

Upper St. Croix Parish United Methodist Church  
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# March 2024



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# A STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

## There Never Seems To Be Enough-March 2024

Sometimes it flies, sometimes it crawls, but it always passes inexorably. We mark it, save it, waste it, bide it, race against it. We measure it incessantly with a passion for precision that borders on the obsessive. We are obsessed with it; we never seem to have enough of it; and yet scientists don't even know how to explain it. What is it? The answer is time.

We never seem to have enough time. A group of experts once got together to figure out how much time we should need to get everything done in one day. These experts got together and noted how much time was needed for exercise, hygiene, work, commuting, household chores, eating, entertainment, spiritual development, sleep, and family time. When these figures were all added together, the experts said that a human being needs 42 hours a day. That's not very encouraging.

Of course, those are the things we're supposed to be doing every day according to experts. In truth, we add to that list as well. Consider that every day in the United States:

- † 74,000 of us move to a different home and 22,465 move to another state.
- † 36 businesses go bankrupt while 13,700 new ones start up.
- † Americans purchase 38,082 new automobiles and trucks and smash 16,438.
- † 2,266 couples get divorced while 6,578 get married.
- † Dogs bite 12,329 people including 15 mail carriers.
- † We eat 75 acres of pizza, 53 million hotdogs, 167 million eggs, 3 million gallons of ice cream, and 3,000 tons of candy.

The Psalmist tells us that "This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it." In other words, every moment of every second, and every second of every minute, and every minute of every hour, and every hour of every day is literally a gift from God. Unfortunately, in all of the hustle and bustle of our lives, we forget this. Instead, we are more often stressed out by this gift than thankful for it. Think about this: God gives to every one of us all the same amount of time in a day.

Sometimes it's just our perspective. What if we were to get up every morning and thank God and remember that "This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it." It wouldn't give us any more time, but maybe our perspective each day would change and we'd appreciate the gift of time a little more.

Rev. Jason Mahnke, Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation

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# UNITED METHODIST MESSENGER

## THE UPPER ST. CROIX PARISH

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Pastor Jenny Lee, Ph.D.

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### Who is Our Family?

*<sup>31</sup> Then his mother and his brothers came, and standing outside they sent to him and called him. <sup>32</sup> A crowd was sitting around him, and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers are outside asking for you.” <sup>33</sup> And he replied, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” <sup>34</sup> And looking at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! <sup>35</sup> Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”*  
(Mark 3:31-35)

Last week, I had an opportunity to visit one of my friends who lost her father and had just returned from his funeral service in Korea. I spent some time with her, listening to her grief over the loss of her beloved father. She felt sad that she couldn't have more time with him due to her ministry in the USA. I empathized with her deeply, recalling that I also couldn't be with my elder sister, who passed away two years ago, and I couldn't even visit her during her hospitalization. However, it is not just her and my own personal experiences of living apart from loved ones that we share. Many of us have similar experiences of losing loved ones at some point in our lives, and we might regret not having more time with them. It is a part of our life's journey.

Sometime we gain additional family members, such as when new babies are born or through the marriages of family members. Other times, we lose our loved ones. We face joy and sadness, aging and renewal, decline and restoring in our lives. We may experience similar cycles in both our individual spiritual life and physical lives.

What about the church? Yes, of course, the church is also similar to our family lives. We sometime gain more members or lose members. However, we may have slightly different experiences in church compared to family if you only focus on the number of congregants. It is important to increase the number of members in church, but it is also crucial that we focus on our growth in faith and love. Therefore, we observe March as Membership Caring Month. Some of you may not be familiar with “Membership Caring Month.” We began this two years ago to emphasize our collective growth in faith and love as a family in Jesus Christ. We should care for our members in everyday life, not only in March. Surely, we should do this.

Membership caring is akin to the care found in a family. A family is one of the smallest communities in society, consisting of those in the best intimate, loving, and caring relationships. They eat at the same table, sleep at the same place, share their joys and concerns, carry burdens together, and seek solution collectively. If we can call a group a family, it should function in the same way.

We refer to our congregation as a church family. The church family is composed of those who believe in salvation through our faith in Jesus Christ by the grace of God. We gather together at the Lord's Table and we share our joys and concerns. When one among us experiences joy, we celebrate together; when one faces concerns, we offer care and support through prayers. If a member of our family does not join the table, we wonder if something is amiss and we reach out to them, encouraging them to join us. This is the essence of family and familiar care. However, if we do not care whether all of our family members come to the table, it ceases to be a family.

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## FROM THE PASTOR CONTINUED...

Jesus has given us the definition of family in Mark 3:31-35. While Jesus was teaching the people, someone said, “Your mother and siblings came and asked you to come out.” Jesus replied, “Who is my family?” Looking at the people with him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers. Whoever does God’s will are my brothers and sisters and mother!” In other words, the church family consists of those who gather together at the Lord’s Table (Communion) and those who follow God’s will, loving God and loving our neighbors. If we do this, who are our family members, and what should we do for them? The reason we observe Membership Caring Month is to focus more on our church members—who they are, what they do, and how we can support one another. Let’s check on each other, ensuring our well-being in Jesus Christ, and grow together in faith and love. We are a family within the body of Christ.

Blessings,

Pastor Jenny



2-11-2024, Atlas Family in the fellowship

## 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

# MARCH



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.



Megan Branstad 3/5

**Peter & Kayleen Branstad 3/14**

Pauline Kratchmer 3/18

Pam Clausen 3/20

Rene Wright 3/20

Kayleen Branstad 3/23

Majesty Rehbein 3/27

Emma Rahkola 3/31



## Offering Income through January 2024

Funds Description	January 2024	Year-to-date 2024
General Fund Gifts	\$ 6,967.00	\$ 6,967.00
Loose Offering	\$ 53.00	\$ 53.00
Total General Funds	\$ 7,020.00	\$ 7,020.00
Special Offering	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00
Missions	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Memorials	600	600
Pastor's Youth Fund	\$ 90.00	\$ 90.00
All Funds Total	\$ 7,835.00	\$ 7,835.00





# GRANTSBURG: MISSIONS & MEETINGS & MISC.



## Ad Council Meeting

March 12, 2024

6:30 pm Central UMC Grantsburg



**Next Meeting:**

**March 9th**

8:00 am

Central UMC

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

## MISSIONS GIVING

### *March Mission*

March's Central mission is a financial donation to the Harbor House Crisis Shelter in Superior, WI. Founded by the Rev. Barb Certa-Werner, Harbor House Crisis Shelters has been a ministry of Faith United Methodist Church since 2001. From its founding, it has served the homeless single women and families of Superior and has continued to live out its mission. Its mission is to provide hospitable shelter, transitional living, and services for homeless women and families. Thank you for your support.



BE A  
"BACK-PACK BACKER"!

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

*Many persons love you,  
Many people like you,  
But there is only one  
who DIED for you.. That is*

**Jesus Christ...**

*Wish you a blessed  
"Happy Easter"*

The United Methodist Women met on February 14, 2024. We discussed the availability of cards for one of our missions, the good turn out at the Fat Tuesday Pancake dinner and Ash Service at Grantsburg and the Lenten study that will start February 29th at St Croix Falls (attending via Zoom is also available). We also discussed that February is Stewardship Month and that Pastor Jenny will have a special message each week around stewardship.

Judy L provided delicious treats and coffee and we were able to catch up with LuAnne M who was visiting. Kayleen brought the movie Portrait of Susanna which is a story about Susanna Wesley who was married to Anglican pastor Samuel Wesley and was the mother of John Wesley. She was an amazing, courageous woman with a strong devotion.

### **Next meeting: March 13th**

We will be cleaning the kitchen starting at 11:00 am. Please bring a bag lunch. We will also start planning our spring sale. We hope you will join us-All women from the parish are welcome!

*Women with  
a heart for service*

# 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!



Chaz Norenberg 3/3  
Mariah Gaffey 3/8  
Colleen Adams-Schween 3/10  
Dorothy Miller 3/11  
Wren Rae Grimes 3/12  
Barry Norenberg 3/16  
Deloris Olson 3/18  
Chase Steffen 3/23  
Meryl Walsten 3/25



## INCOME TOWARD ATLAS' BUDGET

Offering:

**\$ 2150** Sunday Offerings

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



## ATLAS UMC Craft & Bake Sale

Saturday, March 23rd ~ 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Atlas United Methodist Church

Downtown Atlas ~ 2110 295th Avenue ~ County Road B

Spring is almost here! Stop by and shop a variety of wonderful homemade treats and crafts-they will make great Easter basket stuffers and gifts!

**Goodies of All Kinds!**

**Breads \* Bars \* Cookies \* Candies \* Cupcakes \* Jellies**

**Homemade Crafts**

## ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING



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





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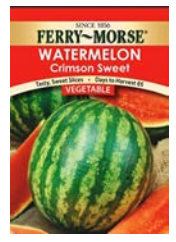
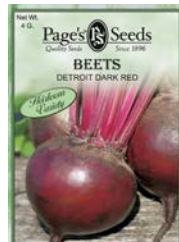
# FEBRUARY MISSION

## *Jackson Area Ministries Gardening Project*

**We will be collecting garden seeds to support the Jackson Area Ministries Gardening Project.**

**Suggested Seeds: Beans (pole and bush), beets, broccoli, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, corn, cucumbers, lettuce, pumpkins, radishes, spinach, squash, turnips, watermelon.**

**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*

### 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!



## LOAVES & FISHES FOOD PANTRY

### Monthly Report ~ January 2024

Households Served	32
Adults	44
Children	8
Total People	52
USDA Food Received	2,174.46#
Food Going Out	1,676.50#
NON-USDA (Donations)	\$3,178
Volunteer Hours	53.25



**Needs for next month: Eggs, milk, mayonnaise, coffee, peanut butter, tune and 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: 3/3/24



## HELPING HANDS

Volunteers for the month

Liturgist	Karen Sciacca
Money Counter	Karen Sciacca
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!



St. Croix Falls  
3/17/24 (Tentative)  
12:30 pm



Steve  
Sylvester  
3/8

## March Mission



The Sailor Hat Offering will go to support Polk County Drug Court.

Thank you for your support!

**100%**  
UMCOR Sunday donations cover UMCOR's operation costs so that 100% of donations received in response to emergency appeals go directly to communities in need.

**STRENGTHEN**  
Your donation strengthens our global humanitarian response

**SECURE**  
Together we secure UMCOR's response to those in need around the world

**UMCOR SUNDAY**  
UNITED METHODIST SPECIAL SUNDAY



## 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

## Youth Worship Night

at Wood Lake Camp

March 20th

6:30-8:00 pm



3/6: 6:30-8:00 pm  
Senior Youth Gathering (G)

3/13: 5:00-8:00 pm  
Junior Youth Gathering (G)

3/20: 6:30-8:00 pm  
Senior Youth Gathering (G)

3/27: 5:00-8:00 pm  
Junior Youth Gathering (G)

## Family Game Night & Worship

March 8th  
5:00-8:00 pm

Central UMC  
Grantsburg



## MISCELLANEOUS

## ZOOM VIDEO WORSHIP SERVICE

9:00 am & 11:15 am Sunday's

There will be a parish-wide ZOOM video service at 9:00 am at Central-Grantsburg and St. Croix Falls UMC at 11:15 am 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 Group Retreat Donation Needs

Youth group is going on a retreat to Wood Lake Bible Camp April 19th to 21st.

We are looking for donations for our weekend to save costs. Please reach out to Shayna with any questions 920-312-2857.

- ✦ Old T-shirts
- ✦ Fleece Scraps
- ✦ Empty Water Bottles
- ✦ Yarn
- ✦ Fabric Fill
- ✦ Socks (don't need to be pairs)
- ✦ Snack bags of Chips
- ✦ Individual wrapped snacks (No Nuts)

Donations can be left in the church office or given to Pastor Jenny. Thank you for your support!



Youth retreat benefits:

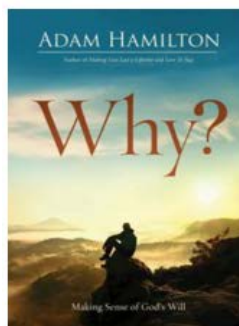
- ✦ Developing community with other believers who are dealing with similar circumstances in life
- ✦ Refocusing on and growing in relationship with God
- ✦ Intentional time for prayer and meditating on Scripture
- ✦ Learning from and being mentored by godly adults
- ✦ Spending time surrounded by God's creation
- ✦ Having fun

## 2024 LENTEN SOUP SUPPER & BIBLE STUDY

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

BY ADAM HAMILTON

5:30 pm: Soup Supper & 6:10 pm: Bible Study (SCF)



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 11th, 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).







February has been a tremendous month of opportunity for the Wisconsin Conference, as we gathered for Laity Convocation, the Ethnic Clergy Retreat, and the Clergy Bishop's Day Apart. We have met together and, with that, have shared meals, sorrows, triumphs, and a vision of the hope of Jesus Christ found in our future.

The theme for the Laity Convocation and the Clergy Bishop's Day Apart was "Abundance of God - Hope for the Future." I invited us to explore the Book of Lamentations and how these Holy texts implore us to center ourselves in God's Word as we journey towards our future.

As I prepared for these critical events in the life of the Annual Conference, I was struck by how we may recognize and embrace the truth written in Lamentations: that in life and faith, we experience both loss and hope.

Consider how Lamentations 3:19-21 puts it: "I'll never forget the trouble, the utter lostness, the taste of ashes, the poison I've swallowed. I remember it all—oh, how well I remember—the feeling of hitting the bottom. But there's one other thing I remember, and remembering, I keep a grip on - it's hope" (The Message). As we move from Ash Wednesday into the Lenten season, these words speak powerfully as we look deep within and consider our sinfulness - the ideologies and practices that keep us from fully living out our faith. Yet, in and through it all, we hold onto hope.

Black History Month adds depth to our Lenten introspection, as it offers us a time to learn, grow, and advocate. When we listen to other voices, when we hear different perspectives, when we compassionately acknowledge the painful stories of slavery, emancipation without restitution, Jim Crow Laws, segregation, civil rights, and #BlackLivesMatter, we enter into a holy time with honest quests. Walking with each other - we lament what was and still is in many ways.

When we earnestly seek to love each other, we restore the wholeness as God's people. We strive not to pass over the pain of others, for that ignores the commonality in our humanness - the belovedness of God in each other.

Jesus calls us to relationships, "My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this" (John 15:12-13a). In such a Christ-centered relationship, we must be courageous to stand with and for each other, even when uncomfortable.

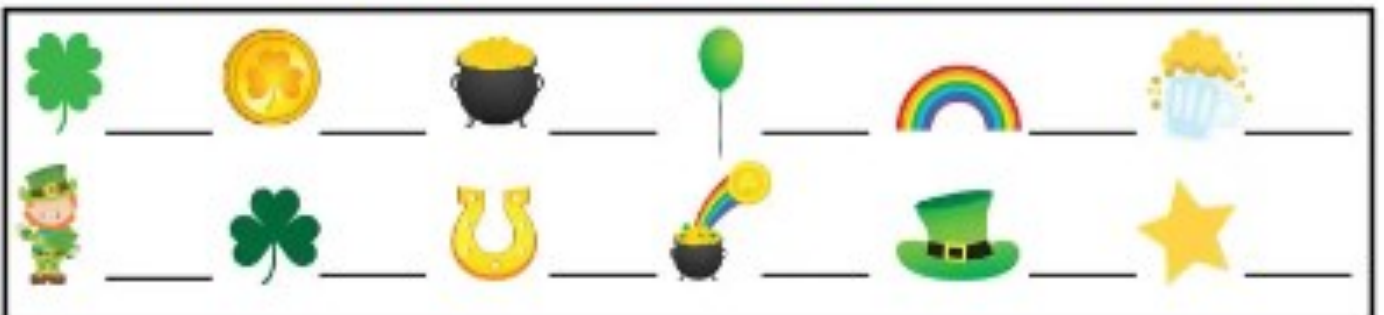
As your Bishop, I implore you to be a people of profound love that seeks justice, righteousness, and hope. Center yourself in the text from Amos 5:24, "But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream." Find ways to learn about our American history, including our Black History; seek to understand, be compassionate to one another, and explore ways that you may be a restorative leader.

There are Wisconsin-specific events as we celebrate Black History Month. The General Commission on Religion and Race has resources: <https://www.r2hub.org/library/black-history-month-less-well-known-historical-figures> and the website for Wisconsin History has dedicated a page with events and videos to share: <https://www.wisconsinhistory.org/blackhistory>. Here is our opportunity to embrace learning and putting our faith into action. May God make it so.

Peace,  
Hee-Soo Jung  
Bishop, Wisconsin Conference

# ACTIVITY FUN PAGE

## I SPY ST. PATRICKS







# Easter Word Search

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BUNNY  
CHICKS  
CHOCOLATE  
EASTER  
EGGS

FAITH  
FAMILY  
HUNT  
PASTEL  
SPRING

# **We welcome everyone to join our Holy week services!**

**Upper St. Croix Parish United Methodist Church:  
Atlas, Central-Grantsburg, and St. Croix falls**

# **HOLY WEEK**

## **Maundy Thursday: St. Croix Falls UMC**

5:30 pm      Soup Supper\*  
6:10 pm      Lenten Study Session  
7:30 pm      Maundy Thursday Service\*

*\* We welcome everyone to join us for the Soup Supper and Maundy Thursday Service!*

## **Good Friday Service: Central-Grantsburg UMC**

5:30 pm      Good Friday Service with Anointing of Healing

## **Easter Sunday Services 3/31/24:**

9:00 am      Central UMC-Grantsburg  
*A simple brunch will be held following the service at 9:45 am.*

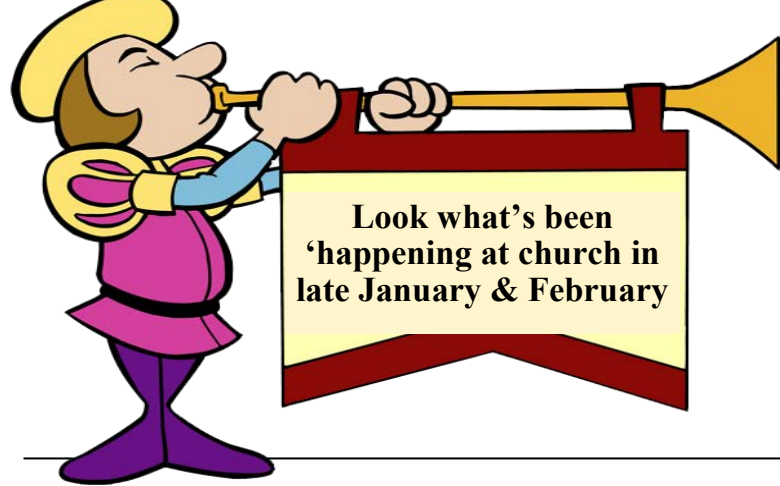
10:00 am      Atlas UMC  
*A simple fellowship will be held following the service.*

11:15 am      St. Croix Falls UMC  
*A simple fellowship will be held following the service.*

*\* We will share a seed plant as a way of sharing life on Easter Morning. If you want to share yours, you may bring seeds or seed plants.*







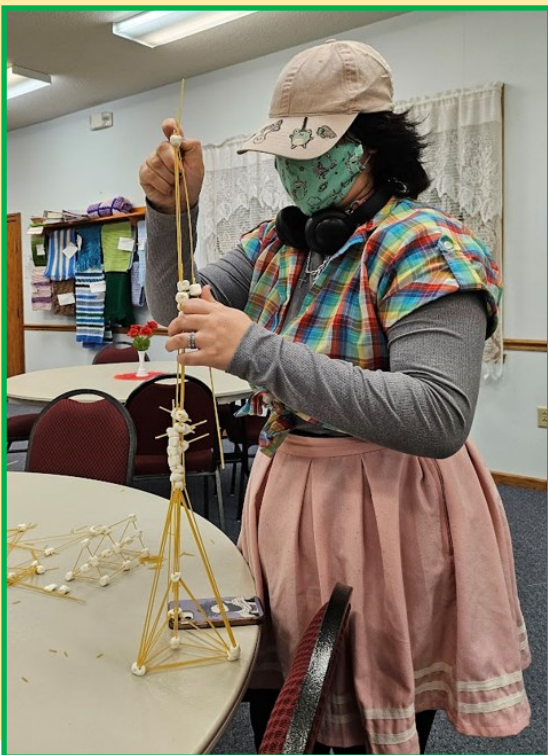
**1-23-2024, SPRC Meeting, (Karen Sciacca (SCF), Pastor Jenny Lee, Colleen Adams-Schween (A), Barbara Loomis (G), Kayleen Branstad (G), Wendell Hauble (A), Kathy Gionis (SCF))**



**1-24-2024, Senior Youth Worship Night at Wood Lake Camp, (Micha Belland, Cameron Smallwood, Barbara Loomis, Pastor Jenny)**



**1-31-2024, Junior Youth Gathering, (G: Leland Snyder)**



**1-31-2024, Junior Youth Gathering, (G: Emma Anderson)**



**2-2-24 & 2-3-24, Provisional Elder Retreat at St. Anthony Spirit Center**





**2-5-24 & 2-6-24, Racial Ethnic Clergy Summit with Bishop Jung at Green Lake**



**10-8-2024, Pastor Jenny volunteers at  
Loaves & Fishes in Luck**



**2-8-2024, Senior Youth Bible Lesson, (Barbara Loomis, Sean Ludenia, Mason Belland, Micah Belland, Cameron Smallwood, Jennie Tober-Stedman, Peyton Smallwood, Eli Zeller)**

**2-9-2024, Youth Game Night, (G: Willow Nyland, Emma Anderson, and Anneliese Snyder)**







**2-9-2024, Junior Youth game Night, (G: Mage Harmon, Anneliese Snyder, Emma Anderson, Youth Director Shayna Schmid, Leland Snyder, and Willow Nyland)**



**2-10-2024, UM Men's Meeting, ( Don Anderson, Charles Wright and pastor Jenny Lee)**



**2-11-2024, Valentine's Card, (Wren Grimes and Pastor Jenny Lee)**



**2-11-2024, Coffee fellowship, (A: left: Lee Frederickson, Cheryl Olson, Colleen Adams-Schween, Maxine and Wendell Hauble; middle: Bob Determan; Right: Mariah Gaffey, Wren Grimes, Scott Olson, Hausen and Cindy Berenschot)**



**2-11-2024, Pastor Jenny led Ash Service at Continuing Care Center**







**2-14-2023, UMW Meeting, (G: Kaylee Branstad, Mary McNally, Valletta Walton, LuAnne Martell, Barbara Loomis, Paulie Kratchmer, and Judy Lien)**



**2-14-2024, Junior Youth Gathering, (G: Leland Snyder, Mage Harmon, Emma Anderson, Anneliese Snyder, and Willow Nyland)**



**2-15-2024, Bishop's Day Apart in Eau Claire, (Pastor Jenny and her colleagues)**





**ASH SERVICE, 2-13-2024 at Central-G, 2-18-2024 at A & SCF**



**(G: Donna Norman, Shasa Chute, Sam Chute, and Peyton Smallwood)**



**(G: Willow Nyland, Emma Anderson, and Anneliese Snyder)**



**(G: Briella Reid and Pastor Jenny Lee)**



**(G: Cameron Smallwood and Micah Belland)**



**(G: Toni Koons, Georgeanne Koons, and Pastor Jenny Lee)**



**(SCF: Jenny Everson, Lynn Hanson, and Sheron Asp)**





**(A: Maxine Hauble, Cheryl Olson, and Peggy Frederickson)**



**(A: Lee Frederickson and Wendell Hauble)**

**Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper, 2-13-2024 at G**



**(G: Deb Hammer and Barbara Loomis)**



**(G: Micha Belland, Cameron Smallwood, and Anders Fleury )**



**(G: Charlie Glonek, Jennie Tober-Stedman, Barbara Loomis and Pastor Jenny Lee)**

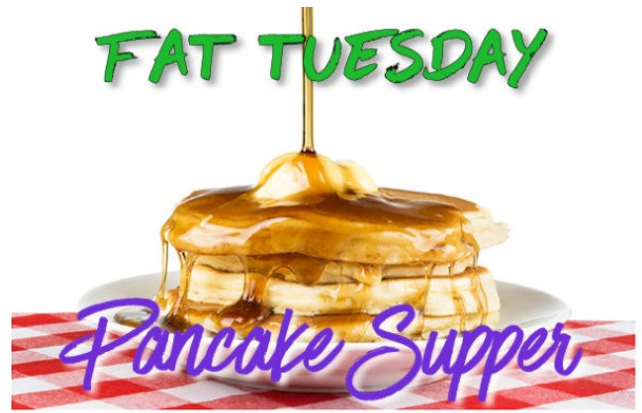


**(A: Georgeanne Koons, G: Mary McNally, and Pastor Jenny Lee)**





(G: Kayleen Branstad, LuAnne Martell, Jennie Tober-Stedman, Willow Nyland, and Pastor Jenny)



(G: Sandra Erickson, Waldon Erickson, and Pastor Jenny Lee)



(G: Briella Reid and Waldon Erickson)



2-18-2024, Celebration for Jenny's completion of her training, (SCF: Jenny Everson and Pastor Jenny Lee)





1-24-2024, Karen Sciacca, Joan Zeigler, and Pastor Jenny Lee



1-25-2024, Lynn Hanson and Pastor Jenny Lee



1-31-2024, Dorothy Miller and Pastor Jenny Lee



2-16-2024, Joan Zeigler 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





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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 8:00 am-4:00 pm</b>  <b>Friday's 8:00 am-12:00 pm</b>		<b>1</b> 1:30 pm Ad Council Meeting (A)  5:00 pm Youth Leaders Meeting (G)	<b>2</b>	
<b>3</b> Communion Sunday  9:00 Worship & Zoom Service (G)  10:00 Worship (A)  11:15 Worship & Zoom Service (SCF)	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 10:30 am-1:00 pm Pastor Jenny Volunteers at Loaves & Fishes Food Shelf in Luck	<b>6</b> 6:30 pm Senior Youth Gathering (G)	<b>7</b> 9:00-10:00 am, NW Clergy Meeting via Zoom  5:30 pm, Lenten Soup Supper (SCF)  6:10pm-7:30pm, Lenten Bible Study 2 (SCF & Zoom)	<b>8</b> 5:00-8:00 pm Junior Youth Family Worship and Game Night (G)  	<b>9</b> 8:00 am UM Men's Meeting (G)
<b>10</b> UMCOR Sunday  Daylight Savings  9:00 Worship & Zoom Service (G)  10:00 Worship with Coffee Fellowship Following Service (A)  11:15 Worship & Zoom Service (SCF)	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 6:30 pm Ad Council Meeting (G)	<b>13</b> 1:00 pm UMW Meeting & Kitchen Cleaning (G)  5:00-8:00 pm Junior Youth Gathering (G)	<b>14</b> 12:00-3:00 pm Diversity Council Meeting via Zoom  <div>           3/13-3/14 Ordained Pastors Retreat with Bishop at Lake Lucerne Camp in Neshkoro, WI   </div>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 4:00-5:00 pm Burns Wedding Rehearsal (SCF)



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SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
<b>17</b> St. Patrick's Day  9:00 Worship & Zoom Service (G) 10:00 Worship (A) 11:15 Worship & Zoom Service (SCF) 12:15 pm Ad Council Meeting Tentative (SCF) 2:00 pm Purse Wedding (SCF)	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 6:30 pm SPRC Meeting via Zoom	<b>20</b> 9:30-10:30 am Korean Caucus Committee Meeting via Zoom 6:30-8:00 pm Senior Youth Worship Night at Wood Lake	<b>21</b> 5:30 pm, Lenten Soup Supper (SCF) 6:10-7:30pm, Lenten Bible Study 3 (SCF & Zoom)	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 9:00 am-1:00 pm Easter Spring Bake and Craft Sale (A) 
<b>24</b> Palm/Passion Sunday 9:00 Worship & Zoom Service (G) 10:00 Worship (A) 11:15 Worship & Zoom Service (SCF) 	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 10:00 am Deadline to submit Newsletter and Calendar information 7:00-8:00 pm, Pastor Jenny Attends Shepherd Meeting via Zoom 	<b>27</b> 5:00-8:00 pm Junior Youth Gathering (G)	<b>28</b> 5:30 pm Soup Supper (SCF) 6:10-7:30 pm Lenten Study Session #4 (SCF) 7:30 pm Maundy Thursday Service (SCF) 	<b>29</b> 5:30 pm Good Friday Service (G) 	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b> Happy Easter 9:00 Worship & Zoom Service (G) 9:45 am Easter Breakfast (G) 10:00 Worship (A) 11:15 Worship & Zoom Service (SCF) 2:00 pm CCC Worship 