

THE PARISH CONNECTION

November 2022

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

Lectionary Readings

November 6, 2022

22nd Sunday after Pentecost (Green)

Haggai 1:15b-2:9; Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21 (UM857)

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17; Luke 20:27-38

November 13, 2022

23rd Sunday after Pentecost (Green)

Isaiah 65:17-25; 1 Isaiah 12

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13; Luke 21:5-19

November 20, 2022

Reign of Christ/Christ the King Sunday (White)

Jeremiah 23:1-6; Luke 1:68-79

Colossians 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43

November 27, 2022

1st Sunday of Advent (Purple)

United Methodist Student Sunday

Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122 (UM845)

Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:36-44

IN OUR PRAYERS

Joys— kids, birthdays, Fun day School, district youth event, nice weather, charge conference

Concerns— people with cancer, Ron, Don, Jim, Vic, McKenna, North & South Korea, Ukraine

Remembering—Family and friends of Bruce Johnson

WRP Bible Study The WRP bible study is being held on Wed. at 6pm via Zoom, same as church services. We are doing **The Red Sea Rules**, contact Diane or Heather if you are interested in joining us or just sign in.

Thank you Paul Webster, Alpha Greene, Jack Starr and Tony Hill for your Service to our Church so Pastor could have a vacation.



United Methodist Student Day is Nov. 27th.

Please watch for pew cards describing the upcoming special Sunday in the worship bulletin a week in advance. Donation envelopes will be at the back of the churches.

Clear Lake Community Ecumenical

Thanksgiving Eve Service will be held on Wednesday, November 23rd at First Lutheran Church @ 7:00 pm. The Handbell choir will be playing.

Poinsettias can be ordered from Nilssen's Market. single-\$8.99 red, pink, white; double-\$19.99 red, pink, white. Orders and payment must be turned in by Nov 20th. Look for order forms in upcoming bulletins.

Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, November 6th. Please remember to set your clocks back one hour on Saturday night before you go to bed.

Willow River Parish Charge Conference

Tuesday, October 11, 2022 @ CLUMC

Presiding: Pastor Barb Certa-Warner

Pastor Barb opened the meeting with prayer then shared a video from Bishop Jung for the 2022 charge conference meetings-Radical Inclusion and Racial Justice. Barb then shared some thoughts from #BeUMC, it's a resource Pastor and all of us can access. She shared some reflections on Grace, the hymn Amazing Grace, a scripture from Ephesians and a piece from one of John Wesley's sermons. How grace filled and blessed our days are!

Barb pointed out the Safe Sanctuaries Policy in our white packet that each church has a copy of. She also shared that the United Methodist Church was helping with the Boy Scouts Survivor Fund, our Wisconsin Conference pledge and the overall pledge from the UMC.

Pastor Barb asked us all to share about our church's life and ministry the past year. Christmas for Children with Lifeline Food Shelf assistance.

(Pastor Barb suggested sending a devotional in each box)

Thrift sales each spring and fall.

Horsing Around Days in Emerald, continuing to make community connections.

Our youth group is meeting monthly.

Youth attended the first District event Oct. 8.

Zoom Bible Study continues with all 3 churches since 2020

Moving on to Membership Audit Report and Care of Members lists for all 3 churches were approved.

Pastor Barb shared that our conference supports over 650 retired ministers and their spouses with benefits. She also suggested that we keep copies of our membership lists in at least 3 places, not just one book. We also questioned if it could be kept in the computer under our Power Church Program. Pastor Hakki can look into that.

All 3 churches approved their leadership lists. Pastor Barb would like Pastor Hakki to contact her in January to discuss going to an Alternative Leadership Board that would benefit all 3 of our smaller churches.

Pastors's Compensation Report was approved as was the Resolution on Accountable Reimbursement Plan. There was a concern about the compensation getting quite high for our three small churches and Pastor Barb says that it needs to be discussed in August when it first comes out before we get to a charge conference setting. The resolution on Parsonage Furnishings allowance was approved, this is needed for the IRS for Pastor Hakki.

Faith Family questioned why they were still listed as Forest when they have done all the work to get it officially changed.

We voted on approving our Lay Servants Dawn Cress and Heather Green, Paul motioned and Debbie seconded the motion, motion approved.

Pastor Barb went back and commented some more on our financial concerns for our three small churches. She asked us to question ourselves, "What are our missional goals for our parish and each church?" She also said to not look at it out of fear but what we should be doing and needing to make disciples. She cannot say what we should do, realignment and or different amount of time for pastoral leadership. She said we should always be comfortable in asking if apportionments have been figured out correctly and asking if we need a reduction. She suggested we have open, honest, soft and sometimes blunt conversations about this journey we are on together, being sure to make the journey together in a loving manner. She used something she remembered Bishop Jung saying at his first Bishop's Day Apart gathering. If you think from a perspective of scarcity you are coming from a feeling of fear, but if you come from a perspective of abundance you are open and expectant.

Pastor Hakki closed in prayer.

****Before the meeting began Pastor Barb pointed out two points Clear Lake needs to change/fix on their Trustees report. We do have the Safe Sanctuary Policy-that should say Yes. The other is, Do our deeds have a trust Clause? Those two lines need to be filled out.**

Willow River Parish College Boxes: The youth will pack college boxes on Sunday, Dec. 4th at 6 pm at the CL Church basement. If you have a college student be sure their address is turned in to Diane, Jan T or Heather before that date. Each church will collect items for the boxes. All sorts of individually wrapped snacks and goodies are appreciated by the students during their finals. Hot cocoa and Hot cider packs, micro popcorn, granola bars, cheese and crackers, candy, gum, Christmas candies, all are welcome and appreciated!

Hanging of the Greens will be celebrated at all three churches on Nov. 27th, Clear Lake will incorporate into the service.

November Birthdays

Missy Severson	11/06
Alpha Greene	11/08
Kennedy Reed	11/10
Dillon Thompson	11/13
Ben Boe	11/14
Duane Simonson	11/14
Jessica Olson	11/15
Heather Greene	11/19
Hank Hurtgen	11/19
Janice Thompson	11/22
Alison Avery	11/24
Deena Danielson	11/25
Kathy Moore	11/27
Heidi Olson	11/28
Gary Stevens	11/29
Pattie Thompson	11/30

November Anniversaries

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

Zoom: Please use the following information to join us Sundays for worship at 9:45 a.m.
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88613652777?pwd=Ulp aSVhGN0g1Qnc3VDV5T0Jhci83UT09>

Meeting ID: 886 1365 2777
Passcode: 421072

WRP Youth: Youth are planning a Feed My Starving Children event for the month of November. Watch for the information!

NOVEMBER WORSHIP MINISTRIES

Clear Lake

Nov 6th Reader: John K
Acolyte/PwrPt: Oliver Wood
Brunch: Gail K & Camilla P
Nov 13th Reader: Diane B
Acolyte/PwrPt: Lily Avery
Coffee: Ruth S & Jan B
Nov 20th Reader: Dawn C
Acolyte/PwrPt: Wyatt Reindahl
Coffee: Betty R
Nov 27th Reader: Debi A
Acolyte/PwrPt: Jordan Blanchard
Coffee: Jennie K

Counters for November: Linda J & Catherine B

Faith Family

Nov 6th Heather Greene
Nov 13th Penny Warner
Nov 20th Liz Larson
Nov 27th Cindy Warner

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 **November 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.

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.

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

Pastor's Pen: Beloved: After a 13-hour flight, I reunited with Esther and Evan in Korea after a month and a half. It's been a year since I've been at my parents' home. In Wisconsin, I have already seen snow three times before my vacation, but it was nice to be able to enjoy the colorful Fall again in Korea. Evan has grown so much in the six weeks. The number of words he can speak has increased considerably and he now expresses short sentences. There is a hot spring near my parents' home, so my dad and I had time to bathe in the hot spring, sharing about his ministry and mine. As my dad and I are ministering, it is good and I am grateful that we can deeply empathize and understand each other. And on the first Sunday in Korea, my family and I joined in the worship service at the church my father serves.



On this vacation, my parents and my family visited my grandmother's house (my mom's hometown) of Gwang-ju city, which is about six hours from Seoul, and stayed there for two days. My grandmother is 87 years

old in Korean age, and thankfully she is healthy. When I was a kid, I used to go to her house once or twice a year at every summer break and played catching frogs in the farms with my cousins. I will never forget my grandmother's smile when she saw her great-grandson in-person for the first time. My family and I are having a happy time here enjoying the taste and fun of hometown, and we often think of you. I hope and pray that you will stay healthy and well in Christ.

In Christ, Pastor Hakki



Deadline for Dec/Jan Newsletter is Nov. 26th

Deer Park UMC News:

As I write this, it is a beautiful, nice warm fall day. The beauty of the earth !!! Has it ever been more vibrant than the last few weeks ? Happy November everyone. The Fall bible study has begun, it is nice to reunite with the participants that we have not been with for a few months. I appreciate the leaders giving of their time to study and teach God's word.

The Charge Conference is completed for another year. All three churches were represented and it went well. Thanks to the volunteers for the snacks; it was appreciated.

We are thankful to have our downstairs nearly completed as far as general cleaning, painting, scrubbing, and disposing of old things no longer needed. The man and wife did an excellent job; an added benefit was the wife donated the funds to her mother and five family members that live in a foreign country. They are very needy along with health issues. God bless them for their loving, generous hearts.

Prayers for Pastor Hakki and his family that they have a nice vacation and a safe trip home; a mild winter; safe hunting season; and peace in our hearts, homes, communities and the world. Our sympathy to Linda and Pete on the passing of their brother Douglas.

Happy Thanksgiving everyone!

From your Friends in Deer Park.

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

Noisy Can--Fourth Quarter to Grace Place

Clear Lake UMC News

- Coffee after church
- Potluck-1st Sunday of each Month after church.
- Food shelf donations any Sunday
- SPECIAL GIVING OFFERING THIS MONTH

Send Offering to: Arlene Althoff, 75 50th Avenue, Clayton, WI 54004

Clear Lake Church Cancellations: Winter is fast approaching; in the event of bad weather, please contact Roger Blanchard 715-263-2690 to find out if worship services are canceled.

Bell Choir: Meets at 7pm on Wed. at CL. They will be playing for the Community Thanksgiving Service. Watch for information on a Christmas Date.

Clear Lake Oct. Ad. Co. Highlights

Old Business:

- Parsonage floor in the kitchen and entryway will be replaced while Pastor and his family are in Korea.
- Parsonage gardening and the front of the church bushes need attention.
- The Fall Thrift sale was a success and brought in \$1,016.00 , 10% will go to Christmas for Children. Sunday School baked goods brought in \$136.00.
- Upstairs exit and bell tower update is still pending.
- Annual Charge Conference papers due.
- Dawn put together a Giving Letter to be sent to all members for help in the month of November.
- Sunday School is now on Wednesday's from 3:15-4:30pm and once a month going until 6:00pm.
- Fourth quarter noisy can will be going to Christmas for Children.

New Business:

- Arlene and Don were thanked for their many years of service in our church as treasurer. Josie was welcomed as our new treasurer along with Justin who will assist her.
- Stewardship letter will be tabled until the next meeting.
- Donating picnic table to Clear Lake Park.
- Clear Lake Elementary is holding a Trunk and Treat event on 10-29-22.
- Community Thanksgiving Service will be held at the First Lutheran Church this year on 11-23-22 at 7pm. Our bell choir will be playing.
- Discussion was had and a decision was made to not do a meal for Gold and Silver.

- Hanging of the Greens is Sunday, November 27th
- Our annual Cookie and Baked Potato Sale will be held 12-9-22 from 4pm-7pm(or until out), curbside only again.
- Recommending one service via Zoom at 10:00am on Christmas day. Pastor will have a Christmas Eve Service at each church.
- Hurricane Relief website
- Pastor's coverage while on vacation and procedures and COVID precautions upon his return.
- Snow removal for church

Next meeting November 16, 2022 at 4:00.

4th Quarter Noisy Can—Christmas for Children

METHODIST THRIFT SALE: The sales we have at the end of April and Sept. not only help our church but does Mission help for others. This Sept. our profit was \$1,016. The Church School made \$136. We donated all the leftover Christmas Items to the Clear Lake Community Thrift Store.

We gave items to the Homeless Shelter, Grace Place in New Richmond. The upcoming new Polk-Barron County Homeless Shelter got all our old dishes plus more kitchen items from our sale. The Clear Lake Covenant Church got all our T shirts to make jump ropes to send to Africa. Elaine Schachtner got the rest of our items for her FREE thrift sale to help others. Our goal is to help as many people as possible. Thanks to all our church members who donated and helped with the sale. We couldn't do it without YOU!!!

Betty Rake and Linda Jurisch will be Co Chairmen for future sales. Start filling totes for April 27& 28th THINK SPRING!!!

Clear Lake Midweek School: On November 2nd, we will deliver our mission purchases to the Family Shelter. We will eat out on our way home if each student could bring money for McDonald's. November 9th and the 30th will be 3:15 to 5:00. On Wed. Nov. 16th we will have our Thanksgiving dinner together till 6pm. We will not be meeting on Wed. Nov. 23rd as there is a Community Service for all at the First Lutheran Church.

Clear Lake Christmas Cookie and Stuffed Baked Potato Sale: Friday December 9th from 4-7pm--**Curbside only** again this year. All church family members please donate 6 dozen Christmas Cookies. Workers needed, watch for sign up sheets back of church or contact Debi Ahrens at 715-441-5477

UMW October Minutes: Meeting at Somethin's Brewin' Coffee Shop; 12:00 Lunch 12:30 Meeting; 10 present; Program Changing. United Women in Faith as of 2023!!!

Fall Meeting at Barron 32 people. 2017-2018 203 UMW Units in WI 2020 185 units.

Joan Sang "Amazing Grace" with changed lyrics for changing times.

Barbara Certa Werner's Husband, Joel, spoke. He was a past Minister at Superior. \$800 collected, we gave \$200! 6 or 7 years ago a farmer donated a large area of land to Midwest Mission District Center. From Jan. to June they send out items like flood buckets, personal and cleaning items, bikes and much more. It goes to US states. 130 domestic and 29 overseas. 3.5 million in aid. We should start a drive to get items, maybe sewing machines or bikes.

Treasurers Report: \$1,810.56 Thanks you from Midwest Mission, Curly Danielson family, Pastor Hakki, Mardell Anderson family, Doug Kruger family. NOVEMBER 9 MEETING AT RIDGEVIEW APTS 2:00 POT LUCK DEC 14 CHRISTMAS PARTY AT BETTY RAKE'S HOME 12:00 POT LUCK

Shop with RaiseRight (formerly Scrip): Do you like the convenience of gift cards? How about an easy gift for that hard-to-buy-for relative?

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.

To ensure we get the cards in time for the holidays, please place your order by Nov 15, 2022. If you want Nilssen's cards, you can order them at any time.

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

Dorcas Piecemakers : Our Circle group will be meeting the first and third Mondays of November. We began a new project, making bibs for the nursing homes and will be continuing to make pillow cases for the shelters. We will be meeting on the 7th and 21st at 1:30-3:30 at the church. All are welcome, we need cutters, ironers, sewers, matchers and we get a nice opportunity to visit while we're together.

CHRISTMAS FOR CHILDREN: The Clear Lake United Methodist Church will be sponsoring the "Christmas for Children" drive again this year to provide gifts for area children who otherwise may not receive gifts at Christmas time. "Christmas for Children" is designed to reach more needs of our local community. We are coming up on our 29th year and are so grateful for all of the support that we have received from everyone.

Anyone wishing to donate items to "Christmas for Children" can do so by leaving them at True Value Hardware, CB Styles, Northern Roots Family Spinal Care, First Bank of Baldwin/Clear Lake, Raising the Bar and Clear Lake Physical Therapy from November 7, 2022 through December 10, 2022. Also check for barrels at your church.

Suggestions are toys, games, art supplies, body wash sets, lotion and perfume/cologne, tools, books, jewelry, cozy throws, etc. Please do not wrap your gifts. Donations of wrapping paper and tape are also welcome. Monetary donations for the purpose of gifts and clothes, coats, shoes and boots should be mailed to Christmas for Children c/o Debi Ahrens PO Box 42, Clear Lake, WI 54005. Please make checks payable to Christmas for Children.

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 Debi Ahrens 715-441-5477 or Diane Blanchard 715-263-2690 (if no answer, please leave a message). All names will be kept strictly confidential. Thank you for your support!

Faith Family Church News:

FAITH FAMILY AD. BOARD HIGHLIGHTS:

1. Building updates:

Thank you's (water pipe, cleaning outside of the building, etc);

2. Upcoming October missions/projects

Update on game night – tomorrow night; Movie and game night. Anchor of Hope steering team report; 12 step recovery meeting starting at 5:30pm on Monday; prayers for Anchor of Hope, need to put up posters. Anchor of Hope is Monday's at 7:00pm. Funday school update: Kids have been meeting in the park and invited kids in the park to church.

3. Upcoming November missions/church business

Hanging of the greens November 27th. (Tree needs to be built (look at the Friday or Saturday before or after church the weekend before)- check to see when Shawn is Available. Game night November 11th; Funday school; Thanksgiving community service November 23rd at the 1st Lutheran Church in Clear Lake. Anchor of Hope (how can we support?) – Offer prayers and continue to support. Any other business that needs to be done in November; Noisy cans this quarter is Grace Place; Change our clocks on November 5th.

4. December business/missions/ event: Continued support of missions in November any other business for these in December (ex: when to do Christmas program) Dec 9th is game night. Dec 17th community event (float, bake sale, crafts for kids, chili, what is feasible for us to do?) -Crafting Party (Penny will let us know). Advent dates/ times/ etc What do Christmas/ Christmas eve services look like? Christmas eve (three services-4:00pm CL, 5:30pm FF, 7:00pm DP,) Christmas Day Zoom Services 10am- Hybrid service – Heather will open the building at 10am.

5. Any other business? Next Ad Board Meeting is December 8th. Christmas Program: December 18th. Pastor is on Vacation: South Korea Next Wednesday to November 10th.

DONATION CENTER:

West Cap Food Pantry

Donations needed: We are collecting non-perishable items for the food pantry.



Willow River Parish College Boxes: See above donations needed along with addresses for college students.

Are you ready for a good time?

FAITH FAMILY GAME NIGHT

MAKE SURE LADY LUCK IS ON YOUR SIDE AND GET READY FOR A BLAST!

Friday, November 11th @ 6:30pm
Faith Family Church, Emerald, WI

Below the poster is a decorative border featuring a sequence of playing card symbols: a red heart, a black diamond, a red club, a black spade, a red heart, a black diamond, and a red club.



Noisy Cans--4th Quarter--Grace Place

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



COMMUNITY EVENTS:

Horsing around days was a success and we look forward to working with the **Emerald Community on December 17th for Christmas with Santa**. Save the date for a fun filled weekend.



ANCHOR OF HOPE RECOVERY MINISTRY is a worship service for individuals that have been impacted by addiction and hardships of all kinds that are seeking recovery through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Anchor of Hope hosts services on **Monday evenings at 7 PM** at the Faith Family Church, as well as through Zoom and Facebook Live (<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100070879280379>).

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83094771703?pwd=OFJic0ZxT3A3eVYwUVAvbDRRenRoQT09>

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.

CHECK US OUT ON FACEBOOK:

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

Church School @ Clear Lake and Faith Family
3:15 on Wednesdays @ CL
4:30 pm on Wednesdays @ FF