

THE PARISH CONNECTION

April 2022

A Community of Faith, Inspired by Christ, Gathered to Grow, Empowered to Serve.



Lectionary Readings

April 3rd Fifth Sunday in Lent –purple

Isaiah 43:16-21, Psalm 126

Philippians 3:4b-14, John 12:1-8

April 10th Palm/Passion Sunday—purple

Luke 19:28-40, Psalm 118:1-2, 19-20

Isaiah 50:4-9a, Psalm 31:9-16

April 17th Easter Sunday--white

Acts 10:34-43, Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24,

1 Corinthians 15:19-26, John 20:1-18

April 24th 2nd Sunday of Easter—white

Acts 5:27-32, Psalm 150

Revelation 1:4-8, John 20:19-31

Holy Week Schedule

Maunder Thursday – April 14 at Faith Family church (and zoom)—time to be determined.

Good Friday—April 15 at 7:00 p.m. at the United Covenant Church in CL.

Easter Sunday – April 17

SonRise service will be at 7:00am at the Clear Lake church.

We will also worship at our regular worship times.

Prayers and Concerns

Joys— God's mercy and grace, birthdays, our active youth, warmer weather, grandchildren, occasions to celebrate, caring friends, new birth

Concerns— the nursing homes & hospitals, our law enforcement, Joyce, Jim, Curly, Ukraine, Ron, Allen, Mardy, Bob



Please use the following information to join us for worship and bible study.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88613652777?pwd=UIpaSVhGN0g1Qnc3VDV5T0Jhci83UT09>

Meeting ID: 886 1365 2777

Passcode: 421072

Grace Place Salvation Army

We have clients moving into permanent housing and are in need of the following items:

- 8 sets of cookware (new or gently used)
- 1 qt & 2 qt sauce pans, saute pans, Dutch ovens
- 8 sets of non-metal cooking utensils
- 8 mixing bowls
- 8 kitchen trash bins (8 to 13 gallon size)
- 8 brooms and dust pans
- 8 mops and buckets
- 8 toilet brushes
- 8 plungers
- 8 bottles of toilet bowl cleaner
- 8 bottles of Fabuloso
- 8 bottles of dish soap
- 8 bottles of window cleaner

Donations can be dropped off to Scottie at 505 W 8th St, New Richmond WI 54017.

Thank you for helping our clients as they move into their new homes!

Holy Humor Sunday

April 24th at your favorite church

Everybody, be thinking about your costume & keep a look-out for some good jokes. (Or even some old, tired jokes...)

Come that Sunday ready to praise God with singing, praying, and at least a bit of silliness.

APRIL WORSHIP MINISTRIES

Clear Lake

April 3rd	Reader:	Andrea Jilek
	Acolyte/PwrPt:	Wyatt Reindahl
	Coffee:	Don & Arlene A
April 10th	Reader:	Dawn Cress
	Acolyte/PwrPt:	Ben (Scoot) Avery
	Coffee:	Roger & Carla L
April 17th	Reader:	Alison Blanchard
	Acolyte/PwrPt:	Lily Avery
	Coffee:	EASTER—NO Coffee
April 24th	Reader:	Diane Blanchard
	Acolyte/PwrPt:	Tyson Blanchard
	Coffee:	Ryan Blanchard family

Counters for April: Debi A & Joan L

Greeter for April: Diane B

Deer Park Readers

April 3rd	<i>no reader</i>
April 10th	Elden Setter
April 17th	<i>no reader</i>
April 24th	<i>no reader</i>

Faith Family Readers

April 3rd	Penny Warner
April 10th	Joyce Petersen
April 17th	Cindy Warner
April 24th	Debbie Stevens

NOTE: If you are unable to attend on your designated date, please find a replacement. Thank you.

Bishop Jung Visit

Join Bishop Jung for an evening of worship, sharing and conversation on Thursday, April 7, 2022. We will meet at **Holy Trinity United Methodist Church** located at 1606 165th Ave, Centuria, WI 54824. We will begin at 6 p.m. and end promptly at 8 p.m. *Masking and social distancing are required for this event.*

If interested, you can register at <https://wisconsin-reg.brtapp.com/BishopsDayApartLaity>.

Thank you

Many thanks for helping me celebrate my birthday recently. I appreciate your many kindnesses extended to me. *Sincerely, Ruth Severson*

April Birthdays

Dan Severson	4/04
Michael Clark	4/09
Ian Ruble	4/12
Linda Jurisch	4/13
David Webster	4/17
Brian Pietz	4/19
Ann Stuntz	4/20
Roger Blanchard	4/25
Mary Jo Ailts	4/26
Lori Cross	4/29
Ivan Ruble	4/30

April Anniversaries

Sheldon & Ruth Simonson	4/10
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Silent Messengers

Join us for the presentation of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ at the Immaculate Conception Church in New Richmond on April 10th. Doors open at 5 pm for soup supper; show starts at 6 pm. Free will offering; proceeds go to Grace Place Shelter. Look for signup sheets at each church.



Ruby's Pantry distributes food at Pop-Up Pantry locations across MN & WI. There

is no income or residency requirement and for a \$20 bundle donation you will receive an abundance of groceries. Check out their website www.rubyspantry.org to find a location and time that works for you.

UMC Special Sundays

Listed below are the remaining special Sundays for 2022. Please watch for pew cards describing the upcoming special Sunday in the worship bulletin a week before each special Sunday. Donation envelopes will be at the back of the churches.

- Native American Ministries Sunday—May 1st
- Peace with Justice Sunday-June 12th
- World Communion Sunday-October 2nd
- United Methodist Student Day Sunday-November 27th

Pastor's Pen

One evening on a day in mid-March, my family and I were taking a walk around my neighborhood right after dinner. It was cold that day, but Evan, my son, looked so excited. As it was getting dark, we were walking in the village that has streetlights. As we were passing the funeral home in the village, I thanked God for allowing me to serve in Wisconsin Annual Conference of United Methodist Church. As we were passing the post office, I thanked God for giving us a new home in Wisconsin. When we were passing the bar to go back home, by the way, people in the bar looked at us in surprise. Evan was waving at them and smiling. And then, one of them came out the door. We thought he came to say hello because my son was cute. The red-faced man said in an angry tone: "How's it going?" Then, we answered: "Good, we were just walking around our neighborhood." Then, he continued asking: "What did you come here for?" And, he added: "This is America, this is not China." After saying that, he went inside.

When I heard what he said, I could hardly believe my ears. We already knew well where we were even if the man didn't kindly tell us that this is America and not China. We've been living in the states for four years, but it was the first time we had heard anything like that, so we were very shocked although we tried to look calm. We turned and headed for home. And soon he came out again and shouted abuse at us as we were walking away. That day, we could feel the sentiment of 'Anti-Asian and Asian American in the U.S.' in our bones.

Through this experience that we never want to go through again, I felt strongly that God was calling me to Sacraments: The Holy Communion (=The Lord's Supper, the Eucharist) and Baptism. I've told my congregation several times, but I want to emphasize it again that the Lord's table is always open to all regardless of where we come from and who we are, race, ethnicity, language, culture, gender, socioeconomic status, job, and age. Therefore, at the Lord's table, everyone is welcome and equal. The Holy Communion we have joined on the first Sunday of every month is like breakfast in

Christ with those we love as family. Joining in the Lord's Supper is our will to follow the life of Jesus Christ, our vow to receive each other as one faith community and one family in Christ, and the practice of our faith in God.

I believe that the mission of the church and the mission of Christians is to make disciples of Christ on earth for the kingdom of God. Through baptism, we welcome newcomers as the body of Christ, and through the Holy Communion, we remember that we are one family in Christ and practice the love of God to our neighbors in our lives. We need to gradually expand the range of our neighbors. Our neighbors are not only people living in the same neighborhood, same state, same country, but also the homeless, the drug and alcohol addicted, the poor, the sick, the minority in the U.S., and those who lost their homes due to the war, and the soldiers dying in the war.

I do not know the current range of your neighbors, but I pray that you would gradually expand the scope of your neighbors because we are children of God and disciples of Christ and one body of Christ, and one family in Christ.

May the Holy Spirit be always with us and lead us so that we become closer to the holiness of Christ day by day.

Your brother in Christ, Pastor Hakki

Pet of the month

These ducks (Romeo and Juliet) at Greene Acres (Alpha and Heather Greene's farm) are a sign of new life. Their eggs remind us of Easter and provide us a reminder of the new life we have in Jesus as he died for our sins.





You're Invited!
 Mardell Anderson, Clear Lake Songbird Celebrates 100 years young! Please join us to celebrate Mardell's birthday. Sunday, May 15, 2022 1:00-4:00 open house at the Clear Lake United Methodist Church, 420 4th Avenue, Clear Lake, WI.

Deer Park UMC News

Happy Easter from all of your friends in Deer Park!

Send Offering to:
 Janice Thompson
 110 North Street E
 Deer Park, WI 54007

Noisy Can—2nd Quarter to Grace Place

Clear Lake UMC News

Attention Clear Lake Members:

- Coffee before church at 10:15 am
- Food shelf donations any Sunday

Shop with Scrip

Do you like the convenience of gift cards? How about an easy gift for that hard-to-buy-for relative?

The Clear Lake UMC is starting a new fundraising campaign. It is very simple and doesn't require anyone to bake cookies, serve baked potatoes, or sell gently used items!

All you do is buy gift cards for your favorite stores and restaurants and the church earns a percentage back. There are more than 750 brands to choose from. You can do this on an App, which will be more instant, or you can order through the coordinator, Andrea Jilek.

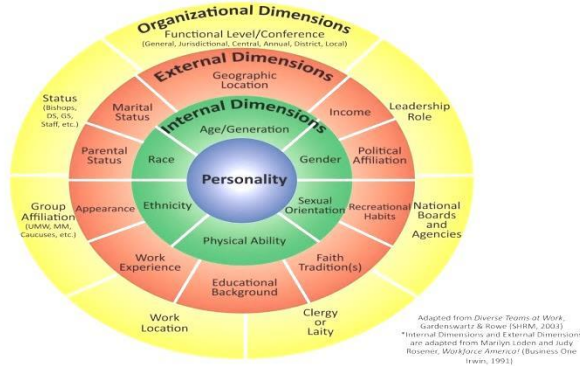
Look for an email to all church families that details the program a little more.

Any questions, please see or call Andrea 263-2575.

Wisconsin United Methodist Conference Cultural Competency Forum: Power, Internalized Oppression and Cultural Competency training happened on February 25th and 26th. (reflection by Heather Greene)

During the training we discussed being a Christian in a multicultural world. We focused our time on the four layers of diversity.

Four Layers of Diversity in the UMC



We also discussed in depth Understanding Internalized Racism & Oppression where we learned different terms, shared our privileges and worked on speaking "I" statements.

Matrix of Oppression

Social Identity Categories	Privileged Social Groups	Border Social Groups	Targeted Social Groups	Ism
Race	White People	Biracial People (White/Latino, Black, Asian)	Asian, Black, Latino, Native People	Racism
Sex	Bio Men	Transsexual, Intersex People	Bio Women	Sexism
Gender	Gender Conforming Bio Men And Women	Gender Ambiguous Bio Men and Women	Transgender, Genderqueer, Intersex People	Transgender Oppression
Sexual Orientation	Heterosexual People	Bisexual People	Lesbians, Gay Men	Heterosexism
Class	Rich, Upper Class People	Middle Class People	Working Class, Poor People	Classism
Ability/Disability	Temporarily Abled-Bodied People	People with Temporary Disabilities	People with Disabilities	Ableism
Religion	Protestants	Roman Catholic (historically)	Jews, Muslims, Hindus	Religious Oppression
Age	Adults	Young Adults	Elders, Young People	Ageism/Adultism

aching for Diversity and Social Justice, Second Edition, Routledge, 2007

Clear Lake Sunday School

Clear Lake Sunday School meets after the children's sermon during regular 11:00 am services. We also meet once a month on Wednesdays after school from 3:30-5:00 pm at the church for a fun night, lesson and supper. On Wednesday evening, March 23rd, we began studying the 10 commandments. April 27th will be our next evening gathering. We will be making treats to sell at the Thrift Sale. I will pick up students at 3:15 or they can be dropped off at 3:30. Thank You, questions, call Diane, 423-307-6247

Clear Lake February Financial Report

Income: \$5,628

Expenses: \$4,500

+1,128

Clear Lake Ad C Highlights

Old Business:

- We will resume the coffee hour before church starting March 6 beginning at 10:15.
- Andrea Jilek gave a short presentation on the Script fundraising during the church service (purchase gift card for actual price of the card through the church and the church will receive a percentage of the money). There are sheets in back of church further explaining or contact Andrea at 715-263-2575 or ajilek@clwarriors.org
- We are collecting information for the brochure/Facebook page. Will have WRP info on bottom back. Need pictures/info from both UMW groups, Bell Choir, Sunday School, Summer Bible school, Youth, and Outreach. Pastor Hakki has started the Facebook page.
- Thrift Sale April 28 & 29 from 9-5. TBD if we will be serving a lunch.
- The purchase of a new computer capable of using for the Zoom service been approved and will be purchased soon.

New Business:

- Lenten Bible Study services will be on Zoom at 6:00 (no in person Lenten services). There will not be Soup & Sandwich this year.
- Food Service Training - Monday March 21, 2022 at 6:00 PM at the Community Center. We would encourage our kitchen workers to attend.

UMW Minutes 3/9/22

10 Present--Meeting 10:00-2:30, Cleaned kitchen, closets, cupboards, pot luck at 12:00.

Treasurers Report: \$840.96

NEW BUSINESS:

1. April- work on cross and envelopes for 3 Nursing Home Residents and shut ins.
2. Resume meetings at Ridgeview Apts April 13, 2:00 Pot Luck, July-Diane's house, Aug-trip possibly to New Richmond, other months at Ridgeview unless notified.
3. Everyone bring a dozen of cookies to sell at the Thrift Sale April 28&29, 9-5.
4. Clear Lake Days Potato Sale. Thursday wrap potatoes, Bev, Linda, Catherine, Stacia, Dick wash potatoes. Friday 4-sold out: Deb, Linda, Stacia, Blanchards Sat.10:30- things get slow or sold out: Deb, Koerper family, Bev, Betty. Joan

orders all the supplies and browns the hamburger.

5. March 23, 2022-Legacy Fund-a women's mission group to help women, children and churches around the globe needs money. donation of \$150 approved.
6. Silent Messenger Program about Easter put on by youth actors who say nothing during the play, very touching. In New Richmond at Immaculate Conception Church, 151 Washington Ave supper 5, play 6, RSVP 715-497-4438, not required Profits go to Salvation Army, Free will offering. You can bring 2 pans of bars in throw away containers. Sign-up sheets in back of church.
7. No General Methodist Convention again this year but in 2024. The Global Methodist Church will meet, they split from the Methodist in 2021. They are mostly from Africa and Foreign Countries. Traditionalists appealing to authority. Bad for Methodists, white supremacy and slavery.

Submitted by Linda Jurisch



At Afternoon Circle, we have been working on our History totes—sorting and putting in albums.

CL Methodist Thrift Sale

Thursday, April 28th & Friday, April 29th

9 am-5 pm

You may bring your items and place them in the correct places Sunday April 24 through Wednesday April 27. The church will be open 8-8. Make sure things are clean. No electrical items that don't work; if they need batteries put them in please.

PLEASE UNLOAD YOUR BAGS AND BOXES AND PUT ITEMS ON DESIGNATED TABLES.

****Each church family; please bring one dozen cookies for us to sell.****

Faith Family Church News:

Join us for coffee and fellowship after church

Stewardship

Generosity is a matter of action, intentions, and heart. One way to describe it is the grateful outpouring of gifts to others, out of our love for God. Outpouring is a terrific description, since the priceless treasure of the gospel (and all the gifts of covenant, relationship, and life that go with it) comes from God and is meant to be poured out, through our living, upon others.

****Thank you Trobby Kandala for presenting your agricultural ministry on Zoom. ****

*** THANK YOU FOR THE BIRTHDAY WISHES!

-Gracie Perkins Greene

COMMUNITY EVENTS:



Faith Family Sunday School:

We have spotted some of our kids doing good deeds in the community. Check them out!

Baylie Millermon and her Volleyball Team wearing crazy socks for World's Down Syndrome Awareness day.



Michael Clark and Gracie Perkins Greene are working on thank you cards to all of the Amery United Black History Month Speakers that presented for the Amery Community.



Jordyn Millermon helped out the Sunnyside Shamrocks 4-H club pack bags for cancer patients and make blankets for those at Grace Place and Glenhaven, along with supporting the Glenwood City FFA alumni at Donkey Basketball.



Way to go Sunday School kids, it is great to see God's love shine through you in our communities!

Faith Family Ad. Board Highlights:

Meeting called to order at 6:30 on March 10th.

Present: Jeff and Terri Wilson, Joyce and Dennis Peterson, Pastor Hakki, Penny Warner, Cindy Warner, Paul Webster, Amanda and Savanna Millermon, Gary and Debbie Stevens, and Heather Greene

1. Opened in prayer/song
 2. Reports: Treasurer's report: motion by Paul and second by Penny to approve. Motion Carried. Discussed the fact that we are short on funds and might need to use money from our savings. We are not quite ready for a fundraiser.
 3. Pastoral updates: We will continue with the Lenten Bible Study (zoom) and this week it is Pastor Hakki's turn. Troby wants to share what he is doing in Africa with us on March 20th via Zoom.
 3. Community Outreach: We received several thank you's from the people we sent Valentine's Day cards and Kwik Trip cards to. This month we are taking a special collection for the people of Ukraine.
 4. Building updates/plans: The pictures and ideas were sent to Doug Meyers for the plan to get the stand/platform for the bell from Forest UMC started, The altar cloths need to be switched to purple, and we have Nest thermostats that need to be installed.
 5. April Newsletter; Anyone want to help write an article?
 6. Mission trip: Heather has talked with Diane and they have discussed a mission trip.
 7. Son rise service: still being planned/discussed
 8. Any other business: Discussion about masks and coffee time. We decided masks would be optional and we would return to coffee time after church.
 9. Next meeting will be April 21st at 6:30
- Closed in the Lord's Prayer



Anchor of Hope Recovery Ministry is a worship service for individuals that have been impacted by addiction and are seeking recovery through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Anchor of Hope hosts services on Thursday evenings at 5 PM at the Faith Family Church, as well as through Zoom.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83094771703?pwd=OJFic0ZxT3A3eVYwUVAvbDRRenRoQT09>

Meeting ID: 830 9477 1703

Passcode: 781739

Our website can be found at

<https://anchorofhopeemerald.wixsite.com/my-site>

and our email address is

anchorofhopeemerald@gmail.com

Anchor of Hope believes that we are all in recovery, as we all face struggles that we need to seek the Lord's help with. Since beginning services in March of 2021, we have had speakers discuss addiction to drugs/alcohol, abusive relationships, anxiety, depression, and grief. We would love for you to join us and spread the word about this recovery ministry. If you are in need of assistance, there are some additional resources that may be helpful to you:

Crisis Lines

NAMI Helpline: 800-950-6264

National Suicide Prevention Hotline: 800-273-8255

Northwest Connections: 888-552-6642.

Treatment Facilities

Burkwood Treatment Center: 866-497-1976

MN Adult & Teen Challenge: 612-373-3366.

Programs for Change

Amery Behavioral Health: 715-268-0060

Westfields Hospital & Clinic: 715-243-2900

Hudson Hospital & Clinic: 715-531-6755.

CHECK US OUT ON FACEBOOK:

[Faith Family Church | Facebook](#)

Noisy Cans--2nd Quarter to Autism Research

Send Offering to: Terri Wilson, 3127 200th Ave,
Glenwood City, WI 54013

Soul Food by Bishop Jung: We become what we believe. We are shaped by our experiences. If our ideas of God come from our early experiences of relational authority, we know some of us have learned from dominant and domineering images of God. These images coincide with the pyramid, power from above to the ones below. The word dominant derives from the Latin verb, 'dominare,' which means to master or rule.

The word, 'master' has a very problematic history on American soil.

Nondominant images of God remind us that while God's love influences, humans have freedom. The love of God is an uncontrolling love. Note in Luke 15 Jesus tells a parable of a woman who sweeps and lights a lamp in a relentless search for the lost coin. In Luke 13 Jesus says he has wanted to act as a hen gathering a brood as he laments unruly Jerusalem. In Exodus 13, a pillar of cloud never left the Hebrew people as they crossed the sea. What difference might it make to our discipleship if we drew from scriptural images of God that are non-dominant?

The incarnation helps us.

"Many women were also there...they had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to him" (Matthew 27:55).

The Word chose to become flesh and dwell among us. To balance the images of relational influence, God gave us not only Jesus, but people, in all their diverse forms. This month we celebrate and reflect on Women's History Month.

Each year Women's History Month has a theme and the theme for 2022 is "Providing Healing, Promoting Hope." According to the National Women's History Alliance, the theme is meant to be a tribute to the work of caregivers and frontline workers during the pandemic. We are truly thankful that God has given us health care workers and caregivers for the fear and disorientation of the pandemic.

I write today to offer my deep bow to women, to encourage us to advocate for healing, and promote hope in our life-together.

The body of Christ is enriched by the gifts of women and their wholistic vision and presence among us. While we have not arrived at gender equality in society and The United Methodist Church, we can celebrate the countless beautiful contributions that have been made through the women of The United Methodist Church—and take an inventory of hope.

The Wisconsin Conference has experienced the blessings of female leadership in many ways. We give thanks for the faithful and excellent lay and clergy leadership in all aspect of our ministry and community of faith.

Wisconsin was assigned the first female Bishop elected in The United Methodist Church, and through her we were able to experience a fresh new spirit of openness and prophetic witness.

Many still recall the historic boldness when Bishop Marjorie Swank Matthews was elected (1980) as the first female bishop and came to Wisconsin. Her presence deepened our sense of the 'any-ness' and 'all-ness' of embodying spiritual leadership in our particular 'givenness.'

We know that this achievement was the result of countless hidden sacrifices. She was the first woman bishop for any Protestant church and the first in Christendom since at least the twelfth century. From that perspective, the election of the first female bishop was a prophetic witness for the entire United Methodist Church, and it became a mirror for future episcopal elections in the North Central Jurisdiction. Bishop Matthews cracked the door to a more inclusive and representative church. Consider for a moment the number of lives who reconsidered the possibilities of God because of her witness.

I thank God for those who opened possibilities for inclusion and equity in the faith community, and the reminder that we must continue to strive for the achievement of gender equality and justice.

Let us not neglect the precious history of Bishop Sharon Rader (1992-2004) and Bishop Linda Lee (2004-2012), an ebony female Bishop. These women led from their intuitive centers and established leadership norms that reset gender expectations. I thank God for them.

Returning to our theme of: "Providing Healing, Promoting Hope," our prayerful devotion must increase hope for the countless human beings in the world who are suffering from systems that continue inequality and injustice. Too many children are growing up with lead in their water pipes, food deserts, environmental contamination, and per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), often referred to as "forever chemicals," that do not easily break down in the environment. These "forever chemicals" are detected in fetuses in Wisconsin, and have been linked to diabetes, cancers, and obesity (<https://dnr.wisconsin.gov>).

I am profoundly grateful to serve as the first Korean-American bishop in the beautiful and sacred flow of Wisconsin Conference history. I am proud to be the husband of my wife, who is a clergy woman. I am moved by the committed leadership of countless female clergy, who are serving in a time of pandemic. These days I hold Sydney Grace and think of the world we are called to leave her. May we be good stewards. Know that I am praying for you. Peace, Bishop Jung



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Sunday Worship

8:30 a.m. – Faith Family (also Zoom) 9:45 a.m. – Deer Park
11:00 a.m. – Clear Lake

Church School @ Clear Lake and Faith Family

Sundays after Young People's time @ CL

Sundays after worship @ Faith Family