

CHURCH CONNECTIONS

Messages for God's People

Morgan United Methodist | St. John's Lutheran | St. Luke's Lutheran
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Worship Times

Worship times for April are:

8:15 St. Luke's
9:30 St. John's
11:00 MUMC

Holy Week Worship will be at 7:00 PM
April 6 St. John's Maundy Thursday
April 7 MUMC Good Friday

Worship times for May, June and July will be:

8:15 MUMC
9:30 St. Luke's
11:00 St. John's

Eggs, Fellowship and Goodies at St. John's

(Get it? E...F...G...?) After worship on April 2 St. John's will be having an egg decorating party to ready our sanctuary for Easter. Join us for fellowship and goodies as we decorate eggs and other things to remind us of the new life that Christ has won for us as we celebrate his resurrection.

Easter Brunch at MUMC

The Morgan United Methodist Church will be hosting a 9:30 am Easter Brunch on Easter morning, before our 11 am worship service. All are welcome! Please bring a dish to pass.

Colors on the Altar

This year, April is a busy month in the life of the Church. At the beginning of the month we remember Christ's arrest, trial, crucifixion and resurrection during Holy Week the first week of April. Holy Week begins with Palm/Passion Sunday for Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Purple, the color of Lent, continues to adorn the altar. On Thursday of Holy Week we celebrate the last supper that Jesus had with his disciples and remember that on that night he was betrayed and arrested, as the worship concludes the altar is stripped of all adornments and remains that way for Good Friday as we mourn Jesus' suffering and death.

On April 9, Easter dawns bright and new as Christ is raised from the dead! The altar clothes are white celebrating Christ's new life and his new life in us! The Easter Season, which is seven weeks long, continues with white on the altar.

Dates for Communion

St. Luke's and St. John's will celebrate the Communion on April 2, 9 and 16. The Morgan United Methodist Church will gather at the Lord's table April 2 and 9. Eucharist will also be celebrated on our joint Maundy Thursday Worship at St. John's.

Council Meetings

St. Luke's Council is scheduled to meet April 11 at 7:00 PM.

Ushers for April

Morgan United Methodist Church:
Taylor Rose and Larry Kirschstein

Bible Studies

Men's Bible Study will be April 4 in the basement of St. John's beginning at 7:30. All men are welcome!

We will have Bible Study at Gil-Mor Haven beginning at 1:45 on the following Thursdays: April 6, 20 and 27. Please contact Pr. Lowell for the latest details.

St. Luke's Sunday School

St. Luke's Sunday School will meet on April 2nd and 16th at 10 AM.

Prayer Concerns

Please continue to pray for the members of our parish and those we know that are in need.

Marlys Carpenter, Kathy Potter, Sandy Stokesbury, Sue Ziegenhagen, Curt Carpenter, Glenn Eckart, Sandy Seehausen. Jeri Forbrook, Sandy Schroeder Long, Brent Sandmann, Butch Zempel, Raynette Hansen, Todd Sherman, Landen Grejtek, Alice Wood, and Irene Landgraff, the family of Al Selbrade, and the family of Russ Jeppesen.

Bible Camps Ready for Campers of All Ages!

The calendar just turned to Spring but Summer is fast approaching! What are your plans for the Summer for you and your family? Consider getting to a Bible camp this year for learning and fun in an atmosphere of love and nature.

Registration is easy! Just go online and you will find all that you need!

For a Lutheran Bible Camp head to:

Gllm.org for all the information needed for Green Lake Lutheran Ministries.

For the Methodist Bible Camps you can go to: Campminnesota.org to find the schedule and registration information.

There are many other Bible camps out there and most of them offer many ways for everyone to get involved. Camp is not just for kids any more!

If you or someone you love is interested in going to camp but are worried about the finances, don't! Talk to your church about what they offer to help everyone and every camp has campships available too! We want everyone to be able to experience Christ in a loving community in the great outdoors!

Lutheran Men in Mission Gathering in Redwood Falls

The Southwestern Synod Lutheran Men in Mission will be gathering on April 15 at Gloria Dei in Redwood Falls for a day of Fellowship, Bible Study, Worship and learning as we explore "Faith and Trust in God in Our Lives." Registration begins that morning at 8:30 AM and we will conclude around 3:30. Interested? Contact Pr Lowell.

Parish Birthdays & Anniversaries

Please wish these people a happy birthday and anniversary as they celebrate another year of living and loving in God's world.

St. Luke's:

Kari Zempel 9; Derek Marlow 13; Brent Sandmann 19; Jamie Sander 20; Patrick Wendinger 21; Craig Lund 24; Sharla Sander 24; Amanda Collogan 24; Brittany Wendinger 24; Sandy Nestande 28

MUMC:

Kinsley Sell 2; Betty Johnson 12; Emilie Potter 12; Rick Rivera 14; Isaac Potter 18; Dena Bickhardt 27

Anniversary:

Jack and Char Carlson 8, 1989; David and Kristina Janke 13, 2002

St. John's:

Chase Schiller 17; Shaylee Schiller 19; Dwight Bluhm 26

Anniversary:

Jim and Dorothy Nielsen 4, 1965; Bob and Marie Fischer 12, 1975; Chad and Melanie Danielson 24, 2004

From the Pastor's Desk

It's Spring! It's Spring! Yay for Spring! Or at least it's Spring if Spring looks a lot like winter.

I am ready for some real Spring. You remember Spring days, right? Days when it finally feels like you can go outside for a little bit without a parka. Days when the sun is shining and there is ground or maybe even grass (we can dream can't we) soaking up all the warmth and goodness. Days when the birds are singing in the budding trees.

This year winter seems to be staying longer than anyone asked it to and its cold days and long nights seem to be pushing out warmer

day and more daylight, the very things we are craving now. The snow piles are just too big and the temperature too cold to see any promise of Spring.

Yet, we hope, we believe, we know that Spring must be coming soon because of the signs that we see in the world around us. We see the days gaining in length as each sunset is a little bit later than the one before. There are ducks and geese that are flying through our country, and though we may think they are lost they are still there.

Much of our life can feel like this Winter. It can feel long, cold and dark for way longer than it is supposed to be. The things that are lifeless and chaos are all around us. We long for some spark, some sign of life in the middle of the darkness and death. When we ask where is Spring? We also ask where is life?

The first signs of life, like the first signs of Spring can be hard to discern. They come in small and unexpected ways in places that go unnoticed. After all, who would ever go looking for new life and hope in the middle of a graveyard? And yet, that is exactly where our new life begins!

Jesus, Son of God, crucified, laid in a tomb, given up for dead. No one went to see if he was alive. Yet those that did go, in ones and twos and threes found that that is exactly what had happened. New life came not on a grand scale, not all at once, but slowly.

That new life, our new life in Christ has spread and continues to spread. Wherever there is darkness we now see light. Wherever there is death God's new life overcomes through Christ's resurrection.

We may not always see it. And there are and will be times when we think it comes too slowly but Christ's new life for us always comes. Just like Spring!

God's Peace,

Pr. Lowell

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Palm Sunday Worship 8:15 St. Luke's 9:30 St. John's 10:00 St. Luke's SS 11:00 MUMC		7:30 Men's Bible Study at St. John's		1:45 Bible Study at Gil-Haven 7:00 Maundy Thursday at St. John's	7:00 Good Friday at MUMC	
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