

CHURCH CONNECTIONS

Messages for God's People

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

Worship times for August, September and October are:

8:15 St. John's

9:30 MUMC

11:00 St. Luke's

Council & Congregational Meetings

St. Luke's Council is scheduled to meet Tuesday, August 8, at 7:00 PM.

St. John's will have a **special congregational meeting** following worship on August 6. This meeting is called for the purpose of discussing the replacement of the roof on the sanctuary of the church. Please plan to attend.

Colors on the Altar

August continues to be the same 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 August 13th and 20th. MUMC will gather for the Lord's Supper on August 13th.

Bible Studies

We will have Bible Study at Gil-Mor Haven beginning at 1:45 on the following Thursdays: August 3 and 17. All are welcome to come!

Men's Bible Study will meet on Aug. 1, 7:30 PM in the St. John's basement.

Vacation Dates for Pr. Lowell

Pr. Lowell is cramming almost all of his vacation time into the next two months. Pr. Becca was granted a six week sabbatical and in order to be able to spend that time together Pr. Lowell will be gone **August 4 through 12** and **August 21 through September 10**. While he is gone Pr. Shannon from Gloria Dei in Redwood Falls will be on call for emergencies the entire time and Pr. Bryant will also be on call during the second trip. The Gloria Dei office number is (507) 637-2592.

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.

Ushers for July

Morgan United Methodist Church:

Rick Dallenbach and Andrew Van Nurden

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. John's:

Jackson Kettner 7; Janell Christensen 25;
Melissa Dittbenner 27; Benjamin Rossow 29
and Miranda Christensen 30.

Anniversaries:

Dwight and Connie Bluhm 5, 1995
Doug and Melissa Hillger 12, 1989
George and Christine Schumacher 19, 2017
Dave and Joanne Simonsen 21, 1971
Chad and Shannon Hoffbeck 24, 1996

St. Luke's:

Nichole Sherman 3; Lily Hall 3;
Jackie Lund 6; Angie Buchanan 6; Todd
Sherman 7; Ben Nissen 7; Tom Jacobsen 8;
Judy Landgraff 10; Ken Robertson 10; Claire
Sherman 13; Mary Sullivan 14;
Josh Hansen 16; Roland Gronau 20; Wesley
Lund 23; Pat Wendinger 24; Ryan Hall 25;
Rose Ann Hopp 25; Neil Jensen 27; David
Landgraff 28; Deb Nelson 29 and Mandy
Heibel 30.

MUMC:

Brett Janke 1; Melissa Dallenbach 2;
Kelly Stelzer 10; Jayden Malecek 13; Wyatt
Janke 19; Nick Potter 23 and
Whitney Jacobs 26.

Anniversaries

Phil and Dena Bickhardt 9
Jason and Shelby Carlson 15
Larry and Denise Kirschstein 19, 1978
Scott and Jennifer Rose 29, 1998

Prayer Concerns

Please keep these members of our parish and community in your prayers:

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

From the Pastor's Desk

Jesus has been teaching with parables about seeds, fields and other things in our Gospels lately and it has gotten me thinking about all the ways that we the people of God are like the fields that grow all around us here on the prairie.

This year with the rough start that some places had with receiving too much rain all and once and a summer that has been drier than the fields need I have noticed that the fields are not all as uniform right now as they sometimes are. There are spots that the growth has been stunted and other entire fields that are behind in maturity because of these conditions. Not what farmers like to see when harvest comes.

But as I have been contemplating Jesus' parables of the fields I have been thinking about how this year's variability could also be seen as the kingdom of God. Though we are all God's children, just like all of the seed is the same planted in the field, we don't all find ourselves in the same conditions. We may grow and mature at different rates but we are still in God's field. And the difference between that and a normal field? God is patient, God will wait while we mature and produce good grain for the Kingdom.

God's Peace,
Pr. Lowell

August

2023

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
		7:30 Men's Bible Study at St. John's		1:45 Bible Study at Gil-Haven	Pastor's Sabbath	Pr. Lowell on Vacation
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Worship 8:15 St. John's & Cong. Meeting 9:30 MUMC 11:00 St. Luke's	Pr. Lowell on Vacation	Pr. Lowell on Vacation 7:00 St. Luke's Council Meeting	Pr. Lowell on Vacation	Pr. Lowell on Vacation	Pr. Lowell on Vacation	Pr. Lowell on Vacation
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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27	28	29	30	31	1	2
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