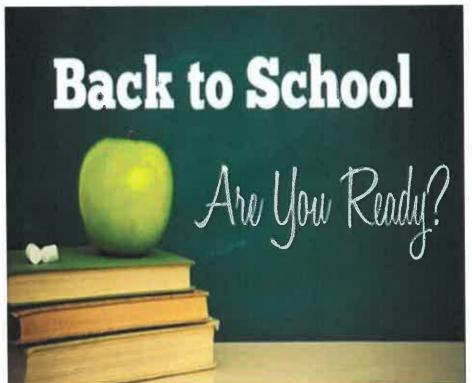
Upper St. Croix Parish Grantsburg, St. Croix Falls, Atlas P.O. Box 128 Grantsburg, WI 54840





First Day of School:

Grantsburg & Frederic: 8/27

St. Croix Falls: 9/3

Luck: 9/3

UNITED METHODIST MESSENGER

THE UPPER ST. CROIX PARISH



715-463-2624 Parish Office (in Grantsburg) 715-483-9494 St. Croix Falls Church

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Facebook: Upper St. Croix Parish United Methodist Churches



August 2019



Servant of God's church. -Colossians 1:24-29-

The day before Independence Day, my family visited a very special place during our family vacation. It was Mount Rushmore National Memorial, which is centered on a sculpture carved into the granite face of Mount Rushmore in the Black Hills in Keystone, South Dakota. The sculpture features the 60-foot (18 m) heads of Presidents George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Theodore Roosevelt, and Abraham Lincoln.

Sculptor Gutzon Borglum created the sculpture's design and oversaw the project's execution and he died in March 1941, so his son Lincoln took over as leader of the construction project. Each president was originally to be depicted from head to waist, but lack of funding forced construction to end on October 31, 1941. From this short history, we can't even imagine how difficult this project was. Although Gutzon did not see the result of his project before his death, his mission was continued and finally ended up by his son. And, now Mount Rushmore not only attracts more than two million visitors annually, but also inspires strong national identity and pride to many people.

Through the New Testament, we see apostle Paul whom had a very difficult mission to complete, which is spreading the gospel. In Colossians 1:23, Paul said that "God's plan was to make me a servant of his church and to send me to preach his complete message to you." And I think that this call to be a servant of God's church is not only for Paul, but also for all of us. Then, what should we do as servants of God's church?

First, let us rejoice even in suffering (v.24). Because of the unexpected pastoral change and how the new future of our three point charge with one pastor will go, we all are confused, frustrated, concerned and a bit angry. However, we need to remember that this situation will never change the great mission that we have. Although this came to us in a sudden and unexpected way, this rather strongly reminds us what we need to do in the here and now. We must continue to live our call in the place where God calls us.

Secondly, let us serve the church according to the commission of God (v.25). For the past 3 years, I witnessed the wonderful gifts that each one of you have shared as one body of Christ. God gave each one of us a very special gift. As the servants of the church, let us find it and use it as much as we can for the church and for the world until the kingdom of God is fully realized in here.

Thirdly, let us warn and teach everyone, so that they will grow and become mature in faith (v.28). When we are trying to fulfill our mission as God's servants even in difficult environments, God helps us to fulfill God's great mission. Christ our Lord never leaves his beloved followers alone. As he promised to be with us to the end of the age in Matthew 28:20, he always walks with us and works in us and in our lives during our journey of faith. In addition, if we are willing to do the work that God has called us to do, our Lord enables us to take on any hard and rough things that are set before us. No matter how difficult a situation we are in, God will continue His great mission with His faithful people.

Let me go back to the story of Mount Rushmore National Memorial. I think Gutzon Borglum did not really know how big its impact would be. I bet there were countless moments that he wanted to give up. But he never gave up, even though his project was finished by his son's hands. Also, in the case of Paul, although he was a very faithful evangelist, he did not complete his mission in his time. He was struggling with a lot of trials, but he never gave up. So, now we are continuing his work in our time. Likewise, we may not see the fruits of the seeds that we were sowing in our time, but if we sow them in faith, love, and hope, they will bear lots of fruits in God's time. God will empower us to be faithful servants for God's mission. My beloved brothers and sisters in Christ. God calls each one of us to be the servant of God's church. Let us respond to this call by serving where God calls us to be and doing what God calls us to do.





One New Humanity

"Thus, says the Lord of hosts: Render true judgments, show kindness and mercy to one another; do not oppress the widow, the orphan, the alien, or the poor; and do not devise evil in your hearts against one another."

I want to invite us all to do something very difficult. I want us to think about the current immigration issues from a spiritual and theological perspective rather than from a political perspective. The media and our governmental leaders exert great influence in shaping our thinking and feelings about immigrants, both documented and undocumented. The focus is often on concerns about strangers and fears about criminals and threats to security. Sometimes these are valid concerns, but more often than not, they are exceptions rather than what is normal.

But set aside the political debate and the media hype. Let us reflect on our Christian faith as people of God. Here we find a completely different approach to immigration. First, we must acknowledge the most famous and important immigrant of all, Jesus the Christ. Closely following, Abraham, Moses, Jeremiah, Miriam, Deborah – many prominent figures from our Hebrew ancestors fit our definitions of immigrant, in many cases undocumented.

Second, we have Jesus' teachings. Who is our neighbor? Who are we responsible for? Where does our responsibility end? For widows, orphans, the alien, the stranger, the poor – we are instructed (through the words of the prophet Micah in 6:8) "He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" Micah is speaking very clearly to an immigrant people.

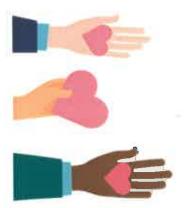
Third, Paul echoes the teaching of Jesus in many places, none more powerful than his message to the church in Ephesus, that through Christ Jesus God is making one new humanity — destroying all the dividing walls and uniting all people. (Ephesians 2:15-16) Jesus and Paul preach diligently that the divisions of "us" and "them" are erased by faith, and that for Christians we are called to care for the least of these among us: "Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." (Matthew 25:37-40)

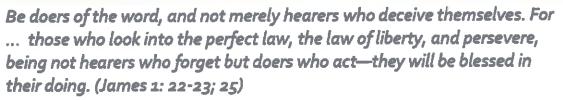
Fourth, our United Methodist tradition, and the shared values of our antecedent denominations, clearly favor care for the stranger, the alien, the dispossessed, and the immigrant. The commitment to social justice, global missions, and relational evangelism make welcoming the stranger a cornerstone of our covenant community. John Wesley sought to help Methodist leaders envision our world at the kingdom/kin-dom of God. The realm of God and the risen Christ welcomes all who believe, regardless of class, race, culture, ethnicity, economic caste, education, or theological nuance. In Christ, we are made one. Through faith we are the incarnation of Christ, and we exist to offer Christ to everyone we meet.

Last, I would encourage all of us not to demonize immigrants. The vast majority are not villains or enemies. And even should we choose to view them as enemies, Jesus has very clear instructions for us: 'You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy." But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax-collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect." (Matthew 5:43-48) So, I encourage all of us to be perfected in God's holy love, by praying for our immigrant brothers and sisters and children as we do for our family at home.

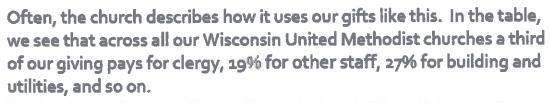
This wonderful country of the United States is a nation of immigrants. Our diversity is our strength. Should we hold people accountable? Yes. Should we encourage all to be lawful observers of our customs and codes. Yes. But, should we be making it possible for all to receive adequate food, lodging, safety, opportunity, shelter, and protection? According to the prophets of old – from Zechariah and Micah and Jeremiah to Jesus and Paul – there is no from for debate. God is working through us by the Holy Spirit to make "one new humanity." So, let us all remember, "Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it." (Hebrews 13:2)

GIVING The Impact of our Giving August 2019





Much of what we read about stewardship is exhortation to give to the church and to missions. It often answers how and what without answering why. What is the impact of our giving on the mission of the church?





		Clergy	Staff	Bldg	Apport	Prog	Mission	Loans
T	Annual Conf	33%	19%	2796	9%	496	496	496
T	Main St UMC	50%	9%	2296	14%	196	496	0%

Bldg=Building Costs; Apport=Apportionment Costs; Prog=Program Costs

YOU MAKE A

A second line shows these same costs for "Main St" UMC. Clergy costs are a higher percent of budget, while staff, programs, and loans are less. The table below, in contrast, shows MSUMC's costs by areas of ministry. Worship receives the greater proportion of gifts given to the church, while missions is second and spiritual formation is third.



	Worship	Spiritual Formation	Congregational Care	Hospitality +Outreach	Missions
Main St	38%	21%	1196	896	23%

Do you love to give for loan principle and interest, or for worship? For staff benefits, or for congregational care? Ask your finance team to produce an impact budget, so you can see the good your giving is doing.

Jim Wells, Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation

Visit the Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation at www.wumf.org or Facebook/wumf.org Or call 1-888-903-9863

GRANTSBURG: CENTRAL NEWS

Aug. 4 Aug. 11 Aug. 18 Aug. 25	Liturgists Carol Drohman
Aug. 4 Aug. 11 Aug. 18 Aug. 25	Ushers Charles Wright Valetta Walton Steve Briggs
Aug. 4 Aug. 11 Aug. 18 Aug. 25	Coffee Fellowship Kay Lamphere LuAnne Martell Art & Pauline Bistram Kay Lamphere
8/4 & 8/11 8/18 & 8/25	Mowing

Aug. 4 Aug. 11	Altar Flowers Kayleen Branstad				
Aug. 18 Aug. 25	Valetta Walton				
Aug. 4	Acolytes				
Aug. 11 Aug. 18					
Aug. 15 Aug. 25					

do good, feel good

Church Doors on Sundays

Open Close

Aug. Counter

The Hammer Family (Not 8/25)





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 2019



Funds	Jur	ne 2019	Ye	ar-to-Date 2019
General Funds Gifts	\$ 6	5,582.00	\$3	36,738.29
Loose Offering	Ş	208.37	\$	805.65
Upper Room	\$	-	\$	7.00
Other			\$	-
Total General Funds	\$ 6	5,790.37	\$3	37,551.94
Equipment Replacement Fund	\$	84.00	5	504.00
Capital	\$	50.00	\$	300.00
Missions	Ş	250.00	\$	1,673.00
Specials	\$	75.00	\$	434.00
A/C Fund			\$	20.00
Other-Pastors Youth Fund	\$	25.00	\$	1,929.00
Central's Youth Fund	\$	-1	\$	41
Undesignated Memorials	Ş 2	2,735.00	\$	2,760.00
UMM	\$	-	\$	145.00
UMW	\$	-	\$	-
All Funds	\$:	10,009.37	\$	45,316.94

GRANTSBURG: MISSIONS & MEETINGS

BE A "BACKPACK BACKER"!

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

Can you donate to help support the backpack program?!
Please make sure the boxes do not expire until after the end of the year.



ADMIN COUNCIL MEETING

Tues., August 20th 6:30 pm at Central UMC

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Here is what is planned for the rest of the summer:

- Next gathering: On August 14th we will take a trip to a local labyrinth and Mary McNally's cabin, both near A&H in Burnett County. Meet at the church at 10:00am. We will walk the labyrinth first then go to the cabin for a pot luck lunch and short general meeting. At that meeting we will be electing officers for 2020. For questions and to RSVP call Mary McNally by August 12th, 715-791-8010.
- → September 21st, District UMW Fall Annual
 Gathering at Osceola UMC. Details to follow in the
 August "Weaver" and at the August 14th meeting.

We always welcome visitors and prospective members to our UMW meetings and activities.





AUGUST MEETING

Sat., August 10th

8:00 AM at Central UMC

Devotions:
Mike Giles

Refreshments:
Art Bistram





Please join us for our annual Pie & Ice Cream Social

Central United Methodist Church 301 S. Pine St., Grantsburg



Saturday, August 24 2:00-5:00 pm.



Free Will Donation!



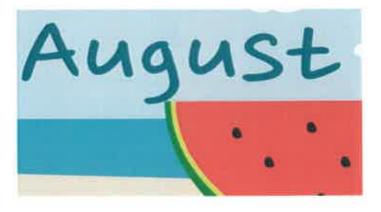
Children 12 and under receive a free ice cream cone!



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!





Liturgists Aug. 4 Aug. 11 Aug. 18 Aug. 25 Ushers Aug. 4 Aug. 11 Aug. 18 Aug. 11 Aug. 18 Aug. 25

ATLAS NEWS

INCOME TOWARD ATLAS' BUDGET

July 7 \$ 888.00 July 14 \$ 555.00 July 21 \$ 175.00 July 28 \$ Unavailable Total \$ 1618.00 (as of 7/21)

\$3278.84 - Needed per Month to cover expenses.

May shortage = \$1660.84

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

Cleaning

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

7/28 & 8/4 Cheryl Olson 8/11 & 8/18 8/25 & 9/1

Fellowship
Aug. 18 Colleen Adams-Schween



Reed Olson 8/1 Rachel Tooze

8/27



Roxane & Van Brock 8/22



Our new Pastor will be joining us in August! Here is Pastor Jenny's contact information:

Name: Lee, EunAe "Jenny"

Parsonage Address: 12748 North Road. Grantsburg, WI 54840

E-Mail: Jennlee17@yahoo.com

Cell: 773-793-7307

Let's welcome her to our church family!



ADMIN COUNCIL
MEETING
Sun., August 18
12:00 pm
Atlas UMC

Plant 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!











Atlas UMC Annual Thrift & Bake Sale

Saturday, August 3rd, 9:00am-1:00pm 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! Please note: NO appliances, tv's or large exercise equipment.

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 2nd 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. 3rd.. 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

We will have coffee cake, donuts, coffee and juice available for sale as well.



WORM AND THE HOT BUYS! Here are some of the items available at this years sale: Brand New Eddie Bauer and Heritage jackets (tags still on), 6 bottle wine cellar, \$5 Paparazzi jewelry, household items, holiday decor, size 3T girl's clothing, furniture, toys, books, cd's, movies and much more!! Most Items Free Will

Offering Lots of great baked goods for sale! As well!



JUNE MISSION: SCHOOL SUPPLIES

We will be collecting school supplies for those in need in our own community. Can you help by donating any of the following items?

LOAVES & FISHES NEEDS OUR ONGOING SUPPORT

On Communion Sunday,
August 4th, you are invited
to bring food for the Loaves
& Fishes Food Pantry in
Luck. We do keep a basket
out for donations brought at
any time as well.

August Collection:

School Supplies and/or Pasta and Rice Products.





LOAVES & FISHES FOOD PANTRY

Monthly Report ~ June 2019

Households Served 54 Luck School District 26
Adults 95 Unity School District 28
Children 17 Other 0

Total People 112 New Families: Unity 0 Luck 1, Other 0

USDA Food Received 1287# NON-USDA (Donations) 632#

Groceries Purchased 0# Volunteer Hours 67.5



Items Needed: Items needed for next month-Peanut butter, Cereal, Meat product (8 grams of protien or higher)



Liturgists

All of Aug. Sharon Asp

Ushers

HAND

BNCGY3H

Aug. 4, 18, 25 Kathy Gionis Aug. 11 Karen Sciacca

Altar Flowers

All of Aug. Kathy & Peter Gionis

Coffee Hour

Aug. 11 Karen Sciacca
Aug. 18 Administrative Council
Aug. 25 Jim & Fay Andrews

Communion / Paraments

Aug. 4 Kathy & Peter Gionis

Money Counter(s)

All of Aug. Marjorie Broker

Potluck ____

AUGUST MISSION

The Sallor Hat Offering in August will be used for the BBQ Ple & Ice Cream Social (Free will offering for the SCF School Backpack Program – 100%)

ST. CROIX FALLS NEWS

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, kidfriendly soups, personal hygiene items...please be sure your items have not expired. Thank you!

Communion Sunday: August 4th



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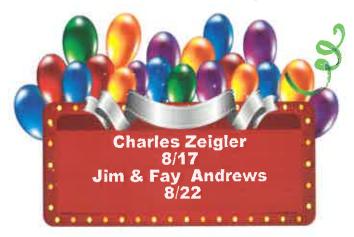
Potluck

Aug. 21st ~ 6:00 pm

Please join us and if able bring a dish to share! All are welcome!



Admin Council Meeting
August 4, 2019
11:00 am following service



Niscellaneous Stuff



The public is invited to a free picnic to encourage community involvement against crime. See local law enforcement, service children's games, activities, and information.

Who: Everyone Welcome!

When: Aug. 6, 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm

What: FREE PICNIC!

Where: Crooked Lake Park, Siren & Grantsburg Fire Halls

Important

Please check the weekly bulletins and your email for the next few weeks to see what time the Sunday Church Service is being held. Until our new full-time pastor, Jenny, starts the service times will be slightly different.

BURNETT COUNTY FAIR

Thu, Aug 22 - Sun, Aug 25Fairgrounds, 914 S Pine St Grantsburg, WI



RELAY FOR LIFE OF POLK & BURNETT COUNTIES

Join us for this family friendly event in the fight against cancer! OPEN TO THE PUBLIC! FREE EVENT! SATURDAY AUGUST 3RD 6pm-10pm!! Kid games, food, silent auction, music, luminaria ceremony and more! Join Us!



MUSIC ON THE **OVERLOOK**

Most Friday's Jun 7, 2019 -Aug 23, 2019



GOODBYE, BEST WISHES & THANK YOU....



You have been such a blessing to me, our church family and the community. You both have blessed us in so many ways: through your leadership, your knowledge of God's word, your beautiful music, engagement and nurturing of our youth, your consistent and dependable visitations with those who could not make it to church, your service and participation within the comminutes in the parish, your council and guidance to those in need, your powerful and heartfelt Sunday messages, your increase of our parish presence on social media and the internet (pushing us into the 21st century), the list goes on and on.

You really are wonderful pastors, and I'm thankful to God for your presence in my life and grateful for all you've done for our church, community and me personally. I will miss you so much. "How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard. "-Winnie the Pooh

Love and Best Wishes, Colleen





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, DresserMonday 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

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

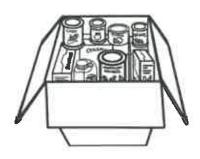
Open Monday 9 am—11 am Wednesday 3 pm—6 pm Friday 9 am -10 am Area of service: SCF school district, Dresser elementary, Centuria, Cushing & portions of Balsam Lake & Taylors Falls

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









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.