

THE PARISH CONNECTION

July 2025

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

July 2025 Lectionary Readings

JULY 06 | 4th Sunday after Pentecost (Green)

2 Kings 5:1-14; Ps 30 (UMH 762);
Gal 6:(1-6), 7-16; Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

JULY 13 | 5th Sunday after Pentecost (Green)

Amos 7:7-17; Ps 82 (UMH 804);
Col 1:1-14; Luke 10:25-37

JULY 20 | 6th Sunday after Pentecost (Green)

Amos 8:1-12; Ps 52 or 82 (UMH 804);
Col 1:15-28; Luke 10:38-42

JULY 27 | 7th Sunday after Pentecost (Green)

Hos 1:2-10; Ps 85 (UMH 806);
Col 2:6-15 (16-19); Luke 11:1-13

IN OUR PRAYERS:

Joys—Beautiful Summer, Otto had a great year in WI and safe flight home, CL Days and potatoes, Pastor's ordination and parents' visit



Concerns—Tim Dreier, Rifle, Debbie, Penny, Ruth, Meghan, Vern, Jan, all countries with wars—Ukraine, Israel, Gaza—especially the children, and Iran Betty, Sheldon, migrants, immigrants, and refugees under the threat of forced deportation, Lon, Kay, JD, and Merlin

Remembering—Family and friends of Steve Benson, and Dennis Cress

Parish Picnic w/Faith Family

Date yet to be determined. The parish picnic will most likely be held in August. More info to come.

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 kuhlg@cltcomm.net



Zoom: Please use the following information to join us on Sundays for worship at **8:30 a.m.**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88613652777?pwd=UlpSVhGN0g1Qnc3VDV5T0Jhci83UT09>
Meeting ID: 886 1365 2777 Passcode: 421072

UMC Special Sundays: Listed below are the remaining special Sundays for 2025. Donation envelopes will be at the back of the churches.

- World Communion Sunday ~ October 5
- United Methodist Student ~ November 30

Young Adult Bonfire & Outdoor Games
presented by Iron Creek & Trinity United Methodist Churches.

Young adults (18-35). Join us July 12, 2025; 7-9:30 pm @ Trinity UMC, 105 S Holly Ave, Elk Mound, WI 54739 for a bonfire and outdoor game night—an evening of fun, fellowship and connection with fellow christians from Elk Mound and neighboring communities. S'mores and snacks will be provided. Please RSVP to Nicole at 715-214-8358 or nmueller111@gmail.com

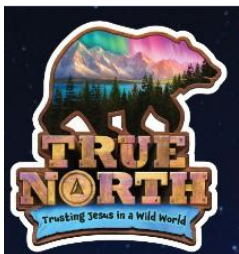
July Birthdays

David Avery	7/5
Josh Pederson	7/6
Jordan Blanchard	7/8
Jordyn Millermon	7/9
Robert Zimmer	7/12
Dawn Cress	7/15
Tyson Blanchard	7/18
Becky Reindahl	7/20
Rachel Zimmer	7/20
Terri Wilson	7/21
David Reindahl	7/23
Mark Thompson	7/25

July Anniversaries

Alpha & Heather Greene	7/9
Ben & Alison Avery	7/11
Justin & Josy Wood	7/11
Arlyn & Denise Severson	7/14
Gary & Debbie Stevens	7/14

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 **July 12th** 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.



Community Vacation Bible School: Trusting Jesus in a Wild World. This year local youth will take an ultimate Alaskan Adventure. As they explore the wild they'll learn Jesus is a faithful friend we can ALWAYS TRUST.

SAVE THE DATES: Aug 11th-Aug 14th, 6-8 p.m.
MORE DETAILS TO COME!

Willow River Parish Youth

Oliver and Josy and Diane cleaning gardens at the CL community center after the youth were canceled from weather!



Hope aLive

Hope aLive is rescheduled for Tuesday, August 26th from 5-8:30 pm at Danielson Park in Amery. All free fun and food for the family with music too.

Many thanks for your generosity in supporting the American Cancer Society 'Relay for Life'.

Sincerely, Ruth Severson



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. We need paper products, paper towels, toilet paper, tissues and Napkins.

August Newsletter Deadline is July 25th



WORSHIP MINISTRIES

Clear Lake

July 6th Reader: Debi Ahrens
Acolyte/PwrPt: Ben Avery Jr
Potluck/Coffee: Linda Jurisch
July 13th Reader: John Koerper
Acolyte/PwrPt: Jordan Blanchard
Coffee: Debi Ahrens
July 20th Reader: Lily Avery
Acolyte/PwrPt: Oliver Wood
Coffee: John & Stacia Koerper
July 27th Reader: Diane Blanchard
Acolyte/PwrPt: Lily Avery
Coffee: Roger & Carla La Blanc
Aug 3rd Reader: Alison Blanchard
Acolyte/PwrPt: Vi Gorres
Potluck/Coffee: Jennie & Becky

Counters for July: Joan & Roger L

Counters for August: Debi & John

Faith Family

July 6th Michael Clark
July 13th Paul Webster
July 20th Terri Wilson
July 27th Debbie Stevens
Aug 3rd Michael Clark

Pictures from Pastor's ordination and his parents' visit.





Dear WRP Family,

Thank you for journeying with me toward my ordination. It was because of your full support and faithful prayers that I was able to continue without stopping or giving up—and finally be ordained. WRP has been more than just a parish for our family; it has truly been a family of faith. The times we've shared—through worship, prayer, meals, laughter, and tears—have all played a significant role in shaping my identity as a pastor.

My family and I were deeply moved during our Parish Combined Worship on June 29. You had clearly planned ahead and prepared food, cards, and gifts with such care to celebrate my ordination. And somehow, you even knew that I love carrot cake! We were deeply touched by your love. Thank you—truly, thank you. I feel so loved, and I am indeed a happy pastor.

Now, as I take my first steps as an ordained Elder, I do so with a renewed sense of responsibility to serve the Lord's church faithfully. I hope to be a pastor who rightly handles the Word of God and helps the gospel come alive in each person's daily life.

Please continue to pray for me and for my family. Pray that God would grant me wisdom and humility, and that I would walk steadily under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. I, too, am praying for each of your families and your children.

When it comes to faith, my parents didn't teach me just through words. Instead, they let their love, their service, and their way of life quietly shape my understanding of faith. For me, then, faith has never been separate from life—it is life. It's a way of being, a kind of culture. And now, I am trying to raise our son in that same spirit of love, hoping that our faith will naturally be woven into his life as well.

So rather than training him to pray or teaching him that he "has to" pray, we simply let him see us praying—before meals, at bedtime. Perhaps those quiet moments had a positive influence, because now, he wants to say grace every time we eat.

He recently prayed a prayer that my wife wrote down, and I translated it. He's only five years old, so some of his expressions are a bit awkward—but rather than correcting his words, we chose to honor them, trusting that God is at work in shaping his heart. I'd like to share that prayer with you:



"With the power of Your love, Heavenly Father, please fill our hearts with love.
Heavenly father, please make us healthy and bless us.
Please help us stay healthy.
Please bless our family. As the Lord, we love You.
God is in our hearts and we can feel it.
God speaks inside our hearts.
God says He loves us forever and puts love into us with His care. Amen."



Deer Park UMC News

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

Noisy Can--3rd Quarter to Various Charities

Clear Lake UMC News

- Coffee and pot luck **BEFORE** church at 10:15
- Potluck-1st Sunday of each month BEFORE church.
- Food shelf donations any Sunday

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

CL Noisy Cans:

3rd Qtr.- Family House (Polk/Barron Shelter)
4th Qtr- Salvation Army

Meals for the Family House Shelter: Dorcas

Piecemakers Work Days: On Monday, July 7th we will meet at church and make meals for the Family Shelter and have lunch at church then sew from 1:00 -3:00. Dorcas Circle purchases 10 pounds of ground beef. Bring ingredients and a meal idea to make. We will cook them up and put them in the freezer for Patti to pick for the Family Shelter. They are so appreciative of these meals. You can also bring bars in a disposable pan or cookies in a bag for the freezer. On Monday, July 21st all are welcome to join us just for lunch at Irma's at noon for lunch and 1:00 for sewing, ironing, and putting fabrics together for pillowcases. We have had some beautiful fabric donated and have sorted by size and cut and prepped. We are also looking at sewing more bibs for the nursing home.

United Women in Faith: The Clear Lake UWF went to Golden Age Manor on June 11th to play Bingo. We gave nice prizes to winners, plus strawberry shortcake for a treat when we stopped Bingo, those that helped Joan, Jennie, Betty, Diane and Linda. They had so much FUN 😊

The UWF have made a change for July. We're not going to Barron Polk County Shelter to bring personal items. They will be picked up by Patty, the person in charge, the same day food is made by the church women. In the future we will give personal products to Homeless Shelters closer to us, Barron Polk County and Grace Place

In July we will be visiting Arlene Althoff and taking her out to lunch, will check with her for a day and let people know.

Holy Socks

The United Women of Faith are gathering clean, mismatched, old, worn out holy socks for a cash donation to Northcott Neighborhood House in Milwaukee. We'd love to have anyone's donations.

CL UMC Ad Council

No June meeting

July Ad Council will be Wed. July 2nd 4pm

Clear Lake Heritage Days—June 26-29th: A big thanks to all who planned, set up, ordered, cooked, baked, served and spread the word for our Stuffed Baked Potatoes sale during Heritage Days. Always a big success!

Slinging potatoes! CL Days '25



Talking to Andrea and Todd about coming back next year to sling potatoes!!

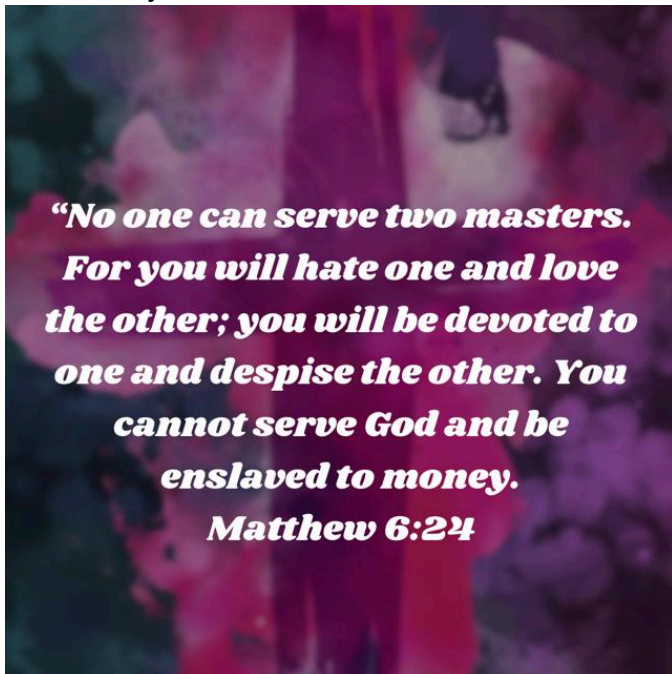


Faith Family Church News:

NEXT Ad. board meeting is: 6:30 on July 24th

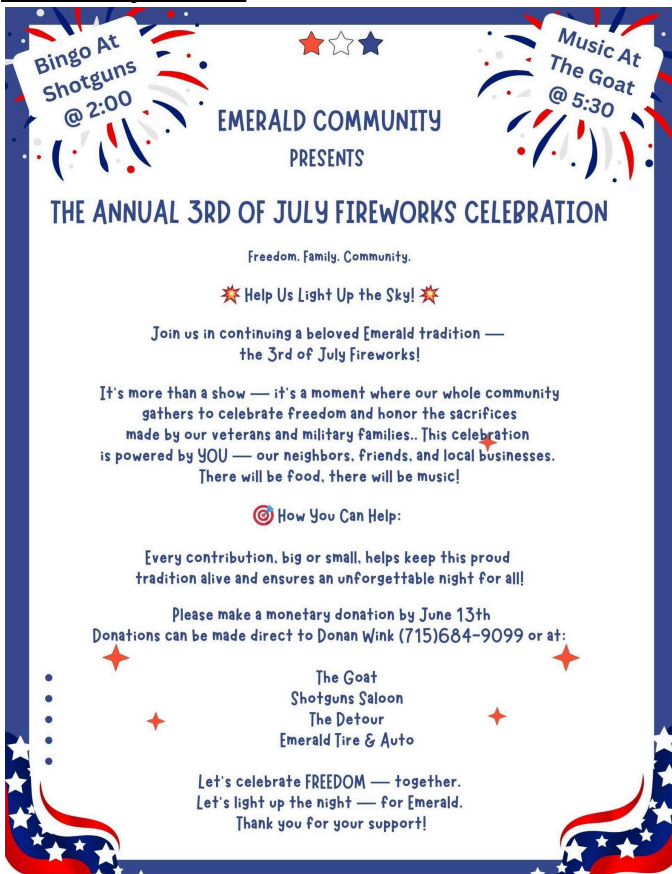
Fun Day School Kids:

Bible Study called Wonder.



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Community Events:



A Morning Prayer

Good morning God,
Thank You for waking me
up today, thank You for
sustaining me. You are my joy
and my strength. Please guide
me and walk with me, keep me
within Your will. May my
heart seek You first, and may
my soul praise You throughout
every moment of the day.
In Jesus' name I pray, amen.



Noisy Can—Autism Awareness

Send Offering to:

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

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

Church School @ Faith Family & Clear Lake
“Fun Day” School– Alternate Wednesdays 6 pm @ Faith Family
Bible in a Binder Sundays @ Clear Lake