

THE PARISH CONNECTION

August 2021

Lectionary Readings

August 01, 2021

10th Sunday after Pentecost (Green)

2 Sam 11:26-12:13a, Ps 51:1-12 (UMH 785),
Eph 4:1-16, Jn 6:24-35

August 08, 2021

11th Sunday after Pentecost (Green)

2 Sam 18:5-9, 15, 31-33, Ps 130 (UMH 848),
Eph 4:25-5:2, Jn 6:35, 41-51

August 15, 2021

12th Sunday after Pentecost (Green)

1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14, Ps 111 (UMH 832),
Eph 5:15-20, Jn 6:51-58

August 22, 2021

13th Sunday after Pentecost (Green)

1 Kings 8:(1, 6, 10-11) 22-30, 41-43,
Ps 84 (UMH 804),
Eph 6:10-20, Jn 6:56-69

August 29, 2021

14th Sunday after Pentecost (Green)

Songs 2:8-13, Ps 45:1-2, 6-9 or Ps 72 (UMH 795),
James 1:17-27, Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Clear Lake Sunday School Kick off

Come join us at the Maple Knoll shelter at the CL Park on Wednesday, September 8th at 5:30 pm.

We will grill burgers and hot dogs, please bring a dish to pass, S'mores furnished for dessert.

Sunday School will begin on Sunday, September 12th at 10 am, before church at 11 am.

Faith Family Sunday School Kick off

Let's start Faith Family Sunday school the weekend after Labor Day after church. The time changes in September too. Stay tuned for a VBS day camp too.

*Church Times Change
In September!*

Faith Family 8:30 am
Deer Park 9:45 am
Clear Lake 11:00 am

Prayer and Concerns

Joys— the fair, spending time with family, Juneteenth,

Concerns— Denise, Greenes' chickens, people traveling, weather, our country, annual conference, Pastor Hakki's right knee, Julie Longfellow, Tom & Joyce,

Remembering—family and friends of Heidi Martin's father and Bob and Bonnie Pierson's daughter

AUGUST WORSHIP MINISTRIES

If you are unable to read on your designated date, please find a substitute.

Clear Lake

- Aug 1st** **Coffee:** Pat Lillie family
 Reader: Diane Blanchard
 Acolyte/PwrPt: Ben Pietz
- Aug 8th** **Coffee:** Ruth S and Jan B
 Reader: Debi Ahrens
 Acolyte/PwrPt: Ben (Scoot) Avery
- Aug 15th** **Coffee:** Gail K and Dawn C
 Reader: Dawn Cress
 Acolyte/PwrPt: Jordan Blanchard
- Aug 22nd** **Coffee:** Jennie K and Becky R
 Reader: Andrea Jilek
 Acolyte/PwrPt: Wyatt Reindahl
- Aug 29th** **Coffee:** Ben Avery family
 Reader: Alison Blanchard
 Acolyte/PwrPt: Lily Avery

Clear Lake Ad Council voted to start fellowship coffee time this month. It will be at 10:30 after church. No Pot Luck at this time. In Sept our church time changes to 11:00; coffee time will remain at 10:30, thus it will take place BEFORE worship.



USHERS & GREETERS

Counters for August: Joan L and Linda J
Greeters for August: Don and Arlene Althoff



Because you eat...

Ruby's Pantry food distribution will take place August 14th in the AmTec parking lot at 241 Venture Drive Amery. There is a \$20 cash donation per share. There is no income or residency requirements – everyone that eats is welcome! This is a drive-thru distribution. We have set our hours 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.

Deer Park Readers

- Aug 1:** *no reader*
Aug 8: Elden Setter
Aug 15: *no reader*
Aug 22: *no reader*
Aug 29: *no reader*

Faith Family Readers

- Aug 1:** Terri Wilson
Aug 8: Millermon Family
Aug 15: Paul Webster
Aug 22: Penny Warner
Aug 29: Joyce Petersen



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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88613652777?pwd=UlpaSVhGN0g1Qnc3VDV5T0Jhci83UT09>

Meeting ID: 886 1365 2777
Passcode: 421072

Anchor of Hope

Anchor of Hope is providing in person masked services along with services on Zoom at 7 PM on Tuesday nights at Faith Family Church. The Zoom invitation is now available on Anchor of Hope's website at <https://anchorofhopeemeral.wixsite.com/my-site>. We appreciate your prayers over this ministry and ask you to continue sharing information about this service with everyone you know!

Clear Lake Ad C Highlights

- Parish Picnic, August 29 at 10:00 at the park in Deer Park. John Bingea and Mark will provide the music. Come early and enjoy their music. Clear Lake will provide plates, cups, silverware, lemonade, coffee and water. Motion by Jennie, second by Linda.
- Clear Lake church will not have a stand at the Amery Fall Festival. Motion by Joan, second by Linda. Dawn will compose a letter to inform the congregation and ask for funds to compensate for the loss of revenue. We are also asking for other money making ideas. If you have any ideas please contact one of the board members.
- Fall Thrift Sale - September 23 and 24. Motion by Dawn, Diane second.
- Coffee/Pot Luck - August 1 we will have pot luck after church. Coffee will be served after church August 8, 15 and 22. After the time change September 1 to 11:00 we will have coffee before church and pot luck after church. We will be using last year's schedule for servers.
- *Next Meeting August 4, 2021.*

Willow Ridge Pig Roast

Willow Ridge Health Care is having their annual pig roast at their facility on Wednesday, August 18th 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.

Update on Mardell Anderson

Golden Age Manor has so many fun things for its residents to do. For June, Dairy Month, many had milk mustaches. Betty White and Mardell Anderson both turned 99 this year. This is them for Dairy Month! They look like sisters. Both are so happy!!!

The Activity Directors have also had a hat day, tropical drink day, Brickfire Food Wagon over for a lunch. Residents could invite some family members to join them for lunch outside. They play dice games. Mardell is so happy there. She loves to play 500 every day, sing to others, visits, the food is great!!! She made a good choice.



Annual Conference 2021

Annual Conference was held on June 18th and 19th. Dawn Cress and Heather Greene will be sharing their experiences in a presentation during Sunday worship in the near future.



United Methodist Women

June 9, 2021 UMW Minutes
9 present, Led by Joan President,
Mission Statement Read
April Mins. read by Joan, Approved

Treasurers Report \$565.57

OLD BUSINESS:

THRIFT SALE profit \$1,720.00 in 4 days. Thanks to Elaine Schachtner and family, Pastor Hakki and many members for packing, loading and getting the basement back in order.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Thank yous for Sunshine Baskets from Mary Mara and Heidi Wilbur.
2. CLEAR LAKE DAYS POTATO SALES:
Thursday 9:30 Dick washed potatoes, wrappers, Bev, Catherine, Jennie, Carla, Deb. Friday night sale 4- potatoes run out. Bell Choir in charge, profits go to refurbish the bells. Will have 250 potatoes to sell. Sat. before the parade till after. Deb and Diane will call for helpers. 3 choices of potatoes, \$8.00 each. curbside pickup. tents and tables set up outside. bottled water available.
3. June 17, Vi Kirks Memorial, visitation 1-2, service 2, serving after Strawberry Shortcake. Workers 1:00 Bev, Linda, Joan, Deb, Diane. Also Coffee, lemonade and water.
4. Evening group will pay \$200 for Midwest Distribution Center.
5. Diane Blanchard gave book reports. "Hiding In the Light" about abuse. "House In The Sky"

Fall Thrift Sale

Clear Lake UMC is having a thrift sale September 23rd and 24th from 9-5.

START SAVING ITEMS.

Make sure everything is CLEAN and worth selling! There will be more information in the Sept Newsletter.



Vacation Bible School

ROAR! Life is Wild; God is Good!

Clear Lake Community VBS
Sunday, Aug 15-Wednesday, Aug 18
6:00pm-8:00pm

For children ages 4 through completed 5th grade
Location: First Lutheran Church

We currently have 34 children registered! Invite a neighbor, friend, or family member!

If interested, please register at the First Lutheran webpage at <http://www.firstluthclearlake.com/> and click on the VBS Registration 2021 link. The more pre-registered, the better so we can plan for supplies and volunteers. There is no cutoff to register. Some will arrive the first evening.....which is great! There is no limit! (Numbers in the past range from 80+)

We are in need of MORE VOLUNTEERS in the following areas!

- KidVid Cinema Station Discussion Leader & Tech Helper
- K-5th Imagination Station Helper
- K-5th Games Leader
- Preschool Imagination Station Leader (craft/science/service projects) & Helper
- Preschool Games Leader

Also needed: MORE CREW LEADERS! Please take a moment to encourage someone you know to get plugged in! No experience necessary!

Offering

Please consider continuing your giving; offerings can be sent to:

Clear Lake

Arlene Althoff
75 50th Avenue
Clayton, WI 54004

Faith Family

Terri Wilson
3127 200th Ave
Glenwood City, WI 54013

Deer Park

Janice Thompson
110 North Street E
Deer Park, WI 54007

Salvation Army News and Needs

Salvation Army will have a new site by the middle of August for a Polk/Barron Homeless Shelter. It is located just this side of Barron on double TT. There are 10 rooms available for sponsorships. We could work as one church or as a parish.

They are looking for "Room Sponsors" meaning a church could take on a room, paint it, (they will furnish paint) we supply curtains, blinds, bedding, towels and some decor. Each room could use a dresser and maybe a small table or bedside table. Items don't need to be new, just in good condition. We can set up a work day if we would choose this option to help.

They will also be looking for some gardening help, maybe a day set for just that purpose to clean and refurbish neglected gardens that are already in place. If you think you would like to help work, donate and be part of a day of service please contact Diane-715-263-2690 (home) 423-307-6247 (cell) or Dawn Cress-715-265-4483 (home)715-977-2043 or leave a message at the church.

We've had positive responses to sponsoring a room. Watch for dates to work.

Newsletter Blurbs

Every month I worry that I am forgetting something in the newsletter. To try and avoid missing important information, I will be sharing a Google doc each month titled the month of the upcoming newsletter (for example "September News"). If you are able to open it, please add any information you would like in the newsletter on that document. If you do not have access to shared Google docs, please email me at wrpsecretary@gmail.com and put NEWSLETTER (in all caps) in the subject line. Hopefully this will help me to not lose any important blurbs in amongst all of my emails. Thank you!

Anitra, WRP secretary

*Deadline for September
Newsletter is August 20th*

SPRC Update

We have the parsonage checklist this month and are excited to be able to check in on the parsonage. Stay tuned for any need we may have to keep our parsonage up to date. One thing to keep in mind is that it is possible we will need to fix the porch in the nearish future. When we own a home there will always be upkeep. Is there a fundraiser in our future or maybe some work days. We will keep you in the loop.

Heather Greene

Faith Family Church Update

At Faith Family Church we have enjoyed our zoom attendance and spending time with those that are able to join us in person. Fellowship before church has been going well. We are continuing to work on the building. We are hoping to create a unique sign that combines a sign and our bell from Forest. We now have a computer in the sanctuary to run our zoom meetings on. Thank you for all those that have given their gifts to the church and a special thanks for those angels mowing our lawn.

Heather Greene

**Willow River Parish Picnic and Service
Sunday, August 29th
10 am Deer Park Lion's Park**

**Special Music by John Bingea, Mark
Anderson and Sarah**

There will be ONE Service only, please share with your church family.

Please mark this special day and service on your calendar. Music will begin 15 minutes before the service starts so come early and enjoy!

Please bring: your lawn chairs and a dish to pass

The Clear Lake Church will provide coffee, lemonade, water, plates, cups, napkins and utensils.



It is Summer that made all the trees in Wisconsin be green. It's also Summer that made us forget the cold of Winter in Wisconsin. I often hear from social media that some of my friends who planted vegetable seeds and fruit trees in their garden have harvested fresh organic vegetables and fruits. While taking a walk with my family, we

saw corn ripening. During Summer, we can see bees working hard and hear cicadas' singing. This season is full of the energy of life.

I like Summer, but I didn't when I was in Korea because its Summer was very hot and extremely humid. However, I am grateful for Wisconsin's summer because I missed the humid summer when I was in California that has desert climate.

Just as plants and trees bear the fruit, the disciples of Christ bear the fruit of the Spirit in their lives. (Galatians 5:22-23) Just as farmers water and nourish plants, we must also nourish our souls with spiritual nutrients.

Each fruit of the Spirit is fruitful and essential. The fruits: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control are not abstract concepts. Rather, they are the ways of life that we can touch and enjoy. For anyone who follows the Holy Spirit, the fruit of the Spirit grows rapidly in their lives. (Gal 5:16, 18, 25)

Unfortunately, bearing the fruits in life is easier said than done. Lucas Cranach (1472-1553), a German Renaissance painter, described in his painting titled "In the vineyard of the Lord" Pope's vineyard and Martin Luther's vineyard. The people of the two vineyards seem to be competing. The Pope's was depicted as desolated and poor, but Luther's looks rich and full of joy. Through the painting, Cranach is saying that disciples of Christ should be responsible for their fruits.

John Wesley, who started the Methodist movement, is the classic example. He woke up at dawn to live a holy life and started the day with reading the Bible and praying. He fasted every Wednesday and Friday. He joined in the communion every Sunday, helped the poor and needy, and taught poor children. He also visited prisoners twice a week. He tried his best every day to resemble the Lord, and he often repented his mistakes and failures.

The certainty of salvation Wesley experienced on the evening of May 24, 1738, was not a spiritual moment that came by accident. It came to him through the process of striving to live a holy life every



day. Spiritual change of heart doesn't stay in a change of emotion but moves on to a changed life.

In a way, the life of Christ's disciples is a life of yielding to others and a life of loss. So, sometimes the world tries to exploit this part of us. In this case, we must seek wisdom first from the Lord before we respond emotionally to them. It is not as easy as it sounds to always follow the Holy Spirit in our lives, but may patience pave our paths, hope comfort our world, and love guide our lives. Thanks be to God. Amen.



With the love of Christ, Pastor Hakki



**AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY
6/2021
"RELAY FOR LIFE"**

August Birthdays

Michael Paulson	August 2
James Fouks	August 5
Stephanie Talatala	August 6
Brittany Severson	August 8
John Severson, Jr	August 13
Travis La Blanc	August 15
Brandon Severson	August 16
Camryn Lillie	August 17
Rena Kuhl	August 19
Ben Avery	August 20
Charlotte Tellijohn	August 20
Kristi Severson	August 20
Anthony Church	August 24
Tyler Sharpe	August 24
Joan Lillie	August 25
Betty Rake	August 27
Ted Olson	August 29
Neil Lillie	August 31

A sincere 'Thank You' for your donation to the 2021 American Cancer "Relay for Life" of St. Croix & Pierce Co.

Our Severson Family/ Lakeside Foods Team has raised \$2,530.00 for this event. I am so proud of our team.

In our 23 years of participation, our "Severson Team" has raised \$62,000.00+ for this worthwhile event.

We continue to participate in Memory of John & so many other family and friends whose lives have been touched by Cancer.

The Relay Event total this year is over \$110,000.00!!

We appreciate your donation as we keep striving towards a Cure for Cancer. "TOGETHER, We Can Make A Difference".

Proceeds from this event support Cancer Research, Education, and Advocacy & Patient Service Programs.

Sincerely, Ruth Severson

August Anniversaries

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

PowerChurch Database Updates

My goal this month is to tackle the large task of updating the PowerChurch Database. You may be receiving emails or phone calls from me asking for help with birthdates, dates of death, addresses, membership statuses, etc.

Please remember to contact me when anything changes for you or your family members. Also, please feel free to contact me if there is something of importance in the newsletter that was incorrect. Thank you!

Anitra, wrpsecretary@gmail.com

UMW will begin meeting monthly again at Ridgeview Apartments starting in September. Meetings will be held at 2 pm on the second Wednesday of each month, except for the December Christmas party which will be at noon.



THE WILLOW RIVER PARISH

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Sunday Worship

8:30 a.m. – Deer Park 9:45 a.m. – Clear Lake

11:00 a.m. – Faith Family (also Zoom)

Church School

Church school will resume in September