



Pastor Jess De Los Santos

June 2026

"Love boldly, serve joyfully, and lead courageously"

Pastor's Corner

"The Value and Blessing of a Father"



"Listen to your father, who gave you life, and don't despise your mother when she is old. Get the truth and never sell it; also get wisdom, discipline, and good judgment. The father of godly children has cause for joy. What a pleasure to have children who are wise. So, give your father and mother joy!" (Proverbs 23:22-25a NLT)

Father's Day is coming up soon! So, I would like to take this opportunity to greet my fellow fathers a **Happy Father's Day!** Take note of this: *"To be the father of a nation is a great honor, but to be the father of a family is a greater joy."* Let's celebrate our special day with God's blessings and joy together with our lovely families.



Fatherhood is more than a job that we men do for a short time in our lives; it is a calling that God places upon our lives, a blessing that He gives to us. As the saying goes, *"Any man can be a father, but it takes someone special to be a dad."* Fathers are the pillars of the families or homes, leading children with strength, faith, and godly wisdom. As we celebrate Father's Day, what better way to express our gratitude and love than through the heartfelt words of greetings, wishes, and poems?



An author wrote that "Honoring and showing appreciation to our fathers is a fundamental value that is emphasized in [Proverbs 23:24](#). We can honor our fathers by expressing gratitude for all that they have done for us. One way to honor our fathers is by respecting and obeying them. This includes listening to their advice, following their guidance, and treating them with kindness, understanding, and consideration. We show them the love and respect they deserve by acknowledging their ability, wisdom, and experience."

Proverbs 23:24 speaks to the value and blessing of a father who rejoices in having wise and obedient children. This verse emphasizes the importance of discipline as an expression of love. Discipline here indicates teaching, guidance, and setting boundaries. When we love someone, we want what's best for them, right? That's why discipline is seen as a form of love in this verse. So, next time you have to discipline your child (or children), remember that it comes from a place of love and a desire to see them thrive and succeed in life. John Maxwell said, "True success lies not in the wealth we accumulate but in the quality of the children we raise. It is this legacy that defines and shapes the future."

My fellow dads, let's commit ourselves to being the fathers that we are called to be, so we can make a godly impact on our kids. Let's commit to being a vital part of our kids' lives so we can give them the wisdom they need to follow the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Let's commit to living life to the max with our kids so we can know the joy that comes in knowing we've done all that we could do as wise and responsible dads. God richly bless us always!





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
				<<<<< WI Annual Conference >>>>>		
7 9am RL Adult SS WI Annual Conf. Cont. Mary Mattson preaching.	8 1:30 Brentwood Service	9	10 Star Circle- Lunch @ Lehmans. Time TBD	11	12	13
Pastor on Vacation						
14 <i>Holy Communion</i> 9am RL Adult SS <i>RL Birthday Cake</i> 1:30 Dove Service <i>Canton Confirmation Sunday</i>	15	16 10am Missions Meeting	17 5:30 Serving Benjamin House	18	19 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	20
21 <i>Father's Day</i> 9am RL Adult SS Donuts for Dads <i>Rice Lake Confirmation Sunday</i>	22 4pm Newsletter Deadline	23 2pm Woodstone Worship	24 8:30 Men's Breakfast	25	26 11:30 Lunch Bunch	27
Pastor on Vacation						
28 9am RL Adult SS	29	30 9am Newsletter Folders	<u>RL Liturgists</u> June 7: Jehiel De Los Santos June 14: Paul Toft June 21: Mary Mattson June 27: Jeim De Los Santos		<u>RL Greeters</u> June 7: Linda Dufner June 14: Shirley Toft June 21: Helen Anonich June 27: Maggie Maust	
<u>Fellowship Hosts:</u> Dawn O'Brien and Kathy Duerkop						

Canton Service is at 9:00 am
 Rice Lake's Adult Sunday School is at 9:00 am, Coffee Fellowship at 10:00 am, and Service is at 10:30 am.

Invitation and Member Care

What's Happening in June:

- ◆ **Celebrating June Birthdays!**- Birthday cake following service on June 14th.
- ◆ **June 21st is Father's Day!** We will have "donuts for dads" but really for everybody. Join us at 10am for coffee fellowship and donuts.

June 21st is also **Confirmation Sunday** for Breanna Kraczek. Cake following the church service.

- ◆ **Lunch Bunch**- will be June 26th at 11:30 am, the place is yet to be determined. Please call the office to let us know if you are coming by 3pm on the Thursday prior so we can save you a seat.



In honor of men everywhere, we will be collecting much-needed items for our food pantry throughout the month of June. We're looking to collect paper products like toilet paper and paper towels in honor of men.

**Everyday needs for the food pantry are healthier cereals, ready to eat meals like spaghettios, pasta, soups, peanut butter, fresh fruits and veggies.



- 1- Jodi Wessman
- 2- Jeanne Parker
- 4- Harriet Larson
- 5- Bill Burdick
- 6- Pat Moin
- 10-Tim Kraczek
- 10- June Lihрман
- 17-Lauren West
- 18-Ben Bandli
- 18- Jordan Chafer
- 18-Donna Heidenreich
- 18-Dale Larson
- 19- Lori Miller
- 23-Tom Barkley
- 24-Isabella Wallin
- 27-Cheryl Aune
- 29-Rachel Hying (Madison)

From Gratitude to Faithful Praise

Gratitude is the beginning of faith; faith leads us to the ultimate gratitude.



Gratitude is often the first quiet step of faith. Before answers come, before circumstances change, gratitude teaches the heart to notice God's presence and provision. Scripture reminds us, "In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you" (1 Thessalonians 5:18, KJV). Giving thanks, even in uncertain moments, opens our eyes to God's faithfulness already at work.

As gratitude grows, it naturally leads us into deeper trust. When we remember what God has done, faith finds solid ground. "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen" (Hebrews 11:1, KJV). Gratitude strengthens that hope by anchoring it in God's past mercies. Each thankful prayer becomes a reminder that the same God who carried us before will carry us again.

Faith, in turn, leads us to ultimate gratitude, not just for blessings received, but for God himself. "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift" (2 Corinthians 9:15, KJV). This gratitude reaches beyond circumstances and rests in Christ, the greatest gift of all. When gratitude begins our journey and faith guides our steps, our hearts learn lasting praise, thankful not only for what God gives, but for who he is.

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- 3- Don & Mary Cherry
- 10- Kristine & Garrett Fischer
- 12-West & Linda Dufner
- 16- Judee & Dale Gonyea
- 24-Pudge & Janet Kohel
- 29- Dave & Tesha Moin
- 29- Dave & Rayne Semple
- 30- John & Lori Rae

If your birthday or anniversary is not listed then please call the office 715-234-3919 to update your info. Thanks!



Canton UMC



Birthdays

- 1- Stacy McFarland
- 19- Brayden Pyrlik
- 23- Ariella Castillo
- 23- Jay Healy

Anniversaries

- 21- David & Leaette Stokes

Please call the office if we are missing any important dates. Thanks!

Canton Liturgists

- 1st Sunday: De Los Santos
- 2nd Sunday: Arlene Ciulla
- 3rd Sunday: Halvorsons
- 4th Sunday: Lexi Halvorson

Church

We are entering the summer season & and the children will be at home more. Our food pantry cart needs to be filled more often. Please consider contributing as such as often as you are able.

Confirmation Sunday- We will be honoring our confirmands during church service on June 14th. Congratulations to Brayden Alton, Alex Ellison, Stevie Hampton, Russell Holmes, & Brooklyn MacDonald. Please join them downstairs after service for cake & fellowship. Brenna Kracek will be confirmed in Rice Lake on June 21st. These 6 young people have been in confirmation classes since last fall and are to be commended on their perseverance to learn more about their God and their church. May God bless them all!

UWF

We will be serving the evening meal at Benjamin House on June 17th. Please call Michele @ 458-4294 if you are able to help furnish. They so appreciate anything we do as they have more residents than ever. We are so fortunate to have Benjamin House in our community!

UWF will meet on July 9th @1:30 at the church. Please put this on your calendar.

Join us before service for Mingle, Learn, and Share with Pastor Jess & family.

Camping Opportunities

There are camps available for all ages and abilities again this year. There are weekend retreats of fun and sun. Pine Lake and Lake Lucerne are the beautiful main camp sites. A few camping brochures are available in the narthex but it is easy to plan your summer adventure online at www.WIUMCamps.org. You can find scholarships there and Rice Lake UMC has scholarship funds as well- just let the office know you have registered. Be sure to make your reservation as soon as you can, since the camps will fill up quickly. Directions to the camps are in the brochure and online. Happy Camping!! If you have questions call Candy Bandli 715-736-3412



Our newsletter is going mostly digital!

We've decided to let our permit expire and streamline how we get news to you. We're making this change because we do not meet the minimum needed for bulk mail and in addition we will save over \$300 a year! You can still find the newsletter in your inbox, on our website, or pick up a copy at either church. For those without digital access, we'll continue to send copies via regular mail.

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Help us save time and money! Get your newsletter sooner and in color! Please send us your email along with any of your family members that currently get their newsletter by mail. Thanks!





United Women in Faith



A favorite hymn "This is My Father's World" was often sung at the little country church I attended growing up. The dawn chorus of returning migratory birds I heard a couple of weeks ago fitted with the words of the second verse-

"This is my Father's world,

The birds their carols raise,

The morning light, the lily white,

Declare their maker's praise.

This is my Father's world,

He shines in all that's fair,

In the rustling grass I hear Him pass;

He speaks to me everywhere."

My dad taught me the wonder of nature, especially birds. One spring morning he spied a partridge hen sitting stone still on a clutch of eggs on the edge of the woods. He patiently checked on her the next several days and was blessed to witness the newly hatched chicks, dry and fluffy, run off in a line behind their mother in search of food. When cutting first crop hay, Dad often mowed around a birds nest to avoid destroying it. If a barn swallow persistently worked to build its cup-shaped mud nest on the ceiling beams in the barn, he would let it be and comically dodge the birds as they carried in more mud and, then later, food for their babies. By sharing his own appreciation and respect of our Father's world, Dad showed me how to be happy with simple things. Let's honor our Heavenly Father with delight in the simple pleasures in our life.

Kathy Wagenbach

World Thank Bank Suggestions

We can be grateful for everyday joys. Add coins to your Thank Bank in June for reading a good book.

Star Circle will meet on June 10th for a lunch at Lehmans. Cheryl and Pam will be in touch to make the reservation. Time TBD.

Terracycle Collection

We continue to collect things for recycling that can be placed in the large round blue tub. A list of the items is on the tub, hanging on the large bulletin board in the Narthex, and you can also find it in your May newsletter on our website www.ricelakeumc.org

WI CONFERENCE UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH Zoom Mission u

Tuesday/Thursday evenings 6:30-9:00PM
June 16, 18 & 23, 25, 2026



Registration cost: \$20 Deadline to register is June 9. A donation may be added for the Conference Pledge to Mission in place of an offering (note in memo line).

Online registration forms links can be found at <https://wisconsinumw.org/mission-u> A Zoom link will be sent to your email address one week before class begins. Each person should register individually.

All: Submit registration email pfeffer.umw@gmail.com Or by mail Laura Pfeffer W10132 Koltjes Road Lodi, WI 53555

Additional contact information: 608-698-7508 (call or text) Make checks out to: Wisconsin Mission u

For more info go to:
<https://www.wisconsinumw.org/mission-u.html>

**JUNE 26-28, 2026
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TURTLE LAKE, WISCONSIN

The Church & Society Committee wishes to inform our congregation and friends about the events and activities taking place around us - not only with information in the newsletter but also by extending an invitation to join us in a few events such as the Alzheimer's Walk, Salvation Army Bell Ringing and a Native American Pow Wow.

This year we are highlighting the Pow Wow in in Turtle Lake. We would like as many as possible to join us at the **St. Croix Band of the Chippewa Annual Pow Wow in Turtle Lake on Saturday, June 27.**

Highlights: Various dance categories, contests, drum groups, vendors & much more. Admission is FREE!

Of course you can go on your own but we're asking those interested to come to the church parking lot at 11:00 AM so we can get there for their opening at 12:00 noon. You might want to bring a chair. We'll stay up to a couple of hours depending on the weather and interest. Reservations are not necessary. You can park at the casino and they will shuttle you right to the Pow Wow.

If you wish to discuss it further, contact Larry Neve at 715-719-0251. Hope you can make it.

General Board of Church and Society- May 26, 2026

ACTION ALERT: Tell Congress to Support the Tech to Save Moms Act

This bipartisan legislation invests in evidence-based digital tools to reduce maternal mortality, severe maternal morbidity, and maternal health disparities, particularly in rural and underserved communities.

Resolution #4203 of the Book of Resolutions affirms that the Church is called to eradicate systems of oppression and marginalization that inhibit women's well-being... and address the root causes of maternal deaths in local contexts. (2020/2024 Book of Resolutions, #4203, Maternal Health: The Church's Role) As such, the General Board of Church and Society has endorsed the Tech to Save Moms Act (H.R. 8317 | S. 958).

Based on recommendations from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), the Tech to Save Moms Act leverages the use of telehealth to improve maternal health outcomes, including expanding remote patient monitoring and promoting virtual training and capacity building models.

Specifically, this bill will:

- Require the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Innovation to consider models that improve the integration of telehealth services in maternal health care
- Authorize funding for technology-enabled collaborative learning and capacity building models that will develop and disseminate instructional programming and training for maternity care providers in rural and underserved areas, covering topics such as:
 - Safety and quality improvement
 - Addressing maternal mental and behavioral health conditions
 - Identifying social determinants of health risks in the prenatal and postpartum periods
- Establish a grant program to promote digital tools designed to improve maternal health outcomes, particularly in rural and underserved communities
- Commission a comprehensive study on the use of technology in maternity care to reduce maternal mortality, morbidity, and disparities

Digital tools are not the only solution to America's maternal health crisis, but they can play an important role in addressing specific challenges facing patients and providers, particularly in underserved areas.

Join GBCS in advocating for the passage of the Tech to Save Moms Act by contacting your congressional leaders now. Just click on this link: <https://www.umcjustice.org/latest/action-alert-tell-congress-to-support-the-tech-to-save-moms-act-9481>

Worship Committee

Confirmation Sunday will be June 21st for Breanna Kraczek. Stay for cake following the service. The Canton kids will have their Confirmation on June 14th in Canton.

Graduation Sunday was May 17th:

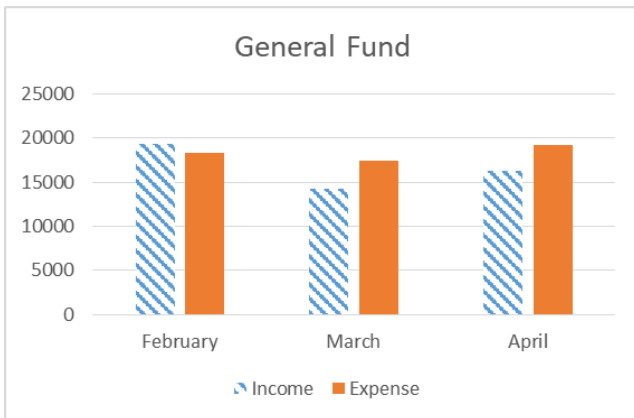
Jeim, Jehiel, and Elizabeth was celebrated on May 17th. They shared a beautiful song during service. If you missed it or want to hear it again you can go to our Facebook or Youtube page.

I saw on Facebook that Taryn Maki graduated from Stout with her Bachelors in Psychology. Congrats Taryn!

Both Jeim and Jehiel were awarded a scholarship from the WI United Methodist Foundation. They were chosen due to the strong quality of their applications and their involvement in the life of our church and community. Congratulations!



****Fourth Sunday:** A color wheel will be on the screen to spin. When it lands on a color, anyone wearing that color is encouraged to donate a dollar.**



IN OUR
Thoughts
AND
Prayers

Prayers to the Ricci family.
Nick passed away April 14th.



Are there any subjects that your interested in that you think might make a good Church & Society or Invitation and Member Care program or project? Please let the chairs of these committees know. C&S chair is Larry Neve and Invitation chair is Stephanie BH but really you can let any member of either committee know. A committee list is now on the bulletin board outside the office door.

WEEKLY READINGS



June 7

Mary Mattson Preaching

Genesis 12:1-9

Psalms 33:1-12

Romans 4:13-25

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

June 14th

Holy Communion

Canton Confirmation

Birthday cake after service

Genesis 18:1-15, (21:1-7)

Psalms 116:1-2, 12-19

Romans 5:1-8

Matthew 9:35-10:8, (9-23)

June 21

Father's Day

Donuts for Dads during

Coffee Fellowship @ RL

Rice Lake Confirmation

With Cake after service

Genesis 21:8-21

Psalms 86:1-10, 16-17

Romans 6:1b-11

Matthew 10:24-39

June 28

Genesis 22:1-14

Psalms 13

Romans 6:12-23

Matthew 10:40-42



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Worship Service: 10:30 am
Coffee Fellowship: 10:00 am
Adult Sunday School: 9:00 am

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Facebook– search for First United Methodist Church of Rice Lake, make sure to “Like” us and Facebook should notify you when we go “Live.”

Youtube– you can find the latest Sunday services on our You-tube page: First UMC of Rice Lake Media. Facebook is deleting the videos after 30 days so I am moving them to Youtube weekly.

Over-the-Phone– Call 1-855-788-3919 and sign up for it to call you automatically any time we go “live” by pressing 1 when it asks you to, or you can call or email the church office to manually add you to the list that is called automatically, OR you can just call in every week. If you call before the service “goes live” you will hear some of last week’s service but it will switch over automatically to the new service. Just hang on the line.

