

Upper St. Croix Parish
Grantsburg, St. Croix Falls, Atlas, Wolf Creek
P.O. Box 128
Grantsburg, WI 54840



Give Thanks
with
A
Grateful Heart

Heartwarming things kids are thankful for...

1. "I am thankful for food because I am always hungry." —Harrison, age 5
2. "My Legos!" —Max, age 3
3. "I'm thankful for my mom because I love her. And my Dad and my whole family."
—Lila, age 3
4. "Uh...the sun outside!" —Lulu, age 2
5. "My new show PJ Masks because I like the song!" —Allie, age 4
6. "Doing a piggy back ride on Daddy." —Harlow, age 4
7. "Bananas!" —Brandt, age 4
8. "My mom's pumpkin pie. She makes it the best." —Pearce, age 8
9. "I am thankful to my mommy for letting me play iPad two times a day on the weekends" —River, age 7
10. "Rainbows." —Hudson, age 4
11. "I am thankful for my mom, my brothers, my cats and Minecraft." —Rylan, age 6
12. "I am thankful for mommy bringing me to her Playdates." —Cortland, age 3
13. "Daddy's hugs, puppies, kittens and beanbag chairs" —Kambry, age 8

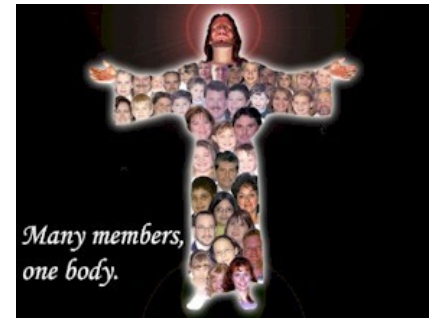
What are you thankful for?

A STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

GIVING

Not One Member, But Many
November 2017

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. ¹⁴Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. (1 Corinthians 12:12-14)



A **division of labor** marks our occupations and social institutions in modern society: people perform highly specialized, but reciprocal and interdependent activities. This results both in greater benefits for the whole and greater dependence of individuals on one another.

Paul the Apostle recognized both this benefit and this interdependence among the followers of Christ. He likened us Christians to body parts. We form a whole Paul calls the Body of Christ, and we are interdependent, "The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you.'" Stewardship is like that. Our gifts work **together** for the good.

Arthur Tappan Pierson summarized the lesson of 1 Corinthians 12:

- ⇒ Every believer has some gift, therefore all should be encouraged.
- ⇒ No one has all the gifts, therefore all should be humble.
- ⇒ All gifts are for the Body, therefore all should be harmonious.
- ⇒ All gifts are for the Lord, therefore all should be contented.
- ⇒ All gifts are mutually helpful, therefore all should be faithful.
- ⇒ All gifts promote the whole Body's health, therefore none can be dispensed with.
- ⇒ All gifts depend upon the Holy Spirit's empowerment, therefore none should be out of fellowship with Him.

Stewardship strives to maximize the impact of our collective gifts.

Jim Wells, Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation



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Or call 1-888-903-9863

UNITED METHODIST MESSENGER

THE UPPER ST. CROIX PARISH

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November 2017

It is the time to ask God for help for our Parish

Matthew 7:8-Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.

Pastor Ran and I want to say "Thanks" to you. Thanks for fully supporting us and baby Caleb. We really thank you for your love, kindness, generosity, help and everything you do for our ministry. Thanks for your faithful decision to maintain our parish ministry continually with us, even though we have some financial problems.



St. Croix folks, thanks for your dedication to sharing your benefit continually with our parish churches. Your continuing support has been a huge help to the Upper St. Croix Parish.

Even though, we have been here almost 1 year and 5 months, we have done many new things for the church and will have a fruitful ministry plan.

Things we have done:

We have started the Parish Youth Group. We are meeting regularly with 5-15 youth joining our program. We had the Parish Confirmation Class and have started a new monthly children's program, Children's Fun Sundays at Atlas UMC. We held the Invitation Sunday at SCF and have a plan to apply this event parish wide as the church evangelical event. We have started to introduce ourselves to the community and have participated in local church events. We have regular visitation to church & non-church members-regularly visiting 10 people, at a minimum of once a month and suggest pastoral visitation quarterly with some our church members who live in Minneapolis. Also, we are covering several emergency pastoral visitations. At any time, pastors are ready to visit our church members when they need our help.

Next year, our first priority is to be united among the four churches as the one parish beyond financial bondage. For that, we will have a new parish Ad Council meeting, 3-4 joint parish worship services, parish fundraising events for our next generation, parish missional work and parish children's ministry.

Our second priority is our revival not only spiritually, but also increasing member's attendance. Finding our lost sheep at each church and inviting new people to our church will increase our attendance. Through worship, Bible Study, and adult education programs, I hope we will grow our faith spiritually. We will have more visitation time to find the lost sheep, but the pastors' work for the revival has a limit. Praying for and giving some information to the lost sheep, or those who are interested in our church and Christianity would be helpful. We also encourage you to try to give the good news to your family, friends, and neighbors yourselves. We will have a time to invite new church members next year.



PASTOR'S MESSAGE CONTINUED...

We know we will definitely have financial problems next year. I do not say "Maybe," I am saying "Definitely". We have a 2% increase in the parish budget, almost \$3,000 compared to last year. This is not a tremendous jump compared with last year, but we are having a hard time solving this problem ourselves. If we don't receive a Conference financial support grant (\$9,881) and Central's apportionment deduction (\$5,718), we can't solve it.

However, remember that we are still surviving and also have some positive signals to solve this financial issue, specifically that SCF UMC decided to maintain their commitment and to extend it to us until next December and they will prepare a \$1,200 emergency fund to help the other churches, if they have still financial struggle. Central has started the financial stewardship program and Atlas & Wolf Creek accepted the budget and have tried to overcome this difficulty with faith. Also, our conference may try to help us this year as well.

As a leader of the church and as the pastors in the Upper St. Croix Parish, we have lots of holy responsibility about our financial situation so we decided to increase our general offering \$1,000 to the church to help cover next year's parish budget increase, even though we currently have committed a lot to the church. We want to lead by example as the pastors of the parish, even though we will eat only lentil and beans-don't worry that Caleb will eat his favorite milk continually without limits :)

Also, each church will have a Commitment & Celebration Sunday at the end of November or early December. (The letter with the pledge card will be sent in middle of November) Commitment and Stewardship is not merely about money. It is also about how we offer our whole lives to God and to the service of the church. We promise to serve the church with our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. All five of these things are marks of discipleship. Your promise will help the church in managing and maintaining the 2018 church plans, which we have worked hard to budget for this coming year. However, if you are uncomfortable with giving after your prayer, please skip it until the next year. We honor and respect your decision.

Jesus said, (Matthew 7:8) Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.

It is the time to ask God for help for our Parish. It is the time to seek the vision of the church for our next generation. It is the time to knock on the door to find the lost sheep and invite new members to the Parish.

Let's go the next step with a humble and faithful heart like the tax collector in Luke 18. I definitely promise that we are going to share and celebrate many fruitful ministerial joys with faithful friends and God here. Thanks be to God and thanks be to all of you.

**For everyone
who asks
receives;**



GRANTSBURG: CENTRAL NEWS

Liturgists

Nov. 5 _____
 Nov. 12 Carol Drohman
 Nov. 19 _____
 Nov. 26 John Elmgren

Ushers

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

Church Doors on Sundays

Open _____
 Close _____

Mowing

10/30 & 11/5 _____
 11/12 & 11/19 _____
 11/26 & 12/3 _____

Coffee Fellowship

Nov. 5 Mark Harmon
 Nov. 12 Valetta Walton
 Nov. 19 _____
 Nov. 26 _____

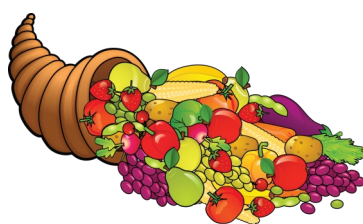


Altar Flowers

Nov. 5 _____
 Nov. 12 _____
 Nov. 19 _____
 Nov. 26 Kayleen Branstad

Acolytes

Nov. 5 _____
 Nov. 12 _____
 Nov. 19 _____
 Nov. 26 _____



“There is always, always something to be thankful for.”

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



Anna Lehne 11/1
 Dorothy Sood 11/2
 Linda Harmon 11/4
 Jozie Paulson 11/4
 Steve Briggs &
 Linda Benge 11/7
 Spencer Bunting 11/10
 Michelle Lund 11/12
 Janelle Zastrow 11/13
 Steve Briggs 11/14
 Linda Benge 11/16
 Alan Roelfs 11/18
 Grace Lehne 11/26
 Blake Reid 11/29
 Don Sbragia 11/30

A GLANCE AT CENTRAL'S OFFERING INCOME THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2017



Funds	September 2017	Year-to_Date 2017
General Funds Gifts	\$ 4,961.00	\$ 53,972.00
Loose Offering	\$ 150.00	\$ 1,298.76
Upper Room	\$ -	\$ 30.00
Total General Funds	\$ 5,111.00	\$ 55,300.76
Equipment Replacement Fund	\$ 84.00	\$ 589.00
Capital	\$ 50.00	\$ 468.00
Missions & Specials	\$ 525.78	\$ 2,333.78
Other-Pastors Youth Fund	\$ 25.00	\$ 1,991.75
Designated Memorials-Choir		\$ 300.00
Undesignated Memorials	\$ -	\$ 195.00
UMMen	\$ -	\$ 181.00
A/C Fund	\$ -	\$ 20.00
All Funds	\$ 5,795.78	\$ 61,379.29

GRANTSBURG: MISSIONS & MEETINGS



Operation Christmas Child ~ Filling Boxes

Wednesday, November 1st at 4:00 pm

Please join us as we fill Operation Christmas Child Boxes!



UMW Meeting & Fruitcake Baking

Wednesday, November 15th at 10:00 am at Grantsburg UMC

We will start making fruitcakes at 10:00 am and we will also plan our Christmas Lunch while the fruitcakes are baking. Be sure to save December 13th for the UMW Luncheon on your calendar!

Heritage Sale ~ Saturday, November 25th at 9:00 am.

Heritage Sale Set-up will be Friday November 24th.

All women of the Upper St. Croix Parish are welcome and encouraged to attend!

BE A "BACK-PACK BACKER"!

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

United Methodist Men's November Meeting

Sat., November 11th
8:00am at Central UMC

Devotions: Ken Hyatt

Refreshments: John Elmgren



DECORATE THE CHURCH & POTLUCK

Please join us on Wed., Nov. 29th at
5 pm as we decorate Grantsburg
UMC for the Holiday Season and
share a potluck dinner at 6 pm.



NOVEMBER MISSION



We will be collecting items for Operation Christmas Child boxes which will be put together on Wednesday, Nov. 15th by the United Methodist Women. Donations can be left in the basket at the front of the church. Thank you for your support!

GO FISH & FRIENDS FUN NIGHT

Wednesday, November 15th
4-7 pm at Central UMC



ATLAS NEWS



Liturgists
 Nov. 5 Toni Koons
 Nov. 12 Roxane Brock
 Nov. 19 Sue Olson
 Nov. 26 Colleen Adams-Schween

Ushers
 Nov. 5 Roxane Brock
 Nov. 12 Sue Olson
 Nov. 19 Colleen Norenberg
 Nov. 26 Lowell Paulson



Coffee Fellowship
 Nov. 19 Cheryl Olson

**Sunday School
 (Nursery/Middle Elem/Older Elem)**
 Nov. 5 Cheryl Olson/_____/Colleen Adams-Schween
 Nov. 12 Josie Grimes/Kristie Olson/Jamie Steffen
 Nov. 19 Cheryl Olson/Mariah Gaffey/_____
 Nov. 26 **Star Program Practice**

Cleaning

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

11/5 & 11/12 Sue Olson
 11/19 & 11/26 Cheryl Olson



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!



INCOME TOWARD ATLAS' BUDGET

Offerings:

Oct. 1	\$ 1119.00
Oct. 8	\$ 125.00
Oct. 15	\$ 335.00
Oct. 22	\$ 180.00
Oct. 29	\$ Unavailable
Total	\$ 1759.00 (as of 10/22)



\$3278.84 - Needed per Month to cover expenses.

Oct. shortage = -\$ 1519.84

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



BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Cheryl Olson	11/2
Margie Mattson	11/3
Mike Steffen	11/4
Virginia Melin	11/14
Beau Gaffey	11/20
Wesley Skeie	11/21
Olivia Brock	11/24
Tanner Gaffey	11/30



Church Council

**Admin Council Meeting
 Sunday, Nov. 12 12:00 pm**

LEFSE MAKING

*Saturday, November 4th
 9:00 am until done
 Atlas UMC*



We will be making Lefse for our Bake Sale. Please join us and enjoy the fun!



GOINGS-ON & Whatnots

Please join us as we decorate the church for the holiday season after the church service on **November 26th.**



Commitment Sunday

Share your blessings!

NOVEMBER 26TH

OCTOBER MISSION TRICK OR TREAT FOR UNICEF

We will have the results of our Trick or Treat for UNICEF campaign for the December Newsletter as the children will be collecting on Halloween and adding those donations to what we've collected in church!



NOVEMBER MISSION-OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

We will be collecting shoe boxes to support Operation Christmas Child through **Nov. 12th**. Informational material and shoe boxes are available at the church. There are extra items to help fill shoe boxes as well so please help yourself to whatever is on the back table. If you have extras you'd like to donate just leave them on the table for others to use. We will make additional shoe boxes from what is left. If you prefer you can make a monetary donation to cover the shipping of the boxes. Shipping is estimated at \$7 per box. Thank you for your generosity!



Thanksgiving Special Offering
 10% of our tithes will go to support the St. Croix Falls and Luck school back-pack program...let us all give thanks!

You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God. 2 Corinthians 9:11 (ESV)

Thanksgiving Offering

MOOLA FOR MILK

We raised \$52.72 in September. Thank you for your generosity!



COUNTRY CHRISTMAS "TEA"
Craft & Bake Sale
 Sat. Dec. 2nd ~ 9am-1pm

- ✦ Reserve the date
- ✦ Begin thinking about what little fancy Christmas treats you can bake for the "tea" upstairs
- ✦ Begin dreaming about what you can offer to the craft fair downstairs or what baked goods you can provide for the Bake Sale

LOAVES & FISHES FOOD PANTRY
 Monthly Report ~ September 2017

Households Served	67	Luck School District	36
Adults	108	Unity School District	31
Children	37	Other	0
Total People	145	New Families: Unity 3, Luck 2, Other 0	
USDA Food Received	760#	NON-USDA (Donations)	1628#
Groceries Purchased	1770#	Volunteer Hours	66 1/2

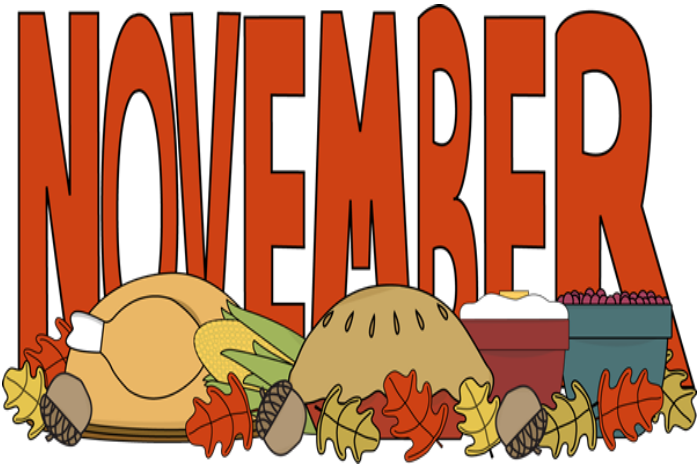
Items Needed: Peanut Butter, Canned Peaches and Pears and Juice.

LOAVES & FISHES NEEDS OUR ONGOING SUPPORT

On Communion Sunday, Nov. 5 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 up front for donations brought at any time as well.

November: Rice

ST. CROIX FALLS NEWS



HELPING HANDS

Liturgists

All of Nov. Jim Andrews

Ushers

All of Nov. Marjorie Broker

Altar Flowers

All of Nov. Kathy Gionis

Coffee Hour

Nov. 12 Peter & Kathleen Gionis
 Nov. 19 Administrative Council
 Nov. 26

Money Counters

All of Nov. Peter Gionis

Communion / Paraments

Nov. 5 Peter & Kathleen Gionis

Potluck

Marjorie Broker



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Marjorie Broker
 11/26

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: November 5th

Parish Youth Group Meeting



YOUTH GROUP

4:00-6:00 pm

*Sun. Nov. 12th
 at the
 Parsonage in
 St. Croix Falls*



ST. CROIX FALLS



ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, November 6th
6:00 pm
St. Croix Falls UMC

SAILOR HAT OFFERING



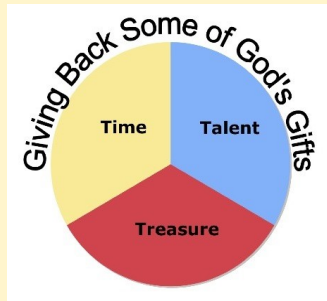
St. Croix Falls
Food Shelf

Here's What's Happening!

COMMITMENT & CELEBRATION SUNDAY

Sunday, November 26th

A letter with additional information will be sent out prior to this designated day.



We are very grateful for all our members and their contributions. We hope to grow our membership, support and service as faithful followers of Christ. In celebration, there will be a potluck after the service. All will be invited to attend.

NOVEMBER MISSION

ST. CROIX FALLS UMC will **NOT** be hosting a Free Community Thanksgiving Dinner this year.

Instead we will be putting together food for 12 Thanksgiving meals for 12 families in need in our own community.



Thank you to all who are helping, whether by donating food supplies, or your time, to support this mission.



Wolf Creek News



MISSION GIVING

For the fourth quarter of 2017 (October, November and December) we will be supporting Operation Christmas in Balsam Lake



Readers & Greeters

November 5 Barb Davidsavor
November 12 Myrna Westen
November 19 Marcie Marquardt
November 26 Josh Davidsavor

Coffee Fellowship

November 26 Barb Davidsavor & Marcie Marquardt

Cleaner

All Month: Sandy Chouinard



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Brad Swenson
11/25

WOLF CREEK CHILI SUPPER

Saturday, November 18, 2017 ~ 4:00-7:00 pm

Location: Wolf Creek UMC

Cost: All you can eat
Just \$6!



Menu:

Chili, Bread, Coffee of Milk, Cheese, Crackers, Sour Cream and a Variety of Bars for Dessert!

Please join us ... all are welcome!



MISCELLANEOUS

UNITED METHODIST STUDENT DAY ~ NOVEMBER 26th ~

Special Offering Envelopes will be available to support this ministry.

United Methodist Student Day



*A Churchwide
Special Sunday Of
The United Methodist Church*

Your Gift . . .

*Today Prepares Students To
Continue The Rich Methodist
Tradition of Changing The
World Through A Life Of
Holiness And Service For
Christ.*



All Saint's Sunday Sunday, November 5th

Loved ones who have passed on will be lifted up during service on Nov. 6th. There are sign up sheets for each church to list the names of those who you'd like remembered. The sign-up sheets will be at the Joint Worship Service on 10/29 at Central for those who would still like to list someone.

We pray that they are protected by His love and sheltered by His care.

SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGERS

The Salvation Army is in desperate need of bell ringers in St. Croix, Polk and Burnett Counties. They depend on the dollars raised to care for our homeless and those in need. If you are interested in ringing bells or would like to assign a time frame for your church to ring bells, please contact Angela Moulton to find out what times are available.

Angela Moulton
Media and Fundraising Manager
St. Croix, Polk and Burnett Counties
Salvation Army

715-246-1222 St. Croix
715-485-1221 Polk
715-497-4438 Cell



Thanksgiving Observance

Count your blessings instead of your crosses;
Count your gains instead of your losses.
Count your joys instead of your woes;
Count your friends instead of your foes.
Count your smiles instead of your tears;
Count your courage instead of your fears.
Count your full years instead of your lean;
Count your kind deeds instead of your mean.
Count your health instead of your wealth;
Count on God instead of yourself.

-Author Unknown

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

A decorative graphic of a green leafy branch with several leaves, positioned behind the text.

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

