

# THE PARISH CONNECTION

September 2024

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

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## Lectionary Readings

**September 1, 2024**

**15th Sunday after Pentecost (Green)**

Song of Sol 2:8-13; Ps 45:1-2, 6-9 or Ps 72;  
Jas 1:17-27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

**September 8, 2024**

**16th Sunday after Pentecost;**

**Grandparent's Day (Green)**

Prov 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23; Ps 125 or Ps 124;  
Jas 2:1-10 (11-13) 14-17; Mark 7:24-37

**September 15, 2024**

**17th Sunday after Pentecost (Green)**

Prov 1:20-33; Ps 19 (UMH 750);  
Jas 3:1-12; Mark 8:27-38

**September 22, 2024**

**18th Sunday after Pentecost (Green)**

Prov 31:10-31; Ps 1 (UMH 738);  
Jas 3:13-4:3; Mark 9:30-37

**September 29, 2024**

**19th Sunday after Pentecost (Green)**

Esth 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22; Ps 124 (UMH 846);  
Jas 5:13-20; Mark 9:38-50

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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!

**Concerns**— Pat Lillie, Ann S., Lonn, Meghan, Mark, 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, Lori

**Remembering**—Family and friends of Cindy Warner and Henry 'Hank' Hurtgen

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## Church Times Change

Faith Family 8:30 am

Deer Park 9:45 am

Clear Lake 11:00 am



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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 [kuhlg@cltcomm.net](mailto:kuhlg@cltcomm.net)

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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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**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=UJpaSVhGN0g1Qnc3VDV5T0Jhci83UT09>

Meeting ID: 886 1365 2777

Passcode: 421072

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## Dates to Remember:

- CL Burger Supper- Fri. Sept. 6th; 4-7pm
  - FF Pancake Breakfast—Sept 22; 9-1
  - CL Thrift and Bake Sale—Sept 26 & 27; 9-5
  - Combined Worship Service/Potluck @ CL—Sept 29; 10 am
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## September Birthdays

Megan Zimmer	9/02
Craig Paulson	9/02
Dick Danielson	9/05
Camilla Pietz	9/08
Genevieve Malack	9/09
Summer Webster	9/09
Maddie Thompson	9/15
Peyton Lillie	9/15
Nancy Stutter	9/16
Ron Jurisch	9/18
Pete Thompson	9/19
Diane Blanchard	9/21
Debi Ahrens	9/24
Carrie Blanchard	9/25
Hakki Min	9/26
Jeff Wilson	9/27
Madison Zimmer	9/28
Emma Olson	9/28

## September Anniversaries

Gregory & Heidi Olson	9/04
Jon & Holly Malak	9/07
Fernandez & Renae Johnson	9/08
Tyler & Mandy Sharpe	9/10
Roger & Diane Blanchard	9/14
Dick & Vickie Danielson	9/24
John & Sandi Reed	9/24
Pete & Janice Thompson	9/27

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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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**Grilled Burgers and Brats Supper: Uganda Mission Trip Tailgate Fundraiser** will be held September 6, 2024 from 4-7 at the Clear Lake Methodist Church. Brats and burgers will be served. A group from Clear Lake will be traveling to Uganda Sept 19-Oct 1 to bring funds, donations, work, and awareness to this cause. All proceeds from this event will help with travel funds.

## SEPTEMBER WORSHIP MINISTRIES

### Clear Lake

Sept 1st	Reader: Diane B Acolyte/PwrPt: Ben Avery Potluck: Roger/Diane Blanchard
Sept 8th	Reader: Andrea Jilek Acolyte/PwrPt: Oliver Gorres Coffee: Camilla
Sept 15th	Reader: Debi A Acolyte/PwrPt: Oliver Wood Coffee: Linda
Sept 22nd	Reader: Dawn C Acolyte/PwrPt: Jordan Blanchard Coffee: Dyan/Erin Gorres
Sept 29th	<b>Combined @ CL; 10:00 am</b> Reader: John Koerper Acolyte/PwrPt: Lily Avery Potluck: UWF

Counters for September: Linda & Joan

### Faith Family

Sept 1st	Penny Warner
Sept 8th	Debbie Stevens
Sept 15th	Terri Wilson
Sept 22nd	Paul Webster

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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 **September 14th** 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.

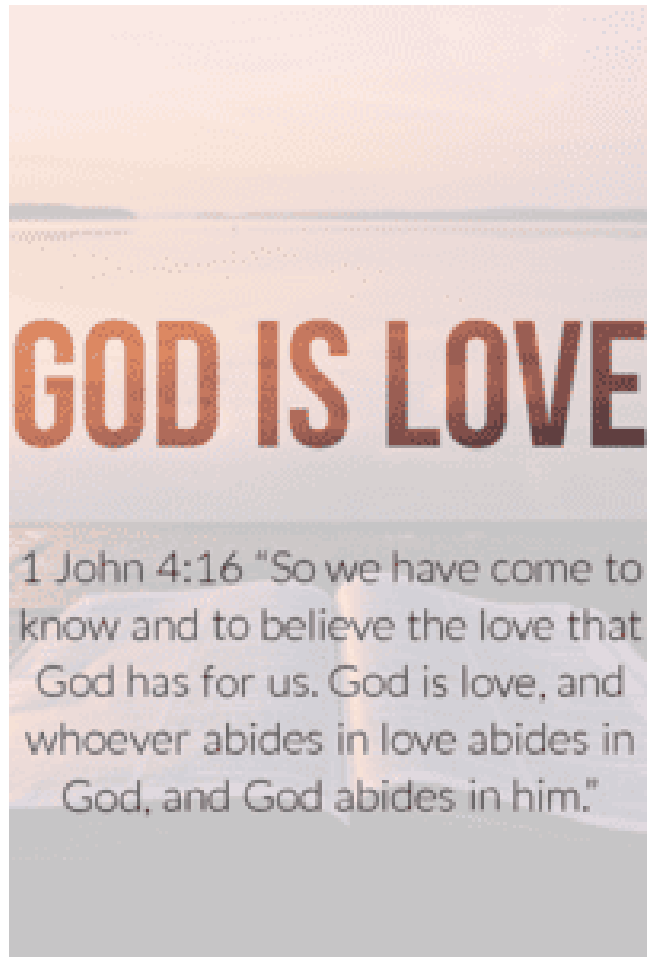
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**WRP Picnic:** Clear Lake hosted this year's Annual Parish Service and Picnic at the Clear Lake Park Chalet, Sunday, Aug 18th. We had a beautiful, music filled service with communion and followed with a delicious potluck meal. We then played the fun Corn hole bags game, kick ball and kids had some fun with bubbles. Thanks to all who attended, furnished food and games and were great sports playing corn hole!! Alison declared her and Elden winners and Linda and Jennie were our second place team!!

**Allen and Ardys Warner, along with their daughter, Jeanne Bergman, enjoying a pony visit at St. Croix County Health and Rehab.**



**5th Sunday September 29th at 10 am at Clear Lake with Potluck Lunch!**



**WRP Youth:** Clear Lake Youth will meet from 3:30-6:30 on Wednesday, Sept. 25th to make and bake treats to sell at the Thrift Sale for missions projects. We will have pizza for supper while we work.

**Deadline for the October Newsletter is September 26th**



Dear WRP Family,

We are now in the final days of summer. Did you all have a joyful time during the season? Are you ready to enjoy the beautiful autumn, when the leaves on all the trees will turn red, yellow, and brown?

For a while, I've been focusing on ministry on my page, so I haven't had the chance to share any updates about my family. Some of you have occasionally asked if there's any news about a second child, but, well... we've been plenty busy just raising Evan, so, well... not just yet... haha. Only God knows!

Anyway, this fall, our son will be starting 4K! Time really flies, doesn't it? When we first came here, he was just a 6-month-old baby, and now he's going to school! At night, when we see his long arms and legs as he sleeps, we're often amazed. We also take time to encourage each other, acknowledging how hard we've worked to raise Evan over the past four years. And it's no secret that my wife, Esther, is very excited and looking forward to having some time for ourselves as Evan starts school! Hahaha!!!



We spent August preparing all the school supplies Evan will need—pencil cases, colored pencils, scissors, glue, and more. Since Korean is the language we feel most comfortable with, and for his cultural identity, we've raised him speaking Korean. Thanks to our love and efforts, he's exceptionally skilled at expressing and describing his thoughts, emotions, and feelings verbally, more so than most kids his age. Koreans who meet him are often amazed at his Korean and say, "Evan grew up in a village where his parents were the

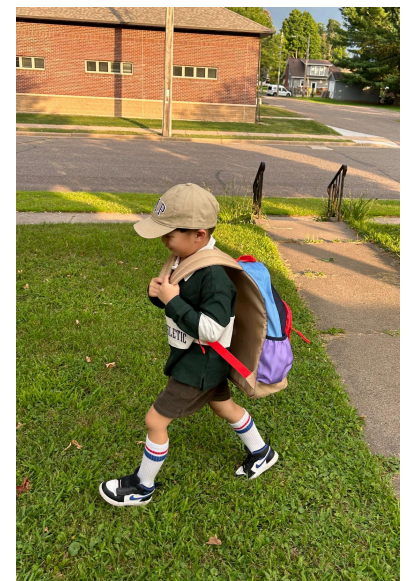
only Koreans, so how is he so good at Korean?"

Of course, we do have concerns about his school life, especially since he's just started learning English recently. We're mindful of how well he'll be able to communicate with his friends and teachers. That's why we've been teaching him simple English words and phrases needed for school and practicing them with him daily. From talking with our Korean friends and experts raising children like us in America, we've learned that kids pick up languages quickly, and within six months to a year, he'll likely become proficient in English.



They also warned us that, in the future, we might have to work harder to ensure he doesn't forget his Korean.

Since 4K is his first experience of school life, there will be many things for him to adjust to, and he might feel stressed and tense at times. But we believe he'll make good friends and do well. I ask that whenever you think of Evan, you pray for him and his school life, and when you see him, please encourage and cheer him on.



Peace, Pastor Hakki

## Deer Park UMC News:

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

3rd Quarter Noisy Can--Various Charities

## Clear Lake UMC News

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

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

### **CL Noisy Cans:**

3rd qtr. -Temba and Mujila Falls ; 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.



**Stuff the Bus-** A reminder to Clear Lake residents to help the Lion's Club gather needed school supplies for our local students in need. Drop off Box is at the CL Public Library/Village Office.

### **United Women of Faith**

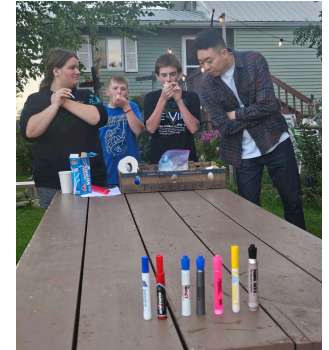
September 11th-Bingo with Pumpkin Bars at Willow Ridge Health Care. We should be there by 1:45, ready to play Bingo and they love candy for prizes, especially Peanut Butter Cups.



### **WRP Youth Night**

*Backpacks and Burdens and Fun Olympic Pentathlon games.* On Wed. Aug. 28 the youth gathered for fun, food and fellowship. They grilled their own supper and then made teams for the skills contests. Note the toilet paper in the air! The first skill was a toilet paper roll

shot put, but not the distance they could throw it but the tail of paper they could unroll! Important skill in life! They also blew q-tips through a straw, hammer threw a rubber chicken and bowled with the air in their balloons! We ended the evening discussing the burdens other students they interact with may be carrying, sometimes we have no idea what others may be going through. God says 'Have mercy on others as I have had mercy on you!'



## Clear Lake UMC Fall Thrift Sale:



CL Methodist Thrift Sale  
Thurs, Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> & Fri,  
Sept 27<sup>th</sup>  
9 am-5 pm.

You may bring your  
items and place them in  
the correct places  
Sunday, Sept. 22

through Wednesday, Sept. 25. The church will  
be open 8-8. Make sure things are clean. No  
electrical items that don't work; if they need  
batteries put them in please. The Sunday  
School will have goodies for sale.

PLEASE UNLOAD YOUR BAGS AND BOXES  
AND PUT ITEMS ON DESIGNATED TABLES.

\*\*Each church family; please bring one dozen  
cookies/treat bags/bars for us to sell.\*\*

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## BIG thanks to Clear Lake for hosting our Parish Picnic!

**Dorcas Piecemakers** : Our Circle group will  
be meeting the first **Tuesday** and third Monday  
of September from 1-3. On Tuesday,  
September 3rd we will have lunch at Irma's at  
noon and all are welcome to join us. Sewing  
from 1-3 on new table runners for the  
fellowship tables.

In August we were able to deliver pillows  
and kids pillowcases to Northwoods  
Homeless Shelters and another box of  
pillows and two dozen pillowcases to Grace  
Place in New Richmond.



Dorcas Circle and friends sewing, ironing and  
Vi back there sorting the container cupboard!

## Clear Lake August Ad C Highlights

### OLD BUSINESS:

- The new window in the meeting room was installed by Roger LaBlanc and John Koerper. **Thanks very much guys!**
- Clear Lake will host the parish picnic August 18 at 10:00 at the Clear Lake Chalet. Clear Lake will furnish plates, cups, silverware, and drinks.
- Cornhole tournament following lunch. Everyone is invited to participate or cheer!
- Pastor Hakki will download the music for the service.
- Roger found an electrician to install the ceiling fan.

### NEW BUSINESS:

- Church time will change September 1st to 11:00 AM.
- Potluck and coffee will be **before** church at 10:15.
- The 10% from the April rummage sale will be donated to the Gaylord Nelson Memorial signage on Hwy 63.
- Chair lift - the chair lift is not working. Roger will check into getting the chair lift repaired.
- September 5th Sunday service, September 29th - joint service at 10:00 with Clear Lake hosting. Potluck to follow church service.
- The reader will start the service if Pastor Hakki is running late. They will also do the benediction so Pastor Hakki can get to the next service as needed.
- Tentatively looking at not having Potluck October 6th to support the Catholic church chicken dinner.

### PASTOR'S COMMENTS:

- Pastor Hakki will be having a one on one meeting with D.S. Peace August 8th.
- He will be inviting D.S. Peace to speak at our September 5th Sunday Combined Service on the 29th.
- He will be asking for the Charge Conference meeting date.

Closed Meeting with The Lord's Prayer.

**Next meeting September 4, 2024 at 4:00.**

# Faith Family Church News:

## Faith Family Ad Board HIGHLIGHTS:

July 25, 2024 at 6:30 via zoom

**Pancake breakfast/fundraiser:** Since we are already into a busy summer, it was decided to skip the garage sale and have the pancake breakfast on **Sept. 22 from 9-1**. Debbie will put the ad in the Glenwood paper and Tab. Debbie will get groceries. There will be a sign-up sheet for bringing some of the supplies. We will get flyers made. We will have church on **Saturday, Sept. 21 at 6:00**.  
**Next meeting: September 19, 6:30 on zoom**

## Fun Day School Kids:

See you in September!!! Time TBA!

## Community Events:

Emerald Community Meeting: Rustic Lore:  
September 6-8, 2024

Horsing Around Days: 1st weekend in October

2024 EMERALD COMMUNITY

# HORSIN' Around

OCTOBER 4TH-6TH

**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!**

CHECK US OUT ON FACEBOOK:

[Faith Family Church | Facebook](#)

Pastor Hakki's sermon on the fruits of the spirit.

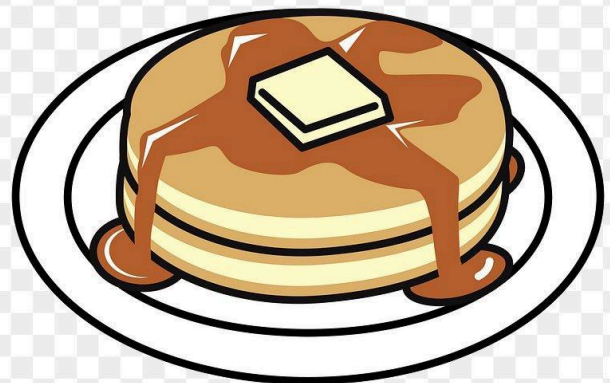


We are able to Rent out our beautiful building for events, meetings, etc.

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

**Noisy Can--3rd Qtr: Salvation Army or Grace Place**  
**Send Offering to:** Terri Wilson, 3127 200<sup>th</sup> Ave,  
Glenwood City, WI 54013

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST**  
**Sept. 22 from 9-1**



Faith Family Church



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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