

THE PARISH CONNECTION

September 2019

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

Lectionary Readings

September 1, 2019 [green]

Holy Communion

12th Sunday after Pentecost (green)

Jeremiah 2:4-13; Psalm 81:1, 10-16

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16; Luke 14:1, 7-14

September 8, 2019 [green]

13th Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 18:1-11; Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

Philemon 1-21; Luke 14:25-33

September 15, 2019 [green]

14th Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28; Psalm 14

1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10

September 22, 2019 [green]

15th Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1; Psalm 79:1-9

1 Timothy 2:1-7; Luke 16:1-13

September 29, 2019 [green]

16th Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15; Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16

1 Timothy 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31

Church Times Change in September!

8:30 – Clear Lake

9:45 – Forest

11:00 – Deer Park

Church School

Please join us for our annual 'Back to Church School' potluck picnic.

Where: Maple Knoll

When: Wednesday, Sep. 4th at 5:30

Taco basics will be provided. Please bring a dish to share.



Prayer and Concerns

Joys – The volunteers of our churches, the young people of our churches, the Labor Day holiday, our Sunday school volunteers, the fall season, the beginning of school

Concerns – Craig Longfellow, Debbie Stevens, Dawn Cress, Jeff Wilson, Doug Ahrens, Phyllis Humpal,

Remembering-

SEPTEMBER WORSHIP MINISTRIES

If you are unable to read on your designated date, please find a substitute.

Clear Lake

Sept 1st Reader: John Koerper
Acolyte/PwrPt: Tyson Blanchard
Coffee: Joan L/Dick D
Brunch

Sept 8th Reader: Debi Ahrens
Acolyte/PwrPt: Ben Pietz
Coffee: Ruth S/Jan B

Sept 15th Reader: Dawn Cress
Acolyte/PwrPt: Ivan Ruble
Coffee: Troy & Julie Elmer

Sept 22nd Reader: Andrea Jilek
Acolyte/PwrPt: Wyatt Reindahl
Coffee: Todd & Andrea Jilek

Sept 29th Reader: Alison Blanchard
Acolyte/PwrPt: Jordan Blanchard
Coffee: Avery family

Counters for Sept.: Carla La Blanc and Debi Ahrens
Greeters for Sept.: Camilla Pietz and Pat Lillie

Deer Park Readers

Sept. 1 *no reader*
Sept. 8 Elden Setter
Sept. 15 *no reader*
Sept. 22 *no reader*
Sept. 29 *no reader*

Forest Readers & Coffee

Sept. 1 Heather Greene
Sept. 8 Terri Wilson
Sept. 15 Cindy Warner
Sept. 22 Debbie Stevens
Sept. 29 Joyce Petersen



USHERS & GREETERS

Church Humor

Proverbs for the 21st Century

The children's Sunday school department was undertaking a study of the Book of Proverbs. To illustrate what proverbs are, Miss Daisy collected the first phrase of a bunch of traditional ones and asked the children to creatively complete them. Here are some results:

- Better to be safe than . . . punch a fifth-grader.
- Strike while the . . . bug is close.
- Don't bite the hand that . . . looks dirty.
- The pen is mightier than the . . . pigs.
- A penny saved . . . is not very much.
- Children should be seen and not . . . spanked or grounded.



“Faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.” James 2:17 (NRSV)

This might well be one of the most debated verses of the Bible. We know that we are saved by faith, not by works. We can do nothing to earn our way into heaven. We accept the gift of salvation that is given to us by God. We have faith that God will be there for us at all times. We have faith that our sins

will be forgiven.

So what does James mean in this verse? Not knowing the mind of God, I am not sure if I can tell you. However, let me give you a what if. What do you think might happen to a person who accepts Jesus into their hearts and lives at the age of 18, then does nothing about it until he or she dies at the age of 85? That person reads the Bible daily and prays daily, but does nothing else, steering clear of other people. Doesn't that fly against what Jesus tells us to do? Are we not to share the love of God with whomever we meet, helping the least and the lost?

I believe that the works we do are supposed to flow from our faith. Once we have accepted Jesus into our hearts, we are to assist others in accepting Jesus into their hearts. I believe that James is telling us to take Jesus into the world with us, that we are to go into the world and not separate ourselves from the world. How are we to expect the world to change if we do nothing to change it?

God's blessings,

Pastor John

Fall Thrift Sale



Clear Lake UMC is having a thrift sale September 26th and 27th from 9-5. There will be a light luncheon served both days from 11-1

(free will offering). You may start dropping off your items on Sunday, September 22nd after worship. Church will also be open Mon-Wed from 8 a.m.- 8 p.m. We do not need any more grocery bags, or crumpled paper. We could use some new boxes or large, black garbage bags for packing up, please leave boxes. PLEASE UNLOAD YOUR BAGS AND BOXES AND PUT ITEMS ON DESIGNATED TABLES!

**Deadline for October
Newsletter is Sept. 20th**

Church Sign Theology

TGIF: Today God Is First

Conscience is God's built-in warning system.

May the power of love overcome the love of power.

Tough times never last but tough people do.

There are no power bills in heaven. Jesus is the light!

Daily prayers will diminish your cares.

It is easier to fight for one's principles than to live up to them.

Silence is sometimes the best answer.

**Bingo @ Glenhaven
September 5th**



UMW Summer Trip
To Birchwood
Methodist Church
for Salad
Luncheon.

Tues. Aug. 13. 6 present

Meeting held in Joan's vehicle.

1. Motion made to keep same officers. Approved
2. Motion to give \$200.00 to District Mission for the year. Approved
3. Fall UMW Conference at Osceola Methodist Church. Sept. 21st 8:30-3:00. \$15.00. Let Ruth know if you want to go by Sept 7th. Linda Jurisch is going and has room for others. Will purchase school supplies for Osceola. Students amount \$25.00
4. Willow Ridge Bingo is 2:30 on Oct 8

Submitted by Linda Jurisch.

SUNDAY SCHOOL @ FOREST

September 8th: SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTS!!!! We will start Sunday School on September 8th. We are going to run Sunday School after children's time and have music before or right after church. (All are welcome)



Ruby's Pantry food distribution will take place September 14th

at the Congregational Church, Amery. A \$20 donation is suggested to cover the cost of food & transportation. Guest shares begin at 7:30am; arrive no later than 9am. If you'd like to volunteer please arrive at 6:30am. There is a free drawing for those registered before 8:45; must be present to win. Please bring a container to bring your food home in. For more information: call 715-268-7390 or email - office.ameryucc@gmail.com

Confirmation

There will be a confirmation meeting on Sunday, September 29th at 2:00 pm at the Clear Lake United Methodist Church. Parents and confirmands are invited.

Forest United Methodist Church Mom's Night & Family Game Night Forest United Methodist Church

Friday, September 13

Family Dinner at 5:30 pm

Mom's Night at 6:00 pm

Dad's & Kids Game Night 6:00 pm

Moms will meet separately from Dads and kids, but will join the Dads and kids when their program is over. It is planned that we will do this the second Friday of every month. Come join the fun!

Autumn Blessings by Deborah Ann

Autumn brings to the soul relief,
as hot Summer days, slip to an end
God sent the season for weary hearts
to restore, repair and mend.

Unlike the Autumn trees,
that shed their changing leaves
God sent the season for failing hearts
to adhere, embrace and cleave.

Just as with the Autumn winds,
there comes a new refreshing rain
God sent the season for fraying hearts
to increase, grow and gain.

The Autumn sun is slow to climb,
and dips much earlier into the night
God sent the season for sleepy hearts
to rise, shine and awake in His light.

God gave to us the Autumn season,
so we could have a respite and rest
for it is the season for our beset souls
to see how much we are blessed!

Camp Wapo Dinner Theater

TO ALL CHURCH MEMBERS, CHILDREN,
AND FRIENDS:

We would like to get a group interested in going to the Camp Wapogasset Christmas Dinner Theater. The name of the play is unknown at this time. The dinner has four courses: appetizers, salad, main course, and desserts. Coffee, milk, and apple cider are included. There is a break in the play for each course and the food is served buffet style.

Everything is provided by volunteers: food, servers, cooks, entertainment. The money they make goes to improve Camp Wapo. You will recognize many people working, in the choir, or performing. If you have never gone before, you'd be amazed at the whole evening. It really puts you in the mood for Christmas!

Eight people can sit at a table. The date will be announced soon.. Appetizers start at 5:15, play at 6:00. Adults \$40, Children 5-12 \$20.

We need to have an accurate count by October 1st. If you want to go, sign up on the sheet in back of the church. The money has to be paid ahead of time. Please give your money to Linda Jurisch on October 1st and it will be sent. Put each name of person coming on the list. When you get there, they just ask your name and take you to your reserved table.

If you have any questions, please call Linda Jurisch at 715-263-2288.

Willow Ridge Visit

On October 8th, we will be visiting the Willow Ridge Care Center. We will begin playing Bingo at 2:30 pm with pumpkin bar treats to follow.



Welcome Rev. Barbara Certa-Werner New District Superintendent

Sunday, September 22 from 3-5 pm.

A time of worship followed by a reception.

First United Methodist Church in Barron, WI.

Each church is invited to bring a small gift that represents your church/community that we can include in a gift basket for Barb. It might be a gift card to a favorite restaurant or coffee shop Barb can stop at when she is in your area; a craft made by someone in your church; maple syrup, honey, or some other food your community is known for; etc.

The Barron United Methodist Women have graciously agreed to provide and serve all refreshments at the welcome celebration. Donations are welcome to help defray the expense of the refreshments. If you'd like to contribute, please mail the check to:

Barron United Methodist Church
154 Memorial Drive
Barron, WI 54812
Make check payable to Barron UMW.

Clear Lake Sunday School

Beginning Sunday, Sept. 1, church in Clear Lake will be at 8:30 am. On Sunday, Sept. 8, church school will begin after young people's time. Coffee and potluck will be after the service.

We would like everyone to prayerfully consider leading Sunday school—there will be materials at church to take home and prepare lessons. Can you do two Sundays a month? Do you have a fun, seasonal lesson craft idea?

We have a very small group this year. Please share our times and opportunity to learn with your friends and neighbors. Please let Diane Blanchard know at 715-263-2690 or call/text 423-307-6247.

Opportunities in Mission

October 5, 2019

9:30 am to 2:30 pm

Hope United Methodist Church

2233 Golf Rd., Eau Claire

Presenters are: Paul Webster, agricultural missionary; Rev. Barbara Certa-Werner, Harbor House; Nancy Flath, Wausau Memory Café; Volunteers in Mission and more!

Cost for the day is \$7.00 which includes lunch, and is payable in cash upon arrival. This event is sponsored by Mission Motivation Committee of the Wisconsin Conference of the United Methodist Church.

Please register by Sept. 25th by emailing Lucy Silvester, loosesilv45@gmail.com with the names of those attending and the name of your local congregation. All are welcome.

Lay Servant Training

Pine Lake Camp

Sept. 27 & 28, 2019

Options will include Leading Prayer, Leading Worship, Spiritual Gifts, UM Heritage, UM Polity and "Scientific Evidence for the Existence of God".

Cost is \$110/per participant for attendees staying at Pine Lake, \$40/per participant for those not staying at the retreat center. The cost includes rooms (if you are staying at Pine Lake), meals as well as covering costs of class materials.

Please register with: Corrine Daniels, 608-934-5258, corrie.email@gmail.com.



Megan Zimmer	9/02
Craig Paulson	9/02
Steve Larson	9/04
Dick Danielson	9/05
Ariel Petersen	9/06
Naomi Sook-Peterson	9/06
Bryan Kuhl	9/08
Camilla Pietz	9/08
Summer Webster	9/09
Pastor John Hazen	9/11
Brooks Wilson	9/12
Don Althoff	9/15
Maddie Thompson	9/15
Peyton Lillie	9/15
Nancy Stutter	9/16
Seth Kirk	9/18
Pete Thompson	9/19
Diane Blanchard	9/21
Charles Balcerek	9/23
Debi Ahrens	9/24
Carrie Blanchard	9/25
John Frank	9/26
Jeff Wilson	9/27
Craig Longfellow	9/28
Madison Zimmer	9/28
Don Warner	9/30



Chris & Kristin Ahrens	9/02
Tom & Duana Bremer	9/03
Gregory & Heidi Olson	9/04
Bruce & Lona De Long	9/08
Randy & Brenda Olson	9/10
Tyler & Mandy Sharpe	9/10
Craig & Julie Longfellow	9/11
Roger & Diane Blanchard	9/14
Duane & Mary Stuntz	9/16
Don & Arlene Althoff	9/17
Dick & Vickie Danielson	9/24
John & Sandi Reed	9/24
Pete & Janice Thompson	9/27



THE WILLOW RIVER PARISH

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

*Church Times
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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

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