

# THE PARISH CONNECTION

October 2024

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

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## Lectionary Readings

### OCTOBER 06 | 20th Sunday after Pentecost World Communion Sunday (Green)

Job 1:1; 2:1-10; Ps 26 or Ps 25 (UMH 756)  
Heb 1:1-4; 2:5-12; Mark 10:2-16

### OCTOBER 13 | 21st Sunday after Pentecost (Green)

Job 23:1-9, 16-17; Ps 22:1-15 (UMH 752)  
Heb 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31

### OCTOBER 20 | 22nd Sunday after Pentecost Laity Sunday; Children's Sabbath (Green)

Job 38:1-7 (34-41); Ps 104:1-9, 24, 35c (UMH 826)  
Heb 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45

### OCTOBER 27 | 23rd Sunday after Pentecost Reformation Sunday (Green)

Job 42:1-6, 10-17; Ps 34:1-8 (19-22) (UMH 769)  
Heb 7:23-28; Mark 10:46-52

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## IN OUR PRAYERS

**Joys**—Otto arrived from Germany for the school year, African school mission trip, Seeing Bernice G, beautiful weather and rain! Arlene to visit, great fundraiser turn out! Evan starting school, John Josephson's wedding, Great grand daughter

**Concerns**— Pat Lillie, Ann S., Lonn, Meghan, Mark T, Mike K, Jennie's cousins, 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, Larry, Lori, Camilla P, Ivan Ruble, Harry, Elaine Bannink, Dixie Croes, Terry, Debbie Stevens, Steve Keller, Hurricane Helene damage, Bev's 2 boys

**Remembering**—Family of Dr. Rimestad

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## Charge Conference 2024

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

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**Newsletter Renewal:** If you currently receive the newsletter through the mail and have not yet paid, please renew your subscription by sending \$9 to the parish office or let Pastor Hakki or Anitra know that you no longer wish to receive the newsletter via "snail mail". 715-263-2700 or [wrpsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:wrpsecretary@gmail.com). Thank you!

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**UMC Special Sundays:** Listed below are the remaining special Sundays for 2024. 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.

- World Communion Sunday ~ October 6
  - United Methodist Student ~ November 24
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**Zoom:** Please use the following information to join us Sundays for worship at **8:30 a.m.**  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88613652777?pwd=UipaSVhGN0g1Qnc3VDV5T0Jhci83UT09>

Meeting ID: 886 1365 2777  
Passcode: 421072

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## 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](mailto:mr.mrs.greene5@gmail.com) or Gail Kuhl [kuhlq@cltcomm.net](mailto:kuhlq@cltcomm.net)

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November Newsletter Deadline is Oct. 26th

## October Birthdays

Arlyn Severson	10/1
Lily Avery	10/2
Vickie Danielson	10/3
Abel Greene	10/6
Billy Warner	10/7
Ryan Blanchard	10/12
Bruce Ohman	10/13
Sandi Reed	10/16
Benjamin Avery, Jr	10/16
Savanna Millermon	10/19
Erin Gorres	10/22
Stacia Koerper	10/22
Dawn Swanepoel	10/22
India Pederson	10/29
Baylie Millermon	10/31
Wayne Ailts	10/31

## October Anniversaries

Dennis & Joyce Petersen	10/7
Josh & India Pederson	10/8
Ron & Renea Boe	10/10
Mitchell & Kayla Thompson	10/14
John & Stacia Koerper	10/21
Ron & Linda Jurisch	10/22



No matter how humble or unassuming they may be, most people

get a warm glow inside when someone says “thank you” for what they’ve done or expresses appreciation simply for who they are. Clergy and others who fill pastoral roles are no exception. October is Pastor (or Clergy) Appreciation Month with the second Sunday designated as Pastor Appreciation Day. It is a time to say “thank you” to the people who may be most visible as preachers and teachers, but who, in reality, are on-call 24/7 standing with congregants and others to offer spiritual and other support in times of confusion and transition, times of heart-wrenching sorrow and times of overwhelming joy. They laugh, cry and pray with those whom they shepherd and serve. Established as a worldwide recognition time in 1992, the call to honor the contributions of pastoral leaders can be traced back to Paul, who advised congregations to give “double honor” to the elders who managed the affairs of the church well, “especially those whose work is preaching and teaching” (1 Timothy 5:17, NIV).

## OCTOBER WORSHIP MINISTRIES

### Clear Lake

Oct 6th	Reader: Diane B Acolyte/PwrPt: Oliver Gorres Brunch: Roger & Carla L
Oct 13th	Reader: Alison B Acolyte/PwrPt: Ben Avery Coffee: Ben Avery Family
Oct 20th	Reader: Andrea J Acolyte/PwrPt: Oliver Wood Coffee: Justin Wood Family
Oct 27th	Reader: Debi A Acolyte/PwrPt: Jordan Blanchard Coffee: Jennie K and Becky R

*Counters for October: Carla & Diane*

### Faith Family

Oct 6th	Penny Warner
Oct 13th	Terri Wilson
Oct 20th	Paul Webster
Oct 27th	Penny Warner

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### **Clear Lake Community Luncheons**

Clear Lake Community Center (CLACC) continues to hold a **Senior Lunch Program** for our community. The last two luncheons for this year will be at noon on October 24 and December 5th at CLACC. Free will offering for all. Reservations are not necessary but appreciated. Please call 715-263-2233 and leave a message.

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**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 **October 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](mailto: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](http://www.rubyspantry.org) to find a location and time that works for you.

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**Combined Worship Service and Potluck in CL:** Our parish held a combined worship service at Clear Lake Church at 10 a.m. on the fifth Sunday of September, which we celebrated as Hymn Sing Sunday. Our congregation pre-requested hymns for this service, and we united in Christ as we sang those hymns together during worship. The worship was filled with God's touch, rest, and inspiration. It was particularly meaningful because our District Superintendent, Peace Kim, joined us despite her busy schedule, making the time even more precious. After the service, we all moved to the fellowship hall, where we shared a delightful meal that had been lovingly prepared, and we enjoyed a wonderful time together. WRP wants to express our gratitude to all the congregants who participated in this worship, and we hope that those who couldn't join us this time will be able to join us in the future.





Mornings, for me, often feel like a time when there's a flow of spiritual energy. When I sit in the church office in the morning, it's as if God is calling me to come and pray in the sanctuary. So, I frequently find myself drawn to sit in the pews. Sometimes I just sit there quietly, other times I open a hymnal and sing. And when my heart is heavy, I simply speak openly to God about whatever is weighing on me. In these moments, I feel grateful that God sees me as I am.

When I sit in the pew, gazing at the cross, I'm confronted with my own weaknesses. By "weaknesses," I mean things like: 'My inability to see others as they are, even though God sees me just as I am'; 'Focusing more on the present circumstances than on the hopeful future, despite Scripture telling us, "Faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see"'; or 'My failure to look at the heart as God does.'

People, myself included, tend to take for granted what they already have while longing for what they don't. Lately, I find myself admiring poets. When I read their poems, sometimes they seem illogical, yet they have a way of seeing things that most of us miss. They look at our everyday lives through a fresh lens. Some might say their view is impractical—I used to be one of those people. For that reason, I wasn't really fond of poetry.

But when we face the great storms of life, when we enter the wilderness, what sustains us through those tough times is faith, hope, and a new perspective on our current situation. Focusing solely on the present? Well... doesn't that just make us sigh in frustration and feel more anxious?

Faith, deeply rooted in Jesus Christ, will help us to stand firm in the storms, in the wilderness, and through all the challenges life throws at us. It will give us courage, hope, and a fresh perspective to overcome our circumstances.

I need thee every hour, most gracious Lord;  
no tender voice like thine can peace afford.  
I need thee, O I need thee;  
every hour I need thee;  
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to thee.  
*(I Need Thee Every Hour, UMH #397)*

Peace, Pastor Hakki

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## **Deer Park UMC News**

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

**Noisy Can--4th Quarter to Various Charities**

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## **Clear Lake UMC News**

- Coffee and pot luck **BEFORE** church at 10:15
- Potluck-1st Sunday of each month **BEFORE** church. (Not in October-just coffee)
- Food shelf donations any Sunday

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

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**CL Noisy Cans:** 4th qtr.- Interfaith CareGivers

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**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.

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**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.

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## Family House Shelter-Polk/Barron Big News

The Shelter hopes to be up and running with up to 12 residents by Nov. 1st. They are asking for freezer meals and desserts. Could we get donations and gather at church and put together some meals/soup/desserts and get them delivered by the end of October? 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.

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**Dorcas Piecemakers Work Days:** On Monday, October 7th and Monday, October 21st we will meet to sew on new table runners for the church.

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## Clear Lake Sept. Ad. Co. Highlights

### OLD BUSINESS:

- Ceiling Fans - Debi picked up a light with more light and both will be put to good use.

### NEW BUSINESS:

- Thrift Sale - September 26 and 27; 9 to 5. Betty and Linda will co-chair.
- 5th Sunday Worship will be Sept. 29th at Clear Lake with potluck. **10 AM**
- No Potluck on Sun. Oct. 6th as it is the catholic dinner. We will have coffee!
- Parsonage Repairs - We reviewed what all has been repaired and replaced at the parsonage and noted that it needs to be put in the parsonage file.
- 10% of CL Days Potato Stand to the Gaylord Nelson Highway Sign Project
- Sept. Thrift Sale split 3 ways, church general fund, UWF and Dorcas Piecemakers
- GC sent to Elaine Schachtner for all her years of her free Shed Sale and taking all of our items

### PASTOR'S NOTES:

- Be thinking about the new ministry plan and reports for Charge Conference
  - No charge Conference date yet
  - Hymn sing for our 5th Sunday, Sept. 29, Pastor talking to Joyce about playing for us!
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## CL Youth

We baked on Wednesday, September 25th for our youth work night. Youth made all sorts of goodies and had supper to get ready for their mission project.

In October we will meet on Wednesday, October 30th. 5:30-8pm for our fall evening.



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## A Huge Thank You!

The CL Youth would like to thank everyone that donated baked goods for the Thrift Sale for the benefit of the Youth and their mission plans. You are all greatly appreciated, it was a great assortment, we have over \$240 for missions!



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## Successful Thrift Sale

Thanks to all who contributed, worked, bought, set up and took down and delivered to St. Vincent's in Rice Lake. It takes the whole church and all are greatly appreciated!

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## United Women in Faith

September is always a busy month for the Women in Faith Unit.

- Elected Officers for 2024-25 :Pres. Joan Lillie, V Pres. Jenny Keller, Sec. Debi Ahrens, Treas. Betty Rake.
- On 9/11 a group played Bingo with residents of Willow Ridge NH & showered them with many candy bag prizes, and pumpkin bars for treats. We had a short meeting beforehand and decided to keep the same officers for '24-'25.
- The last week in September we hosted our bi-annual Thrift Sale/Youth bake sale.
- On 9/28 several members attended 'Women in Faith' District Fall Gathering' at Chippewa Falls. We took our sock collection that day also.
- Our next meeting will be Oct. 16, 2pm @ Ridgeview Apts. All are Welcome!!



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## 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!

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## 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

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**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:

## 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:

Horsin' Around Days: 1st weekend in October



2024 EMERALD COMMUNITY

# HORSIN' Around

**OCTOBER 4TH-6TH**

**FIRST WEEKEND IN OCTOBER!**

**OCTOBER 4TH** Kar Jackers Karoke 7-11PM @ The Goat  
The Lockdown Boys 7-11PM @ Shotgun Suzies

**OCTOBER 5TH** 1PM Bean Bags @Shotgun Suzie's  
2PM Bingo in the Park or @ The Goat  
7:30PM EGGERT Nut Feed & Live Music @Shotgun Suzies

**OCTOBER 6TH** 8AM Breakfast, Bloodies & Coffee @Shotgun Suzies  
**13th Annual Car Show**  
Registration @10AM, Show begins @11AM  
Drink Specials & Pizza @ The Goat

**DONT TELL THE KIDS YOU WERE HORSIN' AROUND!**

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?

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**Noisy Can--4th Qtr: Humane Society**

**Send Offering to:** Terri Wilson  
3127 200<sup>th</sup> Ave  
Glenwood City, WI 54013

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FAITH FAMILY PANCAKE BREAKFAST  
No new date set as of yet



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Thank you for the prayers for Debbie Stevens and family! Please continue to pray as she starts her cancer treatment this month.



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