

# THE PARISH CONNECTION

August 2019

## Lectionary Readings

**August 4, 2019 [Green]**

**8th Sunday after Pentecost**

Hosea 11:1-11; Psalm 107:1-9, 43  
Colossians 3:1-11; Luke 12:13-21

**August 11, 2019 [Green]**

**9th Sunday after Pentecost**

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20; Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23  
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16; Luke 12:32-40

**August 18, 2019 [Green]**

**10th Sunday after Pentecost**

Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19  
Hebrews 11:29-12:2; Luke 12:49-56

**August 25, 2019 [Green]**

**11th Sunday after Pentecost**

Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6  
Hebrews 12:18-29; Luke 13:10-17



Taco 'Bout a Party!  
The Start of the Year picnic  
will be held on

**September 4, 2019  
6:00 @ the Maple Knoll.**

With classes beginning on  
**September 8, 2019.**

We invite our whole church  
family to join us for food, fun &  
fellowship!

Taco basics will be provided—  
please bring a dish to share!

--Forest United Methodist Sunday School will  
start again in September on Sundays.

## *Church Times Change In September!*

Clear Lake 8:30 am

Forest 9:45 am

Deer Park 11:00 am



## Prayer and Concerns

*Joys*— Birthdays & Anniversaries, Vacations, Warmer Weather, Loving Family & Friends, Rain,  
Successful Vacation Bible Schools

*Concerns*— Craig Longfellow, Debbie Stevens, Dawn Cress, Jeff Wilson, Ardys Allen,  
travelers, churches and pastors in transition

*Remembering*—Roger Martin

# AUGUST WORSHIP MINISTRIES

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

## Clear Lake

**Aug 4th**      **Coffee:** Pat Lillie family/Potluck  
**Reader:** Andrea Jilek  
**Acolyte:** Ben Pietz  
**PwrPt:** Peyton Lillie

**Aug 11th**      **Coffee:** Ruth S and Jan B  
**Reader:** Alison Blanchard  
**Acolyte:** Trent Avery  
**PwrPt:** Brittany Avery

**Aug 18th**      **Coffee:** Gail K and Dawn C  
**Reader:** Dawn Cress  
**Acolyte:** Tyson Blanchard  
**PwrPt:** Bailey Blanchard

**Aug 25th**      **Coffee:** Jennie K and Becky R  
**Reader:** Diane Blanchard  
**Acolyte:** Wyatt Reindahl  
**PwrPt:** Ivan Ruble

### Deer Park Readers

**Aug 4:** *no reader*  
**Aug 11:** Elden Setter  
**Aug 18:** *no reader*  
**Aug 25:** *no reader*

### Forest Readers

**Aug 4:** Cindy Warner  
**Aug 11:** Debbie Stevens  
**Aug 18:** Joyce Petersen  
**Aug 25:** Tracey Petersen



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 10<sup>th</sup> at the Congregational Church, Amery. A \$20 donation is suggested to cover the cost of food & transportation. Guest shares begin at 7:30am; arrive no later than 9am. If you'd like to volunteer please arrive at 6:30am. There is a free drawing for those registered before 8:45; must be present to win. Please bring a container to bring your food home in. For more information: call 715-268-7390 or email - office.ameryucc@gmail.com.

## Willow Ridge Pig Roast

Willow Ridge Health Care is having their annual pig roast on Wednesday, August 7<sup>th</sup> from 4-7 p.m. Any church members who have helped out at their facility in the past are invited. The menu is roast pork, potato salad, beans, coleslaw and cookies. Come join the fun.

## Annual Conference 2019

~ Pastor John Hazen ~

The 2019 Wisconsin Annual Conference was held at the KI Convention Center in Green Bay June 14-17. The Conference session featured the theme *Wilderness*. Conference attendees lived their ministry by giving generously for the Ingathering.

During the session, guest speakers included: Bishop Laurie Haller, Bishop Donald Ott, and the Rev. Ana Luisa Mayorga de Chacon. Bishop Jung gave the State of the Church address on the theme "Leading with the heart of Unity." He called for unity and offered his vision for the Wisconsin Option.

Peter Miano, Executive Director of the Society for Biblical Studies, led a two-part Bible study. He discussed the crisis facing our churches today, and how Biblical interpretation influences that crisis.. He said, "Today our churches are facing a crisis....a crisis of Biblical illiteracy. It is not a crisis about the Bible. It is a crisis about how we interpret the Bible and how we apply it in our world."

This year we elected delegates to both the 2020 General and Jurisdictional Conferences. The clergy delegates are: General—Dan Schwerin, Jennifer Arneson, Krysta Deede; Jurisdictional-Allison Scott, Kate Croskery Jones, Jeremy Deaner; Reserve-Scott Carlson, Kevin Dembinski, Joan Frost, Clarissa Marinelli. The laity delegates are: General-Lisa King, Ravi Roelfs, Jessica Gobel; Jurisdictional-Lisa Jones, Donald Cramer, John Lawson; Reserve-Judy Vasby, Marie Severing, Meredith Spors, Lynn Messner.

The Annual Conference retired 14 clergy delegates including Janice Beutin from the Glen Hills parish in the Northwest District. Three clergy were ordained as full elders. Six clergy became provisional elders, and one became a provisional deacon.

There was much tension around the LGBTQ issues. While nothing could be done at the Annual Conference level, we pray for the 2020 General Conference to be held May of 2020 in Minneapolis, Minnesota.



## United Methodist Women UMW June & July

June 12 UMW Minutes

6 members present: Bev, Catherine, Ruth, Arlene, Bernice, Joan. After our business meeting and prayer calendar readings we put together "personal" bags and flood buckets for Annual Conference Ingathering. We packed 2 of the buckets and 4 "personal" bags and with what the evening circle provided, Pastor John had 3 flood buckets and 10 personal bags (one provided by Grace and Laurie) to deliver to Conference in Green Bay the next day! submitted by Joan Lillie

7/10/19 Ridgeview Apts.2:00

Joan Lillie President

Mission Statement Read

Attendance with Scripture Read

8 present; Arlene, Catherine, Bernice, Linda, Bev, Joan, Ruth, Pastor John.

NEW AND OLD BUSINESS:

1. Aug 14, visit Grace Moore in Apple Valley, her new home.

2. Picnic, Praise and Song, Aug 22, Thursday.

3. Birchwood Salad Bar, Attend if we can find the date?

4. Secretary Report by Joan.

5. Treasurers Report by Ruth: \$599.40

6. Potato Stand Profit from Clear Lake Days \$1,893.83. Hot Day Sat!!

Suggestion for next year. Have a greeter at the door passing out

Numbers, have people sit upstairs till called down.

7. Salvation Army has stopped having churches serve meals instead the first Sunday of each month we will donate paper products, soaps, personal products. Notice in Newsletter.

8. Pulpit Exchange July 21, Dawn from Hudson Church will preach.

9. Summer Poem Read by Joan.

10. Scripture by Arlene.

11. Linda reported on her trip to Norway and Sweden and showed pictures.

Prayer and Pot Luck Submitted by Linda Jurisch.

## Grace Place Supplies Needed

Toilet Paper	Diapers Size 5 & 6
Paper Towels	Pull Ups
55 Gal. Garbage Bags	Baby Wipes
13 Gal. Garbage Bags	Men's Deodorant
Cleaning Supplies	Body Wash
Kleenex	Shampoo & Conditioner
Walmart Gift Cards	

## Harbor House Crisis Shelters Needs List

13 Gal. Garbage Bags	Kitchen Wash Cloths
All Purpose Cleaner	Brushes/Combs
Paper Towels	Toilet Bowl Cleaner
Baby Wipes	Twin Sheets
Blankets	Diapers/All Sizes
Razors	Non-Perishable Food
AA/AAA/9 volt batteries	Disinfecting Wipes
Pillows/Pillow Cases	
Dish Soap/Dish Washer Soap	
Women's Hygiene Products	
Antiperspirant Men/Women	
Bath Towels/Wsh Cloths	
Quart & Gallon Baggies	
Dryer Sheets/Laundry Soap.Bleach	

**SPRC Meeting @ Parsonage  
Sunday, August 25th 6:00 p.m.**

## Golden Age Manor visit

Several church members went to Golden Age Manor in June. They played bingo with the residents and served their favorite strawberry shortcake. It was lots of fun. A great time was had by all!

## Clear Lake Sunday School

This fall brings some changes to our Sunday school programming in Clear Lake

Beginning Sunday, Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>, church in Clear Lake will be at 8:30 am. On Sunday, Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>, church school will begin after young people's time. Coffee and potluck will be after the service.

We would like everyone to prayerfully consider leading Sunday School—there will be materials at church to take home and prepare lessons. Can you do two Sundays a month? Do you have a fun, seasonal lesson craft idea?

We have a very small group this year. Please share our times and opportunity to learn and grow their faith with your friends and neighbors.

Please let Diane Blanchard know at 715-263-2690 or call/text 423-307-6247. There will be a sign up at the back of the church as well.

## Forgive

Forgive someone. Today forgive.  
Turn from bitter to positive.  
End frustration, anger, pain;  
Wash the anguish from your brain.

No need to reconcile or tell;  
Just feel better and get well.  
A brand new, peaceful life to live,  
That's your gift, when you forgive.

*By Joanna Fuchs*

*Deadline for September  
Newsletter is August 21st*



Jesus said, "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another." John 13:34

It is pretty obvious, to me, that love is the basis of all Christian love and thought. Jesus said that we should love one another as he has loved us. What does that mean?

The concept of love is way more than our human minds can comprehend. It is way more than the greeting card kind of love we are used to. It is way more than the romantic kind of love we are used to. Christian love is praying for all—even those we may not like very much. As a Christian, loving someone does not mean we have to like that person. Loving someone is not wanting bad to happen to that person. Loving someone is wanting God's grace for that person.

There are certain politicians that I may not like. I will probably vote against them in the next election. That does not stop me from praying for God's grace in their lives. I pray for God's blessings in their lives. If that were to happen, I might even vote for that politician in the next election, since they would be living according to God's grace.

Jesus Christ is the best example of living God's love. Jesus never put any conditions on a person receiving God's love. He never waited for their confession of faith before He healed them. Jesus made God's love available to all, no matter who they were. Jesus loved Judas, even though Judas never accepted that love.

Our job as Christians is to "go and do likewise." We are to take Jesus' example and make it our own. We are to go into the world and share the love of God with whomever we meet.

Let us go forth in God,

Pastor John



### Fall Thrift Sale

Clear Lake UMC is having a thrift sale September 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> from 9-5.

There will be a luncheon

(free will offering) from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. You may start dropping off your items on Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> after worship. We do not need any more grocery bags, or crumpled paper. We could use some new boxes or large, black garbage bags for packing up, please leave boxes. **PLEASE UNLOAD YOUR BAGS AND BOXES AND PUT ITEMS ON DESIGNATED TABLES!**

Join us for Community Fellowship Picnic, Praise and Song & Pie and Ice Cream Social

**Thursday, August 15th  
Supper at 5:30 p.m.  
Entertainment to Follow**

Clear Lake United Methodist Lawn  
420 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Clear Lake, WI  
(if raining we will be inside)

Free! Bring your lawn chair & appetite.



**AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY  
6/2019  
"RELAY FOR LIFE"**

A sincere 'Thank You' for your donation to the 2019 American Cancer "Relay for Life" walk at Hammond.

Our Severson Family/ Lakeside Foods Team has raised \$2,000.00 for this event. I am so proud of our team.

In our 20 years of participation we have raised \$57,212.00.

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

Hammond Event total this year is \$70,000.00.

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, Advocacy & Patient Service Programs.

Sincerely, Ruth Severson – Team Leader  
Severson Family Team / Lakeside Foods-Sponsor

**Quiet!**

Six-year-old Lisa and her four-year-old brother Tim were sitting together with their parents in church, when Tim started giggling and talking out loud. "You're not supposed to talk loud in church!" Lisa said.

"Why? Who's going to stop me?" Tim asked.

Lisa pointed to the back of the church and said, "See those two men standing by the door? They're hushers."

**August Birthdays**

Michael Paulson	August 2
James Fouks	August 5
Stephanie Talatala	August 6
Brittany Severson	August 8
Chuck Kuhl	August 12
Pam Elwood	August 13
Tracey Petersen	August 13
John Severson	August 13
Travis La Blanc	August 15
Brandon Severson	August 16
Camryn Lillie	August 17
Troy Elmer	August 19
Rena Kuhl	August 19
Ben Avery	August 20
Charlotte Fouks	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

**August Anniversaries**

Chuck & Gail Kuhl	August 2
Todd & Tracey Petersen	August 5
Chris and Bobbi Wilson	August 7
Todd & Andrea Jilek	August 8
Ryan & Carrie Blanchard	August 12
Mark & Beth Thompson	August 12



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**Sunday Worship**

8:30 a.m. – Forest      9:45 a.m. – Deer Park

11:00 a.m. – Clear Lake

**Church School**

Church school will resume in September