

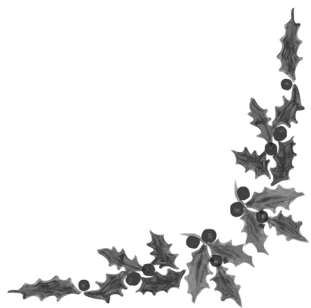


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Memorial Lutheran Church | Nevada, Iowa

Prelude: *"Oh Come, All Ye Faithful"* - Callahan/Behnke
Lois Theesfield, organ

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
whose steadfast love is everlasting.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God-with-us,
**we confess that we have turned away
those seeking shelter,
claiming there is no room when we have plenty.
We have made power and wealth our idols,
while you show us true glory: a baby in a manger.
We have overlooked the shepherds,
expecting good news in prettier packaging.
Too often, we have valued violence
instead of your peace.
Turn us from our ways to your ways.
Grant us the grace to begin again.
Free us from all that keeps us bound,
and forgive our sin,
through Jesus Christ, who gives himself for us.
Amen.**

Hear the good news and rejoice!
You are God's chosen ones,
holy and beloved,
+ forgiven in Christ,
and freed to respond in joy.
Amen.

Gathering Hymn: "O Come, All Ye Faithful" ELW #283

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.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you gave us your only Son to take on our human nature and to illumine the world with your light. By your grace adopt us as your children and enlighten us with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Order for Holy Baptism - Jonathan James-Scott Blanchard

Presentation

- P In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.
- P As you bring Jonathan to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:
- to live with him among God's faithful people,
 - bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
 - teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,

place in his hands the holy scriptures,
and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that Jonathan may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made
and work for justice and peace.

P Do you promise to help Jonathan grow in Christian faith and life? Then answer "I do"

R I do.

P People of God, do you promise to support Jonathan and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

C We do.

Profession of Faith

The minister addresses the baptismal group and the assembly.

P I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, the ways of sin that draw you from God?

R I do.

P Do you believe in God the Father?

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

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C 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.**

P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C 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**

Thanksgiving at the Font

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

C Amen.

Baptism

P Jonathan, you are baptized
in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through the water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Sustain Jonathan with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

C Amen.

P Jonathan, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

C Amen.

P O God, the giver of all life, look with kindness upon Justice and Nathaniel. Let them ever rejoice in the gift you have given them. Make them teachers and examples of righteousness for Jonathan.

Strengthen them in their own Baptism so they may share eternally with their child the salvation you have given him, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

Welcome

A lighted candle is given to the baptized by a representative of the congregation who says:

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

P Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**C We welcome you into the body of Christ
and into the mission we share:**

**join us in giving thanks and praise to God
and bearing God's creative and redeeming word
to all the world.**

First Reading: Isaiah 52:7-10

⁷ How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of the messenger who announces peace,
who brings good news,
who announces salvation,
who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."

⁸ Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices;
together they shout for joy,
for in plain sight they see
the return of the Lord to Zion.

⁹ Break forth; shout together for joy,
you ruins of Jerusalem,
for the Lord has comforted his people;
he has redeemed Jerusalem.

¹⁰ The Lord has bared his holy arm
before the eyes of all the nations,
and all the ends of the earth shall see
the salvation of our God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

"The Work of Christmas" by Howard Thurman

All speak together

**When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins:**

**To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among brothers,
To make music in the heart.**

Second Reading: Hebrews 1:1-12

¹ Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, ² but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. ³ He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴ having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

⁵ For to which of the angels did God ever say,

“You are my Son;
today I have begotten you”?

Or again,

“I will be his Father,
and he will be my Son”?

⁶ And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says,

“Let all God's angels worship him.”

⁷ Of the angels he says,

“He makes his angels winds
and his servants flames of fire.”

⁸ But of the Son he says,

“Your throne, O God, is forever and ever,
and the scepter of righteousness is the scepter of your kingdom.

⁹ You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness;

therefore God, your God, has anointed you
with the oil of gladness beyond your companions.”

¹⁰ And, “In the beginning, Lord, you founded the earth,
and the heavens are the work of your hands;

¹¹ they will perish, but you remain;
they will all wear out like clothing;

¹² like a cloak you will roll them up,
and like clothing they will be changed.

But you are the same,
and your years will never end.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Children at Heart Sermon

Gospel Acclamation: “Love Has Come” verse 1 - ELW #292

Gospel Reading: Luke 11:1-13

The Gospel according to Luke
Glory to You, O Lord

¹[Jesus] was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.”² So he said to them, “When you pray, say:

Father, may your name be revered as holy.

May your kingdom come.

³Give us each day our daily bread.

⁴And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial.”

⁵And he said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread,’⁶ for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.’⁷ And he answers from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.’⁸ I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything out of friendship, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

⁹“So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you.¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.¹¹ Is there anyone among you who, if your child asked for a fish, would give a snake instead of a fish?¹² Or if the child asked for an egg, would give a scorpion?¹³ If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: *"Prepare the Royal Highway"* ELW #264

Prayers of Intercession

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

Offering

Music Voluntary: *"The Power of Your Love"*- Geoff Bullock
Dave Lekwa & Steve Lekwa, duet; Sue Lekwa, accompanist

Offering Prayer

God of heaven and earth,
from the beginning, you have called forth life,
in which you take delight.
The trees, the fields, and the seas sing for joy.
Bless now these gifts, received from your bounty,
that we may join the chorus of creation
to tell of your salvation from day to day.
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.

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” - David Eck, “Everlasting Light”

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly One. God of pow - er, God of might. Heav'n and
earth are full of your glor - y. Ho - sa - na in the high - est. Blessed! Blessed
is the one who comes. Blessed! Blessed! in the name of God.

Words of Institution

The 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

The kingdom of God is set before you.
Eat and rejoice.

Communion Hymns

"Away in a Manger" - ELW #277

"Angels, from the Realms of Glory" - ELW #275

Prayer After Communion

Merciful God,
we thank you for Jesus, who is our heavenly food.
Strengthened by this goodness,
send us forth to announce your peace,
comfort the afflicted,
and share the good news of great joy.
Amen.

Announcements

Blessing

The God of love,
Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,
lavish you with grace,
illumine your path,
and increase your joy,
today and always.

Amen.

Sending Hymn: *"Joy to the World"* ELW #267

Dismissal

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude: *"Go Tell It On the Mountain"* - John Ferguson
Lois Theesfield, organ

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 the family of +Nancy Greiner in your prayers following her death.

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

Jim Dalthorp	Karen Anderson	<i>friend of Virginia Palmisano-Goettsch</i>
Charlie Lloyd	Caleb Roof	
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 Dannan
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	Pr. Marcia Kisner	Jan Cook
Eileen Miller	Marlene Waddell	

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

Our Magnified VBS is almost here!

We could really use some help with craft supply donations. If you can help, please drop off any donations to the church office. Thank you!

Clear plastic containers (the kind that you can buy berries in)

Clean lids, 2-3 inches in diameter (yogurt, sour cream, peanut butter lids)

Washed out soup, fruit, beans, or vegetable cans

Small washers 1-1 1/2 inch in diameter

Beads

Clear glue

Straws

Tagboard

Good Samaritan Cookout Fundraiser ...*The numbers are in!*

Thank you so much for all your help in making the Good Samaritan Cookout Fundraiser a success! Thank you to all who donated food for the meal, served at the event, and all who came out to support the event by dining with us. Thanks to your help and support approximately 200 people were fed and approximately a total of \$3500 was raised at the event in June. The Good Samaritan fund is an ecumenical ministry that provides limited financial assistance to Eastern Story County residents in dire need. It provides utility and rent assistance, gas vouchers, and groceries. The Good Samaritan Fund is funded entirely by local churches, and private donations.

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 Folders
- 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

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!***

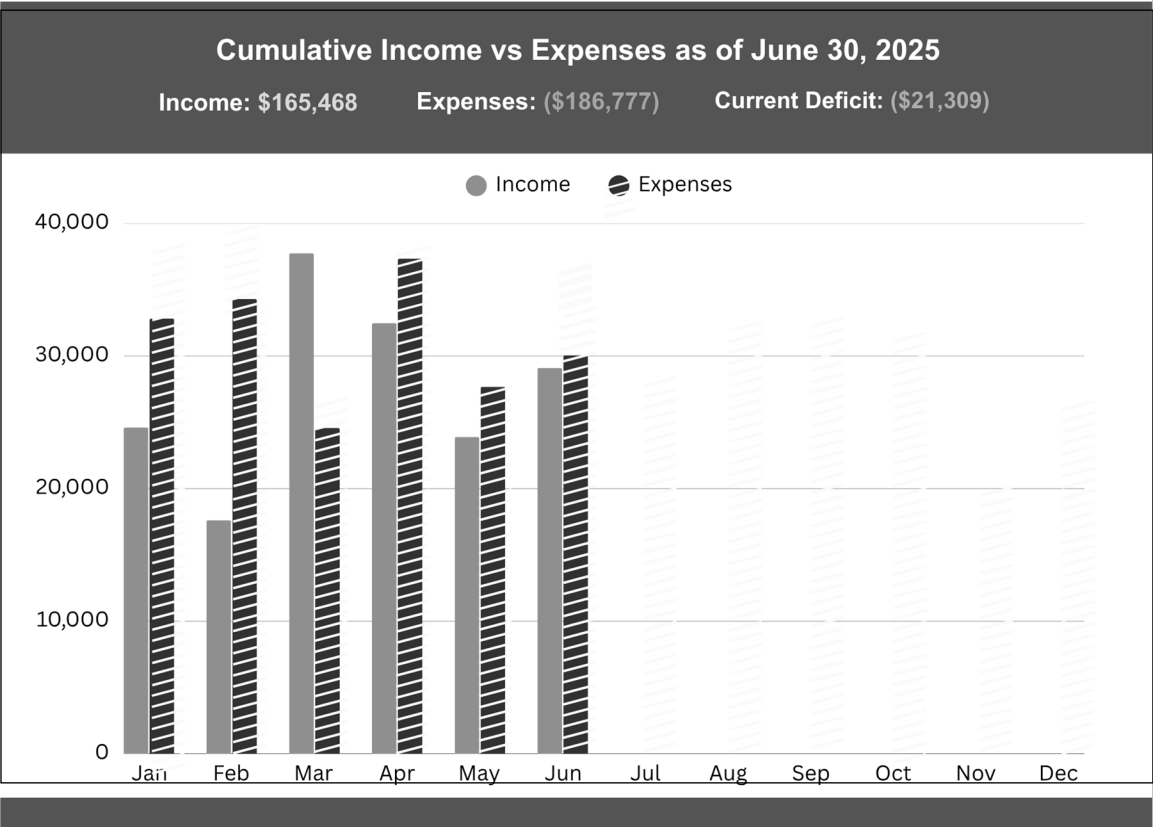


Stay Connected with Memorial

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.



General Fund 2025



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

Carl Link

Larry Parker

Wayne Kinyon, Vice President

Connie Kinyon

Lynn Rhodes

Erin Rewerts, Secretary

Denise Rehor

Mike Neal

Hattie Rhodes, Treasurer

Emilia Stage

Steve Jungst

Save the Date

Weekly Bible Study

When: Thursday, July 31, 8:30 AM in Chapel

Vacation Bible School at St. Patrick's

When: August 3 - 6

MLC @ Harmony Clothing Closet - volunteers needed!

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

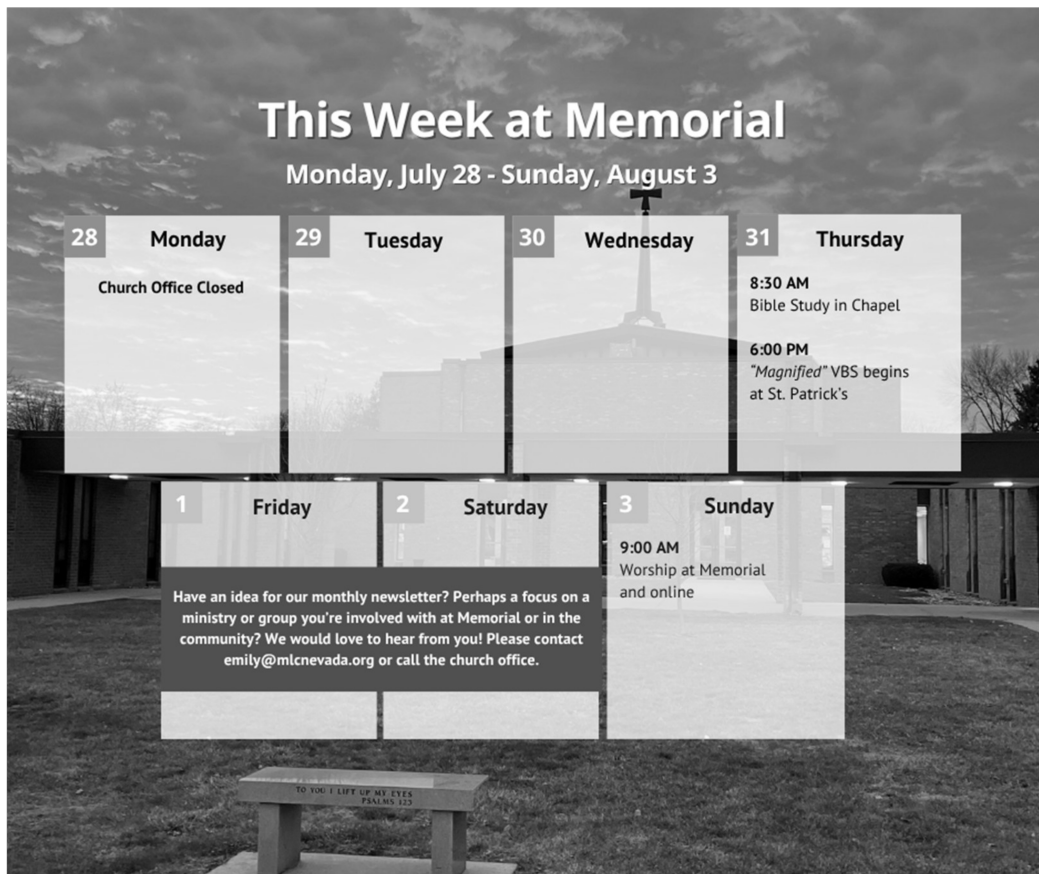
Weekly Bible Study

When: Thursday, August 7, 8:30 AM in Chapel

Beer & Theology

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

Where: Cubbies on Main



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