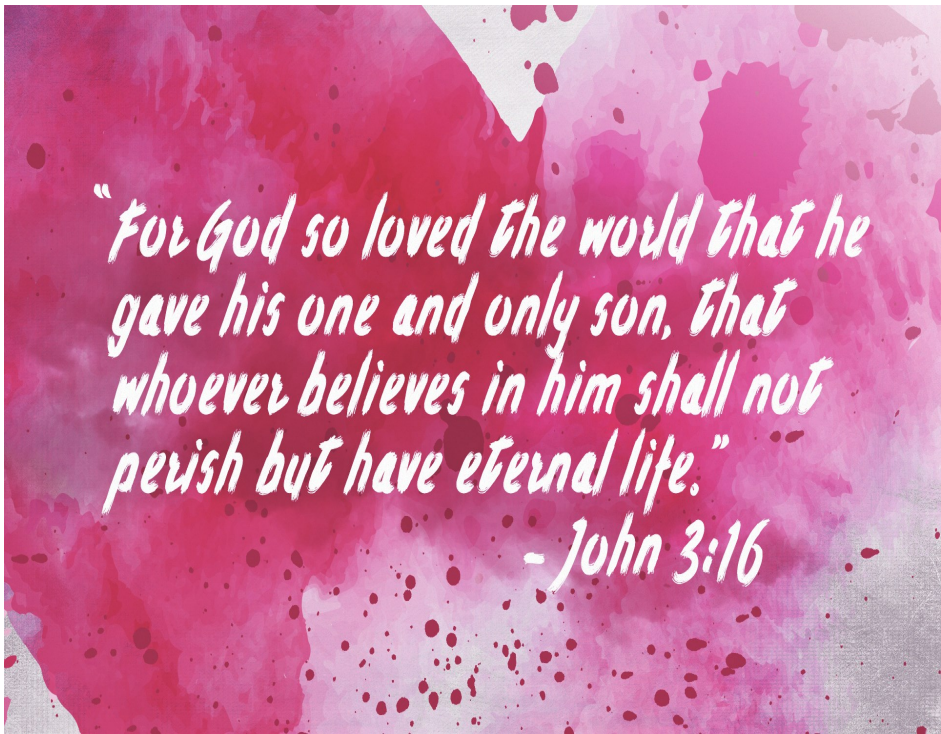


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# February 2024



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An abstract artwork featuring three large, stylized hearts arranged vertically on the left side of the page. The hearts are rendered in shades of blue, green, and brown, with a textured, painterly appearance. The background is a vibrant mix of yellow, orange, and red, with visible brushstrokes and a sense of movement. The overall style is expressive and artistic.

# A STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

## *Practice, Practice, Practice February 2024*

Believe it or not, even though Christmas feels like it is just behind us, Lent is about to begin (Ash Wednesday is February 14 this year). In the church, Lent is a period of 40 days (not including Easter) during which we re-examine our lives and our faith practices as we prepare for the coming of Easter. The practice of re-examination and recommitment dates to the very beginning of the church as new members prepared to be baptized on Easter Sunday. We may ask ourselves, however, why is the observation of Lent important to us today?

The reality of the situation is, if we don't take the time to re-examine what's important to us and practice the basics of faith, we run the risk of forgetting who we are, where we've come from, and what God has done in our lives. Every professional sports team gathers before the season begins and focuses on many of the things the players have done since they were small children. In baseball, they field ground balls (and coincidentally, Spring Training also begins on February 14 for many teams this year). In football, they go over tackling and blocking. In basketball they dribble and pass. These are adults who are the best players in the world, and yet their coaches start them off at the very beginning every year. Only the teams who've mastered the basics have a chance of contending for a championship.

As Lent approaches let's be encouraged to get back to the basics of faith. Come to worship regularly. Take time to become a part of a study group to grow in your faith together. Pray daily. Give generously both your time and your money. The basics aren't just for the young or inexperienced in faith. They are for everyone — from the youngest child to the champions of faith who've been an inspiration to us.

Let's take time to refocus on the basics as we begin our journey to the cross with Jesus.

Visit the Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation at  
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Or call 1-888-903-9863



# UNITED METHODIST MESSENGER

## THE UPPER ST. CROIX PARISH

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February 2024



Pastor Jenny Lee, Ph.D.

### “Reconnecting with One Another”

*“No one tears a patch from a new garment and sews it on an old one. If he does, he will have torn the new garment, and the patch from the new will not match the old.”*  
- (Luke 5:36)

I visited my country last year and stayed for two weeks. It was such a blessed time for me since I hadn't been there for fifteen years. Yes, I enjoyed seeing my family and friends and visiting my home town. However, can you imagine how many things changed over fifteen years? All my siblings moved to new places; the names of streets and places, including my home town, have changed; the public transportation system changed, and, of course, my Korean driving license had expired. So, I had to learn how to navigate my daily schedule, such as using Google maps, asking people where I was and asking for directions on how to get places. It was a challenging time to reconnect with new systems while I enjoyed seeing people.

However, there are still unchanged aspects, such as the love of family and friends. They came to where I was so we could see each other because I couldn't find their locations easily. I learned that there was nothing I could do alone in order to reconnect with everyone, and that my old memories from fifteen years ago couldn't help me with new system.

I realized that I was trying to reconnect with old memories from fifteen years ago and adapt to the new system of 2023, and I had a hard time. Then, a biblical verse came to my mind, *“No one tears a patch from a new garment and sews it on an old one. If he does, he will have torn the new garment, and the patch from the new will not match the old”* (Luke 5:36). I did try to bring back my old memories to apply them to the new system, but it didn't work. Reconnecting with one another doesn't just mean connecting with the system, but connecting with love.

It's like restoring our first love with God and the initial passion for church ministry. If I didn't love my country, the people and my home town, I wouldn't try to visit them. However, I want to visit them regardless of the changing systems and names because I still love them. Love is enough to reconnect with one another.

Similarly, we still love our church and trust in God even though many circumstances have changed after the pandemic. It is not easy to revert to old ideas and thoughts to reconnect with new systems or new circumstances. However, we can bring back our cherished memories of our church ministry and God, just as the Israelites used to remember how God brought them to the Promised Land. They kept the love of God alive by teaching it to the next generation. An example is found in the following passage: “In the future, when your son asks you, tell him: We were slaves of Pharaoh in Egypt, but the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand. Before our eyes the Lord sent miraculous signs and wonders—great and terrible—upon Egypt and Pharaoh and his whole household. But he brought us out from there to bring us in and gave us the land that he promised on oath to our forefathers.” (Deuteronomy 6:21-22). They taught their children and grandchildren about how God worked for them, and preserved all the stories of God in the scriptures for the next generations.

## FROM THE PASTOR CONTINUED...

We can share with the next generation how God has worked in our church ministry and encourage them, letting them know that the same God can work with them. This is a way to connect with the next generation in God's ministry. We love to hear stories of how God has worked in our parish: Central-Grantsburg, Atlas, and St. Croix Falls. Please share your own God-centered stories with your children and grandchildren so that they may experience God's love through your witness.

We observe February as Stewardship Month. I hope we reconnect with one another as well as with God, fostering a stewardship mindset. Stewardship is about reclaiming God's original commendation in our minds and souls, enabling us to care for all creation and restore our image to Christlikeness. Let's prepare our minds and souls to reconnect with God and one another.

Blessings! Pastor Jenny



Picture from [Reconnecting With Old Friends - Jokes Etc - Nigeria \(nairaland.com\)](https://www.nairaland.com/488888/Reconnecting-With-Old-Friends-Jokes-Etc)



## UMCOR SPECIAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS

Special Sundays are designated Sundays each year that deepen the connection between the local church and ministries on a global scale. On each unique Sunday, individuals and congregations are encouraged to give to support the church's collective work with a special offering. This includes efforts to:

- ✝ Alleviate human suffering
- ✝ Engage in social justice
- ✝ Strengthen Native American ministries
- ✝ Provide scholarships for higher education

Below is a list of Special Sundays that support the work of Global Ministries and UMCOR. While each Sunday has a designated date of celebration, you can donate to support these special Sundays any time.

UMCOR SUNDAY – MARCH 10, 2024

NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES SUNDAY – APRIL 14, 2024

PEACE WITH JUSTICE SUNDAY – MAY 26, 2024

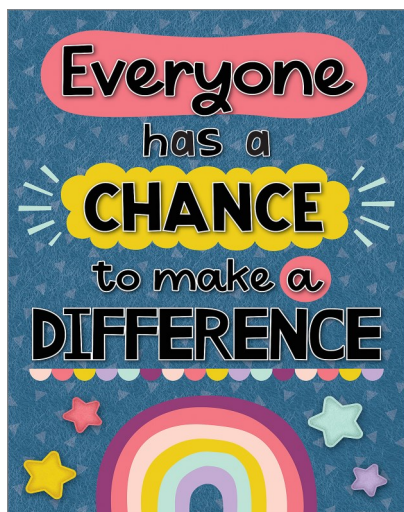
WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY – OCTOBER 6, 2024

UNITED METHODIST STUDENT SUNDAY– NOVEMBER 24, 2024





# GRANTSBURG: CENTRAL NEWS



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!

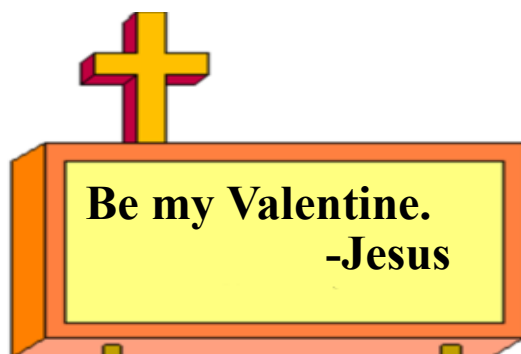
We have started Sunday School after Children's Time every Sunday. We welcome all the kids to attend Sunday School!



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



Grace Harmon 2/15  
Peyton Smallwood 2/17  
Deb & Russ Hammer 2/22  
Hannah Smestad 2/23  
Dauntay Erickson 2/27



## Offering Income through December 2023

Funds Description	December 2023	Year-to-date 2023
General Fund Gifts	\$ 2,669.00	\$ 44,328.84
Loose Offering	\$ 66.00	\$ 595.23
Easter	\$ -	\$ 595.00
Pie & Ice Cream Social	\$ -	\$ 330.00
Christmas Offerings	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Total General Funds	\$ 2,935.00	\$ 46,049.07
Special Offering	\$ -	\$ 580.00
Missions	\$ 200.00	\$ 1,482.00
Pastor's Youth Fund		\$ 110.00
United Methodist Men	\$ -	\$ 300.00
All Funds Total	\$ 3,135.00	\$ 48,521.07

# GRANTSBURG: MISSIONS & MEETINGS & MISC.

## MISSIONS GIVING



### February Mission

Central's February Mission will be collecting soup and money to support Souper Bowl of Caring through February 11th, which also supports the Grantsburg Food Shelf.

The rest of the month we will collect money to support Central UMC.

Thank you for your support!



### Ad Council Meeting

January 16, 2024

6:30 pm Central UMC Grantsburg



**Next Meeting:  
February 10th**

8:00 am at Central UMC

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



Isn't The Love Of Jesus  
Something Wonderful

umw  
Women with  
a heart for service

The United Methodist Women met on January 10, 2024. We discussed the new USCP Photo Album that is available to everyone along with the wonderful news that we have both a Junior and a Senior Sunday School class! Our theme for 2024 is "Replanted It"...reforming together to plant seeds of joy and hope! Please note that the books in the church library are available for everyone to read and the rice heating bags are available for sale by the cards in the dining room. They work wonderfully in this cold weather!

Plans for monthly activities in 2024 was reviewed and laid out-Upcoming Schedule is as follows:  
February: Valentines Celebration & a Movie

March: Clean the kitchen and plan for the Spring sale

April: Regular Meeting April 10th & Spring Sale on April 27th 9am to 1pm

May: Regular Meeting will be skipped and we will go to CCC on May 16th

Next meeting: February 14th and Judy L. is bringing treats and Kayleen will share a movie. We hope you will join us-All women from the parish are welcome!



# ATLAS NEWS

In-person (indoor) worship services held Sundays at 10:00 am. We will have Coffee Fellowship the 2nd Sunday of every month following the service. Sunday School starts at 10:15 am every Sunday.

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

## ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING



Church Council

Next Meeting  
March 1, 2024  
1:30 pm  
Atlas UMC



## 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!



# Hello FEBRUARY



## INCOME TOWARD ATLAS' BUDGET

Offering:

**\$ 2045** Sunday Offerings

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



Dani Tooze	2/19
Mark Nelson	2/19
Landon Olson	2/20
Betty Wilson	2/18
Debra Kunze	2/19
Lila Tooze	2/22



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# FEBRUARY MISSION

## *Souper Bowl of Caring*

We will be collecting canned soup and money for Souper Bowl of Caring. This mission also helps support our local food shelf!

Thank you for your donations-we greatly appreciate it!



We are currently operating with two interim food shelf coordinators. We would like to get a full time coordinator. We will train people who are interested. We can always use more volunteer workers as well. If interested please contact Pam Girtz 320-232-7541 Email: girtzp@gmail.com



## LOAVES & FISHES FOOD PANTRY

**Monthly Report ~ December 2023**

Households Served	40
Adults	68
Children	20
Total People	88

USDA Food Received	2,680#
Food Going Out	2,462.50#
NON-USDA (Donations)	\$5,007
Volunteer Hours	66



*Needs for next month: milk, mayonnaise, sugar 4# size, bar soap, dish and laundry soap. Personal products for men and women! Thank you!.*





# 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: 2/11/24

## HELPING HANDS

### Volunteers for the month

Liturgist	Karen Sciacca (back-up Jim Andrews)
Money Counter	Karen Sciacca & Jim Andrews
Usher	Jim Andrews
Bell Ringer	Jim Sciacca
Fellowship	Admin Members
Flowers	Lynn Hanson
Communion	Jim & Karen Sciacca

In-person services will be held Sunday's at 11:15 am. We will have Potluck Fellowship Meal the 2nd Sunday of every month following the service.

Check out our website and Facebook page for details. We hope you can join us!



## February Mission



The Sailor Hat Offering will go to support UMCOR Human Relations!

Thank you for your support!



St. Croix Falls  
2/11/24  
12:30 pm



Joseph Murtaugh  
2/2

Kathleen Gionis  
2/12

Scott Andrews  
2/22

## AN UPDATE FROM THE FOOD SHELF

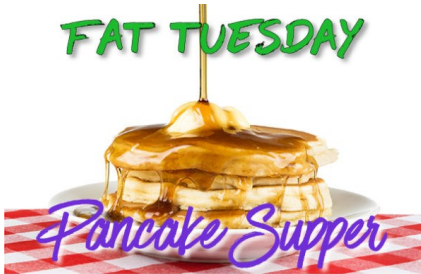
By Sharon Asp

**FROM YOUR LOCAL ST CROIX FALLS FOOD SHELF. IT HAS BEEN AN AMAZING YEAR. THANKS TO EVERYONE FOR THEIR GENEROUS DONATIONS AND SUPPORT. I WAS ABLE TO FEED OVER 1500 FAMILIES AND ALSO HELP OUT WITH GAS MONEY, PURCHASES OF CARS, HELPING THE SICK INS., AND DELIVERIES. I PRAISE GOD FOR HIS WATCHING OVER THE FOOD SHELF. IT HAS BEEN A BLESSING TO SOO MANY PEOPLE...**

## 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

### FAT TUESDAY

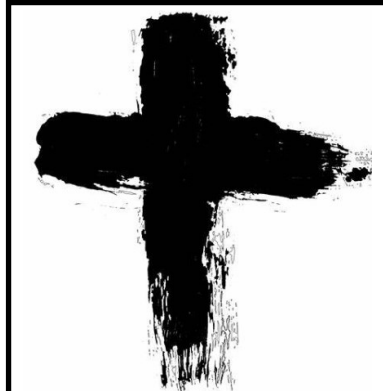


Tuesday, Feb. 13th  
Central UMC  
Grantsburg

5:30 pm Pancake Supper

6:15 pm Ash Service

Please join us!



1st Sunday of Lent &  
Ash Service (A & SCF)  
Sunday, February 18th

## MISCELLANEOUS

### ZOOM VIDEO WORSHIP SERVICE

9:00 am Sunday's

There will be a parish-wide ZOOM video service at 9:00 am at Central-Grantsburg every Sunday.

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.

### YOUTH TUBING ACTIVITY

February 24th



### Youth Worship Night

at Wood Lake  
Camp

February 21st

6:00-8:00 pm

### YOUTH GATHERING

### YOUTH GROUP

2/7-6:30-8:00 pm  
Senior Youth Gathering  
(G)

2/14-5:30-8:00 pm  
Junior Youth Gathering  
(G)

2/28-6:30-8:00 pm  
Junior Youth Gathering  
(G)

### Family Game Night & Dinner

February 9th  
5:30-8:00 pm

Central UMC  
Grantsburg







## **Soul Food by Bishop Hee-Soo Jung**

*January 2024*

### **“When they saw the star, they were overjoyed” Matthew 2:10**

On Sunday, we celebrated the beginning of the church season of Epiphany. The word Epiphany comes from the Greek epiphaneia, meaning “appearance” or “manifestation,” and refers to the manifestation of Jesus Christ to the whole world – Jews and gentiles alike!

Epiphany is also the time in the church when we recognize the arrival of the wise ones, who followed a star, and brought luxurious gifts to a Child born in Bethlehem. One of the Scripture texts that we read during Epiphany is from the Gospel of Matthew 2:10, ‘When they saw the star, they were overjoyed.’

As I engaged with this Scripture, I was struck by the term, “overjoyed.” This is a word we rarely use. It is a challenging word, invoking in us perhaps many other emotions. The Scripture text is an invitation to reflect, dive deeper into how to we, as Christ followers, live in the joy of salvation, let alone be “overjoyed.”

What do you praise God for? What are the things in which you have expressed gratitude? What are your joys? In a world full of concerns, struggles and burdens – where and how do you see the joy of faith alive and active?

None of these questions are new. Each is an opportunity to explore how we understand that God is alive in this world. Indeed, this is the Good News of Jesus Christ, that in Emmanuel, God is with us! Our joy does not negate the sadness, injustice nor brokenness of this world, joy gives us a framework in which to be the joy-bearing, justice-seeking, burden-sharing people of God in any circumstance.

On Monday, January 15 we celebrate the national holiday of The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day. A day set aside to honor the ministry of a courageous, faith-filled, and faithful man. His witness continues to challenge us to move our faith into action through a beloved community grounded in Christ’s love, grace, and joy - even when facing the direst circumstances.

The Wisconsin Conference invites you to join together on Sunday, January 21, for an evening of worship featuring an African Choir and the Harmony Choir, honoring The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. We will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Brown Deer United Methodist Church, 5736 Brown Deer Rd., Milwaukee. My prayer is that our speakers and music will fill our hearts with such joy that we can do nothing less than to live into being a beloved community of Christ Jesus.

In closing, may the words of Romans 15:13 be so, “May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in faith so that you overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.” Amen.

# ACTIVITY FUN PAGE

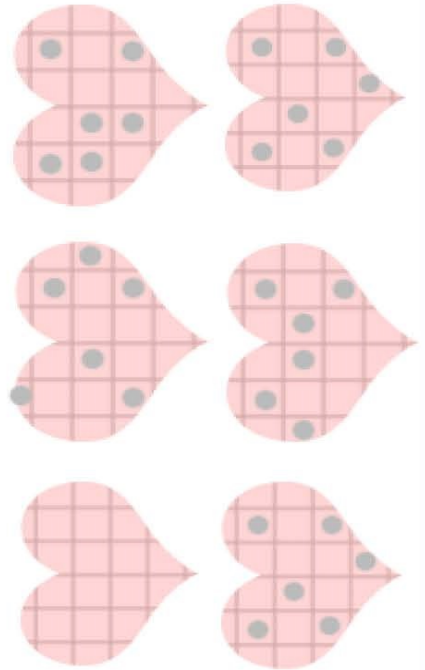
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X R H E A R T C

Trust  
in  
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Lord  
with  
all  
your  
heart

Write a Valentine or love themed word that starts with each letter below:

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A \_\_\_\_\_  
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Which two hearts have the same pattern?



We love  
because  
He first  
loved us

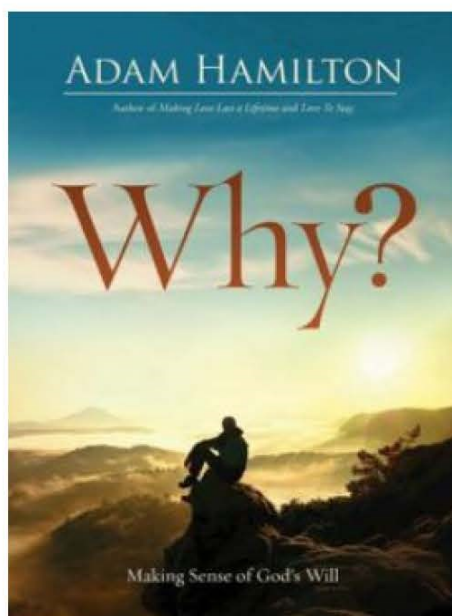


# 2024 LENTEN SOUP SUPPER & BIBLE STUDY

## WHY?: MAKING SENSE OF GOD'S WILL

BY ADAM HAMILTON

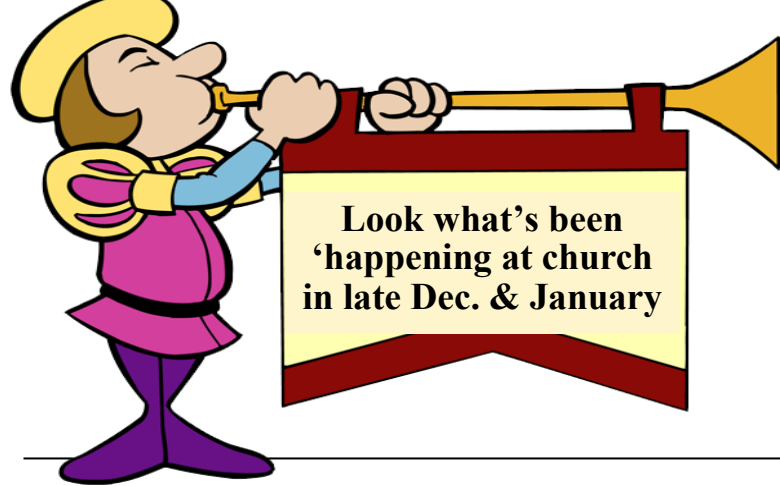
*5:30 pm: Soup Supper & 6:15 pm: Bible Study*



Where is God when tragedy and suffering strike? When the ground shakes, and a poor nation's economy is destroyed; when the waters rise, washing away a community's hopes and dreams; when a child suffers neglect and abuse; when violence tears apart nations where is God? If God is all powerful, and if each one of us is a beloved child of God, then how can God allow tragedy and suffering to mar his creation? In *Why?*, best-selling author Adam Hamilton brings fresh insight to the age-old question of how to understand the will of God. Rejecting simplistic answers and unexamined assumptions, he lays out core ideas for comprehending God's plan for the world, including: God will not take away our free will, even when we use it to grieve him. God will never abandon us, especially in the midst of our suffering. While God is not the author of suffering, God will bring blessing out of tragedy.

- We will meet on the following dates: 2/29, 3/7, 3/21 & 3/28
- Books cost \$13.71 ([www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com))
- Registration deadline is February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024.
- Classes are held both in person at St. Croix Falls UMC and via Zoom.
- Questions or to register contact Pastor Jenny Lee at 773-793-7307 or via email at [jennlee1732@gmail.com](mailto:jennlee1732@gmail.com).





**Belated post, Christmas Eve Participatory Dramatic Service, 12-24-2023**



**(A: Front Row: Narrator: Mariah Gaffey, Shepherd: Noah Dennison, the poor person: Wendell Hauble, Angel: Elli Olson, the sick person: Cheryl Olson, Back Row: Pastor Jenny Lee, Joseph: Landon Olson, Mary: Wren Grimes)**



**(A: Front Row: Narrator: Colleen Adam-Schween, Shepherd: Noah Dennison, the Poor person: Wendell Hauble, Angel: Elli Olson, the sick person: Cheryl Olson, the rich person: Sue Olson, Back Row: Pastor Jenny Lee, Joseph: Landon Olson, Mary: Wren Grimes)**



**(A: Narrator: Jamie Steffen, Pastor Jenny Lee, Joseph: Landon Olson, Mary: Wren Grimes, and Angel: Elli Olson)**



**A: Candle light service**





(G: Narrators: Jenni Tober-Stedman and Pastor Jenny Lee, the poor person: Deb Hammer, Joseph: Dauntay Erickson, Mary: Willow Nyland, Shepherd: Walden Erickson)



(G: Special Song: Julie Branstad)



(G: Narrator: Pastor Jenny Lee, the poor person: Deb Hammer, the sick person: Barbara Loomis, Joseph: Dauntay Erickson, Mary: Willow Nyland, Shepherd: Walden Erickson, the rich people: Sandra Erickson and Bob Branstad)



(G: Narrators: Derek Stedman and Pastor Jenny Lee, the poor person: Deb Hammer, the sick person: Barbara Loomis, Joseph: Dauntay Erickson, Mary: Willow Nyland, Shepherd: Walden Erickson)



(SCF: Narrator: Pastor Jenny Lee, Joseph: Joseph Murtaugh, Mary: Kate Murtaugh; Back: Narrators: Jenny Everson and Kathy Gionis)

## CHRISTMAS PLAY







(SCF: Narrator: Pastor Jenny Lee, Joseph: Joseph Murtaugh, Mary: Kate Murtaugh, the poor people: Karen and Jim Sciacca, the sick person: Jim Andrews; Back: Narrator: Jenny Everson)



(SCF: Narrator: Pastor Jenny Lee, Nathan Murtaugh and Jenny Everson, Mary: Kate Murtaugh, the poor people: Karen and Jim Sciacca, the rich person: Kathy Gionis, the sick person: Jim Andrews)

### Youth Christmas Program, 12-27-2023



(G: Narrators: Cameron Smallwood and Micah Belland, Mary: Willow Nyland, Shepherd: Walden Erickson, Anneliese Snyder, and Mason Belland )





**Youth and their family in Christmas program**



**(G: Barbara Loomis, Leland Snyder, Jenni Tober-Stedman, and Eli Zeller)**



**(G: Narrators: Cameron Smallwood and Micah Belland, Mary: Willow Nyland, Joseph: Mr. Belland )**







**1-3-2024, Junior Youth Gathering, (G: Willow Nyland, Anneliese Snyder, Youth Director Shayna Schmid, Leland Snyder, Barbara Loomis, Sammie Wilson and Mage Harmon (back))**

### **Blessing Service, 1-7-2024**



**(G: Pastor Jenny Lee, Barbara Loomis, Toni Koons, Don Anderson, Sally Aldorfer, and Charles Wright)**

**(G: Toni Koons, Barbara Loomis, Pastor Jenny Lee, Don Anderson, Bob Branstad, Sally Aldorfer, Charles Wright, and Mary Lou Wright)**







**(SCF: Lynn Hanson, Sharon Asp, Kathy Gionis, Steve and LeAnn Sylvester, Karen Sciacca, Jim Andrews, Peter Gionis, Jenny Everson, and Jim Sciacca)**



**(A: Sharon Asp, Jamie Steffen, Colleen Adams-Schween, Cheryl Olson, Mariah Gaffey, and Sue Olson)**



**1-8-2024, Youth Teachers Meeting, (G: Barbara Loomis, Sammie Wilson, Youth Director Shayna Schmid, and Jenni Tober-Stedman)**



**1-10-2024, UMW Meeting, (G: Valetta Walton, Barbara Loomis, Judy Lien, Paulie Kratchmer, Kayleen Branstad, Mary McNally, and Allison Reid)**



**1-10-2024, Senior Youth Bible Lesson, (G: Peyton Smallwood, Eli Zeller, Cameron Smallwood, Sean Ludenia, Micah Belland, Barbara Loomis, and Jenni Tober-Stedman)**



**1-12-2024, Youth Family Game Night, (G: Mage Harmon, Kaeyln Richter, Emma Anderson, Anneliese Snyder)**







**1-12-2024, Youth Family Game Night, (G: Sammie Wilson, Youth Director Shayna Schmid, Barbara Loomis, Sandra Erickson, Willow Nyland, and Pastor Jenny Lee)**



**1-12-2024, Youth Family Game Night, (G: Waldon Erickson)**

**UPPER ST. CROIX PARISH UMC  
SUNDAY SERVICE  
January 14th, 2024**

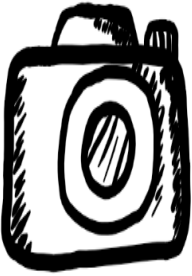
**GRANTSBURG, ATLAS, AND ST.CROIX FALLS**

**1-14-2024, Zoom Online Service due to cold weather**



**1-15-2024, Grantsburg Women Working Together, (Pastor Jenny Lee and GWWT Members)**

Captured  
Memories








1-16-2024, Pastor Jenny Volunteers at Loaves & Fishes in Luck



1-16-2024, Ad Council Meeting, (G: Deb Hammer, Russ Hammer, Toni Koons, Barbara Loomis, and Pastor Jenny Lee)



1-17-2024, Junior Youth Gathering, (G: Mage Harmon, Willow Nyland, Emma Anderson, Anneliese Snyder, Youth Director Shayna Schmid, Sammie Wilson, and Barbara Loomis)







1-19-2024, Ad Council meeting, (A: Colleen Adams-Schween, Cheryl Olson, Sue Olson, and Pastor Jenny Lee)



1-21-2024, Ad Council Meeting via zoom, (SCF: Upper row: Kathy and Peter Gionis, pastor Jenny Lee, LeAnn and Steve Sylvester, and lower row: Karen Sciacca)



1-21-2024, (SCF: Baby Harley, her Mom Sara Koser, and Pastor Jenny Lee)



1-1-2024, (Baby Harley Koser and Pastor Jenny Lee)



# 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



**NEW**

### **FEED MY NEIGHBOR Community Food Pantry**

316 Wisconsin Ave. - Centuria, WI  
Open to Polk County Residents

Open:

Monday 2 to 5pm

Tuesday 5:30-7:30pm

Thursday 10am to 20pm

Saturday 9-11am

People can visit this pantry twice a month.

**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,

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





# 2024




Calendar of the  
Upper St. Croix  
Parish

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
<b>Pastor Jenny's Office Hours</b>  <b>Tuesday: 9am - 5pm at Grantsburg</b> <b>Wednesday: 10am - 2pm at SCF &amp; 3pm - 7pm at Grantsburg</b> <b>Thursday: 11am - 4pm at SCF</b> <b>Friday: by appointment only</b>		<b>Colleen's Office Hours</b> <i>(Times are approximate)</i>  <b>Remotely: Tuesday's</b> <b>8:00 am-4:00 pm</b>  <b>Friday's 8:00 am-12:00 pm</b>		1	2	3
				Pastor Jenny at Provisional Elder Retreat at St. Anthony Spiritual Center in Marathon, WI 		
<b>4</b> Pastor Jenny Out of Town  9:00 Worship-Read Written Sermon (G)  10:00 Worship-Sharon Asp Preaching (A)  11:15 Online Service (SCF)	<b>5</b>  <div>           Pastor Jenny at Radical Ethnic Clergy Summit at Green Lake Conference Center in Green Lake, WI  </div>	<b>6</b>  	<b>7</b> 6:30 pm Senior Youth Gathering (G)	<b>8</b> 10:30 am-1:00 pm Pastor Jenny Volunteers at Loaves & Fishes in Luck	<b>9</b> 5:30-8:00 pm Youth Family Worship and Game Night (G)  	<b>10</b> 8:00 am UM Men's Meeting (G)
<b>11</b> Communion Sunday/Transfiguration Sunday  9:00 Worship & Zoom Service (G)  10:00 Worship with Coffee Fellowship Following Service (A)  11:15 Worship & Potluck Fellowship Following Service (SCF)  12:15 pm Ad Council Meeting (SCF)	<b>12</b>  	<b>13</b> 5:30 pm Fat Pancake Supper (G)  6:15 pm Ash Service (G)  	<b>14</b> Valentine's Day  1:00 pm UMW Meeting (G)  5:30-8:00 pm Junior Youth Gathering (G)  	<b>15</b> Bishop's Day Apart at Eau Claire	<b>16</b>  	<b>17</b>  



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Upper St. Croix  
Parish

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
<b>18</b> 1st Sunday of Lent/Ash Service (A & SCF)  9:00 Worship & Zoom Service (G)  10:00 Worship (A)  11:15 Worship (SCF)  	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 10:00 am Deadline to submit Newsletter and Calendar information  	<b>21</b> 6:30-8:00 pm Youth Worship Night at Wood Lake	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Youth Tubing Activity  
<b>25</b> 9:00 Worship & Zoom Service (G)  10:00 Worship (A)  11:15 Worship (SCF)	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 6:30 pm Ad Council Meeting (G)	<b>28</b> 6:30 pm Junior Youth Gathering (G)	<b>29</b> 5:30 pm Soup Supper (SCF)  6:15 pm Lenten Study Session #1 (SCF)	