

All Saints Sunday

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Memorial Lutheran Church | Nevada, Iowa

Prelude: *"In the Shadow of Your Wings"* - Karen Buckwalter
Memorial Handbells

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,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Faithful God,

**you have shown us the ways of your heart,
yet we stray from your paths.**

**We are stuck in sinful systems of oppression
and do not embrace the freedom
of your faithful promises.**

We ignore our neighbors.

We exploit the earth.

**We reject your abundance,
trusting our impulses instead of your steadfast love.**

**Repair our relationships,
restore what we have broken,
renew our hearts,
and bring us to new life.**

Amen.

Hear the good news:
God the Faithful One loves you,
+ in Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit you are set free.
Amen.

Gathering Hymn: “For All the Saints” ELW #422

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 have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

First Reading: Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

¹ In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: ² I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, ³ and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.

¹⁵ As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. ¹⁶ I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: ¹⁷ “As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. ¹⁸ But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever—forever and ever.”

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 149

- 1 Hallelujah! Sing to the LORD a new song,
God's praise in the assembly of the faithful.
- 2 Let Israel rejoice in their maker;
let the children of Zion be joyful in their ruler.**
- 3 Let them praise their maker's name with dancing;
let them sing praise with tambourine and harp.
- 4 For the LORD takes pleasure in the people
and adorns the poor with victory.**
- 5 Let the faithful rejoice in triumph;
let them sing for joy on their beds.
- 6 Let the praises of God be in their throat
and a two-edged sword in their hand,**
- 7 to wreak vengeance on the nations
and punishment on the peoples,
- 8 to bind their kings in chains
and their nobles with links of iron,**
- 9 to inflict on them the judgment decreed;
this is glory for all God's faithful ones. Hallelujah!

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:11-23

¹¹ In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹² so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³ In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴ this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

¹⁵ I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, ¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸ so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the

immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰ God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²² And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Children at Heart Sermon

Gospel Acclamation - ELW Setting 4

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel Reading: Luke 6:20-31

The Gospel according to Luke
Glory to You, O Lord

²⁰ Then [Jesus] looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹ “Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

²² “Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you,

revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³ Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven, for that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.

²⁴ “But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

²⁵ “Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶ “Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.

²⁷ “But I say to you who are listening: Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you; ²⁸ bless those who curse you; pray for those who mistreat you. ²⁹ If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt.

³⁰ Give to everyone who asks of you, and if anyone takes away what is yours, do not ask for it back again. ³¹ Do to others as you would have them do to you.”

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: “Give Thanks for the Saints” - ELW #428

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,**

of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
 he came down from heaven,
 was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
 and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
 who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
 who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.

All Saints' Commemoration and Prayers

P In the new Jerusalem there will be no need of sun or moon

C for the glory of God will be its light.

P Before the Lamb is a multitude from every nation,

C and they worship God night and day.

P Surely he is coming soon.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P Listen to and remember the words of the book of Revelation

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb... for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd. (Revelation 7:13-14, 17)

P We give thanks for all the saints who now rest from their labors and dwell in your eternal light. With affection and love we remember those dear to us who have died.

Meditative Music

Stacie Link, harp

P Rest eternal grant them, O Lord.

C And let light perpetual shine upon them.

Peace

P Surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, may the peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

Sharing of the Peace

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

Offering

Music Voluntary: *"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"* - arr. Jantz Black
Memorial Handbells

Offering Prayer

God of healing and hope,
you bless those who are hungry,
promising to fill them with good things.
Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts.
Nourish us with the abundance of your feast
and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior,
now and forever.

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.

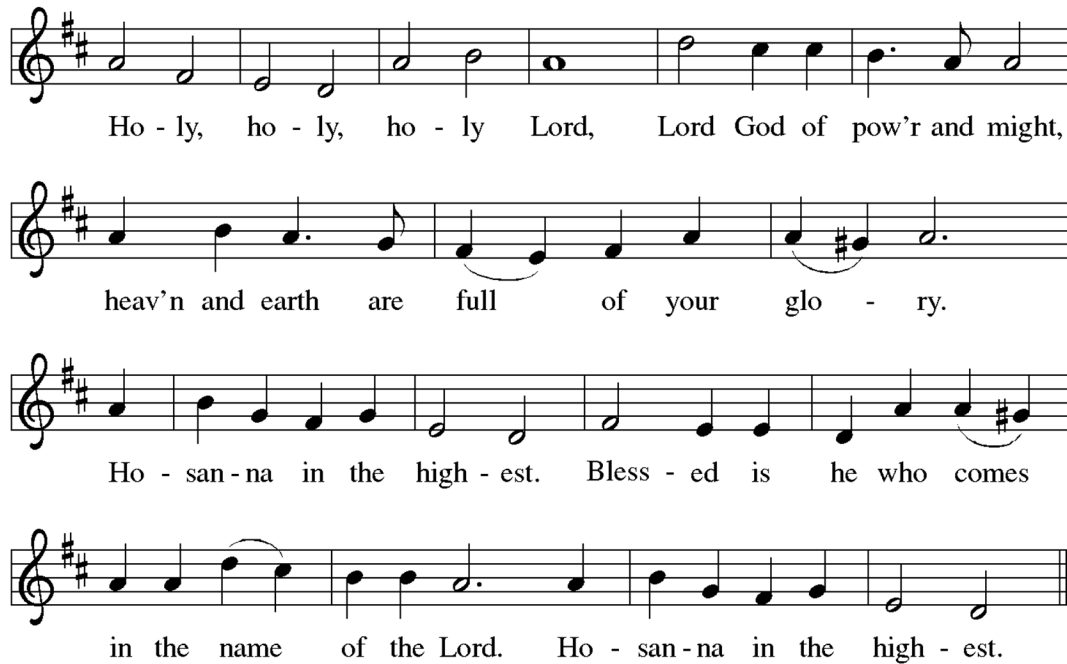
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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.
By the witness of your saints
you show us the hope of our calling
and strengthen us to run the race set before us,
that we may delight in your mercy and rejoice with them in glory.
And so, with all the saints throughout the world and history,
with the choirs of angels and all the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

“Holy, Holy, Holy” - ELW Setting 4



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r 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.

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

There is a place for you at the table of God.
Come, receive the food that does not perish,
a taste of life eternal.

Hymns during Communion

"Lamb of God" - ELW Setting 4

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is" - ELW #502

Lamb of God



Lamb of God

Prayer After Communion

God of field and flower, wheat and grape,
you have nourished us with the bread of heaven
that gives life to the world.

Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son,
send us out to gather your good gifts for all who
hunger and thirst,
and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name.

Amen.

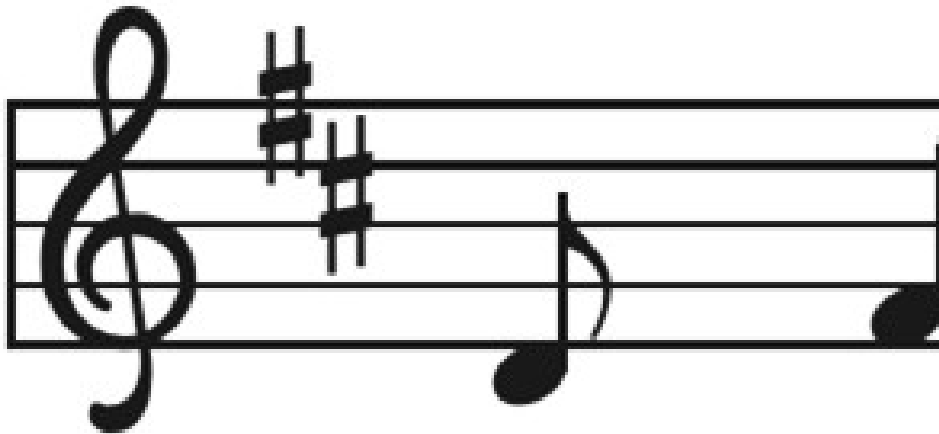
Announcements

Blessing

The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you,
God the Son save you,
and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead.
The holy Trinity bless you +
and grant you a faithful and courageous heart
now and forever.

Amen.

Sending Hymn: "Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In" - ACS #950



1 Oh, whe
2 Oh, whe
2 Oh whe

Dismissal

Go in peace. Follow Jesus.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude: "For All the Saints" - arr. Charles Ore
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.

Prayers for Cindy and Kendall Bartleson, Brandon and Kelli Bartleson, and the entire Bartleson family following the death of their son and brother Taylor

Please keep Ardith Forsyth and family in your prayers following the death of her husband, George Forsyth

Rhonda Thompson
sister of Shelley Ludeman

Teresa Krebs

Kari Toot

Tanya Sorem

Julie & Craig Sutherland

June Copenhaver
mother of Diane Martin

Pastor Andrea Myers
wife of Pastor Ronald Myers

Charlie Lloyd

Bert Ann Ray

Wayne Kinyon

Loren Bryant
brother of Arlys Neal

Jill Rhodes

Connie Robinson
sister of Shirley Klonglan

Barb McDaniel

Ken Huffaker
father of Kendra McCauley

Emma Nelson
granddaughter of Steve & Nan Jungst

Ardith Forsyth

Eileen Miller

Karen Anderson

Caleb Roof

Evelyn Onstot

Marty Schuler

Katy Beno
sister of Sandy Christian

Eric Forsyth

Crystal Vines

Katie Bass
niece of Judy Coverdale

Wayne Johnson

Troy Vincent

Johann Thiel

Mike Neal

Christina King

Sherry Kluever

Kim Elliott

Pr. Marcia Kisner

Marlene Waddell
friend of Virginia Palmisano-Goettsch

Carol Vincent

Cassie Harrell

Jean Smith

Easton Farrington

Janice Hartz

Jackie Byers
daughter of Shellie Black

Donna See

Norma Dannan
friend of Betty Runge

Fred Samuelson

Jaylee Bartleson

Janeen Driscoll

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

General Fund Spending Plan Forums Today and November 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: this morning in the Fellowship Hall following worship and Wednesday, November 5 at 6:30 PM in the Sanctuary (please note the changes in locations). This is your opportunity to hear more about the upcoming Spending Plan, Memorial's financial structure, and to ask any questions you may have.

Ministry Endowment Reception - November 6, 6:30 PM

Come out and learn more about some of the ministries and projects that will be benefitting from Memorial's 2025 Endowment Grant awards! Beverages and treats will be provided.

The Totals Are In!

Nevada's CROP Hunger Walk on October 5 raised **\$2,153⁸⁰**, with \$243³³ given from our congregation during the special thank offering led by our kids in worship that morning alone. Thank you for your generosity!

The **Community Trunk-or-Treat** at Memorial on October 26 raised **\$326** for the Good Samaritan Fund. Thank you to all of the volunteers who made this event possible!

Spirit, Open Our Hearts-Afternoon with Bishop Current

Join Bishop Current for an afternoon of fellowship, conversation, and worship on Sunday, November 9 from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm at St. John Lutheran Church in Des Moines. Bishop Current will share stories of the impact of mission support over the last year with words of gratitude. This gathering is for anyone interested in gathering with people from other area congregations and hearing more about the ministry we do together as the Southeastern Iowa Synod and beyond.

Wednesday Night Live Project - Donations Needed for YSS

Wednesday Night Live participants are going to be putting together backpacks of items that can be given to those at Youth & Shelter Services (YSS) for the holidays. The bags can include new or gently used items, hygiene products, games, etc. (see the list below). Donations can be brought to Memorial through Thanksgiving weekend. Thank you for your help!

Personal Hygiene & Care

- Deodorant (unscented and scented)
- Body wash / Bar soap
- Travel size bottle for shampoo, conditioner and body wash
- Shampoo & conditioner (including curly/textured hair products)
- Travel size Toothpaste & toothbrushes
- Feminine hygiene products (pads, tampons, liners)
- Hairbrushes, combs, picks
- Chapstick / lip balm
- Lotion / moisturizer
- Razors & shaving cream (sensitive skin options too)
- Face wash / acne products
- Nail clippers, nail files
- Hygiene Baskets
- Towels, rags, loofahs

School & Study Supplies

- Backpacks/ suitcases/ duffle bags
- Notebooks
- Pens, pencils (NO mechanical pencils)
- Water bottles
- Art supplies (sketch pads, markers, colored pencils)

Clothing (New or gently used, ALL sizes)

- T-shirts (plain and graphic)
- Hoodies / sweatshirts
- Jeans / joggers / leggings
- Pajamas / loungewear
- Underwear & bras (new only)
- Socks (new only)
- Athletic wear
- Winter coats, hats, gloves
- Shoes / sneakers / slides

Entertainment & Recreation

- Journals / notebooks
- Headphones / earbuds
- Board games / card games
- Puzzle books (Sudoku, word search)
- Craft kits (DIY jewelry, painting, etc.)
- Sports equipment (basketballs, soccer balls, etc.)
- Gift cards (Target, Walmart, Amazon, fast food, etc.)
- Winter gear, snow boots, snow pants

Books

- Age-appropriate fiction & non-fiction
- Graphic novels & manga
- Inspirational or self-help books for teens
- Diverse and inclusive stories

Comfort Items

- Throw blankets
- Fuzzy socks / slippers
- Stuffed animals
- Stress relief toys (fidget spinners, stress balls)
- Textbooks

St. Patrick Christmas Stocking Giveaway

St. Patrick Catholic Church, Nevada is gathering items for families in the community that may need a little extra help this Christmas season. They are asking for donations for ages 0-18 that may be used to fill stockings. Please see the list in the Narthex for suggestions, but feel free to bring in other items. **Please have the items either to Memorial by Wednesday, December 3 or to St. Patrick's by Monday December 8.**

Senior Thanksgiving Luncheon November 25

Nevada Parks & Recreation's annual Senior Thanksgiving Luncheon will be held November 25 here at Memorial. Dine-in will be available at 11:30 AM with carry out / delivery to follow. Please RSVP Nevadby November 10 to 515-382-4352 (Nevada Parks & Rec).

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!*



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!

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!*



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.



Save the Date

TODAY: General Fund Spending Plan Forum

When: Sunday, November 2 following worship

Where: Fellowship Hall (please note location change)

MLC at Harmony Clothing Closet - volunteers needed!

When: Monday, November 3, 4:00 - 7:00 PM

Weekly Bible Study

When: Tuesday, November 4, 2:00 PM

Wednesday Night Live, Confirmation, and Youth Group

When: Wednesday, November 5, 6:30 PM

General Fund Spending Plan Forum

When: Wednesday, November 5, 6:30 PM

Where: Sanctuary

MLC Endowment Grants Reception

When: Thursday, November 6, 6:30 PM

Where: Fellowship Hall

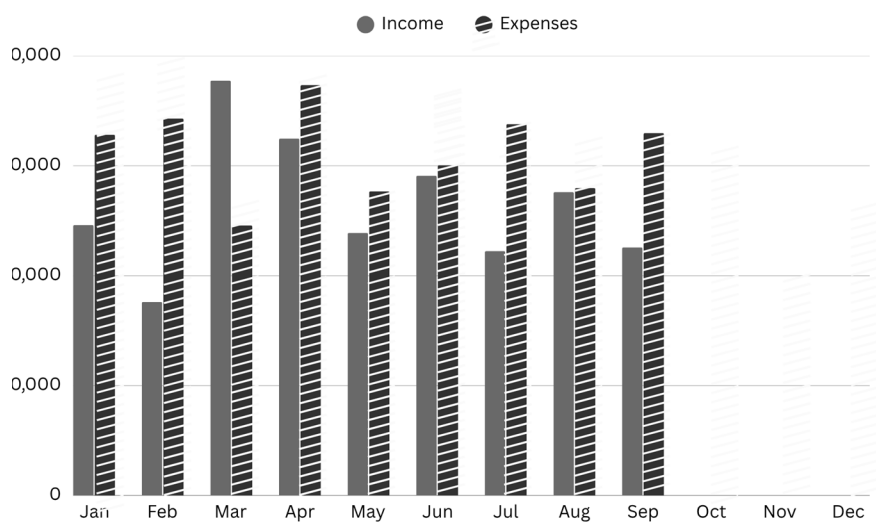
General Fund 2025

Cumulative Income vs Expenses as of September 30, 2025

Income: \$237,898

Expenses: (\$281,541)

Current Deficit: (\$43,643)



This Week at Memorial

Monday, November 3 - Sunday, November 9

3 Monday Church Office Closed 4:00 - 7:00 PM MLC @ Harmony Clothing Closet - volunteers needed!	4 Tuesday 2:00 PM Bible Study in Chapel 6:00 PM Handbells Rehearsal 7:15 PM Choir Rehearsal	5 Wednesday 6:30 PM Spending Plan Forum in Sanctuary 6:30 - 7:30 PM Wednesday Night Live and Youth Group 6:30 - 7:30 PM Confirmation	6 Thursday 6:30 PM Ministry Endowment Grants Reception - Fellowship Hall 6:30 PM Beer & Theology @ Cubbies on Main
7 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.	8 Saturday 9:00 AM "Solas" Rehearsal - Sanctuary	9 Sunday 9:00 AM Worship in-person and online 2:00 - 4:00 PM Spirit Open Our Hearts - Afternoon with Bishop Current - St. John Lutheran Church, Des Moines	

Office Hours
 Tuesday - Friday 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM*
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