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## Thrift store feeds students and gives unhoused a warm bed



In Crosby's new Common Goods thrift store are Jessica Sarnoski, sales clerk, and Lynn Bartel, assistant store manager.

By ANN SCHWARTZ  
Shopping can be tiring or fun, but, in my opinion, thrift store shopping is the most fun of all.

A bright, attractive space, Common Goods thrift store, opened December 2, 2021 as a new addition to Crosby's main street.

"The idea to expand into Crosby came from a board member who was intrigued by this great storefront, and it grew from there," said Danell Eggert, manager of the Baxter and Crosby stores. There is also a Common Goods in Crosslake.

"The Baxter Store is indus-

trial, the Crosslake store is boutique-y and I'd describe this one as light and airy. The landlord completely remodeled the space."

For longtime Rangers, the location is the old Skogmos Department Store at 27 Main Street in Crosby. The store is open for shopping Tuesdays through Saturdays 9 to 5 and donations are accepted Tuesday through Saturday from 10-4.

"Donate any items that are nice enough to give to a loved one—clean and in good working order," Eggert advised.

The Crosby staff is hoping to get more items for the

men's section such as tools and sporting goods. They also will take furniture, household decor and goods, clothing and more.

If you are decluttering your closet, sort your new and gently used, but nice quality, clothes and accessories into one garbage bag. In the other bag you can put ripped and torn items, fabric, linens, etc. — except no feather pillows or items stuffed with plastic beads. Mark that bag "recycle" and the fabric will be recycled and kept out of the landfill. Please enclose all clothing and fabric in garbage bags that can be piled up.

Lynn Bartel is the assistant store manager in Crosby and there are five additional employees. The phone number is 218-772-2999.

"We have had positive feedback from shoppers. They are excited that we are here and we are excited to be here," enthused Eggert.

### How your shopping and donations help others

Bridges of Hope of Brainerd is the parent organization of the Common Goods stores. The store sales provide about 40 percent of the non-profit's revenue.

Bridges of Hope helps

households who are in crisis, either directly or steering them to other resources. They serve all of Crow Wing County along with the Aitkin, Pillager and Pine River school districts.

Their Operation Sandwich program provides food to low-income students when there are school breaks and during the summer. There is a concern that students who partake of free and reduced lunches won't have adequate nutrition when schools are closed.

The new Warming Shelter also opened on December 2, 2021. The Shelter, on South Seventh Street in Brainerd, offers a warm place for adults aged 18-plus to sleep overnight. In the first month of operation, 19 guests were served with the busiest night sheltering 10 people. Food to-go bags were provided by the Sharing Bread Soup Kitchen and coats, gloves and hand warmers were distributed.

The Shelter has a need for hand and foot warmers, snow pants and boots.

They take in donations from 3-5 p.m. Wednesdays at the Shelter. For more information call 218-892-2400 or email [ann@bridgesofhopemn.org](mailto:ann@bridgesofhopemn.org).

### Win, win

Once again, I broke my rule of not buying stuff when I am out reporting by making a small purchase at Crosby's Common Goods. You can also add to your wardrobe or your home and help your neighbors by shopping at this and other thrift stores that benefit nonprofits. As an added bonus — items that are reused are kept out of the landfill.



The new Common Goods thrift store is located at 27 Main Street in Crosby. The building formerly housed the old Skogmos Department Store, the Abbey House Antiques and most recently the library, while the Jessie F. Hallett Memorial Library building was repaired due to a roof collapse caused by snow.

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# Crosby council approves street projects and accepts police chief resignation

At the Monday, Jan. 24 City of Crosby Council meeting, the council reviewed the plans presented by City Engineer Phil Martin. They approved moving forward on two road improvement projects for 2022 — one on First Street SW and another on Fourth Street NE.

The First Street SW project will extend from the Holiday gas station, past Graphics Packaging towards the city maintenance garage. A sidewalk with curb and gutter is proposed from Third Avenue to Sixth Avenue SW. In addition, replacement of the lift station, water main and cast iron sewer pipes, which are estimated to be over 50 years old will be part of the project. The estimated total for this project with sidewalk is \$3,244,900 or without sidewalk is \$3,195,200.

The Fourth Street NE project will replace the clay pipes under the road on one block between Second and Third Avenues. The estimated total for this project with a 28 feet wide road is \$328,700 or a 35 feet wide road is \$335,800.

The city will pursue a grant or low-interest funding for the project. However, property

owners will be assessed at 25 percent of the cost for road and sidewalk improvements, which would be approximately \$58 per foot.

A public hearing on the projects is scheduled Monday, Feb. 28 at 6 p.m.

Mayor Diane Cash requested two corrections in the January 10 minutes. Both were having to do with the public hearing on the proposed alley vacation. Later in the meeting council unanimously voted to deny the petition to vacate alley in Block 2, Keating's Addition to Crosby.

In the public comment portion of the meeting, Councilman Chris Ryan apologized to Mayor Cash for comments he wrote in a letter to the editor published in the *Crosby-Ironton Courier* that contained inaccurate information and accusations. He had accused Cash of favoring a contractor used by the city, because her son worked there. Rather it was Cash's son-in-law and he was hired after the contract was approved.

Mayor Cash asked the council if they wanted to make it a policy to remove snow from the sidewalks on First Street

North and South as well as Second Avenue up to Eighth Street after the primary snow removal was done. The council unanimously approved the policy.

City Administrator Matthew Hill said that Police Chief Andrew Rooney submitted his resignation to City Administrator on Wednesday, Jan. 19. Chief Rooney's last day will be September 16, 2022. The resignation was unanimously approved with regrets.

The council unanimously approved a new hire Administrative Assistant Samantha Wodarz pending a background check. The position was available as Administrative Assistant, Stephanie Winegarner will become Utility Billing Clerk, as René Lind retired.

The purchase of a new Zamboni from Becker Arena Products for the John Spalj Arena at the Hallett Center of Crosby was approved by the council. They did the required fundraising and have \$50,000, which requires matching funds. The Northern Lakes Youth Hockey Association will provide the \$50,000 match and will be responsible for securing sponsorship and the ultimate

appearance of the "wrap" on the Zamboni.

The Council unanimously approved the purchase and installation of the Third Street lift station control panel by WW Goetsch at the estimated cost \$26,257.00, not including the labor.

The new owner at 102 West Main Street, Doug Arndt, would like to make improvements to the property. He has worked with the city on a prior project, Rafferty's and Crosby Lofts, and asks that the city supports his future application for funding to assist in the cost of remodeling of the building. Arndt said they plan to close on the property on February 1, 2022 and do something virtually identical as the Rafferty's Lofts project to the upstairs. The downstairs will have either one or two tenants. A stairway splits the retail space. Arndt said they are looking for tenants. He plans to have it open late in the third quarter 2022 conditional on securing funding. The council unanimously approved authorizing the City of Crosby to make application

to accept funds from the Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board grant program.

Council unanimously approved Rachel Severson and Linda Peebles as the members of the Planning and Zoning Committee for the next two years and thanked Darren Andrews for his service to the community.

Planning and Zoning Committee voted unanimously to approve Jacob Zoersch application to subdivide a 2.54 acre parcel into five residential lots. The plat was revised to include a 35 ft. alley and is located between Spalj Street and Sixth Street NE. and provide a park dedication fee in the amount of \$4,576.

The council approved the preliminary plat as presented with a three to two vote. Councilmen Paul Heglund and Ryan voted "opposed," because they felt the park dedication fee should be waived.

Councilman Heglund said he noticed in the *Crosby-Ironton Courier* that Councilman Jim Traylor was quoted saying that the council worked for

the mayor.

"We do not work for the mayor, Jim," said Heglund.

Councilman Traylor replied, "Is everything in the *Courier* gospel?"

Heglund responded well it should be if someone reads it. Traylor then said the mayor makes appointments and you're basically doing what the mayor wants you to do. Heglund then said the mayor runs the meeting and is the tie breaker that's all.

After talking about two trucks that are currently out of commission for snow hauling, Cash suggested to workout details at the committee level instead of at the council meetings. Councilman Heglund disagreed and said he prefers to discuss openly at the council meetings.

Councilman Traylor accepted the committee appointment to the refuse committee. While Councilman Heglund gave up his refuse committee appointment.

The next council meeting will be on Monday, Feb. 14.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

**January**  
29th - Crossing Arts Needle-Felted Painting with artist Lisa Jordan 10am-1pm. Students will be provided with all the wool and materials needed to complete their painting and will discuss techniques for creating texture, blending color, and making shapes. This class is \$55. For more information contact Crossing Arts at 218-833-0416, info@crossingarts.org.

30th (Changed from 23rd) - Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championships at the Crosby-Ironton High School Gymnasium at 12:30pm. All boys and girls ages 9 to 14, as of January 1, 2022 are invited to participate in the local level of competition. Participants can only compete in one local event. For entry forms or additional information contact Justin Smith at 218-330-1431 if you in the Crosby-Ironton, Aitkin and McGregor areas.

**February**  
5th - Cuyuna Lakes Chamber Fishing Tournament and Scorpion Homecoming on Serpent Lake. Call 218-546-8131 for more information.

8th & 22nd - Northland Arboretum guided snowshoe hike through the woods, 1-2:30pm. Presented by April Sandhoff and DeAnn Caddy. \$5 for Arb members or \$10 for non-members. Bring snowshoes and/or winter boots and plan for an 1.5 hour hike. Snowshoes available for rent at the Arb. 14250 Conservation Drive, Brainerd.

9th - Registration deadline for the Northland Arboretum Valentines Day Snowshoe Hike and Dinner, 6pm, on Feb. 13. \$55/ couple includes Rafferty's pizza certificate, wine and chocolates. To register, stop by Northland Arboretum at 14250 Conservation Drive, Brainerd or call 218-829-8770.

12th - Northland Arboretum Full Moon Snowshoe Hike 7:30-8:30pm. Bring snowshoes and/or winter boots and plan for an hour hike. If it's cloudy, bring a headlamp. Warm up after the hike with hot chocolate and cookies. \$10 Arb members/\$20 non-members. To register, stop by Northland Arboretum



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# OBITUARIES

## ROBERT LEWIS



Robert Bayard "Bob" Lewis, 92, died Sunday, January 9, 2022.

A celebration of life was held Saturday, January 22, 2022, at the Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home in Aitkin with Pastor Roy Vanderwerf will officiating. Military Honors were accorded by The Aitkin American Legion Post #86 and Aitkin VFW Post #1727. Burial will be in Lansford Cemetery, McGregor, later in the spring. Go to [www.srtfuneral.com](http://www.srtfuneral.com) to leave a message of condolence. In lieu of flowers, please donate to The Riverwood Foundation or Second Harvest North Central Food Bank in his memory.

Bob's life began on August 9, 1929, in Chanute, KS, the son of Harry W. and Helen (Satterlee) Lewis. He attended school there and met the love of his life, Artie Shepard, in junior college. He served in the US Air Force as a weather forecaster at the Strategic Air Command (1950-1954). He completed his teaching degree at Pittsburg University in Kansas. After marrying, Bob and Artie moved to Minnesota, where Bob was a sixth-grade teacher in Coon Rapids for the Anoka Hennepin School District for 26 years. Bob's pride was in his school and students, and he shared his passion for learning with thousands of children over the years. Bob explored the Midwest as a

hail damage crop adjuster during school breaks and found beauty in his travels and with the people he met. Bob was never one to shy away from community involvement. He served as the Mayor of Coon Rapids from 1982-1989 after serving on the Parks and Recreation Board for 11 years. He was involved with the MN Amateur Hockey Association serving as Director of District 10 and coaching and refereeing for the city athletic association and community college. Retirement didn't slow him down either. Once he and Artie moved to McGregor, he committed time to the Jevne Township as Supervisor, McGregor School Board, Riverwood Governing Board, Riverwood Foundation Board, DAC Board, Northern Lights Parish United Methodist Church, where he served as Lay Minister, and the Long Lake Conservation Center Board. Bob was also a member of the Lions Club, Masons, American Legion, Aitkin DFL, a U of M Master Gardener, and Park United Methodist Church in Brainerd. He also served on numerous Aitkin County commissions.

Bob is survived by his wife of 68 years, Artie; and children: John (Barb) Lewis, Sara (Bill) Temte, four grandchildren: Janet, Shannon, Robert, Joseph, and many other special relatives and friends.

His parents, Harry and Helen Lewis, sister Virginia Lewis, and brother John S. Lewis preceded him in death.

Arrangements were with the McGregor Funeral Home and Cremation Service in McGregor. Leave online condolences at [www.srtfuneral.com](http://www.srtfuneral.com).

## DARLENE HANSON



Darlene Phyllis Hanson, 88, of Thor died Saturday, January 15, 2022 at her home surrounded by her family.

A graveside service will be held for Darlene and Alvin this spring at Saron Cemetery.

She was born April 29, 1933 to Conrad and Ruby (Hiller)

Moe. She grew up in Grayling and attended McGregor School. After school she worked in a coat factory in Minneapolis. Darlene married Alvin Lawrence Hanson on October 16, 1954 at Zion Lutheran Church in Thor. They started building their turkey farm that is still operating today. Their farm was the local gathering place in Thor, where there was always coffee and treats for anyone who stopped in. She truly appreciated her nephew Brian Anderson who would come to the farm during summer months and help out. She

enjoyed traveling with Alvin and with family and friends to warmer climates and on several cruises, and especially all of the time she spent with her special sister, Yvonne who lived close by. Darlene was a Lifetime member of Zion Lutheran Church of Thor, where she helped with many monthly Ladies Aide event meals and taking care of the church.

Darlene is survived by her two sons and daughters-in-law: Roger (Cheryl Zupancich) Hanson and Robert (Tammy Bass) Hanson; two granddaughters: Rachel and Andrea Hanson and many other special relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband Alvin on July 5, 2021; parents; brothers: Ralph, Robert, Norbert, Wayne, Phillip and Donald Moe; sisters: lone, Lucille, Margie, and Yvonne.

Arrangements were with the Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Aitkin. Leave online condolences at [www.srtfuneral.com](http://www.srtfuneral.com).

## PAMELA PETERSON



Pamela Eileen (Landgren) Peterson, 70, of Aitkin, died peacefully on Thursday, January 20, 2022 surrounded by her family.

Services were held Thursday, January 27, 2022 at the United Methodist Church in Aitkin with Pastor Dawn

Houser officiating. And was streamed online at the Aitkin United Methodist Church Facebook page. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the local Alzheimers Association at Team Aitkin c/o Gary Tibbitts, 316 4th St. NW, Aitkin, MN 56431 or another worthy cause.

She was born on May 12, 1951 to Theodore and Vernice Landgren in Aitkin. She graduated from Aitkin Public High School in 1969. Pam earned her Dental Assistant Certificate at Hibbing Vocational School right after high school. Later in life, Pam continued her education by earning a Bachelor of Arts at the University of Minnesota Morris, and continuing her post-graduate studies at Hamline University. She was a licensed chemical dependency counselor. Prior to continuing her higher education, Pam was a business owner of PI Custom Clothing with business partner, Marcy

(Irgens) Basten. Throughout her professional career, she worked at Project Turnabout, Pacer Center, BlueCross BlueShield MN, Conceptual Counseling and the Department of Corrections. From trips to Haiti with her sisters to 300+ Mile MS bike rides across Minnesota, Pam was always up for an adventure. She always had a smile on her face, an infectious laugh and a great sense of humor. Pam loved family tradition and was an Order of Eastern Star member, along with her mother and maternal grandmother. She was proud of her family and loved everything they loved.

She is survived by her two sons: Charlie (Carrie) of St. Paul and Andrew (Amanda) of Columbia Heights; six grandchildren: Ruby, Everett, Greer, Madelynn, Logan and Liam; siblings: Ted Landgren (Jeanne), Mary (Doug) Bare, twin sister Patricia (Dennis) Marolt, Pete (Pam) Landgren and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and extended family.

Pam was preceded in death by her parents, maternal grandparents, Mabel and Charles Lowrey and nephew, Greg Bare.

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## ELSIE PAULSON



Elsie Marie Paulson, 99, of Aitkin, died on Friday, January 21, 2022 in Aicota Health Care Center, Aitkin.

Services for Elsie will be held at a later date.

She was born October 3, 1922 in Minneapolis to Charles and Pettinniella "Nellie" Nelson.

In 1928, the family moved to Aitkin, building and operating Nelson's Camp on Ripple Lake. Her father, Charles, died in 1934. In 1935, Nellie married John Olson and the family moved to John's farm on Hanging Kettle Lake. Elsie loved doing farm work with a team of horses. In her 80's, she made numerous sets of harness and collars for model work horses. Elsie attended Hillside School through eighth grade then continued to work on the family farm. From 1945 to 1947, she worked as a housekeeper in Duluth and then as a clerk at the Coop Store in Aitkin. She married Erland Paulson on August 3, 1946 at the Maria Chapel, Farm Island Township. Erland and Elsie lived in Spencer Township near Rossburg from 1948 until 1998, when they moved to Aitkin following the sale of the farm to son, David and his wife, Suka. Together, with their family of five children, they raised turkeys and dairy cattle. Elsie lived in their home in Aitkin until February

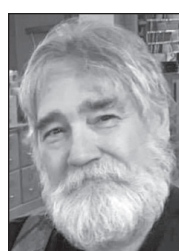
of 2021, when she moved to Aicota Health Care Center. Elsie became a member of First Lutheran Church when she was confirmed in 1936. She sang in the choir for many years and cared for the plants for several years when living in town. Elsie was an active member of Maria Ladies Aid, Rebekah Lodge 151 and Robert Glad V.F.W. Post #1727 Auxiliary.

Elsie is survived by sons: John (Lynn) Paulson of Mora and David (Suka) Paulson of Aitkin; sons-in-law: David Landrus of Fridley, Gerald Winn of Ironton; six grandchildren: John Paulson, Melissa Leonard, Thomas Landrus, Peter Landrus, Jenna Tjernlund, Pete Paulson; step-grandchildren, Jon Winn, Cara Winn; great-grandchildren; step-great grandchildren; cousin, Marion (Magnuson) Warnock of Olathe, KS; nephews and nieces.

Elsie is preceded in death by her husband Erland in 2000; parents and step-father; infant sister; brother and sister-in-law: Wilbur (Leonore) Nelson; sisters and brothers-in-law, Helen and Walter Piispanen; and Anna and Mike Norgaard; daughter and son-in-law, Anna and Richard Miller; daughters: Laurnel Landrus and Leonore Winn.

Arrangements were with the Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Aitkin. Leave online condolences at [www.srtfuneral.com](http://www.srtfuneral.com).

## JEFFORY GAUWITZ



Jeffery Gene Gauwitz, 65, of Hibbing, died Tuesday, January 18, 2022, at Riverwood Health Care Center, Aitkin.

Services will be Saturday, January 29, 2022 at 11 a.m. in St. John's Lutheran Church, Akeley. Visitation will be one-hour before the service at the church. Interment will follow in the spring at the Akeley Cemetery. Jeff was born in Peoria, IL, on August 9, 1956, to Gene and Caroline (Binder) Gauwitz. With his father in the US Army, Jeff and his family spent early years living anywhere from Fort Bragg to Okinawa. Jeff, along with his Grandpa Gauwitz, dad, two brothers and his nephew, was an Eagle Scout. As a child, he was awarded an act of heroism for saving a young boy from drowning. He graduated from high school in Walker and enjoyed sports during his high school career. Jeff was a Heavy Equipment Operator and Maintenance Mechanic for Hibbing Taconite for more than 30 years. He was a proud member of United Steelworkers Local #2705 of

Hibbing. After he retired from Hibbing Taconite, Jeff became a chocolatier in Grand Rapids and enjoyed meeting every customer. Jeff enjoyed hunting, fishing, collecting guns, shooting, old western movies, and his dogs. His faith in God guided him through life. Jeff was known to many as a gentle giant and was nicknamed "Papa Bear." He will be remembered fondly for his teasing nature and kindness.

Jeffory is survived by his mother Caroline Kawell of Akeley; son, Jason Gauwitz of Hibbing; daughter, Dr. Jennifer (Dr. Joselito) Burgos of Aitkin; stepchildren: Christopher (Tiffany) Spoons and Jesse (Rachelle) Spoons; five grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; siblings: Drew (Lisa) Gauwitz of Akeley; and Carla Gauwitz of Perham and Linda Senn of Bloomington.

Jeffory is preceded in death by his father, Gene Gauwitz; step-father, Norman Kawell; brother, Gregory Gauwitz.

Arrangements were with the Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Aitkin. Leave online condolences at [www.srtfuneral.com](http://www.srtfuneral.com).

## JERRY SCHERFENBERG



Jerry Wayne Scherfenberg, 83, of Aitkin died Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at his home. Visitation will be one hour prior to the 1 p.m. Friday, March 25, 2022 Memorial Service at Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home in Aitkin with Pastor Jon Rusnak officiating.

Burial will be in Bennettville Cemetery. He was born May 12, 1928 in St. Cloud to Ben and Vera (Inman) Scherfenberg. He grew up in St. Cloud and graduated from St. Cloud Tech in 1956 and then attended St. Cloud State University. Jerry was united in marriage to Barbara A. Burke on November 25, 1977 in Milbank, SD. He had many jobs including: testing milk fat for the Dairy Heard Improvement Association, owning and operating a resort in Webster, WI, a small family restaurant in Norwood-Young America, he worked for Whirl Air Flow in Minneapolis for eight years and Dynamic Air in St. Paul for 23 years as a mechanical engineer before retiring to the great north woods near Aitkin. While retired he worked at the Riverwood Health Care Pharmacy in Garrison for three years and then

he re-retired. He volunteered for the Riverwood Auxiliary, Aitkin Food Shelf, was on the Board of Directors for Cancer Support Center's "Ride for Health" program in Aitkin, and was a member of Shepherd of the Lake Lutheran Church in Garrison since 2010 and served as church President, Elder, and Usher. Jerry and Barbara enjoyed traveling, riding his Gold Wing motorcycle, 4-wheeling, snowmobiling, going to movies, camping, fishing, and cooking.

Jerry is survived by his wife, Barbara Scherfenberg; two sons: Jeffrey Alan Scherfenberg of Golden Valley and William James Jeschke of Waterford, WI; daughter, Katherine Zoann Bagan of Chippewa Falls, WI; six grandchildren; brother, Donald Wesley Scherfenberg of Barstow, CA; sisters: Joyce Ann Betz of Forest Lake, Iva Louise Scherfenberg of White Lake, MI and Nancy Lee Kuhl of St. Cloud; other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his three month old son and his parents.

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## READER RIBBETS

### What is my/our next step?

The year is 2022. In 10 years do we say, "well, I could have gotten involved, but there was a football game on or my kids hockey game, or some other distraction that took up our time and now, it's too late."

So many say they don't want to get involved. IF we DON'T get involved our Country, the great United States of America is doomed...We MUST get/be involved. So, what is the next step?

Caucus: a meeting at which local members of a political party register their preference among candidates running for office and/or select delegates to attend convention and nominate our representatives. (Note: in years past, typically not all delegate positions are filled)

WE THE PEOPLE get to decide who best represents us and

our values.

WE THE PEOPLE get to decide who runs for government offices.

WE THE PEOPLE get to decide who from the Republican Party best fits our morals and who we feel confident will rise, stand and speak for US and not just be a RINO.

(What is a RINO? Republican In Name Only ~ the definition is applied to officials whom are elected as members of the Republican Party and whose positions are deemed Democratic, rather than Republican. Or those who double speak, you know, say one thing to me and then turn around and say another thing to you. We know who they are, we can feel it and we hear it.)

Now I have decided to get involved in the political pro-

cess. Let me tell you, this isn't something I want to do, but is rather something that I/we need to do... it is my/our CIVIC DUTY/ACTION.

Civic engagement includes individuals and/or communities working together in both political and non-political action, with the goal of addressing public concerns and promoting the quality of their community.

We don't need political leaders; we need Representatives that work with and for WE THE PEOPLE. Get Involved... Tuesday, February 1 at 7 p.m. is Caucus. Location information available at: <https://caucusfinder.sos.state.mn.us/>

This is my/our next step... I am a Conservative Patriot and a Proud American.

*Diane Webb-Skillings, Aitkin County*

### Declines to participate

Dear Mr. Stiner, You were challenged.

If you want a balanced, fair view, of untrustworthy acts, committed by people we must trust—write it. There was anticipation you would find evidence to substantiate your claims, accusations of half-truths, bias, prejudice. Opinions are not enough to hold people accountable, evidence must be presented. The reader is encouraged to, but ultimately decides to participate or not.

You have a 61-page report from the DOT—the evidence—write your fair and balanced side, prove your accusations. The responsibility for what is written is on this writer; the

responsibility for what you understand is on you. You were not ridiculed or insulted. You are challenged to write about this "other side."

Maybe the evidence you found proves the letters accurate, and after your accusations, the embarrassment of having to agree is too great. When you can't discredit the evidence, you go after the writer. Based upon some of the things you wrote, you may have been writing for someone else's needs—a sure sign of failure. You made it obvious to everyone, you can't think. Asking this writer to meet your requests was laughable and you know distractions from

holding people accountable are met with resistance, you tried anyway.

Your agreement, your approval is not sought or required. As for your forgiveness, shove that where the sun doesn't shine. It's not because you don't agree with the letters, the style, or the fight. Your forgiveness means nothing, so, ffffffforgive yourself, you need it more. As thought, now proven, you wouldn't last, your delicate feelings got hurt, you pretend to be victimized, write a hissy fit, and decline to participate. It's okay, attempting to hold people accountable is not for everyone.

*Kelly Avelsgard, Deerwood*

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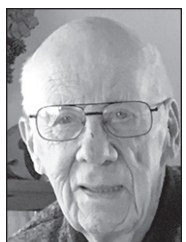
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# OBITUARIES

## WILLIAM LAINEN



William Lainen, 95.5, peacefully died in his home on Big Round Lake and joined the Lord on January 14, 2022.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, February 19, 2022 at the Tamarack Christian Church in Tamarack. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church. A luncheon will follow at the Sno-Flyers Building in Tamarack. Bill would be pleased by memorials to the Tamarack Christian Church or to the Gideons.



He was born on July 11, 1926 to William and Ann (Oleson) Lainen. His early years were lived at the fur farm on Big Round Lake and then at the farm his parents created near Tamarack. Schooling consisted of eight years at the two-room school in Tamarack and high school at McGregor, graduating in 1944. The following two years he served in World War II as a Naval Aviation Radioman on a Martin Mariner patrol bomber. He was involved in a Bermuda Triangle search for five Avengers that disappeared never to be found. He was always grateful to have been pulled off a flight that also went missing in the search. Following his service, he attended UMD for his Bachelor of Science in Education (graduating in 1949) and the U of M for his Masters (graduating in 1953). His career was with the Duluth School District. Three years were spent teaching at an elementary school, followed by 32 years as an elementary school principal in several schools. His last 11 years were at Chester Park Elementary, from which he retired. He dedicated his life to education for

over 35 years and was blessed with a retirement of over 37 years. Married on June 18, 1949, Bill claimed he was a 49-er who struck gold when he married Jo Ann Park. Highlights of his life were his career, his family at United Baptist Christian Church, A long retirement permitted continued work through Tamarack Christian Church, a published devotional book written by him and Jo, over 20 years in the Gideon Bible Ministry, over 20 years as custodian of Round Lake Cemetery, and many years of activity with Tamarack Seniors (Golden Age), and the Aitkin County Committee on Aging. One year he was named Aitkin County Volunteer of the Year. He loved softball and played in organized Duluth leagues until retirement. Most of all, he loved his family, everything outdoors and his home on Big Round Lake.

Bill is survived by his soulmate of over 72 years, Jo Ann; daughters: Karen Jarvi of Cloquet and Peggy Lainen Anderson of Duluth; five grandchildren: Matthew Jarvi (Melisa Davis) of Carlton, Nicholas Jarvi (Vicki) of Cloquet, Kyle Anderson of Tamarack, Kara Reimherr (Tim) of St. Paul, and Sathya Bush (Nathan) of California; four great-grandchildren: Kaden Anderson, Hail-eigh and Logan Jarvi, and Orion Bush; forever daughter, French AFS student Francoise "Four" Guillaume (Bernard) of Paris, France; Bill's favorite brother-in-law, Bruce Hanson (Marlys Dobis) of St. Joseph and other family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; daughter, Nancy Lainen-Keussen, half-sisters: Virginia Harrington and Jean Davis, and sister-in-law, Marcia Hanson.

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## DAVID SELBITSCHKA



David "Selby" Edward Selbitschka, 67, of Big Sandy Lake, McGregor, died Sunday, January 9, 2022 at his home.

A Celebration of Selby's Life was Saturday, January 22, 2022 at the Big Sand Bar, Big Sandy Lake, McGregor. In lieu of flowers, memorials

are preferred to [www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org). He was born November 29, 1954 in St. Paul to Adolph and Lucille (Witkowski) Selbitschka. David owned and operated The Big Sand Bar on Big Sandy Lake for 40 years and 3 months. David was also an amazing carpenter. He enjoyed

golfing, hunting, fishing and watching football. David is survived by his life partner, Nancy Brown; son, Jay (Robin Van Horn) Brown; daughter, Shannon (John Johnson) Brown; brother, James Selbitschka; sister, Linda (Craig) Martin; three grandchildren, Alex (Megan), Hunter (Lacey) and Jayden (Dylan); two great-granddaughters, Emilia and Adeline; nephew, Jeremy Crawford; other relatives and many friends. David is preceded in death by his parents; brother, Robert Selbitschka.

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## MARGARET KLINGELHOFER



Margaret Ann Klingelhofer, 92, of Aitkin, died Thursday, January 20, 2022 in Aicota Health Care Center, Aitkin.

Service will be held on Saturday, February 5, 2022 at 11 a.m. at New Life Church of Aitkin. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church. Interment will be in Spencer Cemetery, Spencer Township.

She was born July 20, 1929 in Duluth to Oscar and Agnes (Nordean) Johnson. Margaret graduated from Denfeld High School in 1947. Margaret married Ervin Klingelhofer on July 11, 1953 in Aitkin. She was a member of Calvary Baptist/Westside Church and served as their Financial Secretary/Treasurer for many years. Margaret was also the bookkeeper/payroll clerk for 27 years at Mille Lacs Electric until her retirement in

1991. She enjoyed knitting, crocheting, sewing and playing games. Margaret was known for being a wonderful hostess to her friends and family and loved spending time with them.

Margaret is survived by her children: Craig (Connie) Klingelhofer of Aitkin, Cheryl (Ray) Hyovalti of Anoka, Scott (Rebecca) Klingelhofer of Aitkin and Darla (Mark) Croatt of Aitkin; 12 grandchildren: Naomi (Robert) Burchette, Nathan Klingelhofer, Nicole (Steven) Visnovec, Nedra (Joshua) Henline, Nerissa (Ryan) Taryole, Jenna (Peter) Zabel, Keith Hyovalti, Heather (Matthew) Menonkariyil, Heidi Klingelhofer, Renee (Brock) Stoffel, Kent (Samantha) Croatt and Curt (Aubrey) Croatt; 19 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Margaret is preceded in death by her husband, Ervin; parents; sisters: Helen Olson and Catherine Gabrio; brother, Roy Johnson; and half-sister, Edith Dery.

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# CHURCH DIRECTORY

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**ALLIANCE**  
Aitkin\* — New Life; Larry Burg & John Baker, pastors; Worship in the church building 10:15 am & 5:30 pm, check the website for the time of service [NewLifeAitkin.com](http://NewLifeAitkin.com); youth group for 7th-12th graders Wed 6:15 pm; 112 - 1st Ave. SW 218-927-2823.

Baxter\* — Pointway Alliance Church; Rev. Charles Bolstridge, 218-537-6505; 7756 Highland Scenic Road; Worship 10; [www.pointway.org](http://www.pointway.org)  
Garrison\* — Pastor Michael H. Palkie; Worship 9; SS 10:30.  
Onamia — Vineland Native American Chapel, Hwy. 169 north of casino; Worship 11; Pastor Boeringa 320-532-4449

**ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
Aitkin — Interim Pastor Mark Boone; Sunday Morning Service 10.  
Crosby — Pastor Dustin McCaleb; Worship 10:30  
Crosslake — Crossroads Christian, Rev. Gary Espeseth; SS at 9:30, Worship at 10:45  
Hill City — Interim Pastor John Koppel, Staff Pastor Lisa Jordan; Worship 10; [hillcityagchurch@gmail.com](mailto:hillcityagchurch@gmail.com); 218-697-2662  
Palisade — Pastor Ed Sornberger; SS 9; Worship 10; Kids Church; Small groups during the week 218-845-2726

**BAPTIST**  
Aitkin - The Journey North, Pastor Lynfield Hines, 218-824-5617, Worship 10:30, [thejourneynorth.com](http://thejourneynorth.com)  
Baxter - The Journey North, Pastor Lynfield Hines, 218-824-5617, Worship Saturday 5, Sunday 9 & 10:30, [thejourneynorth.com](http://thejourneynorth.com)  
Brainerd\* - Faith Baptist Church, Pastor Jim Stephens, 218-829-3191; SS 9:00, Worship 10:30 and 6 p.m., Wed. Classes and Clubs 6:30 p.m.; [fbcbraierd.com](http://fbcbraierd.com)  
Brainerd - The Church On The Wise Road, Pastor Todd Stumbo 218-829-4673, Worship 11:00, SS 9:45 [www.thechurchonthewiseroad.org](http://www.thechurchonthewiseroad.org)  
Breezy Point — Eagles Nest, Pastor Zach Broom 218-562-5252, Worship 10:30, SS 9:30.  
Crosby — Bible Baptist, Pastor G. Fisher; SS 9:45; Service 10:45 and 6 p.m., Bible Study and Our Kids for Christ Wed. 7 pm  
Deerwood\* — Pastor W. Skog; SS 9:30; Worship 10:30 and 6 pm; Wed. Service, 6:30 pm.  
Glory\* — Pastor Chris Meirose; 927-3678; SS 9:15; Worship 10:30 am.; Wed 6pm Glory Family night, KidMin grades kindergarten - 6, Mad4Christ grades 7-12. [aitkinchurch.com](http://aitkinchurch.com)  
Hill City — Pastor Lonnie Lee; 218-697-2645; Adult SS 9; Worship 10 am; Bible Study, Fri., 7 pm.  
Isle — Pastor Nick Skogen; 676-3171; SS 9:30; Service 10:30; Bible Study, Wed., 7 p.m.  
Opstead — 676-8859; SS 9:30; Worship, 10:30; Bible Study Wed., 7 p.m.

**CATHOLIC**  
Aitkin\* — St. James, Fr. David Forsman, 218-927-6581; Mass Sat. 5 pm, Sun. 10. Confession Sat. 10-10:45 am and 4-4:45 pm.  
Brainerd — St. Andrew's, Fr. Gabriel Waweru, Sat. 4:30; Sun. 10:00 and St. Mathias Sunday 8:00.  
Brainerd — St. Francis, Fr. Michael Garry, Sat. 5:00; Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 11:15 and All Saints Saturday 4:00 and Sunday 10:30.  
Cromwell/Wright — Immaculate Conception, Mass: Sat. 5 p.m.  
Crosby\* — St. Joseph's, Fr. Anthony Craig, Mass: Tues. Noon, Thurs. 8, Sun 8:30 & 10:30  
Crosslake — Immaculate Heart, 218-692-3731; [www.ihmstems.org](http://www.ihmstems.org); Mass: Sat. 4 pm; Sun. 8:30; Confession Sat. 3 pm.  
Emily — St. Emily, Mass: Mon. & Wed. 8; Sun. 10:30; Confession 1st Sat. 11 or by appt. 218-763-2101.  
Garrison — Our Lady of Fatima, Fr. Anthony Craig, Mass Wed. 9 & Sat. 4 pm, Confession Sat. 3:30 - 3:50 pm  
Grand Rapids — St. Joseph's, Fr. Jerry Weiss, Mass: Sat. 5 pm; Sun. 8 & 10:30. 218-326-2483  
Hillman — Holy Family; Sun. 10 to Mass Sat. 6:30 pm (only through Labor Day) w/ confession before or by appt.  
McGregor — Holy Family, Fr. David Forsman, 218-927-6581; Mass Sun. 8 am. Confession 7:15-7:45 am.  
Vineland — St. Therese, Mass Sun. 11; Holy Days 8:30.

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Baxter, Lakes Area — Nondenominational; 7001 Highland Scenic Road; Bible Study every Wed. 7 pm; Worship 10:30-11:30. 218-828-1362  
Tamarack — Pastor Terry Banker, 608-475-1528, Worship 9:30; SS 10:45; Wed Youth 4 pm.

**CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS**  
Aitkin — Co. Rd. 12, Chapel Ph. 218-927-4454; Kevin Haffner 218-792-5684; Sacrament Mtg. 10

**COMMUNITY**  
Aitkin — Nondenominational; 927-2749; at 219-1st Ave. NE., Aitkin, Services Sun.10, 218-927-6959  
Brainerd - Community of Hope Church of the Nazarene - Pastor Dave McGaffey Sunday worship at 10:45, SS 9:30 - 16549 Johnson Rd - church phone 218-829-9005  
Glen — Pastor R. F. Stauter, 218-838-1981; Worship 9 May-Oct.  
Grand Rapids — Solid Rock Church of God, Pastor Robert Kimberling; 218-326-0711; Sun. BS 9:30, Worship 10:30; Wed. BS 6:30 pm  
Jacobson — Jacobson Community Church, Pastor George Collins, 218-252-5938, Sun. SS (All ages) 9:30, Worship 10:30; Family Time 2nd & 4th Sundays; Wed. BS 7 pm  
Kimberly — Nature Ave. Rev. Rick Perry; Worship 9; Adult Bible Study & Sunday School 10:30; 218-927-6256.  
McGregor — Amazing Grace Christian Church; Worship 10; 99 South 1st Street (at the McGregor United Methodist church [shared]) in downtown McGregor) Pastor Joel Seibel.  
McGregor — Victory Mission, Pastor J. Gould, 218-768-2160; Sun. 10; Wed. Bible Study, 7:30 pm.  
Merrifield — Community Church of the Nazarene, Pastor Ron Christenson; Service 11 & 6 pm. Wed. Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.; 218-829-7536.  
Merrifield — Ossipee Community, SS 10; Service 11; Wed. Bible Study Prayer, 7:00 p.m.  
Nisswa — Christ Community Church, Pastor Richie Bean; Service 10; Fellowship 9:30-10  
Outing\* - Narrows Community Church, Pastor Kenny Holm, 218-792-5530 Worship 9:30; 6297 Woods Bay NE, just north of Hwy. 6 bridge  
Palisade/Waukenabo Twp. — Service 10 a.m.; Adult and Children's SS 9 a.m.; between Esquagama & Round Lake. Handicap Accessible.  
Tamarack — Church of Christ, 218-768-3898; Service 9:30; SS 10:45.

**EPISCOPAL**  
Aitkin — St. John's, Holy Communion or Morning Prayer 9  
Brainerd\* — St. Paul's, Rev. Joyce A. Rush. In-person worship service at 10 am Sunday. Online at 5 pm Saturday. Call the church 219-829-3834 and leave a message with email to receive a Zoom invitation.

**EVANGELICAL FREE**  
Baxter — Lakewood EFC, Pastor Matt Nagel; Worship at 9:00 and 10:45. Wednesday for all ages 6:30 pm.  
Crosslake — Pastor Mark Holmen; Call for Service Times at 218-692-4141, email [thelogchurch@crosslake.net](mailto:thelogchurch@crosslake.net)  
Isle — Pastor Mark Lee; Sunday School 9:00 am; Worship 10:30 am, Sun. Youth group 6:00 pm, Wed. Adult Prayer 6:30 pm and Kids Connect 6:30 pm  
Malm — Pastor Glenn Browning; SS 9:30; Fellowship 10; Worship 10:15  
Wright — Pastor Ken Mitchell, 218-426-5115; SS 9:30; Worship, 10:30; Thu., Bible Study, 7 pm.

**HEBREW/MESSIANIC**  
Glen — Beth Shalom Tabernacle of Truth, Rabi Frank Dell, for information 320-684-2804

**LUTHERAN**  
Aitkin — Bethlehem (ELCA), Rev. Rebecca Hinz; Worship 9:30; Holy Comm. 1st & 3rd Sun each month.  
Aitkin — (ELCA) Pastor Reggie Denton; worship Sun. 8am, and 10am (10am service also available via livestream on YouTube — First Lutheran Church, Aitkin and broadcast on KKIN 94.3 FM radio), Wed. 5:30pm with supper; Sun. school at 9am, take out community meal every Mon. & Thurs. 5pm and Tues. 12pm; food shelf 2nd & 4th Thurs.

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Aitkin — St. John's (Missouri Synod), Pastor D. Becker; Worship Sun. 9, SS 10  
Baxter — Christ Lutheran Church and Preschool (WELS), Pastor Bill Werth. Sunday Worship 9. Sunday School/ Adult Bible Class 10:15. 13815 Cherrywood Dr. in Baxter. (Corner of Inglewood and Cherrywood). 218-829-4105. [www.christbaxter.com](http://www.christbaxter.com).

Baxter — Prince of Peace (LCMS); Communion every Sunday 9, Fellowship 10:15, Adult Bible Class & Sunday School 10:30 am 218-829-7092 [www.princeofpeace-lutheran.church](http://www.princeofpeace-lutheran.church)  
Beaver Township — Finnish EA, Hwy. 27, Worship 1st & 3rd Sun., 10:30.  
Brainerd\* — Good Shepherd Free Lutheran Church (AFLC), Pastor David Franz, find service info at [www.goodshepherdfree-lutheran.church](http://www.goodshepherdfree-lutheran.church), 5878 Pine Beach Road, Brainerd, 218-824-3052  
Brainerd - Laestadian Lutheran Church; 1501 So. 8th St. - Sunday Worship Services 10:30 am. ([www.llchurch.org](http://www.llchurch.org))  
Brainerd - Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA) 1420 South 6th Street Brainerd - Pastor Hans Anderson Worship times September through May are 8:15 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.; Summer Worship time is 9:00 a.m. Phone: 218-829-5147 Website: [www.trinitybrainerd.org](http://www.trinitybrainerd.org) Email: [trinity@trinitybrainerd.org](mailto:trinity@trinitybrainerd.org)  
Brainerd — Truth Lutheran Church (LCMC, Pastor James Walth, Corner of 5th and Kingwood, Worship 9  
Cedar Lake, Norwegian Lutheran — Third Sun 11, May - Oct. Cedarbrook — St. John's (ELCA); Worship 8:30; Holy Comm. 1st & 3rd Sun.  
Crosby — Immanuel (LCMC, NALC) Rev. Paul Mattson; Sun. 9 & 10:30 worship; SS (Sept.-May) 10:40.  
Crosby — Zion (LC-MS) Pastor Dean Stolz; Worship 8:30; SS 10; Bible Study Wed. 7 pm; handicap accessible. 218-546-6910  
Crosslake — (ELCA) [www.crosslakelutheran.com](http://www.crosslakelutheran.com) • 218-692-3682 Kristin Oltmann, Pastor • Kurt Hagestuen, Pastor Labor Day-Mem. Day: Sun. 9:30am, Wed. 6:15pm Mem. Day-Labor Day: Sun. Indoor 8:30am, Outdoor 10am 14019 Dagggett Pine Rd  
Crosslake — Mission of the Cross (LCMS), Pastor Leslie Uhrinak; Worship 9:30 with every Sunday Communion, Fellowship 10:30, Adult Bible Class 11, 218-692-4228, [www.missionofthecross.org](http://www.missionofthecross.org)  
Deerwood — Salem (ELCA), Pastor Michael Briggs; Worship 9; Sunday School 9:15.  
Garrison — Light of the Cross (ELCA), Pastor Juli Sutton-Deem; Worship 9 SS 9; 320-692-4773 or 877-406-9101.  
Garrison — Shepherd of the Lake (LCMS), Rev. Tom Petersen. Worship 10 with Communion Every Sunday, Adult Bible Study 8:30am, Sunday School Sept-May, 8:30am. Fellowship 11am. 320-692-4581. [www.shepherdofthelake.org](http://www.shepherdofthelake.org).  
Giese — Immanuel, Rev. R. Langhorst & Rev. R. Lovaas; Worship 9; SS 10; Holy Communion 1st Sun. of month 8:45.  
Hill City — Trinity, (Missouri Synod), Pastor M. Eckert; Worship 9; Bible Study 10:15.  
Hillman — Immanuel, (ELCA) Sun. Worship 9:30, SS 10. Located on the corner of Hwy. 27 and Co. Rd. 47. (Handicap accessible)  
Iron Hub — Immanuel (LC-MS), Pastor Dean Stolz; Worship 10:30 am 218-534-3069  
Isle — Faith (ELCA), Interim Pastor Rev. Henry French; Worship 9:30; handicapped accessible.  
Isle — Holden (ELCA), SS 9:30; Worship 10:30.  
Isle — Trinity (Missouri Synod), Rev. Mark Maunula; Worship 8:30; Fellowship follows; SS 9:45; Adult Bible 10.  
Jacobson — Carmel, Vicar Mark Wagner; SS 1st & 3rd Sun. 10, Service 11, fellowship follows.  
Lake Shore — Living Savior Lutheran Church, 8327 Interlachen Rd.; Worship 9:00 Sunday mornings, followed by fellowship and Bible study. (Located on Co. Rd. #77 N)  
Malm — Bethesda (ELCA) Sun. Worship 9 (winter) 8:30 & 10 (summer); Fellowship after first service; Comm. 1st & 3rd Sun.  
McGrath — Grace; Wed. potluck 5 pm, Bible study 6 p.m.; SS 10; Worship 11.  
McGrath — Zion (ELCA), Pastor Elliott Malm; Worship 9; SS 9.  
McGregor/Big Sandy Lake — Grace Lutheran Log Church (ELCA), Pastor Ericka Foss; Worship 9, Fellowship follows, SS 10.

McGregor — Our Savior's (Missouri Synod), Pastor Joshua C. Reinke; Worship 9; SS 10; Bible Study Tue. 9, Wed. 7 pm Outing — Our Saviors ELCA; Pastor Peter Rosenkvist, Worship 9.  
Palisade\* — Bethel (ELCA), Rev. Wm. J. Sass; Worship 9:30.  
Pequot Lakes\* - Our Savior's Lutheran Church (ELCA) Rev. Stephen Blenkuosh Worship 9:00 a.m., SS 9:15 a.m., Fellowship 10:15 a.m. Wed. Adult Bible Study 11:00 a.m. Rossburg — Bethesda (ELCA); Comm. 1st & 3rd Sunday each month.  
Tamarack (AFLC) — Pastor Ron Staudinger; 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays 10 am; 41163 Kestrel Ave 3.3 mi. South of Hwy 210  
Thor — Zion, Worship 11; 1st and 3rd Sun. April through December.  
Wright — Bethlehem, Worship; SS 9.  
Wright — St. John's (Missouri Synod), Pastor Joshua Reinke; Worship 10:30; Bible Study and Sunday School Sun. 9:30; Lent services Wed. 5:30 pm.\

**NON-DENOMINATIONAL**  
Brainerd — Oak Street Chapel, Pastor Todd Wooden, Worship service is Sunday at 9:30 am, 523 SE 11th Street, Brainerd, 218-454-0984  
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**PENTECOSTAL**  
Emily — Cornerstone Church; Pastor Earl Ready; Worship 10, 41536 Birchwood Drive, Emily; 218-763-2939.  
Ironton — Iron Range Christian Center; Pastor Dwight Semler; 218-546-6523; meeting at Irontone Town Hall, Co. Rd. 12, (Deerwood Shortcut); Worship 10 & Wed. 7 pm.  
Tamarack — Warriors of the Rainbow Ministry, Pastors Ken and Ron Fairbanks, Sat. 11. 218-768-3585

**PRESBYTERIAN**  
Crosslake - Pastor Mark Ford, 218-692-4769; Worship 9:00 AM; Fellowship 11:00 AM. 14444 Dagggett Pine Road, Crosslake, just passed the Community Center; [www.crosslakepres.org](http://www.crosslakepres.org).  
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McGregor/Round Lake — Pastor Talley; Worship Sat. 5 pm.  
Tamarack — First, Rev. J. Yingling; Worship 11.

**REFORMED**  
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Cutler — Pine Lake Chapel, Worship 9, fellowship follows.  
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