

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING                      UMH 13-14 (See insert)  
Rev. Barb Certa-Werner & Pastor Jenny Lee

NO.2023-23  
June 4th, 2023

THE LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING (RECEIVING) THE HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION PRAYER    Unison

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

**We Respond to God's Word**

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

*(We will watch a video clip)*

INVITATION/PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Pastor Jenny Lee

\*DOXOLOGY

UMH 95

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION    Unison

Amid our doubts and the temptation to grab life's blessings for our own personal use, we come to dedicate our time, talent, and treasure to realize you reign on earth, majestic God. As we enjoy your bounty, we give that all our sisters and brothers might also come to appreciate the amazing gifts you entrust to us. Thank you for life and all its wonders. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen!

**We Go Forth to Love God and Serve One Another**

\*CLOSING HYMN    *God Be with You till We Meet Again*

UMH 672

\*BENEDICTION

Rev. Barb Certa-Werner

\*POSTLUDE

Sharon Asp

Worship Resources "Taught by Love" by Lavon Bayler

 **Upper St. Croix Parish  
United Methodist Church**

The 2023 Parish Ministry Theme:  
"Fill My House" (Luke 14:23)

**Trinity Sunday/Peace with Justice Sunday**



**Grantsburg-Central**  
Since 1897



**Atlas**  
Since 1887



**St. Croix Falls**  
Since 1859

**A JOINT SUNDAY SERVICE:**  
*10:30 AM at St. Croix Falls with Online Zoom Service*

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# Upper St. Croix Parish

Grantsburg: Central, Atlas, St. Croix Falls

June 4th, 2023

Trinity Sunday/Peace with Justice Sunday

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\*Please stand if you are able.

**\*PRELUDE**

**Sharon Asp**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PASSING OF THE GREETINGS**

Peace be with you!

*(Waive your hands at one another)*

## *We Celebrate New Life in Christ*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** Responsive

How majestic is God's name in all the earth!

We see God's glory in the expanse of the heavens.

**All plants and animals are God's creation.**

**All that God has made reflects God's goodness.**

We are created in God's image, to relate to God.

We receive great abundance and care from our Creator.

**God blesses us day by day with good things.**

**We are given dominion over the works of God.**

Gather to praise God and greet one another.

Celebrate all the ways God is revealed to us.

**We worship the Creator and Sustainer of all things.**

**We rejoice in Christ's promise of the Holy Spirit. Amen!**

**\*PRAISE GOD- ALL TOGETHER**

**Dan Hartke & Family**

**OPENING PRAYER** Unison

Triune God, known to us in more ways than we can count, we marvel at the mystery of life, and wonder at your attention to our lives. As we ponder that vast expanse of space, we are fascinated by distances too extensive to understand. The times we have measured are a tiny ripple in your eternity. Yet you have honored this planet by revealing yourself in the life and ministry of Jesus and the empowerment of your Holy Spirit. Let us experience your presence in this time of worship. Amen.

## *Proclamation of God's Word*

**\*THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON** 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

11 Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you.

12 Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

13 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

This is the word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

**"Transition, Change and Farewells"**

**Rev. Barb Certa-Werner**

## *Blessing for District Superintendent Rev. Certa-Werner*

**BLESSING SONG**

**Dan Hartke & Family**

**PRAYERS OF BLESSING**

**SPRC & Church Leaders**

## *Sacrament of Holy Communion*

**INVITATION FOR COMMUNION**

**Pastor Jenny Lee**

**CONFESSION AND PARDON** Unison

Merciful God,

**We confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.**

**We have failed to be an obedient church.**

**We have not done your will,**

**we have broken your law,**

**we have rebelled against your love,**

**we have not loved our neighbors,**

**and we have not heard the cry of the needy.**

**Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience,**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*(All pray in silence)*

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **Amen.**

## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

On the night in which he gave himself up for us,  
he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his  
disciples,

and said: “take, eat; this is my body which given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me.”

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it  
to his disciples, and said: “drink from this, all of you; this is my blood  
of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the  
forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,  
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living  
sacrifice,

in union with Christ’s offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of  
faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of  
bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,  
that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his  
blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,  
one with each other,

and one in ministry to all the world,  
until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly  
banquet.


Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,  
all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever. Amen.



# JUNE CHURCH MISSIONS


## ATLAS

Mission committee chair: Peggy Frederickson

<p><b>INK JET RECYCLING PROGRAM:</b></p> <p>Atlas collects and recycles ink jet cartridges and cell phones year-round.</p> 	<p><b>LOAVES &amp; FISHES NEEDS OUR ONGOING SUPPORT</b></p> <p>Requested items: Bread, eggs, milk, cheese, fresh vegetables (carrots, potatoes), fresh fruit (apples, oranges), canned meat, dish soap, lotion, toothpaste, toothbrushes, paper towels. They appreciate any and all donations.</p>	<p><i>We appreciate your ongoing support!</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. We will focus on e financial support of our church to help expand our ministry.</li> <li>2. We will also be supporting Peace with Justice- Richard Hodes MD's ministry.</li> </ol>
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## GRANTSBURG

Mission committee chair: Deb Hammer

<p><b>BE A "BACK-PACK BACKER"!</b></p> <p>REMEMBER ... Every Sunday Is MAC 'N CHEESE SUNDAY! Supporting the Salvation Army's "Happy Kids Back-Pack Program"</p> 	<p><b>We will be supporting Peace with Justice Richard Hodes MD's Ministry</b></p> <p><i>(Please see the June newsletter or the church bulletin board for additional details)</i></p>
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## ST. CROIX FALLS

Mission committee chair: Kate Murtaugh

 <p><b>Food Shelf</b> (Communion Sunday)</p>	<p><b>Sailor Hat Offering:</b></p> <p><i>The Sailor Hat offering will go to support CRA &amp; the Butterfly House</i></p> 
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Thank you for your support!

## TODAY'S SERVICE VOLUNTEERS

Ministers All God's People  
*Pastor Jenny Lee*

**Joint Service: SCF Homecoming Sunday**  
**10:30 AM at St. Croix Falls UMC**

Preaching	District Superintendent Rev. Barb Certa-Werner
Pianist	Sharon Asp
Liturgist	Kathy Gionis
Usher(s)	Karen Sciacca
Special Music	Dan Hartke & Family
Money Counter	Peter Gionis (SCF), Sue Olson (A), Dave Huff (G)
Bell Ringer	Jim Sciacca
Flowers	Ladies of the Church
Communion	Peter & Kathy Gionis
Fellowship	SCF Members



## Worship Leaders During Annual Conference and Pastor Jenny's Vacation

June 11: Deb Hammer (G) Mission Project Presentation (G, A, SCF)  
 June 18: Barb Loomis (G), Rev. Tom Cook (A), and Kathy Gionis (SCF)  
 June 25: Rev. Deb Lind will preach at all three churches (G, A, SCF)

*Please note all three churches should have a liturgist as they typically do.*



## Break through Prayers:

- 1) Graduates
- 2) Those who are suffering from illness whether physically, emotionally or spiritually.

## PLEASE NOTE:

- 1) **Online Zoom Services are scheduled for this Sunday at 9:00 and 11:15 am.** The link will be posted on our parish website and Facebook page.  
Click the LINK to Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84147808460?pwd=SDZleFNubmEvaDBlcytTRzVxMFllZz09>  
Phone: +1 312 626 6799, Meeting ID: 841 4780 8460, Passcode: 568271
- 2) Our Sunday Sermons are on the website at [upperstcroixparish.org](http://upperstcroixparish.org) under Sermons!
- 3) You may watch a recorded video of the service on our parish Facebook page.  
<https://www.facebook.com/UpperStCroixParishUMC>

## This Week's Calendar:

Today: Trinity Sunday/Peace with Justice Sunday  
God bless you all!

### Sunday Worship Services:

6/4: Joint Worship Service & Lunch at St. Croix Falls UMC

10:30 am St. Croix Falls with Zoom  
(After service, lunch will be provided by SCF)

6/6 11:00 am-1:00 pm, Pastor Jenny volunteers at Loaves & Fishes in Luck  
6:30-8:00pm, Youth Group Create Night

6/7 6:30pm, SPRC meeting via zoom

6/9-6/12 Wisconsin UMC Annual Conference: Barb Loomis (G) and Pastor Jenny will attend.

6/13-6/27 Pastor Jenny's Vacation. In case of emergency contact her via text. She will have very limited access to email.

**PLEASE NOTE: WHEN WRITING A CHECK PLEASE MAKE IT PAYABLE TO YOUR INDIVIDUAL CHURCH. WHEN THE OFFERING IS MAILED IN WE ARE THEN ABLE CREDIT THE APPROPRIATE CHURCH. THANK YOU!**



6/14 UMW Meeting (G)

6/16 Youth Family Game Night

6/25 Youth Cooking Day

8/7-8/10 VBS - Please mark it in your calendar!

## Next Sunday (June 11th) Volunteers:

### Central:

Pianist	Toni Koons
Liturgist	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>
Acolyte(s)	Willow Nyland
Mowing	Russ Hammer
Fellowship	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>
Counter	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>
Cleaning	Charlie Glonek and Sandra Erickson
Sunday School	Younger/Older LuAnn Martell/Barb Loomis

### Atlas:

Pianist	Sharon Asp
Liturgist	Sue Olson
Usher	Colleen Adams-Schween
Acolyte(s)	Chase Steffen
Cleaning	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>
Sunday School	Younger/Older <i>Summer Break-VBS coming soon</i>

### St. Croix Falls:

Pianist	Sharon Asp
Liturgist	Kathy Gionis
Usher(s)	Jim Andrews
Money Counter	Peter Gionis
Bell Ringer	Jim Andrews
Flowers	Ladies of the Church
Fellowship	Ad Council Members



## THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Jared Olson 6/5

Troy Olson 6/5

Charlie Olson 6/7

Rod Dahl 6/9



Re. Barb Certa-Werner has been North West District Superintendent since 2019, and received a new appointment as Bishop Assistant starting July 1st.

She had a Farewell Celebration for years of service as our DS on May 20<sup>th</sup> at Rice Lake UMC. We are blessed to have had her as our District Superintendent and will hear her sermon at our JOINT SERVICE this Sunday, June 4th. Please join us!

If you cannot make it, you may use the devotional article she wrote on May 22<sup>nd</sup> which you will find below.

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### **Weekly Devotion for May 22, 2023**

*By Barbara Certa-Werner*

One of the national observances for the month of May is Mental Health Awareness. The purpose is to raise awareness for those living with mental health or behavioral health issues and to help reduce the stigma that so many experience.

I spent much of my ministry working with the homeless and many lived with behavioral health issues. There was a wide range of diagnoses – from mild depression to paranoid schizophrenia. For many there was a dual diagnosis that included addiction.

I recall one woman who I encountered on a regular basis and her struggle with bi-polar disorder and addiction. She suffered with extreme mood swings. One day she would be walking down the middle of the street, singing and dancing, laughing and overly engaging. The next day, she would be holed up in her room, unable to get up, crying so much she was unable to speak.

The interventions required medication monitoring, housing stability, rehab and a support system. This wonderful woman could not manage all these requirements and necessary controls.

My interactions created opportunities for me (and in my sharing, for us)

- to listen attentively
- to know what resources are available in the community.
- to meet immediate needs, i.e. food, shelter, clothing, medical emergencies, extending the ministry of hospitality
- to be compassionate, reminding myself of Christ's love for everyone
- to be a spiritual leader grounded in scripture and prayer

I also had some significant interior work:

- explore my discomfort with someone different than I am

- learn about mental illness/behavioral health issues
- monitor situations for safety of self and others.

As we continue to reduce the stigma of behavioral health issues, I encourage us to proclaim and claim the Scripture text from Romans 8:38-39, "For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation [including behavioral health issues], will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." Amen.