

# THE PARISH CONNECTION

August 2022

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

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## Lectionary Readings

**August 7, 2022**

**9th Sunday after Pentecost (Green)**

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20; Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16; Luke 12:32-40

**August 14, 2022**

**10th Sunday after Pentecost (Green)**

Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19;

Hebrews 11:29-12:2; Luke 12:49-56

**August 21, 2022**

**11th Sunday after Pentecost (Green)**

Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6;

Hebrews 12:18-29; Luke 13:10-17

**August 28, 2022**

**12th Sunday after Pentecost (Green)**

Jeremiah 2:4-13, Psalm 81:1, 10-16;

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16; Luke 14:1, 7-14

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## IN OUR PRAYERS

*Joys*—neighbors of the church, summer weather, the fairs, Juneteeth, rain

*Concerns*—Tasha, Liz's niece, cancer patients, those who are homeless, those with COVID, deaths in the community, Wendy's family, Robbie, Betty, Joanne, Don Weber, Ted

*Remembering*—Family and friends of Curly Danielson, Brian Pietz, and Doug Kruger

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## Church Times Change In September!

Clear Lake 8:30 am

Faith Family 9:45 am

Deer Park 11:00 am



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**Newsletter Renewal:** If you currently receive the newsletter through the mail and have not yet paid, please renew your subscription by sending \$6 to the parish office or let Anitra know that you no longer wish to receive the newsletter via "snail mail". 715-263-2700 or [wrpsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:wrpsecretary@gmail.com). Thank you.

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**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.

- World Communion Sunday-October 2nd
  - United Methodist Student Day  
Sunday-November 27th
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**WRP Picnic and Service**  
**August 14th, 10:00 am**  
**@ Emerald Park**

Faith Family will provide coffee and lemonade, plates, cups, spoons, forks and napkins. Potluck, bring a lawn chair. If it rains, we will meet at our church.

## August Birthdays

Michael Paulson	8/2
James Fouks	8/5
Brittany Severson	8/8
John Severson, Jr	8/13
Brandon Severson	8/16
Camryn Lillie	8/17
Renae Kuhl	8/19
Ben Avery	8/20
Kristi Severson	8/20
Tyler Sharpe	8/24
Joan Lillie	8/25
Betty Rake	8/27
Ted Olson	8/29
Neil Lillie	8/31

## August Anniversaries

Todd & Andrea Jilek	8/8
Ryan & Carrie Blanchard	8/12
Mark & Beth Thompson	8/12

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**Zoom:** Please use the following information to join us Sundays for worship at 8:30 a.m.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88613652777?pwd=UlpasVhGN0g1Qnc3VDV5T0Jhci83UT09>

Meeting ID: 886 1365 2777  
Passcode: 421072

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**Ruby's Pantry** distributes food at Pop-Up Pantry locations across MN & WI. There is no income or residency requirement and for a \$25 bundle donation you will receive an abundance of groceries. One food distribution will take place August 13th in the AmTec parking lot at 241 Venture Drive Amery. This is a drive-thru distribution from 8am to 10am. Volunteers are greatly appreciated and should arrive at 7:15am. If you would like to volunteer or if you would like more information, please contact 715-268-7390 or email [office.ameryucc@gmail.com](mailto:office.ameryucc@gmail.com).

Another Ruby's Pantry location is: 1245 County Highway CC, New Richmond, Wisconsin 54017, which distributes on the 3rd Thursday of the Month. Registration begins at 5:00 PM. Food bundles available 5:00-7:00 PM. Hosted by: Faith Community Church. Check out their website [www.rubyspantry.org](http://www.rubyspantry.org) to find a location and time that works for you.

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**Willow Ridge Pig Roast:** Willow Ridge Health Care is having their annual pig roast at their facility on Wednesday, August 17<sup>th</sup> from 4-7 p.m. Anyone who has NOT been vaccinated is encouraged to wear a mask. The menu is roast pork, potato salad, beans, coleslaw and cookies. Free will donation. Live music by the Cattail Moon Band. Come join the fun.

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## Willow River Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/Willow-River-Parish-103076225619623/>

Please send any information you would like posted to Heather Greene  
[mr.mrs.greene5@gmail.com](mailto:mr.mrs.greene5@gmail.com)

or Gail Kuhl [kuhlg@cltcomm.net](mailto:kuhlg@cltcomm.net)

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**Pet of the month:** Meet Guuka and Papa's (Gary and Debbie Stevens') cat, M & M. He is your typical farm cat and loves to hunt. He loves protecting the Stevens' residence from rodents. He doesn't always care for the little humans that come to visit, but he does love Michael! Michael took him to the St. Croix County fair this year and got Champion in his class. M & M and Michael would like you to know we are all champions in God's eyes as we are all created in God's image! You are created to be uniquely you! You are loved!



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**Deadline for the September Newsletter is August 23rd**

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## WRP Youth Night:



Fun & games!



First taste of a s'more!



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**From Bishop Jung:** Soul Food: 'How Long?'

*"How long will you judge unjustly and show partiality to the wicked?"* --Psalm 82:2

We return from another weekend, suffering the ripples from gun violence. At least six people were killed and 30 injured on Monday after a gunman fired on the crowd at a Fourth of July parade in Highland Park, Illinois. This was the nation's 309<sup>th</sup> mass shooting this year. 71 were shot and 8 killed in Chicagoland over the weekend. Given the number of racially motivated shootings in this country, family and friends from Korea always ask me, 'are you safe?'

The violence experienced at a parade is a reminder to pray not only for the people of Highland Park, but those who suffer memories of the violence at the holiday parade in Waukesha.

The Spirit is suggesting Psalm 82 for the

lectionary this week. It opens with a courtroom scene comprised of God and lesser gods—the other powers that show up in psalms and the prophets as Israel deals with Canaanite thinking that cannot conceive a life-giving Oneness at work in creation.

God calls all other lesser lights to account in v.2: "how long will you judge unjustly and show partiality to the wicked?" These are the words of lament, of loss, of noting the waste of gun violence, the ripples of trauma, the children who now factor in the truth that the grown-ups around them lack the moral imagination to adequately protect them. How long must we bear systems that protect the powerful at the expense of the children? How long?

In verse 3, Psalm 82 hears God call out to all who hold power: "give justice to the weak and the orphan; maintain the right of the lowly and destitute." For all who exercise power and influence, God's mission is to uphold justice and to use God's people to bear witness to covenantal life.

The second imperative in the psalm is: "rescue." May we rescue our capacity to hold parades in our land without fear. May we rescue those who have suffered injury in Highland Park. May we rescue the ability to walk into a grocery store or a service of worship without fear. May we rescue the church from the powerful forces at work in this country to "Other" people and to exclude.

Jesus is always the stranger at the door, the unexpected one who calls us to open to him that we may eat with him and he with us. Jesus is the one who calls us to open, to be the meek who inherit the earth. I would call us to a life together that opens doors to Jesus, to nonviolence, to meekness, to cultural humility, to the need to carry no bag, nor purse to insulate ourselves, to consider the lilies who do not live in fear. Bear witness to the way Jesus gives life and the Spirit can use our witness. If not, how long will we walk around in darkness?

I continue my walk of El Camino de Santiago, walking the way of St. James during my renewal leave. Know that I am praying for you.



## AUGUST WORSHIP MINISTRIES



### Clear Lake

August 7th Reader: John Koerper  
Acolyte/PwrPt: Jordan Blanchard  
Coffee: Ruth S & Jan B  
August 14th Reader: Dawn Cress  
Acolyte/PwrPt: Wyatt Reindahl  
Coffee: Gail K & Dawn C  
August 21st Reader: Diane Blanchard  
Acolyte/PwrPt: Oliver Wood  
Coffee: Jennie K & Becky R  
August 28th Reader: Andrea Jilek  
Acolyte/PwrPt: Lily Avery  
Coffee: Avery Family

Counters for August: Deb A & Jan B  
Greeter for August: Don & Arlene A

### Faith Family

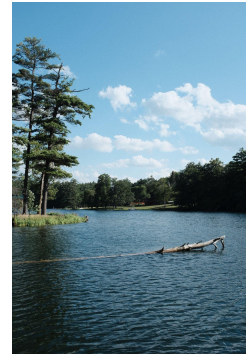
August 7th Cindy Warner  
August 14th Debbie Stevens  
August 21st Terri Wilson  
August 28th Millermon Family

**Pastor's Pen:** Summer in Northern Wisconsin is beautiful. And it thrills my family and me. We learn more about Wisconsin every day, every month, and every year. Korea, where my wife and I were born and raised, is a peninsula surrounded by sea on three sides like Florida. I used to go to the sea with my parents once or twice a year on vacation when I was in Korea. When we were in Southern California, the sea was relatively close to where we lived, so we went to the sea about once a month. So,



when we moved to Wisconsin, we were a little worried that we wouldn't be able to see the ocean. However, when we saw the beautiful lakes of Wisconsin, all our worries were gone, and we fell in love with their beauty. During this beautiful Summer, we go to the lakes almost every day.

One of the best investments we made last year was purchasing camp chairs. We always carry our camp chairs in the trunk of our car. We also bought Evan a chair this year. When we come across a nice lake while driving, we park our car near the lake, take out our chairs to sit in and admire the lake, take pictures of the lake, and marvel at the beautiful scenery God has made. The green trees surrounding the lake, the green lawns, the swans and ducks on the water, the fresh air, the waves glistening by the sunlight, and the clouds in the clear sky seem to paint a picture. The nature of Wisconsin seems to soften our hearts and make us poets, writers, and painters. If people like Claude Monet and Vincent van Gogh had experienced Wisconsin's natural beauty, I believe they would have captured them in their paintings. Everything in nature is always new, refreshing and beautiful.



When we have a complicated head; when I need to finish a sermon, but no inspiration comes to my mind; when we are tired of parenting, we find the beautiful lakes of Wisconsin. Then, it seems that the Lord touches our hearts and restores us through the nature He created. I praise our God today, too:

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder, thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed; Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!



# Clear Lake UMC News

## Attention Clear Lake Members:

Coffee before church at 10:15 am.

Food shelf donations any Sunday

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## 3rd Quarter Noisy Can-Salvation Army Homeless Shelter

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**Clear Lake Days:** Joan Henry Hrdlichka stopped to take a picture at the church over CL Days. She was married here over 70 years ago and had no picture of the church!



Paul Webster and Sheldon Simonson in the parade.



Slinging our famous stuffed potatoes for CL Days!



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## Send Offering to:

Arlene Althoff

75 50<sup>th</sup> Avenue

Clayton, WI 54004

## Clear Lake June Ad C Highlights

- Secretary and Treasurer reports read and approved.
- Reviewed Scrip statement update.
- Reviewed and approved Brochure Gail made and her
- Donation of a laptop to the office.
- Looked at our Vision Statement for Charge conf.
- Brochure and Prayer Garden are both from the ministry plan.
- Youth meeting at Blanchards on June 5th.
- Pastor will check with FF and DP about hosting Parish Picnic.
- We have a great new refrigerator generously donated.
- Pastor thanked all for the cards and gift to purchase his commissioning robe.
- Next meeting Wed. July 6th at 4pm.



Meeting Minutes

## Clear Lake July Ad C Highlights

- 10% donation from Clear Lake Days potato stand to the Clear Lake Museum.
  - We will return to having our monthly Pot Luck brunch on September 4 after the church service.
  - Noisy can for the 3rd quarter (July, August, September) will be donated to the new Salvation Army Homeless Shelter.
  - Month received \$7742.08  
Month distributions \$6665.13  
+ \$1076.95
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**Clear Lake Sunday School Kick off:** Come join us at the CL Park Chalet on Wednesday, September 3rd at 5:30 pm. We will grill burgers and hot dogs, please bring a dish to pass.



Sunday School will begin on Sunday, September 7th at 8:40 am, following the children's time in the service.

**Thank You, questions, call Diane, 423-307-6247**

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**Clear Lake UMC Fall Thrift Sale:**



Start saving items for our September Thrift Sale. Sept 29&30, 9-5. More information in Sept. Newsletter.



**CL UMW June Minutes**  
Church Basement 6 present  
Joan Lillie President  
said new Mission

**Statement**

(Thanks Linda for making copies)  
Treasurers Report \$412.04

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- 1.UW of F and Dorcas Piecemakers circles gave a total of \$200 to Pastor Hakki for Robe.
2. In gathering sent \$50.
- 3.Reception for Pastor June 19 at CL Pot Luck-Jennie will notify other 2 churches.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1.Nothing about garden.
- 2.What to put in Christmas bags, small items like pen, notebooks, notecards, kleenex, candies

3.discussed what to do for coffee hr., whoever comes to make coffee, cookies are in the freezer.

4.all counters need to be told what to do with Scrip money.

5. made 157 Christmas in July bags for 3 nursing homes in Amery.

6 July 6 meeting at Diane's home. Pot Luck  
*submitted by Joan Lillie*

**CL UMW July Minutes**

Met at Diane and Roger's Home. Walked through their beautiful gardens. Great lunch provided by Roger and Diane. Nice and funny conversation. Will meet at church 7/22 10:00 to fill Christmas Bags. Golden Age 66; Willow Ridge 31; Memory Care 50.

Aug.10 Trip to Barron.

*Submitted by Linda Jurisch*

**Dorcas Piecemakers :** Our Circle group will be meeting the first and third Mondays of each month. We began a new project, making bibs for the nursing homes and will be continuing to make pillow cases for the shelters. We will be meeting on Monday Aug. 1st and 15th at 1:00 at the church. All are welcome, we need cutters, ironers anda chance to visit a bit while we're together.

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**Raise Right–GOOD NEWS!** We are all set to buy gift cards for Nilssen's Market as part of our RaiseRight (formerly Scrip) fundraising. Please let Andrea know if you would like to purchase some. Also, any other cards need to be ordered by the 20th of each month.

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**American Cancer Society:** A sincere 'Thank You' for your donations to the 2022 American Cancer "Relay for Life" of St Croix & Pierce Co. Our Severson Family/ Lakeside Foods Team has raised \$3,033.00 for this event. In our 24 years of participation our "Severson Team" has raised \$65,033.00+ for this worthwhile event. The Relay Event total this year is over \$70,000.00!!  
*Sincerely, Ruth Severson*



## Faith Family Church News:

\*Join us for coffee and fellowship after church\*

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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 4-H KIDS AT THE  
ST. CROIX COUNTY FAIR!

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### FAITH FAMILY AD. BOARD HIGHLIGHTS:

Treasurer and Secretary reports approved.

Discussion about the Parish Picnic on August 14th at 10AM

### Upcoming Missions:

Homeless Shelter/Food Drive: We will be taking a collection for the Food to bring to WestCap for our Homeless or near homeless population in our area.

Children's Hospital St. Paul  
Donation/Collection: blankets, stuffed animals, chapstick, refillable water bottles, comfort items, gift cards, etc.

Bell update.

Sympathy card for the neighbor.

Pastor is planning another vacation.

Not ready for another fundraiser due to COVID number in the RED and hospitalization is up 50%.

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### DONATION CENTER:

DONATIONS needed for the local food pantry.

Heather and Alpha Greene plan to bring donations to the St. Paul Children's hospital at the end of August. Some of the donations needed are chapstick, refillable water bottles, comfort items, gift cards, cards, blankets, stuffed animals, etc.

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 **Monday evenings at 7 PM** at the Faith Family Church, as well as through Zoom.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83094771703?pwd=OFJic0ZxT3A3eVYwUVAvbDRRenRoQT09>

Meeting ID: 830 9477 1703

Passcode: 781739

Our website can be found at

<https://anchorofhopeemerald.wixsite.com/my-site>  
[e](https://anchorofhopeemerald.wixsite.com/my-site)

and our email address is

[anchorofhopeemerald@gmail.com](mailto: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

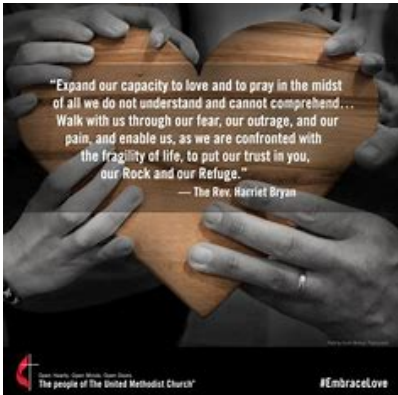
Westfields Hospital & Clinic: 715-243-2900

Hudson Hospital & Clinic: 715-531-6755.



CHECK US OUT ON FACEBOOK:  
[Faith Family Church | Facebook](#)

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Noisy Cans--3rd Quarter Arnell Humane Society.

Send Offering to: Terri Wilson, 3127 200<sup>th</sup> Ave,  
Glenwood City, WI 54013

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### **You're Always There for Me**

When the world comes crashing in  
And chaos rules my mind,  
I turn my heart to you, Lord,  
And pure, sweet peace I find.

You lift me out of trouble  
You comfort me in pain;  
You nourish, heal and cleanse me,  
Like cool, refreshing rain.

In times of joy and bliss,  
When things are going right,  
You lift me even higher,  
And fill me with delight.

You listen to my prayers;  
You hear my every plea;  
I'm safe because I know  
You're always there for me.

By Joanna Fuchs

## Deer Park UMC News

As I am writing this message for the August newsletter (where has summer gone?) I am feeling so thankful for the endless blessings that God has provided. Prayers, concern and wishes for healing for our daughter LuAnn. She has endured a 10 hour back surgery and three months going forward to getting well. Her 40 year old son has had open heart surgery two weeks ago for a genetic condition that had it not been discovered it would have taken his life in a few months. We are so thankful for their healing and also for Beth's hand surgery and one more in the future.

Get well wishes to Ted also as he is dealing with health issues too.

Many thanks to Pastor Hakki for his faithful leadership and inspiration for our church and the parish.

We appreciate our members and friends for their generous donations that help keep our obligations met and to fulfill the mission of the church.

Thanks to Pete for taking care of the lawn, although it desperately needs rain and with that our prayers for all the farmers for God's blessing of rain to help with their crops. They provide for all of us and we appreciate all their hard work.

Here's wishing everyone a nice August and the best to all the students moving on to the next school year.

*With Love from all of us in Deer Park.*

### **Send Offering to:**

Janice Thompson  
110 North Street E  
Deer Park, WI 54007

**Noisy Can--Third Quarter to Grace Place**





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Hakki Min, Pastor

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Amanda Millermon, Parish Treasurer

Email: [WRParishconnect@gmail.com](mailto:WRParishconnect@gmail.com)

Sunday Worship

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

11:00 a.m. – Clear Lake

Sunday School @ Clear Lake and Faith Family

Will resume in September