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Memorial Lutheran Church | Nevada, Iowa

This morning we welcome Deb Schildroth from Heartland of Story County. She will share some stories and about the impact Memorial's generosity has had with her work with Meals on Wheels. Be sure to stick around for fellowship time when she will share some exciting information about the new Sixty Forward program in Ames.

Prelude: "Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather" - setting by Lynette Maynard; follow the text at ELW #530 Lois Theesfield, 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.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper. **Amen.**

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

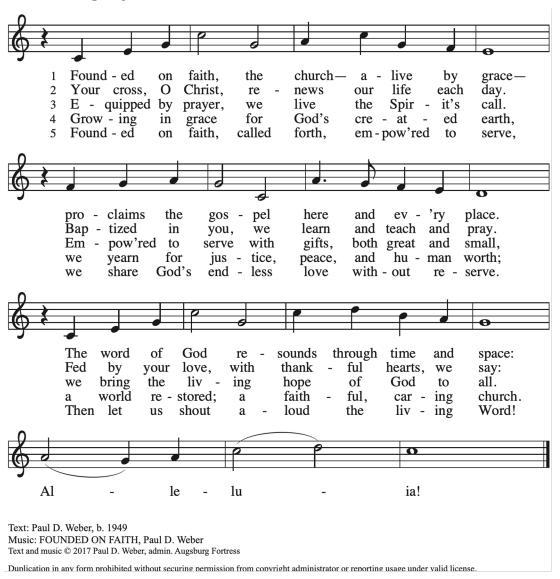
Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful and loving God, we are your stiff-necked people. We trample on the needy. We grumble about your grace to others. We turn away from the poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found. Amen.

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have been found. In the name of + Jesus, your sins are forgiven!

Amen.

Gathering Hymn: "Founded on Faith" ACS #1048



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, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

- ¹The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.
- ²O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen?
- Or cry to you "Violence!"

and you will not save?

- ³Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble?
- Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise.
- ⁴ So the law becomes slack, and justice never prevails.
- The wicked surround the righteous; therefore judgment comes forth perverted.
- ^{2:1}I will stand at my watchpost and station myself on the rampart;
- I will keep watch to see what he will say to me and what he will answer concerning my complaint.
- ²Then the LORD answered me and said:

Write the vision:

make it plain on tablets,

so that a runner may read it.

³For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end and does not lie.

If it seems to tarry, wait for it;

it will surely come; it will not delay.

⁴Look at the proud!

Their spirit is not right in them,
but the righteous live by their faithfulness.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 37:1-9

Refrain



- ¹Do not be provoked by evildoers; do not be jealous of those who do wrong.
- ² For they shall soon wither like the grass, and like the green grass fade away.
- ³Put your trust in the LORD and do good; dwell in the land and find safe pasture.
- ⁴Take delight in the LORD,
 - who shall give you your heart's desire.
- ⁵ Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust in the LORD, and see what God will do. *Refrain*
- ⁶The Lord will make your vindication as clear as the light and the justice of your case like the noonday sun.
- ⁷Be still before the LORD and wait patiently.

 Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in evil schemes.
- ⁸ Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; do not be provoked; it leads only to evil.
- ⁹ For evildoers shall be cut off, but those who hope in the LORD shall possess the land. Refrain

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:1-14

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

²To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

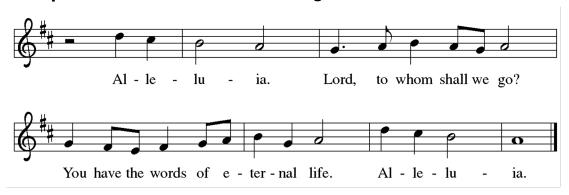
³I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. ⁶For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands, ⁷for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

⁸Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, in the power of God, ⁹ who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace, and this grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰ but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. ¹¹ For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, ¹² and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day the deposit I have entrusted to him. ¹³ Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴ Guard the good deposit entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Children at Heart Sermon

Gospel Acclamation - ELW Setting 4



Gospel Reading: Luke 17:5-10

The Gospel according to Luke Glory to You, O Lord

⁵The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" ⁶The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

⁷ "Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? ⁸ Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me; put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? ⁹ Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? ¹⁰ So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!' "

The Gospel of the Lord **Praise to you, O Christ**

Sermon

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



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

Music: NEW WORLD, Sally Ann Morris, b. 1952
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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: "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" - arr. Maureen Howell Memorial Choir

Offering Prayer

Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

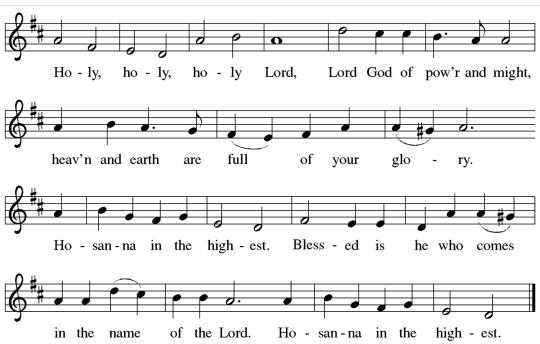
We lift them to the Lord.

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

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" - ELW Setting 4



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.

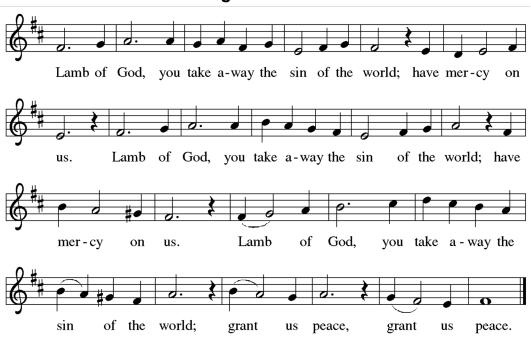
Invitation to Communion

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

Music during Communion

"Lamb of God" - ELW Setting 4
"We Walk by Faith" - ELW #635

Lamb of God - ELW Setting 4



Prayer After Communion

O God,

through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need.

We ask this in Jesus' name.

Amen.

Announcements

Blessing

The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, + bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn: "Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing" ELW #545

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Postlude: "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" - setting by John Behnke 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 Ardith Forsyth and family in your prayers following the death of her husband, George Forsyth

Please keep Lou Ann Williams and her family in your prayers following the death of her husband Rob Williams

Teresa Krebs	Ardith Forsyth	Marlene Waddell	
Kari Toot	Eileen Miller	friend of Virginia Palmisano- Goettsch	
Tanya Sorem	Karen Anderson	Carol Vincent	
Julie & Craig Sutherland	Caleb Roof	Cassie Harrell	
June Copenhaver	Evelyn Onstot	Jean Smith	
mother of Diane Martin	Marty Schuler	Easton Farrington	
Pastor Andrea Myers wife of Pastor Ronald Myers	Katy Beno sister of Sandy Christian	Janice Hartz	
Charlie Lloyd	Eric Forsyth	Jackie Byers	
Bert Ann Ray	Crystal Vines	daughter of Shellie Black	
Wayne Kinyon	Katie Bass	Donna See	
Loren Bryant	niece of Judy Coverdale	Norma Dannan friend of Betty Runge	
brother of Arlys Neal	Wayne Johnson	Fred Samuelson	
Jill Rhodes	Troy Vincent	Jaylee Bartleson	
Connie Robinson sister of Shirley Klonglan	Johann Thiel	Janeen Driscoll	
Barb McDaniel	Mike Neal	Jan Cook	
Ken Huffaker	Christina King	Jan Jook	
father of Kendra McCauley	Sherry Kluever		
Emma Nelson	Kim Elliott		
granddaughter of Steve &	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.

Nan Jungst

Announcements

TODAY: Nevada CROP Hunger Walk, 1:00 PM

Join us in fighting hunger locally and globally! This year's CROP Hunger Walk will include live music and a light lunch at Evergreen Lane as we walk to SCORE Park and back. Whether you join in the walk or come out and support the walkers, grab your family and/or a friend to join in the fight against hunger!



Want to walk with us? Visit https://events.crophungerwalk.org/crophungerwalks/event/nevadaia or use the QR code to join team "Memorial Lutheran Church - Nevada, IA", register as an individual, start your own team, or make a donation.

When: Sunday, October 5, 1:00 PM walk send-off; come early for lunch and live music!

Where: Evergreen Lane, 1204 H Ave.

All Saints Sunday November 2

We have records of the names of Memorial members who have joined the Church Triumphant in the last year. Their names will be read during a special time of prayer on All Saints Sunday (November 2). We are mindful that many of you may have lost others who are dear to you in this past year. If you would like their name to be read, please contact the church office at emily@mlcnevada.org or 515-382-6509.

Community Trunk-or-Treat at Memorial

Trunk-or-Treat returns! Bring your family and friends to Memorial's parking lot Sunday, October 26 between 4:30 and 6:00pm for trick-or treating around decorated vehicles. A light meal will be available with free-will donations benefitting Nevada's Good Samaritan Fund. There will also be a "Best Decorated Trunk" contest with a prize for the winner! Want to bring your decorated vehicle and hand out candy? Sign up here: https://bit.ly/2025MLCTrunkOrTreat, use the QR code, or contact the church office.

General Fund Spending Plan Forums November 2 and 5

As the Finance Team and Council finalizes Memorial's General Fund Spending Plan (budget) for 2026, we will be holding two Spending Plan Forums: Sunday, November 2 in the Lounge following worship and Wednesday, November 5 at 6:30 PM also in the Lounge. This is your opportunity to hear more about the upcoming Spending Plan, Memorial's financial structure, and to ask any questions you may have.

Meal Train for Julie & Craig Sutherland

In the time leading up to Craig's surgery and then after, it would be very helpful for Julie and Craig to have some meals delivered to their home. Please use the QR code to sign up, and contact the church office for their address and any other questions. *Thank you!*



New book study - Accidental Saints by Nadia Bolz-Weber

Beginning Sunday, October 12, join us after worship for a book study of Accidental Saints. You are welcome to order your own book, or if you would like for us to order one for you, please let us know in the office. For more information or to sign up please e-mail PastorKathleen@mlcnevada.org.

Lutheran World Relief Quilts Dedication is Sunday, October 12

Our Lutheran World Relief (LWR) volunteers are preparing quilts and other items for LWR projects. They are most in need of the items below. Supply or monetary donations can be brought to Memorial now through October 12's dedication:

- 4 5oz bath soap of any brand in original packaging
- Hand towels
- Bath towels dark colors, approximately 52" x 27"
- Sturdy combs
- Metal nail clippers with attached nail file
- Fabric yardage (3 yards by 44")
- Thread 250 300 yards, any color

Women's Fall Cluster Gathering

All women are invited to the Women of the ELCA-Southeastern loway Synod Fall Cluster Gathering on Saturday, October 11, 2025 beginning at 9 am. The gathering will be held at St. John's Lutheran Church in Madrid featuring speakers Reverend Kimberly Belken and Beth Stufflebeam. The theme for the day is "Blessed and Faithful Women". Registration is \$5 per person. Please e-mail PastorKathleen@mlcnevada.org if you would like to attend!

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 worshiping 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!

Online Giving with Tithe.ly

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.



Pastor on Call

If you need to reach the pastor outside of office hours, on weekends, or on holidays for emergencies, please call 515-382-6509 and leave a message with your name and phone number. The pastor will return your call as soon as they are able.

Save the Date

TODAY: Nevada CROP Hunger Walk

When: Sunday, October 5, walk begins at 1:00 PM; come early for lunch

and live music!

Where: Evergreen Lane, 1204 H Ave.

MLC at Harmony Clothing Closet - Volunteers Needed!

When: Monday, October 6, 4:00 - 7:00 PM

Wednesday Night Live, Confirmation, and Youth Group

When: Wednesday, October 8, 6:30 PM

Weekly Bible Study - Note adjusted date/time this week

When: Thursday, October 9, 2:00 PM in Chapel

Finance Team Meeting

When: Thursday, October 9, 4:00 PM

Lutheran World Relief Quilts Dedication

When: Sunday, October 12 during worship

Executive Committee Meeting

When: Tuesday, October 14, 5:00 PM

Fellowship & Outreach Team Meeting

When: Wednesday, October 15, 4:30 PM

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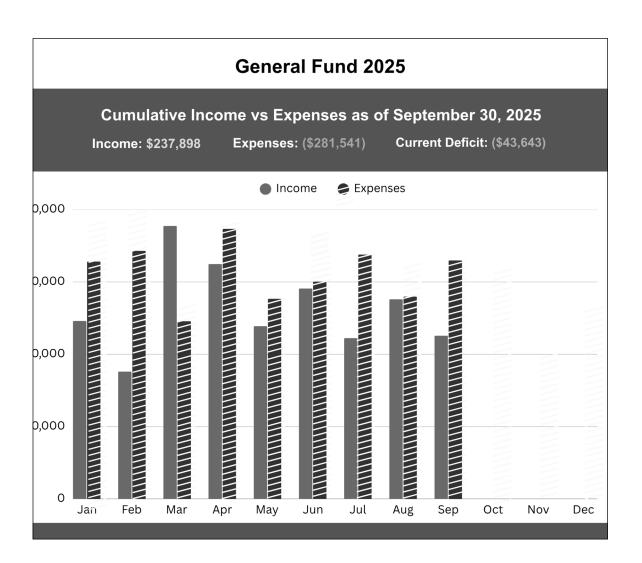
When: Thursday, October 16, 2:00 PM in Chapel

Council Meeting

When: Thursday, October 16, 7:00 PM

Trunk-or-Treat @ Memorial

When: Sunday, October 26, 4:30 - 6:00 PM



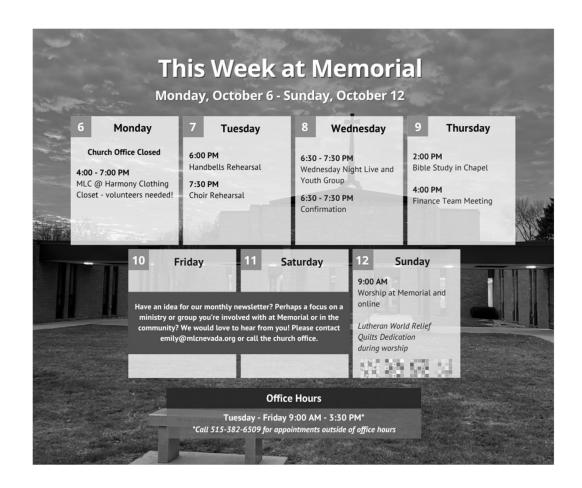
Our 2025 Goals

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
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