

# THE PARISH CONNECTION

June/July 2021

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



## June Lectionary Readings

**June 6, 2021**

**2nd Sunday after Pentecost (green)**

1 Sam 8:4-20 (11:14-15),  
Ps 138, 2 Cor 4:13-5:1, Mk 3:20-35

**June 13, 2021**

**3rd Sunday after Pentecost (green)**

1 Sam 15:34-16:13, Ps 20 or Ps 72 (UMH 795),  
2 Cor 5:6-10 (11-13), 14-17, Mk 4:26-34

**June 20, 2021**

**4th Sunday after Pentecost (green)**

*Father's Day / 1st Day of Summer*  
1 Sam 17:(1a, 4-11, 19-23) 32-49,  
Ps 9:9-20 (UMH 744), 2 Cor 6:1-13, Mk 4:35-41

**June 27, 2021**

**5th Sunday after Pentecost (green)**

2 Sam 1:1, 17-27, Ps 130 (UMH 848),  
2 Cor 8:7-15, Mk 5:21-43

## July Lectionary Readings

**July 4, 2021**

**6th Sunday after Pentecost (green)**

*US Independence Day*  
2 Sam 5:1-5, 9-10, Ps 48 (UMH 782),  
2 Cor 12:2-10, Mk 6:1-13

**July 11, 2021**

**7th Sunday after Pentecost (green)**

2 Sam 6:1-5, 12b-19, Ps 24 (UMH 755),  
Eph 1:3-14, Mk 6:14-29

**July 18, 2021**

**8th Sunday after Pentecost (green)**

2 Sam 7:1-14a, Ps 89:20-37 (UMH 807),  
Eph 2:11-22, Mk 6:30-34, 53-56

**July 25, 2021**

**9th Sunday after Pentecost (green)**

2 Sam 11:1-15, Ps 14 (UMH 746),  
Eph 3:14-21, Jn 6:1-21

**HAPPY  
SUMMER**

## NOTICE

Many of you have received the past five issues of "The Parish Connection" in the mail as a courtesy paid for by the United Methodist Women. If you would like to continue receiving the newsletter in the mail for a fee of \$5/year, please contact the parish office.

## Prayer and Concerns

*Joys:* warm weather, greening of the world, farmers in the fields, in-person worship, summer vacations, graduations

*Concerns—* servicepersons & their families, all clergy & churches in transition, graduates, students, summer travel, Mardell Anderson, Ann Stuntz, Doug Kruger

*Remembering—*

# JULY WORSHIP MINISTRIES

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

## Clear Lake

- July 4th** Reader: Andrea Jilek  
Acolyte/PwrPt: Wyatt Reindahl
- July 11th** Reader: Alison Blanchard  
Acolyte/PwrPt: Ben (Scoot) Avery
- July 18th** Reader: Dawn Cress  
Acolyte/PwrPt: Jordan Blanchard
- July 25th** Reader: John Koerper  
Acolyte/PwrPt: Tyson Blanchard
- Greeters for July:** Roger and Carla L  
**Counters for July:** Diane B and Bev K

## Deer Park

- July 4th:** *no reader*  
**July 11th:** Elden Setter  
**July 18th:** *no reader*  
**July 25th:** *no reader*

## Faith Family

- July 4th:** Penny Warner  
**July 11th:** Joyce Petersen  
**July 18<sup>th</sup>:** Cindy Warner  
**July 25<sup>th</sup>:** Heather Greene

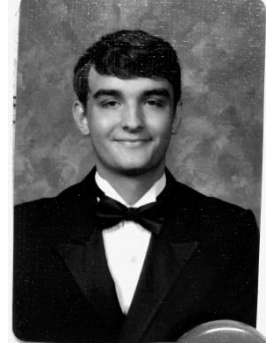


**Because you eat...**

Ruby's Pantry food distribution will take place June 12th and July 10<sup>th</sup> in the AmTec parking lot at 241 Venture Drive Amery. There is a \$20 cash donation per share. There is no income or residency requirements – everyone that eats is welcome! This is a drive-thru distribution. We have set our hours from 8am to 10am. Volunteers are greatly appreciated and should arrive at 7:15am. If you would like to volunteer or if you would like more information, please contact 715-268-7390 or email [office.ameryucc@gmail.com](mailto:office.ameryucc@gmail.com)

# Congratulations!

Trent Avery, son of Ben and Ali Avery graduated from Hancock High in Mississippi on Friday, May 21. He plans to do an Electrician Apprenticeship beginning this summer.



**Congratulation to all graduates!**

**Also, Congratulations to our confirmands!**  
*Your hard work and dedication to the church does not go unnoticed. God bless!*

## SUMMER DATES

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|--------------|-----------------------|
| June 18-19   | Annual Conference     |
| June 24-27   | Clear Lake Days       |
| August 15-18 | Vacation Bible School |

## Noisy Can--Second Quarter

- Clear Lake—Serenity House  
Faith Family—Breast Cancer  
Deer Park--Grace Place

## Anchor of Hope

Anchor of Hope is pleased to announce that we are now providing in person masked services along with services on Zoom at 7 PM on Tuesday nights at Faith Family Church. The Zoom invitation is now available on Anchor of Hope's website at <https://anchorofhopeemeral.wixsite.com/my-site>. We appreciate your prayers over this ministry and ask you to continue sharing information about this service with everyone you know!

**Pastor Hakki's Office Hours:**  
Tues-Friday 1-3 pm

**Anitra's Office Hours:**  
Thursdays 1-3 pm

## Painting the Parsonage Garage

Parsonage garage is painted! Thanks so much to Elden Setter, Pastor Hakki, Roger, Dawn and Diane and the sunshine that warmed up the day.



## SPRC Update

We are currently meeting monthly this year (on zoom) if there are any concerns or questions, please contact your SPRC representative. Thank you to those that came out for the painting party on the Parish Garage. It's that time of year to start thinking about your rolls and what roll in the church you are interested in holding. Every year there are openings to be on SPRC, the position runs for three years. Dawn Cress and Heather Greene are the delegates to annual conference this year, which is being held on June 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> via zoom. Every year this is also live streamed for everyone to see on the Wisconsin Annual Conference website. There is always a lot of good music, bible studies, prayer and of course the annual business of the Wisconsin Conference. I would encourage you to look at the website and see some of the amazing things the church is doing at this time. You can find training opportunities, devotionals, and so much more. As part of our roll on SPRC I will take this time to also extend an open door for those that are looking to navigate their calling, to contact the SPRC and have these discussions.

Deadline for the August Newsletter is July 23rd

## JUNE WORSHIP MINISTRIES

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

### Clear Lake

<b>June 6th</b>	<b>Reader:</b>	John Koerper
	<b>Acolyte/PwrPt:</b>	Jordan Blanchard
<b>June 13th</b>	<b>Reader:</b>	Dawn Cress
	<b>Acolyte/PwrPt:</b>	Lily Avery
<b>June 20th</b>	<b>Reader:</b>	Diane Blanchard
	<b>Acolyte/PwrPt:</b>	Tyson Blanchard
<b>June 27th</b>	<b>Reader:</b>	Debi Ahrens
	<b>Acolyte/PwrPt:</b>	Ben Pietz

Greeter for June: Joan L.

Counters for June: Dawn C. & Jan B.

### Deer Park

<b>June 6th</b>	<i>no reader</i>
<b>June 13th</b>	Elden Setter
<b>June 20th</b>	<i>no reader</i>
<b>June 27th</b>	<i>no reader</i>

### Faith Family

<b>June 6th</b>	Terri Wilson
<b>June 13th</b>	Millermon Family
<b>June 20th</b>	Paul Webster
<b>June 27th</b>	Heather Greene

## A Word from Deer Park UMC

Sunday May 23rd we were so happy to have in person worship. It was so nice to see friends and members that we have not seen in almost 15 months. Joyce has agreed to be our organist again. We appreciate her so much. Thank you Joyce and stay well.

Thank you to each and every one for the offering donations, we have been able to keep up with our expenses. We are waiting for another bid for the four attic windows that need to be replaced, hopefully that will be completed soon. Thank you, Pastor Hakki, for the nice service on the 23rd. Have a wonderful, safe and happy summer everyone. *Jan Thompson*

**AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY  
'Relay for Life'  
June 18 &19, 2021**

Our Severson family & friends will be participating for the 22<sup>nd</sup> year in the American Cancer Society "Relay for Life" in 'Memory' and 'Honor' of family members as well as many others who have been touched by cancer. Anyone wishing to donate or participate is welcome to do so.

I have appreciated your generosity in the past and know that together, 'we can make a difference' in striving to find a cure for Cancer.

Sincere thanks for your support.

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Deer Park WI 54007-9766

### **Clear Lake Ad C Highlights**

- Opening Church - all 3 churches will open on the same date. Tentative date is May 23. Deer Park at 8:30, Clear Lake at 9:45 and Faith Family at 11.
- Essential Worker's Breakfast - had around 30 drive ups. Made some calls and delivered to all the businesses in town, homeless shelter in Amery and Grace Place in New Richmond. Served approximately 100 total. Received \$200 in donations for the food shelf.
- Parish Picnic - John Bingea has agreed to play for it. No date has been set but will be July or August at the park in Deer Park.
- Dan Johnson will continue to do our lawn mowing billing separate for the church and parsonage. Pastor is responsible for parsonage lawn mowing and snow removal.
- High speed internet - Debi made a motion to have the high speed internet connected both at the parsonage and the church. Roger will contact Nextgen for the installation. Clear Lake will pay for the initial installation for the parsonage but the monthly bills will be paid by the parish.
- A big Thank You to Arlene for cleaning the stove burners.
- Will use the list from last year for readers, greeters and counters.



Please use the following information to join us for worship and bible study.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88613652777?pwd=UlpasVhGN0g1Qnc3VDV5T0Jhci83UT09>

Meeting ID: 886 1365 2777

Passcode: 421072

### **Faith Family Church Update**

We are happy to say we were able to open our doors in June and welcome those from the Emerald congregation and Forest congregation into our new home called Faith Family Church. The church is beautiful with the updates to make this place a home for so many people. We have started the In-person and virtual worship for Anchor of Hope on Tuesday nights at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary in Emerald. If you know someone battling with an addiction (food, alcohol, drugs, etc) or someone that loves someone battling with an addiction, this is an amazing service. Honestly, this service fits pretty much anyone that wants something a little different from the traditional service; the music, message and people are great.

At Faith Family Church we finished up our carpet install and updated electricity in the past couple months. There are still a few construction projects ahead of us and we are currently working on figuring out a plan for the bell from the Forest United Methodist Church.

May 23<sup>rd</sup> was the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday we offered both virtual and in-person worship. It was great to see people both near and far.

We are currently collecting items for the mission kits for Annual Conference and will be planning Bible School for later in the summer.

We are having a re-dedication Service on June 13<sup>th</sup> if you would like to join us in dedicating the church.

## *June Birthdays*

Ronnie Kirk	6/1
Laurie Moore	6/2
Lucas Olson	6/3
Greg Wilson	6/4
Duana Bremer	6/6
Andy Blomberg, Jr.	6/7
Maya Petersen	6/9
Wyatt Reindahl	6/11
Bobbi Wilson	6/11
Eric Frank	6/12
Arlene Althoff	6/16
Mandy Sharpe	6/18
Debbie Frank	6/21
Amber Anderson	6/23
Zachary Iverson	6/27
Roger La Blanc	6/30

## *June Anniversaries*

Dave & Becky Reindahl	6/6
Allen & Ardys Warner	6/12
Robert & Rachel Zimmer	6/12
Stan & Sue Larson	6/16
Shawn & Amanda Millermon	6/21
George & Nancy Stutter	6/25

## *July Birthdays*

Todd Petersen	7/1
Makenna Phernetton	7/3
David Avery	7/5
Jordan Blanchard	7/8
Jordyn Millermon	7/9
Robert Zimmer	7/12
Dawn Cress	7/15
Jan Benson	7/15
Tyson Blanchard	7/18
Steve Keller	7/18
Nicole Pietz	7/20
Becky Reindahl	7/20
Rachel Zimmer	7/20
Terri Wilson	7/21
David Reindahl	7/23
Mark Thompson	7/25
Andy Blomberg	7/28

## *July Anniversaries*

Alpha & Heather Greene	7/9
Ben & Alison Avery	7/11
Gary & Debbie Stevens	7/14

### **Faith Family Church Announces In-Person Sunday Service in Emerald, Wisconsin.**



After over a year conducting our services on Zoom, the Faith Family UMC is cordially announcing the resumption of Sunday Services at our newly refurbished Church Building in Emerald, Wisconsin, site of the former Emerald United Methodist Church.

Over the past year we have completely updated and refurbished everything from the electrical and plumbing in the Kitchen, handicapped bathrooms, a new look to the front of the Church, new carpeting and a new lighted stained-glass backdrop for the alter. The building is fully handicapped accessible.

Services will start at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>. With the relaxation of social distancing rules, there will be no masking or distancing requirements for those who have been fully vaccinated for Covid-19. Out of security for our more vulnerable members, we will be asking that everyone show proof of Vaccination at the door. Temperatures will be taken and there will be hand sanitizer provided for all.

We are especially inviting those from the former Emerald UMC to join us in worship along with anyone else from the Emerald area who is looking for a small, family centered Church interested in outreach and fellowship with all. We are planning to have a formal rededication of the Faith Family Church in late June.



## THANK YOU!

Thank you to our Parish Treasurer, Bailey Blanchard, for this past year! You took on a task that is not always easy with grace and succeeded. We appreciate you. Thank you Don Althoff for your many years of service to the church and helping Bailey navigate this past year.

Thank you to our trustees for your hard work in the last year. I know our parsonage updates and church updates, especially in the last year were a lot. You rolled with it and kept on moving on.

Thank you to our Parish Secretary, Anitra. We appreciate all that you do for our parish and churches, which is definitely a lot this past year especially with the pandemic, new pastor just to name a few of the blessing/obstacles we had this year. You continued strong and we appreciate your hard work. Thank you.

### Vacation Bible School

August 15-18

Hosted by  
CL 1<sup>st</sup> Lutheran



### Offering

Please consider continuing your giving; offerings can be sent to:

Clear Lake--Arlene Althoff  
75 50<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Clayton, WI 54004

Faith Family—Terri Wilson  
3127 200<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Glenwood City, WI 54013

Deer Park--Janice Thompson  
110 North Street E, Deer Park, WI 54007

### Church Parish Picnic



The summer worship service/picnic is set for Sun. August 29 at the Deer Park community park. John Bingea & Mark Anderson will provide the music

When this is over,  
may we never again  
take for granted

A handshake with a stranger  
Full shelves at the store  
Conversations with neighbors  
A crowded theatre  
Friday night out  
The taste of communion  
A routine checkup  
The school rush each morning  
Coffee with a friend  
The stadium roaring  
Each deep breath  
A boring Tuesday  
Life itself.

When this ends,  
may we find  
that we have become  
more like the people  
we wanted to be  
we were called to be  
we hoped to be  
and may we stay  
that way—better  
for each other  
because of the worst.

LAURA KELLY FANUCCI

### Note of Thanks

I want to thank you for your generous donation of \$130.00 to the ambulance service.

Operating an ambulance service, especially in the days of a pandemic, is never an easy or inexpensive thing so your donation is very much appreciated!

I'm excited to say that your donation was enough for us to purchase two Glucometer kits for our first responder equipment bags. These kits allow our responders to take blood sugar readings on our patients as part of the overall vitals diagnostics.

Again, we're very appreciative of your generous donation.

*Adam D Vnuk, Director  
Clear Lake Ambulance Service*



Beloved in Christ:

On May 23, 2021, we began In-Person Worship while also maintaining Zoom Worship. It is the first time since March last year that I worshiped in a sanctuary. It was nice to meet you for the first time in person since I was appointed to Willow River Parish. Contrary to my concerns and worries, I was very grateful that most church members wore masks during the service. And another joy is that we no longer have to waste our energies on the agenda of when we open the church, but we can focus on our ministry. The Holy Spirit, who has led us, will continue to lead us.

Bishop Jung mentioned in last month's newsletter the reality the United Methodist Church is now facing. The conflict our denomination is suffering saddens all Methodists, and is a difficult issue. Some church members may have been aware of this issue, and for others, it may be the first time someone has heard of it. However, this issue has been around for quite some time. A lot of Methodists are worried and concerned about the post-separation or the post-disaffiliation. Some people are planning how to deal with this. But, I still think it is too early to worry and concern about the post-division. Due to COVID-19, the 2020 General Conference, which should have been held in 2020, has been postponed until September 2022.

I believe it is time for us to pray for each other and our denomination rather than just worry about the post-division period. Christ came to us as a reconciler and led division into unity. This is why we confess during Holy Communion that "By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to the entire world." This is the same after any decision made at 2022 General Conference. We will still be Methodists and people of God, who love God and love our neighbors. The Holy Spirit is always with us, and He accompanies us on our journey of faith. When we are discouraged, He will encourage us to rise up again and give us new strength and courage. He will also let us know what we should do then. So, before that, what we have to do is pray for our denomination. I would encourage you to hold 2022 General Conference in prayer and embrace the unity of Christ.

Your brother in Christ,  
Pastor Hakki





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**Sunday Worship**

8:30 a.m. – Deer Park    9:45 a.m. – Clear Lake

11:00 a.m. – Faith Family (also Zoom)