

THE PARISH CONNECTION

July 2026

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

Lectionary Readings

JULY 05 | 6th Sunday after Pentecost (Green)

Gen 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67;
Ps 45:10-17 or Ps 72 (UMH 795);
Rom 7:15-25a; Matt 11:16-19, 25-30

JULY 12 | 7th Sunday after Pentecost (Green)

Gen 25:19-34;
Ps 119:105-112 or Ps 25 (UMH 756);
Rom 8:1-11; Matt 13:1-9, 18-23

JULY 19 | 8th Sunday after Pentecost (Green)

Gen 28:10-19a; Ps 139:1-2, 23-24 (UMH 854);
Rom 8:12-25; Matt 13:24-30, 36-43

JULY 26 | 9th Sunday after Pentecost (Green)

Gen 29:15-28; Ps 105:1-11, 45b (UMH 828);
Rom 8:26-39; Matt 13:31-33, 44-52



Zoom: Please use the following information to join us on Sundays for worship **TBD**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88613652777?pwd=UlpSVhGN0g1Qnc3VDV5T0Jhcn83UT09>

Meeting ID: 886 1365 2777 Passcode: 421072

Worship Times for July

July 5th–10:00 combined service at CL

Starting July 12th. . . .Prairie Farm @ 8:15;
Clear Lake @ 9:30 (We are tentatively looking at coffee at 9:00 before church and first Sunday potluck after church); and Turtle Lake @ 10:45.

IN OUR PRAYERS:

Joys—Father's Day, Dan Van Brunt and wife, Patricia, loved their "green" drive up here in our beautiful summer, Texas granddaughters visit, successful CL Days Potato Sale, Bev, Roger and Ben Jr enjoyed riding in the parade

Concerns—Natalie, Tim Dreier, Ruth, Debbie, Penny, Meghan, Tim Buhr, all countries with wars—Ukraine, Israel, Gaza, the Mideast—especially the children, Sheldon, migrants, immigrants, and refugees under the threat of forced deportation, grandson in military in Middle East, those battling cancer, peace in the world—Jodi Main, Bruce, Paula and Steve, Judy Weber, Barb Bender, Joanne Jackson

Willow River Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/Willow-River-Parish-103076225619623/>. Please send any information you would like posted to Gail Kuhl @ kuhlg@cltcomm.net

**WELCOME TO OUR
NEW PASTOR!**

Welcome Potluck after the 10 am July 5th service at CL w/TL and PF. Please come and welcome Pastor Don and Yeji!



Ruby's Pantry has permanently closed. . .

In the meantime, St. Croix Valley Food Bank's monthly pop-up distribution in Deer Park is an alternative. The

event is held at 211 South St. W, outside the old highway department building, now marked with Deer Park Fire signs. The distribution runs one hour, from 11 a.m. to noon, on the second Thursday of the month.

Unlike Ruby's Pantry, the St. Croix Valley Food Bank distribution is free of charge for those who qualify. Organizers say those who qualify for free or reduced school lunch or Social Security generally meet the income guidelines. Participants must be Wisconsin residents.

Save the Dates

July 5	Welcome to Don-10:00 @ CL
July 23	Praise, Song and Dessert CL 6pm

5th Sunday Schedule



August 30, 2026 --- Clear Lake is celebrating their 150th Anniversary in 2026. 10 am Service and Dinner to follow

November 29, 2026 and January 31, 2027 --- To be determined based on the upcoming pastoral reorganization.

UMC Special Sundays: Listed below are the special Sundays for 2026. Donation envelopes will be at the back of the churches.

- World Communion Sunday ~ October 4
 - United Methodist Student ~ November 29
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Praise, Song and Dessert @ Clear Lake UMC

Thursday, July 23 6:00 pm

Please bring chairs for outside. If the weather is bad, we'll be in the basement. Everyone is invited in honor of our 150th Methodist Church Anniversary.

WORSHIP MINISTRIES

Clear Lake

July 5th	Reader: Alison Blanchard Acolyte/PwrPt: Lily Avery Potluck/Coffee: Linda Jurisch
July 12th	Reader: Dawn Cress Acolyte/PwrPt: Ben Avery, Jr Coffee: Debi Ahrens
July 19th	Reader: John Koerper Acolyte/PwrPt: Oliver Wood Coffee: John & Stacia
July 26th	Reader: Diane Blanchard Acolyte/PwrPt: Vidalia Gorres Coffee: Roger & Carla
Aug 2nd	Reader: Debi Ahrens Acolyte/PwrPt: Oliver Gorres Potluck/Coffee: Jennie & Becky

Counters for July: Joan & Roger B

Counters for August: Debi & John

Dorcas Piecemakers Work Days: On Monday, July 6th, we will meet at Irma's for lunch and sew/History from 1 to 3 pm.

On the 20th we will meet at Irma's at noon and sew from 1-3. We will continue working on walker bags made for the hospital, pillowcases and dinner aprons for the nursing homes. We also have a new banner project. All are invited to join us for lunch and work on the history albums, posters and anniversary plans.

Parish Transition: Please be patient as we embrace the many changes happening. It will take time for Anitra to enter all the new contact information, birthdays, etc for Turtle Lake and Prairie Farm members as well as establish a work relationship and schedule with our new pastor. Thank you!

August Newsletter Deadline is July 25th:

Please email any information you would like to include in the newsletter or calendar to Anitra at wrpsecretary@gmail.com (Please note: this address may change once we confirm a new parish name.)

July Birthdays

Diane Hoffman	7/1
Madison Quade	7/1
David Avery	7/5
Josh Pederson	7/6
Casey Wilcox	7/6
Carol Hougdaal	7/6
Jordan Blanchard	7/8
Harvey McCann	7/8
Vidalia Gorres	7/10
Robert Zimmer	7/12
Tom Becker	7/12
Dawn Cress	7/15
Anita Smith	7/17
Tyson Blanchard	7/18
Mary Mrdutt	7/18
Becky Reindahl	7/20
Rachel Zimmer	7/20
Christina Salsbury	7/22
David Reindahl	7/23
Mark Thompson	7/25
Malissa Betz	7/29
Kay Harr	7/29

July Anniversaries

Dale & Linda Nygaard	7/3
Jeff & Diane Hoffman	7/8
Ben & Alison Avery	7/11
Justin & Josy Wood	7/11
Arlyn & Denise Severson	7/14
Kenneth & Bonnie Knight	7/17
Dylan & Erin Gorres	7/27
Jim & Christina Salsbury	7/30



CLACC Senior Luncheon Update: Senior Luncheons at the community center are planned for **August 27, October 22 and December 10**. Please mark your calendars — we'd love to have you join us for each one. To reserve your spot, please call the community center office at 715-263-2233.

Grace Place Salvation Army



We are in need of a few items at the shelter. Please help if you are able. Drop off at the shelter anytime of day.

55-gallon garbage bags, 13-gallon garbage bags, Paper towels, Toilet paper (1ply), Kleenex, Napkins, Shampoo, Conditioner, Body Wash, Body Lotion, New or slightly used wash cloths, bath towels, & hand towels, New bed pillows, New sweatpants up to size 4X, New T-shirts up to size 4X, Cleaning Supplies: Fabuloso, window cleaner, disinfectant wipes, toilet bowl cleaner, toilet bowl brushes, cleaning scrubbers

Letter-size copy paper, New or slightly used twin and full sheets, Facial Tissues, Ziploc bags, aluminum foil and plastic wrap, Light bulbs, New adult undergarments (underwear up to size XXL), New shoes (Adult men and female), Latex gloves for cooking and cleaning, etc., Belts, Batteries: AA, AAA, and 9Volt, Blankets: twin and full sizes

WRP Youth: The youth enjoy choosing their favorite mission projects to donate the funds raised from their bake sale. This year they chose Chickens and Bees for Heifer International and the Arnell Humane Society. They love to deliver there!

TL: Parkview UMC News

- Administrative Council meeting
-----July 8 at 6:00 pm
- UWF meeting
-----July 13 at 5:30 pm
- Turtle Lake Inter County Fair
-----July 10, 11, and 12

Topics that Matter sponsored by the UWF
-----stay tuned for details on an event happening in August

PF: Faith UMC News

- Administrative Council meeting
-----July 7 at 5:30 pm
- PF Dairy Days Ecumenical Service
-----July 10 at 10:00 pm
@ PF United Lutheran



Dear members of Clear Lake, Prairie Farm: Faith, and Turtle Lake: Parkview, My name is Don, and I am honored and excited to serve as your new pastor beginning this July. I was born and raised in South Korea, where I spent the first thirty years of my life before coming to the United States to study. Now, I am grateful to begin a new chapter of my life and ministry here with you in Wisconsin.

I believe that life is a long journey. Throughout our lives, we move, migrate, and settle in different places. Sometimes we move because of our own decisions, and sometimes we are shaped by the journeys of the people we love. For example, I was born in Seoul, but before I was even one year old, my parents moved to Incheon. Later in life, because of my military service, I lived in two different places I had never expected to live. Then, my wife and I moved from Korea to Atlanta for my studies, and now we have moved from Atlanta to Turtle Lake, Wisconsin. We never knew that Wisconsin would become part of our story, but here we are.

I love traveling, and I have visited more than thirty countries so far. When people hear this, they often ask me, "What was your favorite place?" Through my experiences, I have come to realize that the most important part of travel is not simply where we go or how long we stay. What matters most is who we are with and what we expect and experience together. A place becomes meaningful because of the people we meet, the relationships we build, and the memories we create there.

To answer that question, one of the most memorable journeys in my life was to South America. During that trip, I met unexpected and valuable people who left a lasting impression on me. Later, that experience became part of the story that helped my wife and me grow closer.

We were married in 2020, and since then, we have moved from place to place. Looking back, those places became wonderful memories because of the people we came to know. In each place, we were welcomed by new communities. Their hospitality made our journey meaningful and fruitful.

Now, we are excited to begin a new journey with you in Wisconsin. We are only at the first step, but we believe this journey can be beautiful because we know that the most important part of any journey is the people with whom we walk.

When we visited Turtle Lake last May, we received such warm hospitality from the SPRC members of Clear Lake, Prairie Farm: Faith, and Turtle Lake: Parkview. My wife and I are deeply grateful for the welcome we have already received. Your kindness helped us feel that Wisconsin could become not only a new place to live, but also a new home.

As I begin serving among you, I look forward to worshiping with you, listening to your stories, learning from your journeys, and joining you in the ministry God has set before us. I know there will be many things for me to learn, and I am grateful for the opportunity to grow together with you.

My prayer is that this new journey will be filled with grace, trust, and love. May God guide our steps as we walk together in faith, serve our neighbors, and share the love of Christ in Clear Lake, Prairie Farm, Turtle Lake, and beyond.

In Christ,
Pastor Don



Clear Lake UMC News

- Coffee **BEFORE** church at 9:00.
- Potluck-1st Sunday of each month **FOLLOWING** church.
- **Food shelf donations** any Sunday- We'd like to make another delivery soon if you can donate!!

Send Offering to: Josy Wood, 260 40th Avenue, Clear Lake, WI 540045

CL Noisy Cans:

3rd quarter—Clear Lake Food Pantry

4th quarter—Clear Lake Ambulance

Church Cleaning Donation: If you want to help pay \$120 for cleaning the church, which is done once a month. You can write a check to UMC Please put in an envelope that says for cleaning and put in the collection plate.

Bell Choir at CLUMC

We will be practicing in August for our Anniversary service, but on summer break until then. We welcome anyone interested in joining us!

UWF: United Women of Faith visited the Golden Age Manor on June 10th. Residents loved playing bingo. Everyone got a prize plus some that won more than one time got more prizes. They loved the Strawberry Shortcake.

Everyone, please be thinking of memories from the past of our Methodist Church. On Sunday August 30th @ 10:00, the day of our 150th Church Anniversary during our lunch we will share them, using a microphone.

The next UWF Meeting is July 8th at Ridgeview, 2:00 pm

Holy Socks

The United Women of Faith are gathering clean, (they can be used) holy socks for a cash donation to Northcott Neighborhood House in Milwaukee. We'd love to have anyone's donations. **Please note: Only Gold Toe Socks brand accepted.** This brand of sock can be purchased at Walmart, Kohl's or Target.

Clear Lake Heritage Days—June 25-28th: A huge shout out to Debi and Joan for organizing and leading us in a great Baked Potato fund raiser over Clear Lake Days! Also a big thanks to all who donated, worked, wrapped, cooked, assembled and cleaned up, it takes the whole church to make this possible!

Our busy stuffed potato crew serving our favorite customers, Todd and Andrea Jilek!



Also a big thanks to Bev Klatt, our oldest member, for riding in the parade, tossing out candy and Baked Potato gift certificates; Roger LaBlanc lending out his golf cart; Debi for the signs, and Roger B for being chauffeur.

Our potato wrapper queen, Bev Klatt!



Clear Lake United Methodist Church Ad Council Meeting--June 3, 2026

Secretary's Report and Treasurer's Report read and approved.

Old Business:

1. The stained glass window in the entry to the church that was repaired was installed backwards. The window needs to be turned around and the cover protection glass installed. JT Lillie will contact the repair company to get this completed.
2. The new letters for the sign in front of the church have been ordered through Rice Lake Signs.
3. Motion was made by Linda, 2nd Bev to change the Ad Board Meeting time to 6:00 PM beginning July 1, 2026. This will enable more members to attend. Motion carried.
4. John Koeper will be in contact with the Clear Lake Village in July for the water main update.
5. Diane is still working on getting the hangers for the banners. She has been unable to find ready-made hangers and is exploring having them made.
6. The Raffle Basket for the Backpack Program was sent.
7. There will be a farewell potluck with Clear Lake, Deer Park and Faith Family for Pastor Hakki and family June 10, 2026 at 5:30 PM at the Clear Lake church.
8. Joan is working with Jason Monson to get the new fans installed in the sanctuary.

New Business:

1. Sale of the Deer Park Trinity Church -

a. After July 1, 2026, when the merger officially takes effect, the merged churches will need to make a formal request to the District Superintendent asking for permission to pursue the sale of the property.

b. The request is made in the form of a letter signed by the Ad Board president and a trustee. This will include the Minutes from the June 3, 2026 Clear Lake Ad Board meeting approving the sale.

c. After the request is made, DS Peace will call a Church Conference. All members of the merged congregation, Clear and Deer Park, will have the opportunity to vote on the sale of Deer Park Trinity Church.

d. A motion was made by Debi, 2nd by Jennie to proceed with the sale process and schedule the meeting with DS Peace after July 1, 2026. Motion carried.

2. Clear Lake Parsonage -

a. The church can use the income from renting the parsonage for the operation of the church. If the parsonage is sold the money can only be used for structural repairs/changes.

b. DS Peace is very clear that he does not support the sale of the parsonage at this time. He believes that the church is entering a new chapter, and that keeping the parsonage provides flexibility for future ministry needs.

c. A motion was made by Betty, 2nd by Dawn to rent the parsonage. Motion carried.

3. Clear Lake Days -

a. Sign-up sheets are in the sanctuary. Please sign-up to help to make Clear Lake Days a success.

b. Bev will be an ambassador in the parade for the church as the oldest member of the Clear Lake Church. Debi and Dawn will contact locals for an appropriate vehicle for the parade.

4. We are asking for ideas for a name for our new Parish. Please give any ideas to an SPRC member for consideration.

5. The church service times are changing July 12th. The church service times will be Prairie Farm at 8:15, Clear Lake at 9:45, and Turtle Lake at 11:00.

6. There will be an SPRC meeting with DS Peace June 14, 2026 with Willow River Parish.

7. There will be an SPRC meeting June 17, 2026 at Turtle Lake with the new parish.

8. Please share any questions you may have regarding the Parish changes with an SPRC member.

9. 150th Anniversary Activities -

10. Praise, Song & Desert, July 23, 2026 at 6:00 PM. Weather permitting this will be held outside, bring a lawn chair. Serving pie, brownies and ice cream/ice cream sundaes.

11. 150th Anniversary Church Service August 30, 2026 at 10:00AM with a chicken dinner following the service. Post cards will be sent to inactive and former members. Will have a time for special memories from the past, bring your memories and be prepared to share.

Pastor's Notes:

- Motion was made by Jennie, 2nd by Debi to have Pastor Hakki cancel the internet and phone services to the parsonage effective July 1, 2026.
- Pastor Hakki's move date is scheduled for June 28, 2026. We wish him well with his new appointment.
- Arlene Althoff is having a 90th birthday card shower June 16, 2026. Please send Arlene a birthday card. Her address will be posted in the sanctuary.

Next meeting July 1, 2026 at 6:00PM. Please try and attend!

Jennie Keller, Recording Secretary



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Sunday Worship (Online Service TBD)

8:15 a.m. - Prairie Farm 9:30 a.m. – Clear Lake 10:45 a.m. – Turtle Lake

Church School
(see you in September)