

CHURCH CONNECTIONS

Messages for God's People

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

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Worship Times

Normal worship times for July will be:

8:15 St. Luke's

9:30 St. John's

11:00 MUMC

Worship will change in August to:

8:15 MUMC

9:30 St. Luke's

11:00 St. John's

Special Worship Times in July

We are going to have two more times to gather as an entire parish in July! Here are the special days and where we will be.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Time</u>
July 6	Morgan United Methodist	9:00 AM
July 27	Outdoors @ St. Luke's	11:00 AM

Please make your calendars for these upcoming events!

Council Meetings

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

St. John's Council will meet Thursday, July 10th, at 7:00 PM.

The Tri-council will meet Wednesday, July 16th in St. Luke's at 7:00 PM.

Colors on the Altar

July is a boring month for altar colors. The color is green every Sunday, a color for growth and vitality of the Church..... Not that growth and vitality are boring. It's just that the color doesn't change, so not much happens, so that's boring, not the other stuff. 😊

Dates for Communion

St. John's and St. Luke's will celebrate Communion July 13th and 20th.

Confirmation Students Wanted

It may seem like summer just started. But It is already time to look forward to upcoming fall events. As school begins in September so too will another year of confirmation classes. All students in grades 7, 8 and 9 are welcome to join us for a time of learning and fun as we discover who God is and what God has done for us. If this will be your first year please contact Pr. Lowell, (call or text 507-227-9247) so that you can receive all of the information on class schedule etc. It does not matter if you choose to complete the confirmation program or not, all students are welcome.

Ushers for July

Morgan United Methodist Church:

Char Carlson and Scott Rose

Pr. Lowell Out of Town

Pr. Lowell will be out of town for vacation from Friday July 4th through the 7th. If you are in need of pastoral care during that time please call Pastors Bryant and Shannon and Gloria Dei in Redwood Falls. Their office phone number is (507) 637-2592.

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. We will meet **July 15th** for this lighthearted gathering.

Bible Studies

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

Prayer Concerns

Please continue to pray for the members of our congregations and those we know that are in need. Kathy Potter, Dee Johnson, Ben Johnson, Dick and Jeri Forbrook, Sandy Schroeder, Roger Voelz, Jim Nielsen, Brent Sandmann, Raynette Hansen, Todd Sherman, Landen Grejtek, Alice Wood, Irene Landgraff, JoAnn Jacobson, and Carl Lund.

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

Dain Dallenbach 13th.

Anniversaries:

Todd and Jody Rose 12th (1982)

Brook and Krystal Christensen 16th

St. John's

Glenn Bloemke 1st, Lyle Drusch 2nd, Kristin Rossow 3rd, Jordan Lemcke 8th, Amanda Bigger 12th, Levi Kerkhoff 15th, Nona Selbrade 17th, Joan Drusch 18th, Pam Kalvig 27th, Chad Hoffbeck 27th, Lowell Krogstad 29th and David Monroe 30th.

Anniversaries:

Dan and Ashle Kettner 22nd (2017)

St. Luke's

Raynett Hansen 2nd, Ruth Lee 3rd, Zach Mogard 5th, Peggy Sherman 6th, Julia Krivi 9th, Ashley Metlying 10th, Nicole Metlying 10th, Sharon Rieke 10th, Kandon Lund 10th, Andrew Fisher 12th, Wendy Pederson 18th, Keegan Ward 19th, Logan Jensen 26th, Elain Hilbert 29 and Diane Larson 30th.

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

From the Pastor's Desk

Last night as we returned home from a ball game after the sun went down, we stepped out to get the mail and we saw our first lighting bugs of the season. We had just been discussing when they show up for the summer and neither of us were quite sure. So we paused in the shadow of a tree for a minute and waited. Then first Becca saw one, or thought she saw one, and then a few moments later I was able to say yes, the lighting bugs are here!

I have always been fascinated with these little bugs as they flit around in the darkened world and use light to find each other and stay together even in a dark and foreboding landscape.

It is kind of strange that I have never thought about a lighting bug and then thought about who we are as followers of Jesus. We are, just as lighting bugs, small bits of light bouncing around in this darkened world doing what we can to share that light. We, unlike lighting bugs, tend to get distracted by all of the darkness that seems to be swallowing up everything around us. The lighting bugs don't seem to care. And when you think about it, when it truly dark out, when there seems to be no light at all, that is when you can see those little lighting bugs the best.

As followers of Jesus our call is to be very much like those lighting bugs dancing around the grass in the dark, showing off our light, letting everyone know where we are.

Our call is only to light up and share the light, not to worry about the darkness. And when the world seems to be only darkness, remember that is when the light shines brightest.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it.

John 1:5

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			Pr. Lowell on Vacation	Pr. Lowell on Vacation
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
<u>Worship</u> 9:00 Joint Worship at St. Luke's Pr. Lowell on Vacation	Pr. Lowell on Vacation	7:00 St. Luke's Council Meeting		7:00 St. John's Council Meeting	Pastor's Sabbath	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
<u>Worship</u> 8:15 St. Luke's 9:30 St. John's 11:00 MUMC	10:00 Chapel at Franklin restorative care	6:30 Devos at the Depot at Franklin Depot	7:00 PM Tr-council Meeting at St. Luke's		Pastor's Sabbath	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
<u>Worship</u> 11:00 Joint Worship @ Ramsey Park, Redwood Falls	Newsletter items due Pr. Lowell's surgery				Pastor's Sabbath	
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
<u>Joint Worship</u> 11:00 Outdoors at St. Luke's (for Catfish days!)						

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