JULY 13, 2025

This week at Clear Lake UMC

Recurring Events

Sunday
- Worship – 9:30 am

Monday
- Men's Coffee – 9:30 am
- Hope Bible Study – 9:30 am

Wednesday
- Food Pantry – 4-6 pm
- Choir – 6:00 pm

Thursday
- Men's Study Group – 9:00 am
- Men's Coffee – 9:30 am
- Pastor's Bible Study 4:00 pm

Friday – Pastor's Day off

Darla Kibsgaard 7/15
Louise Norris 7/16
Kimberly Williamson 7/17
Linda Jurgemeyer 7/17
Rosemary Brady 7/19

We can all help Pastor Luke get to know us if we wear our name badges.

Do you need a new one? Please contact the office if you have misplaced yours.

We remember the family of Norma Jean Bell, who passed away Friday, July 4 at IOOF Home in Mason City. In accordance with Norma's wishes, a private service will be conducted at the Clear Lake Cemetery. Cards may be sent to Ward Van Slyke Colonial Chapel, 310 First Ave. North, Clear Lake, IA 50428, in care of the family.

ONBOARDING MEETING
July 8, 2025

CLUMC members gathered on July 8 for an Onboarding meeting with our new pastor, Luke Evans. The meeting was facilitated by Dr. Jaye Johnson from the Conference office in Des Moines. We really did not know what to expect, except we would discuss relationships between the members and the pastor. To say it was a successful evening is an understatement.

Thanks to everyone who participated in the meeting. We had about 50 people present, many more than anticipated. These members demonstrated their concern and hope for CLUMC in the future. I believe everyone left the meeting feeling that we are in a better place than before and we definitely have a better understanding of the style and philosophies of Pastor Luke. This will make our pastoral transition much easier and quicker.

What did we learn? A lot. Everyone took different things from the meeting – and there were a lot of different messages to take. One point Dr. Johnson shared was that we need to share good, positive statements about our church in order to encourage others to join us. He said it takes 9 positive statements to neutralize 1 negative statement. Think about it. It makes sense.

Next week please share a positive comment about CLUMC with your friends, family and /or neighbors. We are at the beginning of a new church life and we should take advantage of it. Your positive attitude about our church might encourage someone to visit on Sunday morning. We want to see growth in our church – Let it begin with you.

Diane Thompson
SPRC Chair

Prayer Chain

If you have a prayer or concern that you would like on the Prayer Chain call Cheral Morgan 641-357-5759, or Carol Rosenthal 641-357-2373 and they will get the prayers going. You can also call the church office if you can't reach either of them.

Church Office Hours

For now, office hours will remain the same
Monday-Thursday
9:00 am – 4:00 pm
Friday
9:00 am – Noon

Pastor Luke will take Fridays as his day off. Tentatively, the plan is for him to be in the office in the mornings and use the afternoon for visits, etc. If you need to speak with Pastor Luke or make an appointment with him, please call the office (357-5247) during office hours or leave a message.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Apple Valley
Kenton Kutzner #1
Patricia Wagler #14

Oakwood Care Center

IOOF Home, Mason City
Norma Bell #20
Rachel Wood #36

Concord Care Center
Betty Anderson – #12

Prairie View Apartments
Diane Davis - 45

Stoney Brook Village
Darlene Kuhlers – Unit N1

The Villages of Lonsdale
Sharon Jorgensen

MEETING NIGHTS @ CLUMC

ADMINSTRATIVE COUNCIL
5:30 PM, 3rd Thursday
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
4:00 PM, 3rd Monday
CONGREGATIONAL CARE
10:30 AM, 4th Thursday
ENDOWMENT
5:30 PM, 3rd Tuesday
FINANCE
5:00 PM, 2nd Tuesday
(Mar, June, Sept., Dec)
LOCAL MISSIONS
as needed
OUTREACH
5:00 PM, 3rd Tuesday
STAFF PARISH RELATIONS
5:15 PM, 1st Tuesday
TRUSTEES
varies
WORSHIP
Varies

A FRIENDLY REMINDER

Our facilities are used by many groups throughout the week.
If you are meeting here, please remember that it is your responsibility to:

1. Turn off the lights
2. Wash Dishes if you use them
3. Take all garbage (tied) to the dumpster at the end of your event
4. Put new garbage bag in garbage can
5. Lock the doors

In other words, be a good steward and leave the area cleaner that you found it!

FOOD PANTRY
June was a slower month than usual. Eighty-three families were served, which translates to 165 individuals. About 7,920 pounds of food was distributed. Thank you to all of our volunteers who make this pantry possible.

7/20/2025
Fatherhood

Friends, Films, and **Fellowship** will enjoy this unusual comedy-drama for the July and final selection of our '24—25 movie season.

"Fatherhood" is a film about a Black man determined to bring up his baby girl as a single dad after the unexpected death of his wife a day after their daughter's birth. As a single father, he has many unusual experiences and complications in learning, as he attempts to create a "normal" home and family situation for a child developing into a young woman.

Starting at 5:00 our Snack-Luck and social discussion with begin after the film and conclude about 8 P.M. Come and join us for an inexpensive evening together.