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Memorial Lutheran Church | Nevada, Iowa

**Prelude:** *"This Is My Father's World"* - arr. Lynette Maynard

*Lois Theesfield, piano*

## **Welcome**

## **Confession and Forgiveness**

In the name of the Father,  
and of the + Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God,  
**you free us to love others,**  
**but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.**  
**You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,**  
**but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.**  
**You surround us with patience, kindness,**  
**and generosity,**  
**but we grow weary in doing what is right.**  
**In your mercy, forgive us.**  
**Do not give up on us.**  
**Heal us, break our bonds,**  
**and show us the path of life.**  
**Amen.**

You belong to Christ Jesus  
and you are God's children through faith.  
In the name of + Jesus Christ,  
and through the power of the Holy Spirit,  
your sins are forgiven.  
Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.  
**Amen.**

**Gathering Hymn: *"Will You Come and Follow Me"* - ELW #798**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the  
Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

## “Glory to God” - ACS Setting 11



1 ¡Glo-ria a Dios, glo-ria a Dios, glo - ria en los cie - los!  
1 Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!

¡Glo-ria a Dios, glo-ria a Dios, glo - ria en los cie - los!  
Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!

¡A Dios la glo-ria por siem-pre! ¡A Dios la glo-ria por siem-pre!  
To God be glo-ry for - ev - er! To God be glo-ry for - ev - er!

¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - mén! ¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - mén! ¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - mén!  
Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - mén! ¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - mén! ¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - mén!  
Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - mén! ¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - mén!  
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## Prayer of the Day

Sovereign God, ruler of all hearts, you call us to obey you, and you favor us with true freedom. Keep us faithful to the ways of your Son, that, leaving behind all that hinders us, we may steadfastly follow your paths, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**



## **First Reading: 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21**

<sup>15</sup>Then the LORD said to [Elijah,] “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. <sup>16</sup>Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place.”

<sup>19</sup>So he set out from there, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. <sup>20</sup>He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, “Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you.” Then Elijah said to him, “Go back again; for what have I done to you?” <sup>21</sup>He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Special Music: “The Gift of Love” - Hal Hobson**

*Christine Heintz, flute; Pr. Kathleen Lotz, cello*

## **Second Reading: Galatians 5:1, 13-25**

<sup>1</sup>For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

<sup>13</sup>For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. <sup>14</sup>For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>15</sup>If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

<sup>16</sup>Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. <sup>17</sup>For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. <sup>18</sup>But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. <sup>19</sup>Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, <sup>20</sup>idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, <sup>21</sup>envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

<sup>22</sup>By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup>gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. <sup>24</sup>And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. <sup>25</sup>If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Children at Heart Sermon

### Gospel Acclamation - ACS Setting 11

A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya. A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya. El Se - ñor re - su - ci - tó.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ is ris - en, ris' n in - deed.

## **Gospel Reading: Luke 9:51-62**

The Gospel according to Luke

**Glory to You, O Lord**

<sup>51</sup>When the days drew near for [Jesus] to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. <sup>52</sup>And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; <sup>53</sup>but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. <sup>54</sup>When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" <sup>55</sup>But he turned and rebuked them. <sup>56</sup>Then they went on to another village.

<sup>57</sup>As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." <sup>58</sup>And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." <sup>59</sup>To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father."

<sup>60</sup>But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." <sup>61</sup>Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." <sup>62</sup>Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ**

**Sermon**

## Hymn of the Day: “Spirit, Open My Heart” - ACS #1043

*Refrain*



Spir-it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of



liv-ing. As you love may I love, in re - ceiv - ing



and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart.



1 God, re - place my ston - y heart with a heart that's  
 2 Write your love up - on my heart as my law, my  
 3 May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of



kind and ten - der. All my cold - ness and  
 goal, my sto - ry. In each thought, word, and  
 friend and neigh - bor. As I live from day to

*Refrain*



fear deed, to your grace I now sur - ren - der.  
 day, may my liv - ing bring you glo - ry.  
 love will be my fin - est la - bor.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: WILD MOUNTAIN THYME, Irish melody; adapt. Alfred V. Fedak, b. 1953

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## **Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.\*  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **Prayers of Intercession**

### **Peace**

The peace of the Risen Lord be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

### **The Meal**

*This is Christ's table and Christ's meal. All are welcome here. Kids are welcome to commune at the discretion of their parents. If you are unable to come forward please let an usher or the pastor know so that we can bring you Communion at your seat.*

## **Offering**

**Music Voluntary:** "Oh, How I Love Jesus" - arr. John Carter  
*Lois Theesfield, piano*

## **Offering Prayer**

Creator God,  
in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good  
and the harvest is plentiful.  
Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth  
and our labor,  
that we may work for the good of all;  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.  
**Amen.**

## **The Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## **Eucharistic Prayer**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ;  
who on this day overcame death and the grave,  
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## “Holy, Holy, Holy” - ACS Setting 11

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San-to, san - to, san - to Dios de glo - ria y po - der,  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly God of pow - er and might,

cie - los y tie - rra pro - cla - man tu glo - ria.  
heav - en and earth . . . are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na en los cie - los.  
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na en los cie - los.  
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

Ben - di - to a - quel que vie - ne en el nom - bre de Dios.  
Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of our God.

Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na en los cie - los.  
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na en los cie - los.  
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

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## **Words of Institution**

### **Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.

### **Invitation to Communion**

Come and know Christ,  
broken and poured out for you.

**Communion Hymns:** *"Lamb of God" - ACS Setting 11*  
*"Healer of Our Every Ill" - ELW #612*



## Lamb of God

Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui - tas el pe -  
 O Lamb . . of God, you . . take a - way the

ca - do del mun - do: ten pie - dad de no - so - tros.  
 sin of the world; . . . have . . mer - cy up - on us.

Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui - tas el pe -  
 O Lamb . . of God, you . . take a - way the

ca - do del mun - do: ten pie - dad de no - so - tros.  
 sin of the world; . . . have . . mer - cy up - on us.

Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui - tas el pe -  
 O Lamb . . of God, you . . take a - way the

ca - do del mun - do: ten pie - dad de no -  
 sin of the world; . . . have . . mer - cy up -

so - tros, ten pie - dad de no - so - stros.  
 on us, have . . . mer - cy up - on us.

Da - nos tu paz. A - mén.  
 Grant us your peace. A - mén.

## **Prayer After Communion**

Nurturing God,  
you gathered us to your table  
and we drank deeply of your grace.  
Send us out by your Spirit  
to love our neighbors as ourselves  
and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.  
**Amen.**

## **Announcements**

### **Blessing**

The love of God abound in you;  
the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;  
and the life of the Spirit  
+ bless you and give you peace.  
**Amen.**

**Sending Hymn:** *“Rise, O Church, Like Christ Arisen”* - ELW #548

### **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude:** *“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”* - Johann Pachelbel  
*Lois Theesfield, organ*

## Prayers for Healing

If you have a prayer request, please email [pastorkathleen@mlcnevada.org](mailto:pastorkathleen@mlcnevada.org) or [emily@mlcnevada.org](mailto:emily@mlcnevada.org), or call the church office at 515-382-6509.

*Please keep the Carsrud family in your prayers following the death of +Donn Carsrud, brother of Kay Rierson, brother-in-law of De Carsrud, uncle of Cathy Carsrud, cousin of Larry & Charlene Carsrud, and cousin of Linda Griffith. Burial will take place later in June in Roland.*

Jim Dalthorp	Eileen Miller	Pr. Marcia Kisner
Lloyd Penningroth	Karen Anderson	Marlene Waddell
Charlie Lloyd	Caleb Roof	<i>friend of Virginia Palmisano-Goettsch</i>
Bert Ann Ray	Evelyn Onstot	Carol Vincent
Wayne Kinyon	Marty Schuler	Cassie Harrell
Loren Bryant <i>brother of Arlys Neal</i>	Katy Beno <i>sister of Sandy Christian</i>	Jean Smith
Jill Rhodes	Eric Forsyth	Easton Farrington
Judy Johnson	Crystal Vines	Janice Hartz
Gloria Jacobson	Katie Bass <i>niece of Judy Coverdale</i>	Jackie Byers <i>daughter of Shellie Black</i>
Connie Robinson <i>sister of Shirley Klonglan</i>	Wayne Johnson	Donna See
Baby Paisley	Troy Vincent	Norma Danna <i>friend of Betty Runge</i>
Barb McDaniel	Johann Thiel	Fred Samuelson
Ken Huffaker <i>father of Kendra McCauley</i>	Mike Neal	Jaylee Bartleson
Emma Nelson <i>granddaughter of Steve &amp; Nan Jungst</i>	Christina King	George Forsyth
	Sherry Kluever	Janeen Driscoll
	Kim Elliott	Julie Sutherland
Ardith Forsyth		

**Hospitalizations:** *If you are in the hospital or are going to be in the hospital and want us to be aware of it, please call the church office or have someone call on your behalf. Unless directed otherwise, your name will be placed on the prayer list and included in electronic notifications.*

## Announcements

### **New Office Hours Begin July 1**

Memorial's new office hours will be Tuesday through Friday, 9 AM - 3:30 PM beginning Tuesday, July 1. Please contact the office if you need to make an appointment outside of these hours. Thank you!

### **We want your project to succeed! Apply today for a grant from the Ministry Endowment Fund.**



We are now accepting applications for 2025 grants from our Ministry Endowment Fund! We are interested in supporting creative and innovative projects to serve the community and world. Following the example of Jesus of Nazareth, we have a bias for projects that serve the overlooked and the neglected. We also value:

- small projects, (because they are often seeds of change);
- projects that are built on collaboration with others;
- projects that draw diverse people together;
- and projects that evoke simplicity and self-giving generosity.

***Applications are due Friday, August 8, 2025, by 12 Noon (CDT).*** For more information and to apply, please use the QR code or contact Jim Stage, Emily Dalthorp, or Pastor Kathleen.

### **Volunteers Needed: Ushers/Greeters for Sunday Mornings**

We're looking for ushers/greeters to be welcoming faces to those worshipping with us on Sunday mornings. If you can help, please see the sign-up sheet on the main door into the Sanctuary, or contact the church office. Thank you!

### **Volunteer Opportunity: Drivers Wanted**

Would you be willing to offer a lift to members of Memorial that need transportation assistance to and from worship? If so, please contact the office so that we can provide you further information. Thank you so much for your willingness to help!

## **Birthday Celebration for Johan Thiel**

Johann Thiel is turning 91 on June 29 and Bethany Life (Story City) will host a birthday party for him on the 29th from 3:00 - 5:00 PM. All are invited to attend, or if you would like to send a card, Johann's address is:

Johann Thiel  
c/o Bethany Life  
212 Lafayette Ave.  
Story City, IA 50248

## ***Blast Back to School*—School Supplies Needed!**

Did you know that on average, families spend over \$100 per child to purchase necessary school supplies? For many families this is just not possible on limited budgets. Story County's Blast Back to School Event aims to relieve the burden of back to school expenses for local families of K–12 students through the donation of supplies and backpacks. You can help by bringing supplies (see the list below) to Memorial this summer, which will then be distributed to schools. Please leave the supplies outside the front office—thank you for your help!

### ***Supplies needed:***

- Headphones
- #2 Pencils
- Pink Erasers
- Black Pens
- Blue Pens
- Red Pens
- Highlighters
- 24 Pack of Crayola Colored Pencils
- Pencil Pouches
- Folders
- College-ruled Spiral Notebooks
- Plastic (no paper please) Pocket
- Composition Notebooks
- Box of 10 Broad Line Markers
- 24 Pack of Crayola Crayons
- Dry Erase Markers
- Glue Bottles
- 1-inch Binders
- Plastic School Supply Boxes
- Wide-ruled Spiral Notebooks
- Backpacks (most of the monetary funds donated go toward backpacks)

### **Memorial's Tech Crew Needs You!**

Memorial's Tech Crew runs our livestream service that appears on YouTube and Facebook each Sunday morning and for some special services. We're a small group (with the occasional special visitors :D) that would love to train interested individuals to assist with running the video and audio on select Sundays throughout the year. (No experience necessary - we'll teach you!) If you're interested, please contact Emily Dalthorp or Bill, Carol, or Danny Golden.

### **Nevada Community Blood Drive**

*Wednesday, July 2, 1 - 6 PM*

*825 15th St., Nevada*

Be a life saver! Your donation with LifeServe will help save your neighbor, a friend, family member or a stranger in your own community! Only blood collected by LifeServe Blood Center is provided to your local hospitals.

### **Save the Date: Vacation Bible School - *"Magnified: Discovering the Bigness of God in the Smallest of Things"***

**What:** *"Magnified! VBS will encourage kids to look closely at the details of God's amazing world and magnify, or proclaim, the greatness of God. God made us, cares about us, loves us, forgives us, and is faithful to keep all His promises to us. We can praise God together! We were made to magnify God!" - Lifeway VBS*

**When:** August 3 - 6, 6:00 - 8:00 PM

**Where:** St. Patrick's Church

**Who:** Children entering Kindergarten through 5th grade

**Price:** \$10 per family

**Questions?:** Contact Jenny Angus at [dbq139re@dbqarch.org](mailto:dbq139re@dbqarch.org)



## Invitation to Support Iglesia Camino de Emaus (Road to Emaus Church)

During the Southeastern Iowa Synod's recent Synod Assembly, Memorial joined our Synod, the Northern Illinois Synod, the ELCA, and many other churches and organizations in offering our

monetary and prayerful support to Iglesia Camino de Emaus (Road to Emaus Church). Iglesia Camino de Emaus is a new Synodically Authorized Worshiping Community in Davenport led by Pr. Jose Pilar Alvarez Cabrera, former bishop of the Lutheran church in Guatemala.

As Iglesia Camino de Emaus continues to form and grow, continued support from churches, organizations, and individuals would be of great help. Please prayerfully consider offering your support and use the QR code if you can help. Thank you!

## Online Giving with Tithe.ly—New Funds Available for Designated Gifts



Thank you for joining us for worship today! If you would like to support our ministries, online gifts can be made using <http://tithe.ly/> give or by scanning the QR code. ***Did you know? In Tithe.ly, you can set up one-time or recurring gifts to the General Fund, Capital Improvement Fund, Drive for the Drive Pavement Project, Sanctuary Screens Fund, Sanctuary Carpet Fund, and more!***

## Stay Connected with Memorial

Keep up-to-date with Memorial and community events, prayer requests, volunteer opportunities, and more; sign up to receive emails and/or periodic texts at [bit.ly/memorialconnect](http://bit.ly/memorialconnect) or by using the QR code.



## **Save the Date**

### **CROP Walk Meeting**

When: Tuesday, July 1, 10:00 AM in Lounge

### **Weekly Bible Study**

When: Thursday, July 3, 8:30 AM in Chapel

### **MLC Office Closed in Observance of Independence Day**

When: Friday, July 4

### **MLC at Harmony Clothing Closet - Volunteers Needed!**

When: Monday, July 7, 4:00 - 7:00 PM

### **Executive Committee Meeting**

When: Tuesday, July 8, 5:00 PM in Lounge

### **Finance Team Meeting**

When: Thursday, July 10, 5:00 PM in Staff Work Room

### **MLC Office Closed**

When: Tuesday, July 15

### **Council Meeting**

When: Thursday, July 17, 7:00 PM in Fellowship Hall



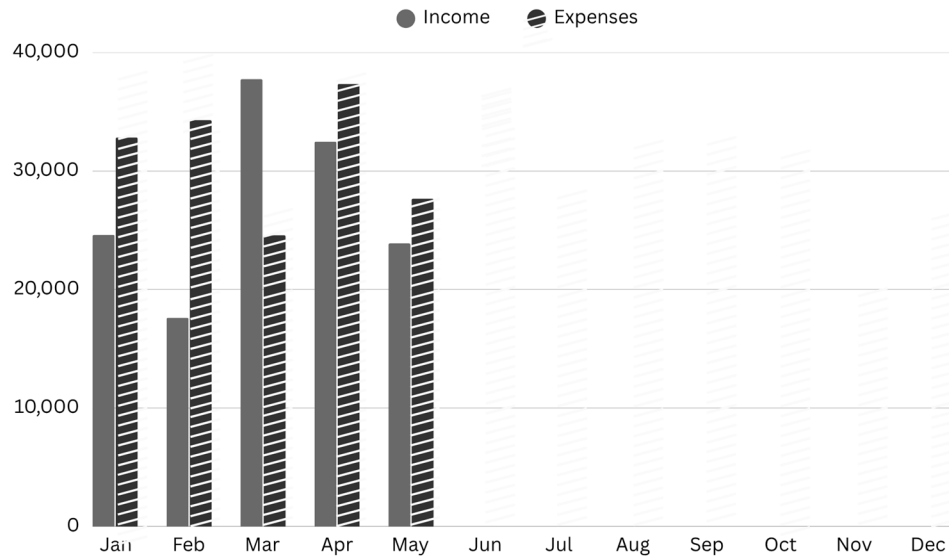
## General Fund 2025

### Cumulative Income vs Expenses as of May 31, 2025

Income: \$136,364

Expenses: (\$156,723)

Current Deficit: (\$20,359)



## **Our 2025 Goals**

*As discussed and approved at the January 2025 council meeting*

1. We will gather with Memorial members with an emphasis of creating an environment of belonging, fellowship, and family.
2. We will build on the ongoing ecumenical work.

## **Our 2025 Council**

Steve Lekwa, President

Wayne Kinyon, Vice President

Erin Rewerts, Secretary

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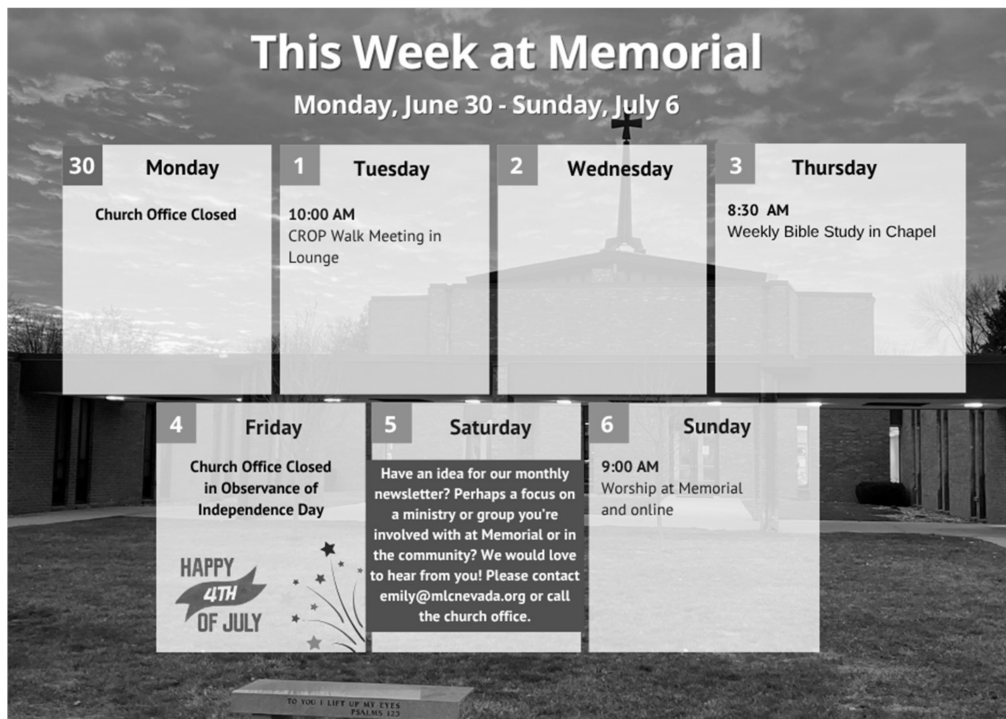
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