

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 will be:

8:15 St. Luke's

9:30 St. John's

11:00 MUMC

In November our worship times will change to:

8:15 MUMC

9:30 St. Luke's

11:00 St. John's

These will be for November, December and January.

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

MUMC will gather around the Lord's Supper on October 6th. St. John's and St. Luke's will celebrate communion October 6th and 20th.

Remembering the Saints

On Sunday November 3rd 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 3rd, please contact Pr. Lowell before October 27.

Colors on the Altar

We must have much growing to do. For most of the month we continue with the Season after Pentecost and its growth theme and the color green on our altars. On the last Sunday of the month, however, we have an exciting change! The 27th of October is Reformation Sunday celebrating the work of the reformers of the Church in the 16th and 17th centuries. Red is the color for the day as we celebrate the work of the Holy Spirit always making the Church and us new.

Confirmation Classes in October

Confirmation classes will be held on October 9th and 23rd in the St. John's basement beginning at 6:30.

St. Luke's WELCA Fall Festival

Join in the fun on October 26th at St. Luke's Fall Festival from 11:00 to 1:00. Come for the dinner of beef commercials, coleslaw, dessert and beverages that will be served. Stay for the Pie Auction and quilts for sale!

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 **October 22nd** for this lighthearted gathering.

Prayer Concerns

Please continue to pray for the members of our congregation and those we know that are in need. Kathy Potter, Sandy Stokesbary, Sue Ziegenhagen, Sandy Seehausen, Julie Wendinger, Dee Johnson, Glen Seifert, Perry Becker, 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, and Jan Rodvik.

Sunday School at St. Luke's

Sunday School has started at St. Luke's. 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 6th and the 20th.

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 on the following Thursdays in October: 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, and 31st. All are welcome to come!

Men's Bible Study will Tuesday, October 1st at 7:30 PM in the basement of St. John's.

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.

MUMC

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

Anniversaries:

Mervin and Sally Kerkhoff 7 (1974)

Glen and Katie Seifert 29 (1983)

St. John's

Dick Forbrook 1, Ellarie Blomeke 10, Jaxson Kerkhoff 18, Darvin Schiller 23, Melanie Danielson 24, Tom Engel 25 and Carolyn Gilland 28.

St. Luke's

Brent Lund 2, Drew Pederson 3, Pat Barnes 3, Dillon Larson 4, Sonya Seibert 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 Sandder 18, Aaron Gronau 20, Susan Savela 21, Alan Lee 21, Tim Joehnck 29 and Sophia Siebert 30.

Council Meetings

St. Luke's council is scheduled to meet Tuesday, October 8th at 7:00 PM.

Pr. Lowell out of Town

Pr. Lowell will be at a required Fall Theological conference in Spicer, MN the afternoon of October 6th through the morning of October 8th. Because this is a work commitment, please feel free to call him with any pastoral concerns during that time.

Also, Pr. Lowell will be out of town Monday October 14th through Wednesday October 16th. Pastors Bryant and Shannon from Gloria Dei in Redwood will be on call. The office phone is 507-637-2592.

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, **October 9th and 23rd, in the St. Luke's Social Hall at 7:00 PM.**

From the Pastor's Desk

So it was just yesterday that we got back from our two week trip in honor of our 25th wedding anniversary. So my head is filled with many images of the things that we were able to see, hear, taste and experience during that time away. My overall impression of southeast Alaska and the Pacific Northwest is immense!

The mountains that you sail by through the Inside Passage of Alaska are breathtaking! And hiking through the old growth forests that are so green and lush was an opportunity to feel just how small I am as the trees towered

above me. It brought to my mind Psalm 8 which in part says:

O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! ...When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them? Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor. You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet...

These great and glorious things that I was able to see have been given to us for us to see the majesty and glory of God in the works of God's hands. It is easily seen in the God's grand works like mountains and trees but it is also seen in the small and intricate way these grand things are held together.

While on a hike at Mount Rainier National Park I learned again about nurse trees. These are trees that have died and fallen to the forest floor. They then trap moisture and nutrients and as they decay they become a source for water and food as new plants take root even in the old tree itself (see the picture on the cover page) bringing about new life in the forest. And the cycle of life continues.

All of these things, from the greatest to the smallest, we as humans have been given dominion over to use and to care for.

In the grand scheme of things we are not very big. Many things tower over us. Yet God in all wisdom has chosen us to care for what God has made. We have been given a hard task.

Are we up to the task?

God's Peace,

Pr. Lowell

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
		7:30 Men's Bible Study at St. John's		1:45 Bible Study at Gil-Haven	Pastor's Sabbath	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Worship 8:15 St. Luke's 9:30 St. John's 11:00 MUMC	Pr. Lowell at Fall Theological Conference	Pr. Lowell at Fall Theological Conference 7:00 St. Luke's Council Meeting	6:30 Confirmation Class at St. John's 7:00 Conversations about Loss at St. Luke's	1:45 Bible Study at Gil-Haven	Pastor's Sabbath	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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27	28	29	30	31	1	2
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