

THE PARISH CONNECTION

September 2023

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

Lectionary Readings

September 3, 2022

14th Sunday after Pentecost (Green)

Ex 3:1-15; Ps 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b (UMH 828);
Rom 12:9-21; Matt 16:21-28

September 10, 2022

15th Sunday after Pentecost (Green)

Grandparent's Day

Ex 12:1-14; Ps 149 (UMH 861);
Rom 13:8-14; Matt 18:15-20

September 17, 2022

16th Sunday after Pentecost (Green)

Ex 15:1b-11, 20-21; Ps 114 (UMH 135);
Rom 14:1-12; Matt 18:21-35

September 24, 2022

17th Sunday after Pentecost (Green)

Ex 16:2-15; Ps 105:1-6, 37-45 (UMH 828);
Phil 1:21-30; Matt 20:1-16

IN OUR PRAYERS

Joys—fair, picnic service, vacation season, Bailey and Madi's engagement, VBS, bell choir

Concerns—Todd, Cindy's hip surgery, Pete's recovery, Cindy Vanda back surgery, Ruth's niece, Maui, Hawaii, Addyson, Aryana, Andrea's niece, Mark, Jamie

Remembering—Family and friends of Richard LaBlanc and Catherine Benoy's sister

Newsletter Renewal: If you currently receive the newsletter through the mail and have not yet paid, please renew your subscription by sending \$8 to the parish office or let Pastor Hakki know that you no longer wish to receive the newsletter via "snail mail". 715-263-2700 or wrpsecretary@gmail.com. Thank you.

Dates to Remember:

- September 10th is the Parsonage inspection by SPRC and trustees with potluck.
- Pastor's vacation from Sep 19 - 28. (Sep 24th Pulpit Fill: Rev. Tony Hill)
- Sep 16th: Installation Service for New District Superintendent Peace Kim at the First UMC at Barron at 10 a.m.
- Parish picnic meal (potluck) on Sep 17 at Clear Lake UMC at 5:30 p.m. to welcome Pastor Hakki's parents!

Church Times Change

Deer Park 8:30 am
Clear Lake 9:45 am
Faith Family 11:00 am



UMC Special Sundays:

- World Communion Sunday-October 1
- UM Student Day Sunday-November 26



PET OF THE MONTH:

Lily Avery and her hen, Chickarita!

United Methodist Church

Northwest District Youth Kickoff

Saturday, October 21, 2023--12-8:30pm at Hunt Hill, N2384 Hunt Hill Road, Sarona, WI
Hiking, canoeing, fellowship, worship, meet DS, glow hike.

To register or for more information:

[HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/NUJ8S8AK6QXHR5NCA](https://forms.gle/NUJ8S8AK6QXHR5NCA)

PARISH SECRETARY OPPORTUNITY: If you or anyone you know would be interested in the Parish Secretary position (approximately 15-20 hours a MONTH), here is a brief description of what it entails: mailing sermons, preparing bulletins and PowerPoint presentations (weekly) and newsletters (monthly), maintaining PowerChurch database, ordering office supplies, creating miscellaneous documents for church events, managing the parish website, etc.

Please contact Pastor Hakki at the office if you are interested 715-263-2700.

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
Don Althoff	9/15
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
Don Warner	9/30

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
Don & Arlene Althoff	9/17
Dick & Vickie Danielson	9/24
John & Sandi Reed	9/24
Pete & Janice Thompson	9/27

Zoom: Please use the following information to join us Sundays for worship at 8:30 a.m.
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88613652777?pwd=UlpasVhGN0g1Qnc3VDV5T0Jhci83UT09>
 Meeting ID: 886 1365 2777
 Passcode: 421072

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 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.

WRP Youth

Jesus' Parables, an Escape Room game!



VBS 2023-Twists and Turns

Fun days of learning about trusting and knowing that Jesus will always be with them through all the twists and turns of life!!

Clear Lake Community Center (CLACC) is starting a **Senior Lunch Program** for our community. The first luncheon will be at noon on October 26 at CLACC. Cost is \$6 ages 60+ and \$10 for those under 60. However, no one will be turned away if unable to pay. Reservations are also required. Please call 715-263-2233 and leave a message.

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 kuhlq@cltcomm.net

Deadline for the October Newsletter is September 26th

SEPTEMBER WORSHIP MINISTRIES

Clear Lake

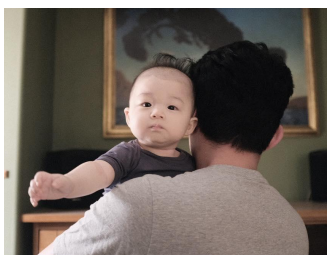
Sept 3rd Reader: Diane B
Acolyte/PwrPt: Ben Avery
Potluck: Woods
Sept 10th Reader: Youth
Acolyte/PwrPt: Oliver Gorres
Coffee: Camilla
Sept 17th Reader: Debi A
Acolyte/PwrPt: Oliver Wood
Coffee: Linda
Sept 24th Reader: Dawn C
Acolyte/PwrPt: Jordan Blanchard
Coffee: Bev

Counters for September: Linda & Betty

Faith Family

Sept 3rd Millermon family
Sept 10th Paul Webster
Sept 17th Heather Greene
Sept 24th Penny Warner

Pastor's Pen: As the day approaches when my parents are coming to Wisconsin, my wife and I have been gradually cleaning up the house at night after Evan falls asleep. Just recently, we packed Evan's jumper, walker, bouncer, and mobile from the closet into bags and took them down to the basement. Seeing our baby's things after such a long time felt a bit weird. When we first came to Wisconsin, he was 6 months old. He was learning to flip over, and we were making baby food for him. Every night, when he cried in his crib, we would bring him to our bed, and after he fell asleep again, we'd put him back in his crib. Sometimes, he would cry for



an hour at night for no apparent reason, and when he started teething, those nights were really tough on us.

However, why does time seem to pass so quickly? No, to be precise, just 1-2 years ago, he didn't even have a full head of hair, he was learning to flip over, eating baby food, breastfeeding, playing in the jumper, and now all of a sudden, he's grown to walk, run, feed himself, and even asks us to play together. We feel like we haven't changed much, but he keeps growing. It's a joy to see him growing up healthy, but sometimes I miss the moments when he would sit in the bouncer, play in the jumper, or when I would hold him in my arms for over an hour to put him to sleep. Of course, just as I miss baby Evan, I might miss the current Evan in a few years as future me.



As I reflect on various moments from the past, I find myself thinking that I should focus more on today's Evan, show him more love, and not hesitate to express my feelings of love because time doesn't wait for us, and the today that has passed will never come back. While

family is such a close relationship, there are times when we take that bond for granted. If you've been putting off expressing your love to your loved ones, how about taking the opportunity today to generously say "I love you," "thank you," or "I'm sorry"? Today might just be the best day given by God for you to express your love to your loved ones.

When my parents come here, I plan to take a vacation from September 19th to 28th. I will provide information about pulpit fill soon. Also, on September 16th, there will be an Installation Service at 10 AM at the First UMC at Barron to welcome the new D.S. Peace Kim. Please keep him in your prayers.



With the love of Christ, Pastor Hakki

Deer Park UMC News:

On July 30th, we hosted our 5th Sunday potluck with the Parish picnic at the Deer Park Lions Park. We thank Dennis and Joyce Peterson, Ruth Severson and Elden Setter for their much-appreciated help in getting the park spruced up. There was a nice group in spite of all the busy summer events and activities.

Pastor Hakki had a nice service and many thanks to Rev. Eun-Sung Park and his wife, Jungwon Kim, for the special music. It was nice to see Esther and cute little Evan.



We are so thankful Pete's extensive back surgery is behind us and that he is improving each day.

We will miss Anitra and wish her happiness in her new job. God Bless.

Our wish is for a nice long, colorful warm fall.

The best to everyone from your friends in Deer Park.

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

3rd Quarter Noisy Can--Grace Place

Clear Lake UMC News

- Coffee after church
- Potluck-1st Sunday of each Month after church.
- Food shelf donations any Sunday
- Collecting for shelter residents staying in hotels at this time, canned goods w/pop tops or single serve items to cook in the microwave.

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

Noisy Can: 3rd qtr. Christmas for Children, 4th qtr. Food Pantry.

BIG thanks to Deer Park for hosting our Parish Picnic



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.

Dorcas Piecemakers Work Day: On Monday, September 4th we will celebrate Labor Day and not meet to sew. On Monday, September 18 we will meet to sew on pillowcases and quilts from 1-3pm.



Great helpers matching pillowcases and one young man learning to iron.

Monday, August 7, we cut 76 pads for Honduras women and girls. We also worked on quilts and matched up pillowcases.

Pad cutting crew for girls and women in Honduras.



Dorcas Women's Group recently completed a variety of quilts and pillow cases for area homeless shelters. Thanks to all the women who have been working on our projects this summer.

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 August Ad C Highlights

Old Business:

- Community VBS is August 13-16th, still time to sign up to help. VBS mission this year will be to raise money for grain bin rescue equipment. Dawn made a motion to donate \$50.00 for this, seconded by Debi, motion carried.
- Our church service time will change September 3rd to 9:45am with coffee and potluck to follow.
- Sunday School will be meeting this year on Sundays and help is needed. There will be a "back to school" picnic, time to be announced later.
- Dorcas Piecemakers will be meeting Monday August 7th from 10am until 3pm with a potluck at noon. All are welcome to help with cutting fabric for Helping Honduran girls.
- Bell Choir will be playing on Thursday August 10th at 6:30pm at Clear Lake Bandstand.
- The Salvation Army Shelter near Barron is ready for help with painting. We would like to get a crew together on August 15th from 8am-noon.
- Greg Dodge will be inspecting and giving us an estimate for repairs on the bell tower and back step landing.
- Roger found some Thank You notes he had received previously, from Christmas for Children and Brian Wick for monetary gifts.

New Business:

- The Ministry Plan will be reviewed with Pastor, Dawn and Diane.
- Pastor is working on starting Confirmation, he will be setting up a meeting with the parents soon.
- Youth Group leadership- tabled
- Church Growth- Dawn recommended trying to organize a choir again at our church. Debi will discuss it with prior choir members and ask the youth if they would be interested.

Pastor's Notes:

- Pastor informed us he will be taking an online course- Clinical Pastoral Education, every Thursday during September through December. This will not affect his office hours.
- Pastor's parents are visiting Sept. 11th-24th, He will be taking vacation while they are here-the 19th-28th. Parish potluck at CL Sunday September 17th, 5:30pm.

Clear Lake Sunday School Kick off Sunday!

Join us at the CL Church on Sunday, September 10th at 9:45 am for our 'Back to Sunday School Service'. We will have our full service planned around and with our youth, give out bibles, sing some fun songs and join in an all church scavenger hunt. Please join us to support and pray for our youth and teachers!



We will begin Sunday classes the following Sunday, September 17th at 9:55 am, following the children's time in the service. **Thank You, questions, call Diane, 715-607-4339(new #)**

For the CL Church Thrift Sale Students will meet after school on Wednesday, Sept. 27th from 3:30-6:30 to bake for their mission project.

Clear Lake UMC Fall Thrift Sale:



CL Methodist Thrift Sale
Thurs, Sept. 28th & Fri, Sept 29th 9 am-5 pm.

You may bring your items and place them in the correct places Sunday, Sept. 24 through Wednesday, Sept. 27. 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.****

Faith Family Church News:

FAITH FAMILY AD. BOARD HIGHLIGHTS:

- o Bell looks wonderful. Thanks to all who helped.
- o Parish Picnic. Pastor reported that it went well. Musicians from Menomonie performed. Lots of good food and fellowship!
- o **Pancake Breakfast. Tentative date: October 22**
- o **Rummage Sale Rustic Lore Weekend. September 8 and 9 .**
- o 4th quarter noisy can will go to Humane Society
- o Problems with front door opening and closing. Will need to look into a new door.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday October 12th at 6:00pm

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

Stay tuned for more information:

- ☐ **Rustic Lore Community Faith Family Garage Sale September 8th 8-4 and 9th 8-12**
 - ☐ October Horsing Around Days
 - ☐ **Pancake Breakfast on October 22nd**
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BACK to SCHOOL
Prayers for our students, teachers, parents, grandparents, paraprofessionals, bus drivers, etc.
God Bless you ALL!

FUN DAY SCHOOL CORNER:



Fun Day school kids have been just hanging around since some of us had COVID this month, so some of us have been home most of the month. We did get together the last couple weeks in August for

some lessons together once we were all feeling better. We talked about how we can all feel like Hulk sometimes. We made a "greenish" smoothie to show what it looks like to feel like Hulk and have anger in our bodies.

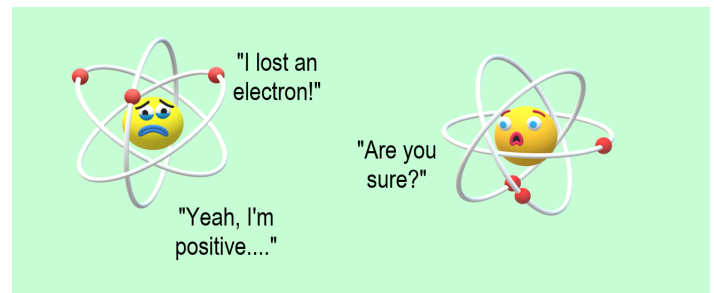
As summer comes to an end and School starts we are working on getting back into a routine. Check the Calendar to see what days we have Funday School this Month.

Noisy Cans--3rd Quarter--Salvation Army--
Send Offering to: Terri Wilson, 3127 200th Ave,
Glenwood City, WI 54013

CHECK US OUT ON FACEBOOK:

[Faith Family Church | Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/FaithFamilyChurch)

Humor Corner:



Anchor of Hope Spiritual Growth Pathway



Reach for a Higher Power

- Support in times of crisis
- Develop new friendships
- Help during transitions
- Community Service Opportunities



Connect with a Mentor

- Building stronger relationships
- Learning basics of Christianity
- Pray regularly, Read the Bible
- Worship Regularly



Discover New Seas

- Share your testimony
- Learn from other people's stories
- Tithing
- Regular Spiritual practices.

Become Fisher's of People

- Lead, Teach, Serve
- Encourage others to share their testimonies
- Become a Mentor
- Feel supported

Recovery is for ALL and ALL are welcome. We all have things in our lives we have struggled with—grief, guilt, perfectionism, anxiety, depression, abilities, trauma, drugs/alcohol/food addictions, etc. We work through these areas of our life by laying our burdens down and finding rest in Christ at Anchor of Hope. If you need to connect with someone from Anchor of Hope please reach out via our email, facebook, messenger, or call/text Heather Greene (This is a part-time position and also run by volunteers so if this is an emergency please call 911 or for a mental health crisis call 988).

Our District Superintendent Peace has offered his time and services to our ministry too. Here is his contact information: PyungAhn "Peace" *North West District Superintendent Wisconsin Conference of The United Methodist Church* pkim@wisconsinumc.org or 608-478-4527.

ANCHOR OF HOPE SEPTEMBER PRAYER:

Please God show us signs today and tomorrow that this ministry is here to stay. Help us today to help others and show your love through our actions. Let us show your light through laughter and compassion. We stand together to share God's love with each other. In Jesus Name we pray. Amen.

Our website can be found at

<https://anchorofhopeemeral.wixsite.com/my-site>

[ANCHOR OF HOPE](#) Facebook Live.

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 830 9477 1703 Passcode: 781739

Schedule of Events at Anchor of Hope:

Communion is to be determined.

Bible App Study: Dear Addiction

Saturdays: Bible App Study 2pm on Facebook

Mondays in August: Bibles and Burgers @ Emerald Community Park @ 6:00pm (Join us for potluck/burgers and to spend time in our Bibles)

Anchor of Hope Shepherding meeting:
September 11th, 6:00pm.

At Anchor of Hope in the Month of August we started a book study on Trauma and the 12 Steps and are working on looking at Recovery from a Trauma sensitive lens. We have decided that we are a recovery church for all people and want to be welcoming to all.

Institute of Congregational Development

Update: This month's field trip was to ZAO MKE UMC in Milwaukee

<https://www.zaomke.org>. We also read the book Multicultural Ministry- Finding Your Church Unique Rhythm by David Anderson. Next month we (Alpha Greene, Amanda Millermon and Heather Greene) will be going to Leadership Institute in Kansas City.

Heather Greene



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Phone: 612-799-6215

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

Church School
“Fun Day” School—4:30 pm on Wednesdays @ Faith Family
Sunday School—9:55 am on Sundays @ Clear Lake