

THE PARISH CONNECTION

October 2022

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

Lectionary Readings

October 2, 2022

World Communion Sunday

17th Sunday after Pentecost (Green)

Lamentations 1:1-6; Psalm 137

2 Timothy 1:1-14 - Luke 17:5-10

October 9, 2022

18th Sunday after Pentecost (Green)

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7 and Psalm 66:1-12

2 Timothy 2:8-15 - Luke 17:11-19

October 16, 2022

19th Sunday after Pentecost (Green)

Jeremiah 31:27-34 and Psalm 119:97-104

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 - Luke 18:1-8

October 23, 2022

20th Sunday after Pentecost (Green)

Joel 2:23-32 and Psalm 65

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 - Luke 18:9-14

October 30, 2022

Reformation Sunday

21st Sunday after Pentecost (Green)

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4 and Psalm 119:137-144

2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12 - Luke 19:1-10

Charge Conference 2022

Tuesday, October 11th

at Clear Lake UMC @ 6 p.m.

Please be sure to turn required paperwork into Pastor Hakki if you have not already done so.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Joys— Pow Wow's, babies, grandparents day, school, fall season ahead

Concerns— people with cancer, people with covid, wars, our indigenous friends and neighbors, schools, teachers, students, Jackie, Julie Longfellow, Ron Jurisch, Don Weber, Joyce Jurisch, Dewayne Wirth

Remembering—Family and friends of Norm Reed, Bob Croes, Alice Iverson, & Ron Weiss

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. Thank 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.

- World Communion Sunday-October 2nd
- United Methodist Student Day
Sunday-November 27th

October is
Pastor Appreciation Month
...thank your pastor!

October Birthdays

Arlyn Severson	10/1
Lily Avery	10/2
Vickie Danielson	10/3
Abel Greene	10/6
Billy Warner	10/7
Shawn Millermon	10/7
Ryan Blanchard	10/12
Sandi Reed	10/16
Benjamin Avery, Jr	10/16
Savanna Millermon	10/19
Stacia Koerper	10/22
Dawn Swanepoel	10/22
India Pederson	10/29
Baylie Millermon	10/31
Wayne Ailts	10/31

October Anniversaries

Dennis & Joyce Petersen	10/7
Josh & India Pederson	10/8
Ron & Renea Boe	10/10
Mitchell & Kayla Thompson	10/14
John & Stacia Koerper	10/21
Ron & Linda Jurisch	10/22

Zoom: Please use the following information to join us Sundays for worship at 9:45 a.m.

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

Meeting ID: 886 1365 2777

Passcode: 421072

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 **October 8th** in the **SMC LTD** parking lot at 9000 Griffin Street E in Amery. This is a drive-thru distribution from **7:30 am to 9:00 am**. Volunteers are greatly appreciated and should arrive at **6:45 am**. 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.

WRP Youth: One Day Bible Camp-NW District of WI

UMC Youth Gathering—Sat. October 8, 2022

Shell Lake UMC, 135 Reinhart Drive

10 am-5 pm

- Bring a sack lunch
- Scavenger hunt
- Canoeing available
- Hiking
- Worship time

BONUS—ATV/UTV trail ride from Shell Lake UMC to Hunt Hill. Bring your own ATV/UTV or first come first served for ATV/UTV. Leave church at 10 am to Hunt Hill by 12 pm.

We will leave the church in Clear Lake at 9 am.
Drivers? ATV?

Wednesday, October 19th Youth group at Blanchards, Pizza and Movie 6-8 pm.

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

or Gail Kuhl kuhl@cltcomm.net

Deadline for November Newsletter is Oct. 22nd

Pet of the month: The stray cat at the church reminds us that God pursues you whether you stay or stray. If you have a pet you want featured, send in a short story and picture of your pet.



Pastor's Pen: These days, I think about the saying that humans cannot live alone. The more I think about it, the more I think it's about empathy, not just that humans cannot live alone on a deserted island because humans feel lonely when they don't have empathy from others even though they're with people.

This time, I want to talk about Seoul, where I was born and raised. About 10 million people live in Seoul. S. Korea has a total population of 50 million. FYI, the total population of Wisconsin is approximately 5 million, and Wisconsin is roughly 40% larger than South Korea in area. Although Seoul is the most populous city in S. Korea, and there are more opportunities for work, health care, and education, the area of the city is very small. And because there are so many people in the city with a small area, no matter where they go, whatever they do, they cannot be free from competition with others because in Seoul there is always more demand than supply.



Most Korean students compete fiercely to get into good universities. They usually spend most of their time sitting in a chair studying, except for 4-5 hours of sleep. After getting their degrees, they compete fiercely again to get a job in large corporations. In the world of competition, there is no

other value than being number one. They compete fiercely to be number one, but most of them have had little chance to think about why they should be number one and where they are going. In competition, the frustrations and failures of others become my joy, and my frustrations and sorrows become joy and happiness for others. But from the interviews with people who actually became number one, people see they don't look that happy either.

And people who are accustomed to competing with others tend not to empathize with other people's sorrows and other people's joys, because for them their sorrows have become my joys and my sorrows have become others' joys. As a result, there is a tendency for Korean society, in general, to not empathize with other people's stories. Of course, I'm not saying that everyone in Korea can't empathize with other people's stories. I'm talking about the general mood of society. Actually, many people feel lonely in Seoul which is very crowded and busy.

Friends, how is the situation in the states? Is it very different from Seoul? Of course, the United States is so big, and there are so many differences between states and states and between cities and cities, we can't really know for sure. However, if we take a closer look at our community, we can see that our community also needs empathy and that there are people who feel lonely. God came to this earth as the baby Jesus and he was crucified at the cross to forgive all mankind because He wanted to empathize with our lives and our suffering.



Friends, you are not alone because God loves you. And you have a faith community that embraces you as family and loves you. Whenever you feel lonely, don't hesitate to knock on the door of the church. And I hope you will rely on God who is always with you.

Grace always, Pastor Hakki

Pastor's Vacation: Pastor Hakki will be on vacation from **October 19 - November 10**. He and his family will be visiting family in South Korea. Heather Greene and Tony Hill will lead services in his absence. In case of an emergency, contact Rev. Paul Webster, 715-684-9485.

Deer Park UMC News

Happy fall everyone, as I write this it is a beautiful fall day and it is my hope it stays for a long time. I just spoke to Bernice and she is well, she is attending the Lutheran church in New Richmond next door to where she lives. She likes to sing and has joined the choir there. She said to tell everyone "Hi" and that she thinks of us often. She no longer drives so she attends where she can walk.

We are so thankful to everyone that is so generous helping us meet our obligations. Our apportionment is paid through the end of the year. Our mission to Grace Place is nearly complete and that is good. Many thanks to Lou and Josie for their help cleaning our downstairs. A much needed job painting, scrubbing, and general cleaning, it looks great!!!

We pray Pastor Hakki and his family will have a well deserved, relaxing and happy time in their homeland of South Korea with their family. God Bless.

Our sympathy to everyone that has lost loved ones and get well wishes to the sick.

We wish Joyce a speedy recovery from the surgery and want her to know how much we enjoy and appreciate her music. It is so nice for Dennis and Joyce to be with us each week.

Greetings from all of us in Deer Park

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

Noisy Can--Fourth Quarter to Grace Place

Clear Lake UMC News

Attention Clear Lake Members:

- Coffee after church
- Potluck-1st Sunday of each Month after church.
- Food shelf donations any Sunday

Send Offering to: Arlene Althoff, 75 50th Avenue, Clayton, WI 54004

Clear Lake Sept. Ad. Co. Highlights

Old Business:

- We will be having coffee hour after church every Sunday with Potluck on the first Sunday of the month. Please check the schedule for your turn to serve. If unable to serve please switch with someone.
- The camera for Zoom service has been purchased. Now we need people interested in operating. Pastor Hakki will train.
- UMW Sunday, September 25, 2022. Date may be changed depending on availability of this year's recipient.
- Linda is resigning as chairperson for the rummage sales. She is willing to co-chair if someone is willing to take over the chairperson duties.
- Confirmation - Pastor Hakki will be Meeting with confirmands/parents to set the Confirmation schedule.

New Business:

- We will be purchasing Correlle cups to match the plates donated by the Koerpers. There is \$315 in the Memorial Fund designated for the cups. The remainder will also come from the Memorial Fund. The old dishes and cups will be donated to the new Homeless shelter. Motion by Linda, 2nd by Bev.
- Pastor Hakki will be joining his family on vacation in South Korea October 19. Paul Webster will be the emergency contact while Pastor Hakki is on vacation.

Next meeting October 5, 2022 at 4:00.

4th Quarter Noisy Can--Christmas for Children

NEW CHAIRMAN NEEDED for Clear Lake April and September Thrift Sales. Please contact Roger Blanchard if you are interested in the job.

Clear Lake Sunday School Kickoff: Members participating in the cakewalk.



Pastor choosing his prize for the cakewalk at the Sunday school kick off at the Clear Lake Park point shelter.



CL Sunday School Becomes Wednesday School!

On October 5th, we will begin holding Wednesday Church School. It has been determined that Wed. after school 3:15-4:30 will work better for all, students and teachers. We will still do one Wednesday a month for a longer session. On Wednesday, Oct. 26th we will meet right after school and have some Halloween games, a lesson and supper from 3:15-6.

Shop with RaiseRight (formerly Scrip): Do you like the convenience of gift cards? How about an easy gift for that hard-to-buy-for relative?

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.

To ensure we get the cards in time for the holidays, please place your order by Nov 15, 2022. If you want Nilssen's cards, you can order them at any time.

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

A Big Thank You!

The CL Sunday School would like to thank everyone that donated baked goods for the Thrift Sale for the benefit of the Sunday School and their mission plans. You are all greatly appreciated!

Dorcas Piecemakers : Our Circle group will be meeting the first and third Mondays of October. 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 the 3rd and 17th at 1:30-3:30 at the church. All are welcome, we need cutters, ironers, sewers, matchers and we get a nice opportunity to visit while we're together.

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 29th 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, First Bank of Baldwin/Clear Lake, Lucky's and Clear Lake Physical Therapy from November 7, 2022 through December 17, 2022. Also check for barrels at your church.

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.

As in the past, we thank you for your support.

From Bishop Jung: Soul Food: Make Room for Mending: *"Think of us in this way, as servants of Christ, and stewards of God's mysteries."*—I Corinthians 4:1

Siblings in Christ, I write from Karlsruhe, Germany, working here with the World Council of Churches, the Ecumenical Forum for Korean peace. I led a bible study on Joseph and his brothers on how the biblical imagination might open the door for reconciliation and forgiveness. I was moved by the Spirit's power to bring the world together with concern for peace and touched by how long my people have suffered.

It has me thinking of you, my beloved in Wisconsin, the disunity, the divisiveness, the appointments being de-stabilized, but also the Spirit's majestic power. We know our God is the one mending brokenness in our personal walk with Jesus and our collective ministry as an annual conference—and as a people who are servants and stewards of Christ in a broken world.

When I told my cabinet that I was praying about new superintendents last January, I said, 'life is about making room for others.' Who is not at the table? What are the threats and opportunities before us? Joseph made room in his heart for his brothers and for a newness between them. They share a common father who is still alive in their thinking and action. Some at the table need to make room. Some need to share service. All of us are stewards of a mutual garment of destiny, of a Kingdom of mutual benefit in Christ.

The Christian faith is going through a period when we no longer represent the establishment, but due to secularization, we are increasingly a people who have been disestablished. Yet, Jesus is there among the disestablished, among those crucified on the edges, and our movement will be refined and strengthened when we do not expect popular members of the establishment to proclaim the gospel for us, or for democracy to make one religion safe over others. We were always meant to be in solidarity with the disestablished by following Jesus there.

Life is about making room to be servants of Christ and stewards of God's mysteries with no guarantee that it will be easy. Rather, when we are sent with difficult ministry ahead, we are promised by the risen one, 'Lo, I am with you always, even to the close of the age.'

When we are touched by the healing of the Holy Spirit, we walk with an authentic embodiment of the

incarnate one. Practical divinity has no room to speak ill but rather to edify and build up the body. The Kingdom is always marked by the newness of making room in one's soul for the stranger Christ presented to us. Let us open that door and with it, be open to tones of harmony, reformation, and solidarity with wherever the prince of peace leads. The mission is outward and self-giving if we will be servants of Christ.

Dear Ones, I am so grateful for your ministry. Know that I am praying for you.

OCTOBER WORSHIP MINISTRIES

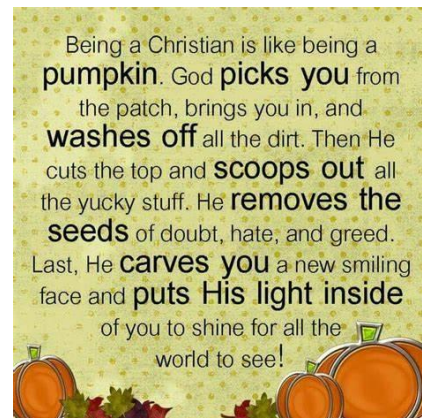
Clear Lake

Oct 2nd	Reader: John K Acolyte/PwrPt: Oliver Wood Brunch: Roger & Carla L
Oct 9th	Reader: Andrea J Acolyte/PwrPt: Lily Avery Coffee: Avery Family
Oct 16th	Reader: Debi A Acolyte/PwrPt: Wyatt Reindahl Coffee: Debi A
Oct 23rd	Reader: Diane B Acolyte/PwrPt: Jordan Blanchard Coffee: Don & Arlene A
Oct 30th	Reader: Alison B Acolyte/PwrPt: Ben Avery, Jr Coffee: Jan B

Counters for October: Betty R & Bev K

Faith Family

Oct 2nd	Cindy Warner
Oct 9th	Debbie Stevens
Oct 16th	Terri Wilson
Oct 23rd	Millermon Family
Oct 30th	Paul Webster



Faith Family Church News:

Join us for coffee and fellowship after church



FAITH FAMILY AD. BOARD HIGHLIGHTS:

- Bell update: Butch Meyer is willing to donate a large limestone rock to put the bell on and Dennis is working with the Heintz's for building the frame for the bell.
- Need to look into power washing the outside of the building. It looks bad on some sides
- Horsing Around Days.: We want to do something, thinking about chili. We need to work out the logistics. It is Saturday. October 1.
- Speaker system is giving us trouble. Heather and Alpha are looking into it.
- Sunday School update: Fun for all, we had hot dogs, Bible story and games.. Kids will meet on Wednesdays at 4:30 for Sunday School.
- Family night is on Friday, the 9th. Bring a snack and your favorite game.
- Coffee will be before church, with some people staying after to enjoy fellowship time.

Pastor Update: During pastor's vacation Heather Greene will fill the pulpit on the 23rd, Barbara Hill on the 30th, and Tony Hill on Nov. 6th.

We need to get charge conference papers in, it will be on Oct. 11 at 6:00 pm in Clear Lake.

DONATION CENTER:

West Cap Food Pantry

Donations needed: We are collecting non-perishable items for the food pantry.

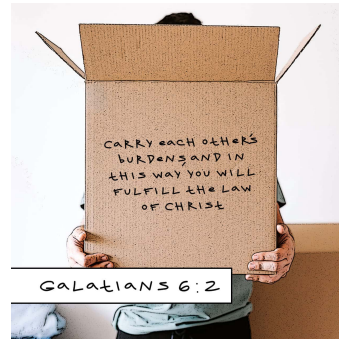


Thank you for the donations to the children's hospital they have been delivered.



FAMILY GAME NIGHT

We plan to start our Game nights. See you on the 2nd Friday of every month @ 6:30pm. Bring your friends, family, favorite board/card game, favorite snacks or come as you are and join in on games, conversations, and snacks.



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SUNDAY SCHOOL

We will plan to meet @ 4:30 pm on Wednesdays. We are still working on a name, some of the options are Wednesday school, Fun Day School, Great Kids Club, Fun Day Wednesday, Cool Kids Club. If you have any favorites let us know. Some of the things we have done are discuss Judas and Jesus, Jonah and the whale, play reverse tag, Among Us, snacks and lots of laughs.

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 and [Facebook Live](#).

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>
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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:

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[ANCHOR OF HOPE](#)

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

[Horsing around Days- Emerald, WI](#)



- Friday September 30th: Meat Raffle
- Saturday October 1st:
 - NOON-Parade, Line-up @11:00
 - FOLLOWING THE PARADE IN THE PARK:
 - Kids games, adult games, **food served by Faith Family Church at 11:30am-until gone**, bounce houses by Little Rascals Bounce Houses, etc
- Sunday October 2nd: Car Show
- Later in October Scary Movie at Dusk.

(Stay tuned for more information about what help is needed.)

Noisy Cans--4th Quarter--Grace Place

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





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

Sunday School @ Clear Lake and Faith Family
3:15 on Wednesdays @ CL
4:30 pm on Wednesdays @ FF