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Sunday, January 12 2:00 p.m.	Southeast Dane East Madison Deans: Rev. Holly Slater Rev. Beth Schultz Byrnes	Hope Lutheran McFarland Host Pastors: Rev. Tim Dean & Rev. Kelli Schmit
Saturday, January 18 10:00 a.m.	Central/West Madison; West Dane Dean: Rev. Emily Tveite Rev. John Twiton	St. James Lutheran Verona Host Pastors: Rev. Kurt Billings Rev. Peter Narum
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Saturday, February 1 10:00 a.m.	Iowa/Richland/Grant; W.Green/Grant/Lafayette Deans: Rev. Michelle Elfers Rev. Rich McLeer	Grace Lutheran Dodgeville Host Pastor: Rev. Mark Williamson
Sunday, February 9 2:00 p.m.	Sauk/Columbia Deans: Rev. Karen Hofstad Rev. Mike Lee	St. John's Lutheran Prairie du Sac Host Pastors: Rev. Fred Rilling Rev. Sally Williams

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