

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 October are:

8:15 St. John's

9:30 MUMC

11:00 St. Luke's

Worship times for November, December and January will be:

8:15 St. Luke's

9:30 St. John's

11:00 MUMC

Thanksgiving Eve worship will be at St. Luke's at 7:00 PM on November 22.

Christmas Eve Worship services will be held at St. Luke's at 4:30 PM, St. John's at 6:00 PM and MUMC at 7:30 PM on December 24.

Colors on the Altar

At long last the season after Pentecost is winding down. We are not done with it yet, but at the end of October and beginning of November we take a break from the green that has been and still is on our altars for two special days in the Church calendar. The last Sunday in October we celebrate Reformation Sunday, commemorating the renewal of the Church through the witnesses to Christ's grace in the 16th and 17th centuries. We adorn our altars with red for the Holy Spirit's renewing fire. Then the first Sunday in November we celebrate All Saints Sunday. More on that next month.

Dates for Communion

St. Luke's and St. John's will celebrate the Communion on October 1 and 15. MUMC will gather at the Lord's Supper on October 1.

Confirmation Classes

Confirmation classes will meet once in October. We will gather on October 11 in the St. John's basement beginning at 6:30 PM

Council Meetings

St. Luke's Council is scheduled to meet Tuesday, October 10, at 7:00 PM.

Sunday School at St. Luke's

Sunday School will be beginning at St. Luke's in October. Students and teachers will meet from 10:00 to 10:45 on the first and third Sundays of each month. In October that will be the 1st and the 15th.

Ushers for October

Morgan United Methodist Church:
Rick Rivera and Katie Seifert

Bible Studies

We will have Bible Study at Gil-Mor Haven beginning at 1:45 each Thursday in October. Join us on October 5, 12, 19 and 26. All are welcome to come!

Men's Bible Study will meet Tuesday, October 3 at 7:30 PM in the St. John's basement.

Bibles and Brews?

We haven't named this officially yet but with the title you may get the idea.

Join us at the Franklin Depot for something a little different, a little Bible study, a few hymns, some tacos and a beer if you would like. It's an opportunity to get together and talk about God in the real world.

We will be at the Franklin Depot Tuesday night, October 17 at 7:00. Come early, stay late, just join us!

Remembering the Saints

On Sunday November 5 we will be celebrating All Saints Sunday. On this day we remember all of the saints, those that have gone before us, those that we live with now and those that are yet to come. As we remember the saints we give thanks for those saints that have gone on to glory in this last year. We light candles for them and remember the influence they had on our faith during the worship that day.

If there is a saint in your life that has passed away since the beginning of November last year and you would like to remember them on November 5, please contact Pr. Lowell before October 30.

Fall Harvest Dinner at St. Luke's

The St. Luke's WELCA is having a Fall Harvest Dinner on Saturday, October 28. Dinner will be served from 11:00 AM to 1:00PM. They will be serving: Roast Beef Commercial, Coleslaw and Dessert with Beverage.

There will be a pie auction and quilts will be for sale throughout the event. Join us!

Roofing project underway at St. John's

After many storms and years of wear the singles on the sanctuary roof are being replaced. The project has already begun thanks to the insurance settlement. But we are still in need of approximately \$10,000 to complete the project. If you are willing to help with this project to keep the rain and snow out of St. John's please indicate that your donation is for the roof when you give.

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, Helen Johnson, Marlys Carpenter, Kathy Potter, Sandy Stokesbury, Sue Ziegenhagen, Curt Carpenter, Glenn Eckart, Sandy Seehausen, Burdell Symens, Julie Wendinger, JoAnn Kotval, Jeri Forbrook, Sandy Schroeder Long and Pam Shefland

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:

Brent Lund 2, Drew Pederson 3, Pat Barnes 3, Dillon Larson 4, Sonya Siebert 4, Carol Thompson 4, Clint Gronau 5, Irene Landgraff 6, Howard Hilbert 9, Jaden Prescott 9, Jeremy Prescott 9, Thomas Nelson 16, Sue Grejtak 17, Carley Anderson 17, Kurt Forsyth 17, Tracy Sander 18, Aaron Gronau 20, Susan Savela 21, Alan Lee 21, Tim Joehnck 29, and Sophia Siebert 30.

MUMC:

Greg Waidelich 3, Denise Kirschstein 15, Rhett Jacobs 15, Char Carlson 16 and Orrin Van Nurdin 16.

Anniversaries

Melvin and Sally Kerkhoff on the (1974)
Glen and Katie Seifert on the 29th. (1983)

St. John's:

Dick Forbrook 1, Lenard Zempel 6, Evelyn Jensen 10, Ellarie Blomeke 10, Jaxson Kerkoff 18, Darvin Schiller 23, Melanie Danielson 24, Tom Engel 25, and Carolyn Gilland 28.

From the Pastor's Desk

Buy an Extra Cup...
For the Church!

It happens every day in every small town that I have ever been in, and in bigger towns and cities too. People gather around coffee. It doesn't matter if it's a gas station or cafe or a high end coffee shop with a barista behind the counter, people show up and spend, I don't know... two, three, four, maybe even five or six dollars for something to drink as they sit

down, either with a good book, or work, or with friends. Much of the time the money paid seems like such a small amount that it just doesn't seem to be that big of a deal. It's just paid.

In our family we like to take a break at coffee shops while we are spending the day shopping for our groceries and supplies. It's a nice refresher in the middle of the afternoon. And again we just pay for it. We aren't too worried about breaking the bank because we went for coffee.

A couple of months ago at a council meeting at St. Luke's, (don't worry I have permission to share this.) Gene Zempel suggested that we, "Buy an extra cup of coffee for Church." I thought it was a great idea! Here is an amount that we spend many times over the week or month and don't give it too much thought. Yet when it is added up it becomes significant! I did some quick math, a \$3 cup of coffee, 20 times in a month turns into \$720 in a year!

When we buy a cup of coffee it's not just about the coffee, it's the people there and the atmosphere that give that cup its value. The same is true as we give our offering to the Church. We support our local community that we participate in as we gather with one another. But, we also support and participate in a movement throughout the world that brings hope and help to many that are in need and allow others to hear the Good News of Jesus. That is certainly worth a cup of coffee!

Imagine if we all bought the Church a cup of coffee every time we had a cup. What would we be able to change in this world for the kingdom of God?

God's Peace, Pr. Lowell

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
<u>Worship</u> 8:15 St. John's 9:30 MUMC 10:00 St. Luke's SS 11:00 St. Luke's		7:30 Men's Bible Study at St. John's		1:45 Bible Study at Gil-Haven	Pastor's Sabbath	
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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29	30	31	1	2	3	4
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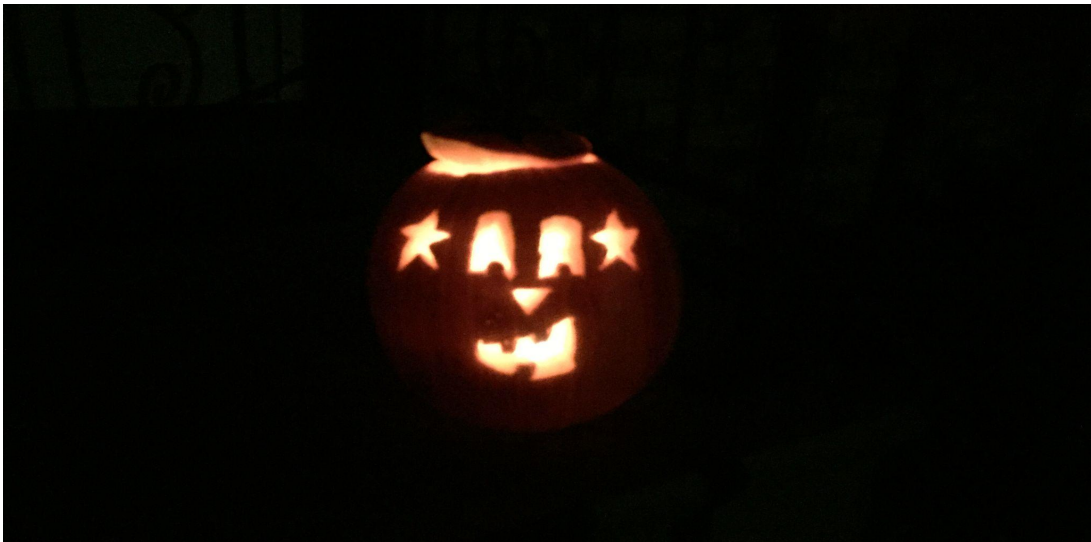
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