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Christmas Begins with Christ

## Crow Wing County Attorney Don Ryan's legacy of law

By ANN SCHWARTZ

Fallon Ryan, now studying at law school, is the fifth generation of Ryans to enter the legal profession.



Crow Wing County Attorney Don Ryan

Her dad Don, 62, won re-election in November of 2022. This January, he will start his 29th year as the Crow Wing County attorney.

"Being a county attorney in outstate Minnesota is the greatest job you can have," said Ryan in an interview. "We have a positive impact on our county. We prosecute adults and juveniles for crimes, and lead child protection cases. But we also help out on the civil side of the law, with such things as eminent domain, contracts, elections and zoning. It's cool to have a positive impact on

the community."

The most challenging part of the job is when he meets with crime victims and their families and tells them there isn't enough evidence to bring a case to court. "It is emotionally heavy for the family and the attorney." But bringing a case to court with inadequate evidence doesn't work for the family, the court system nor the community,

Ryan, a self proclaimed fast-talker —in that he speaks fast-said there have been so many changes since he first took office in 1995 that it is hard to list them all.

"In 1995, we had a staff of three attorneys, two non-attorney staff and myself. We were on two different levels of the historic courthouse in what are now janitorial

There was no internet, no interconnectivity among staff or between departments.

"We took our crime-scene photos down to Brown Photo and ordered two copies. When transferring inmates from the jail to the courtroom, we led them through underground tunnels and rode in a public elevator. It was neither safe nor secure.

"Now, everyone has a computer with two monitors on their desk. There are squad cams and body cams and digital equipment in the courtroom."

Ryan has prosecuted every homicide that took place in Crow Wing County over the past 28 years. Some are high profile cases, such as the one being investigated now of a mother accused of medically torturing her children. "There are very gruesome child protection and sexual abuse cases," he noted.

#### Legacy of law

Great-grandpa Michael, grandpa Donald, father Thomas, Donald (himself) and daughter Fallon are the Ryans from his family who have been attorneys in Brainerd. Uncles and cousins have also practiced in the Brainerd and Aitkin areas.

"My daughter Fallon is in law school and she will be the fifth generation of Ryans practicing law."

#### **Becoming a prosecutor**

"After law school I joined the family law firm. There were no public defender offices at the time. It was contracted. I practiced general law and became an assistant public defender in Aitkin County. Ole Howard suggested I run for Crow Wing County attorney. I talked it over with my wife, Marie, and my grandpa, and decided to do it. I was elected in 1994."

Marie has been his most important support over the years, he said.

#### Hardworking staff

"Janine LaPage is my most senior staff member. She does adult prosecution. I have a great staff of talented, dedicated and hardworking individuals. I personally hire everyone who works here. I look for that sparkle in their eyes. We have pretty good retention too. People seem to like working here.

"People may meet the qualifications but when I interview them and ask them why I should hire them, I look for them to lean forward and have that sparkle in their eyes. We need go-getters. It is a high-paced, high-stress, demanding job. And we don't get to deal with society's greatest issues."

A priority is assuring that staff have plenty of family

#### Demands of the job

"I haven't had a good night's sleep in 28 years," he admitted. He may get

called in the middle of the night or while on vacation if something important is going down in Crow Wing County. Although he is on call around the clock, he said he still feels blessed to have his job.

He has been very active within the community in the past and now sits on the Lakes Area United Way Board. He was in the Jaycees when they started the winter fishing tournament.

#### On the right track

There have been some success stories over the years when offenders are given second chances. Drug court and sober communities help many people get on the right track. "One guy that we gave a second chance to, his mother wrote to us and said he was in the Navy seals."

He is not in favor of legalizing recreational marijuana in Minnesota, saying the benefits are outweighed by the problems.

Ryan said that with his great staff, and professional and efficient county government, taxpayers can be proud of their county government.

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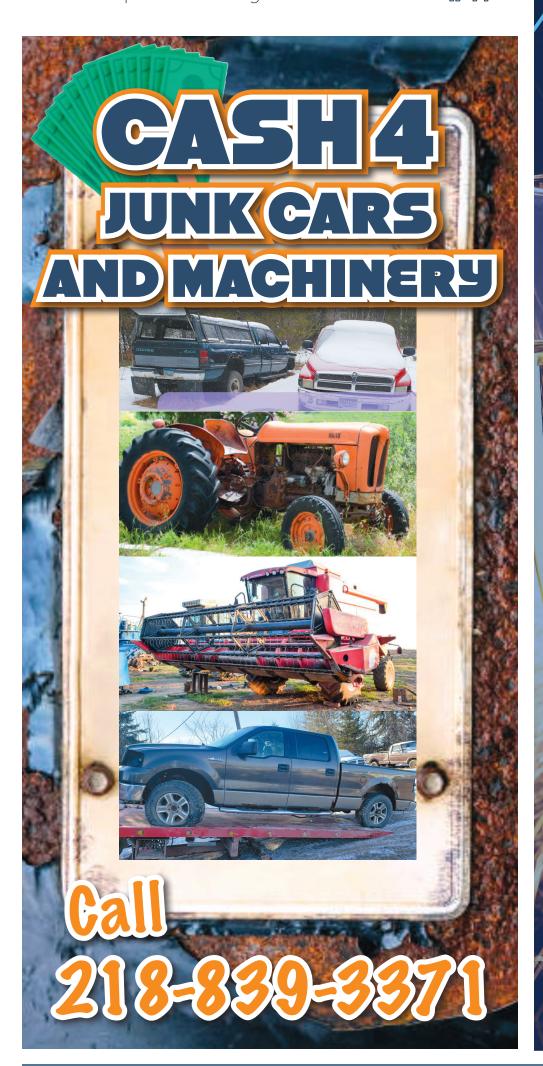






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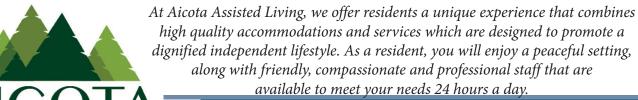
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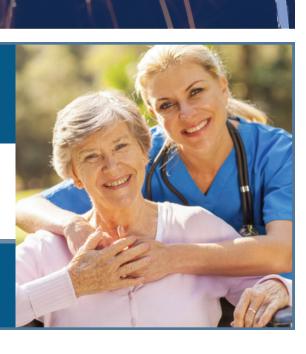


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## Rep. Dale Lueck legislative update

Greetings from the Lueck family as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus and welcome in a fresh New Year. It's a wonderful time to enjoy the company of friends and loved ones this Christmas

That is exactly what we are doing, Linda and I are currently in the southern Philippines visiting with our son and daughter-in-law's family, many of whom we are meeting for the first time.

Looking to the new year, beginning the first week in January, the new legislative district boundaries will take effect. Redistricting splintered our current district, which I have represented for the past eight years, into parts of three new Minnesota House legislative districts. That caused me to decide not to seek reelection in the new district which I now find myself in.

That district now includes

friend and fellow legislator Rep. Ron Kresha. He will be representing me going forward in the new district, which now includes southern Aitkin County and portions of several other counties to our south.

Most of the portion of Crow County I formally represented will now be represented by newly elected Ben Davis. The northern part of Aitkin County will be represented by another friend and fellow legislator, Rep. Spencer Igo.

I have worked closely with both Ron and Spencer in the legislature, as their previous legislative districts bordered our old district. I also have gotten to know Ben Davis, who was elected in the new House district that now encompasses most of rural Crow Wing County.

All three are great public servants. I am confident they we will do an excellent job going forward. To email them, get their office phone number and get on their email subscription list visit the official House website: www.house.mn.

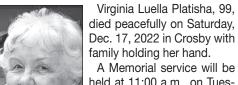
As this will be the last general correspondence I release as your current legislator, I want to express my gratitude and heartfelt thanks to the wonderful people of Aitkin and Crow Wing counties that have allowed me to represent them in St. Paul over the past eight years.

It has been a privilege and honor to serve the citizens of Aitkin and Crow counties as your legislator. Please be assured that I will continue to fight to preserve and protect our part of Minnesota, which remains a great place to live, work and raise a family.

Merry Christmas and may you and your family enjoy a wonderful New Year.

Representative Dale Lueck Minnesota House District 10B

#### VIRGINIA PLATISHA



died peacefully on Saturday, Dec. 17, 2022 in Crosby with family holding her hand.

A Memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m., on Tuesday, December 27, 2022 at the Cascade United Methodist Church in Deerwood. Visi-

tation will be one hour before the service. Burial will be at the Scandia Cemetery in Deerwood at a later date. Wear something pink if you'd like; it was her favorite.

She was born to Anna Marie Olson Karnowski and David Herman Karnowski in Crosby on November 22, 1923. She Virginia was a 1941 graduate of Crosby Ironton High School. She attended the University of Minnesota and graduated from the Minnesota School of Business in Minneapolis. She married Eli Platisha on June 22,1951 at the Deerwood Methodist Church with her uncle, Rev. Russell Olson, officiating. The couple moved to Portland, OR and later returned to Minnesota to raise their family on Serpent Lake.

Virginia was employed by Refrigeration Engineers International, Deerwood Bank, and School District 182. She served on the Deerwood City Council and School Board, and the Lakes Area Concert Association Board, Virginia was a Charter member of the Walter Scott Erickson American Legion Auxiliary in Deerwood and the Deerwood Civic League. She was a longtime member of the Deerwood Methodist Churches, active in Sunday School and Youth Fellowship, and a Girl Scout Leader. Virginia loved nothing more than time with her family. Hospitality and good food were her passions.

She is survived by her daughter and son-inlaw, Barb and Duane Anderson of Crosby; sons and daughter-in-law, Perry and Julie Platisha of Maple Grove, and Steve Platisha of Deerwood; seven grandchildren: Molly, Blake (Kate), Aaron (Jamie), Joel (Katie), Jordan (Taylor), Ana and Casey, and 10 great-grandchildren: Eva Luella, Benson, Gianna, Henning, Makai, Luella, Tatum, Lynden, Eli, and Aiden; brothers and sister-inlaw: David (Judy) Karnowski of New Brighton and Malcolm Karnowski of Deerwood and many other family members and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband. Eli: son, Joseph; parents; brother, Darwin Karnowski. Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home of Crosby. To leave a message of condolence go to www.koopfuneralhome.com.

#### KENNETH SOLOM



December 17, 2022 at 5:16. p.m. at the Lakeview Hospital in Two Harbors related to various complications of Alzheimer's Disease.

A Funeral Service to celebrate Kenneth's dedication to God and country through his military service in the U.S. Navy from 1960 to 1966 and other services to the community through

the VFW, the American Legion Honor Guard and other lifelong endeavors as well as his dedication to his loving family and friends, will be held at 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 28, 2022 at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Crosby with full military honors presented by the Walter Scott Erickson American Legion Post 557 of Deerwood. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at

Kenneth Paul Solom, 80, the church on Wednesday. Burial will be held of Baxter died on Saturday, at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 29, 2022 at the Bethlehem Lutheran Cemetery in A

> Preceding Kenneth in death by his beloved parents, Kenneth Mervin Solom and Ella Elizabeth (Treichel) Solom as well as his grandparents, one younger brother, Bruce Roger Solom, several aunts, uncles and one cousin Richard A. Solom.

> Kenneth is survived by and will be greatly missed by his loving wife of 60 years, Sandra Janice (Mattsen) Solom; three sons and daughter-in-law: Timothy Alan Solom, Thomas Andrew and Erika (Lowerv) Soloml and Todd Anthony Solom; sister and brother-in-law, Jean and James Gabrick; sister-in-law, Linda; seven grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

> Arrangements were with the McGregor Funeral Home and Cremation Service in McGregor, Leave online condolences at www.srtfuneral.com.

#### DONALD KOTTKE, JR.



died on Saturday, Dec. 17,

No public service is planned; the family will have a private celebration of life this spring to honor Don. Don was born February

18, 1941, on a farm in Tintah Township in western Minnesota to Don Sr. and LaVerne Kottke. Don graduated from Tintah High

School and joined the Navy in 1959. He married his high school sweetheart, Mayva Duffing, in 1960. He was deployed to Morocco, Africa where Mayva joined him for three years. While there, they welcomed a daughter (Sherri) and son (Don III). After the Navy, Don and Mayva returned to St. Cloud, where he graduated from St. Cloud State University with a degree in accounting and they welcomed another daughter (Shelly). Don and Mayva purchased Crow Wing

Lake Campground in 1971 in the Brainerd area

Donald R. Kottke, Jr., 81, and loved running the park together for 41 years. During the winter months, Don ran his own tax business. He was very active on the Minnesota Campground Owners Association Board, Minnesota Heartland Board and Fort Ripley Township Board, plus other local organizations. Don loved his little people - his kids and grandkids. He was happiest giving them golf cart rides all over the campground or reading to them. Special memories include many trips to Disney World, traveling south to Florida or Texas to get away from Minnesota winters, and annual deer hunting at the family cabin in Nevis. Don had a complicated medical history in the past few years.

> He will be dearly missed by Mayva, his wife of 62 years; three children: Sherri King, Don III (Lorna) Kottke, Shelly (Joel) Rushmeyer; seven grandchildren; five great- grandchildren; and siblings: Roger Kottke, Maxine (David) Hoefs, and Kevin Kottke.

> He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Bradley.

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#### **CREED STRELOW**

Creed Strelow, a boy, weighing 7 lbs., was born Dec. 15, 2022, in Aitkin, to Liz Klabunde of Isle and Nate Strelow of Onamia. Grandparents are Bruce and Charlotte "Sissy" Klabunde, Princeton; and Dawn Iaquinto, Onamia.

# Holiday Worship Schedule

#### **CHRISTMAS EVE - SATURDAY, DEC. 24**

Aitkin
Mass, St. James Catholic Church, 299 Red Oak Drive5:00 p.m.
Brainerd
Mass, All Saints Catholic Church, 16898 Carlson Lake Rd
Mass, St. Andrew's Catholic Church, 1108 Willow Street4:00 p.m.
Mass, St. Francis Catholic Church 404 N 9th St4:00 p.m. & Midnight
Candlelight Service, Good Shepherd Free Lutheran, 5878 Pine Beach Rd4:00 p.m.
Crosby
Service, Immanuel Lutheran Church, 600 SW 4th St 2:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m.
Mass, St. Joseph Catholic Church, 617 Poplar St4:00 p.m.
Crosslake
Mass, Immaculate Heart Catholic Church, 35208 County Road 374:00 p.m.
Deerwood
Candle Light Services, Salem Lutheran Church, 21276 Archibald Road 3:00 p.m. & 5:00 p.m.
Fort Ripley
Mass, St. Mathias Catholic Church, 4529 Co. Rd. 121 SW8:30 p.m.

CHRISTMAS - SUNDAY, DEC. 25 Aitkin
Mass, St. James Catholic Church, 299 Red Oak Drive10:30 a.m.
Brainerd
Mass, St. Francis Catholic Church, 404 N 9th St8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Mass, St. Andrew's Catholic Church, 1108 Willow Street10:00 a.m.
Mass, All Saints Catholic Church, 16898 Carlson Lake Rd
Crosby
Service, Immanuel Lutheran Church, 600 SW 4th St 9:00 a.m. with fellowship at 10:00 a.m.
Mass, St. Joseph Catholic Church, 617 Poplar St10:30 a.m.
Crosslake
Mass, Immaculate Heart Catholic Church, 35208 County Road 37 Midnight & 8:30 a.m.
Deerwood

Services, Salem Lutheran Church, 21276 Archibald Road	9:00 a.m.
Emily	
Mass, St. Emily's Catholic Church, 39922 Lake Street	10:30 a.m.
Carriage	

Mass, Our Lady of Fatima, 27332 Central St. ......8:30 a.m. 

#### **NEW YEAR'S EVE - SATURDAY, DEC. 31**

**Brainerd** 

Mass, All Saints Catholic Church, 16898 Carlson Lake Rd	4:00 p.m.
Mass, St. Andrew's Catholic Church, 1108 Willow Street	
Mass, St. Francis Catholic Church, 404 N 9th St	
Garrison	,
Mass Our Lady of Fatima 27332 Central St	1:00 n m

NEW YEAR 5 DAY - SUNDAY, JAN. 1	
Brainerd	
Mass, St. Francis Catholic Church, 404 N 9th St	7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.
Mass, St. Andrew's Catholic Church, 1108 Willow Street	10:00 a.m.
Mass, All Saints Catholic Church, 16898 Carlson Lake Rd	10:30 a.m.
Crosby	
Mass, St. Joseph Catholic Church, 617 Poplar St	8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

**Fort Ripley** Mass, St. Mathias Catholic Church, 4529 Co. Rd. 121 SW ......8:00 a.m.

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### **OBITUARIES**

#### THOMAS GRAVELLE



Aitkin, died Monday, December 19, 2022 in Aicota Health Care Center, Aitkin.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Friday, Dec. 23, 2022 at 11 a.m. in St. James Catholic Church, Aitkin with Father Mike Patullo officiat-

ing. Military Honors will be provided by Aitkin American Legion Post #86 and Aitkin V.F.W. Post #1727. Interment will be in St.

Thomas Catholic Cemetery, Aitkin. In lieu of flowers memorials are preferred to the Riverwood Foundation, St. James Catholic Church Food Shelf and St. Thomas Catholic Cemetery.

Tom was born June 26, 1940 in Grand Rapids to Clifford J. and Margaret E. (Janzen) Gravelle. Tom attended Maryhill Academy and Aitkin Public Schools, graduating in 1959. Tom attended college at UMD. He then started working for his father on their turkey farm and at Gravelle Plumbing and Heating. In 1960, Tom joined the Minnesota National Guard and served for six years as Supply Sergeant. Tom was a member of the Aitkin VFW Post #1727 and Aitkin Legion Post #86. Tom was united in marriage to Shirley Teiken on August 10, 1963 at St. Joseph's Church, Crosby. Tom and his cousin, Gene Paulson purchased Gravelle

Thomas H. Gravelle, 82, of Plumbing and Heating from C.J. Gravelle on January 1, 1964. Tom sold the business in 2001 to his son, Bill and son-in-law, Harlon Pelarski. Tom was a member of St. James Catholic Church, Aitkin and served as a past trustee for the church. He was a supporter of the Crosier Brothers seminary in Onamia. Tom served as a Director of Security State Bank for 20 years. He was also a member of Aitkin Jaycees for a number of years. Tom enjoyed hunting, fishing, gardening and traveling. He loved spending time at the family cabin and going to Florida in the winter months.

> Tom is survived by his loving wife, Shirley of Aitkin; sons and daughters-in-law: Joseph and Patricia Gravelle of Elk Mound, WI and Bill and Jean Gravelle of Aitkin; daughter and son-in-law, Diane and Harlon Pelarski of Aitkin; nine grandchildren: Luke, Jack, Kate, Bethanie, John, Jessica, Scott, Stephanie and Mike; six great-grandchildren; brother and sister-in-law, Michael and Connie Gravelle of Pueblo, CO; many nieces, nephews, other relatives and

> Tom is preceded in death by his parents; three brothers: John "Jack", Dennis "Woody' and Richard Gravelle.

> Arrangements were with the Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Aitkin. Leave online condolences at www.srtfuneral.com.

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#### THOMAS RINGHAND, JR.



Thomas James Ringhand, Jr., 57, of Ironton died on Thursday, December 8, 2022 in Seattle WA from cardiac complications while attending his son Tucker's National Cross Country Division II Championships.

Mass of Christian Burial was held Thursday, December 22, 2022 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Crosby. Burial was at the Lakewood Cemetery in Crosby.

He was born in Crosby on October 28, 1965 to Thomas "Tuck" and Karen (Braff) Ringhand. Tom graduated from the Crosby-Ironton High School, class of 1984. He received a BA Degree from Bemidji State and his MA Degree from St. Cloud State. He was a Industrial Arts Educator serving the School Districts of Bowbells, ND, Sommerset WI, Brainerd and Crosby-Ironton. He also coached cross country, track, and basketball in some compacity within all the school districts tenure. He was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Crosby. Tom married Tammy Meyer on February 22, 1998 in Crosby. Tom is survived by his wife, Tammy; five sons:

Luke Ringhand of Crosby, Tucker Ringhand of Houghton, MI, David Ringhand of St. Paul, Joseph Ringhand and Isaiah Ringhand both of Ironton; five daughters: Kristin Ringhand of Rochester, Naomi Ringhand of Virginia, Angel Ringhand, Maria Ringhand and Margaret Ringhand all of Ironton; mother, Karen Ringhand of Deerwood; sister, Julie (Brian) Johnson of Chisago City; a niece and a nephew. Preceding Tom in death were his father, Thomas "Tuck" Ringhand Sr. and son, Thomas Ringhand III.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home of Crosby. To leave a message of condolence go to www.koopfuneralhome.com.

#### DONALD THOMPSON



Donald Walter Thompson, 77, died Saturday, Dec. 17, 2022 at his home near McGregor. No public service is planned

at this time. He was born Sept. 3, 1945

in Albert Lea to Walter and Aldene (Jensen) Thompson. He graduated from Albert Lea High School and then from community college. He retired

from Northwest Airlines after working 30 years in the airlines industry. Donald enjoyed playing cards, golfing, talking politics, and his weekly meeting with the "Hens Den" group. He was a member of Corvettes of Minnesota and RARE (Republic Airlines Retired Employees).

Donald is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Heather and Caleb Sorensen of McGregor; three grandchildren: Landon, Bella and Liam; sister, Alice Holst of Austin; and sister-in-law, Monica Jensen of Galesburg, IL.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brother. John Jensen.

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Baxter - The Journey North, Pastor Jeremiah Rice, 218-824-5617, Worship Saturday 5, Sunday 9 & 10:30, 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.; fbcbrainerd.com

Brainerd- The Church On The Wise Road, Pastor Todd Stumbo 218-829-4673, Worship 11:00, SS 9:45 www.thechurchonthewiseroad.org Breezy Point — Eagles Nest, Pastor Zach Broom 218-562-

5252, Worship 9:30, SS 11. Crosby — Bible Baptist, Pastor G. Fisher; SS 9:45; Service

10:45 and 6 p.m., Bible Study and Our Kids for Christ Deerwood\* - 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 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.

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#### **CATHOLIC**

Aitkin\* - St. James, Fr. Mike Patullo, 218-927-6581; Mass Sat. 5 pm, Sun. 10:30. Confession Sat. 10-10:45 and 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.

Crosby\* — St. Joseph's, Fr. Eli Gieske, Mass: M, Th and F at 8; Tues at Noon, Sun. 8:30 & 10:30.

Crosslake - Immaculate Heart, 218-692-3731; www. ihmstemilys.org; Mass: Sat. 4 pm; Sun. 8:30; Confession Sat. 3 pm. Emily - St. Emily, Mass: Mon. & Wed. 8; Sun. 10:30; Con-

fession 1st Sat. 11 or by appt. 218-763-2101. Garrison — Our Lady of Fatima, Fr. Eli Gieske, 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

McGregor - Holy Family, Fr. Mike Patullo, 218-927-6581; Mass Sun. 8 am. Confession 7:15-7:45 am. Vineland — St. Therese, Mass Sun. 11; Holy Days 8:30.

through Labor Day) w/ confession before or by appt.

#### **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, SS 9; 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

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 —Hilltop Chapel (Waukenabo Twp)\*- service

10 a.m.; Adult and Children's SS 9 a.m.; 49448 Osprey Avenue, Palisade.

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

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 Konnect 6:30 pm Malmo — 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,

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Aitkin - Bethlehem (ELCA), Rev. Rebecca Hinz; Worship

9:30; Holy Comm. 1st & 3rd Sun each month. Aitkin - First\* (ELCA) Pastor Reggie Denton; worship Sun. 99am (9am service also available via livestream on YouTube - First Lutheran Church, Aitkin and broadcast on KKIN 94.3 FM radio at 10am), take out community meal every Mon. & Thurs. 5pm and Tues. 12pm; food shelf 2nd & 4th Thurs. each month 9am-4pm.

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.

Baxter — Prince of Peace (LCMS); Communion every Sunday 9, Fellowship 10:15, Adult Bible Class & Sunday School 10:30 am 218-829-7092 www.princeofpeacelutheran.church

3rd Sun., 10:30. Brainerd — First Lutheran Church (ELCA) Pastors: Patty

Beaver Township - Finnish EA, Hwy. 27, Worship 1st & Bjorklund and Jordan Gades, Sunday worship 9, Sunday School following worship. Services also available on YouTube and Facebook. 218-829-9552 flcbrainerd.com 424 8th Street South, Brainerd

Brainerd\* — Good Shepherd Free Lutheran Church (AFLC), Pastor David Franz, find service info at www. goodshepherdfreelutheran.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) Brainerd — Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA) 1420 South 6th St. Brainerd, Worship time September through May 8:15am & 10:30am; worship (June through August) 9 am. 218-829-5147. Website: www.trinitybrainerd.org. Email: 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.

 ${\it Crosslake-- (ELCA)\ www.crosslakelutheran.com} \bullet {\it Kristin}$ Oltmann, Pastor 218-692-3682 Labor Day-Mem. Day: Sun. 9:30am, Wed. 6:15pm Mem. Day-Labor Day: Sun. Indoor 8:30am, Outdoor 10am 14019 Daggett Pine Rd

218-546-6910

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

Deerwood\* — Salem (ELCA), Pastor Amanda Kempthorne; Worship: 9; Sunday School 9:50.

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. Caleb Worrel. 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. Giese — Immanuel, Rev. R. Langhorst & Rev. R. Lovaas; Worship 9; SS 10; Holy Communion 1st Sun. of month

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 9; Fellowship follows; SS 10:30; Adult Bible 10:30. 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 Sunday mornings, followed by fellowship and Bible study. (Located on Co. Rd. #77 N) Malmo — Bethesda (ELCA) Rev. James Muske: Sun.

Worship 9am. Fellowship following Service. Communion every Sunday. McGrath — Grace; Wed. potluck 5 pm, Bible study 6 p.m.; SS 10; Worship 11.

McGrath - Zion (ELCA), Pastor Elliott Malm; Worship 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 Luke Lekander,

Worship 9. Palisade\* — Bethel (ELCA), Rev. Wm. J. Sass; Worship 9:30. Pequot Lakes\* - Our Savior's Lutheran Church (ELCA) Rev. Stephen Blenkush 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

Tamarack (AFLC) — Pastor Ron Staudinger; 1st, 3rd and 4th Sundays 10 am; 41163 Kestrel Ave 3.3 mi. South of Hwv 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, 523 SE 11th Street, Brainerd, 218-454-0984

Brainerd-Remnant Ministry Center, Pastor Ben Davis, Worship service is Sunday at 10am, 512 S 8th St., Suite 2, 218-829-2989.

#### **PENTECOSTAL**

Baxter — Christ Alive, 12485 Forestview Drive, Baxter, MN 56425

Emily — Corne one 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 Irondale 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; Fellowship 11. 14444 Daggett Pine Road, Crosslake, just passed the Community Center; www.crosslakepres.org. McGrath — Calvary, Pastor - Todd Oltmann; Worship 9. McGregor/Round Lake — Pastor Talley; Worship Sat. 5 pm. Tamarack — First, Rev. J. Yingling; Worship 11.

REFORMED Crosby — Lifespring Church, a member of Fellowship of Independent Reformed Evangelicals, 9:30, 30 Hallett Ave NE 218-545-5433, www.visitlifespring.com

### SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST

Aitkin - Pastor Roger Hagen; Worship Sat. 9:30, Bible Study 10:30; Prayer Mtg. Wed. 5:30 p.m.; www.aitkinadventist. org; 423-805-0933 Brainerd - Pastor Roger Hagen; Worship Sat. 11:20, Bible

Study 10; Bible Study & Prayer Mtg. Wed. 6:30 p.m.; 2910 Oak Street, Brainerd, 218-829-1676 **UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST** Pequot Lakes — 28877 State Hwy 371, Pequot Lakes 10:30

1st and 4th Sundays. 218-330-3476 UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST Brainerd — First Congregational UCC, 415 Juniper St, Brainerd. Sunday worship at 10. Pastor; Leslie Moughty.

Handicapped accessible. **UNITED METHODIST** Aitkin\* — Aitkin - Pastor Dawn Houser; Worship 10, Wednes-

days at 5:30 pm Bible & Brew, Facebook live. Crosby/Deerwood\* — Cascade, Pastor Gary Taylor; Sunday Worship with Youtube live streaming 10 am with fellowship to follow. Cascade Ladies meet on the first Wednesday of each month at noon. Come & Eat Community dinner on the third Wednesday of each month at 5:30 pm. Please

call the office to sign up: 218-534-3507. Cutler — Pine Lake Chapel, Worship 9, fellowship follows.

Cromwell — Pastor Tim Homstad; Worship 10; SS 9 Emily\* — Pastor Gary Taylor; Sunday Worship with Facebook live streaming 8:30 with fellowship to follow. UWF meet on the first Sunday of each month following worship. Men's prayer breakfast 2nd Saturday of each month at 8. Bible

Study Thursday at 6 pm. Fleming\* — (Northern Lights Parish) SS 9:15; Worship

10:30; fellowship follows. Hill City — Pastor Roger Lynn; Worship 10 McGregor\* — (Northern Lights Parish) Worship 8:45;

fellowship follows. Onamia — Pastor Rick & Judy Wilder; Worship 11; fellowship 10; 2 blks north of Post Office; handicap ramp; 320-532-3150; office: 218-546-7656; cell: 218-360-1947

Emily — Rev. Jason Gressman; Worship 9; Friendship Time 10; SS 10:30; Wed. Activities 6:30 p.m.; 218-763-HOPE.

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Filings will be open Tuesday, January 3, 2023 and will close Thursday, January 12, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

Filing hours from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the office of the Clerk Office will be closed on legal holidays.

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