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Memorial Lutheran Church | Nevada, Iowa

Handbell Outreach: Members of this morning's handbell ensemble will travel to Bethany Life in Story City to also play for their service at 10:30 am. Pastor David is very excited for us to join them in worship and spread handbell joy to their residents. A special "thank you" to Annette, Jeanie, Nathalie, Emilia, Emily, and Cathy for this outreach ministry.


Next Week Special Music: Vocal soloist, Aaron McCullough, will be our special guest next Sunday. Aaron brings his mellow baritone voice to our worship singing some beautiful contemporary praise songs. Check the Music Notes Bulletin Board for some bio briefs on Aaron's musical journey.

Prelude: "Simple Gifts" - arr. Patricia Sanders Cota

Handbell Ensemble: Annette Dalthorp, Jeanie Ferneau, Nathalie Cruden, Emilia Stage, Emily Dalthorp, Cathy Carsrud

Welcome

Gathering Hymn: "What is the World Like" - ACS #1047



1 What is the world like when God's will is
2 What is the world like when God's will is
3 What is the world like when God's will is
4 What is the world like when God's will is
5 These are the sto - ries that Je - sus im -

done? Mus - tard seeds grow more than
done? Wit - ness the wan - der - ing
done? No more is neigh - bor just
done? Read - y for feast - ing, we
parts, filled with the Spir - it who





we can con - ceive: roots thread the
child com - ing home; watch as the
al - ly or friend; peace thrives in
watch through the night, tend - ing our
joins us as one. Born through our
soil; branch - es reach for the sun.
par - ent breaks in - to a run.
plac - es where once there was none.
lamps till the new day's be - gun.
voic - es, our hands, and our hearts,
This is how God moves us each to be - lieve.
This is how God longs for us when we roam.
This is how God works when ri - val - ries end.
This is how God read - ies us for the light.
this is a new world where God's will is done.

Text: Adam M. L. Tice, b. 1979

Music: NEW WORLD, Sally Ann Morris, b. 1952

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Greeting

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.

You are the treasured people of the Lord,
a people holy to the Lord our God.

Keep the words of the Lord in your heart; teach them to your children.

Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.

One does not live by bread alone,
But by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.
- Deuteronomy 26, 11, 8

“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!
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Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O Lord God, your mercy delights us, and the world longs for your loving care.

Hear the cries of everyone in need, and turn our hearts to love our neighbors with the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:9-14

⁹The LORD your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the LORD will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, ¹⁰when you obey the LORD your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

¹¹Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. ¹²It is not in heaven, that you should say, "Who will go up to heaven for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?" ¹³Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, "Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?" ¹⁴No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: Colossians 1:1-14

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

²To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

³In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁴for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, ⁵because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel ⁶that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. ⁷This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, ⁸and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

⁹For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. ¹¹May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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 10:25-37

The Gospel according to Luke

Glory to You, O Lord

²⁵ Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he said, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ²⁶ He said to him, “What is written in the law? What do you read there?” ²⁷ He answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.” ²⁸ And he said to him, “You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.”

²⁹ But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

³⁰ Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹ Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. ³² So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. ³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him.

³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' ³⁶ Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" ³⁷ He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Steve Lekwa

Hymn of the Day: "When the Poor Ones" - ELW #725

Apostles' Creed

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**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.**

God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

Gracious God,

Have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown. Things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all our sins.

Amen.

Peace

The peace of the Risen Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Offering

Music Voluntary: *"I Love You Lord"* - arr. Patricia Sanders Cota

Handbell Ensemble

Offering Prayer

God, our Creator,

You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living creature.

With these gifts we bless you for your tender nurture and care. Help us to delight in your will and walk in your ways, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

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.

Announcements

Blessing

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit
bless you now and forever.
Amen.

Sending Hymn: “We Are One in the Spirit”

**1. We are one in the Spirit,
we are one in the Lord,
we are one in the Spirit,
we are one in the Lord,
and we pray that all unity
may one day be restored**

Refrain:

**And they'll know we are Christians
by our love, by our love,
yes they'll know we are Christians
by our love.**

**2. We will walk with each other,
we will walk hand in hand,
we will walk with each other,
we will walk hand in hand,
and together we'll spread the news
that God is in our land.**

(Refrain)

**3. We will work with each other,
we will work side by side,
we will work with each other,
we will work side by side,
and we'll guard human dignity
and save human pride.**

(Refrain)

**4. All praise to the Father,
from whom all things come,
and all praise to Christ Jesus,
God's only Son,
and all praise to the Spirit,
who makes us one,**

(Refrain)

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude: *“Fanfare in C Major”* - Charles Ore
Previously recorded by Lois Theesfield, organist

Prayers for Healing

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

Please keep Teresa Krebs, Stacie Link, and family in your prayers following the death of their sister-in-law, +Jean Monahan

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	Katy Beno	Jean Smith
<i>brother of Arlys Neal</i>	<i>sister of Sandy Christian</i>	Easton Farrington
Jill Rhodes	Eric Forsyth	Janice Hartz
Judy Johnson	Crystal Vines	Jackie Byers
Gloria Jacobson	Katie Bass	<i>daughter of Shellie Black</i>
Connie Robinson	<i>niece of Judy Coverdale</i>	Donna See
<i>sister of Shirley Klonglan</i>	Wayne Johnson	Norma Danna
Baby Paisley	Troy Vincent	<i>friend of Betty Runge</i>
Barb McDaniel	Johann Thiel	Fred Samuelson
Ken Huffaker	Mike Neal	Jaylee Bartleson
<i>father of Kendra McCauley</i>	Christina King	George Forsyth
Emma Nelson	Sherry Kluever	Janeen Driscoll
<i>granddaughter of Steve & Nan Jungst</i>	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

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!

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.

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



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 or by using the QR code.

Save the Date

MLC Office Closed

When: Tuesday, July 15

Weekly Bible Study

When: Thursday, July 17, 8:30 AM in Chapel

Council Meeting

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

MLC @ Harmony Clothing Closet - volunteers needed!

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

Beer & Theology

When: Thursday, August 7, 6:30 PM (first Thursday of every month)

Where: Cubbies on Main

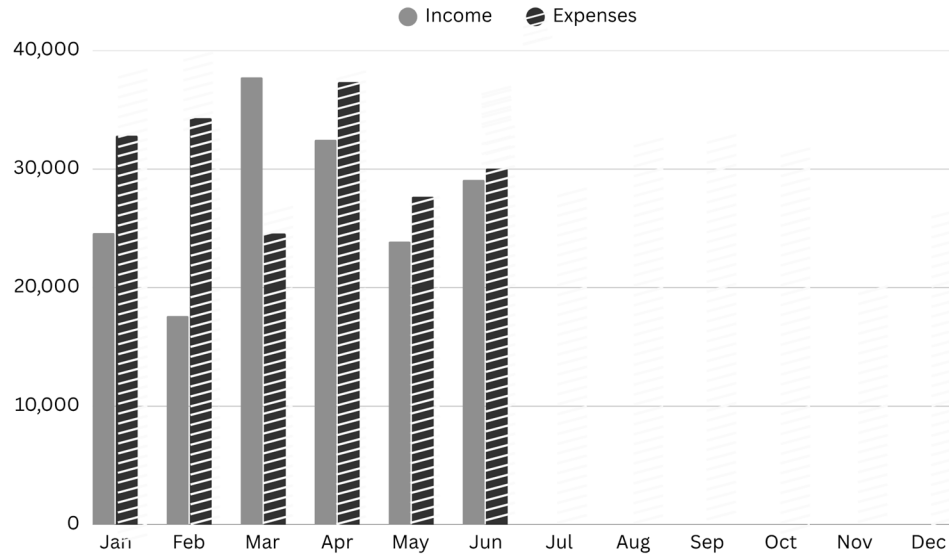
General Fund 2025

Cumulative Income vs Expenses as of June 30, 2025

Income: \$165,468

Expenses: (\$186,777)

Current Deficit: (\$21,309)



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

Hattie Rhodes, Treasurer

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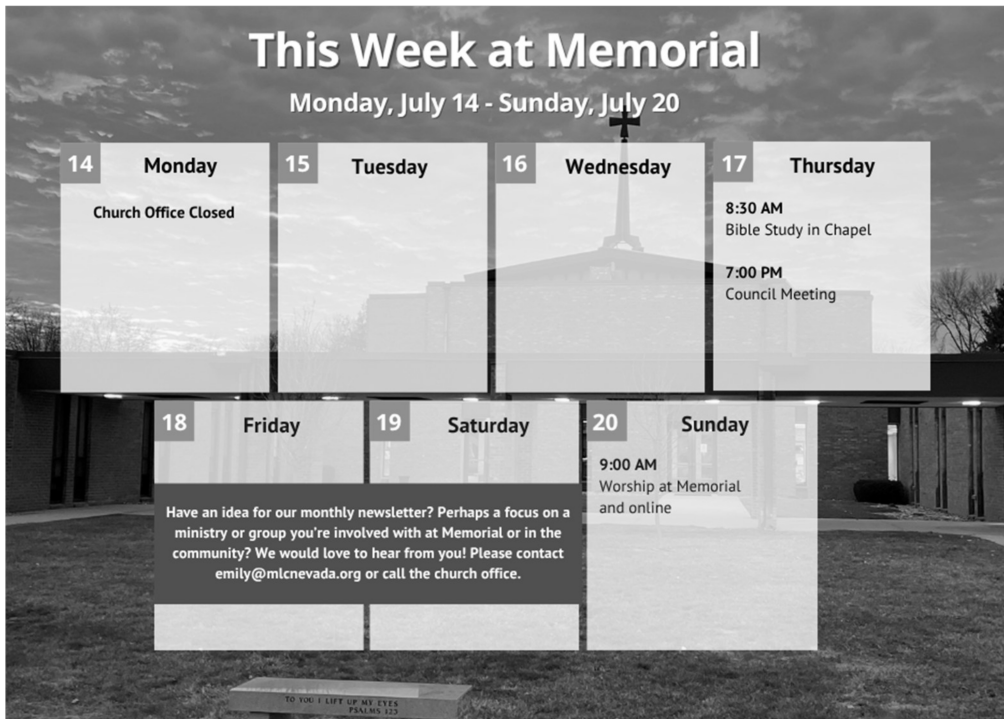
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