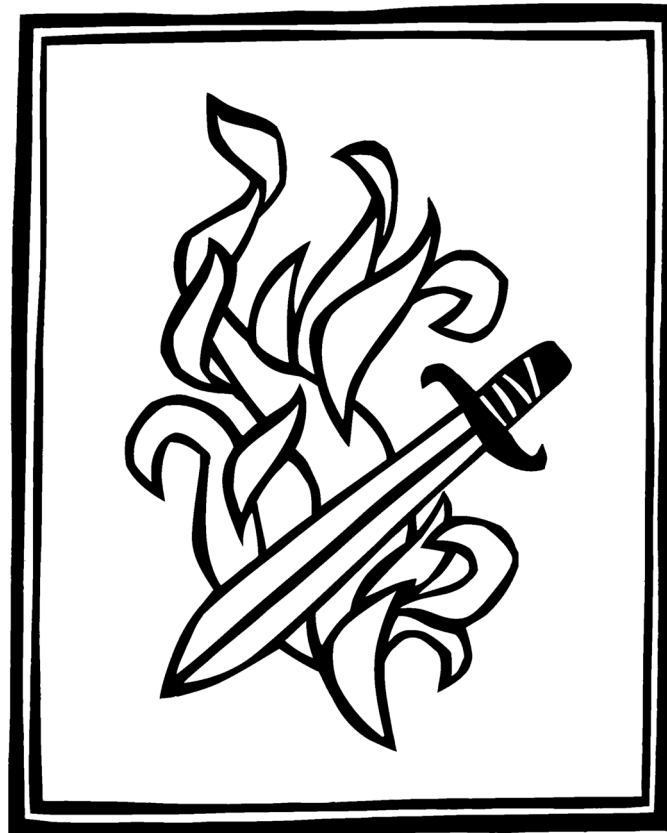


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*We welcome special guest Jon Buss to our worship this morning.
For many years, Jon has used his musical talents - brass and piano - to enrich
the lives of God's people. Thank You, Jon, for sharing your gifts with us!*

Prelude: "Processional" - David Johnson

Jon Buss, trumpet

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: “How Firm a Foundation” ELW #796

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

O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading: Jeremiah 23:23-29

²³Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? ²⁴Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. ²⁵I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, “I have dreamed! I have dreamed!” ²⁶How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? ²⁷They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. ²⁸Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. ²⁹Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 82

Refrain

The musical score for the Refrain of Psalm 82, measures 1-5, is written in treble and bass clefs with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 2/2 time signature. The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "The Lord hears the cry of the poor. Bless - ed be the Lord." The score includes a repeat sign at the end of measure 5.

¹ God stands to charge the divine council assembled,
giving judgment in the midst of the gods:

² "How long will you judge unjustly,
and show favor to the wicked?

³ Save the weak and the orphan;
defend the humble and needy;

⁴ rescue the weak and the poor;
deliver them from the power of the wicked. *Refrain*

⁵ They do not know, neither do they understand; they wander about
in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

⁶ Now I say to you, 'You are gods,
and all of you children of the Most High;

⁷ nevertheless, you shall die like mortals,
and fall like any prince.' "

⁸ Arise, O God, and rule the earth,
for you shall take all nations for your own. *Refrain*

Second Reading: Hebrews 11:29 - 12:2

²⁹ By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. ³⁰ By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹ By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

³² And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets, ³³ who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴ quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵ Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. ³⁶ Others suffered mocking and flogging and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷ They were stoned to death; they were sawn in two; they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented ³⁸ of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains and in caves and holes in the ground.

³⁹ Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰ since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

^{12:1} Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ² looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

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 12:49-56

The Gospel according to Luke

Glory to You, O Lord

[Jesus said:] ⁴⁹“I have come to cast fire upon the earth, and how I wish it were already ablaze! ⁵⁰I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division!

⁵²From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; ⁵³they will be divided:

father against son

and son against father,

mother against daughter

and daughter against mother,

mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law

and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

⁵⁴He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain,’ and so it happens. ⁵⁵And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat,’ and it happens. ⁵⁶You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: “When Pain of the World Surrounds Us”
- ELW #704

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: “Be Thou My Vision” - Paul Manz
Jon Bass, flugelhorn

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 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.

The Great Thanksgiving

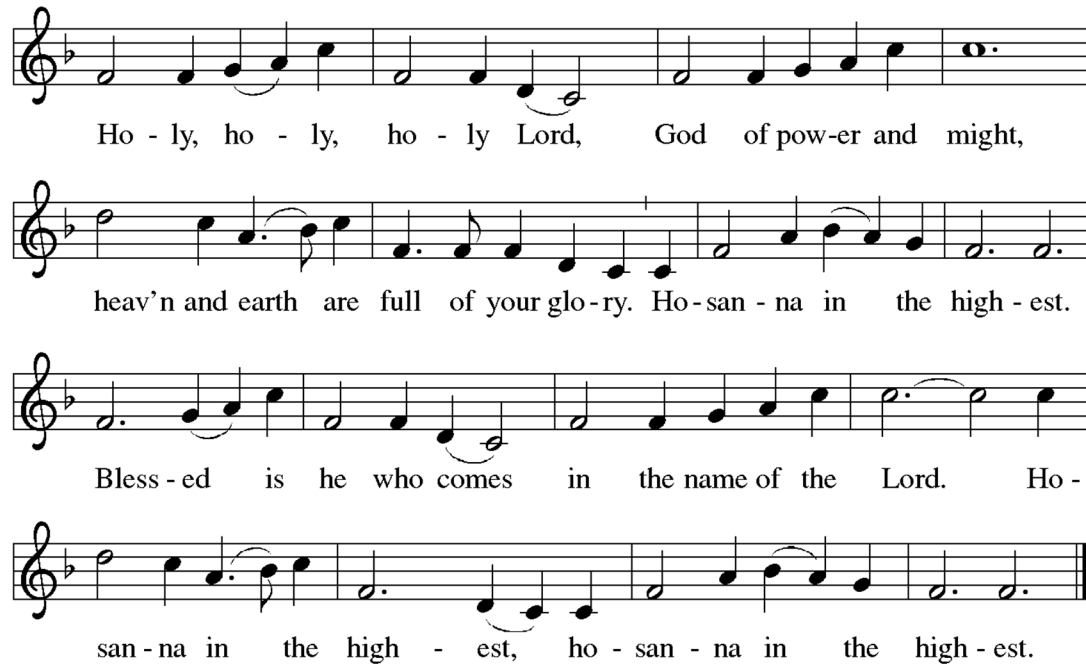
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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

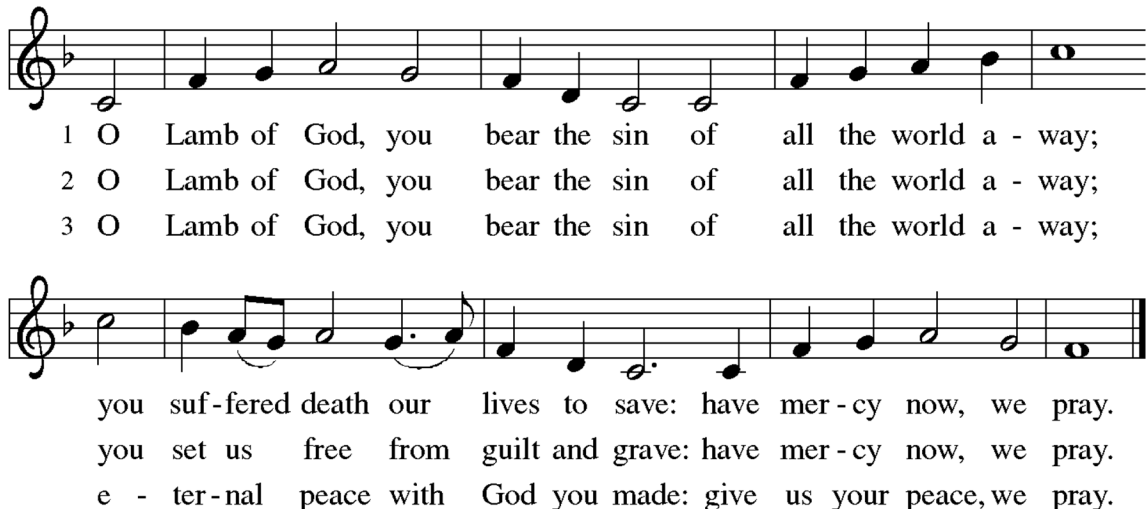
The kingdom of God is set before you.
Eat and rejoice.

Communion Hymns

"Lamb of God" - ELW Setting 10

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" - ELW #815

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: *"Praise and Thanks and Adoration"* ELW #783

Dismissal

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude: *"Trumpet Tune"* - Jeremiah Clarke
Jon Buss, trumpet

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 and her family in your prayers following the death of her husband Rob Williams on July 30, 2025.

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

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

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

Save the Date: Back to School Blessing - Sunday, August 24

As in past years, we encourage all students, teachers, and support staff to join us for a special blessing during worship on Sunday, August 24.

Save the Date: Fall Kick-Off Party - Wednesday, August 27, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

The whole congregation is invited to attend this party celebrating the start of Wednesday Night Live, Confirmation, and Youth Group! We'll decorate cookies, play yard games, eat pizza, and have the opportunity to win prizes! All are invited; bring a friend!

Save the Date: Worship at Oriole Ridge Lodge - Sunday, September 14

Join us at the beautiful Hickory Grove Park for worship at Oriole Ridge Lodge on Sunday, September 14. Details coming soon; mark your calendars today!

Thank You, Nevada Boys & Girls Club!

The Nevada Boys & Girls Club's (B&GC) staff and kids who make Memorial their home after school and during the summer would like to share how grateful they are to our congregation for by providing space and support for activities that benefit many kids in our community. Following the B&GC's recent car wash and lemonade stand fundraiser, they very generously decided to donate the \$716 raised to Memorial! We continue to be blessed to be able to share our space with such a dedicated group. *Thank you*, Nevada Boys & Girls Club!

Support Lutheran Lakeside's *For Every Season* Campaign

Memorial has had a long history of sending students and families to Lutheran Lakeside Camp for "the best week ever!" where campers are given unique opportunities to try new things, challenge themselves, enjoy creation, make friends, and grow in their



faith. We invite you to join us in giving back to this Lutheran Lakeside through their *For Every Season* campaign, which aims to improve all property and facilities to dramatically increase year-round offerings, as they seek to offer a place of belonging for all people to find joy and purpose in God's Creation. Visit lutheranlakeside.com or use the QR code to learn more and to give. *Thank you!*

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!

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.

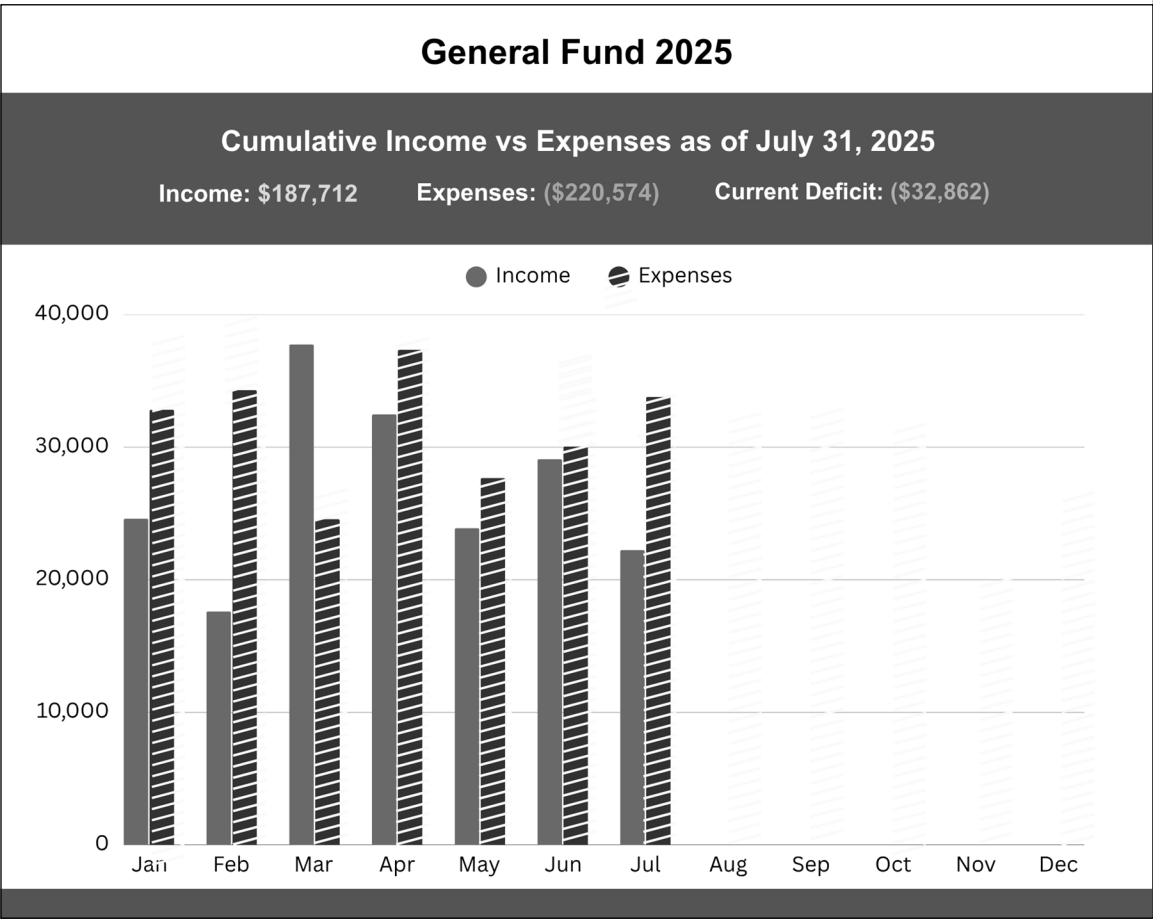
Online Giving with Tithe.ly—New Funds Available for Designated Gifts

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

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

Weekly Bible Study - New Day & Time

When: Tuesday, August 26, 2:00 PM in Chapel

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

MLC at Harmony Clothing Closet - Volunteers Needed!

When: Monday, September 1, 4:00 - 7:00 PM

Handbells and Choir Rehearsals Resume

When: Tuesday, September 2

Wednesday Night Live, Confirmation, and Youth Group Resume

When: Wednesday, September 3

Beer & Theology

When: Thursday, September 4, 6:30 PM

Where: Cubbies on Main

“God’s Work. Our Hands.” Sunday

When: Sunday, September 7 following 9:00 AM worship

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 18 - Sunday, August 24

18 Monday Church Office Closed	19 Tuesday	20 Wednesday	21 Thursday 8:30 AM Bible Study in Chapel 2:00 - 6:30 PM MLC @ Food at First <i>Volunteers needed!</i> 7:00 PM Council Meeting
22 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.	23 Saturday	24 Sunday 9:00 AM Worship at Memorial and online	

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

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