

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 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.

Don't Forget That Daylight Savings Time Ends

In order to complicate things more, Our clocks will "fall back" one hour on November 5.

Dates for Communion

St. Luke's and St. John's will celebrate the Communion on November 5 and 19.

Confirmation Classes

Confirmation classes will meet on November 1st, 15th, 29th. All classes are in the St. John's basement beginning at 6:30 PM

Colors on the Altar

November sees the end of the Church year with several celebrations along the way. The first Sunday in November we celebrate All Saints Sunday, the day we remember all of the saints, those that have gone before us, those that are now living and those that are yet to come. Like all the other feast days during the Church year as we celebrate Christ's presence with us the altar is adorned with white. We return to a green altar for two Sundays, the 12th and the 19th before we celebrate the end of the Church year on Christ the King Sunday. This Sunday we celebrate Christ's reign over us and all things with white on the altar once again.

Christmas Can at MUMC

The Christmas Can at the Morgan United Methodist Church will be put out November 19. It will be out for three Sundays and every gift given will be used to help local area families in need. The Foundation will match money given. Your gifts are appreciated!

Devos at the Depot

Join us at the Franklin Depot for something a little different, a little Bible reflection, a few songs, 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, November 21, at 6:30 or so. Come early, come late, just join us!

Shingles for the Sanctuary at St. John's

The shingles have been replaced on the sanctuary and we are well on our way to raising the funds needed to cover the cost! We are only in need of around \$2500 to finish the project. When you give, please indicate that your donation is for the roof.

Council Meetings

The Tri-Parish council will meet Wednesday November 8 at MUMC beginning at 7:00 PM.

St. John's council will meet on Thursday November 9, at 7:00 PM.

MUMC admin. council will meet on Monday November 13, at 7:00 PM.

St. Luke's council is scheduled to meet Tuesday, November 14, at 7:00 PM.

Sunday School at St. Luke's

Sunday School at St. Luke's for November will be held on the 5th and 19th from 10:00 to 10:45.

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, Jan Rodvik, Marlys Carpenter, Kathy Potter, Sandy Stokesbury, Sue Ziegenhagen, Curt Carpenter, Glenn Eckart, Sandy Seehausen, Burdell Symens, Julie Wendinger, JoAnn Kotval, Dee Johnson, Makenna Van Kuelen and Glen Seifert.

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:

Cory Rossow 8; Ashlee Christensen 10; Deb Christensen 15; Ryder Hagen 17; and Albin Drusch 18;

Anniversary

Keith and Carolyn Gilland 30th, (1974)

St. Luke's:

JoEllen Kanee 1; Sheila Birkemeyer 1; Deb Robertson 1; Judy Sandmann 6; Shawn Larson 8; Barb Nelson 9; Deb Tonak 12; Jenna Krivi 12; Alex Schacher 19; Nick Schacher 19; Seth Sherman 19; Lori Anderson 20; Joseph Serbus 24; and Donna Munsell 29.

MUMC:

Dawn Malecek 2; Jason Carlson 6; Momi Rivera 7; Dan Christensen 7; Paige Rose 7; Jason Malecek 9; Scott Rose 10; Jeanne Dallenbach 16; Lucy Gluth 29 and Maddison Rose 30.

Anniversaries

Whitney and Mark Jacobs 20 (2010)

Ushers for November

Morgan United Methodist Church:

Char Carlson and Rick Dallenbach

Bible Studies

We will have Bible Study at Gil-Mor Haven beginning at 1:45 the following Thursdays in November: 9th, 16th and 30th. All are welcome to come!

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

From the Pastor's Desk

Wow! Look at it rain! After a summer of little to no rain I kind of forgot what it looks like. Today I am not sure how everyone feels about this though. As I look out our window there is still corn standing in the field across the street from us and the amount of rain that has fallen just in the last few minutes will mean that it will probably be standing there for a little while longer. The harvest will certainly take a little longer pushing it ever closer to the day when the snow starts flying. And who knows how soon that will be?

But after a summer of it being so dry I can't help but see this rain no matter how poorly timed for the harvest as a blessing, an opportunity for the earth to soak up the water and soften up and be just a little bit better prepared for the seed coming in the spring once again.

Seeing the rain coming down reminds me of one of my favorite Bible passages. It's from Isaiah 55 verses 10-12,

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

Isaiah compares one blessing to another. He compares the rain and the snow, literally the life giving moisture from heaven, with what truly gives us life, the very Word of God.

In this age of human history we think we can rely on technology and human strength for everything we need, and yet there are things that we cannot very easily produce ourselves. Yes, we can pump water from the earth but it is never as clear and fresh as what falls from the sky. In the end we are reliant on the weather to give all of us what we need for food and life.

In the same way we can produce things that seem lifegiving for ourselves but they all fall short of what we truly need. Only God can fulfill our hope and salvation through God's Word as it rains down on us.

God's Peace, Pr. Lowell

Online Giving Available at All Three Churches

We now have accounts set up so that everyone can give their offering online if they would like to. Each church has an account set up with an organization called Tithe.ly. This company helps to make sure that your giving is secure and recordable. There is a small fee for this service, 30 cents for each transaction and 1% for checking account withdrawals and 2.3% for credit cards. You can choose to pay these costs or have them taken out of the amount given, it is your choice.

In order to give to your congregation either click on the name to the right or scan the QR code next to it with your phone. Either will take you directly to the giving page for your church. The first time you do this you will need to set up an account with Tithe.ly (this way we will be able to include your giving in your giving statements). The next time you return, Tithe.ly will have your info and giving will be super simple.

My family has used Tithe.ly to give to other organizations and have found it simple and fast to use.

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| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--|----------------------------------|---|---|---|--|----------|
| 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| | | | 6:30 Confirmation Class at St. John's | Pr. Lowell at continuing ed in St. Peter | Pr. Lowell at continuing ed in St. Peter | |
| 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| Worship 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 | 7:00 Tri-parish council at MUMC | 1:45 Bible Study at Gil-Haven 7:00 St. John's Council Meeting | Pastor's Sabbath | |
| 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
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| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| Worship 8:15 St. John's 9:30 MUMC 10:00 St. Luke's SS 11:00 St. Luke's | Newsletter items due | All Day: Pr. Lowell at Boundaries Training 6:30 Devos at the Depot at Franklin Depot | 7:00 Thanksgiving Eve Worship at St. Luke's | Thanksgiving Day | Pastor's Sabbath | |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 1 | 2 |
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