

THE PARISH CONNECTION

November 2021

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

Readings for November

November 07, 2021

24th Sunday after Pentecost (Green)

Native American Heritage Month/

International Bible Week (21-27) / All Saints Sunday

Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17, Ps 127 or Ps 42 (UMH 777),

Heb 9:24-28, Mk 12:38-44

November 14, 2021

25th Sunday after Pentecost (Green)

Organ and Tissue Donor Sunday

1 Sam a:4-20,

1 Sam 2:1-10 or Ps 113 (UMH 834),

Heb 10:11-14 (15-18), 19-25, Mk 13:1-8

November 21, 2021

26th Sunday after Pentecost (White or Gold)

Christ the King/Reign of Christ

Thanksgiving Sunday

2 Samuel 23:1-7; Psalm 132:1-12 (UM849);

Revelation 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37

November 28, 2021

First Sunday of Advent (Purple or Blue)

UM Student day / Hannukkah Begins

Jer 33:14-16, Ps 25:1-10 (UMH 756),

1 Thess 3:9-13, Lk 21:25-36



Clear Lake's Ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve Service is Wed., November 24th at 7:00 pm. (location TBD) Everyone is invited.

Charge Conference 2021

Sunday, November 28th at 4pm

Charge Conference 2021 will be held at Faith Family church and via Zoom on Sunday, November 28th at 4 p.m. Here is a website with information on how to submit the forms: www.wisconsinumc.org/church-charge-conference-forms

Zoom

Please use the following information to join us Sundays for worship at 8:30 a.m. and Wednesdays for Bible Study at 5:30 p.m.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88613652777?pwd=Ulp aSVhGN0g1Qnc3VDV5T0Jhci83UT09>

Meeting ID: 886 1365 2777

Passcode: 421072

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

EACH DAY ADD AN ITEM TO A BOX.
ON CHRISTMAS EVE DONATE THE CONTENTS TO A FOOD BANK.

December 1 - box of cereal
December 2 - peanut butter
December 3 - stuffing mix
December 4 - boxed potatoes
December 5 - macaroni and cheese
December 6 - canned fruit
December 7 - canned tomatoes
December 8 - canned tuna
December 9 - dessert mix
December 10 - jar of applesauce
December 11 - canned sweet potatoes
December 12 - cranberry sauce
December 13 - canned beans
December 14 - box of crackers
December 15 - package of rice
December 16 - package of oatmeal
December 17 - package pasta
December 18 - spaghetti sauce
December 19 - chicken noodle soup
December 20 - tomato soup
December 21 - can corn
December 22 - can mixed vegetables
December 23 - can carrots
December 24 - can green beans

In Our Prayers

Joys— weather, children, Veteran's Day program

Concerns— COVID, Don, Shawn, travel mercies, Kent A., Eric, Chad Henck, Larry Benson, Amery Memory Care, Noah, Brian P, Golden Age Manor, BJ Jackson

Remembering—family and friends of Amy Benson, Wayne Logan, and Rosie Flanum

Happy Birthday!

Missy Severson	11/06
Alpha Greene	11/08
Kennedy Reed	11/10
Dillon Thompson	11/13
Ben Boe	11/14
Duane Simonson	11/14
Jessica Olson	11/15
Heather Greene	11/19
Janice Thompson	11/22
Alison Avery	11/24
Deena Danielson	11/25
Kathy Moore	11/27
Heidi Olson	11/28
Gary Stevens	11/29
Pattie Thompson	11/30

Anniversaries

Wayne & Mary Jo Ailts	11/24
James & Linda Fouks	11/24



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. One food distribution will take place November 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.

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 to find a location and time that works for you.

Thank you

Thank you Bill, Paul and Heather for serving our church and offering your services for pulpit fill.

**The December/January Newsletter
Deadline is November 22nd**

The Wesley Prayer Challenge

Our Zoom bible study has moved to Wednesdays at 5:30 pm. This is a study of John Wesley's Covenant Prayer. This is using the same zoom as the church services. It is planned as a 3 week study but will go closer to 6 weeks. Please let Diane Blanchard know if you would like a book for the study, they are \$12.99. 715-263-2690

Advent Bible Study

We will begin a 4 week Advent study on Wed. Dec. 1st at 5:30 on Zoom. Please consider joining us for this reminder of what the Christmas season is all about. Let Diane Blanchard know if you would like a book. 715-263-2690 or 423-307-6247.

Hanging of the Greens

On Sunday, November 28th, all churches will celebrate Hanging of the Greens in Worship, Advent music and decorating their respective churches.

SPRC Highlights: 10/3/21

Opened with song: "Here I am Lord"

1. Heather and Amanda provided an update about the parish treasurer books.
2. Annual Charge Conference forms are due. Annual Charge Conference 11/28/21 4pm @ Faith Family.
3. Pastor Hakki & family vacation to S Korea 10/4/21~~10/27/21. Quarantine? Yes. Covid test after 5 days. Halloween customs??
4. Parsonage kitchen flooring: Dawn took samples to Hakki & Esther to choose. Dawn & Gail will pay for flooring/WRParish to pay for installation. Thank you!
5. Amanda: redo monthly newsletter format so each church will have their own section. Copies of newsletters left over at churches, perhaps print less copies?? Amanda & Heather talked to Anitra on this. Parish treas. email and paper pickup at church.
6. Website update: WRParish would need to give info to Anitra. UMW write up their news to website. . We need to organize this! & separate each church with information. Put in newsletter & website. Website used by WRParish as well the public. Also include Polk & St Croix county information.

Closed: Lord's Prayer safe travels to Pastor Hakki, Esther & Evan!

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, November 7th. Please remember to set your clocks back one hour on Saturday night before you go to bed.



College Boxes

Each year the Youth have helped pack college boxes to send to our Tech/College students filled with treats and a prayer for their finals in December. An easy way to let them know their church family is thinking of them! So for the month of November we will be collecting treats, great ideas are anything separately packaged, microwave popcorn, hot coco pkts., apple cider packets, granola bars, gum, small wrapped treats or money donations for mailing.

We need your help, we can only send them if you send us their address or update a previous address if needed. We will pack on Sunday evening December 5th at 6pm. Please leave addresses with the church, Diane Blanchard or Andrea Jilek.

Poinsettias for the Altar

We need poinsettias on Sunday, November 28th for Hanging of the Greens. If you would like to purchase one in memorial or in honor of someone, please fill out an order form (found at the back of the church) and leave it in the offering basket or mail to the church by November 21st.



NOVEMBER WORSHIP MINISTRIES

Clear Lake

Nov 7th	Reader:	Andrea Jilek
	Acolyte/PwrPt:	Ben Pietz
	Coffee:	NA
Nov 14th	Reader:	Alison Blanchard
	Acolyte/PwrPt:	Ben (Scoot) Avery
	Coffee:	NA
Nov 21st	Reader:	John Koerper
	Acolyte/PwrPt:	Jordan Blanchard
	Coffee:	NA
Nov 28th	Reader:	Dawn Cress
	Acolyte/PwrPt:	Lily Avery
	Coffee:	NA

Counters for November: Joan L & Linda J
Greeter for November: Dawn Cress

Deer Park Readers

Nov 7th	<i>no reader</i>
Nov 14th	Elden Setter
Nov 21st	<i>no reader</i>
Nov 28th	<i>no reader</i>

Faith Family Readers

Nov 7th	Debbie Stevens
Nov 14th	Terri Wilson
Nov 21st	Millermon Family
Nov 28th	Paul Webster

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



Clear Lake UMC News

CHRISTMAS FOR CHILDREN

The Clear Lake United Methodist Church will be sponsoring the "Christmas for Children" drive again this year to provide gifts for area children who otherwise may not receive gifts at Christmas time. "Christmas for Children" is designed to reach more needs of our local community. We are coming up on our 28th year and are so grateful for all of the support that we have received from everyone.

Anyone wishing to donate items to "Christmas for Children" can do so by leaving them at **True Value Hardware, CB Styles, Northern Roots Family Spinal Care, and Clear Lake Physical Therapy from November 2, 2021 through December 11, 2021. Also check for barrels at your church.**

Suggestions are toys, games, art supplies, body wash sets, lotion and perfume/cologne, tools, videos, DVDs (nothing higher than PG-13 please) appropriate Music CDs, books, etc. Please do not wrap your gifts. Donations of wrapping paper and tape are also welcome. Monetary donations for the purpose of gifts and clothes, coats, shoes and boots should be mailed to Christmas for Children c/o Debi Ahrens PO Box 42, Clear Lake, WI 54005. Please make checks payable to Christmas for Children.

All gifts will be given to children ages 0-18 in the Clear Lake School District Area.

If you are in need of gifts for your children or if you know of other families in the Clear Lake School District area who are in need of Christmas gifts for their children, we would like to hear from you. Call Debi Ahrens 715-441-5477 or Diane Blanchard 715-263-2690 (if no answer, please leave a message). All names will be kept strictly confidential.

We hope to make this "Christmas for Children" a great success and in order to do so, we need your help. As in the past, we thank you for your support.

Christmas for Children
United Methodist Church

Please watch the December newsletter and announcements when we will have angels with numbers you can buy for on our tree in the hallway at church.

Clear Lake Church Cancellations

Winter is fast approaching; in the event of bad weather, please contact Roger Blanchard 715-263-2690 to find out if worship services are canceled.

Clear Lake September Treasurer's Report

INCOME \$5,106.62

EXPENSES 5,178.57

- or short \$71.95

We were lucky to have a Thrift Sale which put in \$1,000.00 or we would have been very short!! Our Fund Raisers and weekly giving are very important!!!

Bell Choir

The Handbell Choir is practicing and will be sharing music with the congregation real soon!!! Look for an announcement...

Attention Clear Lake Members:

- No Coffee before church at this time
- Food shelf donations any Sunday

Adopt a Room

Our 'Adopt a Room' project for Salvation Army
We are still on hold with this project as they are working on getting an architect to sign off on the roof/rooms and extra house. We will keep you informed when we get a date to paint and fix up our room!

Send Offering to:

Arlene Althoff
75 50th Avenue
Clayton, WI 54004



UMW October Minutes
 8 Present Mission Read
 Attendance with Scripture
 read Sec Report
 read and approved
 Treasurers Report \$597.
 \$200 will go to Mission in
 Feb.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Thrift Sale Profit \$1,007.80. Thank you and a \$50 Kwik
 Trip Gift car was sent to Elaine, who takes our leftover items. 10% goes to Church School.
2. Dawn made a Fall Giving Basket for Oct 24 or longer for everyone to give more to church!!!
3. Appreciation Card for Pastor in church, everyone sign.
4. Christmas Cookie and Potato Sale, Dec 10. Every family please bring 6 dozen or MORE cookies. Curbside Sale Only, like last year.
5. Dec 8 UMW Christmas Party for All, men included!!
6. Nov. Program from new book by Catherine.

Readings by Joan "Oct. Blessings". From Neamah, Ezzra Reads The Law, "Trouble Tree!" Pot Luck

Submitted by Linda Jurisch

ATTENTION UNITED METHODIST WOMEN!

The UMW can no longer meet in the Commons Area at Ridgeview because of covid restrictions. This is temporary'-- Nov. meeting will be in Linda Jurisch's Apt 121 at Ridgeview. You must wear a mask in the halls, but not in the Apt. Please bring a small amount of an appetizer. No SWEETS!

December Christmas Party will be at Betty Rake's home at 12:00 Pot Luck. She lives across from the High School. Right-hand side of road, second from the last house. 1140 3rd St. SW.

Making Pillowcases

The Evening Circle will be making pillowcases on Monday, November 15th from 1:00- 4:00 pm. Anyone who likes to match fabrics, iron, sew or have a good visit, please feel free to join us. It is a fun project to help many at Grace Place Shelter in New Richmond or the new Serenity House for Polk/Barron County. Grace Place has requested pillows so we will be sending pillows as soon as they arrive. We will also make pillowcases and have pillows to send to the new residence. Please join us if you are able.



Mardell Anderson and Dr. Downing

Mardell has had Macular Degeneration in one eye for over 10 years. She has had over 80 shots in the eye. She is blind in the other eye. Dr. Downing has always been her Dr. He teases her and spends much time sharing things about his life. He is a great Dr. She loves her visits with him. She goes every 12 weeks. The last two times she could read the bottom letters on the eye chart, so she hasn't needed a shot either time! He insisted on pushing her to the door and having a picture. All she kept saying is "THANK YOU JESUS!" Pretty good for a 99-year-old!!!!



CL Oct Ad C Highlights

1. We will NOT have coffee in October. We will discuss on a month by month basis for when we will return to having coffee. Linda will contact those who are scheduled to serve. Motion by Linda. Dawn 2nd.
2. Parsonage floors: the new flooring has been selected. Dawn and Diane will purchase. The parish will be responsible for the installation fees. Motion by Diane. Linda 2nd.
3. 10% from the thrift sale will be donated to the Sunday school. Motion by Linda. 2nd by Bev.
4. The website needs updating. Please send updates to Anitra

Clear Lake Sunday School

Meets after the children's sermon during regular 11:00 am services. We will meet once a month on Wednesdays after school from 3:30-5:00pm at the church for a fun night and lesson. On October 27th we had a fun night with our Pumpkin Patch Lesson, pumpkins, and treats. In November we will meet on Wed. Nov. 17th from 3:30-5 for a Thanksgiving lesson and fun!

Annual Clear Lake UMC Christmas Cookie/Rosette Sale with Stuffed Baked Potato Meal

The CL UMC annual Christmas cookie and baked potato sale will be held on **December 10th from 3:30-7 pm**. An assortment of cookies and rosettes will be pre-packaged. We are offering three options of the stuffed baked potato meal: Broccoli/cheese, Stroganoff, or Combo. **TAKE OUT ONLY!** Drive-up to the front of the church. Someone with a mask will come to your car and take your cookie, rosette, and potato order and it will be delivered to your car.

Each family should provide 6 dozen cookies the night before 4-8pm or the morning of between 8-10am so they can be sorted and boxed.

DEER PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH NEWS

Thank you to Heather, Paul and Pastor Beaton for leading our service for the last three weeks while Pastor Hakki was on vacation. We hope the Min family had a wonderful vacation in their homeland.

We are planning a quarterly board meeting to set our 2022 budget. We will wait until spring to hire someone to install the window well covers.

The fourth quarter mission donation has been voted to go to Grace Place. Also with the added noisy can money we will hopefully increase our donation.

Congratulations to Mitch and Kayla Thompson on the birth of their first baby, Wyatt Scott on October 11th. They reside in Sheboygan where Mitch is a Podiatrist. Happy grandparents are Mike and Patty, Pete and Jan Thompson and Scott and Kelly Anderson of Lake Minnetonka.

On Sunday October 10th, 20 members of the Dennis Peterson family attended our service in honor of their parents' 60th anniversary. It was a nice surprise for both of them, two happy smiling faces. Congratulations.

As I write this the weather is awesome and it would be so nice to have this warm weather and sunshine for all fall.

Happy November and Thanksgiving to everyone.

Jan

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

Faith Family Church News



Faith Family Ad. Board Highlights:

No meeting in October as Pastor was on vacation. We will meet again on November 11th at 6:00pm via zoom to finish any paperwork for Charge Conference. We are limiting fellowship / coffee time before and after in the building to help curb the spread of COVID.

Faith Family Sunday School:

Faith Family Church is offering Sunday school education for children and youth of all ages. We have a "Talking Points" curriculum to go over hot topics for youth of all ages. There will be breakout options after church and an opportunity for growth for all ages. We are excited to see each other grow throughout this experience and learn the Bible through our life experiences.



(Gracie, Michael, Debbie and Abel at Horsing Around days in Emerald)

Send Offering to:

Terri Wilson
3127 200th Ave
Glenwood City, WI 54013



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 Tuesday evenings at 7 PM at the Faith Family Church, as well as through Zoom. Our website can be found at <https://anchorofhopeemerald.wixsite.com/mysite> 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 can money for fourth quarter goes to Westcap.

Pastor's Pen

The last three weeks were like a dream come true for my family and me. It may be hard for you to imagine how long my family and our parents have been waiting for that moment. One of my concerns was what if Evan cried when he met his grandparents, fortunately he didn't probably because he often saw them on video calls.

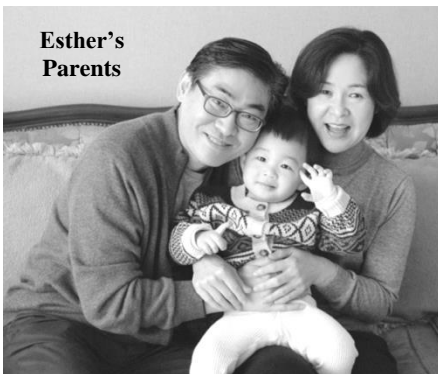
On October 6th at 4AM Korean time we arrived at Incheon airport, Korea. First, at Esther's home, we unpacked, had breakfast and rested. For the first time in Evan's life, his grandfather (Esther's father) fed him breakfast. We were excited and happy because we still had three weeks left.

This September through October were probably the most tested times of my life for COVID-19. I got tested in the states several times before we went to Korea, then we got tested again on the day we arrived in Korea, a week after that, and three days before returning to the states. Soon after arriving in Wisconsin, Esther and I were tested again.

Preparing for the trip to Korea during the pandemic was not easy, but it was only because of the desire to show Evan to our families that we were able to endure and prepare for all of them. Evan received a lot of love from the whole family during the three weeks. Thanks to this, Esther and I were able to free ourselves from parenting for a while. For the first time since he was born, we could rest and sleep comfortably! It was a time of recharging for us.

As much as Evan was loved by the whole family, the closer the time of separation drew nearer, the more my sadness grew because he wouldn't be able to see his grandparents in person again for at least a year. The day we left for America, the whole family had lunch together at the airport. After parting, I watched the videos we took for the three weeks while waiting for the flight to Minnesota and couldn't stop the flowing tears from my eyes. After coming home, my mind is still weird. This is the first time I feel this way. It is like a joy and sadness coming from the fact that we showed Evan to our parents finally and separated again. I believe that God will touch my heart and mind and I will be able to settle back in my Wisconsin life and focus on ministry, but now I want to embrace my feelings. Thanks to Willow River Parish and all the church members and pastors and a lay leader, who covered for me, for allowing us these three precious weeks. The pictures below are our families :)

Pastor Hakki





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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