

Church Connections

Messages for God's People

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Worship Times

Worship times for September and October will be:

8:15 St. Luke's

9:30 St. John's

11:00 MUMC

Joint Worship in September

Join us on **September 15** for a Parish Worship at St. John's. Worship will begin at 10:00, Coffee and fellowship to follow.

Email Addresses Wanted

The cost of mailing letters continues to climb and we as a parish are noticing the increase as we try to send out the Church Connections each month. If you are receiving this newsletter in the mail and have an email address and can save us the cost of a stamp each month that would be helpful! If you are receiving this newsletter and are not interested, please let us know that too! Please send any and all changes to addresses and emails to prlowellk@gmail.com

Dates for Communion

St. John's and St. Luke's will celebrate communion September 1st and 29th. Please note the change to the normal schedule.

Floats, Food and Fellowship!!!

St. Luke's is hosting Floats, Food and Fellowship Tuesday, September 3, 2024, from 5:00 to 6:30 PM. Join in the fun of rootbeer floats with BBQs and all the fixings as summer comes to a close and fall is just around the corner. A freewill offering will be taken to help fund installing air conditioning in St. Luke's.

Ushers for September

Morgan United Methodist Church:
Scott Rose and Brett Janke

Colors on the Altar

Like I said last month, the Season After Pentecost is long and it's still going! It is probably a good thing because Jesus has much to teach us about being his followers and members of his Church! With growth being the main theme, green is the color for our altars and sanctuaries.

Conversations About Loss

We all experience loss over and over again in our lives. Talking with others about our losses can help us understand how each loss affects how we live our lives. Conversations About Loss meets the second and fourth Wednesday of each month, **September 11th and 25th, in the St. Luke's Social Hall at 7:00 PM.**

Confirmation Begins in September

Our First Confirmation class will be Wednesday, September 25. All students in grades 7, 8, and 9 are welcome to join us for confirmation classes that happen on Wednesday nights at 6:30 at St. John's. Each student is asked to bring a mentor when coming to class. If you or someone you know would like to join us for this opportunity to learn more about God and Jesus and deepen your faith please contact Pr. Lowell in all the usual ways.

Prayer Concerns

Please continue to pray for the members of our congregation and those we know that are in need. Jeri Forbrook, Sandy Schroeder Long, Pam Shefland, Paul DeGrote, Brent Sandmann, Butch Zempel, Raynette Hansen, Todd Sherman, Landen Grejtek, Alice Wood, Irene Landgraff, Dianne Larson, Jan Rodvik, Kathy Potter, Sandy Stokesbary, Sue Ziegenhagen, Sandy Seehausen, Burdell Symens, Julie Wendinger, Dee Johnson, Glen Seifert, and Perry Becker.

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 meet at the Franklin Depot. We start around 6:30. Join us on **September 24th** for this lighthearted gathering.

Pr. Lowell out of Town

Pr. Lowell will be taking a trip to Alaska and Washington State for his and Pr. Becca's 25th wedding anniversary. They will be gone September 9-22. Pastors Bryant and Shannon from Gloria Dei in Redwood will be on call. The office phone is 507-637-2592.

Evening of Music and Bible Study

Sunday, September 29, Jan Rodvik and Anne Spurbeck will present a program at St. Luke's beginning at 4:00 PM. Coffee and fellowship to follow.

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

Bryce Christensen 3, Linda Quast 4, Brady Forbrook 8, Gary Steinhaus 11, Larry Steinhaus 11, Bev Christenson 12, Judy Hultquist 12, Mary Lange 14, Carter Danielson 21, Tanya Bigger 22, Carter Schiller 24, Tim Christensen 24, Hannah Steinhaus 28 and Lily Steinhaus 28.

Anniversaries:

Roger and Sandy Kettner 1, (1979)
Lowell and Becca Krogstad 11 (1999)

St. Luke's

Gerald Zempel 4, Shawn Sherman 6, Ray Thompson 8, Carl Lund 14, Hailey Okins 14, Dylan Marlow 15, Jordan Pettis 15, Sierra Dehncke 18, Brian Pederson 19, Evelyn Heibel 21, Kurt Valentin 22, Bonnie Lund 22, Ed Nelson 24, Jan Rodvik 24, Riley Joehnck 25, Seth Dehncke 25, Jeff Bethke 26, Jake Reel 29, Janice Pederson 29, Landon Grejtak 29, Alexis Prescott 29 and Colin Nestande 30.

MUMC

Sally Kerkhoff 4, Todd Rose 6, Lisa Walters 22, Harper Jacobs 29 and Andrew Walters 30.

Anniversaries:

Lowell and Becca Krogstad 11 (1999)
Lisa and Andrew Walters 14 (2019)
Curt and Jeanie Christensen 17 (1960)

St. Luke's WELCA Meeting

The St. Luke's Women of the ELCA will meet Thursday, September 5th at 4:00 PM in the Church Basement.

Bible Studies

We will have Bible Study at Gil-Mor Haven beginning at 1:45 on September 5th and 26th. All are welcome to come!

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

Council Meetings

St. Luke's council is scheduled to meet Tuesday, September 10th at 7:00 PM.

From the Pastor's Desk

I love a good fair. It is probably because I spent a bunch of time as a child and a teenager running around them and as a farm kid showing and tending the animals that we brought for 4-H and for open class showing that I still like to go back to them.

To me it seems like there is something for everyone, whatever you like, you can probably find it at a fair. There is entertainment of all kinds, music and art. If you like cars there are races to see. There is almost always farm equipment to look at, and so much more!

When we go we spend our time trying to see everything! We look at the booths of all the businesses. We look at the rides, even though I haven't been able to do them for years! But what I like to see most is all of the projects that 4-H kids, FFA youths and people from all over the community have worked on all year to bring and have judged at the fair.

I love the fact that these people have put themselves and what they have made on display for everyone to see and to know what they have done. I marvel at the countless

hours that some of them must have spent to make their projects even though I don't know how some of them were made, it is still amazing to me. It is also amazing to me how much of themselves are revealed in what they make. You can see what they like and what they love to do by what they create. They are willing to make a statement of who they are by what they display.

How about us? Have we as Christians put in the time and effort to become who we are? Are we willing to display what we have become? Over the years it has been said that faith is a private matter. That is true but it is only half of the truth. Our faith is given to us not only for our well being and security in Christ but it is also for us to display and show to the world who we are as the people of God. We, who have spent time nurturing and growing in the family of God should do like people at the fair do. Display it, show it, let people know who we are, and to whom we belong.

Your faith is not just for you, it is to show to the world!

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. Luke's 9:30 St. John's 11:00 MUMC	Labor Day	5:00- 6:30 St. Luke's Cream Social		1:45 Bible Study at Gil-Haven 4:00 St. Luke's WELCA	Pastor's Sabbath	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
<u>Worship</u> 10:00 Joint Worship at St. John's	Pr. Lowell on Vacation	Pr. Lowell on Vacation	Pr. Lowell on Vacation	Pr. Lowell on Vacation	Pr. Lowell on Vacation	Pr. Lowell on Vacation
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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29	30	1	2	3	4	5
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