

# CHURCH CONNECTIONS

*Messages for God's People*

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## Worship Times

Worship times for July will be:

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

Worship times for August, September and October are:

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

## 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.

## Council Meetings

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

Tri-Parish Council will meet Wednesday, July 12, at 7:00 PM at St. John's.

St. John's Council is scheduled to meet Thursday July 13, at 7:00 PM.

## Colors on the Altar

July is a boring month for altar colors. The color is green every Sunday, a color for growth and vitality of the Church.

## Dates for Communion

St. Luke's and St. John's will celebrate the Communion on July 2nd and 16th.

## Ushers for July

**Morgan United Methodist Church:**  
Char Carlson and Maddie Rose

## Confirmation Students

### Wanted

Pr. Lowell is looking for new confirmation students to join us for classes this coming September. If you or your student is in grades 7, 8, or 9 and would like to join us please contact Pr. Lowell (call or text 507-227-9247) to make sure you will receive all the information about classes this fall. If you have already joined us last year, don't worry, Pr. Lowell already has your info.

## Bible Studies

We will have Bible Study at Gil-Mor Haven beginning at 1:45 on the following Thursdays: July 6, 13, 20, and 27. 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:

Brent Sandmann, Butch Zempel, Raynette Hansen, Todd Sherman, Landen Grejtek, Alice Wood, Irene Landgraff, Jamie Sander, Helen Johnson, Marlys Carpenter, Kathy Potter, Sandy Stokesbury, Sue Ziegenhagen, Curt Carpenter, Glenn Eckart, Sandy Seehausen, Burdell Symens, Julie Wendinger, Jeri Forbrook, Sandy Schroeder Long, and Pam Shefland.

## Last Chance for a Fun, Christ Centered Week at Bible Camp

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](http://Campminnesota.org) to find the schedule and registration information.

For a Lutheran Bible Camp head to:

[Gllm.org](http://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!

Registration for the Morgan Community Vacation Bible



School is open! We 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. To register go to the Morgan Community Vacation Bible School Facebook Page. We ask that each student and volunteer register separately.

## 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:

Raynette Hansen 2, Ruth Lee 3,  
Zach Mogard 5, Peggy Sherman 6,  
Julia Krivi 9, Ashley Metlying 10,  
Nicole Metlying 10, Sharon Rieke 10,  
Kandon Lund 10, Andrew Fisher 12,  
Wendy Pederson 18, Keegan Ward 19,  
Logan Jensen 26, Elaine Hilbert 29,  
Diane Larson 30

**(Birthdays and Anniversaries continued)****MUMC:**

Dain Dallenbach 13, Sue Ziegenhagen 16,  
Shelby Carlson 17,  
Andrew Van Nurden 31.

**Anniversaries**

Todd and Jody Rose 3, 1982  
Brook and Krystal Christensen 16

**St. John's:**

Glenn Bloemke 1, Lyle Drusch 2,  
Kristin Rossow 3, Jordan Lemcke 8,  
Amanda Bigger 12, Levi Kerkhoff 15,  
Nona Selbrade 17, Joan Drusch 18,  
Valerie Jeppesen 20, Pam Kalvig 27,  
Chad Hoffbeck 27, Lowell Krogstad 29,  
David Monroe 30.

**Anniversaries:**

Dan and Ashley Kettner 22, 2017

**From the Pastor's Desk**

He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Matthew 22:37-40

When Jesus was asked by a lawyer of Jewish religious law what law is the greatest, Jesus responded with not one but these two. The first connecting us with God and the second connecting us with our fellow humans that surround us. These seem simple enough, they both center around one action, to love, but time and time again we humans can't seem to get it right. In our connection with God we think we have to live up to some standard, we

assume that God is out to get us, we think we must behave.

In our connections with others we think we have the power to choose what is best for other adults. We push our feelings aside only to have them come out in other ways, often directed against something or someone that does not deserve it. We don't realize that many of the things that are directed at us are not about us.

In short, we get it all wrong. Even when we think we are doing what God has called us to do, we miss the mark. Our love gets turned aside by our own selfishness. We think that there must be judgment. But is that what we are called to? No. our connections, our relationships with God and others suffer because we don't work on and start with the first relationship, the one with ourselves.

It seems strange to start at the end but in order to love our neighbor as ourselves we first have to love ourselves. After all, if we treat ourselves with loathing and hatred doesn't it make sense that we will treat our neighbors the same way? I am not talking about loving yourself in a conceited way but loving yourself the way that God loves you. We should love ourselves not because of what we have accomplished or have but because we are deeply loved by God first. When we can see that, when we see that God stopped at nothing, including the death of God's Son, so we could know the depth of that love, then we can see how we too can love ourselves, not with judgment but forgiveness and pure grace. This is the kind of love that can flow not only back to God from our hearts, souls and minds but to our neighbors and the world in need around us.

All that we know and understand as followers of Jesus starts here. Please know how deeply loved you are! You are loved by God so that you can love yourself and the world around you! Go and love.

God's Peace and Love,  
Pr. Lowell

# July

## 2023

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
<u>Worship</u> 8:15 MUMC 9:30 St. Luke's 11:00 St. John's				1:45 Bible Study at Gil-Haven	Pastor's Sabbath	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
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16	17	18	19	20	21	22
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
<u>Worship</u> 8:15 MUMC 9:30 St. Luke's 11:00 St. John's	5:45 Morgan Community Vacation Bible School at MUMC	5:45 MCVBS at MUMC	5:45 MCVBS at MUMC	1:45 Bible Study at Gil-Haven 5:45 MCVBS at MUMC	Pastor's Sabbath	
30	31					
<u>Worship</u> 9:00 Coffee and fellowship at MUMC 10:00 VBS Closing Program at MUMC						



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