

THE PARISH CONNECTION

November 2024

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

Lectionary Readings

NOVEMBER 03 |

24th Sunday after Pentecost;

All Saints Sunday (White or Red)

Ruth 1:1-18; Ps 146 (UMH 858);

Heb 9:11-14; Mark 12:28-34

All Saints Lections: Isa 25:6-9; Ps 24;

Rev 21:1-6a; John 11:32-44

NOVEMBER 10 |

25th Sunday after Pentecost;

Organ & Tissue Donor Sunday (Green)

Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17; Ps 127 or Ps 42 (UMH 777);

Heb 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44

NOVEMBER 17 |

26th Sunday after Pentecost (Green)

1 Sam 1:4-20; 1 Sam 2:1-10 or Ps 113;

Heb 10:11-14 (15-18) 19-25; Mark 13:1-8

NOVEMBER 24 |

Christ the King/Reign of Christ Sunday;

United Methodist Student Day;

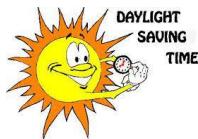
Thanksgiving Sunday (White or Gold)

2 Sam 23:1-7; Ps 132:1-12 (13-18) (UMH 849);

Rev 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37

**Daylight Savings Time ends
on Sunday, November 3rd.**

Please remember to set your
clocks back one hour on
Saturday night before you go to
bed.



Clear Lake Community Ecumenical

Thanksgiving Eve Service will be held on
Wednesday, November 27th at the First Lutheran
Church @ 7:00 pm. The Handbell choir will be
playing.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Joys-Wonderful thrift sale,
Underground Church, Laity
Sunday, visit with Arlene,
beautiful weather, rain, Uganda
mission trip



Concerns- Mark T, Mike K,
Jennie's cousins, her brother Vern, Meghan,
Dixie Croes, Ann, Debbie S, Lon, Hurricane
damage, survivors and workers, Pat Lillie,
Linda's niece CariJo, all countries with wars,
Gaza, especially the children, Jamie, Todd, Allen
& Ardys, Edison, Betty, Mary, Libby, Ruth, Julie,
Holly, Alison's friend, Steve, Barb's family,
brother Dan, Lori, Camilla P, Ivan Ruble, Harry,
Elaine Bannink, Terry, Debbie Stevens, Hurricane
victims, Bev's boys, Larry, Vicki, Mary K, Gary,
Bourne, Paula

Remembering-Family and friends of Andy
Hornick

**Charge Conference 2024
Sunday, December 15th
at Faith Family UMC @ 3:30 p.m.**

WRP Bible Study: The WRP bible study is
Planning on an Advent Study beginning Wed.
Dec. 4th on Zoom at 6 pm. Books will be
distributed, please let Diane Blanchard know if
you would like to join us for this 4-week study. A
wonderful way to stay grounded in the birth of
Jesus in this busy season.

United Methodist Student Day is Nov. 24th.
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.

November Birthdays

Josy Wood	11/03
Missy Severson	11/06
Alpha Greene	11/08
Dillon Thompson	11/13
Ben Boe	11/14
Jessica Olson	11/15
Paris Johnson	11/16
Heather Greene	11/19
Janice Thompson	11/22
Alison Avery Blanchard	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

Poinsettias will be ordered for CL from Nilssen's Market. Red poinsettia for \$19. Orders and payment must be turned in by Nov 15th. Look for order forms in upcoming bulletins.



Clear Lake Community Center (CLACC) continues to hold a **Senior Lunch Program** for our community. The last luncheon for this year will be at noon on December 5th at CLACC. Free

will offering for all. Reservations are not necessary but appreciated. Please call 715-263-2233 and leave a message.

Zoom: Please use the following information to join us on Sundays for worship at **8:30 a.m.**

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

Meeting ID: 886 1365 2777 Passcode: 421072

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

NOVEMBER WORSHIP MINISTRIES

Clear Lake

Nov 3rd	Reader: John K Acolyte/PwrPt: Lily Avery Brunch: Gail K & Camilla P
Nov 10th	Reader: Dawn C Acolyte/PwrPt: Oliver Gorres Coffee: Joan L & Dick D
Nov 17th	Reader: Diane B Acolyte/PwrPt: Jordan Blanchard Coffee: Ryan Blanchard Family
Nov 24th	Reader: Alison B Acolyte/PwrPt: Ben Avery Coffee: Linda J

Counters for November: Dawn & John

Faith Family

Nov 3rd	Terri Wilson
Nov 10th	Paul Webster
Nov 17th	Penny Warner
Nov 24th	Terri Wilson

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 9th** 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.

December Newsletter Deadline is Nov. 26th

Hanging of the Greens will be celebrated at all three churches on Sunday, Dec. 1st, Clear Lake will incorporate into the service.



Care for Clergy in Cross-Racial and Cross-Cultural Appointments

If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. (1 Cor. 12:26-27)

Dear members of the body of Christ,

Grace to you and peace in the power and love we know as Christ. I write in deep appreciation of our life together in covenant community, and to ask for your help.

As our news media and social media outlets report an increase of white Christian nationalist rhetoric and some call for mass deportations, we are seeing that inhospitality toward people who were not born in the U.S. and clergy serving in cross-racial appointments is increasing.

I write to make clear that racism is incompatible with Christian teaching. While immigration reform is an important policy conversation, we proclaim that love of God is lived as love of neighbor. The increase in race-based taunting at schools, some people telling our clergy who are here lawfully to go home, harm done to parsonage property, and the backdrop of racist rhetoric impacts all of us, particularly persons of color and especially children. Many of our cross-racially and cross-culturally appointed clergy and parsonage families are experiencing this as trauma and some are reliving previous traumatic experiences in their current context.

I write to seek the help of Staff-Parish Relations Committees and lay leadership more broadly to develop a plan for how we might support and protect our clergy and clergy families as this rhetoric increases anxiety. If mass deportation rhetoric becomes vigilante action, what plans might be in place for safety and security? Many of our clergy have experienced this trauma from previous cross-racial appointments and the current reality is bringing those experiences to the surface.

What can you do?

- Be in prayer for healing solutions to systemic societal issues.
- Have a conversation with the cross-racially appointed clergy at the Staff-Parish Relations Committee level. Bring in the administrative council chair

and/or trustees chair to hear about this reality.

- Plan for how to shelter your clergy family if the need would arise.
- Ask for help from a district superintendent, elder, deacon, or local pastor to accompany a conversation or plan of action.
- Pray for a spirit of hospitality in your context through your congregational prayers.
- Show appreciation for your clergy person and clergy families of color.
- Decide not to be a silent bystander in the face of bullying.
- Be an ally for the stranger in your communities by means of your mission and ministry.
- Study the larger systemic and structural elements that maintain racism.
- Reach out and support each other.
- Are there vulnerable laity in your context who also need support?
- Clergy: create a support plan for you and your loved ones.

I believe the body of Christ is the hope of the world. With multiracial leadership, The United Methodist Church is particularly ready to lead evangelically for our time. We are blessed to be in mission with Christ for the transformation of the world in these days.

Thank you. May grace be in our steps.
Peace,

Daniel W. Schwerin, Bishop
Northern Illinois–Wisconsin Area
The United Methodist Church

November Election Luncheon

On Tuesday, November 5th the Clear Lake United Methodist Church will be serving an Election Luncheon of Soup and Sandwiches from 9-2. Coffee and treats served all day!



Willow River Parish

College Boxes: The youth will be ringing the Salvation Army bell and packing college boxes on Wednesday December 4th at the CL Church basement. If you have a college student, be sure their address is turned in to Erin, Jan T or Heather before that date. Can each church please collect items for the boxes? All sorts of individually wrapped snacks, goodies and single hot drink packets are appreciated by the students during their finals. Single pack meals like ramen and mac and cheese, microwave popcorn, granola bars, cheese and crackers, candy, gum, Christmas candies—all are welcome and appreciated!



Underground Church: There were 140 area youth attending the Underground Church event ending with worship at the secret place. The youth learned about Christians around the world who are persecuted for their faith and heard from the book of Acts how the disciples were persecuted. They gathered the Colors throughout the woods that represent Jesus' life and resurrection and their salvation while avoiding the police.



WRP Youth

The youth met on the 30th and decorated pumpkins to last for the fall season and talked about good attitudes, winning and losing and all other times in their lives. We discussed Phillipians 4:8 where Paul is telling the people of Phillipi to think on these good things. Paul is writing from a prison as he tells people to be of good cheer!!



Ringin Bells for the Salvation Army

The Clear Lake United Methodist Church will ring bells for the Polk County Salvation Army on Tuesday, November 19th at Nilssen's Market from 8-8 pm. There is a sign up sheet in the back of the church, if you can only ring for one hour just mark it on the sheet. Every hour we ring brings help to families in Polk County throughout the year.

Harbor House Wish List as of Sept 30 2024

- ❖ Garbage Bags (13 gallon)
- ❖ Women's Hygiene Product
- ❖ Bath Towels/Wash Cloths
- ❖ Kitchen Wash Cloths
- ❖ Deodorant (Men/Women)
- ❖ Non-Perishable Food
- ❖ Dish Soap/Dishwasher Soap
- ❖ Shampoo/Conditioner
- ❖ Spices
- ❖ All Purpose Cleaner
- ❖ Twin Sheets
- ❖ Disinfecting Wipes
- ❖ Brushes/Combs
- ❖ Blankets
- ❖ Paper Towels
- ❖ Diapers/All Sizes
- ❖ Pillows/Pillow Cases
- ❖ Toilet Bowl Cleaners
- ❖ Socks
- ❖ Wound Care Products
- ❖ Laundry Soap/Bleach
- ❖ Dryer Sheets





Dear WRP Family,

The 2024 US Election Day is approaching. I imagine that some of you may have already participated in early voting. After the election, some may feel great joy, while others may be disappointed or upset. I pray that, regardless of the results, we can work toward unity in Christ, without deep divisions in this country and our communities.

Let us pray together:

God of Love and God of Peace,

We lift this day to you. We pray for good weather, safe travels for those heading to the polls, and clear minds for all who are part of this day. We pray for poll workers, election officials, and volunteers who make the democratic process possible. Protect them, fill them with joy, and we thank you for their service. We lift up the candidates on the ballot. Grant them peace throughout the day and the strength to accept the results. Help them to rest, knowing they've done all they could. Let them breathe deeply as voters exercise their democratic rights.

We remember those who are most vulnerable, those without housing, those living in poverty, racial minorities, and others on the margins of society. We pray for those voting for the first time, that they may do so with hope, courage, and a sense of civic responsibility. Calm the hearts of those who are anxious about this day and its outcomes, reminding them that you are our comfort. We also pray for journalists and media workers, that they report truthfully and accurately, with integrity and safety, even in the midst of tensions.

Lord, guide world leaders in truth and justice, and we ask for cooperation among nations. May our new leaders be models of love and peace. Finally, we pray for reconciliation. In a time of division, you call us to unity. Lead us toward connection, honesty, and community. We pray for peace, justice, and fairness to prevail always, and help us place our hope in you above any political figure. Amen.

Peace, Pastor Hakki

Deer Park UMC News

Happy fall everyone. We are so thankful for the lasting warm weather and Praying for a mild winter. Just like last year.

We welcomed Rev. Henson and his parish a couple months ago and after a lot of hoops to go through, all is well. It is so nice to share our church with other people that love God.

November is the month of Thanksgiving, deer hunting and getting ready for the holiday season. How time flies though everyday of every month is for giving thanks to God for all our many blessings.

Many thanks to everyone that helped us do the work of our Church that needs to be

accomplished, also getting the bills paid; we are so grateful.

Our wish is for a very Happy Thanksgiving and a safe hunting season.

Thank you to Pastor Hakki and the group that went on the mission trip. YOUR DEVOTION IS WONDERFUL.

Blessings from your friends at Deer Park

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

Noisy Can--4th Quarter to Various Charities

Clear Lake UMC News

- Coffee and pot luck **BEFORE** church at 10:15
- Potluck-1st Sunday of each month BEFORE church.
- Food shelf donations any Sunday

Send Offering to: Josy Wood, 260 40th Avenue, Clear Lake, WI 540045

CL Noisy Cans: 4th qtr.- Interfaith CareGivers

Shop with RaiseRight (formerly Scrip): If you want to place a Raise Right order, please contact Andrea Jilek 263-2575. Nilssen's gift cards can be ordered at any time, too.

Clear Lake Sunday School is trying something new this year- "Bible in a Binder", Kids can come into church and grab a binder and work on it after the children's sermon. The scripture for the day will be reinforced with what they find in the binder.

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. Christmas concert will be on Sunday, January 5th at the First Lutheran church during the church service, more info to follow. We will also be adjusting some practice times in the near future to Sunday evening.



Dorcas Piecemakers Work Days: On Monday, November 4th we will meet at Irma's for lunch at noon and then sew from 1-3 then Monday, November 18th we will meet to sew on the new table runners for the church.

Family House Shelter-Polk/Barron Big News

The Shelter hopes to be up and running with up to 12 residents by Nov. 1st. A couple of us made casseroles and put them in the church freezer. If you are able to add to this, great! They can use ziplocs of cookies or foil pans of bars. There are extra pans at church to fill if you can do it. It will be so good to have a warm home for those in need of shelter as the weather turns cold and this covers our Polk county residents in need of shelter.

Clear Lake OCT AD C Highlights

- Clear Lake pays 51% of the parish costs
- Apportionments are going down slightly
- Insurance costs are going up. We are looking into other insurance company options.
- We are \$5,000 in the red for 2024
- Election meal on November 5th from 9-2
- Hanging of the Greens on Dec 1
- Cookie Sale on Dec 13th
- Bell Choir will perform at Thanksgiving Eve service and also on Jan 5th at 1st Lutheran.
- Setting up at winter market with baked potato stand on Feb 8, 2025
- Brainstormed ideas for getting non active members to engage and also how to acquire new members.
- Views from the pews coming soon to give updates to the congregation.

PASTOR'S NOTES:

- Asked for assistance in assembling the packets for Charge Conference.



United Women in Faith met on 10-16-24

- Voted to give 10% of profit from Thrift Sale to UMCOR- Disaster Relief
- We have been asked to provide frozen meals / treats for the Salvation Army House in Barron County, they plan on housing 10 women by 11-1-24.
- Final plans were worked out for the upcoming Election Day Meal on 11-5-24.
- Planning to visit Arlene Althoff on 10-29-24.
- Hoping to visit Harbor House in Superior yet this fall and take supplies we have been collecting.
- Joan read an article regarding the duties of a Deaconess.



Visit with Arlene Althoff



Communion bread and juice at Arlene's home.

Clear Lake Christmas Cookie and Stuffed Baked Potato Sale: Friday, December 13th from 3:30-6:30 pm-- All church family members please donate 6 dozen Christmas Cookies. Workers needed, watch for sign up sheets at the back of the church or contact Debi Ahrens at 715-441-5477.

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 31st 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, or our church

November 4, 2024 through December 2, 2024.

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.

As in the past, we thank you for your support.



Faith Family Church News:

Remember to work on your charge conference forms! It's that time of year again!

Faith Family Ad Board HIGHLIGHTS:

September 19, 2024 meeting

1. New Insurance Company M3 has been chosen to start Jan 1, 2025.
2. Sept 29th there will be a combined service/hymn sing at Clear Lake at 10:00 followed by a potluck.
3. Charge Conference will be in November or December. Reports need to be completed.
4. No new date set for the canceled pancake breakfast.
5. Next meeting: November 14, 6:30pm

Fun Day School Kids:

See you soon!!! Time TBA!

Community Events:

Thank you to all that participated and helped with Horsing around days!

Next community meeting at November 7th at this meeting there will be voting of officers for the Emerald Community committee and planning for the winter events. If you are interested in being a part of this committee connect with Donan Wink or Angela Jeske.



We are able to Rent out our beautiful building for events, meetings, etc.

Do you or anyone you know want to rent out this beautiful building?

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

Thank you so much for the prayers, gifts, and food for Debbie Stevens and family! Please continue to pray as she continues with her treatments!



Happy Halloween! Check out what Allen and Ardys are up to!



CHECK US OUT ON FACEBOOK:

[Faith Family Church | Facebook](#)



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Email: wrpsecretary@gmail.com
Office Hours: will vary this month

Amanda Millermon, Parish Treasurer
Email: WRParishconnect@gmail.com

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

Church School @ Faith Family & Clear Lake
“Fun Day” School–TBA @ Faith Family
Bible in a Binder Sundays @ Clear Lake