



**Upper St. Croix Parish**  
**Grantsburg: Central, Atlas, St. Croix Falls**  
**June 2nd, 2024**  
**Joint Worship Service**  
**165<sup>th</sup> Anniversary/Homecoming Sunday**

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\*Please stand if you are able.

**\*PRELUDE**

**Sharon Asp**

**\*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**

**Pastor Jenny Lee**

**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**

**SERMON**

*God 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 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

Responsive (Book of Worship)

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

<sup>1</sup>O LORD, you have searched me and known me.

<sup>2</sup>You know when I sit down and when I rise up;  
you discern my thoughts from far away.

<sup>3</sup>You search out my path and my lying down  
and are acquainted with all my ways.

<sup>4</sup>Even before a word is on my tongue,  
O LORD, you know it completely.

<sup>5</sup>You hem me in, behind and before,  
and lay your hand upon me.

<sup>6</sup>Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;  
it is so high that I cannot attain it.

<sup>13</sup>For it was you who formed my inward parts;  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

<sup>14</sup>I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.  
Wonderful are your works;

that I know very well.

<sup>15</sup> My frame was not hidden from you,  
when I was being made in secret,  
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

<sup>16</sup> 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.

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

<sup>18</sup> 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



## ATLAS

Mission committee chair: Ashleigh Olson

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| <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:</p> <p>cooking oil (smaller and larger), mayonnaise, sugar 4# size, bar soap, dish and laundry soap. Personal products for men and women.</p> | <p><b>HELP CLEAN THE CHURCH</b></p> <p>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!</p> <p><b>HELP YOUR NEIGHBORS</b></p> <p>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!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Help with Yardwork</li> <li>• Run an Errand</li> <li>• Drop off a Treat or a Meal</li> <li>• Help with Childcare</li> </ul> |
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## GRANTSBURG

Mission committee chair: Deb Hammer

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| <p><b>BE A "BACK-PACK BACKER"!</b></p> <p>REMEMBER ... Every Sunday Is <b>MAC 'N CHEESE SUNDAY!</b> Supporting the Salvation Army's "Happy Kids Back-Pack Program"</p>  | <p><b><u>JUNE MISSION-FAITH HOUSE</u></b></p> <p>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.</p>  |
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## ST. CROIX FALLS

Mission committee chair: Kate Murtaugh

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| <p><b>Food Shelf (Communion Sunday)</b></p>  | <p><b>Sailor Hat Offering:</b></p> <p><i>The Sailor Hat offering will go to support Harbor House!</i></p>  |
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Thank you for your support!

# TODAY'S SERVICE VOLUNTEERS

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

## VOLUNTEERS

### St. Croix Falls

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| Pianist       | Sharon Asp          |
| Preach        | DS Rev. Peace Kim   |
| Liturgist     | Pastor Jenny Lee    |
| Usher(s)      | Kathy Gionis        |
| Money Counter | Peter Gionis        |
| Bell Ringer   | Jim Sciacca         |
| Flowers       | Kathy Gionis        |
| Communion     | 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:

- 1) **An Online Zoom Service is scheduled for this Sunday at 10:30 am by request.** 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=SDZleFNubmEvaDBlcytTRzVxMFIIZz09>  
 Phone: +1 312 626 6799,  
 Meeting ID: 841 4780 8460, Passcode: 568271
- 2) Our Sunday Sermons are on the website at upperstcroixparish.org under Sermons!
- 3) You may watch a recorded video of the service on our parish Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/UpperStCroixParishUMC>
- 4) We will also send you a weekly bulletin and written sermon through post mail and email. If you have any questions regarding the mailing weekly materials, please contact our parish secretary, Colleen Norenberg.

## 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)

### This Week's Birthdays & Anniversaries

- Jared Olson 6/5  
Troy Olson 6/5  
Charlie Olson 6/7  
Leland Snyder 6/8



### 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**  
Acolyte(s) Willow Nyland  
Fellowship **Volunteer Needed**  
Counter **Volunteer Needed**  
Cleaning Sandra Erickson  
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."  
DeAnn Hollis

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 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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.