

# THE PARISH CONNECTION

September 2022

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

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## Lectionary Readings

September 4, 2022

**13th Sunday after Pentecost (Green)**

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

Philemon 1:1-21 - Luke 14:25-33

September 11, 2022

**14th Sunday after Pentecost (Green)**

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

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

September 18, 2022

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

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

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

September 25, 2022

**16th Sunday after Pentecost (Green)**

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

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

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## IN OUR PRAYERS

*Joys*—tractor show, WRP Picnic Service, Youth Program, rain

*Concerns*—Students and staff returning to school, Ruth's niece, wildfire in Kentucky, Norm Reed, Tasha, cancer patients, those who are homeless, those with COVID, Wendy's family, Gene Kuhl, Betty, Don Weber, Ardell, Jackie, Jenny Bergmann, Judy, Jean, Chad

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## Church Times Change this month!

Clear Lake 8:30 am

Faith Family 9:45 am

Deer Park 11:00 am



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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 \$6 to the parish office or let 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 2022. 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 2nd
  - United Methodist Student Day  
Sunday-November 27th
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**Charge Conference 2022**  
**Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>**  
**at Clear Lake UMC @ 6 p.m.**

**Please be sure to turn required paperwork into Pastor Hakki by September 30th.**

### Mark 12:41-44--The Widow's Mite

And he sat down opposite the treasury, and began to observe how people were putting money into the treasury; and many rich people were putting in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, which amounted to a cent. Calling his disciples to him He said to them. "Truly I say to you, this poor widow put in more than any contributors to the treasury; for they all put in out of their surplus, but she, out of her poverty, put in ALL she owned, all she had to live on."

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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
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
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

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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=UlpasVhGN0g1Qnc3VDV5T0Jhci83UT09>

Meeting ID: 886 1365 2777

Passcode: 421072

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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 10th in the AmTec parking lot at 241 Venture Drive Amery. This is a drive-thru distribution from 8am to 10am. Volunteers are greatly appreciated and should arrive at 7:15am. 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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### WILLOW RIVER PARISH PICNIC:



## WRP Youth



**Youth Will meet Wednesday, September 14, 6pm-8 pm at Roger Blanchard's home.**

## One Day Bible Camp-NW District of WI

UMC Youth Gathering—October 8, 2022  
Shell Lake UMC, 135 Reinhart Drive  
10 am-5 pm

- Bring a sack lunch
- Scavenger hunt
- Canoeing available
- Hiking
- Worship time

**BONUS**—ATV/UTV trail ride from Shell Lake UMC to Hunt Hill. Bring your own ATV/UTV or first come first served for ATV/UTV. Leave church at 10 am to Hunt Hill by 12 pm. We will leave the church in Clear Lake at 9 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

or Gail Kuhl kuhl@cltcomm.net

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**Deadline for the October Newsletter is September 23rd**

## Pet of the month:



The love between this young lad and this goat is impeccable. This goat is actually our neighbor's (Lori and Warren DeBoer). Abel fell in love and asked if he would be able to show the goat at the St. Croix County fair. He had never shown a goat and really hasn't been interested in the goats at Greene Acres. Being the amazing people that Lori and Warren are, they graciously told him yes. This made him feel important, he checked on the goat every day. He was able to show the goat during the lil kid goat show and received a trophy. He has since said this is his favorite thing about the fair. The moral of this story is that the kindness of others may seem small to some but it can be big to others and mean the entire world to them.

Thank you for being an amazing neighbor!

As the Golden Rule says "Treat others the way you want to be treated."

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## Forgive

Forgive someone. Today forgive.  
Turn from bitter to positive.  
End frustration, anger, pain;  
Wash the anguish from your brain.

No need to reconcile or tell;  
Just feel better and get well.  
A brand new, peaceful life to live,  
That's your gift, when you forgive.

By Joanna Fuchs  
Poemsource.com



## SEPTEMBER WORSHIP MINISTRIES



### Clear Lake

Sept 4th Reader: Debi A  
Acolyte/PwrPt: Wyatt Reindahl  
Coffee: Roger & Diane

Sept 11th Reader: Alison B  
Acolyte/PwrPt: Ben Avery Jr  
Coffee: Camilla P

Sept 18th Reader: Dawn C  
Acolyte/PwrPt: Oliver Wood  
Coffee: Linda J

Sept 25th Reader: Diane B  
Acolyte/PwrPt: Jordan Blanchard  
Coffee: Bev K

Counters for September: Carla L & Debi A  
Greeter for September: John & Stacia K

### Faith Family

Sept 4th Paul Webster  
Sept 11th Heather Greene  
Sept 18th Penny Warner  
Sept 25th Liz Larson

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**Pastor's Pen:** One of the most difficult things about writing Pastor's Pen is choosing a topic because the topics in this writing are endless. And one of the most beneficial things about writing this page is that it gives me the opportunity to look back on my past month. As I was writing this, I took time to look back at what events happened this month, what thoughts I had, and how I felt then. And had time to think about what events are planned for the coming month.

There have been various things happening, many church events, and a lot of meetings over the past month. If I had to choose two of the most memorable among them, those are the Parish Picnic Service and Youth Night. Most of all, I personally loved the moment when three congregations gathered in Emerald Park and united in Christ as brothers and sisters to each other. And the Youth Program has been conducted with the help and dedication of active supporters for Christian

education for youth. Nationwide and worldwide, children are disappearing in churches. We need to pray for our Youth Program and Sunday School and take an active interest in them. I pray to God every day that the children of the program will learn and grow in the love of Christ.



Among the upcoming events, the biggest event during this year for my family will be our visit to Korea. Going to Korea every year is a huge financial burden due to the high airfare, but it is a great joy and a blessing whenever we think of our parents who will be happy to see and hold their grandson in their bosom. Last year we were in Korea for my three weeks' vacation. Three weeks is neither a short period nor a long period, but it is always a short period for our parents. So my wife decided to go to Korea with Evan ahead of me. One of my prayers is for her flight with Evan. Before Covid-19, there were direct flights to S. Korea from Minneapolis-Saint. Paul airport. However, due to the effects of covid and the war, people who

are going to S. Korea have to transfer at least once to L.A. or Seattle. Praying that she will survive the long flight with our two-year-old son.



I'm not sure how I will feel being away from my wife and son. We got married in January 2018 and came to Claremont, California four days after

the wedding. Since then, we haven't been apart for a single day. The one thing I plan to do in my family's absence is to resume exercising. I believe everything will be fine and I pray that everything goes well.

Blessings, 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--Third Quarter to Grace Place**

## Clear Lake UMC News

### **Attention Clear Lake Members:**

Coffee after church

Potluck-1st Sunday of each Month after church.

Food shelf donations any Sunday

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Send Offering to: Arlene Althoff, 75 50<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Clayton, WI 54004

### **Clear Lake August Ad C Highlights**

#### Old Business:

- Fall Thrift sale scheduled for September 29-30, 2022 to run 9am to 5pm
- Upstairs exit update
- Garden Project
- Membership list update
- Pastor will purchase a camera for the computer in the church.
- Parish Picnic will be held at the Emerald Park on Sunday August 14, 2022 at 10am.

#### New Business:

- Service time changes on the first Sunday of September, Clear Lake church will be at 8:45am with coffee to follow and Potluck to follow every first Sunday.
- UMW Sunday will be September 25, 2022 during church service.
- New Thrift Sale Chairman needed
- Sunday School
- Youth/Confirmation
- Fall fundraiser/Fall giving
- A card was read from Pastor Hakki thanking our church for the money given to him towards his robe.

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### **3rd Quarter Noisy Can-Salvation Army Homeless Shelter**

**NEW CHAIRMAN NEEDED** for Clear Lake April and September Thrift Sales. Please contact Roger Blanchard if you are interested in the job.

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### **Big thanks to Faith Family for hosting our Parish Picnic**

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### **Clear Lake Sunday School Kick off:**

Come join us at the CL Park Chalet (back side on Pine Point) on Wednesday, September 7th at 5:30 pm.

We will grill burgers and hot dogs, please bring a dish to pass. Please bring

goodies for a cake walk too. Sunday School will begin on Sunday, September 11th at 8:40 am, following the children's time in the service.

**Thank You, questions, call Diane, 423-307-6247**



**CL Sunday School on Wednesday!** On Wednesday, Sept. 28th we will meet right after school and bake and make goodies, have supper and a short lesson. 3:15-6

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**Raise Right--GOOD NEWS!** We are all set to buy gift cards for Nilssen's Market as part of our RaiseRight (formerly Scrip) fundraising. Please let Andrea know if you would like to purchase some. Also, any other cards need to be ordered by the 20th of each month.

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**Dorcas Piecemakers :** Our Circle group will be meeting the third Monday of September as the first is Labor Day this month. We began a new project, making bibs for the nursing homes and will be continuing to make pillow cases for the shelters. We will be meeting on Monday the 19th at 1:00 at the church. All are welcome, we need cutters, ironers and we get an opportunity to visit a bit while we're together.

## Clear Lake UMC Fall Thrift Sale:



CL Methodist Thrift Sale

Thurs, Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> & Fri, Sept 30<sup>th</sup> 9 am-5 pm.

You may bring your items and place them in the correct

places Sunday, Sept. 25 through Wednesday, Sept. 28. 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 for us to sell.\*\*



Ben Avery at Pine Lake UM Camp- both Ben and Lily went to a backpacking camp, hiking, canoeing and faith filled discussions!

Soul Food: 'A Summer Prayer' "Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear." --Ephesians 4:29

Summer is for building up. Apples and pumpkins and middle school kids grow in the sun. A little rain makes bamboo look like a teenager. We are God's partners in receiving the fruit of being built up by grace, God's Spirit, and the people of God who grace our lives. Our mission is to build people, build leaders, build love, and build networks that depend on each other no matter where we stand, or however we may differ.

The work of Jesus was salvific. Jesus saves. The word we render, 'salvation,' in scripture means deliverance, rescue, wholeness, healing, that is present and eternal, and all of it arrives as a gift. Ephesians 2:8 says this is not of our own doing but

a gift from God. In the psalms our healing is not complete until it is lived in community or evidenced 'in the congregation' (Ps.111:1).

We are here to receive wholeness and live God's Shalom. We are sent as followers of Jesus with healing on our lips and with the Shalom that is the work of our hands.

Again, Ephesians holds up a mirror in 4:29: "Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear."

There is need not to destroy. There is need not to criticize. There is need to build up. There is need to respect. There is need to listen and offer people the sacrament of being heard. There is need to heal with our words. There is need to comfort the wounded and grieving.

Jesus says we are a city on a hill. Isaiah calls us a light to the nations. People see how close our behavior matches our words.

The noble way of speaking kindness to one another, exalting one another in the Lord, and putting first one another's callings should be our priority and daily practice.

We are a children of light, belonging to the light of the world. One cannot follow darkness very far. I pray God will help us practice the light again in our wishes, prayers, praise, and worship.

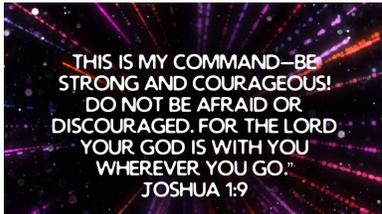
I pray we put aside the voices of separation and the practice of erecting walls in the name of Jesus and come home to being people of Jesus who love one another, build up together, and exalt the glory of God. Difference teaches us of the diversity of God. May we pray:

"Lord, give us a heart as vast as your universe. Because the church is yours, make us all humble and passionate servants who love you first. Make us your healing ark capable of saving the world, in the name of Jesus. Amen."

Peace, Bishop Hee-Soo Jung, PhD.

# Faith Family Church News:

\*Join us for coffee and fellowship after church\*



## FAITH FAMILY AD. BOARD HIGHLIGHTS:

1. Treasurer and Secretary reports approved.
2. Follow up on the picnic results- Thank you to all that helped make it possible.
3. Upcoming Missions:
4. Homeless Shelter/Food Drive: We will be taking a collection for Food to bring to WestCap for our Homeless or near homeless population in our area.
5. Children's Hospital St. Paul  
Donation/Collection: blankets, stuffed animals, chapstick, refillable water bottles, comfort items, gift cards, etc.
6. Bell project discussion.
7. Thank you cards for Alicia for playing music and Todd and Tracey for the tables.
8. Pastor is planning another vacation.
9. Planning to do a Dinner or Hot dogs during Horsing Around Days in Emerald. Connected with committee chair to assist with events throughout the week to best support the community. Hoping to help with the movie, children's games and offer lunch/dinner at some point throughout the weekend. Discussion about future fundraising opportunities.
10. Discussed having a float/entry in the parade.

### **THANK YOU!!!!**

Thank you to Alicia Peterson for singing and presenting about Anchor of Hope at our Willow River Parish Picnic. -Faith Family Church

*Thank you Todd and Tracey Petersen for setting up, taking down and letting us use your picnic tables during the picnic. -Faith Family Church.*

Thank you to all that made the Willow River Parish Picnic possible and happen!- Faith Family Church



Thank you to the person who gave our name to receive a donation from their church's "noisy can" collection. Faith Family Church of Emerald, WI we appreciate your support and will put this money towards educating the community on Autism and disabilities.

*Autism Support Group of St. Croix Valley*

***Thank you for the prayers of good health when Alpha was diagnosed with COVID. -Greene Family.***

## **DONATION CENTER:**

### ***West Cap Food Pantry***

***Donations needed:*** We are collecting non-perishable items for the food pantry.



### ***St. Paul Children's***

***Hospital:*** The donations will be delivered on August 31st. Some of the donations needed are chapstick, refillable water bottles, comfort items, gift cards, cards, blankets, stuffed animals, etc.

## **FAMILY GAME NIGHT**

We plan to start our Game nights in September. See you on the 2nd Friday of every month @ 6:30pm. Bring your friends, family, favorite board/card game, favorite snacks or come as you are and join in on games, conversations, and snacks.

ANCHOR OF HOPE RECOVERY MINISTRY is a worship service for individuals that have been impacted by addiction and are seeking recovery through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Anchor of Hope hosts services on **Monday evenings at 7 PM** at the Faith Family Church, as well as through Zoom and [Facebook Live](#).

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83094771703?pwd=OFJic0ZxT3A3eVYwUVAvbDRRenRoQT09>

Meeting ID: 830 9477 1703

Passcode: 781739

Our website can be found at

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

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and our email address is

[anchorofhopeemerald@gmail.com](mailto:anchorofhopeemerald@gmail.com)

Anchor of Hope believes that we are all in recovery, as we all face struggles that we need to seek the Lord's help with. Since beginning services in March of 2021, we have had speakers discuss addiction to drugs/alcohol, abusive relationships, anxiety, depression, and grief. We would love for you to join us and spread the word about this recovery ministry. If you are in need of assistance, there are some additional resources that may be helpful to you:

Crisis Lines

NAMI Helpline: 800-950-6264

National Suicide Prevention Hotline:

800-273-8255

Northwest Connections: 888-552-6642.

Treatment Facilities

Burkwood Treatment Center: 866-497-1976

MN Adult & Teen Challenge: 612-373-3366.

Programs for Change

Amery Behavioral Health: 715-268-0060

Westfields Hospital & Clinic: 715-243-2900

Hudson Hospital & Clinic: 715-531-6755.

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**CHECK US OUT ON FACEBOOK:**

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## **SUNDAY SCHOOL KICK OFF**

September 7th Picnic in the Emerald Park afterschool @ 4:30pm. We will have hotdogs, chips and lemonade at the Emerald park to kick off our Sunday School year. We will plan to meet @ 4:30 pm on Wednesday's throughout the month of September.



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## **COMMUNITY EVENTS:** Horsing around Days-Emerald, WI

- Thursday September 29th: Movie Night in the Park
- Friday September 30th: Meat Raffle
- Saturday October 1st: Parade and Games (**Faith Family Church Community Meal Fundraiser**)
- Sunday October 2nd: Car Show
- Later in October Scary Movie at Dusk.

(Stay tuned for more information about what help is needed.)

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Noisy Cans--3rd Quarter Arnell Humane Society.



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

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

Sunday School @ Clear Lake and Faith Family  
4:30 pm on Wednesdays throughout the month of September @ FF  
Starting Sept 11th after Young People's time @ CL