

THE PARISH CONNECTION

November 2019

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

Readings for November

November 3, 2019 [Green]

21st Sunday after Pentecost

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4; Psalm 119:137-144
2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12; Luke 19:1-10

November 10, 2019 [Green]

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Haggai 1:15b-2:9; Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21
2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17; Luke 20:27-38

November 17, 2019 [Green]

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 65:17-25; Isaiah 12
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13; Luke 21:5-19

November 24, 2019 [White]

Christ the King Sunday

Jeremiah 23:1-6; Luke 1:68-79
Colossians 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43

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 2020. 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 13th (Details next month)



Joys— Our Bell Choir, the beautiful fall colors, giving thanks, time with families
Concerns— Craig Longfellow, Doug Ahrens, Dawn Cress, Debbie Stevens, Travel mercies for those traveling during the holidays
Remembering—family and friends of James Titel

NOVEMBER WORSHIP MINISTRIES

Clear Lake

Nov 3rd **Reader:** Diane Blanchard
 Acolyte/PwrPt: Jordan Blanchard
 Coffee: Roger & Diane B/Brunch

Nov 10th **Reader:** Andrea Jilek
 Acolyte/PwrPt: Ivan Ruble
 Coffee: Sue R

Nov 17th **Reader:** Alison Blanchard
 Acolyte/PwrPt: Ben Pietz
 Coffee: Ruth S and Jan B

Nov 24th **Reader:** John Koerper
 Acolyte/PwrPt: Wyatt Reindahl
 Coffee: Jennie K and Becky R

Counters for November: Joan L and Linda J

Greeter for November: Dawn Cress

Deer Park Readers

Nov 3rd *no reader*
Nov 10th Elden Setter
Nov 17th *no reader*
Nov 24th *no reader*

Forest Readers & Coffee

Nov 3rd Joyce Petersen
Nov 10th Heather Greene
Nov 17th Terri Wilson
Nov 24th Cindy Warner

Ushers & Greeters



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

Dates to Remember

Nov 3 Northwoods Chili Feed; 11-2
Nov 4 Circuit 10 @ NR, 7 pm
Nov. 8 Forest game night, 5:30
Nov 13 1st Lutheran Smorgasbord; 11-1; 4-8
Nov 27 CL Thanksgiving Service
 United Covenant Church, 7pm
Dec. 8 Rosette Making
Dec. 8 Charge Conference @ CL, 2:30
Dec. 13 CL Cookie Sale

Church Sign Theology

It is good to be a Christian and know it, but it is better to be a Christian and show it!

Make God your first priority, not your last resort.

Real charity doesn't care if it's tax-deductible or not.

Pray up in advance.

You don't need to preach to people to reach people.

Will the word of God keep you from sin, or will sin keep you from the word of God?

Come to worship, leave to serve.



Food distribution will take place on November 9th 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 13th 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 \$12.00 for adults, \$6.00 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.



Rosette Making Sunday

We will be making rosettes immediately after church service on

December 8th. We would love to teach new people how to make them. So stick around if you can!!!

Bell Choir

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

**The December/January Newsletter
Deadline is November 19th
Thank You!**



Oct.UMW Minutes
10/9/19 Led by
Pres. Joan Lillie
7 present, Mission
Statement Read,
Roll Call with
Scripture said.

Sec. Min. approved.
Treasurers balance \$725.70

Old Business:

1. Profit from Thrift Sale around \$1,000. 10% goes to Allie and Lilly for their January Mission Trip. Sunday School Treats made around \$100, children will decide what mission to give it to.
2. Linda reported on Fall UMW Conference in Osceola.
3. Bingo at Willow Ridge was very successful.
4. Linda will talk to the nurses at both schools to see what supplies they may need. We will purchase some.

New Business:

1. Ad Council will meet every other month. 1st Wed. at 4. Next meeting Nov. 6, 4:00.
2. Mission Sunday, Oct 27
3. Need new coffee, greeter and counter list.
4. Directory Pictures will be taken on Dec. 26, 27 & 28 at the Clear Lake Church basement.
5. Sending Halloween cards to our shut ins.
6. Sending \$25 to Elaine Schachtner for taking all our leftover Thrift Sale items. She will be having a free sale at her house next year to help people.

Scripture- Arlene. Program Joan "Important Anniversaries of 2019"

Prayer Pot Luck

Submitted by Linda Jurisch

Northwoods Homeless Shelters 19th Annual Chili Feed

Northwoods Homeless Shelters' 19th Annual Chili Feed will be held on Sunday, November 3rd 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 26th 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, or Associated Bank from November 4, 2019 through December 13, 2019. 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 or Diane Blanchard 715-263-2690 (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
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 27th 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

"God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work." 2 Corinthians 9:8

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.

How we approach this giving is important. What attitude do we have? If we approach our giving out of an attitude of scarcity, then it will become a burden in our lives. We will resent the giving. If we approach our giving out of an attitude of abundance, then our giving becomes a joy. We will enjoy the giving.

The Christian life is to be a life of service. We are to live to serve others. The giving that we experience in our lives could be seen as a form of our service. When we give personal gifts, we could be serving those individuals. When we give a gift to a group, we are not only serving that group, but also the individuals that group serves. The more we serve, the more we give. The more we give, the more we serve. Giving and serving work together to make things easier for others, or at least attempt to.

At Thanksgiving and Christmas, let us think of those we can serve. As we serve those, let us do so with a cheerful spirit. God loves a cheerful giver. When we serve and give with a cheerful spirit, that cheerful spirit will pass from us to those we serve. God wants joy in our lives and the lives of others. Especially during the holidays, we are to give cheerfully so that others may share that cheer.

You may remember that in October, Jesus told us to pray always. Prayer is the centerpiece of all that we do. As we give and serve, we are to pray that God can present us with more ways to give and serve. We are to pray for those for whom we gave and serve. We are to pray for all who do the giving and serving. All we do is wrapped in prayer.

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 to all who brought, worked and bought items for the Sept. Thrift Sale. Our profit was close to \$1,000.00. The Church School made close to \$100.00 on their treats. Start saving for our APRIL SALE!!!!

Family Devotions

The Book of Luke has 24 chapters. It tells about the life of Christ. If you read 1 Chapter each day of December you will be finished on Dec. 24, Christmas Eve. Read as a family, everyone could learn.

Wapo Christmas Dinner tickets have been reserved for Dec.6th. Nine people are attending.



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Sunday Worship

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

Church School @ Clear Lake and Forest

Sundays after Young People's Time