

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 June and July will be:

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

Parish Picnic Coming in June

On June 25 our entire parish will gather at Zeb Gray Shelter in Ramsey Park Redwood Falls for worship and fellowship. Worship will begin at 10:30 followed by a potluck lunch. Please plan to bring a chair and a dish to pass.

VBS Closing Worship

Each year at the end of our Morgan Community Vacation Bible School week we hold a closing celebration worship on the following Sunday. This year that will be Sunday July 30th at the Morgan United Methodist Church beginning at 10:00 AM.

Colors on the Altar

As June begins the Church enters the time after Pentecost, a time of learning from Jesus what it is to be Church in this world. The first Sunday after Pentecost, June 4, is the Celebration of the Holy Trinity; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The altar is covered in white as we celebrate the mystery of God. The rest of the Sundays in June the color is green, a color showing growth and vitality.

Dates for Communion

St. Luke's and St. John's will celebrate the Communion on June 4th and 18th. The Morgan United Methodist Church will offer the Lord's Supper on June 4th.

Council Meetings

St. Luke's Council is scheduled to meet Tuesday, June 13, at 7:00 PM.

Ushers for May

Morgan United Methodist Church:
Kelly Steltzer, John Dallenbach

Bible Studies

We will have Bible Study at Gil-Mor Haven beginning at 1:45 on the following Thursdays: June 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29. All are welcome to come!

Men's Bible Study will next meet on Aug. 1.

Prayer Concerns

Please keep these members of our parish and community in your prayers: Marlys Carpenter, Kathy Potter, Sandy Stokesbury, Sue Ziegenhagen, Curt Carpenter, Glenn Eckart, Sandy Seehausen, Burdell Symens, Jeri Forbrook, Sandy Schroeder Long, Pam Shefland, Brent Sandmann, Butch Zempel, Raynette Hansen, Todd Sherman, Landen Grejtek, Alice Wood, Irene Landgraff, Jamie Sander, and Helen Johnson.

Bible Camps Ready for Campers of All Ages!

Summer is here but it's not too late to 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 the Methodist Bible Camps you can go to: Campminnesota.org to find the schedule and registration information.

For a Lutheran Bible Camp head to: Gllm.org for all the information needed for Green Lake Lutheran Ministries.

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



Save the Dates for Morgan Community Vacation Bible School!

The Morgan Community Vacation Bible School will be having a week



of fun for everyone each evening, July 24-27 from 5:45-8:00 p.m. beginning with supper each evening. All students aged 3 through those who just completed grade 4 are welcome to attend and volunteers are needed beginning with those who just completed grade 5 through great-great-great grandparents. All events will be at the Morgan United Methodist Church with the closing celebration Sunday Morning

July 30th. Clear your calendars so you can bring your loved ones and join in the fun yourself!

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.

MUMC:

Deloris Gluth 14; David Janke 17; and Lincoln Carlson 21

Anniversaries

Scott Potter 7; Chad & Deb Christensen 12, 1982; and John & Jeanne Dallenbach 17, 1967

St. John's:

Nicholas Bigger 3; Ashton Danielson 11; Brynn Hoffbeck 12; Marietta Weber 23; Brayden Blomeke 26; Lori Kopischke 27; and Presley Schaefer 27



Anniversaries:

Lucas & Tawnee Huiras 1, 2019; Tim & Judy Hultquist 11, 1983; Terry & Neva Parris 19, 1969; Russ & Marietta Weber 21, 1996; Darwin & Ardis Schiller 22, 1970; Joel & Monica Heiling 30, 2007; and Cory & Kristin Rossow 30, 2001

St. Luke's:

Cory Schlechter 1; Sharon Gronau 3; Dan Reel 3; Mason Hall 3; Brandon Munsell 7; Russ Hilbert 7; Joe Serbus 7; Doreen Serbus 9; Kristi Schacher 9; Gary Jensen 9; Owen Anderson 11; Kathy Larson 11; Trevor Serbus 14; Ray Munsell 14; Tiffany Robertson 19; Travis Okins 19; Herb Nelson 22; Al Von Barga 24; Meg Kanne 27 and Kate Kanne 27

Congratulations Graduates!

This year we have 5 young people from our parish receiving their high school diplomas this year. They are:

St. John's

Timothy Christensen

Keira Hultquist

Jaxson Kerkhoff

St. Luke's

Brandon Mogard

MUMC

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If you see these fine young people around, don't forget to give them your congratulations and remind them that you are praying for them!

From the Pastor's Desk

Over the last few years we have discovered our local state park, Fort Ridgely. We have always been outdoors people and over the 19 years we have lived here we have certainly been there a number of times, hiked there on occasion, even camped there when our kids were small. But, over the last three years or so it has become our favorite close place of refuge.

Most weeks now we are there at least once. We snowshoe in the winter and hike many miles on the trails in the park in the other seasons. These days as the sun stays out longer we often, after a day of work, will head up to Fort Ridgely for an evening hike. That time of the day is a wonderful time to go, the wildlife is active, and we see countless different kinds of birds, racoons, squirrels; last week we even saw a skunk much to our chagrin. One of the things that we most look forward to seeing is the deer.

Having hiked there so often, we are aware that we are seeing the same groups of deer over and over again and they, like us, have patterns. Over the last year we have been watching a group of five, two does and three fawns. We would see them in about the same place at the

same time when we go. It has been fun to watch the fawns grow from being these tiny little things that weren't even as tall as the grass to almost the same size as their mothers. But now, after about a year, we no longer see the five of them together. It is probably time for the young ones to move on and start a new phase of their life as they go out on their own. For us, with our youngest graduating from high school this month, we see the same things happening in our own family. Both of our children are learning to navigate the world they live in in new ways with not quite so much support from mom and dad. As they leave our little nest it is difficult sometimes when we see the mistakes that they are about to make and as a parent, powerless to do anything about it. It seems all you can do is wait, be ready to help when you can, and wonder how everything will go.

A few weeks ago in church we read from Acts 1 about Jesus' ascension. I wonder what was going through Jesus' mind on those days leading up to that moment. He was leaving, not the fledgling disciples. They were the ones, like our young adults, that would need to navigate the world without him. Was he worried about the wrong decisions they would make? Did he wonder how far off track they would get before they would seek help? Did he wonder and worry about all of those that would come after them and believe in him? The hard fact is that we can't answer that. We don't know what he was thinking but we can know what he promised. In Acts 1 Jesus promised that they would receive power from the Holy Spirit. In Matthew 28 the very last thing Jesus says is, "And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

This gives me hope for my children and all of the young people in this world that each year start a new chapter in life and head out on their own. They, like all of us, are not really alone. Christ is with them and us. Giving all of us power through the Holy Spirit, walking with us always. To the end of the age.
God's Peace, Pr. Lowell

June

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
				1:45 Bible Study at Gil-Haven	Pastor's Sabbath	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<u>Worship</u> 8:15 MUMC 9:30 St. Luke's 11:00 St. John's				1:45 Bible Study at Gil-Haven	ELCA Southwestern Synod Assembly	ELCA Southwestern Synod Assembly
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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18	19	20	21	22	23	24
<u>Worship</u> 8:15 MUMC 9:30 St. Luke's 11:00 St. John's	Newsletter items due			1:45 Bible Study at Gil-Haven	Pastor's Sabbath	
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
<u>Worship</u> 10:30 Joint Worship and Potluck at Zeb Gray Picnic Shelter, Ramsey Park				1:45 Bible Study at Gil-Haven		

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