

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 October are:

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

Worship time will change for November, December and January to:

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

Upcoming Holidays

Our Thanksgiving Eve worship will be held at the Morgan United Methodist Church at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, November 26.

Christmas Eve will have the following worship schedule.

4:30 St. John's
6:00 MUMC
7:30 St. Luke's

Colors on the Altar

We remain green through most of October until the last Sunday. On October 26th we celebrate Reformation Sunday. We use red on the altar signify the fire of the Holy Spirit that reinvigorates the Church now as it did during the Reformation period of the 1500-1700.

After months of green we look forward to the change.

Remembering the Saints

On Sunday November 2nd 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 2nd, please contact Pr. Lowell before October 26th.

Confirmation Classes

Confirmation classes in October will be held for the Lutheran students on Wednesdays, October 1st and 8th at St. John's beginning at 6:30. The Methodist Students will meet on Sunday, October 12th at MUMC starting at 2:00. All students will meet together on Wednesday, October 29th at 6:30 in the basement of St. John's.

Dates for Communion

St. John's and St. Luke's will celebrate Communion October 5th and 19th.

The Morgan United Methodist Church will gather at the Lord's Supper on October 5th.

Council Meetings

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

Ushers for October

Morgan United Methodist Church:
Char Carlson

St. Luke's WELCA Harvest Festival

St. Luke's WELCA Fall Harvest Festival will be Saturday, October 25, from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM in the St. Luke's basement. A meal of roast beef commercials, coleslaw, dessert, and beverage will be provided for a free will donation. There will be an auction of some of the best pies in Renville County throughout the event.

Devos at the Depot

Join us for Devos at the Depot as we gather midweek for fellowship. And if you want, you can order tacos to have while we meet. We may break into singing a few of your favorite hymns or find plenty to talk about as we review the texts 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 **October 28th** for this lighthearted gathering. Bring a friend!

Vacation Dates for Pr. Lowell

Pr. Lowell will be out of town October 20th through the 26th. If you have a pastoral emergency during that time please contact Pastors Shannon and Bryant at Gloria Dei in Redwood, (507) 637-2592.

Bible Studies

Men's Bible Study will meet on October 7th at 7:30 in the St. John's Church basement.

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, Rhett Jacobs 15, and Char Carlson 16.

Anniversaries:

Melvin 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 Sander 18, Susan Savela 21,
Alan Lee 21, Tim Joehnck 29 and
Sophia Siebert 30.

Prayer Concerns

Please continue to pray for the members of our congregations and those we know that are in need. Kathy Potter, Dee Johnson, Dick and Jeri Forbrook, Sandy Schroeder, Roger Voelz, Jim Nielsen, Brent Sandmann, Todd Sherman, Landen Grejtek, Irene Landgraff, Carl Lund, Lori Buchanan, Dave Munsell, and Sandy Birkholz.

From the Pastor's Desk

I sit down to write this after an exhausting day. It was not tiring because of long hours or heavy lifting. It was exhausting because of the emotional work that had to be done today. I won't go into details, it is my calling to walk with people through hard things. But, right now in the world that we live in and all that is happening, that emotional work seems to be heavier and harder for all of us. We are all living in times of constant stress from many different angles.

There are many things that are contributing to that stress. News from around the country and around the world is pushed at us constantly. The news we do hear is almost always of death and violence. We are expected to do more at work with less resources. And the compensation we receive for that work doesn't seem to go as far as it used to at the grocery and clothing stores.

We as human beings were not made to be under stress like this for long periods of time. For our own mental health we need to step away, unplug, rest.

As a person of faith and a leader it is my duty to remind you that we have a place and a time for that, every Sunday morning as we celebrate the presence of Christ in the world and in our lives. This is a time to get away and rest.

But, whether you attend church or not we all need to find times and spaces that we can be away from all of the negative stress that fills our lives. When we don't the stress builds. It causes emotions to run higher and hotter than normal. And in extreme cases brings us to the point of violence. When that happens the people most often effected by that violence are the people we love. If you can't find time to get away for yourself, find it for those that are closest to you.

Please do what Jesus told his disciples to in Mark 6:31 *'Come away with me. Let us go alone to a quiet place and rest for a while.'*

God's Peace,

Pr. Lowell

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