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Pastor Jess De Los Santos

August 2026

"Love boldly, serve joyfully, and lead courageously"

Pastor's Corner

"Dreams and Blessings"



"Jacob left Beersheba and set out for Haran. When he reached a certain place, he stopped for the night because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones there, he put it under his head and lay down to sleep. He had a dream in which he saw a stairway resting on the earth, with its top reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. There above it stood the Lord, and he said: 'I am the Lord, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac. I will give you and your descendants the land on which you are lying. Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south. All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring. I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.'" (Genesis 28:10-15 NIV)

Throughout scripture, dreams often become blessings where God reveals Himself to His people. Dreams become moments of divine words of encouragement, warning, direction, and hope. At this moment, I would like to challenge you to ask yourself:

*What is my dream for my life? For my studies as a youth? For my retirement as an adult? For my old age? Younger dreamers often experience adventure and exploration, while older adults dream more about relationships, reflection, and unresolved memories.

*What is my dream for my family? For my children? For my grandchildren?

*What is my dream for my home church? What is really my part in the church? Remember this saying (revised version), ***"Ask not what the church can do for you; but ask what you can do for the church."*** Commit these questions before the Lord as we reflect on Jacob's story with his dreams.

Genesis 28:10-15 describes Jacob's dream of a ladder connecting heaven and earth, symbolizing God's presence, promise, and blessing. In this passage, Jacob experienced a powerful and symbolic dream where he sees a ladder that connects heaven and earth. This ladder represents a connection between the holy God and the humanity, showing that God is with us and always accessible to us, no matter who we are and where we are. Through this dream, God reassures Jacob of His presence, protection, and promise of blessing. It serves as a reminder that God's reach extends beyond what we can see and understand, offering us comfort, peace, and hope in times of uncertainty.

In verses 13-15, God reaffirms the Abrahamic covenant, promising Jacob land, numerous descendants, and blessings. This promise emphasizes God's continual presence, protection, and faithfulness throughout Jacob's journey. The passage highlights divine guidance and assurance during uncertain times, reinforcing that God is actively involved in the lives of His beloved people, including you and me.

Genesis 28:10-15 serves as a powerful reminder of God's presence, promises, and blessings. It prompts us to recognize the divine connections in our lives, supporting that even in moments of solitude and uncertainty, God stands with us, guiding and blessing our journey in this life. How might you be attentive to God's presence and promises today? Think of Jacob's encounter with God as a moment of clarity during a hectic day at work. Just as Jacob found reassurance and promise, you too, can find divine direction in your life. Let this passage inspire you to seek a deeper relationship with God, much like how you strive to connect with family, relatives, and friends during busy times. Take a step in faith and openness today. Will you always seek God's guidance in your life and faith journey? Friend, dream big and allow God to speak to you. Chase your dreams with God's blessing!



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<u>Fellowship Hosts:</u> Shirley Toft and Pam Forrester	<u>RL Greeters</u> August 2: Joyce Foster August 9: Carolyn Kaupanger August 16: Cheryl Hedgecock August 23: Shirley Toft August 30: Gwen Rettenmund		<u>RL Liturgists</u> August 2: Lisa Mink August 9: Mary Pautsch August 16: Mary Mattson August 23: Paul Toft August 30: Nancy Zabel			1
2 <i>Holy Communion</i> 9am RL Adult SS	3	4	5 10:00 UWF Executive Mtg	6 Office OPEN	7 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	8
	Office Closed— Steph on Vacation				Sumner Days— Canton Park	
9 9am RL Adult SS After RL service— Birthday Cake 9am Canton Service at Canton Park	10 1:30 Brentwood	11 District Clergy Mtg @ RL 10:00 Missions 2:00 Invitation & Member Care	12	13	14 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	15
16 9am RL Adult SS	17 Office Closed	18 4pm Newsletter Deadline	19 5:30 Serving Benjamin House	20	21 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	22 11am POWow @ Barron County Museum
23 9am RL Adult SS	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 9am RL Adult SS <i>5th Sunday Potluck & LOUD Offering</i>	31	9am Folders 2pm Woodstone	8:30 Men's Breakfast		11:30 Lunch Bunch @ Bona Casa	

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 August:

- ♦ August 11th at 2pm we will have an **Invitation & Member Care meeting**.
- ♦ **Celebrating August Birthdays!**- Birthday cake following service on August 9th.
- ♦ **Lunch Bunch**— will be August 28th at 11:30 am at Bona Casa in Cumberland. 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.

Mark your calendar! August has 5 Sundays so there will be a LOUD offering that goes towards Missions projects and a potluck after service.



The free book library that has been set-up for those visiting the food pantry is looking pretty empty. If you have books you no longer want or if you know anyone clearing out book shelves those donations would be most welcome. The shelves include adult and children's reading materials.



Cards for sale in the narthex. Many to choose from. Only \$1 per card. Proceeds go to the General Fund.



All-Church Potluck

August 30th

5th Sunday Potluck and LOUD Offering

Bring your change for the LOUD offering during service.

Bring a dish to share after the service. Canton UMC is also invited.

If you are receiving the newsletter in the mail but have an email address please let me know if you are open to receiving the newsletter by email and saving us some money on postage. I can set it up to only receive the newsletter.

If you are receiving the newsletter but don't want to anymore then email or call the office and I can remove you.

Don't forget the newsletter is also available on our website- ricelakeumc.org



- 2- James Campbell
- 3- Darlene Johncheck
- 5- Ron Turgeson
- 7- Ed Forrester
- 8- Clarissa Clingenpeel
- 8- Becki George
- 8- Michelle Kilcoyne
- 8- James Wallin
- 8- Morgan West
- 11-William Aune
- 12-Ryder Rettenmund
- 14-Harold Quaderer
- 15-Ginny Swanson
- 16-Dianne Barkley
- 16-Donna Cook
- 17-Charleigh Manley
- 24-Margie Haines
- 24-Kaylie Kraczek
- 29-Chris Buergi



- 1-Mike & Heather Madison
- 12- Rebecca & Jim Wallin
- 16-Jodi & Mike Wessman
- 24- Mark & Gayle Toft
- 29-Larry & Michelle Kilcoyne

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



Canton UMC

August Birthdays & Anniversaries



August Birthdays

10- Cadence Gifford
15- Brooklyn MacDonald
27- Kim Stoeberl

August Anniversaries

1- Cole & Hailey Halvorson
14- Jim & Bonnie Pannier
27- Stephanie & Sedgie Davis

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

If you're interested in being a Liturgist please see Michele.

PRAYER list

Leaette and the family of David Stokes upon his death

Lisa Alton -- health issues

Jeim & Jehiel, as they prepare to leave for college, our prayers go with you.

On August 9th, our 9:00 church service will be held at the Canton ballpark as part of Summer Days weekend. If you want to commune with your God in the great outdoors, come and join us after for a continental breakfast and fellowship.

The UWF and the Sunday School youth are planning to have a concession stand on Sat. Aug. 8th at Summer Days. We would welcome any volunteers that could help at the stand or any organizing before that day. Contact Michele Halvorson @ 715-458-4294 if you can assist in any way.

Join Us for
SUMMER DAYS
A COMMUNITY CELEBRATION!
AUGUST 7 & 8
at the
CANTON PARK

Fun for THE FAMILY ALL WEEKEND LONG!

FRIDAY AUGUST 7

- ★ 6:00 PM – Opening Ceremony Presentation Honoring Community Members & Unveiling of the New Building
- ★ 6:00 PM – Kids Bubble Party
- ★ 7:00 PM – Ball Games Begin
- ★ Concessions & Beer Trailer Available

SATURDAY AUGUST 8

- ★ 8:00 AM – Ball Tournament Begins
- ★ 8:00 AM – Concessions Open & Beer Trailer
- ★ 9:00 AM – Vendors Open
- ★ Late Morning – Wagon Rides
- ★ 10:00 AM – Photo Booth
- ★ 10:00 AM – Kids Games & Bounce House
- ★ 11:00 AM – Free Will Offering Chicken Dinner
- ★ 12:00 PM – Presentation Honoring Community Members & Unveiling of the New Building
- ★ 1:00 PM – Cornhole Tournament Sign Up Day of Event with Kayla Slayton
- ★ 2:00 PM – Silent Auction Ends
- ★ Late Afternoon – Live Music Wayward Gypsies
- ★ Early Evening – Championship Games with Trophies

SUNDAY AUGUST 9

- ★ 9:00 AM – Church

COME OUT & CELEBRATE OUR COMMUNITY!

CONCESSIONS

Make Memories. Have Fun. Support Our Community.
WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU THERE!



United Women in Faith

"I am the true vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." John 15:5 NIV

Last summer my clematis plant was growing well and I was looking forward to some lovely blossoms. It did appear a little droopy which I attributed to a dry spell so gave it a good drink of water but it only looked worse the next day so I investigated more closely. Peter Cottontail had chewed it off about six inches from the base! It is doing nicely this year, with the help of a wire skirt to protect it from rabbits.

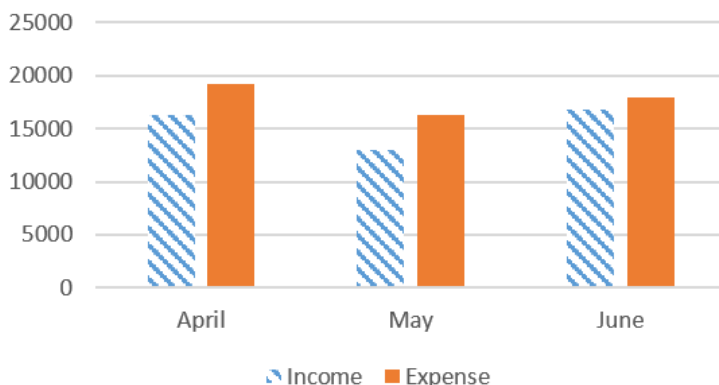
The Bible verse in John 15 teaches us that Jesus (the vine) is the source of life and spiritual nourishment. As the 'branches', we have no way to live or grow on our own. We are closely connected to Him. Like my clematis plant, we may become cut off from our sustenance and wither. But, also like the clematis plant, we can have protection... UWF helps us stay in a relationship with God, be watered and fed by the Holy Spirit and bear fruit.

Kathy Wagenbach

Why Me?

When we're faced with unexpected hardship, our first impulse is often to ask, "Why me, O God? Why me?" Yet when a blessing comes our way, we receive it with gratitude and rarely ask the same question: "Why me, O God? Why me?" (churchchart.com)

General Fund



World Thank Bank Suggestions

We can be grateful for everyday joys. Add coins to your Thank Bank in August for having a community to worship with.

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

Help Wanted

We are looking for liturgists, greeters, ushers, and hospitality hosts. If you are able, please call Barb Burdick for liturgists and greeters, call Jeanne Parker for hospitality hosting (on your own or with someone), or the office for ushering (or sign-up on the sheet outside the office). Call or email the office for their phone numbers if you don't have it or catch them at church. Thanks!!

In Every Season, Turn to God

Are you enjoying a happy time? *Praise God.*

Is life becoming difficult? *Seek God.*

Are you experiencing a quiet moment? *Worship God.*

Are you suffering great pain? *Trust God.*

Are you unsure what to do? *Ask God.*

Are you overwhelmed with joy? *Thank God.*

(churchchart.com)



Church & Society

NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE POWOW CELEBRATION

Pioneer Village Museum

August 22, 2026 - 11:00am to 5:00pm



CELEBRATE & EXPERIENCE

LEARN The Ojibwa Language & Ojibwe History

Basic Words In Ojibwa & Stories Of Local Ojibwe History

EXPERIENCE The PowWow Dance Exhibit

Intertribal's Dance Songs Where "Everyone Can Dance"

ENJOY Native American Art, Culture & Cuisine

**TOUR THE NEW OJIBWE VILLAGE
EXHIBIT & NATURE TRAILS**

PIONEERVILLAGEMUSEUM.ORG



**Powwow Dance Exhibit
Ojibwe History Stories
Fry Bread Vendor
Native Craft Vendors**



POW-WOW
Dance Exhibit
Starts 1:00 PM

- Experience
- Participate
- Celebrate



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WEEKLY READINGS



August 2nd

Holy Communion

Genesis 32:22-31

Psalm 17:1-7, 15

Romans 9:1-5

Matthew 14:13-21

August 9th

Birthday cake after service

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

Psalm 105: 1-6, 16-22, 45b

Romans 10:5-15

Matthew 14:22-33

August 16th

Genesis 45:1-15

Psalm 133

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28

August 23rd

Exodus 1:8-2:10

Psalm 124

Romans 12:1-8

Matthew 16:13-20

August 30th

5th Sunday Potluck

LOUD Offering

Exodus 3:1-15

Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b

Romans 12:9-21

Matthew 16:21-28

The [2026 Walk to End Alzheimer's - Barron County](https://act.alz.org/site/TR/Walk2026/WI-Wisconsin?pg=team&team_id=1086487&fr_id=20010) is scheduled for Saturday, October 3, 2026, at UW-Eau Claire Barron County located at 1800 College Drive in Rice Lake, WI. Event registration and check-in open at 8:30 AM, with the opening ceremony at 9:40 AM and the walk starting at 10:00 AM.

Our Team Methodist Memories will be participating again, please join us! Register to walk or donate to our team with this link:

https://act.alz.org/site/TR/Walk2026/WI-Wisconsin?pg=team&team_id=1086487&fr_id=20010



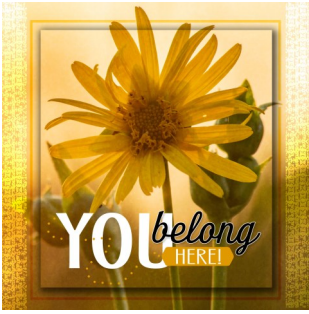


Lord
my God,
I take
refuge in you.
Psalms 7:1

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Worship Service: 10:30 am

Coffee Fellowship: 10:00 am

Adult Sunday School: 9:00 am

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Worship Service: 9:00 am

Sunday School: will resume in the Fall

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Office Hours: Tues.-Thurs. 9:30am-12:30pm or by appt

Office Manager: Stephanie Byrnes-Hampton

Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 9:00 am-4:00 pm

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.

