



Bridging God's Love to the Community

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Worship and Outreach in the Month of December

Advent Worship with
the Psalms



Play on the 4th
Sunday of Advent



Worship and Christmas Party on Sunday, December 14,
at 2:30 pm. Please read about their need on page __.

Christmas Eve
Service
4:00 pm



First Sunday after Christmas
Sunday, December 28, 10:00 am
Lessons and Carols Service led
by Pastor Irene Blue of KCCM

Leadership and Core Values

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Local Mission

We value caring for the needs of our community.

Cherished Relationships

We value friends that bring us closer.

Responsible Generosity

We value faithfully sharing our gifts to help ministry thrive.

Diverse Worship

We value scripturally based experiences that engage all people.

Aspirational Values

Invitational Evangelism

We aspire to reach out and engage new members.

Embracing Innovation

We aspire to use creative methods in our ministry.

Vibrant Ministries

We aspire to create more opportunities for developing enthusiasm in all age groups.

Mission Statement

We cherish, engage and serve all in celebration of God's love.

Vision

Bridging God's love to the community.

Motto

Build Us up on a Path
to Renewal.



Pastor Mary's Musings...

Merrily as we go! As a sentiment from a Christmas carol, this phrase may seem antiquated, but it truly is a goal and theme that we live daily as Christ followers who celebrate Immanuel, God with us, in our lives. We are children of God, precious, chosen, loved, and known eternally by the Father. So loved, in fact, that we can't ever lose His love. We know that God sent His Son to be incarnated into this world thousands of years ago to be man and show us how to live, how we are loved, how we can share the news of peace and love. Jesus suffered at the hands of the Romans, was crucified, died and was buried. This horrible fate happened because Christ's mission which He was obedient to was to suffer and die, paying for our sins. He was the expiation for our sins, so we would never be cast out from God's love and eternal life. His grace made this possible all we need to do is believe and follow! Jesus rose again to prove He is God, part of the trinity, and as the forerunner for our rising to eternal life with our Triune God. He ascended, leaving us physically without Him, but not alone. God is with us, and the Holy Spirit, part of the trinity abides in us as a gift, so we could be empowered to believe, know we are loved, and enabled to share the Good News of love, peace and hope with our lives in what we say, do, and live. This is why we can "go merrily" through our lives. We live in the world where sorrow, hatred, sin, war etc. exists. But we know the love of God supporting us, giving us chances and opportunities, fulfillment and meaning and we know the end! We know the promises are true because He fulfilled every promise. We know the incredible beauty of worshipping a God who simply loves us to death, and resurrects us to life. So go merrily, filled with the Christmas Spirit of God with us!

Seasons Greeting from the Staff



From Pastor Irene and Kingdom Community Christian Ministry (KCCM)



Kingdom Community Christian Ministries has settled in and has held our first four Sunday worship services and Healing Hearts Grief Support Group. We are looking forward to our combined services on Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve with Memorial Lutheran. Bringing our congregations together to worship truly exemplifies the Kingdom of God. We appreciate your patience and support as we learn all of the building logistics (lighting, climate control and physical security). We pray for continued spiritual and physical growth.

We Welcome Zachary Crowe, CEO of Mission Mental Health Ohio, LLC



Mission Mental Health Ohio LLC is a behavioral health initiative aimed at helping students aged 12 to 18 cultivate essential life skills and navigate challenging situations. Our program includes activities such as budgeting, finance management, applying to colleges and trade schools, combating mental health stigma, and learning coping strategies—all within a supportive peer environment. These activities are designed to prepare students for independent living.

The primary objective of MMH-Ohio is to eventually transition from a profit-driven model to one focused on reinvesting reimbursements back into client support in three key areas:

1. College Education
2. Trade or Professional Skill Acquisition
3. Small Business Grants



Zach Crowe

New Ministry Partner



Our council welcomes Mission Mental Health of Ohio-LLC, and Zach Crowe, CEO and director! This is a new mission partner of Memorial Lutheran. Zachary Crowe's life's goal is to elevate the standard of living for at-risk youth encompassing both mental and physical health strategies. Zach is a medical student at the University of Toledo and CEO of Hero Project 419: Mission Mental Health Inc. He has full professional proficiency in Spanish. He will be working with a fantastic team with teens using rented space in our basement several days a week. He desires to be very engaged in Memorial's Mission and work. His mother, Rhonda Crowe, a counselor, will also be working with him and us. He will be at our Christmas Eve service, come and welcome and meet him! One of Zach's desires is to do a food outreach program with us. He has donors and volunteers set up and will be offering food bags and a meal once a month for those in need in our neighborhood. Watch for information coming in January for times and ways you can be involved!



Sunday Morning Service
at 10:00 am
with Holy Communion

Wednesday “Faith & Trust” Service
(Chapel) A time for prayer and
reflection. Renew your spirit.
11:30 AM

Cantors in December

December 7 Dr. Bo Young Kang
December 14 Craig Bartley
December 21 Dr. Bo Young Kang
December 24 Dr. Bo Young Kang
December 28 Lesson and Carols

Readers in December

December 7 Karen Pease
December 14 Felicia Page
December 21 Amy Horst
December 24 Zach Crowe
December 28 Pastor Irene leading
Additional Readers Needed

New Bulletin Format

In an effort to reduce costs here at Memorial, the Church Council has recommended that the bulletin format be reduced to today’s format. The viewing screens will display the text that was found in the bulletin. If you have any suggestions to improve this new bulletin, please let Pastor Mary or Chuck in the office know. When a large number of guest are anticipated, we may revive the all-inclusive format. Church Council approved a contract, researched by Mike, to update the Media System.



Schedule for Our Ushers

First Sunday: Gary Edwards and Judy Ganoom
Second Sunday: Felicia and Arnie Page
Third Sunday: Sandy Hill and Dan Twietmeyer
Christmas Eve: Need Volunteers
Fourth Sunday: Kelly and Avery Staples

A SUBSTITUTE
LIST IS
AVAILABLE

Also a second person is needed for the second Sunday of the month.

If you are able, contact Jeanette Dotson at 419-472-6022 or Chuck in the office at 419-472-2161 or email him at office@memorial-lutheran.org

Join Us!

**CHRISTMAS EVE
DECEMBER 24th**

for a Candlelight Service at 4PM



Rev. Mary Adelsberger,
MLC Pastor

MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

3215 Douglas Rd. Toledo, OH



Rev. Irene Blue (partner), *Kingdom Community Church Ministries Pastor*; Dr. BoYoung Kang, *MLC Music Director*;
Niayesh Javaheri, *MLC Musician*; Zach Crowe, *Mission Mental Health CEO (partner)*

Psalm Themes for our Advent Worship

During Advent we will be lighting a candle on our wreath every Sunday! For Advent One, Two, and Three we will be focusing on the Psalm of the Day, and on the Fourth Sunday in Advent there will be a readers theatre as the sermon.



The
Night Before
ADVENT

Twas the night before Advent when all through God's House
not a heart wasn't stirring, not a heart wasn't roused.
His people wrapped around His Word with awe,
Awaiting wonders and the fresh grace of God.

The children were anxious for His Story to start,
these Visions of love dancing loud in their hearts.
And God in His glory, and us, in Jesus Christ,
settled only for a Christmas all about Christ.

When out on the streets, the frenzy came with a clatter,
Yet in hearts, Joy sprang up, centred on Who matters.
Away from the stresses, we flew like a prayer,
Simply opened our hands and made room to prepare.

For the Light of the World to warm every dark space,
a lustre of hope cupped in every cold place.
Till what to our wandering hearts should appear,
Murmurings of a King and Love drawing near.

In a Book of Old Pages, so Living and True,
you can hear Jesus whisper, I'm coming for You.
Through Every Story, The King fiercely came,
And He beckons you, woos you, and calls you by name!

"Come Beloved! Come Chosen! Come Special Child!
Come Wanted! Come Nearer! Come Feel the King's Smile!"
From Creation's first star to manger's bright light,
Unwrap His Love Story till He holds you one night.

He spoke all Love's Word, then became Word in the Skin
And filled every heart that would welcome Him in.
And laying Himself down into manger's straw,
He's Your Immanuel, With Us is God.

Advent unwraps wonder, the greatest gift ever dreamed,
so come adore Him, the One who redeemed
all the willing and wanting with this Advent Awe
a sacred, slow Unwrapping of a season of God.



We Have a Talented Group of Singers

It is called the choir. We hear them during worship each Sunday morning. Under Dr. Bo Young Kang, they warm up before and rehearse after the service. If singing is a talent you have been shy to use, think about joining or returning and putting that talent out there, praising God. A new schedule is coming as the choir will be singing two times a month.

Poinsettias Given for Christmas 2025

From MLC

In Memory of

Criag Bartley

Loved ones

Jim and Lisa Connin

Jim and Frances Morgan

Lynn Morgan Mathias

Jeanette Dotson

Robert Dotson

Donna Haack

Donal Haack

Fred and Sue Hoffman

Loved Ones

Amy Horst

Ted Horst, Esther Horst, and Carla Horst

Ellie Kennedy

Mom - Dena Tweitmeyer

Fred and Karen Pease

Anna, Rose, Philip James, and Joyce Jonette

Dave and Sue Peters

Loved Ones

Evie Schaefer

Fred and Loved Ones

Jacob Twietmeyer

Mom - Dena Tweitmeyer

Andrea Wellman

Loved Ones

In Honor of

Sandra Hill

Kohan Hill

Felicia and Arnie Page

Children and Grandchildren

In Thanksgiving for

Sandy Goodnough

My five beautiful Grandchildren

From KCCM

Pastor Irene Blue

Our Partnership with Memorial Lutheran

Miata Kollie

December 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
	<p>1 Cindy-Kitchen Use</p>	<p>2 Cindy-Kitchen Use</p>	<p>3 Cindy-Kitchen Use Quilters: 9:30 am "Faith & Trust": 11:30 am Chapel Christmas Luncheon: 12:00 pm The Beirut Pastoral Visitation</p>
<p>7 Cindy-Kitchen Use <i>Advent 2</i> Adult & Teen Forum: 8:30 am Choir Warmup 9:30 am MLC Worship Service: 10:00 am Coffee & Fellowship: 11:15 am Choir Practice: 11:15 am KCCM Prayer Time: 12:30 pm KCCM Worship 1:00 pm Pastor/President to meet: 6:30 pm</p>	<p>8 Cindy-Kitchen Use</p>	<p>9 Cindy-Kitchen Use All Committees Night 6:30 pm</p>	<p>10 Quilters: 9:30 am "Faith & Trust": 11:30 am Chapel Taks Force Mtg./Beaudoin 6:30 PM</p>
<p>14 Cindy-Kitchen Use <i>Advent 3</i> Adult & Teen Forum: 8:30 am Choir Warmup 9:30 am MLC Worship Service: 10:00 am Coffee & Fellowship: 11:15 am Choir Practice: 11:15 am KCCM Prayer Time: 12:30 pm KCCM Worship 1:00 pm Pastor/President to meet: 6:30 pm</p>	<p>15 Cindy-Kitchen Use Pastor Mary is off.</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 Quilters: 9:30 am "Faith & Trust": 11:30 am Chapel Pastoral Visitation</p>
<p>21 Cindy-Kitchen Use <i>Advent 4</i> Adult & Teen Forum: 8:30 am Choir Warmup 9:30 am MLC Worship Service: 10:00 am Coffee & Fellowship: 11:15 am Choir Practice: 11:15 am KCCM Prayer Time: 12:30 pm KCCM Worship 1:00 pm Pastor/President to meet: 6:30 pm</p>	<p>22 Articles for the January Bridge are needed.</p>	<p>23 Church Council: 7:00 pm</p>	<p>24 <i>Christmas Eve</i> No Quilters "Faith & Trust": 11:30 am Chapel Christmas Eve Service : 4:00 pm</p>
<p>28 <i>Christmas 1</i> Adult & Teen Forum: 8:30 am Choir Warmup 9:30 am MLC Worship Service: 10:00 am Coffee & Fellowship: 11:15 am Choir Practice: 11:15 am KCCM Prayer Time: 12:30 pm KCCM Worship 1:00 pm</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31 Quilters: 9:30 am "Faith & Trust": 11:30 am Chapel (Self led)</p>
Pastor Mary is on vacation until January 3, 2026			

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>4 Cindy-Kitchen Use Pastor Mary is off.</p>	<p>5 Cindy-Kitchen Use Pastor Mary is off but has a Conference Call: 1:00 pm</p>	<p>6 Cindy-Kitchen Use Bible Study: John: 10:00 am Confirmation: Luther's Small Catechism: at 11:15</p>
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<p>25 <i>Christmas Day</i> Office is closed.</p>	<p>26 Pastor Mary is off but has a Conference Call: 1:00 pm</p>	<p>27</p>

OffDays

Going forward, let us review Pastor Mary's weekly schedule.

- Pastor Mary should not be contacted on Thursday or Friday unless it is a definite emergency. She has a conference call at 1:00 pm on Fridays.

If a definite emergency comes up, please do contact Pastor Mary. She does welcome calls on her regular workdays.

Pastor Mary will be on her fourth week of vacation from December 26 until January 4.

Pastor Irene Blue is on call. Her number is 419-297-7587

OPPORTUNITIES TO KNOW GOD BETTER WITH EDUCATION

The Sunday Morning Adult & Youth Forum on “Isaiah”

Mary Martha Lounge



This Biblical book is amazing. The prophet looks back as far as Abraham and forward to the new heaven and earth. He prophesies about his nations situation as well as being an access of hope and promise in our society today. He steps into human crisis with the message of God, the source of power, peace, justice and promise. Join us on Sunday mornings at 8:30 am to 9:15 am to be made new in the presence of Emmanuel, God with us—long foretold, but very present and active today and into eternity.

Wednesday Night Life Group in January

We began with this offering in November, inviting people to come to a small group informal gathering for discussion and dessert. We would like to try this a second time. Please plan to come Wednesday nights, beginning January 7, at 6:30 pm, at the home of our Pastor, 2913 Goddard Rd. Bring people with you. This is an opportunity to grow our faith and our fellowship with new people. They could be friends, family, neighbors, those that attend other places. The point is growth and sharing together. We hope you put this on your calendar and plan to bring your folks with you as you attend. Please consider coming and use the sign-up sheets in the Welcome Centers.

Continuing Education for Pastor Mary

In January on Saturdays, Pastor Mary will be finishing her Spiritual Direction Supervision Certificate. This certificate took 5 years to complete, in-person and online. She has done internships and her sabbatical before her arrival to Toledo was focused on Spirituality in Hawaii. She will be attending on Zoom at 11:00 am to 2:00 pm every Saturday in January. Bible Study will continue and Confirmation will continue with the aid of others.

Gatherings on Saturday Morning at 10:00 am

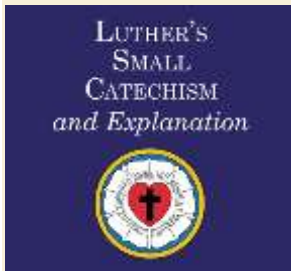
Bible Study in the Mary Martha Lounge



Book of John—Knowing Jesus as God (10 sessions)

The study of the Book of John continues. The simplicity and complexity of the Gospel makes it a never-ending source of encouragement. It is written by Jesus' most beloved disciple, "so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God." This book demonstrates that He is where the joy is! Come together to experience His joy!

Luther's "Small Catechism" for Confirmands at 11:15 am - in the Mary Martha Lounge



Luther's "Small Catechism" for Confirmands, Mentors, for those seeking membership, and for all who wish to refresh and learn more about Martin Luther's simple book on Lutheran Doctrine. We will be looking at the Confessions, the Sacraments, the 10 Commandments, the Lord's Prayer, and the Office of the Keys. Confirmands are asked to attend the Adult Forum, as well.

In January, Craig Bartley will be working with Reece on a project to build shelves for the decorations Room. If you can help, please let Pastor or Craig know.

Children's Sunday School

Sunday School for Children is on pause because our children's schedules on Sunday mornings conflict with other activities and obligations.



The Third Sunday in January Is the Next
Movie Night. - January 18, 2026

Outreach at Franklin Park Mall



Council invested in a digital advertisement for our Christmas Eve Service to make more people aware of Memorial and invite them to worship with us. Join Pastor Mary at Franklin Park Mall on Black Friday, November 28, when the ad appears on the kiosk near Santa's village to pass out invitational flyers. Our hope is to engage younger families with the message of the birth of Christ, the hope and love of our lives!

Our Mission to Collect Food for Lutheran Social Services

We are beginning to collect food items for the pantry at LSS. If you are can purchase any of these items:

- Peanut butter, Pasta, and Cereal
- Canned soup, fruits, vegetables, stew, fish, and beans
- Baking mixes (cake, cookie, etc.) and frostings/condiments

Bring them to church and find boxes in the Welcome Centers to place what you bought.

Talk with Ken Richmond on how you can order food items online.



Luther Home of Mercy Needs Our Help

LHM is hosting a Worship and Christmas Party **on Sunday, December 14 at 2:30 pm.**

Volunteers are needed to assist residents from their residences to the hall before worship and to help them return home at the conclusion of worship.

Contact Karen Pease with questions or to volunteer to help at this Christmas event. Her number is 419-509-5400.

You can also sign up in the Welcome Centers.



Coming to Memorial



Food pantry and hot meals are on the way—our partner Mission Mental Health will handle the volunteers and donations. We are asked to help serve. We will have a prayer booth, and Ken wants an LSS booth.

Now is the time to make this happen!

Memorial Wants to Open a Teacher's Pantry

This year, we would like a pantry of supplies and new clothing available for our local teachers in August. Why? Unfortunately, some parents today do not provide the necessities for a child to learn and excel. Also, they tend to be unreachable when the school calls to obtain items from home. To help the teachers and schools fill this responsibility, we plan to carry some school supplies already on hand, non-perishable food items, and clothing, like sweatpants, underwear, and socks. ♦ Clothing

♦ Cleaning

- * Uniform shirts
- * Uniform pants
- * Sweatpants
- * Plain t-shirts
- * Socks
- * Underwear
- * Sanitizer
- * Paper towels
- * Disinfecting wipes

**We continue
to collect.**

♦ Food

- * Cereal
- * Crackers
- * Apple sauce
- * Granola bars
- * Pretzels
- * Peanut butter
- * Fruit cups
- * Nutri-grain bars

♦ Hygiene Products

- * Toothbrush
- * Toothpaste
- * Deodorant
- * Laundry detergent

♦ Sensory tools

- * Fidgets
- * Weighted blanket/lap pad
- * Plush toys

There is a collection box for your use when you bring them into church. We are also looking into corporate donations. If you use Thrivent products, you may qualify for a \$250 grant to help, or you can make monetary donations, and I'm sure we can find someone to handle the purchasing. Please place "Teacher's Pantry" on the memo line or in an envelope for your financial donation. Young people face numerous challenges these days. Please put your items in the narthex box labeled school supplies.

We Also Collect

OLD EYE-GLASSES - Please put your items in the box labelled eye glasses in the cloak room.

ALUMINUM CAN TOP TAB PULLS - Please put your items in the box labelled tabs in the cloak room.



- 1 Mary Adelsberger
- 8 Austin Pasch
- 25 Landyn Maly
- 27 Erik Maly
- 30 Joyce Starr

When new information is received, we update our records in Shepherd Staff. If you are active at Memorial and have a September birthday but did not see it on the list above, please let the office know by calling 419-472-2161.

Remember in Your Prayers

Homebound

Bob Rank	Myrtle Scheibert
Emma Ersepke	Nancy Churchill
Dave Gilbert	Betty Seagert
Lavisa Gehring	Carol Topolski

Health, Wholeness, and Healing

Aaron from Patron Saints

Claudia Sauer	Marcene Jackson
Andrea Wellman	Susan Hall
Sue Peters	Tony Blue
Dave Wellman	Alice Crandell

Serving Our Country

Ryan Woods	Henry Kozak
Dustin Pawloski	Henry Sheets
Reid Leslie	Elijah Gilbert
Issac Sheets	

Families in Grief

Fred Schaefer	Kevin Natter
Barb Schulze	David Nodine
Diane Calcamuggio	Cindy (friend of Amy Horst)

Memorial's Financial Health in October (completed)

Envelope and Simply Giving in September for the General Fund \$ 6,995.00

Your generosity in your tithes and offering for Memorial is greatly appreciated.

Building Use

Our building is one of our greatest tools! As we invite others to use our space, we have needed to fulfill inspections and code updates. Our conforming to codes were minimal and necessary to continue ministry here at Memorial.

In sharing/renting space we are gratefully mindful of how we use or steward our resources. Locking and Unlocking doors, watching lights and utilities are very important. Please schedule all building use through the office and keep an eye on the calendar to know when it is in use. Our priority is worship (Sundays, Wednesdays and Holidays), including services like funerals and weddings. Please do not schedule any event when worship is scheduled, unless the use can function well at the same time. Also, make sure you keep the bolts on front doors open when in use and locked when building is empty. Turn heat or air to the temperature needed for an event, but return to the advise temperature when leaving. Turn off lights when you leave, but please be careful not to turn our emergency lights. There are instruction notes in ushers counter, office, at doors. Council members each have these notes as well. Familiarize yourself with them if you are an usher or leader using the building. Also, several rooms will be rented for a day, or ongoing, so please make sure to check with office about use, and about storing items appropriately. Thank you so much!



The Apostles' Hall

This large banquet hall is available for use most days of the week. It provides tables and cloths, chairs and covers, a number of décor decorations, and a monitor for viewing home-made videos. Although a caterer is necessary because the kitchen is unavailable, it still would be a great help for larger gatherings. Let your friends know about this room.

Why December 25th?

Christmas was set to December 25th in the 4th century AD, likely because it aligned with the pagan festival of Sol Invictus and the winter solstice, and because of theological calculations. The early church may have chosen this date to co-opt existing pagan celebrations or because it fell nine months after the calculated date of Jesus's conception on March 25th.

Connection to pagan festivals: Some scholars suggest the church chose December 25th to replace or absorb existing Roman pagan celebrations, such as the festival for the sun god Sol Invictus, which was a prominent late-third-century Roman festival, and the pagan festival of Saturnalia.

Alignment with the winter solstice: The date of December 25th coincided with the Roman winter solstice, a time when the sun's power was seen to be returning. This symbolism was seen as appropriate for celebrating the birth of Jesus, the "light of the world".

Theological calculations: A strong theory is that the date was calculated based on the assumption that Jesus was crucified on March 25th. If this were the case, his conception would have occurred nine months later, on December 25th. This is also the date of the Annunciation, when the angel Gabriel told Mary she would conceive Jesus.

Influence of Jewish tradition: Another theory connects the date to the Jewish feast of Hanukkah, which sometimes fell around late December. The celebration of Hanukkah, a festival of lights, may have held symbolic meaning for the early church.

The first official mention of December 25 as the date for Christmas appears in the Chronography of 354, an early Roman calendar. Around AD 350, Pope Julius I formalized December 25 as the official date for the celebration of Jesus's birth in the Roman Church. The custom then spread to other parts of the world over the following centuries.





12 Days of Christmas

The 12-day festive season begins on December 25th and concludes on January 5th, with the end often called "Twelfth Night". In some traditions, it ends on January 6th, the Feast of the Epiphany.

The period marks the time it took for the Magi to travel to Bethlehem to visit the baby Jesus.

It is a period of feasting and religious celebration, with specific feast days honoring various saints.

Known Christian meaning to the 12 Days of Christmas

One partridge in a pear tree: Represents Jesus Christ

Two turtle doves: Symbolize the Old and New Testaments of the Bible

Three French hens: Represent Faith, Hope, and Charity (or Love)

Four calling birds: Represent the four Gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.

Five golden rings: Symbolize the first five books of the Old Testament

Six geese a-laying: Represent the six days of creation

Seven swans a-swimming: Symbolize the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit

Eight maids a-milking: Represent the eight Beatitudes

Nine ladies dancing: Represent the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit

Ten lords a-leaping: Symbolize the Ten Commandments

Eleven pipers piping: Represent the eleven faithful apostles

Twelve drummers drumming: Symbolize the 12 points of the Apostles' Creed



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Worship is on Facebook and YouTube

Worship at Memorial is streamed and available to be seen online, on YouTube, live at 10:00 am and recorded to be viewed when ever you are able. Council is working to restore service on Facebook

Go [to memorial-lutheran.org](http://www.memorial-lutheran.org) and click on Services & Education Online. Services not available when the service is being held outdoors.

Handicap Accessibility Options

A ramp is available from street level to the Sanctuary level.

A lift is available between floors.

For those with a hearing loss, hearing devices are available during the service at the Media Desk.

Like larger print? The bulletin is available in a regular and large print format.



The Bridge is the monthly newsletter of Memorial Lutheran Church, of the Northwestern Ohio Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America.