

Upper St. Croix Parish
Grantsburg, St. Croix Falls, Atlas
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UPCOMING EVENTS...A QUICK SNAPSHOT OF WHAT'S HAPPENING

7/30-8/3 VBS Camp in the Community at Siren UMC

7/30-8/2 Spirit Camp at Lake 26

8/4 Atlas Thrift & Bake Sale

8/7 National Night Out

8/17 St. Croix Falls BBQ, Pie & Ice Cream Social

8/25 Central UMC Pie & Ice Cream Social



UNITED METHODIST MESSENGER

THE UPPER ST. CROIX PARISH

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In continuation of the series of easily understandable articles I began in February to explain about Methodism through my ministerial experiences, below is August's article. I hope these articles will help you better understand Methodism and confirm and develop your faithful identification as a Methodist. I look forward to hearing any questions and thoughts about Methodism and the article!

Q) What Is the Meaning of Baptism in the United Methodist Church?

Baptism is not the end of our faith journey. It is the beginning of our commitment to a faithful life, to live out our faith in the world, and to build up the body of Christ in the community of faith. Baptism is our response with faith, dying of ourselves and rising with Jesus Christ in our hearts. Through baptism our sins are cleansed and we begin to live "in grace and holiness through which God brings us into closer relationship with Jesus Christ." Baptism is not sanctification: it is the beginning of sanctification.



We, as United Methodists, perform infant baptism. Infant baptism is based on the firm belief of United Methodists that in grace, "God prepares the way before we request, or even know that we need help." Through this "gracious covenant" sign, infants also enter into a new life in Christ, as children of God and members of the "body" of Christ. At the moment of baptism, the presence of the congregation is this "body" of Christ that takes the responsibility to nurture the infant with her or his parents [sponsor]. Infant baptism often causes the misunderstanding that they must be re-baptized. **Baptism cannot be repeated.** Although we are disobedient and defiant to God, God is always faithful and remains faithful when we are disobedient and defiant.

John Wesley (the Founder of United Methodism) believed in original sin and he believed that it is important to perform infant baptism to get rid of this original sin. Though infant baptism is not about the faith of the infant, but about the faith of the parents and community, it is still an initiation of new birth and acceptance of Jesus Christ.

Blessings,

Pastor Kook Ho



A STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

GIVING

Stewardship Best Practices

August 2018

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. (Galatians 6:9)

The Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation is initiating **Stewardship Challenge Grant 2.0**. The purpose of the grants is to encourage and reward churches (up to \$2000 over three years) for using best practice of stewardship. Best practices (BPs) are procedures that are accepted or proven correct or most effective. (Check out the BPs at www.wumf.org/stewardship-grant). Ask your church's **stewardship contact** whether your church is getting this free money.

Why bother with best practices? Isn't what we are doing good enough? In a word, no. Among the core activities of any church is moving people toward fully committed discipleship.

However, according to the Gallup Organization, only about one in five church members is a fully committed disciple*. Yet, Gallup has shown that committed disciples are more satisfied with their lives, do more inviting of others to church events, spend more time volunteering in their communities, and give more financially. Stewardship best practices help us move toward Christian perfection, as John Wesley encouraged us to do. What will you do to increase your own spiritual commitment? What will you do to increase the spiritual commitment of others in your congregation?



A fully committed disciple will strongly agree with most of these statements: 1) I spend time in worship or prayer every day, 2) My faith is involved in every aspect of my life, 3) Because of my faith, I have forgiven people who have hurt me deeply, 4) Because of my faith, I have meaning and purpose in my life, 5) My faith has called me to develop my given strengths, 6) I will take unpopular stands to defend my faith, 7) My faith gives me an inner peace, 8) I speak words of kindness to those in need of encouragement, 9)

Visit the Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation at
www.wumf.org or [Facebook/wumf.org](https://www.facebook.com/wumf.org)
Or call 1-888-903-9863

A Declaration of Interdependence



“The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people’s trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knitted together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body’s growth in building itself up in love.” (Ephesians 4:11-16)

As the United States celebrates again Independence Day, our United Methodist denomination celebrates its fiftieth anniversary. There are many parallels between the establishment of this country and the history of our Church, but there is one significant and abiding difference. While the nation celebrates “independence,” our Church celebrates interdependence.

Many theories of human development rest upon a three-stage process of maturing and growth. Initially, human beings are completely dependent upon others for survival, nurture, learning, growth, comfort and security. An infant is virtually helpless, and in many ways is powerless to care for itself. However, childhood and adolescence are periods of continuous testing, trying, and breaking free. Human beings strive to move from dependence to independence – to move from complete reliance on others to a healthy and productive ability to provide for one’s self. This is normal, natural, and necessary. But it is incomplete and unsustainable in civilized society. There is yet one more stage of development that moves us from a self-centered independence to a mature and inclusive interdependence. True strength, security, and survival is not a solo effort, but truly we are stronger together than we are alone.

It has been said that diversity focuses on our differences, but that pluralism focuses on the *value* of our differences. An independent worldview celebrates the uniqueness and difference of each individual, while an interdependent worldview celebrates synergy – how each gift and contribution makes the whole greater than the sum of the parts. Fully formed individuals make for a healthy and holistic community. This is a vision central to Jesus’ teaching and the gospel message. The body of Christ is a powerful image of radical and fundamental interdependence. It is what we aspire to as the Church.

At its very best, The United Methodist Church is a uniting Church. God so loved the world that Jesus was sent to save all people; not based on merit or worth, but on grace and unconditional love. We can continue to simply focus on differences, but this will keep us locked into an immature pursuit to decide who belongs and who doesn’t, who is good and who isn’t, who is right and who is wrong. These pursuits are a deception and evil. They distract us from our purpose, divert our energy and effort in wasteful ways, and communicate to the world that the Church is no better than any other social organization on earth. This is why Paul encourages us to “grow up in every way into Christ.” Paul’s essential message to the Church in Ephesus is this – grow up, mature. Our world needs our Church to grow up! It is time for us to declare our interdependence, and show the world that we are better together than we are apart. Christ, who breaks down dividing walls of hostility, is our Savior and our Lord. Our liturgical prayer to be made “One with Christ, One with Each Other, and One in Ministry to all the World,” is our declaration of interdependence. Think about it. What God joins together, let no one tear apart. We are one, a uniting and united Church, living into the full maturity that can only come in covenant relationship with each other. The greatest gift God gave is Jesus; the second greatest gift God gave us in one another.

Grace and Peace, Bishop Hee-Soo Jung

GRANTSBURG: CENTRAL NEWS

Liturgists

Aug. 5 Kim Wheeler
 Aug. 12 John Elmgren
 Aug. 19 _____
 Aug. 26 _____

Aug. 5 _____
 Aug. 12 _____
 Aug. 19 _____
 Aug. 26 _____

Coffee Fellowship

Kay Lamphere
 Kay Lamphere & Janet Dahl
 Kim Wheeler & John



Ushers

Aug. 5 Valetta Walton
 Aug. 12 Charles Wright
 Aug. 19 Valetta Walton
 Aug. 26 _____

Aug. 5 _____
 Aug. 12 _____
 Aug. 19 _____
 Aug. 26 _____

Altar Flowers

Kayleen Branstad

 Valetta Walton



Church Doors on Sundays

Open _____
 Close _____

Aug. 5 _____
 Aug. 12 _____
 Aug. 19 _____
 Aug. 26 _____

Acolytes



Mowing

8/4 & 8/11 _____
 78/18 & 8/25 _____

Aug. Counter Dave Huff



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- Peter Branstad 8/3
- Erica Harmon 8/3
- Greg Huff 8/3
- Jodi Elmgren 8/4
- Ronald & Sally Aldorfer 8/4
- Corey Smestad 8/7
- Keith & Kate Lehne 8/13
- Charles Wright 8/15
- Kristin Zastrow 8/19
- Valetta Walton 8/20
- Adeline Dauer 8/22
- Carol Drohman 8/22
- Mike & Carol Alderman 8/25
- Floyd & Carol Drohman 8/28
- Art Bistram 8/30
- Landon Smestad 8/30

A GLANCE AT CENTRAL'S OFFERING INCOME THROUGH JUNE 2018



Funds	June 2018	Year-to_Date 2018
General Funds Gifts	\$ 5,657.50	\$ 35,610.36
Loose Offering	\$ 118.71	\$ 1,171.53
Upper Room	\$ 5.00	\$ 12.00
Sunday School	\$ -	\$ 100.00
Garage Salle	\$ 1,089.82	\$ 1,089.82
Other	\$ -	\$ 175.00
Total General Funds	\$ 6,871.03	\$ 38,158.71
Equipment Replacement Fund	\$ 84.00	\$ 704.00
Capital	\$ 50.00	\$ 300.00
Missions	\$ 80.00	\$ 350.00
Specials	\$ -	\$ 462.00
A/C Fund	\$ 20.00	\$ 60.00
Other-Pastors Youth Fund	\$ 25.00	\$ 150.00
Central's Youth Fund	\$ -	\$ 85.00
Undesignated Memorials	\$ 32,527.45	\$ 32,627.45
UMM	\$ -	\$ 418.00
All Funds	\$ 39,657.48	\$ 73,315.16

MISCELLANEOUS



National Night Out ~ Free Cookout
5:00-8:00 pm
Grantsburg Fire Hall



Upper St. Croix Parish SPIRIT CAMP

July 30-August 2
at Lake 26

Spirit Camp is a Family Camp for everyone: single adults, couples, and families. Kids MUST have parent/guardians with them and they can bring friends if their family is willing to host them. There are no planned activities, just a lot of fellowship and fun. You are welcome to bring your boats, kayaks and canoes. You can fish, swim, build a campfire or just relax! Food will be potluck style, we have the basic menus planned for each meal but need to know how many are coming. Everyone is responsible for their own snacks and beverages (adult beverages are okay).

We hope you can join us. You can come any of the time, for the day, or a couple days, or the whole time. We have the camp reserved from Monday 3pm-Thursday 1pm. Please contact Kim Wheeler to let her know if you are planning to attend and how many will be in your party so they can plan meals accordingly.

CAMP IN THE COMMUNITY

A week of summer day camp in
Burnett County

July 30-August 3rd
Siren UMC

This is a cooperative effort of the United
Methodist Church and the Wisconsin
United Methodist Camps.

Open to all children grades
K through 6. All are welcome!

Daily 9am-3pm

This replaces Vacation Bible School
(VBS) that was previously planned for
this summer.

**Questions? Contact the Siren church
office at 715-866-8646.**



SUMMER FILL-INS

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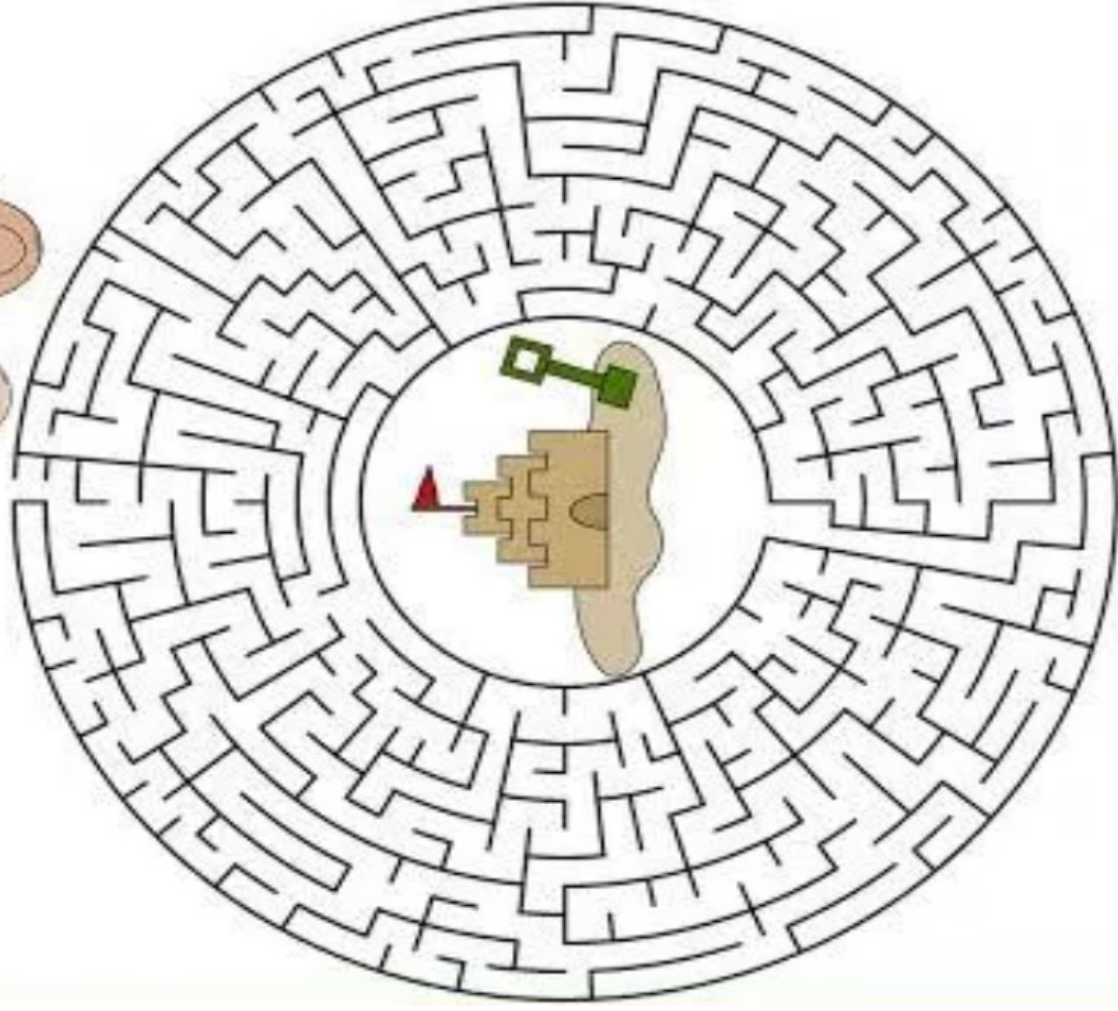
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SUMMER MAZE

Help the kids get through the maze and find their sand castle.



GRANTSBURG: MISSIONS & MEETINGS



AUGUST MEETING

Saturday, August 11th
8:00 AM at Central UMC

Devotions-Mike Giles
Refreshments-Mike Giles

AUGUST MISSION OPPORTUNITY

In August we will continue our efforts to collect school supplies which we will donate to the food shelf to help those in need in our own community. Thank you for your generosity!



Prayer:
The world's greatest wireless connection.



AUGUST MEETING

Aug. 21st ~ 6:30 pm
Grantsburg UMC

United Methodist Women's

August Meeting:

August 8th at 4:00 pm
Central Fellowship Hall

Dinner to follow at the new restaurant in town called "The Den".
Carpools will be available.

If you can't make the meeting you are still encouraged to join the group for dinner!

UMW Salad Luncheon at
Birchwood Methodist Church
We will meet at Central at
10 am to Carpool

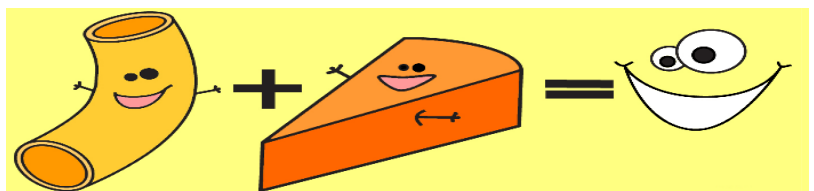
Anyone interested please call
Mary at 715 791 8010

BE A "BACK-PACK BACKER"!

REMEMBER ... Every Sunday Is
MAC 'N CHEESE SUNDAY!

Can you donate a box or two (or more) of Macaroni and Cheese in support of the Salvation Army's "Happy Kids Back-Pack Program"?

This program provides back-packs full of food to help feed families over the weekends throughout the school year. Thanks for caring for those in need in our own community.



ATLAS NEWS



Liturgists
 Aug. 5 Toni Koons
 Aug. 12 Sue Olson
 Aug. 19 _____
 Aug. 26 _____

Ushers
 Aug. 5 _____
 Aug. 12 _____
 Aug. 19 Colleen Norenberg
 Aug. 26 _____

Coffee Fellowship
 Aug. 19 Colleen Adams-Schween

Cleaning
 (Note the date starts with the Sunday to be cleaned and the rest of that week is your responsibility also.)

7/29 & 8/5 _____
 8/12 & 8/19 _____
 8/26 & 9/2 _____



Reed Olson
8/1

Rachel Tooze
8/27

ROXANE & VAN BROCK

8/22



Elliana's Baptism Celebration

Please join us on Saturday, August 11th at 3:00 pm at our home at 2290 Olson Dr., Cushing, WI 54006, as we celebrate Elliana's Baptism.

Thank you! Briana & Jared Olson



Church Council ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING
 Sunday, August 19th
 12:00 pm at Atlas UMC

INCOME TOWARD ATLAS' BUDGET

Offerings:		
July 1	\$ 1620.00	
July 8	\$ 211.00	
July 15	\$ 1250.00	
July 22	\$ 369.75	
July 29	\$ <u>Unavailable</u>	
Total	\$ 3450.75 (as of 7/22)	

\$3278.84 - Needed per Month to cover expenses.

Thank you for your faithful financial support of the ministry of Atlas church!

PLANET GREEN INK JET RECYCLING PROGRAM

Do you have used ink jet cartridges or old cell phones? Every one that you donate to the church provides extra money to fund Atlas Church's Ministry and outreach. Thank you for your continued support of this program!

AUGUST



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Atlas UMC Annual Thrift and Bake Sale

Saturday, August 4th 9:00-1:00 will be the date and time of this year's sale. When you're doing your summer cleaning be sure to keep the thrift sale in mind before you toss those items out!



If you have of any big ticket items that you plan to donate to the sale we'd like to know ahead of time for advertising purposes OR if you need help or would like someone to pick up and drop off your donations, please contact Roxane Brock at 612-210-6701 or roxane.a.brock@gmail.com.

Set up for the sale will be Friday, August 3rd from 1:00 - 5:00 (or until done) - please have your bake sale items to the church during that time or prior to 9:00 am on Sat., Aug. 4th. You are welcome to drop off your items prior to Friday, however, we are asking to please unpack and display your items - tables will be set up the week before the sale.



Be sure to spread the word! Posters are available at the back of the church to hang around town. This is one of the two big fundraisers we do at Atlas. And you're going to want to let people know to stop by early so they don't miss out on all the great deals and wonderful baked good. You know what they say...the early bird gets the worm (or the cookies)!

LOAVES & FISHES NEEDS OUR ONGOING SUPPORT

On Communion Sunday, August 5th you are invited to bring food and school supplies for the Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry in Luck and supplies needed by Atlas Church. We do keep a basket out for donations brought at any time as well.

August: SCHOOL SUPPLIES –We will continue collecting school supplies for those in need in our own community along with Pasta and Rice products!



Suggestions: Crayons, markers, rulers, scissors, Kleenex, note books, paints, pencils, pens, pencil boxes, glue, paper, erasers, etc.

LOAVES & FISHES FOOD PANTRY

Monthly Report ~ June 2018

Households Served	65	Luck School District	38
Adults	116	Unity School District	27
Children	43	Other	1
Total People	159	New Families: Unity 6, Luck 4, Other 0	
USDA Food Received	870#	NON-USDA (Donations)	764#
Groceries Purchased	604#	Volunteer Hours	54



Items Needed: Peanut butter, canned meats, juice, rice, pasta and personal hygiene items.

ST. CROIX FALLS NEWS



HELPING HANDS

Liturgists

All of Aug. Karen Sciacca

Ushers

All of Aug. Marjorie Broker

Altar Flowers

All of Aug. Karen Sciacca

Coffee Hour

Aug. 12 Terra
 Aug. 19 Administrative Council
 Aug. 26 _____

Communion / Paraments

August 5 Charlie & Joan Zeigler

Money Counter(s)

All of August Karen Sciacca

REMEMBER THE FOOD SHELF

On Communion Sundays, you are invited to bring in donations for the SCF Food Pantry. Canned vegetables, fruit or meat, fruit juice, cereal, peanut butter and jelly, kid-friendly soups, personal hygiene items ... just be sure your food items have not expired.



COMMUNION SUNDAY: August 5th

SAILOR HAT OFFERING

The Sailor Hat Offering in August will be used for the BBQ, Pie & Ice Cream Social being held on August 17th.



SOMETIMES WE JUST MISS THE POINT



*Jim & Fay
 Andrews*

8/22



Charles Zeigler

8/17



 Johnny Cash A #1 Tribute	 Folk Legends Patchouli	 Indian Head Chorus Worship Day Rex Cactus
 Jorgensen Tagg Local & Twin Cities Favorite Worship Day	 USA's #1 Tribute to KISS! The Full Theatrical Show!	 Eel Pour Stringers "Old Time Country"
 The Shoop! Show Singers	 Shakespeare Live	 Bring Your Lawnchair
 The Memories "Cherished Hits" Worship Day	 Rocking Hollywoods	 Kids Night
 Corey Medina	 "Rockin' Summer Jams" Ride R&B Band	 Elvis Night "Steve Marcio"
 Hurricane Harold's All Star Blues Review	 Jimmy Buffet #1 Tribute "Hawaiian Shirt Night"	

Music On The Overlook
St Croix Falls Summer 2018
Fridays Downtown 6:30 pm
Free Family Friendly Concerts

ST. CROIX FALLS



here's the scoop...

St. Croix Falls UMC is hosting a BBQ, Pie & Ice Cream Social on Saturday, August 18th from 4-7 pm! 100% of the Free Will Offering will go to support the SCF School Backpack Program. Watch the bulletin and website for additional details about this tasty event!

...Stop by and enjoy a "yummy" treat.



ST. CROIX FALLS UMC INVITATION SUNDAY

September 16, 2018

We will invite new people and old members to attend our service. We also plan on going to Music on the Overlook one Friday in August to invite people to our church. Watch the Newsletter & Bulletins for additional information on this exciting event!



Polk County Food Shelves

Amery

Amery Food Shelf—230 Deronda Street, Amery

Food Shelf is located in the old Amery Regional Medical Center Building.
Call (715) 268- 5999 before 12:00 noon on Wednesday. Leave name and number on voice mail. Open Thursday 2-6 pm.

Area of service: Amery school district only

The Congregational Church—201 Harriman Ave. North, Amery

Food distribution: 9-10:30 am every 2nd Saturday of the month . Registration is 7 am to 9:30 am. **715-268-7390 Special note:** No economic restrictions; however, a \$20.00 donation is asked to help cover the cost of the truck.

Ruby's Pantry –www.amery.ucc.org or office.ameryucc@gmail.com

Area of service: County wide

Dresser

People Loving People --- 103 E. Main Street, Dresser

Monday and Saturday 11 am – 1 pm Wednesday 2 pm – 5 pm

Phone: 715-501-4657

Frederic

Family Pathways Food Shelf—1100 Wisconsin Ave South, Frederic

Phone **715-327-4425**

Open Tuesday 9 am—6 pm, Thursday 9 am—6 pm, Saturday 9 am—12pm

For best service please call for appointment.

Luck

Loaves and Fishes Interfaith Food Pantry—300 North 1st Street, Luck

Pantry is located in the back of the DBS Hall

Open Tuesday & Thursday 11 am—1 pm

Phone **(715) 472-2003**

Area of service: Luck & Unity School Districts

Osceola

The Open Cupboard Food Shelf—402 2nd Avenue, Osceola

Call for appointment: **715-294-4357**

Open Monday-Friday 8 am – 5 pm

(The Open Cupboard also has used furniture & clothing)

Area of service: Osceola & Dresser school district

St. Croix Falls

St Croix Falls Food Shelf—809 Pine Street, St Croix Falls

Phone: **715-483-9138**

Open Monday 9 am—11 am Wednesday 3 pm—6 pm Friday 9 am – 10 am

Area of service: SCF school district, Dresser elementary, Centuria, Cushing & portions of Balsam Lake & Taylors Falls

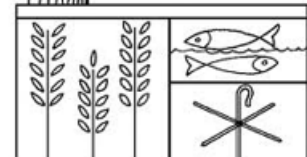
Family Pathways Food Shelf—2000 US Hwy 8, St Croix Falls

Phone: **715-483-2920**

Open Monday 9–5 pm, Tuesday 9-5 pm, Wednesday 12 pm– 6 pm, Thursday 9-5 pm, Friday 9–5 pm, & Saturday 9-Noon



YOU give them something to eat. Mt 14:16



Burnett County Emergency Food Shelves and Distributions

Grantsburg Area Food Shelf *No cost*

Serving residents of the Grantsburg School District
Open Thursday 9:30am-11:30am;
EMERGENCIES ONLY on Tuesday 9:30am-11:30am
Allowed to come 2 times a month
Located between the Library and the Village Hall Office,
320 South Brad St., Grantsburg, WI



Indianhead Community Action Agency- "Connections" *No cost*

Serving all Burnett County residents
Open 10am-3pm Monday, Tuesday & Friday
Located in Webster next to the Holiday Gas Station
(715) 866-8151

Ruby`s Food Shelf- Siren *No cost*

Serving residents of the Siren & Webster School Districts
Open 10:00am-2pm Monday & Friday
10:00am-4pm Wednesday
Closed Thursday

**You`re asked to be there at least 30 minutes before close
Located at 24534 State Hwy 35/70 (Ruby`s Secondhand)
(715)349-RUBY (7829)



Ruby`s Monthly Food Distributions *Bring own boxes or baskets Donation: \$20*

For dates, times, and locations (no location restrictions at this time), visit <http://www.rubyspantry.org/distribution/distschedule.htm>

Second Harvest Food Distribution *No cost*

First and Third Thursday of every month
Starts at 11:00am until food is gone
Located at Connections in Webster
(next to the Holiday Gas Station)
This distribution is offered to anyone in need of food; please help get the word out

St. Croix Chippewa Commodities Distribution

24663 Angeline Ave., Webster
349-2195, Becky Reynolds
Food distribution: Monday to Thursday 7:30am-4:30pm
(Native American Income Eligible Only)

Closed first week of each month for inventory. Can only receive one time per month. A variety of items are available each month and may include canned meats; juice; canned foods; dry goods; frozen meats; cheese; rice and pasta; fresh produce.

"If you love me, feed my sheep."

John 21:15-19