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Memorial Lutheran Church | Nevada, Iowa

Prelude

Emily Dalthorp, piano

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

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: *"Making Their Way"* ACS #979



1 Mak-ing their way down through the a - ges, sin - ners and saints have
 2 Mak-ing their way all the world o - ver, Chris - tians as - sem - ble
 3 Mak-ing our way sea - son by sea-son, pil - grims, we jour - ney

heard God's call: wealth - y and poor, pow - er - ful, low - ly,
 on this day, hear - ing the Word, shar - ing the Ban - quet,
 till life's end, trav - el - ing light, shar - ing the rich - es,

Je - sus' dis - ci - ples, one and all. Gath-ered for wor - ship, of - fer-ing thanks,
 learn-ing to walk in Je - sus' way. Mem-bers of Christ, u - nit - ed in love,
 car - ing for strang-er as for friend, till in the joy of long-ing ful-filled,

the great - est with the least have come to share this feast.
 they seek our God to know, and so to - geth - er grow.
 to - geth - er we will come to our e - ter - nal home.

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939
 Music: KOMT NU MET ZANG, A. Valerius, *Nederlandsch Gedenckclank*, 1626
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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

Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives.
Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you,
and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our
Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14, 2:18-23

²Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher,
vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

¹²I, the Teacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem. ¹³I applied my mind
to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is
an unhappy business that God has given to humans to be busy with. ¹⁴I
saw all the deeds that are done under the sun, and see, all is vanity and a
chasing after wind.

^{2:18}I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I
must leave it to my successor, ¹⁹and who knows whether he will be wise
or foolish? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my
wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. ²⁰So I turned and gave my
heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun,
²¹because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge
and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it.
This also is vanity and a great evil. ²²What do mortals get from all the toil
and strain with which they toil under the sun? ²³For all their days are full
of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest.
This also is vanity.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 49:1-12

Refrain

Teach us, Lord, the mea-sure of our days.

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- ¹ Hear this, all you peoples;
give ear, all you who dwell in the world,
- ² you of high degree and low,
rich and poor together.
- ³ My mouth shall speak of wisdom,
and my heart shall meditate on understanding.
- ⁴ I will incline my ear to a proverb
and set forth my riddle upon the harp. **Refrain**
- ⁵ Why should I be afraid in evil days,
when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,
- ⁶ the wickedness of those who put their trust in their own prowess,
and boast of their great riches?
- ⁷ One can never redeem another,
or give to God the ransom for another's life;
- ⁸ for the ransom of a life is so great
that there would never be enough to pay it,
- ⁹ in order to live forever and ever
and never see the grave. **Refrain**
- ¹⁰ For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stupid they perish
and leave their wealth to those who come after them.
- ¹¹ Their graves shall be their homes forever, their dwelling places from
generation to generation,

though they had named lands after themselves.
¹² Even though honored, they cannot live forever;
they are like the beasts that perish. **Refrain**

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-11

¹ So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, ³ for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

⁵ Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). ⁶ On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. ⁷ These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. ⁸ But now you must get rid of all such things: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. ⁹ Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. ¹¹ In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, enslaved and free, but Christ is all and in all!

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Children at Heart Sermon

Gospel Acclamation - ELW Setting 10



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

Gospel Reading: Luke 12:13-21

The Gospel according to Luke

Glory to You, O Lord

¹³ Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus,] "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." ¹⁴ But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" ¹⁵ And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." ¹⁶ Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷ And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' ¹⁸ Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' ²⁰ But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' ²¹ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: “Faith Begins By Letting Go” ACS #1004



- 1 Faith be - gins by let - ting go, giv - ing up what had seemed sure,
- 2 Faith en - dures by hold - ing on, keep - ing mem - 'ry's roots a - live
- 3 Faith ma - tures by reach - ing out, stretch - ing minds, en - larg - ing hearts,



tak - ing risks and press - ing on, though the way feels less se - cure:
so that hope may bear its fruit; prom - ise - fed, our souls will thrive,
shar - ing strug - gles, liv - ing prayer, bind - ing up the bro - ken parts;



pil - grim - age both right and odd, trust - ing all our life to God.
not through mer - it we pos - sess but by God's great faith - ful - ness.
till we find the com - mon - place ripe with wit - ness to God's grace.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

Music: RATISBON, J. G. Werner, *Choralbuch*, 1815

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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

Sharing of the Peace

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

Offering

Music Voluntary: *"Down to the River to Pray"*- traditional gospel
"Haydon Family" Trio - Jeanne, Mark, and Matt Haydon

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

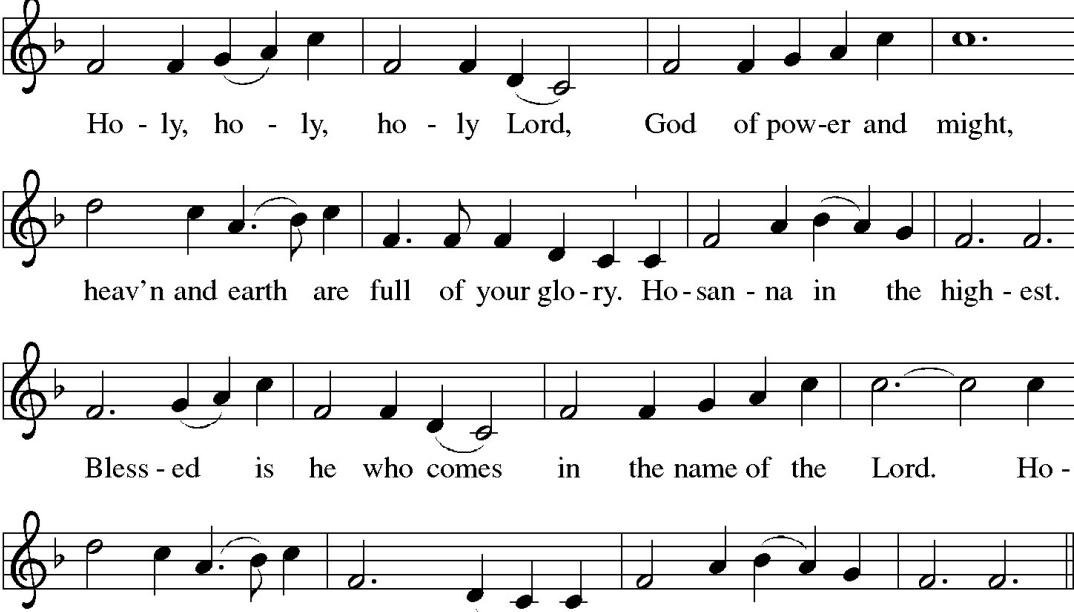
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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.

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” - ELW Setting 10



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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

"Lamb of God" - ELW Setting 10

"Break Now the Bread of Life" - ELW #515

Lamb of God



- 1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
- 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
- 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

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: "*Lead Me, Guide Me*" ELW #768

Dismissal

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Emily Dalthorp, piano

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 Lou Ann Williams, Jenny Adelmund, Jami Tharp, Jim Bingham, John Bingham, and the entire family in your prayers following the death of Rob Williams.

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

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

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

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:

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

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.

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

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

Executive Committee Meeting

When: Sunday, August 10, following worship

Stewardship Team Meeting

When: Wednesday, August 13, 6:30 PM

Weekly Bible Study

When: Thursday, August 14, 8:30 AM in Chapel

Finance Team Meeting

When: Thursday, August 14, 5:00 PM in Staff Work Room

Weekly Bible Study

When: Thursday, August 21, 8:30 AM in Chapel

MLC @ Food at First - Contact Marilyn Nelson if you can help!

When: Thursday, August 21, 2:00 - 6:30 PM

Council Meeting

When: Thursday, August 21, 7:00 PM in Fellowship Hall

Back to School Blessing

For all students, teachers, and support staff

When: Sunday, August, 24 during 9:00 AM worship

Fall Kick-off Party

Come celebrate the start of Wednesday Night Live, Confirmation, and Youth Group! All are invited!

When: Wednesday, August 27, 6:30 - 7:30 PM

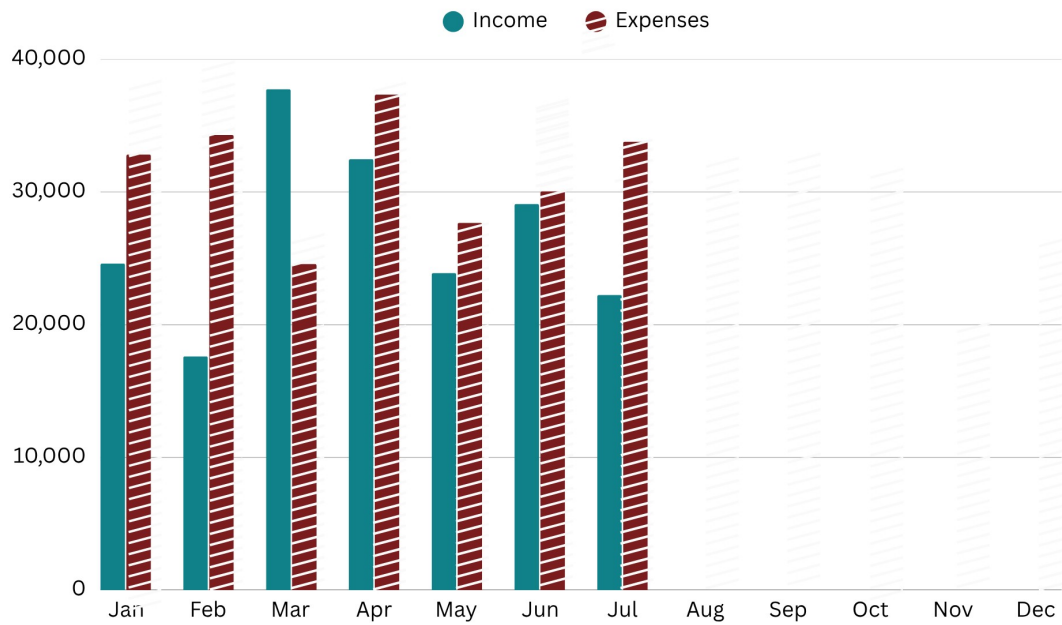
General Fund 2025

Cumulative Income vs Expenses as of July 31, 2025

Income: \$187,712

Expenses: (\$220,574)

Current Deficit: (\$32,862)



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

This Week at Memorial

Monday, August 4 - Sunday, August 10

4 Monday Church Office Closed 4:00 - 7:00 PM Memorial at Harmony Clothing Closet - volunteers needed! 6:00 - 8:00 PM VBS at St. Patrick's	5 Tuesday 6:00 - 8:00 PM VBS at St. Patrick's	6 Wednesday 6:00 - 8:00 PM VBS at St. Patrick's	7 Thursday 8:30 AM Bible Study in Chapel 6:30 PM Beer & Theology at Cubbies on Main
8 Friday Have an idea for our monthly newsletter? Perhaps a focus on a ministry or group you're involved with at Memorial or in the community? We would love to hear from you! Please contact emily@mlcnevada.org or call the church office.	9 Saturday	10 Sunday 9:00 AM Worship at Memorial and online Executive Committee Meeting will follow worship	

Office Hours
 Tuesday - Friday 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM*
**Call 515-382-6509 for appointments outside of office hours*

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