(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.

UMH 13-14 (See insert) THE GREAT THANKSGIVING THE LORD'S PRAYER SHARING THE HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONG

TFWS 2260

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.

INVITATION/PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY

UMH 95

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION Unison

In answer to your call, gracious God, we have opened our ears for your instruction and our eves to the needs of our sisters and brothers. Alone, our helpfulness is limited, though often greater than we have imagined, for you are with us. Together, our effectiveness is multiplied, and your work is made visible. Bless our sharing and our sacrifices that your rule of love may grow among us and extend to all we meet. Amen!

We Go Forth to Love God and Serve One Another

*CLOSING HYMN	Here I Am, Lord	UMH 593
*BENEDICTION		Rev. Peace Kim

***POSTLUDE**

Worship Resources "Led by Love" by Lavon Bayler.

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

The 2024 Parish Ministry Theme: "Let's Replant it!" (Galatians 6:7-10)

165th Anniversary-Homecoming Sunday at SCF







NO. 2024-22

June 2nd, 2024

Grantsburg-Central, **Since 1897**

Atlas, Since 1887

St. Croix Falls, Since 1859

SUNDAY SERVICE:

Joint Worship Service 10:30 AM at St. Croix Falls United Methodist Church

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165th Anniversary/Homecoming Sunday

*Please stand if you are able.

*PRELUDE

Sharon Asp

Pastor Jenny Lee

*MISSION STATEMENT Responsive

Let us shout our mission statement together. Let us make the disciples of Jesus Christ all generations with open hearts, open minds, and open doors for the transformation of the world. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS PASSING OF THE GREETINGS *"Peace be with you"*

We Celebrate New Life in Christ

*CALL TO WORSHIP Responsive Listen, for your name is being called. Beyond the range of human voices, God is calling.

We have come to observe a sabbath time.

We have gathered to worship at God's command. Listen for the unfamiliar voice you have ignored. Listen for the solemn change God gives.

We are called away from things we have pursued as gods. Our iniquity has separated us from the one true God. Wonderful are the thoughts and works of God!

God's light is ready to shine in our hearts.

Even clay jars can be open to the light. May the power of light cleanse and heal us! Amen!

*OPENING HYMN Come, Christians, Join to Sing UMH 158

OPENING PRAYER Responsive

(Book of Worship, see insert)

Proclamation of God's Word

PSALM

139:1-6, 13-18 (See insert)

*THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON 1 Samuel 3:1-10 (See insert)

This is the word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.

- SPECIAL MUSIC "We are Called" Rev. Debora Lind
- SERMONGod Calls Us: What Will We Do With That?Rev. Peace Kim (North West District Superintendent)

We Respond to God's Word

RESPONDING PRAYER Unison

Loving God, whose law of love is greater than all our human ordinances, and whose care for humankind exceeds all our deserving, lead us to open our eyes to see what you see, our ears to hear when you call us. We are here in answer to your call so that together we might grow toward your perfect intent for us in Christ Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Sacrament of Holy Communion

INVITATION FOR COMMUNION

Rev. Peace Kim & 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 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.

OPENING PRAYER

Eternal and loving God, today we give thanks to you for your goodness through all the years of worship and witness in this place. For your grace in calling us to be your people, for your love revealed to us in Christ your son, for your gift of the Spirit and the joy of salvation:

We give you thanks, O God.

For those who established this congregation, for their faith and vision, for their gifts and abilities:

We give you thanks, O God.

For all who have been members of this congregation, for those who have given freely of their time and money, for those whose wisdom guided our congregation.

We give you thanks, O God.

For all who have preached and taught here; for all who have confessed here that Jesus is Lord; for all who today lead in worship, witness, and service:

We give thanks, O God.

Give us the assurance that we too belong to that great company, and that we too may find the peace that passes understanding; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen!

PSALM

139:1-6, 13-18

- ¹O LORD, you have searched me and known me.
- ² You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.
- ³ You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.
- ⁴Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely.
- ⁵ You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.
- ⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.
- ¹³ For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.
- ¹⁴ I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works;

that I know very well.

¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret,

intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

¹⁶ Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.

In your book were written

all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed.

¹⁷ How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!

¹⁸ I try to count them—they are more than the sand;I come to the end—I am still with you.

***THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

1 Samuel 3:1-10

3 Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

2 At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; 3 the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. 4 Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" 5 and ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. 6 The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." 7 Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. 8 The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. 9 Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.' " So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

10 Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

> This is the word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.

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

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Mission committee chair: Ashleigh Olson

INK JET RECYCLING PROGRAM:

Atlas collects and recycles ink jet cartridges and cell phones year-round.



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larger), mayonnaise, sugar 4# size, bar soap, dish and laundry soap. Personal products for men and women.

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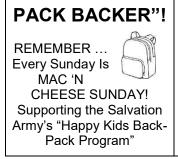
HELP CLEAN THE CHURCH June 22nd we will be cleaning the Atlas Church starting at 9:00 am. Many hands make light work so please join us and help in any way you can!

HELP YOUR NEIGHBORS In addition, we want to continue the spirit of helping other by helping our neighbors as part of our June mission! You can help in any way you can think of! Here are a few ideas, but the sky's the limit!

- Help with Yardwork
- Run an Errand
- Drop off a Treat or a Meal
- Help with Childcare

Mission committee chair: Deb Hammer

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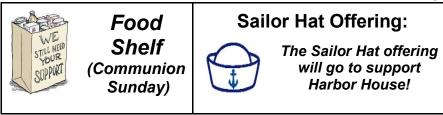
IUNE MISSION-FAITH HOUSE

Again this month will be collecting financial donations, which will go to support Faith House, which is the Salvation Army's homeless shelter in Siren, WI. We appreciate your ongoing support of our monthly mission work.



ST. CROIX FALLS

Mission committee chair: Kate Murtaugh



TODAY'S SERVICE VOLUNTEERS

Ministers All God's People Rev. Peace Kim (North West District Superintendent) Pastor Jenny Lee

VOLUNTEERS

St. Croix Falls

Pianist Preach Liturgist Usher(s) Money Counter Bell Ringer Flowers Communion

Sharon Asp DS Rev. Peace Kim Pastor Jenny Lee Kathy Gionis Peter Gionis Jim Sciacca Kathy Gionis Karen & Jim Sciacca

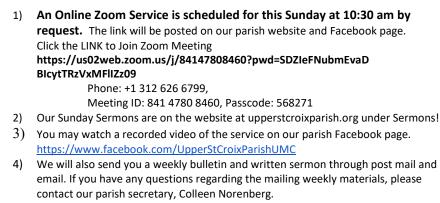




Breakthrough Prayers:

Please pray for those who are in need, the sick, those who have lost loved ones, and for God's peace for all over the world!

PLEASE NOTE:



This Week's Calendar:

Today: Joint Worship Service St. Croix Falls UMC 165th Anniversary/Homecoming Sunday God Bless you all!

Worship Service Schedule

- 6/2: 10:30 am Joint Worship Service at St. Croix Falls UMC Lunch Fellowship following the service
- 6/6: 6:30-8:00 pm Senior Youth Gathering (G)
- 6/7-6/10: Annual Conference at Green Bay
- 6/8: 8:00 am UM Men's Meeting (G)



Upcoming Events & News-Mark Your Calendar

6/7-6/10 Annual Conference & Pastor's Ordination

Pastor Jenny and our parish delegates (Sue Olson and Barbara Loomis) will attend. Please pray for them.

8/4-8/8 2024 VBS (*except 8/6*) (We received a grant of \$1,000) Donations and volunteer signup sheets are posted. We can make VBS happen together!

Next Sunday (June 9th):

VOLUNTEERS

Central -Grantsburg

Pianist Toni Koons Preaching Rev. Deborah Lind Liturgist Volunteer Needed Willow Nyland Acolyte(s) Fellowship Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed Counter Sandra Erickson Cleaning Mowing Dave Huff Sunday School Jenni Stedman



Atlas

Pianist	Toni Koons
Preaching	Kathy Gionis
Liturgist	Colleen Adams-Schween
Usher	Cheryl Olson
Cleaning	Volunteer Needed
Sunday School	Summer Break

St. Croix Falls

Pianist	Toni Koons
Preaching	Kathy Gionis
Liturgist	Jim Andrews
Usher(s)	Karen Sciacca
Money Counter	Peter Gionis
Bell Ringer	Jim Sciacca
Flowers	Kathy Gionis

"The heart of a volunteer is not measured in size but by the depth of the commitment to make a difference in the lives of others." Title - God Calls Us: What Will We Do With That? Scripture -1 Samuel 3:1-10, Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

District Superintendent Rev. Peace Kim June 2nd, 2024

Short Teaser Paragraphs -

One night, while asleep in the temple, Samuel heard a voice calling him. It's no surprise that he thought it was the priest calling him. So, he got up, ran to Eli's side, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But it was not Eli who called the boy, so the priest told Samuel to go back to sleep.

Again, a voice called, "Samuel! Samuel!" Once more, he awoke and went to Eli, who again told the boy to go back to sleep. The third time, Eli realized it was God calling, so he instructed Samuel, "Go, lie down, and if someone calls out to you again, say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening."

When the voice called again, Samuel responded as Eli had instructed, "Speak, Lord. I'm listening."

Beloved at Upper St. Croix UMC Parish, you might say we live in an age where the word of the Lord seems rare and visions of God are unclear. However, this doesn't mean that God is silent.

Has the voice of God gone silent, or have we grown less serious about listening to God's word?

Please join me this Sunday as we embrace this question and open ourselves to discern what God has to speak to us this day.