

Upper St. Croix Parish
Grantsburg, St. Croix Falls, Atlas, Wolf Creek
P.O. Box 128
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JULY

Wishing you a safe
and happy
Independence Day!

UNITED METHODIST MESSENGER

THE UPPER ST. CROIX PARISH

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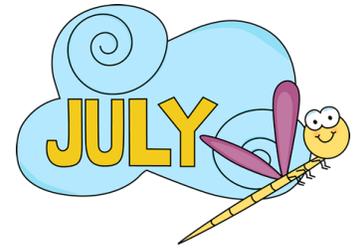
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Bible: Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. (1 Peter 5:7)

Pastor Ran and I sincerely want to say thank you to the congregation. Pastor Ran delivered "**Caleb Yeonjun Kim**" on Thursday, June 1, 2017. We went to the hospital for induced delivery because my baby's valley was small compared to other normal babies, so the doctor said that it was the best way to deliver the baby early and nurture the baby outside of the womb with dry milk and breast feeding. That's why we went to the hospital Wednesday evening. Ran had almost 24 hours of the painful process of natural delivery, but the baby was too large for Ran's small hip-bones to be delivered naturally. For this reason, the doctor decided to perform an emergency C-section.



We were both very scared and afraid because we never expected a C-section and heard from the doctor that Ran and the baby would be in danger during the surgery. Due to some medical issues there were some small dangerous situations for both of them during the surgery. However, they are doing well now and are becoming better and better.

When I saw her surgery in the operating room, I felt hopeless in front of the unexpected hardship, even though I am a pastor. However, God gave me peace through the support we received from some of the medical staff members. Your prayers and spiritual support made me strong enough to handle it with confidence, as a father.

To be honest, we felt all of your spiritual support when we were in the operating room. I am convinced that because of your prayers, our family could come back safely to the house sooner than we expected.

In American culture, people express their thankful hearts by saying "Thanks" with shaking hands or a hug, but in my Korean culture, people express their thankful hearts by greeting with a deep bow. The Kim family is sending a deep bow to all church members. Thank you all.

Blessings,

Pastor Kook Ho Kim



A STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

GIVING

The Paradox of Generosity

July 2017

"for during a severe ordeal of affliction, their abundant joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part." (2 Corinthians 8:2b)

Extreme poverty overflowing into a wealth of generosity is another of those grace-filled paradoxes we find in Scripture: those who humble themselves will be exalted, those who lose their life for my sake will find it, blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.



Stewardship
a way of life

Sometimes we United Methodists act as if, while struggling to make ends meet in our churches, we are suffering a "severe ordeal of affliction." Nothing could be farther from the truth. In 2016, the 35,231 United Methodist households in Wisconsin were blessed with incomes totaling about \$2.5 billion. Even assuming we put away ten percent of that for retirement, college educations, etc., the tithe on our remaining earnings should be about \$172 million. Instead, in 2016, we gave just over \$52 million, about 3%. Our wallets are not afflicted, but our faith may be. Our paradox is though blessed with much, we withhold much.

What would we be able to achieve if we tithed? In addition to "paying the bills," each church could feed the hungry in its community, support overseas missionaries, sponsor and provide scholarships for Volunteer in Mission trips around the world, provide tutoring after school, build a youth center, create a multi-platform communication system that provides your community with access to sermons & Christian education, and hire staff to develop, organize and manage all these activities.

And, consider this. As we start doing so much more in the community, our congregations will grow in both membership and attendance as well. When these new and newly revived members model their giving on your example, they will increase the church's capacity for good even more. Now that is Stewardship!

Jim Wells, Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation



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Or call 1-888-903-9863



A TRIBUTE TO JOHN WESLEY

by Steve Briggs

Those of us who enjoyed 40 years of Garrison Keillor's "Prairie Home Companion" on public radio continue to appreciate his lesser-known radio show, "The Writer's Almanac," a brief program aired twice daily that features a poem and biographical information about authors and other prominent people.

On Saturday, June 17, he featured the founder of Methodism, John Wesley. Reading it will assure you you're part of a worthwhile, world-changing church.

Here, verbatim, is Keillor's tribute to John Wesley:

"It's the birthday of religious leader **John Wesley**, born in Lincolnshire, England (1703). He was saved from a fire when he was five years old, and later believed that God had saved him for a purpose. He became a priest and joined a religious study group that other people nicknamed the "Methodists," because of their emphasis on methodical rules of living: they prayed and fasted according to strict schedules.

Wesley was the most methodical of them all. He wrote in his diary: "Have I prayed with fervor? Have I after every pleasure immediately given thanks? Have I been or seemed angry? Has good will been and appeared the spring of all my actions toward others?" At first he asked these questions of himself each day, and then he began to ask them each hour, keeping track of his answers.

In 1735, Wesley moved to the United States to serve as the priest for a settlement in Georgia. But the settlers didn't much care for his methodical ways of living, and they ran him out of town.

He returned to England and began to travel around the wilderness on horseback, preaching to all the common people he came across: factory workers, miners and farmers. He preached in rented halls, on street corners, and in fields. He ultimately rode about 250,000 miles through the English, Scottish, and Irish countryside, preaching 42,000 sermons along the way. He said, "Once in seven years I burn all my sermons; for it is a shame if I cannot write better sermons now than I did seven years ago."

Wesley was always a member of the Anglican Church, and his only idea was to create small groups within the Anglican Church to meet regularly for prayer and Bible study. But when Methodists missionaries traveled to the United States, their ideas took hold, and their followers considered themselves members of a new religion. They appointed their own bishops and ministers and created their own church laws and traditions, separate from the Church of England. The Methodist Church became the church of the colonists on the frontier, as well as African Americans, both slave and free.

By 1850, the United Methodist Church held more members than any other Christian denomination in the United States. It was thought of as the most mainstream of all denominations. A convert needed only to believe that Jesus Christ was the Son of God and everyone's personal savior. Methodists believed that all other questions about Christianity were up for discussion. Wesley said, "As to all opinions which do not strike at the root of Christianity, we think and let think."

Methodists have established more colleges, hospitals, child-care facilities, and retirement homes than any other Protestant denomination. A 19th-century Methodist preacher named William Booth noticed that his lower-class converts were often turned away from respectable churches, so he founded the Salvation Army to reach the poor and needy. Methodists also started Goodwill Industries in 1902, with stores across the country that employ people with disabilities to repair furniture and mend old clothes to be sold at a discount.

It was also Methodists who started the temperance movement, and a Methodist founded the YMCA. Methodists were a big part of the abolitionist movement, and the anti-segregation movement, and it was a Methodist who signed Jackie Robinson to the Brooklyn Dodgers, integrating major league baseball for the first time.

Americans who were brought up in the Methodist Church include Presidents Ulysses S. Grant, Rutherford B. Hayes, and William McKinley, as well as Barry Goldwater, Walter Mondale, George McGovern, Bob Dole and Hillary Clinton."

GRANTSBURG: CENTRAL NEWS

Liturgists

July 2 Steve Briggs
 July 9 John Elmgren
 July 16 Carol Drohman
 July 23 Barbara Loomis
 July 30 _____

Ushers

July 2 _____
 July 9 Charles Wright
 July 16 _____
 July 23 _____
 July 30 _____

Church Doors on Sundays

Open _____
 Close _____

Mowing

6/26 & 7/3 Steve Briggs
 7/10 & 7/17 Dave Huff
 7/24 & 7/31 _____

July 2 _____
 July 9 _____
 July 16 _____
 July 23 _____
 July 30 _____

Coffee Fellowship

Dave & Sharon Huff

 Barbara Loomis

Altar Flowers

July 2 _____
 July 9 _____
 July 16 Alan Roelfs
 July 23 _____
 July 30 Linda Hokanson (In Memory of Jim's Birthday)

Acolytes

July 2 _____
 July 9 _____
 July 16 _____
 July 23 _____
 July 30 _____



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Abby Alderman 7/1
 Sharon Huff 7/3
 Daniel & Erica Harmon 7/4
 John & Jodi Elmgren 7/4
 John Elmgren 7/4
 Jordan Paulson 7/4
 Rachel Harmon Bakker 7/4
 Connar Goetz 7/13
 Andy & Monica Loomis 7/14
 Adam Dahl 7/18
 Trever Bohn 7/18
 Mark Harmon 7/20
 Austin Zastrow 7/24
 Cody Johnson 7/25
 Jamie Lund 7/25
 Logan Smestad 7/26

A GLANCE AT CENTRAL'S OFFERING INCOME THROUGH MAY 2017



Funds	May	Year-to-Date
General Fund Gifts	\$5,999.00	\$ 32,297.00
Loose Offering	\$ 118.16	\$ 864.76
Upper Room	\$ 5.00	\$ 18.00
Total General Funds	\$6,122.16	\$ 33,179.76
Equip. Rep. Fund	\$ -	\$ 253.00
Capital Funds	\$ 100.00	\$ 268.00
Missions & Specials	\$ 235.00	\$ 1,463.00
Other-Youth Fund	\$ 45.00	\$ 1,845.00
Designated Memorials-Choir	\$ -	\$ 300.00
Undesignated Memorials	\$ 55.00	\$ 185.00
UM Men		\$ 131.00
Total All Funds	\$6,557.16	\$ 37,624.76



IPOD? IPAD? IPHONE?
 WHY NOT TRY IPRAY?
 GOD IS LISTENING!

GRANTSBURG: MISSIONS & MEETINGS

United Methodist Women's

There is no regular meeting in July.

The United Methodist Women will join the Birchwood Methodist Church Ladies for a Salad Luncheon on Wednesday, July 12th.

Please sign up by calling Mary at 715-791-8010 by Monday, July 10th.

Please meet at the Central Church at 10:00 am if you need a ride.

All women of the Upper St. Croix Parish are welcome!

United Methodist Men's July Meeting

Saturday, July 8th ~ 8:00am at Central UMC



Please join us for devotion and refreshments provided by Mike Giles!



School Supplies



We are collecting school supplies for those in need in our own community. Donations can be placed in the basket under the missions board.



JULY MEETING

July 18th ~ 6:30 pm
Grantsburg UMC

BE A "BACK-PACK BACKER"!

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

~CHURCH SIGNS~

LITTLE SAYINGS TO HELP YOU ON YOUR WAY

Prevent TRUTH DECAY ~ Brush up on your Bible!

Courage is fear that has said its prayers! Choose the bread of life or you are toast!

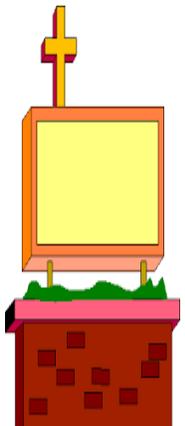
God wants FULL CUSTODY not just weekend visits.

Looking for a Lifeguard? Ours walks on water! What is missing from CH CH? U R

Be an organ donor...Give your Heart to Jesus.

The Bible is the Blueprint for life!

Free Coffee & Everlasting Life-Yes, membership has its privileges!



ATLAS NEWS



Cleaning

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

7/2 & 7/9 Sue Olson
 7/16 & 7/23 Colleen Norenberg
 7/30 & 8/6 _____



Nursery

July 2 _____
 July 9 _____
 July 16 _____
 July 23 _____
 July 30 _____

Liturgists

July 2 Wendell Hauble
 July 9 Toni Koons
 July 16 Sue Olson
 July 23 _____
 July 30 _____

Ushers

July 2 Max Hauble
 July 9 Roxane Brock
 July 16 Colleen Norenberg
 July 23 _____
 July 30 Lowell Paulson

Coffee Fellowship

July 16 Colleen Norenberg

PLEASE NOTE...
FELLOWSHIP AT
ATLAS IS SERVED FROM
10:30 AM-10:55 AM THE 3RD
SUNDAY OF THE MONTH.



Coffee Fellowship

INCOME TOWARD ATLAS' BUDGET

Offerings:

June 4	\$ 805.00
June 11	\$ 191.00
June 18	\$ 238.00
June 25	\$ Unavailable
Total	\$ (as of 6/18)



\$3278.84 - Needed per Month to cover expenses.

June shortage = -\$ 2044.84

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

Church Council



ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING
Sunday, July 23rd
12:00 pm at Atlas UMC

Happy Birthday



July Babies!

Scott Olson	7/2
Jamie Steffen	7/12
Brodie Kunze	7/15
Chelsie Kunze	7/21
Roxane Brock	7/27

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!

JULY



Atlas UMC Annual Thrift and Bake Sale

Saturday, August 12th will be the date 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 715-327-5610 or roxane.a.brock@gmail.com.



Set up for the sale will be Friday, August 11th 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. 12th. 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.

LOAVES & FISHES NEEDS OUR ONGOING SUPPORT



On Communion Sunday, April 2nd you are invited to bring food 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.

July: School Supplies, Peanut Butter & Jelly



The Salvation Army 4 Person Golf Scramble

Back Pack Fundraiser Supports Polk and Burnett County

August 14

Registration: 10:00 am
Shotgun Start: 11:00am
Cards in - Dinner : 3:30pm
Silent Auction

Information on sponsoring and/or participating in this event is available at each of the Upper St. Croix Parish Churches.

LOAVES & FISHES FOOD PANTRY Monthly Report ~ May 2017

Households Served	58	Luck School District	34
Adults	108	Unity School District	24
Children	26	Other	0
Total People	134	New Families: Unity 2, Luck 1, Other 0	
USDA Food Received	1380#	NON-USDA (Donations)	707#
Groceries Purchased	450#	Volunteer Hours	60 1/2



Items Needed: Canned meats (8 grams of protein or higher) pork n' beans and bar soap.

ST. CROIX FALLS



July's Sailor Hat Offering will go to support the St. Croix Falls Food Shelf. The Cell Tower Tithe will go to support the preparation of the "SCF Church Invitation Event" in September. Watch for additional information in the weekly bulletins and monthly newsletters. Thank you!



Wednesday, July 19th
6:00 pm
St. Croix Falls UMC
Please join us for a potluck supper and bring your favorite dish to share if you are able!

POLK COUNTY ACTIVITIES CALENDAR FOR JULY 2017



CHURCH COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, July 3rd
6:00 pm at St. Croix Falls UMC

July

Date	Community	Description
1-31	Amery	Art Exhibition @ ArtZ Gallery
1	St. Croix Falls	Music Series @ Chateau St Croix Winery 1-4pm
1-2	Balsam Lake	Freedom Fest (also June 30 th)
1-2	St. Croix Falls	Red, White & Sangria (also June 30 th)
1	Wanderoos	Independence Day Celebration
4	Amery	Fireworks @ Soldier Field @ Dusk
?	Osceola	Fireworks Express Train Ride @ Osceola Train Depot
4	Amery	Wapo-Beartrap 5k Fun Run @ Stower Seven Lakes Trail
4	Clam Falls	4 th of July Parade
6-9	Centuria	Memory Days
7	St. Croix Falls	Music on the Overlook 6:30pm
7-9	Turtle Lake	Inter-County Fair & Grand Parade
8	St. Croix Falls	Music Series @ Chateau St Croix Winery 1-4pm
11	Luck	Music in the Park @ Triangle Park 6:30pm
14	St. Croix Falls	Music on the Overlook 6:30pm
15	St. Croix Falls	Jazz Festival @ Dancing Dragonfly Winery
15	Balsam Lake	Bass Classic Fishing Tournament
15	Osceola	Movies Under the Star at Mill Pond Park @ Dusk
18	Luck	Music in the Park @ Triangle Park 6:30pm
21-23	Luck	Lucky Days Festival
21	St. Croix Falls	Music on the Overlook 6:30pm
22	St. Croix Falls	Jazz Festival @ Chateau St Croix Winery
25	Luck	Music in the Park @ Triangle Park 6:30pm
27-30	St. Croix Falls	Polk County Fair
28	St. Croix Falls	Music on the Overlook Park 6:30pm
29	St. Croix Falls	Chateau St. Croix Winery Music Series 1-4pm





Wolf Creek News

Readers & Greeters

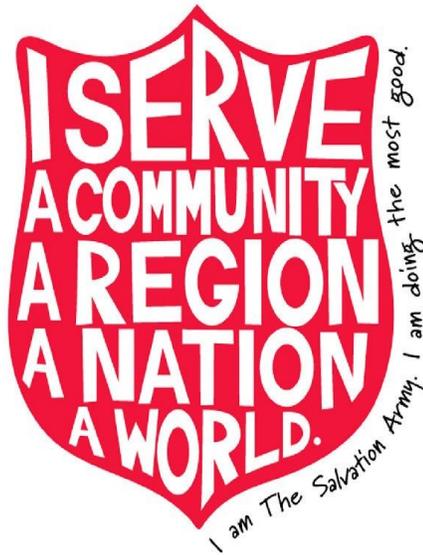
- July 2 Barb Davidsavor
- July 9 Myrna Westen
- July 16 Marcie Marquardt
- July 23 Josh Davidsavor
- July 30 Linda Chouinard

Coffee Fellowship

July 23 _____

Cleaner for July

All Month: _____



MISSION GIVING

For the third quarter of 2017 (July, August and September) we will be supporting the Salvation Army through mission donations.



JULY BIRTHDAYS

Russell Adams 7/5



HEAT PET SAFETY!

www.DVMmultimedia.com DVMmultimedia

<p>SHADE & WATER Protect your pets from the sun's rays and keep them hydrated.</p>	<p>NO CARS Never leave a pet in the car, not even with the window cracked.</p>	
<p>NO ASPHALT If it's too hot for bare feet, it's too hot for bare paws.</p>	<p>LIMIT EXERCISE Don't let playful pets over exert themselves in the heat.</p>	

HEAT STROKE
Excessive panting, discolored gums, and mobility problems are signs. Seek veterinary attention immediately!

MISCELLANEOUS



Fireworks Safety Tips

- ★ Never allow **children** to play with or ignite fireworks.
- ★ **Never** try to **re-light** or **pick up** fireworks that have not ignited fully.
- ★ Keep a **bucket of water** or a **garden hose** handy in case of fire or other mishap.
- ★ Make sure fireworks are **legal** in your area before buying or using them.
- ★ Light fireworks **one at a time**, then **move back** quickly.
- ★ More Fireworks Safety Tips – www.cpsc.gov/fireworks

Source: U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission 2012 Fireworks Annual Report



VBS CAMP 2017

UPPER ST. CROIX PARISH VACATION BIBLE CAMP

Starts on Tuesday, August 8 at 2pm
Ends on Thursday, August 10th at 11am



Vacation Bible School is returning to Lake 26 camp near Danbury WI and will be an overnight camp for all ages. There will be bible study, crafts, activities for kids and adults, free time, swimming, kayaking, fellowship, worship, music and food! *Our theme is "God's Work of Art" and we will study and discuss how we were created and designed by God for his purposes.*

ALL ARE WELCOME FROM THE ENTIRE UPPER ST. CROIX PARISH

Children going into grade 3 and older may come without a parent/guardian. Children grades 2 and younger must have a parent/guardian with them overnight (you may make arrangements with other adults attending camp to be responsible for your child if you cannot be there—kids attending without a parent must be able to take care of their own needs). We encourage adults to attend camp and enjoy fun and fellowship with your church family. There is no charge for the camp, each church will pay their share of the expenses based on attendance of the camp. Friends are welcome!

If you are not able to come for the whole time, please feel free to join us when you can. Lake 26 camp is about 45 minutes from Grantsburg, just east of Danbury, WI. The lake is good for fishing, and adults do not need to be present the whole time. Also, we are looking for kayaks and other watercraft to borrow for the campers to use.

Registration forms were mailed to all UPSC families with children and are also available at each church. Please complete the forms and return to the church office or to Kim Wheeler directly. If you would be willing to take charge of a craft or activity, please indicate on the form. VBS Leaders are invited to come to camp a day early to prepare (and have some adult fellowship time by the campfire). Questions can be directed to Kim Wheeler at 715-431-1857 (call or text) or email kimwheeler70@yahoo.com. Thanks!

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

"If you love me, feed my sheep."

John 21:15-19

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.

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 Thursday 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

