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A STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

“Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God — what is good and acceptable and perfect.” (Romans 12:2)

Once upon a time, a man found the egg of an eagle. It had been abandoned for some reason by its mother, but as it was still warm, the man took it and put it in the nest of one of his backyard chickens along with the other eggs that were there being brooded upon.

After a period of time, the eaglet was hatched, and along with the other chicks from his nest began to go about the backyard doing what the other chicks did. He scratched the earth for worms and insects. He looked for the corn that the man would throw into the yard. He clucked and cackled as best as he could, and as he grew, he would, like other chickens, thrash his wings and fly a few feet in the air.

Years passed in this way, and the eagle grew very old. One day he saw a magnificent bird far above him in the cloudless sky. It glided majestically among the powerful wind currents, soaring and swooping, scarcely beating its long golden wings.

The old eagle looked at it in awe and asked, “What is that?”

“That is the eagle, the king of birds,” said one of his neighbors. “He belongs to the sky and to the high places. We belong to the earth, we are chickens.”

The old eagle knew this was true, and so it was he lived and died as a chicken, for that is what he believed he was.

Very often, in life, our perspective determines our reality. By experiencing the transforming power of God’s love and grace, we can see the world, the ministry of the church and our individual lives in a unique way. Instead of being held down by “what ifs,” fears of failure, or the challenges the task at hand, we can soar as a people sustained and lifted by the same grace that transformed us.



It is my prayer that you will be able to discover how God is calling you to live out the love of Christ in this world. It is my prayer that you will have the courage to live into that call with your entire being, trusting God’s grace to sustain you through even the most difficult times. It is through following God’s call that we can soar like the eagles we were created to be.

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UNITED METHODIST MESSENGER

THE UPPER ST. CROIX PARISH

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May 2023



Pastor Jenny Lee, Ph.D.



Hope Must Come True

*"Faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.
This is what the ancients were commended for."
(Hebrews 11:1-2)*

I had a chance to visit my friend in Champaign, Illinois, during my vacation. I drove 9 hours to get there and was surprised because it was already like spring there while we still had snow piles here. I saw beautiful flowers, green grasses and trees with green leaves in Champaign, Illinois. Suddenly, I said, "Wow, it is amazing, what a beautiful sight!" I forgot what spring looks like because we have had such a long winter with so much snow and huge snowbanks everywhere. I spent two days there and then returned home to the cold wintry countryside of Wisconsin. It was still cold and even lightly snowing. However, I know that spring must come soon after such a long winter. Spring will come with beautiful flowers and green leaves. We endure the cold winter with hope for spring.

Yes, now we see the lawns turning green, small weeds coming out, and birds returning. Many trees will show us their leaves as evidence of their vitality. We know they looked like they were dead, but they are embracing life. How do we know they will show their life and bloom again with leaves and flowers? Because we know it is the natural order and have seen it for many years. Who made the natural order of things? Of course, God did. Even though we can't see God, He still works for us.

We came through the pandemic, which looked like it would never come to an end. While we experienced the COVID-19 pandemic, we watched the tragic news unfold daily about how it was affecting the entire world. Many people died, and many countries faced economic, educational, political, and religious crises. We could see the number of people dying climb every day through the news. We closed stores, schools, public spaces, and even churches. Some people even thought the end of the world would come soon. However, we continued worshiping God through new tools like Zoom and outdoor services. We prayed for an end to the pandemic hoping for a new world. And then, finally, we now face a new normal era, which is a more popular media era. The crisis was not only overcome by our prayers and efforts, but also brought a new creative way to live. So, the pandemic took many lives, but led us to new medical technologies and a new media era.

Likewise, we know we can overcome, despite facing life threatening situations, through our experiences. Our ancestors did so. They knew the truth of God, which is God never gives up on us and loves us through our experiences. They believed and confessed their faith: "Faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see." Even though we can't see it, as long as we don't give it up, the hope must come true because God never gives up on us. A life crisis sometimes comes to us much like a puzzle, to be completed in order to see our beautiful life in God's big picture.

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FROM THE PASTOR CONTINUED...


A few days ago, a friend called me to discuss her something she was worried about. She was struggling to accept God's calling as an ordained minister. She is a good wife and a mother of two daughters. She said, "My age is at fifty. Now, how can I go to my second stage of life?" I said, "Well, God who called you may guide you. He may have a plan for you. Just follow him. Faith is trusting in God, who you can't see. Just trust in Him, not in yourself." I am excited to see how God works for her. I expect to see God's wondrous works daily through people worldwide. Even though we can't see God, we may see His dramatic works. Faith is to know that hope must come true as long as we don't give it up. Let's expect how beautifully God makes the spring, and enjoy it!

Blessings!

Pastor Jenny



4-19-2023. Champaign, IL




★ MEMORIAL DAY ★

REMEMBER AND HONOR


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<h2>DECORATION DAY</h2> <p>Memorial Day used to be called Decoration Day, named for the practice of decorating graves and memorials with flowers, wreaths, and flags.</p>	<h2>FIRST MEMORIAL DAY</h2> <p>The holiday first began after the Civil War as a way to honor and mourn the approximately 620,000 Union and Confederate soldiers who died.</p>
<h2>DAY OF REMEMBRANCE</h2> <p>Memorial Day is supposed to be a solemn day of remembrance of all those who died as members of the American Armed Forces.</p>	<h2>3-DAY WEEKEND</h2> <p>The holiday was originally celebrated annually on May 30. The passing of the Uniform Monday Holiday Act in 1971 officially made Memorial Day the last Monday in May.</p>
<h2>3:00 P.M.</h2> <p>In 2000, President Bill Clinton signed the National Moment of Remembrance Act, designating 3:00 p.m. on Memorial Day as the National Moment of Remembrance.</p>	<h2>NATIONAL CELEBRATION</h2> <p>Memorial Day is commemorated annually at Arlington Cemetery in Virginia. The President or Vice President traditionally lays a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in remembrance.</p>



LAND OF THE FREE BECAUSE OF THE BRAVE

According to the VA, approximately 1,190,000 U.S. servicemembers have died in service from 1775 (American Revolution) to 1991 (Desert Shield).



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GRANTSBURG: CENTRAL NEWS



WHAT YOU DO
MAKES A DIFFERENCE,
AND YOU HAVE TO DECIDE
WHAT KIND OF
DIFFERENCE
YOU WANT TO MAKE.
- JANE GOODALL -



Central UMC is holding church services with a Zoom service at 9:00 am on Sundays. We are looking for volunteers to help out at each service. Sign up sheets are available at the church. We appreciate your willingness to help out!

Most all of us are vaccinated, but we respect everyone whether masks are on or off. As we are still living with the Coronavirus we are encouraging people to avoid hugging or shaking hands with each other.

We welcome everyone to join us for Coffee Fellowship after service each Sunday.



LuAnne Martell 5/3

Casper Rahkola 5/7

Shayna Schmit 5/16

Mary Lou Wright 5/17

Brad Rehbein 5/21

Sharon & Dave Huff 5/22

Link Loomis 5/28

Dave Huff 5/30



A Glance at Central's Offering Income through March 2023

Funds Description	March 2023	Year-to-date 2023
General Fund Gifts	\$ 2,085.00	\$ 10,203.00
Loose Offering	\$ 35.18	\$ 130.98
Total General Funds	\$ 2,120.18	\$ 10,333.98
Special Offering	\$ 430.00	\$ 440.00
Missions	\$ 100.00	\$ 225.00
Pastor's Youth Fund		\$ 110.00
All Funds Total	\$ 2,650.18	\$ 11,108.98

GRANTSBURG: MISSIONS & MEETINGS & MISC.

MISSIONS GIVING

May Mission:

Central's United Women in Faith was instrumental in starting up the Grantsburg High School's "Closet". The Closet supplies hygiene and clothing items that students can access. Next came hygiene supplies for the Middle School that students can obtain thru the counselor.

Our mission for May is to focus on the elementary school. Financial donations are requested and will be used at the discretion of the school's social worker to help meet the needs of the students.

Thanks for continuing to support our local school children. ~ Deb

CHURCH COUNCIL



Ad Council Meeting

May 16th

6:30 pm Central UMC Grantsburg



For the one who has lost a mother,
For the mother who has lost a child,
For the one who longs to be a mom:

You are not forgotten this Mother's Day.
You are in our prayers and we love you.



UNITED METHODIST MEN

UM Men's Meeting May 13th

8:00 am at Central UMC

The United Methodist Men will meet the 2nd Saturday of every month at 8:00 am.



BE A "BACK-PACK BACKER"!

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

uow Women with a heart for service

The United Methodist Women have been collecting April Showers (Supplies) for our church. Thank you Ladies!!

Our next meeting will be May 10th. We are planning to go out to lunch. Meet at church at 12:00 and we will carpool to Rock Creek Market Cafe.

Thursday, May 18th join us at 2:00 pm to visit CCC (Continued Care Center) to celebrate the birthdays of the residents. We plan to entertain them, bring treats and also present the lap quilts made by the Lenten Craft Class. Come and join us. Let's brighten up their day! .

Come and join us. Everyone is welcome.

ATLAS NEWS



In-person (indoor) worship services Sundays at 10:00 am.

We will be needing volunteers so please check the sign up sheets if you are able to help. Thank you!



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!



Easter Craft & Bake Sale Results

Thank you to all who supported our 2nd Annual Easter Craft & Bake Sale. It was another huge success—especially considering the weather! We raised \$1,137 thanks to the generosity and hard work of our church members and the community. We look forward to holding the event again next year.



**Barry & Colleen
Norenberg
May 31st**



Happy May Birthdays!



**Colleen Norenberg May 4
Ashleigh Olson May 4**

INCOME TOWARD ATLAS' BUDGET

Offerings:

April General Offering: \$3155
Special Easter Offering: \$1100
Lakeland Dividend: \$1470
Easter Craft & Bake Sale: \$1137

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

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING



**Next Meeting
May 12, 2023
1:30 pm
Atlas UMC**

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

May 14 ~ Mother's Day

May 21 ~ Confirmation Sunday & Graduation Sunday

May 28 ~ Pentecost Sunday

June 9-12 ~ Annual Conference





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MAY MISSION

UMCOR ~ Native American Ministries Sunday 5/21/23

Native American Ministries Sunday serves to remind United Methodists of the gifts and contributions made by Native Americans to our society. A gap in knowledge exists in The United Methodist Church, in congregations and other United Methodist entities, relative to comprehending concepts of Native American life, cultures, languages, spirit, values, contemporary issues, and such. We affirm the sacredness of American Indian people, their languages, cultures, and gifts to the church and the world.



Offering is taken to support vital ministries and churches in the Native American communities and allow The United Methodist Church to partner with existing native ministries to develop new programs on behalf of Native Americans.

Half of the funds collected on this Special Sunday remain in the Annual Conference to develop and strengthen Native American ministries in the conferences. To assist in developing these programs, each conference has a Committee on Native American Ministries (CONAM). These committees seek to advocate for ministry with and by Native Americans to share the diverse culture, history and traditions of Native peoples. The committees determine the distribution of the Native American Ministries Sunday offering, coordinate the promotion of that Special Sunday, and monitor Native American ministries within the Annual Conference. Twenty-five percent of the donations received fund scholarships designated scholarships for Native Americans attending United Methodist schools of theology. A serious shortage exists of American Indian pastors and trained professionals and these scholarships provide development, implementation, and assessment of a higher education recruitment/retention for Native Americans.

The final twenty-five percent of the donations collected are used to create beneficial programs. These funds allow the UMC to partners with existing native ministries to develop new programs on behalf of Native Americans. Some of those efforts include mentoring programs, peer support systems, funding for economic development projects, and restoring traditional and historic ways that bring forth new leaders for Native American communities.

LOAVES & FISHES FOOD PANTRY

Monthly Report ~ March 2023

Households Served	35
Adults	52
Children	12
Total People	64
USDA Food Received	497#
NON-USDA (Donations)	\$150



We need more volunteer workers as several have gone south for the winter. Please call Pam Girtz 320-232-7541 for more information.

Needs for next month: Bread, eggs, milk, cheese, fresh vegetables (carrots, potatoes), fresh fruit (apples, oranges), canned meat, dish soap, lotion, toothpaste, toothbrushes, paper towels.



Donald "Don" Schween, 89, of St. Croix Falls, WI, husband to Colleen Adams-Schween, passed away peacefully Monday, March 6th, 2023, surrounded by his family.

Born to parents Lewis and Anna, in Iowa, who then moved the family to South St. Paul, MN, where Don attended school and, after serving in the Navy aboard the U.S.S. Macon, went on to a career in Insurance and Banking.

Don was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and friend. He had a passion for volunteering which made him a beloved member of his community. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

Preceded in death by his brother, Richard (Dick), they both enjoyed organizing fishing trips, traveling, telling stories and spending time with family.

Don is survived by his wife Colleen; his daughter Theresa (Mike) and her family, his sons Rick (Connie), Steve, and Brian (Danielle), and their families; Colleen's daughters Jamie (Mike) and Josie (Pat) and their families; and Sharon Schween.

Please keep Don's family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

The final salute/Interment will be at Fort Snelling National Cemetery on Thursday, May 18th at 2:00pm. 7601 34th Avenue So., Minneapolis, MN 55450

A funeral service for Don will be held on Saturday, May 20th, 11:00am with visitation beginning at 10:00 am.

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2110 295th Ave., Luck, WI 54953

Family and friends are invited to both.

You are invited to leave condolences, memories and photos at www.rowefh.com. Arrangements are entrusted to Rowe Funeral Home in Luck, 715-472-2444.

Tributes for Don can also be shared at Veterans Legacy Memorial on the VA Cemetery website at <https://www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/ftsneling.asp>



HELPING HANDS

Volunteers for the month

Liturgist	Karen Sciacca
Money Counter	Karen Sciacca
Usher	Jim Andrews
Bell Ringer	Jim Sciacca
Fellowship	3rd Sun. of the month-Ad Council
Flowers	Ladies of the church
Communion	Karen & Jim Sciacca



Naomi McLean 5/6
 Charlie & Joan Zeigler 5/7
 Jim Sciacca 5/10
 Nathan Murtaugh 5/11
 Clarie Mathson 5/12
 Peter Gionis 5/15

In-person/Zoom services will be held Sunday's at 11:15 am.
 We hope to see you there! [Check out our website and Facebook page for details.](#) We hope you can join us!



**St. Croix Falls
 Admin Council Meeting
 May 21st
 12:15 pm SCF UMC**



MAY MISSION



**The Sailor Hat
 Offering will go to
 support the St. Croix
 Falls Food Shelf!**

**Thank you for your
 support!**





The New Normal

By Park Hunter

[The believers] followed a daily discipline of worship in the Temple followed by meals at home, every meal a celebration, exuberant and joyful, as they praised God. People in general liked what they saw. Every day their number grew as God added those who were saved. (Acts 2:46-47 MSG)

I hear it often when I visit churches: “When are things going to get back to normal?” People long for the old, familiar, normal routine. They may be thinking of four years ago before the pandemic, fourteen years ago when the bell choir rang every Sunday, or forty years ago when church was the center of family and community life.

The good ol’ days have a powerful allure. We look back through rose-tinted glasses. People always have. The Israelites following Moses longed for the good ol’ days in Egypt. The exiles returning from Babylon found the second Temple disappointing compared the good ol’ days of the Kingdom. I imagine even some of the disciples after the resurrection pined for the good ol’ days when they’d been buddies palling with Jesus on a three-year ministry road trip.

But honestly... the good ol’ days weren’t all that great. Whether four or forty years ago, church was often stagnant, and folks were just going through the motions. Not much was changing in our hearts or in the world. Normal might have been comfortable, but it was also blasé – and people wanted no part of it.

We won’t see God by looking backwards. We serve a Lord who is always ahead of us – the God who led the Israelites in a column of fire and smoke, the resurrected Christ who left a forwarding address for bewildered disciples loitering by an empty tomb (Mark 16:7).

The early Church didn’t have time for nostalgia. They rarely pined for the good ol’ days. They were too busy chasing the Spirit to the ends of the earth. The witness of the Acts of the Apostles is of an eager and active church, always moving forward.

The disciples had a new normal, a daily routine, a “discipline” in Eugene Peterson’s words – worshipping together, breaking bread together, sharing meals, rejoicing and celebrating. I can well imagine them chanting with gusto: “God is good! *All the time!* All the time! *God is good!*” (in Aramaic or Greek, of course.)

The book of Acts gives us these joyful glimpses right alongside stories of persecution, murder, injustice, ostracism, jail, and shipwreck. The new normal as the Church was born was difficult and dangerous... and yet the disciples rejoiced and celebrated every day.

Our new normal today isn’t easy either. We’re longing for folks who wandered during the pandemic to return. We’re divided politically and theologically. We’re struggling for relevance in a world of Sunday soccer games and endless digital entertainment. Why go to church when the internet offers an easy answer for every question?

And yet... Jesus is still going before us. People still need people. We still gather to worship and break bread. We are still finding new ways to connect and new ways to share Good News.

Don’t look backwards. Look forwards. The new normal is churches escaping the walls and boxes we once put ourselves in. The new normal is congregations discovering the blessings of diversity. The new normal is going and meeting families and folks where they are at.

God leads us forward in an ever-changing world. May our joy and exuberance as we praise and serve God in our communities and in our churches become the new normal, attractive to all those who look for hope! And then, perhaps, God will add to our numbers.

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Prayer: *Lord, we are privileged to follow you ever forward. Each new day is an opportunity to seek and see your blessings, and to share our joy with others. May praise be our normal state of being, such that all who see us might whisper, “I want what they’ve got!” – Amen*



3-21-2023, Ad Council Meeting, (G: Charles Wright, Pastor Jenny Lee, LuAnne Martell, and Deb and Russ Hammer)



3-22-2023, Lenten Craft Group Gathering (G: Paulie Kratchmer and Pastor Jenny)



3-22-2023, Lenten Craft Group Gathering, (G: Judy Lien and LuAnne Martell)



3-22-2023, Confirmation Class, (A: Chase Steffen, Copelan Grimes and Pastor Jenny Lee)



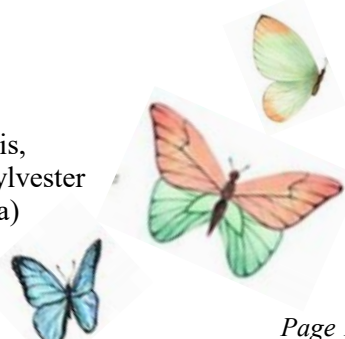
3-23-2023, Lenten Bible Study, (SCF: Jim and Karen Sciacca, Sharon Asp, and Jim Andrews; at the screen, Barb Loomis (G), Kathy Gionis, and Lynn Hanson)



3-25-2023, Youth Group Volunteers at Feed My Starving Children in Coon Rapids (Youth Director Shayna Schmid, Ines S, Adalyn Snyder, Willow Nyland, Peyton Smallwood, Leland Snyder, Kaelyn Richard, Anneliese Snyder, Cameron Smallwood, Shane S. Derick Stedman and Jenni Tober)

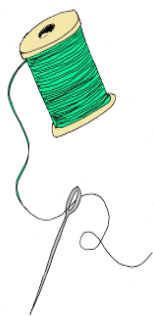


3-26-2023, Ad Council Meeting, (SCF: Kathy Gionis, Peter Gionis, Sharon Asp, Jim Andrews, LeAnne Sylvester and Steve Sylvester, Jim Sciacca, and Karen Sciacca)





3-29-2023, Lenten Craft Group, (Judy Lien (G), Paulie Kratchmer (G) and Georgeanna Koons (A))



3-29-2023, Lenten Craft Group, (Judy Lien (G), Pastor Jenny Lee, and Georgeanna Koons (A))



3-29-2023, Youth Gathering (G)



3-30-2023, Lenten Soup Supper, (SCF: Jim Andrews, Jim Sciacca, Karen Sciacca, Sharon Asp, and Kathy Gionis)



3-30-2023, Lenten Bible Study, (Karen and Jim Sciacca, Sharon Asp, Jim Andrews, Kathy Gionis, and Barb Loomis (G-via Zoom))



3-31-2023, Preparation Meeting for Infant Baptism, (A: Shane Tooze, Lila and Indie Tooze and Pastor Jenny Lee)





4-1-2023, Easter Craft and Bake Sale, (A: Mariah Gaffey, Ashleigh Olson, Sue Olson, Jamie Steffen, Cheryl Olson, and Colleen Adams-Schween)



4-5-2023, Confirmation Class, (A: Chase Steffen, Copelan Grimes, and Pastor Jenny Lee)

Last Lenten Soup Supper and Maundy Thursday Service at SCF 4-6-2023



Good Friday Service at Grantsburg 4-7-2023



4-8-2023, UM Men's Meeting, (G: Charles Wright, Don Anderson and Russ Hammer)



Easter Service 4-9-2023



Preparing Easter Brunch, (G: LuAnne Martell, Barb Loomis, and Deb Hammer)



Special Music, (G: Julie Branstad and Toni Koons)



Infant Baptism, (A: Shane and Dani Tooze, Lila Tooze and Pastor Jenny)



Sharing a Life, (SCF: Batty Doolittle and Sharon Asp)



4-9-2023, Easter Family Dinner, (SCF: Jim Andrews and his family)



4-11-2023, Volunteers at Loaves and Fishes at Luck, (A: Colleen Adams-Schween and Pastor Jenny Lee)



4-12-2023, UMW meeting, (G: Mary McNally, Valetta Walton, LuAnne Martell, Barb Loomis, and Judy Lien)



4-15-2023, Confirmands' Volunteer Day at Feed My Starving Children in Coon Rapids



4-12-2023, Youth Worship Night at Wood Lake Camp



4-16-2023, Recognition of the Lenten Bible Study, (SCF: Sharon Asp, Kathy Gionis, Jim Andrews, Karen Sciacca, and Jim Sciacca)



4-16-2023, Recognition of the Lenten Craft Group, (G: Judy Lien, Paulie Kratchmer, and LuAnne Martell)



4-16-2023, Recognition of the Lenten Craft Group, (A: Georgeanna Koons and Pastor Jenny)



4-16-2023, Ad Council Meeting, (SCF: Peter Gionis, Warren White, Sharon Asp, Karen Sciacca, Jim Andrews, Kathy Gionis, and Jim Sciacca)



4-21-2023, Ad Council Meeting, (A: Colleen Adams Schween, Cheryl Olson and Sue Olson)



4-17-2023, Pastor Jenny Lee with Women's Club Members



4-23-2023, Pastor Jenny Leads worship at Continue Care Center in Burnett County Medical Center





3-30-2023, Baby Harely Koser and Pastor Jenny Lee



4-5-2023, Joan and Charlie Zeigler and Pastor Jenny Lee



4-11-2023, Naomi McLean and Pastor Jenny Lee



4-11-2023, Dorothy Miller and Pastor Jenny Lee



ZOOM VIDEO WORSHIP SERVICE

9:00 & 11:15 am Sunday's

There will be a parish-wide ZOOM video service at 9:00 am at Central-Grantsburg and 11:15 am at St. Croix Falls every Sunday until further notice. The worship materials will be mailed out to those without email, emailed out to everyone in the parish we have email addresses for and posted on our website. The sermon and ZOOM login information will also be sent with the service material and posted on our website. The video of the worship service will be posted on the parish Facebook page after the service.

MISCELLANEOUS

MINISTRY TABLETS AVAILABLE

Just a reminder we have ministry tablets available for all churches to use for their members, please let Pastor Jenny know if you would like to use one. Our experiences are that users really appreciate them, they are able to hear and see other members during the service.

-Karen Sciacca



GRADUATION SUNDAY

Sunday, May 21st

Please join us as we celebrate our graduates.



CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

Sunday, May 21st

Please join us as we celebrate our confirmands.



YOUTH SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER

May 31st at 5:30 pm

Central UMC-Grantsburg



Youth
activities

Youth Gatherings

Central UMC-Grantsburg
6:00-7:30 pm

May 10th & May 24th

Youth Family Night

Central UMC-Grantsburg
5:00-8:30 pm

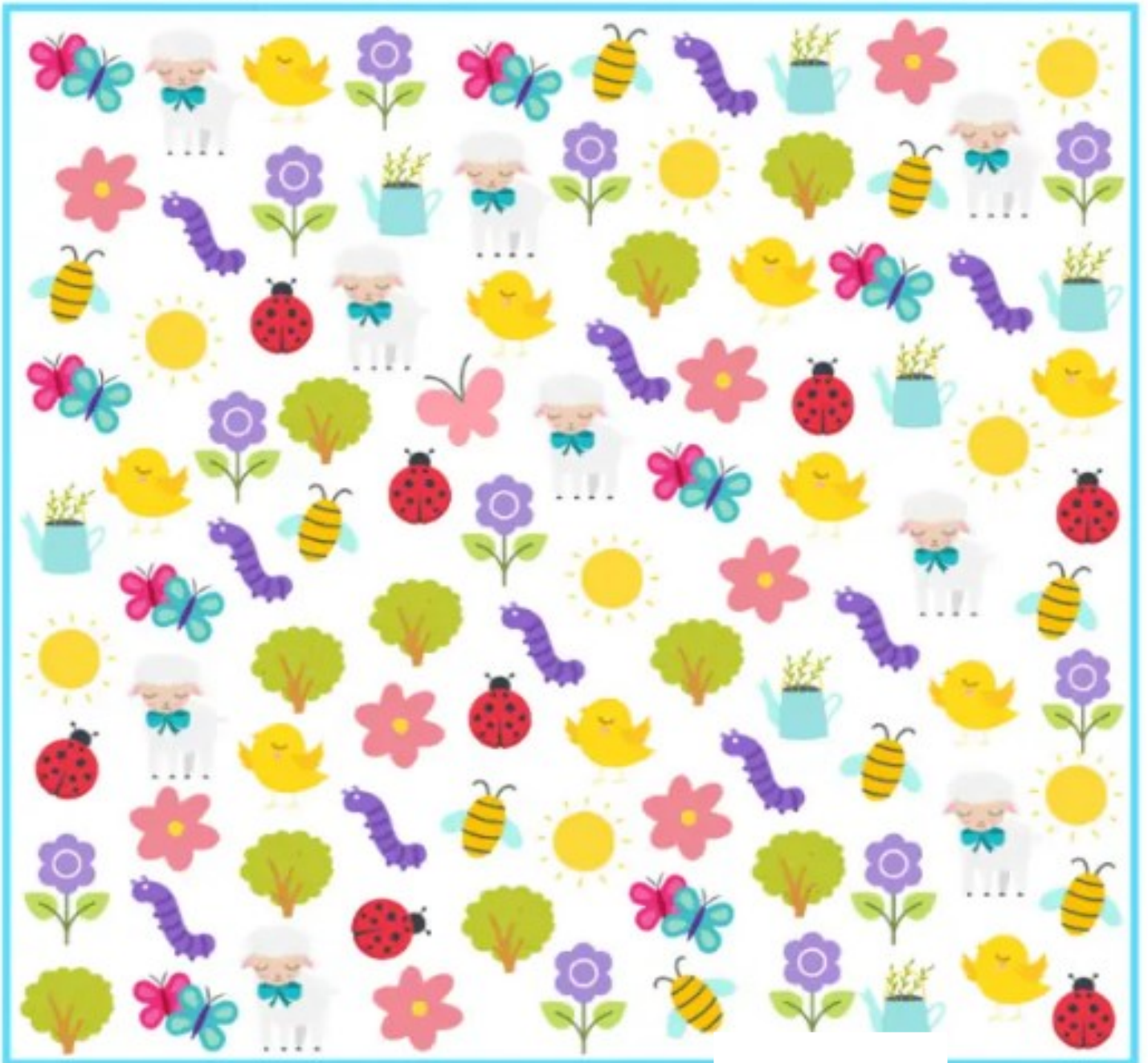
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May Fun Page

I Spy Spring Challenge

Count how many of each picture you find. Write your answer down below in the boxes.



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Your Spring Cleaning Safety Checklist

Inside

- Test smoke detectors
- Ensure fire extinguishers work
- Check carbon monoxide detectors
- Create or review your family emergency plan
- Update your first-aid and 72-hour kits
- Clean out your medicine cabinet
- Secure your home
- Replace air filters
- Go green

Outside

- Watch for pests
- Check the pipes
- Prepare your yard
- Get ready for the thaw
- Clean chimneys and gutters
- Always think safety on the road

Spring Safety

Spring Driving Safety Tips



CHECK YOUR LIGHTS

make sure all lights in your vehicle are working properly



REPLACE YOUR WINDSHIELD WIPERS

winter storm may have damaged your wipers



CHECK YOUR TIRE PRESSURE

colder weather deflates tires faster, and can cause flat tires



SLOW DOWN AND DRIVE CAREFULLY

rainwater, mixed with oil on the streets, causes slipperier road conditions



WATCH OUT FOR ANIMALS

animal activity level rises in the spring, especially during early mornings and evenings



CHECK YOUR ALLERGY MEDICATIONS

some allergy medications can cause drowsiness

4 SPRING CAR TIPS

1 CHANGE YOUR TIRES

Driving with the wrong type of tires can affect fuel mileage. Winter tires are thicker and cause more friction, preventing from smooth driving conditions. Be sure to change your winter tires to all season tires.



2 CHANGE YOUR WIPER BLADES

If your wiper blades are torn or cracked, it will reduce visibility as it will not effectively clean your windshield. Be sure to inspect your wiper blades as the weather gets better, and change it if necessary.



3 WASH YOUR CAR

As we drive, mud and dirt get sprayed onto our vehicles. Going long periods of time without cleaning it off can cause the minerals to eat away at your car's paint.



4 CLEAN THE INTERIOR

Spring calls for spring cleaning, which includes your vehicle. Your car can collect dust, bacteria and dirt over time. If you are not regularly cleaning it, it could make you sick, and make spring allergies worse. Be sure to clean your windshield as well, as hand marks and dust can be a hazard.



Spring Pet Safety



ALLERGIES

Seasonal plants can cause allergies. Talk to your vet if you notice irritation.



PLANTS

Lilies and other seasonal plants can be toxic.



SPRING CLEANING

Household cleaning products are a poison threat.



PESTICIDES

Lawn care and gardening products can be hazardous.



MICROCHIP

More outdoor time equals greater risk of a lost pet. Be safe, microchip 'em.



PREVENTATIVES

Talk to your vet about parasite prevention.



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: **715-557-1653**

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

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

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

Phone: **715-483-2920**

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



YOU give them something to eat. Mt 14:16



Burnett County Emergency Food Shelves and Distributions

Grantsburg Area Food Shelf *No cost*

Serving residents of the Grantsburg School District

Open: Tuesdays 9:30-11:30am

Thursdays 9:30-11:30,

Third Thursdays 4:00-6:00 pm

Emergency food is always available through the emergency window. Allowed to come 2 times a month
Located between the Library and the Village Hall Office,
320 Brad St., Grantsburg, WI 54840.



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: \$25*

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.



John 21:15-19



2023



Calendar of the
Upper St. Croix
Parish

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
<p>Pastor Jenny's Office Hours</p> <p>Tuesday: 9am - 5pm at Grantsburg Wednesday: 10am - 2pm at SCF & 3pm - 7pm at Grantsburg Thursday: 11am - 4pm at SCF Friday: by appointment only</p>		<p>Colleen's Office Hours <i>(Times are approximate)</i></p> <p>Remotely: Tuesday's 8:00 am-4:00 pm</p> <p>Friday's 8:00 am-12:00 pm</p>	<p>Check us out on the web at upperstcroixparish.org or on Facebook!</p>			
<p>April 30 9:00 Worship & Zoom Service (G) 10:00 Worship (A) 11:15 Worship & Zoom Service (SCF)</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Happy May Day!</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3 1:30 pm Atlas Ad Council meets with DS (A) 6:30pm, Confirmation Class (A)</p>	<p>4 9:00 am North West Clergy Meeting via Zoom</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>
<p>4/30-5/1 Provisional Elder Spring Retreat at Pine Lake Camp</p>						
<p>7 Communion Sunday 9:00 Worship & Zoom Service (G) 10:00 Worship (A) 11:15 Worship & Zoom Service (SCF)</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9 7:00-8:30 pm New Ministry Shepherd Team Meeting via Zoom</p>	<p>10 1:00 pm UMW (G) 6:00-7:30pm Youth Gathering (G) 6:30 pm Confirmation Class (A)</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12 1:30 pm Ad Council Mtg (A)</p>	<p>13 8:00 am UM Men's Meeting (G)</p>



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SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
14 Mother's Day Sunday 9:00 Worship & Zoom Service (G) 10:00 Worship (A) 11:15 Worship & Zoom Service (SCF) 12:15 pm Ad Council Meeting (SCF)	15	16 11 am-1 pm Volunteers at Loaves and Fishes in Luck 6:30 pm, Ad Council (G)	17	18 9 am North West Clergy Meeting via Zoom 10am-noon New Ministry Strategy Board Meeting 2:00 pm C.C.C Birthday Party (UMW-G)	19 5:30-8:00 pm Youth Family Night	20 Armed Forces Day 10 am - Noon Celebration of DS Barb Certa-Werner at Rice Lake UMC 10:00 am Visitation for Don Schween (A) 11:00 am, Don Schween's Celebration of Life Service (A)
21 Graduation/Confirmation Sunday 9:00 Worship & Zoom Service (G) 10:00 Worship (A) 11:15 Worship & Zoom Service (SCF) 2:15 pm, Ad Council (SCF) 1:00-4:00, Renee Tooze's Graduation Party at Fired Up Bistro	22 11 am to noon, Harmony Choir Rehearsal at Columbus UMC	23 10:00 am Deadline to submit Newsletter and Calendar information  6:30 pm SPRC Meeting via Zoom	24 6:00-7:30pm Youth Gathering (G)	25	26	27
28 Pentecost Sunday 9:00 Worship & Zoom Service (G) 10:00 Worship (A) 11:15 Worship & Zoom Service (SCF) 	29 Memorial Day 	30	31 5:30 pm Youth Fundraiser Spaghetti Dinner 	 <p>Remember - our fallen heros. They are the reason that we are free.</p>		