

CHURCH CONNECTIONS

Messages for God's People

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

Our worship times for April are:

8:15 MUMC

9:30 St. Luke's

11:00 St. John's

Our worship time will change for May, June and July will be:

8:15 St. John's

9:30 MUMC

11:00 St. Luke's

Dates for Communion

St. John's and St. Luke's will celebrate communion on April 14 and April 21.

Conversations About Loss

We all experience losses in our lives: deaths of loved ones, losing a pet, children leaving home, loss of community, financial setbacks, failures to meet goals, losing touch with friends.

This is an opportunity to talk about our feelings, share experiences in a safe space, learn from, and grow with each other. This will not be led by experts and will give everyone an opportunity to participate.

Join us the Second and fourth Wednesday of each month, **April 10th and 24th, in the St. Luke's Social Hall at 7:00 PM.**

Sunday School at St. Luke's

Sunday School at St. Luke's for April will be held on the 7th and 21st from 10:00 to 10:45.

Colors on the Altar

After the forty days of Lent we have made it to Easter; not just the day but the season. The season of Easter is a week of Sundays. For the next seven Sundays we will be particularly celebrating the resurrection of Jesus. (This is what we celebrate every time we gather on Sunday instead of Saturday, the traditional seventh day of the week.) During all of the white the altar is festooned with white. This will take us to the Middle of May and Pentecost. More on that next month.

Devos at the Depot

Join us at the Franklin Depot for "Devos at the Depot." Join us for food, fellowship and music on the third Tuesday of the month. It's an opportunity to get together and talk about God in the real world.

We will be at the Franklin Depot Tuesday night, April 16, at 6:30 or so. Join us!

Lutheran Men in Mission Gathering in Redwood Falls

Lutheran Men in Mission of Southwestern Minnesota will be sponsoring a day long gathering on Saturday April 13 beginning at 8:00 AM. The Theme is "Love Your Neighbor, Even in Disagreement" Come and join in fellowship, study, learning and worship. For more details contact Pr. Lowell.

Bible Studies

We will have Bible Study at Gil-Mor Haven beginning at 1:45 the following Thursdays in April 11th, 18th and 25th. All are welcome to come!

Men's Bible Study will meet on April 30th at 7:30 in the basement of St. John's. Please note the change in week from normal.

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, Jan Rodvik, Marlys Carpenter, Kathy Potter, Sandy Stokesbury, Sue Ziegenhagen, Curt Carpenter, Sandy Seehausen, Burdell Symens, Julie Wendinger, Dee Johnson, Makenna Van Kuelen, Glen Seifert, Marlys Symens, Jeri Forbrook, Sandy Schroeder Long, Pam Shefland, and Dorothy Nielsen.

Council Meetings

St. Luke's council is scheduled to meet Tuesday, April 9th at 7:00 PM.

Ushers for March

Morgan United Methodist Church:
Taylor Rose and Larry Kirschstein

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

Kari Zempel 9, Derek Marlow 13,
Brent Sandmann 19, Jamie Sander 20,
Patrick Wendingers 21, Craig Lund, 24,
Sharla Sander 24, Amanda Collogan 24,
Brittany Wendinger 24, and
Sandy Nestande 28

MUMC

Kinsley Sell 2, Betty Johnson 12,
Emilie Potter 12, Rick Rivera 14,
Issac Potter, and Dena Bickhardt

Anniversary

Jack and Char Carlson 8, 1989
David and Kristina Janke 13, 2002

St. John's

Chase Schiller 17, Shaylee Schiller 19, and
Dwight Bluhm 26

Anniversaries

Jim and Dorothy Nielsen 4, 1965
Bob and Marie Fischer 112, 1975
Chad and Melanie Danielson 24, 2004

From the Pastor's Desk

This is not the day I would have expected! It is cold and snowy and windy enough to make you want to stay inside, and if you venture out into it really glad to return to the warmth of the house! After the winter we have had, who would have completely expected this? I know there is always talk about a snowstorm during basketball tournaments but still, this "winter" when very little snow has fallen it is unexpected to find this much snow on the ground at the end of March!

From the Pastor's Desk Cont.

I am not sure why unexpected things catch us off guard all of the time. That's probably the very reason that they are called unexpected, we are not really able to plan for them and get mentally ready to deal with them. But what happens when unexpected events become commonplace? How do we deal with that? What do our minds do when we have heard something amazing so many times that it loses its amazingness? Is there a way to re-embrace what once was amazing?

What I am really thinking about is the Easter story. The story of the women going to the tomb of Jesus, assuming he is dead and they will have no way to get to see him or anoint his body as was their custom. But the unexpected greeted them. The women found not only the tomb open but Jesus was gone! Alive! They were given the unexpected news that Jesus had been raised! Their response in the Gospel of Mark is not surprising, they run away with fear and amazement.

What is our response to this amazing news? I would guess that is somewhat less than fear and amazement. It would seem that we have heard this fantastic story often enough that it has turned into something that sounds commonplace, ordinary, everyday. We have removed the surprise, awe and complete amazement that this does not happen everyday. Matter of fact this never happens! This has happened once, the Son of Man raised from the dead, that we might all live! How can we, as we hear this story again, find the unexpected in it once again and hear maybe for the first time, wonder and power that conquered death for us all. This is truly unexpected. Let us be amazed! And Thankful! God's Peace, Pr. Lowell

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Pr. Lowell on Vacation	Pr. Lowell on Vacation	Pr. Lowell on Vacation	Pr. Lowell on Vacation	Pastor's Sabbath	Pr. Lowell on Vacation
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Worship 8:15 MUMC 9:30 St. Luke's 10:00 St. Luke's SS 11:00 St. John's	Pr. Lowell on Vacation	7:00 St. Luke's Council Meeting	7:00 Conversations about Loss at St. Luke's	1:45 Bible Study at Gil-Haven	Pastor's Sabbath	8:00-3:00 Lutheran Men in Mission at Gloria Dei in Redwood
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed!
Alleluia!