

THE PARISH CONNECTION

September 2026

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

Lectionary Readings

SEPT 06 | 15th Sunday after Pentecost (Green)
Exod 12:1-14; Ps 149 or Ps 148 (UMH 861);
Rom 13:8-14; Matt 18:15-20

SEPT 13 | 16th Sunday after Pentecost (Green)
Exod 14:19-31 and Ps 114; Exod 15:1b-11, 20-21
Rom 14:1-12; Matt 18:21-35

SEPT 20 | 17th Sunday after Pentecost (Green)
Exod 16:2-25; Ps 105:1-6, 37-45, or Ps 78
Acts 1:14-21, 33-35; Matt 20:1-16

SEPT 27 | 18th Sunday after Pentecost (Green)
Exod 17:1-7; Ps 78:1-4, 12-16 (UMH 799);
Acts 3:1-19; Matt 21:23-32



Scan to watch the worship
service live on YouTube—Sundays
at 9:30 AM,
Or search “Willow River Parish
Worship Service” on YouTube.



Sept. 24-25—CL Thrift and
Bake Sale

Sept. 27th—TL: Parkview
Harvest Dinner

Willow River Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/Willow-River-Parish-103076225619623/>. Please send any information
you would like posted to Gail Kuhl @
kuhlq1977@gmail.com

IN OUR PRAYERS

Joys—PF: Yeji's safe return; preschool building progress; gratitude to Billy and all who helped; **CL:** Suri returning to school, Ben, Joan, and Betty's birthdays; Oliver participating in the Wisconsin State Fair, Patricia—Roger's sister—visiting family, the birth of Elsa—Bev's great-great-granddaughter, Yeji being here with us; Roger & Diane welcoming great grandson—Braxton, Dawn's grandson and granddaughter beginning college, John Buhr receiving good news at his latest checkup; **TL:** Yeji worshipping with us, a successful National Night Out; Mary Becker returning to teach at Ascension, Ken Stevens sending greetings, Hunter's birthday, Molly returning to school, the Impromptu Choir singing

Concerns—PF: Barb Bender continuing her recovery, the former preschool building; **CL:** Linda Fouks preparing for a heart procedure, Roger B undergoing additional tests, Joanne preparing for surgery, Jim Hobart recovering from surgery, Neil Lillie, Tim, Megan, Paula, and Judy with health concerns; **TL:** Barb with knee pain, Dale Nygaard preparing for surgery, Rodney Turcotte with health concerns, Josh and Lexi continuing to grieve the loss

Remembering—Steve Linehan, Carol Steinmetz, Bernie Paulson, Adam Massman, Virginia Cahow, Heather Heintz



Nov 29, 2026 --- TL: Parkview

Jan 31, 2027 --- PF: Faith

WORSHIP MINISTRIES

Clear Lake

- Sept 6th** Reader: Diane Blanchard
Acolyte/PwrPt: Ben Jr
Potluck/Coffee: Roger & Diane
- Sept 13th** Reader: John Koerper
Acolyte/PwrPt: Vidalia Gorres
Coffee: Camilla P
- Sept 20th** Reader: Debi Ahrens
Acolyte/PwrPt: Oliver Wood
Coffee: Linda J
- Sept 27th** Reader: Dawn Cress
Acolyte/PwrPt: Oliver Gorres
Coffee: Erin & Dylan Gorres
- Oct 4th** Reader: Alison Blanchard
Acolyte/PwrPt: Lily Avery
NO Potluck/Coffee: Catholic Dinner

Counters for September: Linda & Joan

Counters for October: Carla & Diane

Turtle Lake: Parkview

- Sept 6th** Ushers: TBD
Liturgist: TBD
- Sept 13th** Ushers: Hougdahls
Liturgist: Carol H
- Sept 20th** Ushers: Kay & Paula
Liturgist: Paula
- Sept 27th** No Service due to Harvest Dinner
- Oct 4th** Ushers: TBD
Liturgist: TBD

Dorcas Piecemakers Work Days: On Tuesday, September 8th, (Labor Day the 7th) we will meet at Irma's for lunch and sew from 1 to 3 pm. On the 21st we will meet at Irma's at noon and sew from 1-3. We will continue working on walker bags made for the hospital, pillowcases and dinner aprons for the nursing homes. We also have a new banner project. All are welcome to join us for lunch and sewing.

The October Newsletter Deadline is

September 26th: Please email any information you would like to include in the newsletter or calendar to Anitra at wrpsecretary@gmail.com by this date. Thank you!



St. Croix Valley Food Bank's monthly pop-up distributions are located in Deer Park and Glenwood City. The **Deer Park** event is held at the Fire Department Cold Storage

Facility, 211 South St. W., from 11 a.m. to noon on the **second Thursday** of the month. The **Glenwood City** event is held at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 615 Maple Street, from 11 a.m. to noon on the **third Thursday** of the month.

The St. Croix Valley Food Bank distribution is free of charge for those who qualify. Organizers say those who qualify for free or reduced school lunch or Social Security generally meet the income guidelines. Participants must be Wisconsin residents.

UMC Special Sundays: Listed below are the special Sundays for 2026. Donation envelopes will be at the back of the churches.

- World Communion Sunday ~ October 4
 - United Methodist Student ~ November 29
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CLACC Senior Luncheon Senior Luncheons at the community center are planned for **October 22 and December 10**.

Please mark your calendars — we'd love to have you join us for each one. To reserve your spot, please call the community center office at 715-263-2233.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR

HARVEST DINNER

Sunday, September 27, 2026

11:00a - 1:00p

Dine in or Carry out

**Parkview
United Methodist Church**

TURTLE LAKE • CORNER OF HWYS. 8 & 63

BROASTED CHICKEN
MASHED POTATOES & GRAVY
CORN | COLE SLAW
CRANBERRIES | DINNER ROLLS
HOMEMADE PIE & ICE CREAM

Adults \$15.00

Children \$ 6.00

CHILDREN 5 AND UNDER ARE FREE

September Birthdays

Megan Anderson	9/02
Craig Paulson	9/02
Morgan Mrdutt	9/03
Dick Danielson	9/05
Camilla Pietz	9/08
Paige Davis	9/08
Delores Barr	9/09
Lynn Kettenacker	9/10
Leslie Frisle	9/12
Maddie Thompson	9/15
Peyton Lillie	9/15
Ron Jurisch	9/18
Pete Thompson	9/19
Diane Blanchard	9/21
Yeji Kim	9/21
Nancy Hansen	9/23
Elaine Molls	9/24
Debi Ahrens	9/24
Carrie Blanchard	9/25
Madison Blanchard	9/28
Mary Becker	9/30

September Anniversaries

Kent & Gloria Paulson	9/01
Fernandez & Renae Johnson	9/08
Tyler & Mandy Sharpe	9/10
BJ & Jill Quade	9/14
Dennis & Kathi Zemke	9/14
Roger & Diane Blanchard	9/14
John & Lynn Kettenacker	9/18
Greg & Robin Greschner	9/19
Chris & Robin Burke	9/19
Dick & Vickie Danielson	9/24
John & Sandi Reed	9/24
Pete & Janice Thompson	9/27

WRP Youth: What a beautiful August evening for Youth Group! We gathered at Avery's for a pool party, enjoyed a delicious grilled summer picnic, and spent the evening laughing, swimming, and competing in a competitive relay! In the middle of all the fun, we were reminded of something even better: God's grace flows freely—given to us not because we earn it, but because He loves us. Good food, a little friendly competition, a meaningful message, and one last jump in the pool to end the night. A pretty perfect summer evening together.



Youth Baking Night

On Wednesday, September 23rd, the youth will make and bake treats for the Thrift Sale. We will start at 3:30 and go till all are packaged up and ready to sell, about 7 pm. We know sports are going on but come when you can, we will have pizza ready for supper. We will start a thread when we get closer to the date as to who is making/bringing what. All proceeds go to the mission projects the youth choose. Parent Meeting to be scheduled. Any questions, please reach out to Erin Gorres: 651.315.3302

PF: Faith UMC News

REMINDER to UWF members of all three churches and any friends welcome—Northwest Districts Fall Gathering at Barron Methodist church Sat. September 26th. See the Weaver for more information and registration. Registration forms are due by Sept. 18. Questions contact a district team member.

THANK YOU to all who helped remove items from preschool. Many thanks to Bill Wiseman for the hours put into this and leveling of soil and seeding it with grass seed.

---AD COUNCIL is Thurs, Sept. 10 at 5:30 pm.



The next SPRC meeting will be on Wednesday, September 16th; 6pm @ CL



I learned to play the piano for many years when I was young. Most of the music I learned was classical music. In classical music, the notes are already written on the page. As a student, I needed to learn the proper techniques with my fingers, but I also needed to understand what the composer intended through the music. I could not simply play whatever notes I wanted. I had to pay attention to the notes, rhythm, dynamics, and many other details written in the score. And, of course, I had to practice.

I still remember practicing at a small piano academy in my neighborhood in Korea. I would repeat the same passage again and again, filling in little circles on a practice chart one by one. Sometimes repetition was boring and difficult, but there was no shortcut. If I wanted to play better, I had to keep practicing. One circle, another circle, and another circle. Even after all that practice, however, it was almost impossible to play a piece perfectly the first time I saw the music. Even after practicing a piece many times, I could still make a mistake during a performance.

So what happens when you play a wrong note? Do you stop and start over so that you can play the piece perfectly? No. You keep playing. Keeping going does not mean pretending that the mistake never happened. It means continuing the music and maintaining its flow and dynamics all the way to the final page. Even professional pianists make mistakes during a performance. What matters is how they recover and keep the music going.

You cannot stop in the middle of the piece and say, "Wait. Let me go back and play that measure again." The music has already moved on. The wrong note has already been played. If you stop every time you make a mistake, a small mistake may become a much bigger one. Music is not simply a collection of individual notes. We hear it as a whole. One note matters, but the relationship between the notes matters even more.

When I was in elementary school, my piano teacher wanted me to experience another kind of music. She introduced me to another teacher, and that was how I entered the world of jazz piano. Jazz taught me another interesting way to think about this.

Unlike the classical music I learned, jazz allows much more freedom and improvisation. Sometimes a musician may play a note that was not originally intended. But whether that note sounds like a mistake can depend on what comes next. There is a saying often attributed to the great jazz musician Miles Davis: "It's not the note you play that's the wrong note—it's the note you play afterwards that makes it right or wrong." I really like this idea.

Sometimes we play an unexpected note in our lives. Sometimes it comes from a decision we regret. Sometimes we say something we wish we had not said. Sometimes something simply happens to us that we never planned or expected. And just like a musician in the middle of a song, we cannot go backward and erase the note that has already been played. But there is still a next note.

A wrong note is still a wrong note. But one wrong note does not ruin the whole piece. What matters is what comes next. The same may be true in our lives. We cannot erase every mistake we have made, but we can decide what the next note will be.

Classical music taught me the importance of practice, discipline, and continuing even after a mistake. Jazz taught me something slightly different: sometimes an unexpected note can become part of the music depending on what comes next. I think both are important lessons for life. We do not have to play every note perfectly. Of course, we should practice, learn, and try our best. But when we make a mistake, we do not need to believe that the whole piece is ruined. We can keep listening, learn from what happened, and choose the next note carefully. Perhaps life is less about playing every note perfectly and more about learning how to keep the music going. The music is still going. May God give us wisdom to learn from our mistakes, courage to keep going, and patience to listen carefully for the next note.

In Christ,

Pastor Don

It's Time to Renew Your Newsletter "Subscription"

Please select the option below that best fits your lifestyle. If you would like to make a change, please return this form to your church or the Parish office no later than September 25th. If you choose to have your newsletter mailed, please enclose a \$10 payment (postage is \$.82 per issue and there are 12 issues; \$9.84).

Name _____

_____ I would like to receive the newsletter in the mail for a \$10 contribution.

_____ I will pick-up my copy of the newsletter from the back of my church.

_____ I read the newsletter online at www.willowriverparish.org or via email.

_____ I would like to make a \$10 donation so our elders can continue to receive the newsletter by mail.

Clear Lake UMC News

- Coffee following the service
- Potluck-1st Sunday of each month following the service.
- **Food shelf donations** any Sunday- We'd like to make another delivery soon if you can donate!!

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

CL Noisy Cans:

3rd quarter—Clear Lake Food Pantry
4th quarter—Clear Lake Ambulance

Church Cleaning Donation: If you want to help pay \$120 for cleaning the church, which is done once a month. You can write a check to UMC Please put in an envelope that says for cleaning and put in the collection plate.

Bell Choir at CLUMC: We will take the month of September off and start back on Sunday October 4th at 7pm.

Clear Lake UMC Fall Thrift Sale

Thurs, Sept. 24th & Fri, Sept 25th

9am-5pm.(set up after church on Sept. 20th)

You may bring your items and place them in the correct places Sunday, Sept. 20 through Wednesday, Sept. 23. 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 Youth 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.

UWF: August UWF Minutes

8 Present 12:00 Lunch at Kate's Coffee Koop.
Pastor John and Yeji were able to join us.

1. Went to church to complete preparations for the 150th Church Anniversary.
2. Food List: Betty Romain Salad, Dawn Centa De Pep P Salad, Jennie Boiled eggs, Stacia Baked Beans, Joan & Deb Potato Salad, Humpy Chicken, Linda 2 Sheet Cakes with church pictures on them, Catherine oval plates, napkins, 12 oz hot & cold cups, napkins, small plates for cake, butter.
3. Ask Diane if the following could help with filling coffee carafs, clean up Scoot, Lily, Oliver G, Oliver W, Vidalia and 2 men Justin and Dylan
4. Set up Sat. Aug 29.
5. Treasurers Report \$947.35
6. UWF Fall Conference Barron United Methodist Church 9/26 Saturday.
7. No socks anymore; they made \$5,706—1/2 came from our North District. instead of socks, new items called, Terra Cycle, save used gift cards, unusable pens, markers, crayons, used tape dispensers and empty glue sticks, used dental floss containers, used toothbrushes and tooth paste tubes, used deodorant containers, pumps triggers from soap, cleaning products, etc, plastic bread tags, used stamps, but not flags. Possibly take leftovers from Thrift Sale to Star Prairie Thrift Store.
8. Worked on History Books.
9. Sept. 9, 1:15 UWF Bingo at Willowridge Health Center treats and Pumpkin Bars.

Joan Lillie President, Betty Rake Treasure, Linda Jurisch Secretary.

**Also a box will be in the back of the church for Terra Cycle Used Items.

Clear Lake AD Council Meeting--Aug 5, 2026

Secretary's Report and Treasurer's Report read and approved.

Motion by Jennie to move \$20,000 from the merger with Deer Park to a money market account. Second by Gail. Motion carried.

It has been brought to our attention by Julie Elmer that the quarterly tax forms were not being filed. Julie will meet with Camilla Peitz to ensure the correct forms are completed and submitted.

Old Business:

1. Domestic Divas was hired to clean the parsonage for \$715.00.
2. Parsonage rental - the rental fell through so will put the house back on the market. The renters will be responsible for lawn care and snow removal for the parsonage. (Justin and Oliver will continue lawn care until the property is rented.) Gail will handle all inquiries on the rental.
3. Deer Park church sale - the church will be on the market Friday August 7, 2026. Asking price is \$89,000. Compass Realty will handle the sale.
4. JT Lillie will coordinate with the company that installed the stained glass window to complete the corrected installation.
5. Diane is still working on purchasing the banner racks.

New Business:

1. Bank signers - motion was made by Debi, 2nd by Dawn to designate Ben Avery Jr. as the youth signer on the Westconsin Youth Account. Motion carried.

Pastor's Notes:

1. Pastor Don's hours in Clear Lake are Thursday and Friday from 2 - 5.
2. There will be coffee with the pastor on Thursdays at 2:00 to get to know him for anyone wishing to attend.
3. Asked Pastor Don to print 6 to 8 copies of his sermon so they can be included in the mailings to our shut-ins.
4. Pastor Don and DS Peace are working out the details for the 150th service celebration.

**Next meeting September 9, 2026 at 5:00PM.
Please try and attend!**

Jennie Keller, Recording Secretary

TL: Parkview UMC News

- Administrative Council meeting
-----September 9 at 6:00 pm



Many members of the Parkview generously volunteered their time to husk and prepare corn for the annual Harvest Dinner, which will be held on September 27. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for this special evening of fellowship and a wonderful meal.

Parkview will once again host Santa for the Turtle Lake children. We will have Christmas decorations, baked goods and treats for everyone at no cost. So, start thinking about cleaning out your closets and shelves and set aside any holiday decorations you no longer want. Do not bring them to church yet, but start saving. We will let you know when we're ready to set up.

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or search "Parkview United
Methodist Church - Turtle Lake,
WI" on Facebook





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Don Lee, Pastor
Office Hours: Thurs & Fri: 2:00–5:00 PM at CL
Wed: 1:00–4:00 PM, Sat: 9:00 AM–12:00 PM at TL

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Sunday Worship

8:15 a.m. - Prairie Farm: Faith 9:30 a.m. – Clear Lake 10:45 a.m. – Turtle Lake: Parkview

[Willow River Parish Worship Service - YouTube](#)

Church School
(TBD)