbursement can be made for groceries.

Advent Devotions on Facebook. Check out Memorial's Facebook page for posts with an Advent scripture or reflection during the week. Your likes, loves and shares are appreciated. You are also welcome to leave a comment and start a conversation.

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 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
Monday December 16	4:30 pm 5:30 pm	Harmony Clothing Closet Open Food at First
Tuesday December 17	9:30 am	Staff Meeting
Wednesday December 18	7:00 pm	Christmas Vespers
Thursday December 19	4:30 pm 5:30 pm	Harmony Clothing Closet Open Memorial Serves Food at First
Friday December 20		
Saturday December 21	5:00 pm	Evening Worship
Sunday December 22	9:00 am 10:15 am	Worship Fellowship