

# Church Connections

*Messages for God's People*

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## Worship Times

Worship times for March and April are:

8:15 St. John's

9:30 MUMC

11:00 St. Luke's

## Lent Begins March 5th

Here is the Wednesday Lenten Worship schedule, the Worship places will be as follows:

March 5	St. Luke's	Ash Wednesday
March 12	St. John's	
March 19	MUMC	
March 26	St. Luke's	
April 2	St. John's	
April 9	MUMC	
April 17	St. Luke's	Maundy Thursday
April 18	St. John's	Good Friday

All worships will begin at 7:00 PM.

## First Communion Class Coming in April

On Sunday, April 13th, we will be offering all those that are third grade and older that would like to begin to receive communion to come and learn about what communion is. We ask that each student bring an adult mentor to be with them during the class. The class will begin at 2:00 PM and last until about 4:00. If you or someone you know would like to participate in the opportunity please contact Pr. Lowell with the info on the address page.

## Council Meetings

St. Luke's council is scheduled to meet Tuesday, March 11th, at 7:00 PM.

St. John's council will meet Thursday, March 13th at 7:00 PM.

The Parish Tri-council will meet Wednesday, March 5th at 5:30 prior to Ash Wednesday Worship.

## Colors on the Altar

March 2nd is a transition Sunday this year in the Church. It is the last Sunday of the Season after Epiphany but it is a special Sunday called the Transfiguration of Our Lord. On this day we see Jesus go up a mountain with three of his disciples and is transformed as white as snow and a voice speaks to them saying "This is my Son with whom I am well pleased. Listen to him." This voice from heaven bookends this season after Epiphany because we also heard God speak as Jesus was baptized in January. White adorns the altar on this special Sunday.

The rest of March we spend in the season of Lent. Purple covers the altar as we prepare for the passion and death of Jesus on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. Purple is a royal color marking Jesus kingship but it is also a color of remembrance and repentance.

## Dates for Communion

St. John's and St. Luke's will celebrate Communion March 2nd and 16th.

Communion will be offered on Ash Wednesday, March 5th at our joint worship at St. Luke's.

## Ushers for March

**Morgan United Methodist Church:**  
Drew Dallenbach

## Confirmation Classes for March

Confirmation classes have ended for this school year. Please remember to attend worship and work on Worship Forms and Service Time throughout the year!

## Bible Studies

We will have Bible Study at Gil-Mor Haven beginning at 1:45 on Thursdays in March, the 6th, 13th, 20th, and 27th. All are welcome.

Men's Bible Study will meet on Tuesday, March 4th at 7:30 in the basement of St. John's.

## Devos at the Depot

Join us for Devos at the Depot as we gather midweek for fellowship, and tacos if you would like. We may break into singing a few of your favorite hymns and talking together about the Gospel for the coming week and the news of the day. We meet at the Franklin Depot. We start around 6:30, or whenever you can join us, **March 18th** for this lighthearted gathering.

## 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

Letty Huiras 12th, Owen 12th, Melissa Hillger 16th, Andrew Fischer 25th, Jaimie Kerkhoff 28th and Sandy Kettner 30th.

### Anniversaries

Dick and Jeri Forbrook 5th (1960)  
Ron and Bev Christenson 12th (2008)  
Lyle and Joan Drusch 18th (1961)  
Keith and Deb Christensen 20th (1977)

### St. Luke's

Colton Birkemeyer 1st, Jocelyn Nestande 1st, Samantha Gruendemann 4th, Michel Forsyth 5th, Colby Rieke 5th, Gary Scharfencamp 6th, Ben Schacher 7th, Katie Wendinger 8th, Ashley Heibel 8th, Reg Wood 11th, Jan Alvig 11th, Jim Lund 12th, Lee Larson 14th, Jordan Lund 17th, Courtney Marlow 18th, Becky Bethke 19th, James Kanne 20th, Cooper Sherman 20th, Lori Buchanan 21st, Doreen Lund 23rd, Bill Tonak 24th, Linda Robben 24th, Julie Hall 25th, Scott Nissen 26th, Kataleya Munsell 27th, Brecyn Joehnck 28th, Dylan Dehncke 29th, Joe Sherman 29th, Dylan Knutson 29th and Elaina Heibel 31st.

### MUMC

Albina Van Nurden 5th, Chad Christensen 7th, DeAnna Van Nurden 8th, Kathy Potter 12th, Phil Bickhardt 14th, Meggan Hoffman 16th, Deb Christensen 21st, and Timothy Rivera 28th.

### Anniversaries:

Rick and Momi Rivera 1st (1986),  
Jason and Dawn Malecek 24th (1996)

## Prayer Concerns

Please continue to pray for the members of our congregations and those we know that are in need. Dick and Jeri Forbrook, Sandy Schroeder, Jim Nielsen, Dorothy Thompson, Brent Sandmann, Raynette Hansen, Todd Sherman, Landen Grejteck, Alice Wood, Irene Landgraff, Carl Lund, Kathy Potter, Sandy Seehausen, Dee Johnson, and Curt Christensen.

## 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](mailto:prlowellk@gmail.com)

## Sunday School at St. Luke's

St. Luke's Sunday School will meet from 10:00 to 10:45 on the first and third Sundays of each month. In March they will meet on Sundays the 2nd and the 16th.

## From the Pastor's Desk

I feel fortunate to have been able to attend many of the home basketball games for the Cedar Mountain Cougars this year. Both the girls and boys team have been doing very well and they have been fun to watch!

This year as the season comes to an end and tournaments are beginning, the game I remember most was the boys home game against the Springfield Tigers. At that point

there was only one loss between them, when Cedar Mountain had beat Springfield earlier by a narrow margin. It was touted that it would be a great match up. Word spread around to come and see. And people did! Both the visiting and home sections of the bleachers were full. We sat elbow to elbow as the game started. It was just great to be a part of something here that was that much bigger than me.

The game was very close to the end and it did not go the way that the Cedar Mountain fans would have hoped. (Congrats Springfield!) But still, to be all together sharing the experience even if we did root for different teams was something to remember.

Community makes a difference in many of the things that we go through in our daily lives. But that is only the beginning, as followers of Christ we are part of the Kingdom of God as we not only experience community but love one another and the world around us. But like the Basketball game world has to get around that something is happening. We have to be willing to say to our neighbors as Jesus says to his new followers in John 1:39 "Come and See."

God's Peace,  
Pr. Lowell

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
23	24	25	26	27	28	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
<u>Worship</u> 8:15 St. John's 9:30 MUMC 10:00 St. Luke's SS 11:00 St. Luke's	10:00 Chapel at Franklin restorative care	7:30 Men's Bible at St. John's	5:30 Tri-Parish Council Meeting at St. Luke's 7:00 Ash Wednesday worship at St. Luke's	1:45 Bible Study at Gil-Haven	Pastor's Sabbath	
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