

# THE PARISH CONNECTION

February 2019

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



## Lectionary Readings for February

Feb 3rd – 4<sup>th</sup> **Sunday after Epiphany**  
**(green)**

Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6  
1 Corinthians 13:1-13; Luke 4:21-30

Feb 10th – 5<sup>th</sup> **Sunday after Epiphany**  
**(green)**

Isaiah 6:1-8(9-13); Psalm 138  
1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11

Feb 17th – 6<sup>th</sup> **Sunday after Epiphany**  
**(green)**

Jeremiah 17:5-10; Psalm 1  
1 Corinthians 15:12-20; Luke 6:17-26

Feb 24th – 7<sup>th</sup> **Sunday after Epiphany**  
**(green)**

Genesis 45:3-11, 15; Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40  
1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50; Luke 6:27-38

## Lent Schedule

Ash Wednesday is March 6th this year.  
Below will be the Lenten schedule for 2019.  
All services begin at 7:00 pm. Where  
indicated, there will be a soup supper.

March 6	Clear Lake (soup)
March 13	Deer Park
March 20	Forest (soup)
March 27	Clear Lake (soup)
April 3	Deer Park
April 10	Forest (soup)



## **Prayer Concerns**

*Joys*— celebrations with families and friends, sunshine, all those who plow snow, opportunities to enjoy winter, loved ones

*Concerns*— Verlyn Benoy, Craig Longfellow, Ardys Warner, Debbie Stevens, Waneta Olson, Ruth, Ken, Daryl, Harve, Judy, Marlene, Charlie, the government shutdown

*Remembering*—

# WORSHIP MINISTRIES

## February 2019

### Clear Lake

**Feb 3rd**    **Reader:** John Koerper  
              **Potluck:** Gail Kuhl & Dawn Cress  
              **Acolyte:** Ben Pietz  
              **PwrPt:** Peyton Lillie

**Feb 10th**   **Reader:** Alison Blanchard  
              **Coffee:** Don & Arlene Althoff  
              **Acolyte:** Trent Avery  
              **PwrPt:** Brittany Avery

**Feb 17th**   **Reader:** Andrea Jilek  
              **Coffee:** Roger & Carla La Blanc  
              **Acolyte:** Tyson Blanchard  
              **PwrPt:** Bailey Blanchard

**Feb 24th**   **Reader:** Debi Ahrens  
              **Coffee:** Debi Ahrens  
              **Acolyte:** Wyatt Reindahl  
              **PwrPt:** Ivan Ruble

### Deer Park

**Feb 3rd**     *no reader*  
**Feb 10th**    Elden Setter  
**Feb 17th**    *no reader*  
**Feb 24th**    *no reader*

### Forest

**Feb 3rd**     Heather Greene  
**Feb 10th**    Terri Wilson  
**Feb 17th**    Cindy Warner  
**Feb 24th**    Debbie Stevens

**Counters for February**    Jan Benson & Joan Lillie  
**Greeter for February**     Bev Klatt



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

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### Love for our Troops

This year we are sending treats to our troops. We will be purchasing an assortment of non-perishable treats and personal items. We will be purchasing all items going into these boxes and your monetary donations would be appreciated to cover the cost of the items and postage.. If you know someone who is in the service call Linda Jurisch, [715-263-2288](tel:715-263-2288). These personnel should be from the Clear Lake, Clayton, Reeve, Forest and Deer Park area. Please send donations by Feb. 1 to: Luann Hansen, 471 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Clear lake, WI 54005.

**Ruby's Pantry** has food distributions on February 9<sup>th</sup> at the Congregational Church in Amery. Food distribution will begin at 9 am. All food shares must be purchased between 7:30 & 8:45 am. Suggested donation of \$20 to help cover cost of the food, its transportation & storage. To volunteer, arrive no later than 6:30 am. Contact info: [office.ameryucc@gmail.com](mailto:office.ameryucc@gmail.com) or 715.268.7390

Deadline for the March Newsletter is February 19th

## College Boxes

Thanks so much for all who donated goodies or money towards mailing the college boxes. We sent out 10 boxes and had lots of good stuff and a prayer to get our students through their finals. Thanks so much!

## Church Sign Theology

- Kindness is the oil that reduces the friction of life.
- Is the Son in your eye?
- Laughter is a smile with the volume turned up.
- Never look down on someone unless you're helping him up.
- Need a new look? Get a faith lift!
- Preach the Gospel at all times. If necessary, use words.
- The closer you are to the Son, the less likely you are to get burned.
- Ask not for a lighter burden, but for broader shoulders.

*Women's  
Retreat*



**Women's Retreat  
Feb 1-3, 2019  
Luther Park in Chetek**



## Christmas for Children

We have had a very busy December. On behalf of the Christmas for Children Committee, we would like to say thank you so much for your support to our program. We are so proud to be a part of a community that is so giving.

We could not do this program successfully without the help and support from your donation. We use this money to buy clothes, coats, boots, and other gifts for the children who are in need.

This year we helped 44 families, (111 children). Every child gets clothes (which is only possible with your donations). And, of course, every child receives toys, games, or something fun for them.

Each family also gets a food box from the food shelf. We thank all of you for helping us to make this a better Christmas for these families.

Merry Christmas, and we wish you God's Blessings in 2019.

Christmas for Children  
Clear Lake United Methodist Church

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• Please start collecting items for the  
• spring **Thrift Sale** on **April 25-26**.  
• Look for details in the March  
• newsletter  
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## Happy Birthday

Lona DeLong	2/02
Nathan Thompson	2/05
Ron Boe	2/05
Laura Drinkman	2/09
Austin Reed	2/12
Becky Turner	2/12
Chris Ailts	2/12
Ruth Severson	2/16
Catherine Benoy	2/17
Debbie Stevens	2/21
Grace Moore	2/23
John Koerper	2/24
Elizabeth Frank	2/25
Bernice Goodrich	2/25
Nicole Flanum	2/26
Tom Pietz	2/26

## Happy Anniversary

Jeremy & Laurie LaBlanc	2/02
Bryan & Melanie Kofal	2/28



### Mark Your Calendar

On Saturday, March 23, 2019 the United Methodist Women will be celebrating their 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at the

Lake Street UMC in Eau Claire. This is the actual day of the anniversary and about a month earlier than we usually have our Spring Day of Enrichment. Mark your calendars now so you don't miss this very special celebration! More information will be provided next month.

## Preparation Time

Jesus said, "Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."(Matthew 11:29

We are at a time in our church calendar when things seem to be at a slower, gentler pace. Things may not seem to be as intense as they were during the holidays. We might be able to find a little more time to relax. God wants us to have those moments of relaxation in our lives.

Jesus is gentle and humble in heart. In Jesus, we will find rest for our souls. Jesus always found times for relaxation. It is something we need in our lives, as well.

Relaxation can happen in many different ways. Vacation time is one of those ways. There are those who plan specific vacations to specific places with specific schedules. That is a form of relaxation. When I plan a vacation, I find a spot and settle for a few days, with no schedule in mind. I like to get some alone time with no expectations. That is relaxing for me.

Reading can be a form of relaxation. I can get lost in a good book. It can be almost any kind of book. I read fiction, non-fiction, poetry, graphic novels, young adult fiction, picture books just to name a few. I find creativity in almost everything I read. There are many who share their gift of writing, and I take those books and either transport myself to different places or learn different things. That is one way that I can relax.

Believe it or not, there are some who relax by keeping busy. Their schedules are full of things to do. They find themselves relaxing by doing things. It is not a way that I would relax, but there are many who do. When I relax, I need to get away from it all.

There are those who relax in the garden, and those who relax while hunting, and those who relax with the grandchildren. There are hundreds, maybe thousands, of ways to relax.

The main thing is that we relax with Jesus. Wherever we go, whatever we do, we do and go with Jesus. Jesus is gentle and humble in heart. With Jesus, we can be gentle and humble in heart. Find times to spend with Jesus.

God's blessings,  
Pastor John



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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**

6:00 p.m. Wednesdays @ Clear Lake; Meal at 5:30

8:30 a.m. Sundays @ Forest