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Thanksgiving is the holiday of peace. the celebration of work and the simple life. A true folk festival that speaks the poetry of the turn of the seasons. The beauty of the seedtime and harvest. The ripe product of the year and the deep. deep connection of all these things with God.

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### United Methodist Messenger

### THE UPPER ST. CROIX PARISH



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November 2020



Pastor Jenny Lee, Ph.D.

### With Blessings, Love, and Prayers

### "This kind can come out only through prayer" (Mark 9:29).

We had a Laity Sunday Service on October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020. The United Methodist Women (UMW) of Central-Grantsburg had time to celebrate and recognize their ministry and service leadership. Terry Giles coordinated the service and preached at Atlas Park. The 2020 UMW president, LuAnne Martell, had time to celebrate and recognize the members' ministry, and 2021 president Mary McNally proclaimed the 2021 theme of the UMW; "They will know us by our love." I appreciate their ministry and leadership.

Meanwhile, Terry Giles and Mary McNally had time to introduce "Prayer Shawl Ministry," and blessing of the shawls: "Prayer shawls are knitted or crocheted with blessings, with love, and with prayers. Prayer shawls are made to bring comfort, to let someone know they are loved, and to let some know they are not alone..." Their blessing and prayers led me to recall a lady who I met in a hospital when I served as a chaplain.

When I was on call, I got a phone call from a nurse requesting to me to see a patient. According to the nurse, the patient was depressed and rejected all treatments after a cervical cancer diagnosis. The nurse asked me if I was able to do anything for her. It reminded me of a father's request in the gospel of Mark [Mark 9:14-29]. A father brought his son with a spirit to the disciples to heal him. However, the disciples failed to heal him. As soon as Jesus came to them, the father asked Jesus, "if you are able to do anything, have pity on us and help us." Jesus said to him, "if you are able!-All things can be done for the one who believes."

I prayed about how I could help the patient before seeing her. Suddenly the prayer shawl came to my mind. I brought a prayer shawl to the patient. Her room was dark. She lay on her bed. I came into her room and sat on a chair near her bed. She was crying alone. I stayed with her in silence. After for a while, I said to her, "I do not know how painful this is for you, but I understand how hopeless you feel." I shared my story with her about how I felt hopeless when I was in a hospital due to my broken spine. And how I noticed God was with me and how I overcame my circumstances at that time. And then, I told her, "do not think you are alone. God is with you, and someone prays for you all the time. I brought a prayer shawl. This prayer shawl was made with "blessings, love and prayers" in every crocheted lace. When you see this prayer shawl, please remember someone is praying for you." The patient did not say anything. I prayed for her and left her room.

The other day, I visited the patient again. She asked me, "Are you, Jenny? Did you visit me last time? I wondered if an angel visited me or I had a dream. But I saw this prayer shawl, and I remembered your name, Jenny." She seemed excited and talked to me without any pause. She looked different from when I first met her. She said that she was depressed and felt God abandoned her, but as soon as she saw the prayer shawl, she felt warm, and like someone was with her. She shared her story with me. She was a designer, but she stopped to draw and quit her job, wishing to die. I encouraged her that there are perhaps reasons God gave her gifts, and not to give up her dream and job. She received treatments well after that. When I revisited her, she had many quests in her room. And there were many portraits in her room like an art gallery. She started to draw again and drew the portraits of every person who she met in a hospital. She promised me that she would not give up treatment and asked me to pray, giving me the portrait she drew of me. Six months later, she brought me the good news that she is cancer free.

#### FROM THE PASTOR CONTINUED...

When we feel hopeless, it is time to pray. As long as we pray, we can have hope. The disciples failed to heal a boy with a spirit (Mark 9:14-29). They asked Jesus, "Why could we not cast it out?" Jesus said to them, "this kind can come out only through prayer." A Prayer Shawl is embracing thousands of prayers because someone makes every row with prayers. May we bless all people who dedicate their time and talents for the Prayer Shawl ministry, and bless every receiver to have hope and get healing and comfort. Below is the Prayer by Terry Giles which she shared at the Laity Service on October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

"Bless the hands that make these shawls:

Prayer Shawls are knitted or crocheted

With blessings,

With love,

With prayers.

As these shawls were made, your love and prayers were stitched into every row.

Prayer Shawls are made

To bring comfort

To let someone know, they are loved,

To let someone know they are not alone.

Once they [Prayer Shawls] are completed,

They give warmth and comfort to whoever receives them.

Prayer Shawls wrap you up

When you are cold,

When you are hurting,

When you just need a hug.

Blessings, Pastor Jenny Lee



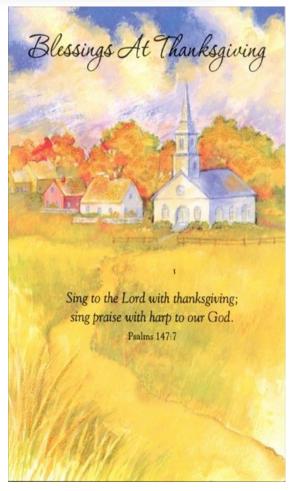




#### UNITED METHODIST STUDENT DAY

TOGETHER, WE EDUCATE STUDENTS SO THEY CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE WORLD.

Sunday, November 29th Special Offering Envelopes will be available to support this ministry.









If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill', and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead. (James 2:15-17)

How does a disciple set aside his or her life for God? We simplify, in our denomination, the complicated issue of discipleship as the following: your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. It is important to note that discipleship is comprised of actions, not beliefs. You may say all the creeds, but as James (2:19) points out, "Even the demons believe [in God]."

Much of our teaching about stewardship has to do with giving financially to support the mission and ministry of the church. That is giving, but what makes it discipleship. Last month I noted that when we are planning an expenditure, John Wesley advises us to ask, 1) am I acting as a proprietor or a steward? 2) am I following Scripture? 3) can I offer this as a sacrifice to God, through Jesus Christ? and 4) will this action be judged as righteous?

These are the questions of a mature disciple who understands that in the Kingdom of God, actions speak louder than words. Since the disciple knows that everything comes from God (a belief), then every expenditure, even spending for oneself or one's family, should be put to Wesley's tests. That is what sets aside the disciple's expenditures for God. The disciple turns beliefs into action and converts the simple materialism of the economy into spirituality. Spending money may be indistinguishable between disciple and non-disciple, but the disciple's spending helps bring about the Kingdom of God.

Reread Wesley's four rules above and you will see that a disciple's expenditure includes prayer, presence, gift, service, and witness.



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# November 2020

Calendar of the Upper St. Croix Parish

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	WED THUR		SAT
Worship Schedule:  Central/Grantsburg: 8:15 am  St. Croix Falls/Altas 10:00 am at Atlas Park-if weather does not permit, outdoor service turns to online Zoom service.	Check us out on the web at upperstcroixparish.org or on Facebook!	Colleen's Office Hours (Times are approximate)  Remotely: Tuesday's 8:00 am-4:00 pm  Friday's 8:00 am-12:00 pm				
1 All Saints Sunday 8:15 Grantsburg In-Door Service 10:00 Atlas/SCF Outdoor Service at Atlas Park-if weather does not permit, outdoor service turns to online Zoom service.	2	3 Election Day-Office Closed	4	9-10 am, North West Clergy Meeting via Zoom 6:30pm the SPRC Meeting via Zoom	6	7
8 Veteran's Sunday 8:15 Grantsburg In-Door Service 10:00 Atlas/SCF Outdoor Service at Atlas Park-if weather does not permit, outdoor service turns to online Zoom service.	9	10	Veteran's Day	12	13	14



# November 2020

Calendar of the Upper St. Croix Parish

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
15	16		18	19	20	21
8:15 Grantsburg In-Door Service		6:30pm AD Council In Person (G)		9-10am North West		
10:00 Atlas/SCF Outdoor Comica	(A)			Clergy meeting via Zoom		
10:00 Atlas/SCF Outdoor Service at Atlas Park-if weather does not				4 pm AD Council meeting		
permit, outdoor service turns to				(SCF)		
online Zoom service.						
4-6:30pm Clergy Meeting via						
Zoom						
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Thanksgiving Sunday (Christ the		Deadline to submit Newsletter	"2030 Conference" via	"2030 Conference" via	"2030 Conference" via	
King Sunday)		and Calendar information	Zoom	Zoom	Zoom	
8:15 Grantsburg In-Door Service				Hanny		
10:00 Atlas/SCF Outdoor Service		News Letter		Thanksgiving!		
at Atlas Park-if weather does not		THADLINE				
permit, outdoor service turns to		Distraction				
online Zoom service.						
29	30					
1st Sunday of Advent						
8:15 Grantsburg In-Door Service						
10:00 Atlas/SCF Outdoor Service						
at Atlas Park-if weather does not						
permit, outdoor service turns to						
online Zoom service.						

### SIMPLE THINGS

So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today. (Matthew 6:34)

'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free
'Tis the gift to come down where we ought to be,
And when we find ourselves in the place just right,
'Twill be in the valley of love and delight.
When true simplicity is gained,
To bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed,
To turn, turn will be our delight,
Till by turning, turning we come 'round right. (Simple Gifts, 1848)



"Do not worry about tomorrow," these are the words of Jesus that stretch across centuries, cultures, and geography to speak to us today in the midst of a global pandemic. This virus strains relationships; brings illness, death, and loss; separates families around the globe; causes economic and financial devastation to families and individuals; and it just goes on and on. We may never face such a systemic and widespread reason to worry in our lifetimes. We are living in very difficult days.

And yet, and yet, we know that God loves us, that God is good, and that God is ever-working for our welfare and vitality. Sure, we are tested, but we are strong. I marvel at the faithfulness of our people, of our clergy and laity leadership caring for our congregations and communities. I see the amazing grace and witness of our churches, honoring those who have suffered through COVID-19, celebrating our health care workers, our first responders, our medical teams, and our care givers. I marvel at the generous giving from so many to provide for the needs of others. I receive hope and inspiration from the virtual services, learning opportunities, and planning and preparation for what is coming next. I am truly proud of the leadership working to provide resources for COVID-19 response, for tackling the "powers and principalities" that foster and protect institutional racism and racial injustice, and to be in ministry building bridges at a time when our country and communities are so divided. We are good witnesses to the love, grace, and care of God. Truly, Wisconsin United Methodists are rising up and joining together to be Jesus's hands and feet across the Conference.

So, worry, it is not easy not to worry, but we do not let our worries conquer us. We rise above. We carry our worries and concerns, but they do not defeat us or direct us. By faith in Jesus Christ and assurance of a future with hope, we work together to move through this pandemic wilderness time. Hope defeats worry and faith conquers anxiety.

### SOUL FOOD CONTINUED...

I do not say this naively or superficially. It is not my intention to downplay the devastation of COVID-19 or to ignore the grief, loss, suffering, and pain it has caused. What I want to say clearly is this: God is greater. God's comfort can help us through. God's strength can provide the courage and confidence we need to care for one another. God honors us when we mask and social distance and do all in our power to care for and protect others. God guides us to new and creative levels of communication and connection. God provides the patience and perseverance we need to be church apart until the day we can be church together once more. God gives us all we need to move through this pandemic time with all its many and great challenges, and to thrive beyond our worries and cares. No matter what happens, God is with us. And you are the evidence of God's presence in the faithful way you stay connected and committed to your communities of faith and the Annual Conference.



I ask your prayers for our first ever virtual Annual Conference meeting this Saturday, October 24. We have much to do, much to celebrate, and important worshipful work to accomplish in a very short period of time. Yet, I enter hopeful, because of the excellent leadership we have here in Wisconsin. Should I worry? By God's grace, I do not! Thanks be to God.

Grace and Peace, Bishop Hee-Soo Jung

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## **GRANTSBURG: CENTRAL NEWS**

Central UMC will be holding in-church services Sunday's at 8:15 am. We hope these procedures will make you safe and feel safe. COVID-19 recommended safety measures:

- 1. Entrance and exit to the building will be through the southeast doors on Pine Street. Other entrances will not be available. Phased exit to keep social distancing will also be through this entrance.
- 2. All attendees, including staff and volunteers, will have their temperatures checked upon entry using a non-contact thermometer.
- 3. Protective facial masks are required for all attendees throughout the entire service—please bring your own mask with you. A small supply of masks will be available for those who forget or for guests.
- 4. Social distancing, six (6) feet intervals at arrival, seating, and departure will be observed. Families may sit together.
- 5. No hand shaking or physically passing of the peace.
- 6. No passing of items, attendance cards, sign-up sheets, offering plate, etc. Offerings can be deposited in offering box upon departure.
- 7. Singing may be possible wearing a protective facial mask. No Bible books and Hymn books can be used, but we provide info on a screen. Piano music will be provided.
- 8. Bathroom accessibility only through the door by the baptismal font.
- 9. All other areas of the church, including Wesley room, dining room, kitchen, nursery and basement, will be closed.
- 10. Hand sanitizer and disinfectant will be available.
- 11. No social time in church, no food or beverages will be served.

These changes are designed for everyone's safety!

# **BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES** Dorothy Sood 11/2 Linda Harmon 11/4 Jozie Paulson 11/4 Spencer Bunting 11/10 Michelle Lund 11/12 Janelle Zastrow 11/13 Pastor Jenny Lee 11/7 Alan Roelfs 11/18 Grace Lehne 11/26 Blake Reid 11/29 Don Sbragia 11/30 Thanksgiving is not a day it's a lifestyle...

# A GLANCE AT CENTRAL'S OFFERING INCOME THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2020



Funds	September 2020		Year-to-Date 2020	
<b>General Funds Gifts</b>	\$	3,385.00	\$	41,799.00
Loose Offering	\$	40.00	\$	288.55
Upper Room	\$	-	\$	20.00
Sunday School	\$	-	\$	-
Total General Funds	\$	3,425.00	\$	42,107.55
Equipment Replacement				
Fund	\$	-	\$	168.00
Capital	\$	-	\$	100.00
Missions	\$	31.74	\$	417.74
Specials	\$	-	\$	131.00
Other-Pastors Youth				
Fund	\$	50.00	\$	930.00
Other	\$	12.00	\$	412.00
All Funds	\$	3,506.74	\$	44,266.29

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Thank you to Pastor Jenny Lee and Terry Giles for putting together a very nice Laity/UMW Sunday service. Thank you also to those who read parts and attended. Four UMW members received pins this

year. Paulie Kratchmer, Judy Lien, Mary McNally and Valetta Walton. Congratulations ladies and thank you for your contributions to UMW, the church and community!

We met on October 14 with a lengthy agenda. We are eligible to receive the Five Star Award and Mission Today Award again for 2020. We have plans for the rest of this year and plans for 2021. A pandemic isn't stopping us however we will always try to keep everyone safe. Our officers for next year are President: Mary McNally, Vice President: Terry Giles, Treasurer: Kayleen Branstad and Secretary: Paulie Kratchmer.

Our annual Heritage Christmas Boutique will again be held on the Saturday after Thanksgiving, November 28th. This year, because of Covid 19, we will not sell food of any kind. Instead we will have gently used or new Christmas Decor and crafted items. We will not accept new donations from the public, again due to Covid 19. We need help with setup Tuesday the 24th from 2-5pm and Friday the 27th from 2-5pm. We also need help during the sale which will run from 9am till 2pm. Call Mary McNally at 715-791-8010 or LuAnne Martell at 715-222-3016 to sign up. Please come into church wearing masks. Gloves are available if you chose to use them.

UMW will have a simple Christmas gathering starting at 1pm on Wednesday, December 4th. We will do some limited decorating of the church focusing on the altar. Then we will watch a movie called "The Nativity".

## THANK YOU!

From Linda Benge and Steve Briggs

#### Dear Friends at Central UMC,

Many thanks for your kind cards, good wishes and generous gift of \$400 we received some time ago. I (Steve) am responsible for the slow reply. Sorry! I finally got photos to include with the Thank You.

Your gift was unexpected and very much appreciated. We used some to add plants, shrubs and stepping stones to our yard. And some we held in reserve to "pay it forward."

It was hard to leave our beloved Central Church of 25+ years and all you good friends. We hope you are all doing well, staying safe and healthy.

We do like our new community of Grand Rapids, Minn. From our home we walk just one block to enter the hiking and biking trail system beside the Mississippi River. We take a walk most days, weather permitting. The fall colors have been spectacular.

Due to Covid-19 we stick very close to home and have met very few people. We hope to eventually be able to join a church and get to know our immediate neighbors too. We are grateful to live close to our daughter Lenora and her husband Sam Evans. Their son, Benjamin Donald Evans, was born May 31, 2020 at Grand Rapids Fairview Hospital. He is our first grandchild and such a joy to us.

We hope the day will come soon when we can come to Grantsburg and Central Church to visit and worship with you again. God Bless yc

#### How to reach us:

Linda Benge and Steve Briggs 1313 SW 6<sup>th</sup> St Grand Rapids, MN 55744

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Steve 715-222-5782 StevenDBriggs@hotmail.com



# GRANTSBURG: MISSIONS, MEETINGS & MISC.



# There will not be a meeting in November.

# BE A "BACKPACK BACKER"!





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



### Admin Council 6:30 pm November 20th Central UMC

### **MISSION INFORMATION**

Operation Christmas Child

Deadline to turn in donations is Nov. 15th.



Shoe boxes and other materials are available at Central. See Pastor Jenny Lee with questions.

Thank you for your support!

# ATLAS NEWS



### Sundays, Through November

(Weather Permitting) 10:00 am

### Atlas Park next to Atlas UMC

If possible please print out your own materials that will be emailed out to everyone. There will be some hard copies at available. There will be individual packets for the Communion service.

### We look forward to seeing everyone!



# INCOME TOWARD ATLAS' BUDGET

#### Offerings:

10/4 \$ 570.00 10/11 \$ 535.00 10/18 \$ 180.00 10/25 Unavailable



Total \$1465.00 (as of 10/18)

\$3278.84 - Needed per Month to cover expenses. **\$1813.84** shortage for September.

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



### PLANET GREEN INK JET RECYCLING



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!



We will collect mittens, scarves, hats, gloves, etc. starting Nov. 1st. Our donations will be taken to Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry... they will help keep our neighbors in need warm this winter. We will be working on the logistics due to outdoor services. Watch for updates. Thank you for your kindness.

Cheryl Olson 11/2
Margie Mattson 11/3
Mike Steffen 11/4
Virginia Melin 11/14
Pastor Jenny Lee 11/17
Beau Gaffey 11/20
Olivia Brock 11/24
Tanner Gaffey 11/30



ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING

Nov. 16th at 6:00 pm Atlas UMC







### LOAVES & FISHES FOOD PANTRY

**Monthly Report September 2020** 

Households Served 62
Adults 109
Children 11
Total People 120

Luck School District 37
Unity School District 25
Other 0
New Families:
Unity 2, Luck 0, Other 0

USDA Food Received 1476# NON-USDA (Donations) 345# Groceries Purchased 475# Volunteer Hours 59 1/2

**Items Needed: Peanut Butter** 

### LOAVES & FISHES NEEDS OUR ONGOING SUPPORT

You are invited to bring food for the Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry in Luck. As we are not currently holding church services, please drop your food shelf donations off in person at the food shelf.

**November Collection:** CANNED MEATS (TUNA/CHICKEN)







# What are YOU Thankful For?



### **Operation Christmas Child**

Boxes are available at Atlas for Operation Christmas Child donations.

The deadline to drop off a shoebox at Atlas is November 15th.

If you have any questions please see Sue Olson or Pastor Jenny Lee.

Thank you!

# Thanksgiving Special Offering ...

10% of our tithe will go to support the St. Croix Falls and Luck school back-pack program...let us all give thanks! Envelopes will be available in the church entry for this offering.



# COUNTRY CHRISTMAS "COFFEE" CRAFT & BAKE SALE CANCELLED

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we are sad to say we have decided to cancel this

year's sale. We will be working on other fundraising ideas. If you have an idea you'd like to share please let us know. Thank you and stay well!





### ST. CROIX FALLS NEWS

### REMEMBER THE FOOD SHELF

On Communion Sundays, you are invited to bring in donations for the SCF Food Pantry... just be sure your food items have not expired.

**COMMUNION SUNDAY: 11/1/20** 

### **NOVEMBER MISSION**

November's Sailor Hat Offering will go prepare Thanksgiving baskets for those in need.

Currently there are no Helping Hands signed up for November as we will continue our outdoor Drive-In Services as long as weather permits. We will keep you posted as to when the church will open for Sunday Services. Thank you!



St. Croix Falls Admin Council
Meeting via Zoom

Thurs., Nov. 19th at 4:00 pm

As we all know this has been a different year. We all miss our time together at our church but we are all adjusting to new ways of sharing God's Love.



We are grateful to members who regularly check out the Church to make sure all is well, the heat on, changing our wreaths, mail is picked up, etc. Also checking in with members who we are not seeing regularly.

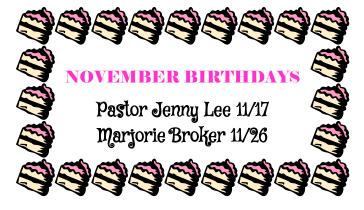
We are thankful for the Drive-In Services at Atlas Park and to volunteers who set everything up, take down and serve during the service. It is so appreciated to be together to worship, see and visit with each other.

We are blessed to have Pastor Jenny. She has learned new skills to get God's message to all of us. Our members and friends of the church look forward to the newsletter, weekly bulletin and sermon being mailed to them. We also can view the service on Facebook.

We can feel the love from God thru prayer, song, worship and service.

Blessings, Karen Sciacca









World Communion Sunday Mask Contest Winners 10/4/20







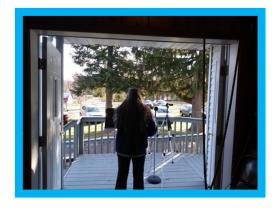
Laity Sunday Service at Central- Grantsburg (10-18-2020)





UMW meeting (right, 10-14-2020) and UMW members after Laity Sunday Service (left, 10-18-2020)

### OCTOBER IN PICTURES CONTINUED...









Winner for the individual who participated most in virtual Sunday School.

Awarded 10/18/20



Drive-In Service at Atlas Park from 9/27-10/18

## MISCELLANEOUS



Sunday School is being held in person after Children's Time on Sunday's at the Atlas Church. All kids in our parish (Atlas, Central and St. Croix falls) are welcome.



Sunday, Nov. 1st

Loved ones who have passed on in the last year will be lifted up during service on Nov. 1st.

Please let us know those loved one's you'd like listed and remembered on All Saint's Sunday by 10/26.

Contact:
Sue Olson-Atlas
Karen Sciacca-SCF
LuAnne Martell-Grantsburg

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



Sunday, Nov. 8th

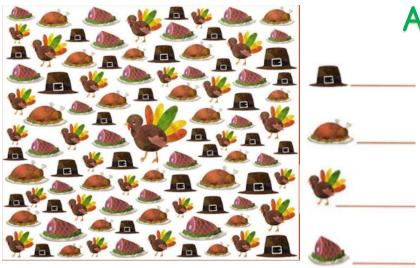
November 8th is "Veterans Sunday." Please inform us your family members and friends who you would like to give honors to for their service by November 2nd.

Contact:
Sue Olson-Atlas
Karen Sciacca-SCF
LuAnne Martell-Grantsburg

We are so thankful for their service.

#### I SPY...COUNT HOW MANY YOU SEE!

# THANKSGIVING FUN ACTIVITY PAGE



SHARE THE THANKSGIVING SPIRIT WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS BY MAKING THEM SOME BLESSING MIX RECIPE BELOW...

Blessing Mix

Bugles: Shaped like a cornucopia or Horn of Plenty, a symbol of our nation's abundance.

Pretzels: Arms folded in prayer, a freedom sought by those who founded our country.

Candy corn: Sacrifices of the Pilgrims' first winter. Food was so scarce that settlers survived on just a few kernels of corn a day.

Nuts or seeds: Promise of a a future harvest, one we will reap only if seeds are planted and tended with diligence.

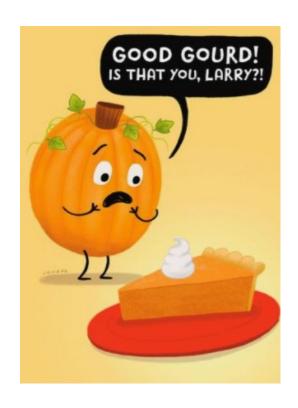
Dried fruits: Harvest gifts of our bountiful land.

M&Ms: Memories of those who came before us to guide us to a blessed future.

Hershey's Kiss: The love of family and friends that sweetens our lives.

### THANKSGIVING FUN FACTS

- 1. 50 pilgrims attended the first Thanksgiving.
- 2. 96% of Americans gather to celebrate Thanksgiving.
- 3. 46 million turkeys are consumed each Thanksgiving in the U.S.
- 4. 16 minutes is the average time spent to eat a Thanksgiving meal.
- 5. 7 hours is the average time spent making the Thanksgiving meal.
- 6. \$50 is the average cost spent on food for the Thanksgiving meal.
- 7. Pilgrim means foreigner or traveler from afar.
- 8. The weight and length of the largest pumpkin pie recorded is 20 feet and 3699 lbs.



### **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



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

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

Phone: 715-501-4657



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: 715-520-2397

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 <a href="http://www.rubyspantry.org/distribution/distschedule.htm">http://www.rubyspantry.org/distribution/distschedule.htm</a>

**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 appone in 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.