

# S December 2018

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## GREETERS

DEC - Terri Williams & Jeanette Mohrmann  
JAN - Merlyn & Lorena Pohlmann

## ACOLYTES

DEC 2 McKylie Smith & Gracie Miller  
DEC 9 *Children's Christmas Program*  
DEC 16 Gavin Nash & Gavin Fangmeyer  
DEC 23 Colton Isernhagen & Coleton Marquart  
DEC 25 (*Christmas Day*) Addyson Hintz & volunteer needed  
DEC 30 Danica & Danessa Buckles  
JAN 6 Kris Collins\* & Zion Reinke  
JAN 13 Colton Isernhagen & Cameron Czekai

## SCRIPTURE READERS

DEC 2 Howard Pohlmann  
DEC 9 *Children's Christmas Program*  
DEC 16 Lorena Pohlmann  
DEC 23 Merlyn Pohlmann  
DEC 25 (*Christmas Day*) Janice Reinke  
DEC 30 Stuart Reinke  
JAN 6 Chris Roth  
JAN 13 Brad Schultz

## BULLETIN FOLDER

DEC - Laurie Koester  
JAN - Carol Mammen

## ALTAR GUILD

DEC - Linda Fangmeyer  
JAN - Deb Folkerts & Deanna Maschmann

## FLOWER COMMITTEE

DEC - Linda Fangmeyer  
JAN - Marla Maschmann

## USHERS

DEC - Marvin Koester & Merlyn Pohlmann co-head ushers;  
Scott Eitzmann, Tom Dahl & Lyle Schardt  
JAN - Joel Maschmann, head usher;  
Lyle Pitts, Bruce Maschmann & Richard Mohrmann

## COMMUNION BREAD

DEC - Arlis Hohl  
JAN - Deb Folkerts

## COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

DEC - Daryl Nelson & Mike Hoops  
JAN - Scott & Connie Eitzmann

## COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

DEC -Daryl & Lois Nelson  
JAN - JoAnn Bohling

## WORSHIP TEAMS

DEC - Youth Team  
JAN - Adult Team

## SOUND SYSTEM

DEC - Bill Mize  
JAN - Brian Isernhagen

## SCREEN OPERATOR

DEC - Becky Mize  
JAN - Stuart Reinke

## PEW RESTOCKERS

DEC - Connie Drohman & Bonnie Thompson  
JAN - Jennifer Reinke

## *Small Packages, Great Things*

The motto for Hershey's Kisses used to be "Big things come in small packages!" That also could be a motto for Bethlehem, for Baby Jesus and, indeed, for us. It's an important message to remember when we fear we're too weak to fix the world's problems, too small to fight the gigantic terror that threatens a loved one or too lacking in abilities we see in others.

"But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah," God declares through the prophet Micah (5:2, NRSV), "from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel." Bethlehem was a mere village. God's ruler for Israel started as an infant. His birthplace was a small stable, not a palace or temple. But size isn't everything. Big — that is, great — things can come in small packages. And thanks to the tiny baby who grew up to share immeasurably huge love with the world,

God can do great things through you, too!

*Thank you for your service in 2018! Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!*