

THE PARISH CONNECTION

June 2026

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

Lectionary Readings

JUNE 07 | 2nd Sunday after Pentecost (Green)

Gen 12:1-9; Ps 33:1-12 (UMH 767);
Rom 4:13-25; Matt 9:9-13, 18-26

JUNE 14 | 3rd Sunday after Pentecost (Green)

Gen 18:1-15 (21:1-7);
Ps 116:1-2, 12-19 (UMH 837);
Rom 5:1-8; Matt 9:35-10:8 (9-23)

JUNE 21 | 4th Sunday after Pentecost; Father's Day (Green)

Gen 21:8-21; Ps 86:1-10, 16-17
or Ps 17:1-7, 15 (UMH 749);
Rom 6:1b-11; Matt 10:24-39

JUNE 28 | 5th Sunday after Pentecost (Green)

Gen 22:1-14; Ps 13 (UMH 746);
Rom 6:12-23; Matt 10:40-42



Zoom: Please use the following information to join us on Sundays for worship at **9:45 a.m.**

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

IN OUR PRAYERS:

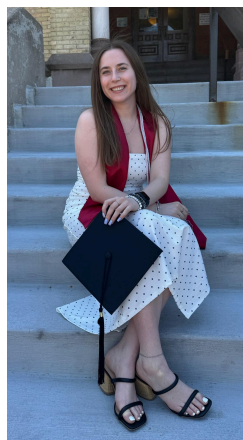
Joys—Pastor Hakki's speech at Baccalaureate was great! Confirmation, even when things feel uncertain or quiet, we trust that God is still at work among us, youth track and field days, Maddie Thompson and Peyton Lillie graduating from college

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, Dave, Sue, Jocelyn, Nikki, Debbie Klatt, Mark Gilbertson, John Buhr, Mike Buhr, Paula, Steve, Mike Thompson, Kathy Bannink, Fernandez Johnson, Roger and Judy Weber

Remembering—family and friends of Betty's friend, Renee; and Ally Fox

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



Congratulations to Maddie Thompson, daughter of Mark and Beth Thompson. Maddie graduated summa cum laude from Hamline University with a BA in Legal Studies and a BA in Philosophy!



Congratulations to Peyton Lillie, daughter of Pat and Marianne Lille. Peyton graduated from Friends University with her Masters degree in Business.



Hi all, I'm Dongyeol "Don" Lee. My wife Yeji and I are deeply grateful for the opportunity to join you in ministry. We have already felt your warm welcome, and we give thanks to God for this new appointment. I look forward to getting to know each congregation, listening to your stories, learning your traditions, and serving alongside you for the ministry of Jesus

Christ. Please keep us in your prayers during this season of transition. We are excited to begin this journey with you.

Grace and peace, Don

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

- June 4-6 FF Thrift Sale & Bake Sale
- June 4-7 Annual Conference @ Middleton Marriott West Hotel
- June 10 Farewell for Hakki-5:30 @ CL
- June 15-18 Vacation Bible School
- June 25-28 Clear Lake Days
- July 5 Welcome to Don-10:00 @ CL
- July 23 Music, Song and Pie CL 6pm

WORSHIP MINISTRIES

Clear Lake

June 7th Reader: Diane Blanchard
Acolyte/PwrPt: Oliver Gorres
Potluck/Coffee: Ryan Blanchard Family

June 14th Reader: John Koerper
Acolyte/PwrPt: Ben Avery, Jr
Coffee: Roger & Carla

June 21st Reader: Dawn Cress
Acolyte/PwrPt: Oliver Wood
Coffee: Justin & Josy

June 28th Reader: Debi Ahrens
Acolyte/PwrPt: Vidalia Gorres
Coffee: Camilla

July 5th Reader: Alison Blanchard
Acolyte/PwrPt: Lily Avery
Potluck/Coffee: Linda Jurisch

*Counters for June: Linda & John
Counters for July: Joan & Roger B*

Faith Family

- June 7th Paul Webster
- June 14th Terri Wilson
- June 21st Debbie Stevens
- June 28th Michael Clark
- July 5th Paul Webster

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

July Newsletter Deadline is June 25th



Honoring 150 Years of Faith: "If Teapots Could Talk"

On Saturday, May 2nd, Clear Lake United Methodist Church hosted a truly special afternoon, "If Teapots Could Talk," organized by the United Women in Faith to celebrate our church's 150th anniversary.

It was a magnificent sight to see 51 ladies, beautifully adorned in elegant dresses and hats, gathering to share tea and bites while reflecting on the precious heritage our community has built over the last 150 years.

We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to Esther for her wonderful design of our 150th-anniversary banners, and to the United Women in Faith team who brought those designs to life and meticulously prepared this event. Your dedication truly made the celebration shine.

In addition to the 51 lovely ladies, our Pastor and his young son, Evan, also joined in the fun and truly enjoyed being part of this special celebration.

If these teapots could truly speak, they would tell countless stories of faith, friendship, and quiet acts of devotion that have bloomed within these walls for a century and a half. All glory be to God, our Ebenezer, who has faithfully guided us through the years.

We trust that the same God who has watched over our past will continue to protect and lead Clear Lake UMC into the future. It is our prayer that our community will continue to write beautiful stories of faith under His grace for the next 150 years.



Congratulations to our 2026 Confirmands! On May 31st we celebrated the Confirmation of six young people as they publicly professed their faith and affirmed their commitment to follow Jesus Christ.

Please join us in congratulating and praying for: **Oliver, Vidalia, Gracie, Michael, Baylie, and Jordyn.**

May God continue to guide them, strengthen their faith, and bless them as they grow as disciples of Jesus Christ. We are grateful for their families, mentors, and church community who have supported them along this journey.

The day was also a special day as we shared a farewell service with Pastor Hakki. We give thanks for his years of faithful ministry among us and pray God's blessings upon him and his family as they prepare for a new appointment. May God continue to guide both our confirmands and our church family in the days ahead. Congratulations, Confirmands!



June Birthdays

Laurie Moore	6/2
Lucas Olson	6/3
Greg Wilson	6/4
Chris Larson	6/5
Wyatt Reindahl	6/11
Arlene Althoff	6/16
Mandy Sharpe	6/18
Debbie Frank	6/21
Roger La Blanc	6/30

June Anniversaries

Dave & Becky Reindahl	6/6
Robert & Rachel Zimmer	6/12
Stan & Sue Larson	6/16
George & Nancy Stutter	6/25

Update on--Mark Gilbertson: Jessica (Wood) Gilbertson's husband, Mark Gilbertson, is home. They have a Go Fund Me on Facebook. Here is their address if you would like to help them out. Jessica Gilbertson, 423 County Line St, Clear Lake, WI 54005.



It is with very grateful hearts that we want to say many thanks for the hugs, sympathy, and good wishes as we said goodbye to our beloved church of 75 years plus. This was a tough decision for all of us.

Also your concern, prayers, and phone calls about our son, Mike, after the accident, week-long stay, and surgery at Regions hospital. We are so thankful to our Loving Savior to be able to say he is healing and getting stronger.

Thank you also for the sympathy wishes on the passing of my brother, Jim, on the same day. That was a true test of our strength and faith.

God Bless each and every one of you.

Pete and Jan Thompson

Worship Times for July

July 5th–10:00 combined service at CL

Starting July 12th. . . .Prairie Farm @ 8:15; Clear Lake @ 9:45 (We are tentatively looking at coffee at 9:15 before church and first Sunday potluck after church); **and Turtle Lake @ 11:00.**



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



HOPE aLIVE

Community Event

5-8:30pm; Wednesday, June 3rd (rain date 6/4)

All are invited to gather at Michael's Park in Amery for FREE music, FREE Food, and FREE games. Hosted by East Lincoln Alliance Church.

CLACC Senior Luncheon Update: We look forward to seeing everyone again at our next luncheon on Thursday, **June 11**, featuring our annual "Grill Out, Eat In" meal. Grillmaster Warren DeBoer will be firing up the grill outside, while guests gather in the Dining Room to enjoy his always popular grilled favorites. To reserve your spot, please call the community center office at 715-263-2233.

In addition to June 11, 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.

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!



On May 20th, WRP youth met at Blanchards and played a fun balloon game which led to a discussion on keeping their focus on Jesus this summer. They grilled their supper and had s'mores.



The Order of Eastern Star gives a scholarship out for students in various fields of Religious Service and our local chapter in Clear Lake recommended Pastor Hakki. He was awarded one for the next 3 years this past month. Joan and Debi are members of the CL Chapter and were pleased to sponsor him.



On Sunday, May 24th, at Deer Park: Trinity United Methodist Church, we gathered for a Pentecost Sunday Service of Deconsecration as Deer Park: Trinity begins a new chapter together with Clear Lake United Methodist Church.



Together we worshiped, prayed, shared cherished memories, and gave thanks for the many

decades of faithful ministry, love, and community that filled this church building through generations.

We especially give thanks for the faithful members who loved and cared for this church for so many years, and for all who joined us today from Clear Lake UMC, Faith Family UMC, United Women in Faith, friends of the church, and the wider community.

As we reflected on Acts 2 and the coming of the Holy Spirit, we were reminded that God's Spirit continues to lead the Church forward with hope and grace.

Thanks be to God for the memories, the people, and the new journey ahead



Clear Lake Community VBS @ United Covenant Church is coming June 15-18 from 6-8pm, and this year's theme is "MYSTERY ISLAND!" Get ready

for four exciting evenings packed with adventure, discovery, and tons of fun as we learn about God's character and love for us! We'd love for your child (ages 4-Grade 5) to be part of it all.

To register, head to www.unitedcovchurch.org and click the "REGISTER FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL" button.

We can't wait to explore Mystery Island together this year at VBS!

Also, if anyone is interested, here is the link for anyone that wants to sign up to volunteer:

volunteersignup.org/8PKPT





Dear WRP Family,

As I write this final Pastor's Pen, I have taken time to reflect on the journey we have shared together.

When my family and I arrived here in September 2020, the world was in the midst of the COVID pandemic. Those were truly uncertain days. You may have forgotten by now, but wearing masks and maintaining social distance had become part of our daily lives. Even after I arrived, we continued worshiping through Zoom for a time, and we had to learn how to navigate challenges that none of us had ever expected.

Including the COVID years, we have shared many moments together over the past several years. We worshiped and prayed together, and we gathered around the Lord's Table. Although they were rare, we also celebrated baptisms. At times, we shared in sorrow during funerals as well. Through moments of joy and hardship, we supported one another, and throughout it all, God remained faithful.

Recently, our parish has experienced significant changes. We witnessed Deer Park: Trinity UMC begin a new chapter through its merger with Clear Lake UMC, and together we celebrated that church's long and faithful ministry. We welcomed new opportunities, sometimes faced difficult decisions, and firmly trusted God to guide us through these transitions. Change is never easy, but time and again I have seen that God continues to lead God's people forward.

Now, according to Bishop Schwerin's appointment order, I am preparing to leave Willow River Parish, which has become dear to me over the past nearly six years, and begin a new appointment. Thankfully, before our departure, my parents-in-law were able to visit us, and I am grateful that I had the opportunity to introduce them to all of you. Time has flown by so quickly. When my son first arrived here, he was just a 6-month-old baby, learning how to roll over in his crib. Now, he has recently graduated from kindergarten and will be a first grader this coming fall! Seeing him grow alongside this community makes me realize how deeply our lives have been woven together during our time here. While I am filled with many different and complex emotions, I want to approach this season with a heart full of gratitude. Thank you sincerely for allowing me to serve as your pastor. I am deeply grateful for your kindness, your love, and your partnership in ministry. Willow River Parish was my first appointment in Wisconsin, where I served while I was at my youngest and most energetic, and it will always remain one of the most memorable blessings of my ministry.

While none of us can know exactly what the future holds, there is one thing I know for certain: God is not finished with your church communities. We successfully navigated the challenges of the pandemic, and through many large and small experiences, we continued to grow. The same God who guided this parish through every moment of joy and sorrow will continue to lead you faithfully in the days ahead.

My prayer for you is very simple. Continue to trust God. Continue to love one another. Continue to worship faithfully. Continue to serve your communities with the love of Christ. And please pour out your deep love and hospitality upon the new pastors and families who will come to serve among you.

Thank you once again for the privilege of walking alongside you from 2020 until now. May God's grace and peace always be with you. :)

In Christ, Pastor Hakki



Clear Lake UMC News

- Coffee and pot luck **AFTER** church at 9:15.
- 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:

2nd quarter—CL School Back Pack Program

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.

Dorcas Piecemakers Work Days: On Monday, June 1st, we will meet at Irma's for lunch and sew/History from 1 to 3 pm. On the 15th 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.

Bell Choir at CLUMC

We will be practicing in August for our Anniversary service, but on summer break until then.

UWF: Nursing Home Visit

UWF will be playing bingo at Golden Age Manor Wednesday, June 10. We'll be there at 1:00 to set up our Strawberry shortcake and arrange all the prizes everyone brings. Bingo starts at 1:30.

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: The Clear Lake Church will be selling their Stuffed Baked Potatoes on Friday and Saturday of CL Heritage Days. We begin on Friday evening at 4 till sold out and begin Saturday, selling at 10 am and will continue through the parade till sold out. We will need lots of help, prep, set up, serving in the kitchen and outside and cleaning up. We will serve inside. Please set parts of these days aside to help out, this is a big fundraiser for our church. Sign up sheets at church or call Debi 715-441-5477

Clear Lake United Methodist Church Ad Council Meeting--May 6, 2026

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

Old Business:

1. The glass/plexiglass that was on the repaired stained-glass window needs to be replaced. Contact JT Lillie to replace. (Correction)
2. Clean-up of parsonage and church yards
3. set for Saturday, May 16th at 8:30.
4. Diane contacted Rice Lake Signs, sent a photo and we moved to purchase what was needed, they have letters we will buy.

New Business:

1. Discussed lack of attendance at Ad board meetings, very few are making decisions for all. It will be very important for more voices as we move ahead with change of parish and new minister, please try and attend the June meeting.
2. CL village replacing water mains, we need to get on the schedule.
3. Donating \$100 to C and C for Clear Lake Days for holding our Potato Stand at church.
4. Voted to re-imburse FF for Monies donated to the new computer.
5. 10% of the Thrift Sale will go to the CL Ambulance.
6. Motioned to purchase racks for Banners to take good care of them.
7. Diane will get a raffle basket to the Back Pack Fundraiser in Amery on May 20.

Pastor's Notes:

1. The Deer Park Deconsecration Service is May 24, 2026 at 11:00 AM for all.
2. There will be an appraisal of the DP Church in preparation for the sale of the church.
3. 5th Sunday Service at Faith Family at 10:00 AM. May 31st. Confirmation and potluck. Pastor Hakki's last service for the River Willow Parish.
4. Farewell potluck for Pastor Hakki and family June 10, 2026 at 5:30 at CL for all WRP.
5. Bible School is June 15 - 18 at United Covenant Church Clear Lake.

**Next meeting June 4th, 2026 @ 4:00 pm
Please try and attend!**

Jennie Keller, Recording Secretary

Faith Family Church HIGHLIGHTS:

- Baking Day on Saturday with the Youth.
- **Garage Sale June 4th, 5th and 6th.**
- **Annual Conference June 4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th.**
- 3rd Grade Bible for Graham Millermon (Heather will order a sensory Bible, TBD on date to give it to him).
- **Next Meeting:**
 - **Thursday, June 11th 6:00pm**
- Ended in the Lord's Prayer



Dear members and friends of Boyceville, Glenwood City, Faith Family, Wheeler: Peace, and Downing United Methodist Churches

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to walk alongside your incredible shared ministry.

My name is Shinae Kim, and I have had the privilege of serving at Augusta United Methodist Church for the past two years. You might also know me as Anna—a name I originally created just to make ordering coffee a bit easier, but one that has since become a cherished part of my life here.

My journey began in South Korea, where I was ordained as an elder in the Korean Methodist Church at the age of 28. For 17 years, I served as a single woman pastor, leading various congregations and engaging in extended ministries. My background is deeply rooted in social justice and peace-building, and I also spent seven years sharing these stories as a Christian newspaper reporter. I have always been someone who loves to sing, write, and embrace new adventures with faith rather than fear.

However, as it did for so many, COVID-19 changed the course of my life. During that time of isolation, I met my husband, Jinsan who is recently serving at two Korean congregations in Eau-Claire and Menomonie, over the phone. This led me to move to the United States five years ago, starting a completely new chapter as an immigrant, a married woman and a clergy couple. While this was a massive transition, I chose to see it not just as a personal change, but as a profound calling from God.

I believe that God is willing to use me as His vessel in the most unexpected ways. Even when we feel "unfit" for the task, I am reminded that He never lets us go. As I pray and prepare to be part of this ministry, I am filled with excitement for what is being revealed in this journey. I trust that God is always at work, creating new paths and possibilities for all of us.

Sincerely, Rev. Shinae (Anna) Kim

Community events:

Emerald Community Meeting:

Monday, June 1st, 7:00 @The GOAT

Next up: July 3rd Fireworks

Horsin' Around Days in October.

Faith Family Church Garage Sale
THURSDAY/ FRIDAY/ SATURDAY
HOT DOGS & LEMONADE
BAKE SALE
June 4th & 5th | 9 AM-4 PM
June 6th | 9 AM- noon
2692 154th Ave, Emerald, WI

Spring Cleaning is in full force. We are having a garage sale on June 4th, 5th and 6th at Faith Family Church. Start bringing your goodies May 31st after our 5th Sunday Service.

We will be setting up throughout the week and on June 4th, 5th and 6th over the lunch hour Alpha will have grilled hot dogs and Abel will have his famous lemonade (which you can also find at Clear Lake Days at the Junior Koopie's Market June 26th-27th)

Funday School kids will be baking this coming week to have baked goods for sale during the garage sale. Funds from the bake sale will go to a mission project of their choice.

Noisy Can—Autism & Multiple Sclerosis

Send Offering to:

Terri Wilson: 3127 200th Ave

Glenwood City, WI 54013

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

Church School @ Faith Family & Clear Lake
(see you in September)