

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 May, June and July will be:

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

Special Joint Worships Coming Soon!

There are two Joint Worships planned for May and June. The first will be **May 12** at St. Luke's at 10:00 AM.

In June we will gather for our second annual parish picnic on **June 23** at the Falls Shelter in Ramsey Park in Redwood Falls. Worship is at 10:30 followed by a potluck picnic.

Dates for Communion

The Morgan United Methodist Church will celebrate Communion on May 5. St. John's and St. Luke's will join in the Eucharist on May 5 and May 19.

Pastor on Vacation

Pr. Lowell will be on vacation May 6 through May 12. If you are in need of pastoral care during that time please contact the pastors at Gloria Dei in Redwood Falls. Pastors Shannon and Bryant can be reached at (507) 637-2592.

Conversations About Loss

We are offering an opportunity to gather with others to talk about your experience with loss. All losses are hard and impact how we see and act in the world. Conversations About Loss meets the Second and fourth Wednesday of each month, **May 8 and May 22, in the St. Luke's Social Hall at 7:00 PM.**

Colors on the Altar

As May begins we are well into the season of Easter and continuing to celebrate Christ's resurrection for the first two Sundays, May 5th, and 12th. White adorns the altar announcing that Christ is alive! On May 19th we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit to the disciples and us on the day of Pentecost. The fire of the Holy Spirit is represented in the red that covers our altars that day. The last Sunday of May is another festival day as we celebrate the Holy Trinity with white on the altar once again.

Bible Studies

We will have Bible Study at Gil-Mor Haven beginning at 1:45 the following Thursdays in May: 2nd, 16th, 23rd, 30th. All are welcome to come!

Men's Bible Study will not meet in May.

Devos at the Depot

Devos at the Depot is an opportunity to gather in the middle of the week to share with others in food fellowship and we will even sing a few of your favorite hymns. We will meet May 21 at the Franklin Depot. We start around 6:30. Join us every third Tuesday of the month for this lighthearted gathering.

Prayer Concerns

Please keep these members of our parish and community in your prayers: Jeri Forbrook, Sandy Schroeder Long, Pam Shefland, Dorothy Nielsen, Brent Sandmann, Butch Zempel, Raynette Hansen, Todd Sherman, Landen Grejtek, Alice Wood, Irene Landgraff, and 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, and Marlys Symens.

Council Meetings

St. John's council is scheduled to meet Thursday May 9th at 7:00 PM

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

Ushers for May

Morgan United Methodist Church:
Zac Janke and Colten Sell

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

Alisyn Danielson 2, Hailey Bigger 4, Eliana Dittbenner 5, Tim Hultquist 8, Grant Christensen 9, Drew Christensen 9, Luke Christensen 14, Torie Lemcke 15, Heather Lemcke 15, Keagan Schiller 16, Brooke Hoffbeck 27 and Ron Christenson 30.

St. Luke's

Darris Dehncke 3, Shirley Lund 4, Matthew Tonak 5, Jeff Larson 5, Cassandra Robertson 9, Nicole Forsyth 9, Justin Okins 11, Helen Johnson 12, Deb Munsell 15, Jared Lund 19, Linda Rieke 20, Josh Robertson 20, Steve Grejtak 21, Ryan Jensen 21, Jaden Robertson 22, Eugene Zempel 25, Pam Valentin 25, Taylor Anderson 27, Amanda Jacobsen 27, Jerry Nissen 28, Jason Hall 29 and Nancy Zempel 29.

MUMC

Zachary Janke 2, Josh Sell 3, Keith Adams 19, Scott Potter 20, Karen Rose 21, and Evelyn Van Nurdern 21.

From the Pastor's Desk

This week I have the privilege to teach someone about communion as they prepare to take the opportunity to join other Christians at the meal that Christ provides for us. This is always a fun opportunity to talk to the kids and find out what they think as they continue on their journey of faith.

It is also a time for me to think about Holy Communion and all that it is and try to distill it down to what is most important. And that is

From the Pastor's Desk Cont.

not easy! There are all of the questions: What is it? Where did it come from? Who did it? Who is it for? How often? Why? What are all of these things? I could probably teach a whole unit on all of these questions, but what to say in an hour or less to help them see what the Lord's Supper is all about.

The best place to start is the very words that begin Holy Communion. As Jesus ate with his disciples he said, "This is my body, given for you." and he said, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you.... for the forgiveness of sins." These two simple statements tell us much about what this meal is all about. It is all about two people. Jesus, the one who is giving, and you. Jesus has done this for you. He has given his body and his blood for you. As you receive this gift he nourishes you, is present with you and forgives you of your sins.

The other thing that Jesus says he says twice, once after each of the statements I have mentioned before. "Do this in remembrance of me." Because he repeats this it must be important. In Holy Communion Jesus has offered himself to us but we have our part too. Jesus calls us to remember him. We certainly can and do remember him when we find ourselves alone but we remember best when we remember together. Together we can tell the stories of Jesus to one another. We can recall not only the stories of Jesus as he walked on earth but also the stories of Jesus as he has walked with us now. As we remember together we become stronger. Able to take Jesus to the hurting world around us. Communion is many things but it is always between you and Jesus with the Christian community around you.
God's Peace, Pr. Lowell

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