

THE PARISH CONNECTION

May 2022

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



Lectionary Readings

May 1st Fifth Sunday in Lent –purple

Acts 9:1-6, (7-20); Psalm 30
Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19

May 8th Palm/Passion Sunday—purple

Acts 9:36-43; Psalm 23
Revelation 7:9-17; John 10:22-30

May 15th Easter Sunday--white

Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 148
Revelation 21:1-6, John 13:31-35

May 22nd 2nd Sunday of Easter—white

Acts 16:9-15; Psalm 67
Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5
John 14:23-29 or John 5:1-9

May 29th 2nd Sunday of Easter—white

Acts 16:16-34; Psalm 97; John 17:20-26
Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

We will be honoring our graduates on Sunday, May 22nd

- Tyson Blanchard graduates from CLHS on Friday, May 20th.
- Ben Pietz graduates from Clayton HS on Saturday, May 21st.
- Maddie Thompson of Deer Park from Amery HS on Sunday, May 22nd

Prayers and Concerns

Joys— graduates, Resurrection of Christ,
Mardell turning 100

Concerns— Curly, Ron, Yvonne, Jennie,
Betty

Remembering— Family and friends of
Mike Jensen and Lucille Benoy



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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88613652777?pwd=UlpSVhGN0g1Qnc3VDV5T0Jhci83UT09>

Meeting ID: 886 1365 2777
Passcode: 421072

Looking Ahead -Summer Dates

June 12-15	Vacation Bible School
June 10-13	Annual Conference
June 23-26	Clear Lake Days

WRP Bible Study

We will begin a bible study through the month of May and maybe the first week or two of June. We will be using an online phone app, readings, chat line and then meet once per week. If that sounds good to you, please join us, but we must know so Heather can hook you up to it. It's new to me but we can work it out! Please join us for "Lord, Hear our Cry", a 30-day prayer challenge, by Jack Graham. You can do it daily on your own and meet with us Mondays @ 6:30pm when you can. But Heather needs to hear from you or let me know and I can get your info to Heather. Thanks, Diane

Mission Trip to Ashland 2022 Sunday, July 24-Saturday, July 30th (Inviting rising 7th graders--graduating Seniors)

An informational mtg will be held on May 1st at 12 pm @ Barron First UMC OR Zoom at 7 pm (Mtg ID: 7159862467; passcode: 54889)

For more info, see flyer at the back of each church.

MAY WORSHIP MINISTRIES

Clear Lake

May 1st	Reader:	John Koerper
	Acolyte/PwrPt:	Jordan Blanchard
	Coffee:	Todd & Andrea Jilek
May 8th	Reader:	Debi Ahrens
	Acolyte/PwrPt:	Ben Pietz
	Coffee:	Joan L & Dick D
May 15th	Reader:	Dawn Cress
	Acolyte/PwrPt:	Wyatt Reindahl
	Coffee:	Gail K & Dawn C
May 22nd	Reader:	Diane Blanchard
	Acolyte/PwrPt:	Ben (Scoot) Avery
	Coffee:	Pat Lillie Family
May 29th	Reader:	Andrea Jilek
	Acolyte/PwrPt:	Lily Avery
	Coffee:	Avery Family

Counters for May: Linda J and Bev K

Greeter for May: Ruth S and Jan B

Deer Park Readers

May 1st	<i>no reader</i>
May 8th	Elden Setter
May 15th	<i>no reader</i>
May 22nd	<i>no reader</i>
May 29th	<i>no reader</i>

Faith Family Readers

May 1st	Debbie Stevens
May 8th	Millermon Family
May 15th	Paul Webster
May 22nd	Heather Greene
May 29th	Penny Warner

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

Thank you

A BIG thank you to all the youth of the Willow River Parish for the wonderful Sunrise Service and breakfast they provided for us and also for the adults that helped lead the youth group and prepared the food, it was delicious. *Dawn Cress*

May Birthdays

Sheldon Simonson	5/2
Renea Boe	5/3
Mardell Anderson	5/9
Mitch Thompson	5/10
Linda Fouks	5/11
Ardys Warner	5/11
Scott Warner	5/16
Carla La Blanc	5/17
Josh Severson	5/17
Elijah Millermon	5/18
Holly Malack	5/19
Cassie Pietz	5/20
John Reed	5/22
Samantha Thaemert	5/25
Jennie Keller	5/26
Chad Lillie	5/27
Diane Pietz	5/28

May Anniversaries

Steve & Jennie Keller	5/4
Greg & Kristi Severson	5/8
John & Jewel Severson	5/13

Vacation Bible School Rocky Railway



Sunday, June 12th--
Wednesday, June 15th
United Covenant Church
6:00 pm-8:00 pm

VBS is for children ages preschool through completed 5th grade. Games, Bible study, creative activities, snacks & more! Community VBS is brought to you by the following churches: United Covenant, United Methodist, and First Lutheran (Clear Lake).

Register your children TODAY for this faith-filled, fun & FREE even. To register go to www.unitedcovchurch.org and click on REGISTER FOR VBS.

Families are invited for a Hot Dog Supper on Sunday, June 12th at 5:15 pm, followed by check-in and registration for VBS at 5:50 pm.



Ruby's Pantry distributes food at Pop-Up Pantry locations across MN & WI. There is no income or

residency requirement and for a \$20 bundle donation you will receive an abundance of groceries. One food distribution will take place May 14th in the AmTec parking lot at 241 Venture Drive Amery. This is a drive-thru distribution 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.

Another Ruby's Pantry location is: 1245 County Highway CC, New Richmond, Wisconsin 54017, which distributes on the 3rd Thursday of the Month. Registration begins at 5:00 PM. Food bundles available 5:00-7:00 PM. Hosted by: Faith Community Church. Check out their website www.rubyspantry.org to find a location and time that works for you.

UMC Special Sundays

Listed below are the remaining special Sundays for 2022. Please watch for pew cards describing the upcoming special Sunday in the worship bulletin a week before each special Sunday. Donation envelopes will be at the back of the churches.

- Native American Ministries Sunday–May 1st
- Peace with Justice Sunday-June 12th
- World Communion Sunday-October 2nd
- United Methodist Student Day Sunday- November 27th



[Discipleship Ministries | Anti-Racist Discipleship & Social Justice \(umcdiscipleship.org\)](http://umcdiscipleship.org)

Deadline for June/July Newsletter is May 24th

AAPI Heritage Month

Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month (AAPI Heritage Month) is an annual celebration that recognizes the historical and cultural contributions of individuals and groups of Asian and Pacific Islander descent to the United States. The AAPI umbrella term includes cultures from the entire Asian continent—including East, Southeast and South Asia—and the Pacific Islands of Melanesia, Micronesia and Polynesia. As of 2019, there were about 22.9 million people of Asian or Pacific Islander descent in the United States. According to the Pew Research Center, AAPI people are a diverse and growing population that make up about 7 percent of the total U.S. population. AAPI Heritage Month 2022 will take place from Sunday, May 1 to Tuesday, May 31.

Information from www.history.com

How to Celebrate AAPI Heritage Month 2022

1. Discover AAPI Art.
2. Brush Up on AAPI history.
3. Support Local AAPI-Owned Businesses.
4. Donate to Charitable Organizations.
5. Attend a Local Event During AAPI Heritage Month 2022.

Willow River Youth Group

We did another Sunrise service this year. They worked on getting to know each other, putting together a service, speaking skills, team building, etc. They did great! Thank you all that helped make this possible. Way to go Youth Group kids!



Wisconsin Annual Conference 2022 Ingathering Drop-off sites – NW District

Spoooner UMC 312 Elm St, Spooner, WI 54801 715-635-3227 spoonerumc@gmail.com Office Hours:
Mon – Thurs 9:00am – 1:00pm Please call to confirm your drop-off time

Barron - First UMC 154 Memorial Drive, Barron, WI 54812 715-537-3229 barronum@chibardun.net
Office Hours: Mon – Thurs 9:00am – 1:00pm
Please call to confirm your drop-off time

Eau Claire – Lake Street UMC 3337 Lake Street, Eau Claire, WI 54703 715-832-6603
adminsec@akestreetumc.org Office Hours: Mon & Wed 9:00am – 4:30pm Tues & Thurs 9:00am – 1:00pm Please call to confirm your drop-off time

Home Care Kit (\$20 Value)

- 2 Liquid Household Cleaners - 16-40 oz No spray bottles
- 2 Dish Soaps - 16-34 oz
- 2 Liquid Laundry Detergents - 32-64 oz
- 1 Scrub Brush - with or without handle
- 1 - 5 gal Round Bucket with resealable lid All items must be NEW & Placed in the bucket.

Personal Dignity Kit (\$15 Value)

- 1 Bath Hand Towel - No kitchen towels
- 1 Bath Washcloth - No dishcloths
- 1 Adult Toothbrush - No multi-packs
- 1 Bar Soap - 3-4 oz
- 1 Shampoo - 15-18 oz
- 1 Deodorant - 2-3 oz - stick, roll on, or pump
- 1 1-gal Resealable Plastic Bag

All items must be NEW & placed in a 1-gal resealable plastic bag—\$2 donation for razor and toothpaste (Do not include in bag)

To provide a kit without shopping or sewing, bring a monetary donation to Annual Conference or send to: Wisconsin Conference of The UMC 750 Windsor Street, Suite 104 Sun Prairie, WI 53590 Please write check to: Wisconsin Conference add "Ingathering Home Care Kit" to memo line.

[-Annual Conference - Wisconsin Conference of the UMC \(wisconsinumc.org\)](#)

[-Ingathering 2022 List](#)

You're Invited!



Mardell Anderson, Clear Lake Songbird Celebrates 100 years young! Please join us to celebrate Mardell's birthday. Sunday, May 15, 2022 1:00-4:00 open house at the Clear Lake United Methodist Church, 420 4th Avenue, Clear Lake, WI.

Deer Park UMC News

Happy Mother's Day to all the moms and grandmothers.

Congratulations to all the graduates and a special wish for our Deer Park graduate Maddie Thompson. God Bless each of you!



Your friends in Deer Park.

Send Offering to:

Janice Thompson
110 North Street E
Deer Park, WI 54007

Noisy Can—2nd Quarter to Grace Place

Clear Lake UMC News

Attention Clear Lake Members:

- Coffee before church at 10:15 am
- Food shelf donations any Sunday

CL Handbell Choir

The bell choir will be performing at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Amery for one of our ringer's baby's baptism. We will be practicing on Wed. at 7pm for the month of May. Handbells will also be performing during worship in Clear Lake on Sunday, May 22nd.

Evening Circle

Evening Circle will be meeting on Monday, May 2nd at the church at 1:30 to make pillowcases and check church kids quiet bags. Please join us, to help, visit, and or join in the fun!

Shop with Scrip

Do you like the convenience of gift cards? How about an easy gift for that hard-to-buy-for relative?

The Clear Lake UMC is starting a new fundraising campaign. It is very simple and doesn't require anyone to bake cookies, serve baked potatoes, or sell gently used items!

All you do is buy gift cards for your favorite stores and restaurants and the church earns a percentage back. There are more than 750 brands to choose from. You can do this on an App, which will be more instant, or you can order through the coordinator, Andrea Jilek.

Look for an email to all church families that details the program a little more.

Any questions, please see or call Andrea 263-2575.

Clear Lake Sunday School

Clear Lake Sunday School meets after the children's sermon during regular 11:00 am services. We also meet once a month on Wednesdays after school from 3:30-5:00 pm at the church for a fun night, lesson and supper.

April 27th we baked and mixed up snacks and cookies to sell at the Thrift Sale. All sales are going to a mission project of the students' choice.

On Wednesday, May 11th I will pick up students at 3:15 or they can be dropped off at 3:30 for our last gathering of the year. We have some fun spring activities planned and will have a special final supper together. **Thank You, questions, call Diane, 423-307-6247**

Clear Lake Heritage Days

June 23-26

The Clear Lake Church will be selling their Stuffed Baked Potatoes on Saturday of CL Heritage Days, June 26th. We begin selling at 10 am and will continue through the parade and after. We will need lots of help, prep, set up, serving in the kitchen and outside and clean up. We will follow some new guidelines and serve all outside as of what we know now. Please set part of this day aside to help out, this is a big fundraiser for our church.

MOTHER'S LOVE

Her love is like an island
In life's ocean, vast and wide,
A peaceful, quiet shelter
From the wind, and rain and tide.
'Tis bound on the north by Hope,
By Patience on the west,
By tender Counsel on the south,
And on the east by Rest
Above it like a beacon light
Shine faith, and truth, and prayer;
And through the changing scenes of life,
I find a haven there.

-Author Unknown.

Clear Lake Ad C Highlights

Old Business:

1. Coffee is going well. Just a reminder for all, coffee is served before church at 10:15.
2. Facebook page
 - Gail is home and ready to work on the page. She still need updates (pictures etc.) from the groups in the church (youth, Sunday School, UMW, etc).
 - Also need to appoint someone from each church to have access to the page so it can be updated as needed.
3. Computer
 - we are still working on purchasing a computer. It may be more expensive than first thought.
 - Motion was made by Diane and 2nd by Don to spend what is required for the computer. Motion approved.

New Business:

1. Sunday School: Diane is planning a year-end celebration. Details to be posted soon.
2. Need to get prayer concerns to Anitra
3. Special Sunday for our graduating seniors - to be determined.

Next meeting May 4 @ 4:00 pm.

Clear Lake March Financial Report

Income: \$4,063

Expenses: \$5,126

-\$1,062

UMW Minutes 4/13/22

9 Present Purpose Read Joan President

Roll Call-each member was given an egg with a Scripture and item about Holy Week to read and Show.

Sec. Report Read accepted

Treasurers Report-\$580.00 \$100 to Legacy Fund, \$25 to NW Dist.for Afganistan Refugees,\$75 for Message for Deb for the hard work she did for Christmas for Children. \$108 moved to give Linda for stamps.

OLD BUSINESS:

THRIFT SALE by Linda Workers WED. Stacia & Paula, 5:00 Joan, Deb, Linda, Stacia Thur. 9-5 Linda take money, 9-12 Stacia, 12 Joan Friday 9-5 Linda Take money, 11-2 Jan, Pack Linda, Deb Will be calling for more helpers. Sat. Elaine picks up left overs 10:00 helpers, Pat Lillie, John Koerper

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Food training info. on clip board.
2. Letter from Barb Bender.
3. Zoom Spring Enrichment report by Ruth.
4. New paper "Catch the Vision" mag.
5. National Mission: children's food needs, teach them how to grow and eat proper food. Seeds wanted, Kale, Malabar Spinach, Collard, Amaranth, Sent by Joan \$17.
6. UMW Changes 2022: New name, United Women In Faith, New Purpose, New Mission Statement, Rulea made Nationally.
7. Ad Council Input: Prayer Garden Committee: Dawn, Joan, Diane, Gail, Deb. Bird baths donated. Start small around tree. Theme "Rest and be Thankful"
8. Deb will be Sec. at May 4 meeting for Jennie.
9. Mardell Anderson's 100th Birthday Party, May 15, 1-4 church basement. Stacia

Submitted by Linda Jurisch

Send Offering to:

Arlene Althoff
75 50th Avenue
Clayton, WI 54004

Noisy Can—2nd Quarter-TBD

Pastor's Pen

Beloved, thank you so much for your prayers for my family and me. With your prayers, we have recovered from Covid; however, we still feel tired though. My wife and I got boosted and were the ones who had continued to wear masks during the pandemic. It seemed that the Covid cases were decreasing, and the overall social atmosphere was preparing for endemic, so I decided that it would be okay to take off the mask. However, only two weeks after I decided to live without a mask, I tested positive for Covid.

When I first felt a sore throat, I thought it was just a cold. At home, I wore a mask for my family though. While I was going to the hospital to get an accurate test, I prayed to the Lord that my symptoms would be negative for Covid. While waiting for the results, I prayed to the Lord that even if I would be positive, I wouldn't spread the germs to my family. Unfortunately, I tested positive, and my family started showing symptoms of the virus. When my son's temperature stayed close to about 103-104 degrees for two days, all we could do for him was give him Tylenol syrup while praying for the fever to go down. We were so upset. If you have children, you could understand and empathize how we felt. I can't count how much I prayed to God at the time.

From my experience, Omicron seemed superficially similar to cold or flu symptoms. However, Covid has long aftereffects, and in the case of the elderly and patients, the symptoms may sometimes cause complications.

Friends, the pain due to Covid that my family and I have gone through is a reminder that we are all still in the midst of a pandemic. I also know that we are all already so exhausted from the long pandemic. To be honest, no one wants to wear a mask because wearing a mask is uncomfortable and we have to smell bad breath ourselves.

I'm not writing this to tell you about masks. But, as your pastor, I want you all to be physically and spiritually healthy. I sincerely hope that you are all in good health, and I pray that you won't get Covid. We've come a long way towards endemic. I think we are not far from endemic. Until the day when Covid comes to an end, stay safe and get through this hard period wisely and healthy.

Love, Pastor Hakki

Faith Family Church News:

Join us for coffee and fellowship after church



Stewardship

God calls us to be good stewards of all we are given – creation, relationships, our bodies, our talents, money and other material gifts of all sort. Ideas and resources to support your stewardship efforts are here with a special emphasis on financial stewardship and the message that “together we do more.”



**THANK YOU TROBBY KANDALA FOR PRESENTING YOUR AGRICULTURAL MINISTRY ON ZOOM. **

*** Thank you, thank you, thank you, thank you for thinking of me on my birthday! — Michael Clark



ANCHOR OF HOPE RECOVERY MINISTRY is a worship service for individuals that have been impacted by addiction and are seeking recovery through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Anchor of Hope hosts services on Thursday evenings at 5 PM at the Faith Family Church, as well as through Zoom.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83094771703?pwd=OJFjc0ZxT3A3eVYwUjVAvbDRRenRoQT09>

Meeting ID: 830 9477 1703

Passcode: 781739

Our website can be found at

<https://anchorofhopeemerald.wixsite.com/my-site>

and our email address is

anchorofhopeemerald@gmail.com

Anchor of Hope believes that we are all in recovery, as we all face struggles that we need to seek the Lord's help with. Since beginning services in March of 2021, we have had speakers discuss addiction to drugs/alcohol, abusive relationships, anxiety, depression, and grief. We would love for you to join us and spread the word about this recovery ministry. If you are in need of assistance, there are some additional resources that may be helpful to you:

Crisis Lines

NAMI Helpline: 800-950-6264

National Suicide Prevention Hotline: 800-273-8255

Northwest Connections: 888-552-6642.

Treatment Facilities

Burkwood Treatment Center: 866-497-1976

MN Adult & Teen Challenge: 612-373-3366.

Programs for Change

Amery Behavioral Health: 715-268-0060

Westfields Hospital & Clinic: 715-243-2900

Hudson Hospital & Clinic: 715-531-6755.



[Boyceville Food Harvest Ministry \(facebook.com\)](https://www.facebook.com/BoycevilleFoodHarvestMinistry)

FAITH FAMILY AD. BOARD HIGHLIGHTS:

April 21, 2022

Present: Pastor Hakki, Paul Webster, Dennis and Joyce Petersen. Cindy Warner, Heather Greene, and Penny Warner

1. Covid Safety Precautions: Encourage all to wear masks during our church functions. People will continue to use social distancing during coffee hour. Please make sure that someone takes charge of shutting off the coffee maker and cleaning up the cups, etc.

2. Mission Projects.

A. Mission trip for youth sponsored by the Turtle Lake Methodist Church. Possibly planned for ages 7 – 12 grade. Pastor Hakki will look into this further.

B. Virtual Mission Trip. April 28th at 9:00 a.m.

This will include Trobby's mission. Paul will send out a poster with more information. Pastor Hakki will send to all three churches.

C. Community Mission trip. Dennis and Joyce have given her a microwave. Her front steps need to be fixed. We will look into this further.

3. Newsletter Updates: Newsletter items need to be sent to Anitra with the subject NEWSLETTER

4. Bell (pending): Doug is working on a design.

5. Annual conference: Dawn and Heather are the Lay People. Heather cannot go, so we will need to see if there is an alternative.

6. Emerald Community Events: Children took part in Emerald festivities.

7. Bible school: We have not heard are made any plans yet.

8. Treasurer's Report: Tabled until next month.

9. Pastoral update: Pastor is planning to have a 1 week vacation in Mid-May. He will miss one Sunday. Pastor will confirm his dates of vacation and contact an individual to lead us in face to face service, barring any COVID problems.

10. Any other business: Pastor is planning to have a Holy Communion Sunday before his vacation. He will use the individual covid kits.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:20.

FAITH FAMILY SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Our Sunday school kids spent time doing the [Emerald Community](#) Easter Egg Hunt. We also had a group of older kids help with set up! The Community had about 80 kids participate. There were numerous bikes donated for all ages and 50 baskets were drawn as prizes for those in attendance. It was a great day and even had a sensory area set up for those that needed a space away from everyone else. We look forward to helping the community in many more ways throughout the year.



CHECK US OUT ON FACEBOOK:

[Faith Family Church | Facebook](#)

Noisy Cans--2nd Quarter to Autism Research

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



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CLEAR LAKE, DEER PARK, FAITH FAMILY
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CLEAR LAKE, WI. 54005-0269

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Amanda Millermon, Parish Treasurer
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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 @ Clear Lake and Faith Family

Sundays after Young People's time @ CL

Sundays after worship @ Faith Family