



Prairie Lakes Parish

Drive-Up Worship Services



Welcome to Drive-Up Worship at the United Methodist Churches of the Prairie Lakes Parish (PLP)

Blooming Grove UMC - 43089 180th St, Morristown, MN (NE corner of Waseca County)
Janesville UMC - 401 N West St, Janesville, MN
Waterville Evangelical UMC - 319 E Main St, Waterville, MN

Summer/Fall Weekends, beginning July 25th/26th
See reverse for schedule and guidelines

Worship without leaving your car!

Drive-Up Worship

It's time for us to gather AND it's time for us to gather safely while practicing good social distancing during these days of COVID-19. To that end we are happy to announce that beginning the weekend of July 25th, the Prairie Lakes Parish is offering DRIVE-UP WORSHIP! You are welcome to attend at any of our three churches.

This is so exciting - and we thank you in advance for making it work by following the guidelines listed on page 2 of this announcement - in order to ensure the health and safety of everyone in our church and community. (Guidelines are based on "Phased Re-Gathering Plan for Churches" created by the MN Conference of the United Methodist Church.)

We look forward to being in one another's presence again - even if it is to wave at one another through our windshields! We're praying and planning for this to be an exciting and spiritually uplifting time for the power of the Holy Spirit to bind us together. We hope that you can join us - and invite your neighbors and friends!

Thank you to the following persons/groups who have made drive-up worship possible:

1. The Minnesota Conference of the United Methodist Church, for awarding \$1,000 grants to each of our three PLP churches to be used to purchase outdoor worship equipment and virtual worship recording equipment.
2. The PLP Tech Team, made up of members of each of the three churches, who researched, tested, purchased, and implemented the equipment required for outdoor worship.
3. The PLP Worship Team, made up of members of each of the three churches, who work together to create monthly drive-up worship schedules and to brainstorm the flow of worship outdoors.
4. The many volunteers at each of our PLP churches who will make outdoor worship a reality each weekend.

Facebook Online Worship

In addition to Drive-Up Worship, we will continue to offer online worship, (weekly services pre-recorded by Pastor Kathy King), as it allows the greatest accessibility for all people.

1. Weekly services will be "viewable" beginning at 8:00 A.M. Sunday mornings through our [Prairie Lakes Parish Facebook](#) page. The video will then be available for viewing throughout the week.
2. The first Sunday of every month, Pastor Kathy will offer Holy Communion during this virtual service. She invites you to prepare your own version of the communion elements to have with you for blessing.



Prairie Lakes Parish Drive-Up Service Schedule

Prairie Lakes Parish members are welcome to attend any of these services.

July 25	Saturday	6:45 pm	Janesville UMC	Trial Run
July 26	Sunday	9:00 am	Blooming Grove UMC	Trial Run
August 1	Saturday	6:45 pm	Waterville Evangelical UMC	
August 2	Sunday	9:00 am	Janesville UMC	
August 8	Saturday	6:45 pm	Blooming Grove UMC	
August 9	Sunday	9:00 am	Waterville Evangelical UMC	
August 15	Saturday	6:45 pm	Janesville UMC	
August 16	Sunday	9:00 am	Waterville Evangelical UMC	
August 22	Saturday	6:45 pm	Blooming Grove UMC	
August 23	Sunday	9:00 am	Janesville UMC	
August 29	Saturday	6:45 pm	Waterville Evangelical UMC	
August 30	Sunday	9:00 am	Blooming Grove UMC	

Prairie Lakes Parish Drive-Up Worship Guidelines

1. If you are sick, or a high-risk individual, or in quarantine, we encourage you to continue to stay home and join us through our on-line worship.
2. Drive-up worship bulletins will be available on our [Prairie Lakes Parish Facebook](#) page each Saturday. Print a copy to bring with you by double clicking on the bulletin attachment to open it, then select "File/Print".
3. Please arrive in one vehicle for each household. We suggest you get to the church ahead of time.
4. Stop at the entrance station on your way into the parking area where...
 - a. You may drop your offering gifts in the specially marked container. Thanks for supporting our ministry!
 - b. Ushers (masked and gloved) will greet you to record attendance for contract tracing purposes and to guide your car into its spot.
5. Follow these best practice guidelines of social distancing (by doing so, windows can be rolled down and masks do not need to be worn):
 - a. Park at least 6 feet apart.
 - b. Stay in the safety of your own vehicles.
 - c. Those who drive BIG vehicles, please park toward the back in order to allow a good view for everyone.
6. Enjoy the service over our outdoor sound system! Within several weeks, we will also have an FM radio transmitter available - and you will be able to tune your radio to a specific FM frequency and hear the entire service in your car.
7. Note: there is no admittance to buildings or restrooms - and playground equipment is unavailable. Any use of facilities will necessitate a sanitizing after each use. You can see the challenge!
8. In case of rain or inclement weather, notice of cancellation of drive-up worship will be posted on our [Prairie Lakes Parish Facebook](#) page. You may then enjoy our on-line worship service instead!