

THE PARISH CONNECTION

November 2018

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

Readings for November

November 4, 2018 [Green]
24th Sunday after Pentecost
Ruth 1:1-18; Psalm 146:1-10
Hebrews 9:11-14; Mark 12:28-34

November 11, 2018 [Green]
25th Sunday after Pentecost
Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17; Psalm 127
Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44

November 18, 2018 [Green]
26th Sunday after Pentecost
1 Samuel 1:4-20; 1 Samuel 2:1-10
Hebrews 10:11-14(14-18) 19-25; Mark 13:1-8

November 25, 2018 [White]
Christ the King Sunday
2 Samuel 23:1-7; Psalm 132:1-12
Revelation 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37

Worship Help is Needed...

If you will be worshipping in your home church this Christmas, we could use your help! While Pastor John will lead the services, we are in need of folks to be readers, acolytes & PowerPoint operators for our Christmas Eve worship services. Also, we're looking for individuals, couples or families to light the Advent Wreath on the four Sundays before Christmas as well as on Christmas Eve. Please help. Let Pastor John know if you can help.

Coffee/Greeter & Counters

Lists will be made for 2019. If there are days/months you are not available, please contact Linda Jurisch @ 715-263-2288 or LAW413@cltcomm.net. Also, always remember to get someone in your place if you cannot make it. Thanks.

Cookie Sale coming up... December 14th (Details next month)



Joys— Our Bell Choir, the beautiful fall colors, giving thanks, time with families
Concerns— Craig Longfellow, Troy Elmer, Brian Pietz, Bill, Diana, travel mercies during the holidays, Hurricane Michael victims
Remembering—family and friends of Donna Swanson and Norma Reed

NOVEMBER WORSHIP MINISTRIES

Clear Lake

Nov 4th **Reader:** Alison Blanchard
 Acolyte: Trent Avery
 PwrPt: Brittany Avery
Greeter/Coffee: Ben and Ali Avery Family

Nov 11th **Reader:** Debi Ahrens
 Acolyte: Ben Pietz
 PwrPt: Peyton Lillie
Greeter/Coffee: Pat Lillie Family

Nov 18th **Reader:** Diane Blanchard
 Acolyte: Tyson Blanchard
 PwrPt: Bailey Blanchard
Greeter/Coffee: Roger and Carla La Blanc

Nov 25th **Reader:** Andrea Jilek
 Acolyte: Wyatt Reindahl
 PwrPt: Ivan Ruble
Greeter/Coffee: Todd and Andrea Jilek

Counters for November: Bev Klatt & Dawn Cress

Deer Park Readers

Nov 4th *no reader*
 Nov 11th Elden Setter
 Nov 18th *no reader*
 Nov 25th *no reader*

Forest Readers & Coffee

Nov 4th Tracey Petersen
 Nov 11th Heather Greene
 Nov 18th Terri Wilson
 Nov 25th Cindy Warner



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

Dates to Remember

Nov 3 10:00 Charge Conference @ New
 Richmond UMC

Nov 4 Northwoods Chili Feed; 11-2

Nov 5 Circuit 10 @ NR, 7 pm

Nov 14 1st Lutheran Smorgasbord; 11-1; 4-8

Nov 21 CL Thanksgiving Service
 United Covenant Church, 7pm

Nov 25 Rosette Making Sunday

Dec. 14 CL Cookie Sale

**The December/January Newsletter
 Deadline is November 20th
 Thank You!**



Food distribution will take place on November 10th at the Congregational Church in Amery. Please bring a \$20 donation and a container to bring the food products home in. Guests may arrive as early as 7:30 am; food distribution begins at 9:00 am. For more information call: 715-268-7390 or email: office.ameryucc@gmail.com

Smorgasbord

The Clear Lake First Lutheran Church smorgasbord will be Wednesday, November 14th from 11 am-1 pm and 4 pm to 8 pm. The menu includes: Torsk, Swedish Meatballs, Potatis Kaiv, Potatoes, Cheese, Deviled Eggs, Jello Salad, Swedish Brown Beans, Cranberries, Frugt Suppe, Rice Pudding, Krum Kake, Rommegrot, Lefse, Rye Bread, Rolls, Scandinavian Delicacies, and Beverages. The cost is \$15.00 for adults, \$8.00 for children ages 6-12 and children age 5 and under eat free. There will also be a bake sale, basket raffle and general raffle.

REMINDER—WAPO Dinner Theater

Thursday, November 29th: Wapo Dinner Theater presents. "Best Christmas Ever!" Appetizers at 5:00. Play begins at 6:00. Eleven are signed up to attend. We will sit together. Tell the person who registers you that you are with the Clear Lake Methodist Church.

It's good to get there at 4:45 to park. People attending include: Ron and Linda Jurisch, Ruth Severson, Pastor John, Don and Arlene Althoff, Bev Klatt, Jan Benson, Betty Rake, LaVohn Josten, and Richard Smiley.



Rosette Making Sunday

We will be making rosettes immediately after church service on **November 25th**. We would love to teach some new people how to make rosettes. Men can also learn—Clayton Wood was one of our BEST!

Church Sign Theology

The light of the world knows no power failure.

The outlook is gloomy, but the uplook is glorious!

Most people wish to serve God, but only in an advisory capacity.

Need an expert's opinion? Pray.

You might not like me, but Jesus thinks I'm to die for.

Celebrate God's green earth: Reduce, reuse, recycle, rejoice!

What if we're right?

Bell Choir

Bell practice is Wednesday nights at 7:00. We are playing for the Thanksgiving service the Wednesday before Thanksgiving.

UMW Membership

ALL lady members of Clear Lake UMC will be called in November or December to see if you are interested in joining UMW (afternoon circle, evening circle, or BOTH). The yearly membership fee is \$12.00. Your name will be added to the list if you choose to join.

Sing-A-Long at the Willow Ridge Healthcare Facility

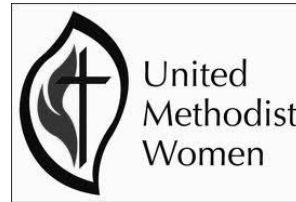
Members from the Clear Lake Methodist church had a sing-a-long at Willow Ridge Healthcare facility on October 1st. We had an enjoyable time singing old songs with the residents. Much thanks to those who came, and also to the part-time activity director who joined in with us!



Pictured left to right: Linda Jurisch, Pastor John Hazen, Jean--activity director, Don & Arlene Althoff



The residents loved the pumpkin bars!



Six members attended the UMW meeting on October 10th--Bernice, Arlene, Grace, Joan, Ruth, Catherine
We opened the

meeting with Our Purpose, Roll call with Scripture no Sec. Report
Treasurer:\$721.66 Approved

New Business

1. Fall gathering @ Siren attended by Joan and Bernice. Charity: Sal. Army/Faith House \$575 donations, thank you from Duana Bremer. Morning offering \$692. Pledges to Mission for 2019 were presented. Deaconess Judy Vasby, was the speaker.
2. Joan gave highlights of meeting, need some Dist. Officers. UMW 150 Years Celebration will be held in Eau Claire in March 2019. Each unit is to have something to share.
3. Joan purchased program book \$10 & Thinking of You cards \$20 and was reimbursed
4. 10-21 will be UMW Mission Presentation Sunday. John and Stacia Koerper will receive the awards. Dawn Cress will present them with their pins.
5. Donna Swanson's Funeral served 33.
6. Willow Ridge Sing-a-Long: 4 attended, Linda, Don, Arlene, Pastor John. Pumpkin Bars and coffee served.
7. Paul Webster will be leaving Mujila Falls Ag. Center, which he and Roxanne started in Africa, and has been appointed to the General Board of Global Ministries.(GBGM) Congrats Paul.
8. Coffee Serving list was discussed. Do a signup sheet? Take a month at a time? Leave as is? Do none?
9. Joan program readings: "Age With Wisdom" & Beauty

Northwoods Homeless Shelters 18th Annual Chili Feed

Northwoods Homeless Shelters' 18th Annual Chili Feed will be held on Sunday, November 4th from 11-2 at the St. Joseph Catholic Church on Highway 46 in Amery. Free Will offering.

CHRISTMAS FOR CHILDREN

The Clear Lake United Methodist Church will be sponsoring a "Christmas for Children" drive again this year to provide gifts for area children who otherwise may not receive gifts at Christmastime. "Christmas for Children" is designed to reach more needs of our local community. We are coming up on our 25th year and are so grateful for all of the support that we have received from everyone.

Anyone wishing to donate items to the "Christmas for Children" drive can do so by leaving them at **True Value Hardware or Huntington Bank from November 5, 2018 through December 15, 2018. Also check for barrels at your Church.**

Suggestions are toys, watches, games, jewelry, videos, DVDs (nothing higher than PG-13 please) appropriate Music CDs, books, etc. Please do not wrap your gifts. Donations of wrapping paper are also welcome. Monetary donations for the purpose of gifts should be mailed to United Methodist Church c/o Carla LaBlanc 36 South Ave E Clear Lake, WI 54005.

All gifts will be given to children ages 0- 18 in the Clear Lake School District Area.

If you are in need of gifts for your children or if you know of other families in the Clear Lake School District area who are in need of Christmas gifts for their children, we would like to hear from you. Call Carla LaBlanc at 715-263-2034 (if no answer, please leave a message). All names will be kept strictly confidential.

We hope to make this "Christmas for Children" a great success and in order to do so, we need your help. As in the past, we thank you for your support.

Christmas for Children

United Methodist Church

Happy Birthday!

Janel Belle Isle	11/04
Chris Wilson	11/05
Missy Severson	11/06
Marissa Couch	11/09
Kennedy Reed	11/10
Benjamin Kirk	11/11
Dillon Thompson	11/13
Duane Simonson	11/14
Jessica Olson	11/15
Ed Burri	11/19
Heather Greene	11/19
Kristen Ahrens	11/21
Lee Balcerek	11/22
Chant LaBlanc	11/22
Janice Thompson	11/22
Alaina Rivard	11/23
Alison Avery	11/24
Deena Danielson	11/25
Carter Wilson	11/26
Kathy Moore	11/27
Heidi Olson	11/28
Gary Stevens	11/29
Pattie Thompson	11/30

Anniversaries

Wayne & Mary Jo Ailts	11/24
James & Linda Fouks	11/24



Clear Lake's Ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve Service is Wed., November 21st at 7:00 pm at the United Covenant Church. Everyone's invited.

Please, bring a non-perishable food item for the Lifeline Food Pantry. 90% of our offering will also go to Lifeline Food Pantry.

(The remainder to our Ministerial Association.)

Pastor's Pen

"Whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wished to be first among you must be slave of all." Mark 10:43-44

We are approaching the holidays—Thanksgiving and Christmas. It is a time of family and friends. It is a time of giving and receiving. As Christians, I feel we need to focus more on the giving than the receiving. It is great to receive a well-thought out gift, but it is even better to give a well-thought out gift. It is better to just give.

Jesus is in the giving business. He gave many better health through healing. He gave over 4,000 people food through the loaves and fish. He gave God's love through everything He did and said. He ultimately gave us salvation through His death and resurrection. Jesus is in the giving business. It is His example we need to follow: It is better to give than to receive.

Jesus says that in order to become great we must be a servant. That might not sit well with us. That would be because we as human beings never look at serving too well. We would much rather be served. We would much rather be the object of someone else's attention. That is not the way of the Christian. We, as Christians, are called to a life of service. We are to serve our neighbors and our friends. We are to serve those we do not know.

At Thanksgiving and Christmas, let us think of those we can serve. We can serve other children and their families through the "Christmas for Kids" program. We can make Christmas time a little brighter for others through that program. We can find places that serve Thanksgiving or Christmas dinners and we can volunteer our time. If we can't find that, there are other organizations for which we can volunteer.

There was a scene in the television show "The Waltons" where a charity was giving toys to children. However, the children had to recite a Bible verse to get the toy. I thought, "God's love is free. There are no strings attached." We should freely give of our time and money to help others. Jesus freely gave God's love—no strings attached.

Let us remember to share the love of God with whomever we meet in this world. Let us remember to share that love cheerfully. It is that love that bears us up, and it is that love that will bear others up, as well.

With God's love,

Pastor John

THANK YOU!

A BIG Thank you for a successful thrift sale! We made \$1,200. One of our BEST! I love being chairman of the thrift sale! It's probably the easiest I could have picked! The members do it all! They bring in great items to sell, arrange things, work on sale days, **buy items** themselves, provide a meal, pack up, and deliver to St. Vincent's and homeless shelters.

Church School makes goodies for a mission they choose. We all unite and have fun! Plus add money to our general fund! Start saving "stuff" for the April thrift sale! Let's make \$1,300. We can do it!

Chairman, Linda Jurisch



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Sunday Worship

8:30 a.m. – Forest 9:45 a.m. – Deer Park
11:00 a.m. – Clear Lake

Church School

6:00 p.m. Wednesdays @ Clear Lake; Meal at 5:30
8:30 a.m. Sundays @ Forest