



Memorial Lutheran Church Mission Statement

“to share God’s love, word and grace with all people”



With a hint of August included

What do you get wound up about?

Here’s a Victrola. It’s what they used to listen to music on about a hundred years ago, before the modern stuff we have now.



A Victrola works because there’s a spring inside the cabinet under the turntable. The spring is wound tight from a crank on the side of the cabinet, and works until the tension runs out. My grandparents had one of these.

It was in their basement, covered in dust in a corner. Finding it there as a child, I turned the hand crank to see what would happen. Nothing! The crank had been wound too tightly years ago and snapped in two. *Too much tension. My dad and his brother had tried to fix it, but once the spring snaps, it can’t be repaired and the music stops. You may know the feeling.*

A few weeks ago, I was listening to the Second Lesson being read in worship by one of our wonderful lay-readers. Paul talked about life’s tension and said we live “by faith.” At the end, he said we are like people who run a race. Jesus did, and the finish line was the cross. And then, the resurrection. Tension. Hard work. Pain. For Jesus. So that he can take on the tension in our lives where it has snapped us apart.

Now, here’s the thing. Unlike my dad and his brother, God knows how to put the broken spring back together, so that it can stand the tension in our lives. Maybe that broken spring is the heart of us, our core. I notice how often Jesus seems to fix the spring, restore your faith. I’m inspired.

Now, there is a kind of tension in being part of any church. It’s between walking into the house of God feeling like a broken spring (too much tension out there!) and once at church, being challenged to help with this program or that ministry. We talk about your calling. We ask you to discern it. Figure it out. But it won’t work with snapped and broken springs. We can’t always take the tension. So here at Memorial we look for ways to help with this while asking you to keep “running the race” of faith.

That’s why I’m persistent in asking you to explore your calling as a person of faith here at Memorial, and why I’m also patient. I know that God can heal broken springs in us (hint: it’s faith in the cross). He’s done it in me more than once. But with your calling and with the tension in your lives, I try to be mindful of that inner spring of yours, your heart, your core. It’s how we serve our Lord here.



Pastor Dow

First Sunday of the month potlucks are back!

Every first Sunday of the month we will have a Potluck after the second service. Drinks will be provided; bring a dish to share.



September 4 th the Music and Worship Committee will be hosting the potluck, providing drinks and fried chicken. Join us!

Online Giving at Memorial Lutheran Church

So, you've been wanting to give online for either regular offering or to help with a special project. Thanks to our office staff and the accounting software they use, it's now a reality.

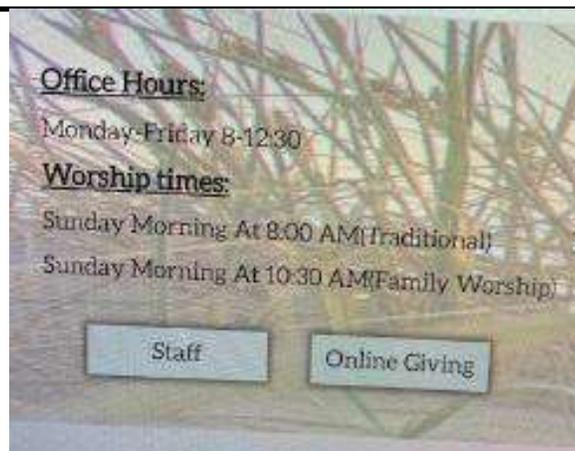
Find the link on our website, memoriallutheranchurch.net.

Hit the button is in the lower left hand corner.

Instructions for giving will appear when you click this link. There will be a menu asking for method of payment, e-mail address, and options for where you want your donation to go (member, non member, etc)

How about texting a financial gift? The text number is 73256. Then, the code is MLCGIVING (not case sensitive). Follow the prompts, entering the information indicated above.

We will track each gift and note it on individual giving records. The office staff is always happy to answer your questions about this new feature. God bless you and your giving spirit!



The logo features the words "church council" in a white, lowercase, sans-serif font above the word "MEETING" in a larger, bold, white, uppercase, sans-serif font. Both are set against a blue rectangular background with a subtle gradient.

- **Brief Notes July 23, 2022 Church Council Meeting:**

- Minutes from the June 13 th Church Council Meeting approved
- Agenda passed as presented. Financial report passed as presented
- Bill Hoge reported on the Parking Lot Repair Project. He was able to keep this repair cost to within \$500 to \$600. The Council thanked him for a job well done.
- 5 th Sunday of July Collection will be in support of the ELCA Food Challenge
- Sara Waters is looking for volunteers to join the 100 Year Anniversary Committee. The actual date of the MLC Anniversary is Dec. 24, 2024
- Coffee with a Council Person for Aug. 28 will be Ron Scott and Bonnie Tremayne
- Linda Chambers suggested we use tablets to check in visitors. Barbara Mattingly will look into this idea. Linda would be willing to let the church use the ones the Chapel School uses.
- Added 3 new committees: Adult Ministry, Hospitality and Social Ministry
- KC Kramer was asked to fill out the term of Susan Kleiner who resigned. Motion made,
- seconded and passed. Welcome KC.
- Quit Claim on old property MLC sold in 1979 was discussed. Motion made, seconded and passed to have Ron Scott and Cheryl Mampe sign the Quit Claim in front of a Notary Public since the church has not had any knowledge, use or communication in regards to this property since it was sold in 1979.
- Oktoberfest is scheduled for Oct. 30 to begin about Noon. Brats and hot dogs will be provided. See KC Kramer for more information. A band and accordion player will also be provided. Ron Marhanka will be in charge of the decorations the day before .
- Eleanor Loseke's Memorial Tree and Brunch is scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 18. There will be only 1 service that day at 9:30. The tree will be planted and dedicated following the service.
- Hospitality Report presented by Missy Dow
- Synod Assembly Report presented by Linda Chambers
- The Planning Committee worked on the Calendar of Events for the rest of 2022 beginning at 12:20 PM.
- August Church Council Meeting scheduled for Aug. 8, 2022 at 6 PM



In the July newsletter, I introduced the concept of a Hospitality *Ministry*, not to be confused with a Hospitality *Committee*.

My original thought was to formalize the way we welcome visitors to Memorial's worship and events. I spoke with the church Council and they were very supportive and voted to fund a new piece of furniture on which to display sign up sheets, brochures, our visitor welcome gifts, etc. as well as the purchase of new printed materials (church brochures, etc) and ceramic coffee mugs with Memorial's logo imprinted to give as visitor gifts.

I immediately had three Council members volunteer to be on a steering committee for this new Ministry area. Kim Bogert, Bonnie Tremayne and Irv Stockdale. We met on July 17th to formulate first steps and Carol Stockdale joined us at the meeting. We opened with prayer for guidance, open hearts and God's vision. We spoke about what it's like to be a first time visitor, we discussed creating new printed materials—brochures, business cards for staff, etc. but then Irv suggested that we expand the vision to include not only making *visitors* feel welcome, but also making our *members* feel welcomed back after two years of covid.

When asked for a word to describe what we are trying to achieve by launching this new ministry, a sort of Mission Statement, we came up with these:

Share the Word
Share our Time Together
Service to Our Church and Community
Be the Reason Why They (visitors and members) Stay
Enriching the Lives of Our Visitors and Members
FAMILY!

And then the Holy Spirit took over our meeting.

You KNOW, when we get out of the way and allow GOD to run the meeting, AMAZING things happen.

This Hospitality Ministry suddenly became the **umbrella** from which ALL newly reorganized committees of our church will flow. It will become the connecting entity that (hopefully) will keep our committees organized, energized and communication between committees moving. Connection and Care.

The Council had a Saturday morning meeting and calendar planning session and now there are events planned and on the church calendar through Easter!

The way it should work is this: Each committee will have a Chair and a Council Liaison attached to it.

This is how it looks currently, in alphabetical order (subject to change) :

Adult Ministries--includes L-4 and Ladies Night Out, WELCA (Women of the ELCA) and Men's Breakfast Bible Study

Council Liaison – Bonnie Tremayne

Chair for Ladies Ministries needed

Chair for Men's Ministry- Irv Stockdale

Children and Family Ministries- includes youth groups, Sunday School and Chapel School liaison

Council Liaison – Declan Gaines

Chair – Linda Chambers

Evangelism- Includes outreach to visitors & assisting Pastor with visits to people
(different than Social Ministry)

Council Liaison- Tony Ardito
Chair – Currently Alain Hentschel

Fellowship – Includes church food events, wedding and funeral receptions, all events re: food!

Council Liaison – Sara Waters
Chair – Carol Stockdale

Property – Includes all church property maintenance and repairs

Council Liaison – Ron Scott
Chair – Bob Schimmel

Social Ministry (different than Evangelism) – Includes Dining With Dignity and outreach into the community.
Reading Mentorship at Elem Schools, food pantry volunteering, etc.

Council Liaison – Cheryl Mampe
Chair – Kim Bogert / Alain Hentschel (Dw/D)

Stewardship – Time, Talent, Treasure

Council Liaison – Irv Stockdale & Cheryl Mampe
Chair – Mark Tremayne

Worship & Music – All worship service planning-partnering with the Pastor. Altar Guild, Choirs, Live streaming of worship services, liturgical art

Council Liaison – Sara Waters
Chair- Barbara Mattingly

On Sunday, August 21, following the late service, a meeting of the Hospitality Ministry Team and representatives from each of these eight committees met to coordinate our next steps. This is a new concept for our church, so we will proceed with care and prayer.

As you can see, Memorial Lutheran is back from two years of Covid!
We are energized, organized, ready to go and tell, go and serve, go out in love.
We need YOUR help to keep this vision growing.
The St. Augustine community needs us.
Chapel School families need us.

Jesus needs us to step out in faith. He WILL be there to guide us.

God does not call the EQUIPPED, He EQUIPS the CALLED.

Please pray for this ministry and these committees. Pray about how God is calling YOUR name to help.
Everyone has a place here, and we need you!

Please contact me as God touches your heart. I'll look forward to it!

In His Love,

Missy Dow
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church council MEETING

Brief Notes August 8, 2022 Church Council Meeting

- Agenda passed with additions
- Minutes from the July 23rd Church Council Meeting approved with corrections
- Financial Report accepted
- New Wedding Guidelines discussed. Approved with modifications
- No Grease Trap update
- Parking Lot Update: Irv Stockdale is still waiting for quotes. The Parking Lot repairs require a survey to be done.
- The obstructive tree needs to be removed in the parking lot as well as 2 dead trees over by the office wing. Permission from the County will be needed to remove the Oak trees.
- Motion made, seconded and approved to proceed with removal of dead trees near office and obstructive tree in the parking lot by Tree Medic (quote of \$5,000).
- Discussed list of committees, committee chairs and council liaison
- Pastor Dow would like to start a sermon series on our committees, their function and how we make use of them here at MLC
- Little Pantry in the Parking Lot needs to be rebuilt.
- Adult Ministry Report presented by Bonnie Tremayne
- Dates and functions through December given
- Chapel School start date is August 22. Installation of new playground should be completed by end of October.

Eleanor Loseke's Dedication service will be at 9:30AM on Sunday September 18, 2022. This will be a joint service with a brunch to follow.

The Brunch Sign up sheet is now available in the narthex for Or you may sign up by using the sign up genius link. <https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/mySignUps>

Please let us know if you will be joining us for brunch immediately following so that we can have an accurate count. ~ ~ ~ Thank you, Bonnie Tremayne

PLEASE NOTE:

Names on the congregation prayer list are removed each month unless the church office is notified they should remain.

If you see a name on either list (congregation or military) that should not be there, please let the church office know that as well. Thank you for your help in keeping these lists accurate. 6

September 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 6:30 p.m. AA 6:30 p.m. ACA	2 10 a.m. Bible study AA 6 p.m.	3
4 Executive meeting Church Potluck	5 Labor Day Holiday Church office closed	6 5 p.m. Orchid Society 6 p.m. BBSS	7 5:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	8 6:30 p.m. AA 6:30 p.m. ACA	9 10 a.m. Bible study AA 6 p.m.	10
11 God's Work Our Hands Sunday. 10:30 Worship, Back Pack Blessing and teacher installation	12 6 pm. Council Meeting	13 6 p.m. BBSS	14 5:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	15 6:30 p.m. AA 6:30 p.m. ACA	16 10 a.m. Bible study AA 6 p.m.	17
18 <u>ONE SERVICE</u> 9:30 a.m. Eleanor Loseke's Dedication service with a brunch to follow.	19	20 6 p.m. BBSS	21 5:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	22 6:30 p.m. AA 6:30 p.m. ACA	23 10 a.m. Bible study AA 6 p.m.	24 12 noon L4 Ladies Luncheon
25 Coffee with the Council	26 Ladies Night Out	27 6 p.m. BBSS	28 5:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	29 6:30 p.m. AA 6:30 p.m. ACA	30 10 a.m. Bible study AA 6 p.m.	



August Birthdays

- 08/06 Janet Grow
- 08/08 Tim Goxem
- 8.17 Deby Marhanka
- 8/27 Arlene Sanders

September Birthdays

- 9/14 Billy Meares
- 9/9 Fred Winkler
- 9/15 John Anderson Jr.
- 9/15 Mark Treymayne
- 9/20 Truman Conway
- 9/23 Bob Schimmel
- 9/23 Kristine Neilson

The next Ladies Night Out will be on August 29 at Beaches at Vilano. We meet at 6 p.m. for cocktails, dinner to follow. Contact Ann Warner if you are coming and or have any questions 651-442-5043. All are welcome for an evening of fellowship and fun. The September Ladies Night Out will be September 26th.



L4 Ladies Women Ministries

LAll Memorial Lutheran Ladies are invited to our next lunch on Saturday September 24, 2022, 12:00 noon at Hartman Hall Memorial Lutheran.

There will be a signup sheet in the narthex in September. Please consider bringing a salad, bread item, beverage, or dessert. This will be a salad bar luncheon.



Ladies Luncheon (L4)

We welcome anyone who would like to join us. If you have never attended our Thursday lunches at Red Lobster this event will provide you with an opportunity to meet a group of lovely ladies. We will be discussing new theatre and concert activities, a cook book fundraiser, guest speakers, Bible Study topics, as well as future holiday events, such as October Fest, Lenten activities, and a Christmas Tea.

If you should have any questions or suggestions please email me at: etrem15901@icloud.com.
Bonnie Tremayne

Just a reminder— the Church’s ongoing practice is that anyone wanting to use the hall, pavilion or any other room for an activity should please first check the calendar for open dates and then contact the church office to schedule your activity to avoid any conflicts. The calendar is printed in every SteepleTalk, is posted and updated regularly on the website and events are noted in the Sunday bulletin. Thank you!

The 10:30 am Sunday September 11 service will be tailored to welcome Chapel School families.

This shorter service will include the blessing of the pack backs and installation of Chapel School teachers.



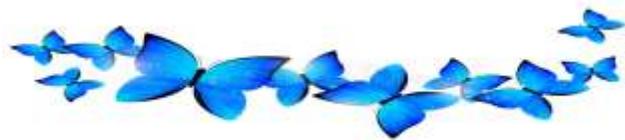


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 Mark Flamino
 Arlene Sanders
 Donna King
 Barbara Ryder
 Jon Murphy
 Tim Goxem
 Gene and Debbie Boba
 John Mampe

Approved Funds/Projects to date:

Chapel School	Dining with Dignity
Food Pantry	FL Bahamas Synod
Sound System Project	Church Parking Lot

Please Notify the Church Office
 When You or a member of your family is hospitalized. \ You have a change of address. \ Your phone number has changed. \ Your email address has changed. \ Your board or committee changes a meeting date or time. Your help with all of the above is very much appreciated!



Joseph Flores
 Mike Kappelmann
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 Chad Kutlik
 Tyler Woodard
 Reginald Best
 Carl Seim
 Justin Rae
 Molly Prins
 Kyle Melnick
 Alex Carames
 Cody Holmes
 Chase Warner
 Courtney Kelly
 Dylan Harris

The second collection should not replace your regular giving first collection. It is only for the funds chosen.

All money collected on Sundays (other than the 2nd and 5th Sunday) goes into the general account. If you would like to give to a fund *other than* an approved fund, please bring or mail the check into the church office, with the name of the fund noted on the check and your envelope number.



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**Upcoming
DEADLINES**

Deadline for October Steeple Talk will be September 15th. If you would like to submit an article or other information for inclusion in the newsletter please send it to mlstaug@gmail.com. Please also submit Worship Assistants: Readers, Altar Guild, Greeters, etc. by the deadline. Information or Articles arriving after the deadline will not be included.

Information for inclusion in the **Sunday bulletin** is due by close of business each Tuesday. Please send any announcements or other information you wish to put in the bulletin via email to mlcstaug@gmail.com by Tuesday of each week.

If you have any questions, please contact Debi in the Church office.

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