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Mille Lacs Energy Cooperative grants and safety training



First row (left to right): Cara Shaver, Colleen Miller, Luanne Beyreuther; Second row: Rhonda Conner, Kimberly Burton, Paula Fisher, Ashley King, Jeremy Janski and Bob Nelson.

The Mille Lacs Community Trust Board meets quarterly to distribute funds raised through Operation Round Up. This December, the board awarded \$20,500 in grants to local non-profit organizations including: Aitkin Co. Environmental Services, Aitkin Co. Habitat for Humanity, Cuyuna Range Youth Center, Great River String En-

semble, McGregor Post Prom Committee, Mille Lacs Indian Museum, Mille Lacs Trails, Nexus-Mille Lacs Family Healing, Onamia After Prom Party, Riverwood Auxiliary, St. James-Cross Catholic Outreach, True Friends, and Wild and Free. The total amount of grants awarded since the start of Operation Round Up has reached an astounding

\$1,454,729!

Operation Round Up is a voluntary program at Mille Lacs Energy Cooperative where our generous members roundup their electric bill payment to the nearest dollar. All of the funds raised go into the trust fund which is donated back to the community. Board members include: Lisa Anderson, Kim Waffensmith, Darlene Stigen, Bethany Sellers, Charles Schotzko, Becky Joerger, Bob Nelson, and Doyle Jelsing. To receive a Trust application, contact Deb Chute at 218-927-8221 or 1-800-450-2191.

The Trust Board meets the second Wednesday in March, June, September and December. Applications are accepted at any time. Those submitted a week before the quarterly meetings will go to the board. Anything submitted after will be seen at the next board meeting.

Electric vehicle safety

On Tuesday, Jan. 10, Mille Lacs Energy welcomed local first responders from Aitkin, Palisade, Garrison, McGregor, and Onamia to learn more about electric vehicle (EV) safety. There were approximately 60 people in attendance. Aitkin Motor Co. and Great River Energy both brought EVs to show.

Safety and Security Consul-

tation Specialists, LLC (a first responder training company based out of southern MN) led the course and covered a variety of topics including types of electric vehicles, electric vehicle emergency response – EV crash and EV fire response, shutting down/disabling an EV, emergency responder safety, and debunking EV response myths.



First responders from Aitkin, Palisade, Garrison, McGregor, and Onamia attended training to learn more about electric vehicle (EV) safety.

GET INVOLVED. HAVE YOUR SAY. MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

Apply to become a board member for Mille Lacs Energy Cooperative!

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Feb. 1, 2023	11 a.m. - 1 p.m. 4 - 6 p.m.
Feb. 2, 2023	11 a.m. - 1 p.m. 4 - 6 p.m.

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Daggett Brook Town Hall
14074 Co Road 2, Brainerd, MN 56401

See the full list of community open houses on our website or call our project hotline for more information.

Can't be there in person?
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Route corridor
Map showing route from Grand Rapids to Iron Range Substation, passing through Riverton, Brainerd, Mille Lacs Lake, Benton County, and Big Oaks Substations.

Legend
▲ Expand existing substations
■ New substation
— Segment one
— Segment two

Cuyuna Lakes Chamber Ice Fishing

ice fishing contest

Join hundreds of anglers and snowmobile enthusiasts at the Cuyuna Lakes Chambers 19th Annual Ice Fishing Contest and Scorpion Homecoming on Saturday, Feb. 4, from noon to 3 p.m. on Serpent Lake in Crosby.

Entry tickets are \$10 each hole for up to two holes and include the chance to win one of five raffle prizes as well as prizes for top three biggest fish and additional prize for smallest fish. Food will be available for purchase through Crosby-Ironton Grad

Blast. Awards will take place at 3 p.m.

Scorpion Homecoming
Hundreds of Scorpion fans will also attend the Scorpion Homecoming on that day, brought to you by the Cuyuna Lakes Chamber of Commerce and the Sno Serpent Snowmobile Club.

The Scorpion Homecoming is a casual, free and fun outdoor event. Sled registration is completely complementary. No racing is allowed.

Attendees are encouraged to support the sponsors by purchasing a raffle ticket with

excellent prizes awarded (you need not be present to win) and patronizing the concessionaires. All Scorpions, as well as Scorpion manufactured brands are welcome, including Trail-A-Sled, Sno-Ro, Sears, Sno-Craft, Brut and Massey-Ferguson. (Machines need not run to be displayed.)

If you got 'em, flaunt 'em... remember to wear your Scorpion-themed apparel to proclaim your Scorpion support.

For Scorpion Homecoming history and details visit: www.trailasled.com.

Contact the Cuyuna Lakes Chamber at info@cuyunalakes.com or call 218-546-8131 for more information.

Viewpoint: Williams remembered

The backbone that holds together a small town is comprised of many little pieces of bone and cartilage. They all hold together to fortify the middle and make the town functional.

Aitkin lost part of its backbone this month with the death of Gary Williams.

Where to start? Gary is one of those people whom everyone feels that they know, I'm sure. When I first came to Aitkin, I've often remarked that it was like stepping back in time. Many of the downtown stores hadn't changed much and reminded me of shopping in Brainerd in the 1960s.

The old Coast to Coast Hard-

ware was like that, with its tile floors and vintage vibe. It was a mainstay for those of us who worked downtown. I'd often stop in after work to pick up a doohickey or bobble, and Gary was there to help.

Despite Gary and his wife Itheen working long, long hours at the store, he found time to devote himself to his church. Once the Lutheran Brethren Church, now Aitkin's New Life, the little church by the park in Aitkin is a part of Gary. Who knows the countless things he's done for the church, and the endless ways he's toiled, hours he spent, things he's fixed and money he's given.

When a shrinking congregation led to the closing of the original church, New Life breathed new life into the building. The new congregation was a mix of Lutheran Brethren and folks from different denominations from all around the area. Although it is part of the Christian and Missionary Alliance, it is truly a community church, welcoming everyone. And Gary was part of making it so. He must have been so excited to see the new congregation grow and the plans to build a new church building in the Bunker Hill area of Aitkin near the hospital come to fruition.

Different times my life has touched his, as I'm sure yours has. When I worked at a local nursing home, he faithfully visited residents he knew every Sunday. When their downtown location closed and a new hardware store

opened at Southgate, I once saw Gary taking his elderly mother around the store, pushing her wheelchair gently and showing her all the products.

Don't forget about the community. Active in the chamber of commerce, Gary was elected Riverboat captain and took his duties seriously.

Growing up in country schools, he was a native but never made outsiders feel like outsiders as some locals tend to do. He had his smile for everyone and distributed it fairly, just as God's rain falls on all of the people of the earth.

He was a man's man who loved to hunt and fish and ride his motorcycle. When he found the time to have fun I'm not sure -- but he worked it in somehow.



Not too long before he died they took a trip to see the Noah's Ark and Creation Museum, which must have been a dream come true for him.

Soon, it's time for his funeral. It's bound to be packed. It might have been more practical to hold it in a larger venue, but the little church that he loved so much is where we will say goodbye to Gary.

The backbone of Aitkin County is a little weaker today. One of the strong ligaments that held it together is gone. But to fulfill Gary's legacy, let us accept everyone, let us help others, let us love our community, despite its flaws. Let us work together to rebuild the backbone of a community that is both a little sadder and a little wiser today.

Ann Schwartz

CONSERVATION TIP OF THE WEEK
JANUARY 23-29, 2023

PINCH YOUR BARBS

Fishing is a great way to spend time outdoors! One way to be conservation minded is to flatten the barbs on the hooks or use hooks without barbs!

- If the goal is to catch and release, barbs can cause more damage in the fish's mouth. Removing the barb, by either purchasing barbless hooks or taking a pair of pliers to flatten barbs on hooks can reduce the amount of time it takes to remove the hook from the fish's mouth. This gets the fish back in the water more quickly allowing them to recover more quickly.
- If you need any additional reasons to go barbless, think about how often barbs get stuck in nets or clothing or even... fingers! Not having barbs on hooks can save equipment and potentially a trip to the ER.

NATURE NOTES
Here is what to look and listen for in nature this week:

- Common Ravens.** Look to the skies to see ravens perform aerial acrobatics in preparation for their mating season.

STARGAZING NOTES
What is happening in the starry sky this week:

- Jan. 25: Crescent moon and Jupiter in conjunction. Look southwest during the early evening hours.
- Jan. 28: First-quarter moon.
- Jan. 25-31: Comet ZTF will cross the Little Dipper during the final week of the month.

As part of its ongoing mission to educate the public about wise use of natural resources, Long Lake's team of Environmental Educators will share simple, everyday Conservation Tips that everyone, including kids, can do. If everyone makes the effort to consume resources more wisely, we can help ensure a brighter future for the planet and make life better TODAY!



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5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

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Amuse Bouche Seared Ahi Tuna- Black Sesame Seeds, Wasabi, Pickled Ginger, Tobiko, Fried Nori Chip, Whiskey Barrel Aged Shoyu, on a Bed of Sticky Rice

Appetizer (each select one)
Lobster Cake - Stuffed with Lions Mane Mushrooms, Poblano Pepper, Mango Chili Aioli
-OR-
Wedge Salad - Candied Bacon, Grape Tomatoes, Pickled Red Onion Gorgonzola Dressing

Entree
Couples Surf & Turf- 22oz Cowboy Ribeye, 1 lb. of Snow Crab Legs, Black Garlic Parsnip Puree, Asparagus, Roasted Leek Compound Butter, Clarified Butter
-OR- (each select one of the following)
Seared Diver Scallops- Rosemary & Lemon Cous Cous, Asparagus, Romesco sauce
Chicken Florentine- Airline Chicken stuffed with 18-month Parmesan Cheese & Spinach, Wrapped in Prosciutto, Oyster Mushrooms, Marsala Cream Sauce, Set on a bed of Fettucine
Rabbit Cacciatore- Pan Seared ¼ Rabbit, Wild Mushrooms, Pancetta, White Wine Tomato Sauce, on a bed of Pappardelle Noodles. Served with Garlic Crostini's

Dessert (Each Select One)
Peppermint Triple Chocolate Trifle
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OBITUARIES

SHELBY OLSON



Shelby Jean Olson, 83, of Deerwood died at Aitkin Health Services on Tuesday, Dec. 27, 2022.

A Memorial service will be held 1:00 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 21, 2023 at the Salem Lutheran Church in Deerwood. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church on Saturday.

She was born in Crosby on Jan. 3, 1939 to Vernon and Edna (Duzan) Hendrickson. Shelby

was a member of the Salem Lutheran Church in Deerwood.

Shelby is survived by her son, Wade Olson of Deerwood; daughter, Heidi Christensen of Ironton sister, Karel Foss of Lino Lakes and five grandsons and great-granddaughter.

Preceding Shelby in death are her parents; her husband, Wright Olson and one sister Joan Olson.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby.

VERNON NELSON



Vernon Duane Nelson, 83, of Aitkin, died peacefully on Saturday, Jan. 7, 2023 at home surrounded by his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren

Memorial Services were held Friday, Jan. 20, 2023 at 11 a.m. in St. James Catholic Church, Aitkin with Father Mike Patullo officiating. Visitation was one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial was in St. Thomas Catholic Cemetery, Aitkin.

Vernon was born Jan. 29, 1939 in Aitkin to Harry and Myrtle (Peterson) Nelson. He was a graduate of Aitkin High School, Class of 1957. Vern married Patricia Hobbins on January 4, 1957. After living in Houston, TX for two years, they moved back to Aitkin and made their home. Vernon started his career at Aitkin Motors where he was their bookkeeper. In 1970, he was elected as the Aitkin County Treasurer and held that position for 36 years until his retirement in 2007. In the late '60s, he was appointed Aitkin County Justice of the Peace. Vern was a long-time member of the Aitkin Fair Board, spending countless hours

planning and overseeing the yearly Aitkin County Fair. In December of 1964, Vernon joined the Aitkin County Volunteer Fire Department and served for 30 years as an active firefighter. At the time of his death, he was the oldest retired fireman. Vern also spent many volunteer hours with youth sports, coaching little league and high school football.

Vernon is survived by his four children: Debra (Richard) Zimmerman, Kenneth Nelson, Thomas (Jennifer) Nelson and Paula Weitnauer; eight grandchildren: Anna (Thomas) Garske and Natalie Kruse; Jeremy (Hayley) Nelson, Nicholas Nelson; Patrick (Amy) Nelson, Angela Nelson and Carissa Nelson; Michael (Lauren) Weitnauer; ten great-grandchildren: Luke Zimmerman, Samuel, Madeline and Jackson Kruse; Madison Nelson; Leo and Max Nelson; Scout, Luke and Elise Weitnauer.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Patricia; grandson, Luke Weitnauer and siblings: Marilyn Hollister, Harry, Jack, Richard, and Gerald Nelson.

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

JOSEPH DUDDING, D.D.S.



Dr. Joseph Dudding, D.D.S., 83, died peacefully on Thursday, Dec. 22, 2022 at the age of 83, at his home with his wife by his side.

A Memorial Service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 27, 2023 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Brainerd.

Visitation is one hour prior to services, followed by lunch and fellowship. Internment with committal service will be held in the spring at the MN State Veterans Cemetery at Camp Ripley in Little Falls.

Joe was born on August 1, 1939, in Indianapolis, IN to Dr. Joseph and Jean Dudding. He grew up in Hope, IN. Following his graduation in 1957, he enrolled in the Navy, serving on the U.S.S. Boston as a boiler man, retiring in 1961. Following his discharge, he worked for the Crest Toothpaste studies, traveling around Indiana taking x-rays of children's teeth. He enrolled in Indiana University and pursued a degree in dentistry, graduating in 1979. He decided to move to Brainerd to open his practice, as he recalled vacationing with his family every August in the Pequot Lakes/Crosslake areas. While waiting for his Minnesota license, he worked at St. Joseph's

Hospitals radiology department. He was the first dentist to open a practice in Baxter in 1980. Joe married his wife Susan in 1987 and they lived in Brainerd before moving to Gull Lake in 1990 and returned to Brainerd in 2014. Dr. Dudding performed a wide range of dental services to the residents of Crow Wing County. He provided endodontic treatments. In addition to his private patients, Dr. Dudding would go to the Crow Wing County Jail for emergency extractions. He would also maintain the dental x-ray units in the jail. Dr. Dudding provided dental services to developmentally disabled patients one day per week for approximately 15 years, first at Brainerd State Hospital and then at Central Lakes College. In addition to treating patients, Dr. Dudding shared his expertise with dental assisting students at CLC, by giving lectures and teaching x-ray techniques, and checking students' work. Joe was a member of the Masonic Lodge as well as the Elks Lodge, Lions Club, and American Legion in Brainerd. He was also a member of the American/Minnesota/Indiana & Chicago Dental Society. He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, volunteering in many capacities. Joe enjoyed boating, fishing, and snowmobiling. He loved classical music and relaxing in his hot tub daily all year long.

More obituaries on Page 4

COMMUNITY EVENTS

January

22nd - Northland Arboretum Adult Ski Lessons, 2pm, 14250 Conservation Dr, Baxter. Call 218-829-8770.

23rd - "OboeBass!" performs at the Dryden Theatre. This internationally known, multi-faceted instrumental duo creates a sense of wonder for their audiences with original works and re-imaginings of classic standards. Doors open at 6:30pm. Show at 7pm. Free ticket reservations open on December 23.

24th - 26 & 31 - 2nd - Brainerd Community Theatre presents "9 to 5 The Musical" at the Chalberg Theatre. Doors open at 6:30pm. Show at 7 pm. Tickets between \$10 - \$17.

26th - Northland Arboretum Women's Wellness Workshop, 4:30pm-7:30pm, 14250 Conservation Dr, Baxter. Call 218-829-8770.

February

4th - Cuyuna Lakes Chamber Ice Fishing Contest on Serpent Lake in Crosby, noon to 3 p.m. Contact the chamber for more details at 218-546-8131.

4th - Northland Arboretum Full Moon Snowshoe Hike, 7:30pm-8:30pm, 14250 Conservation Dr, Baxter, Bring snowshoes and/or winter boots and plan for an hour hike. If it's cloudy, please bring a headlamp. Warm up after the hike together with hot chocolate. Call 218-829-8770.

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LEGAL NOTICES

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BAY LAKE TOWNSHIP NOTICE AND REQUEST FOR BIDS LAWN MAINTENANCE

The Town Board of the Town of Bay Lake will accept sealed bids for cemetery and town hall lawn maintenance (May 1, 2023 through April 30, 2026) in the Town of Bay Lake. Proposals will be opened and read publicly at the Bay Lake Town Hall immediately after the hour set for receiving bids.

Specifications obtainable from the Town Attorney: Virginia J. Knudson, Borden/Steinbauer, Kreuger & Knudson, P.A., 302 South Sixth Street, PO Box 411, Brainerd, MN 56401 (Telephone 218-829-1451; e-mail vjknudson@brainerdlaw.com). Bids must be received by the Town Clerk by 7:00 o'clock p.m. on the 11th day of April, 2023. The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities or technicalities therein. Authorization for the sealed bidding process to be completed by Donald Hales and Virginia Knudson.

Successful bidders shall be required to enter into a contract with the Town and provide all necessary supporting documentation, including necessary insurance certification within 14 days of the Board acceptance of the bid.

The successful bidder must be a "responsible contractor." The term "responsible contractor" means a contractor as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 16C.285, subdivision 3. Any prime contractor, subcontractor, or motor carrier that does not meet the minimum criteria or fails to comply with the verification requirements is not a responsible contractor and is not eligible to be awarded a construction contract for the project or to perform work on the project.

Dated: January 4, 2023
CAROL PUNDT, Clerk
Bay Lake Township
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OBITUARIES

LOIS LENZEN



Lois Arlene Lenzen, 92, of Aitkin, died Sunday, Jan. 8, 2023 in Riverwood Health Care Center, Aitkin.

Private services will be held at a later date. Interment will be in Waukenabo Cemetery. She was born July 11, 1930 in Waukenabo Township to George and Goldie (Shanholtzer) Landrus.

Lois is survived by her son, Terry (Jane); daughters: Christine (Dave), Myra (Jim), Karen (Scott), Patty and Marilyn; 14 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; three sisters: Thelma Kingsley, Lucille (Richard) Draper and Judy (Dale) Johnson; six brothers: Robert Landrus, Arnold (Dona) Landrus, Tony (Mary) Landrus, Randy (Ruth) Landrus, Gary Landrus and Kenneth Gene (Lisa) Landrus; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Lois was preceded in death by her husband, Lloyd; parents; son, Lloyd Michael; two sisters: Leona Starbuck and Eileen Tix; three brothers: George, Ed and Vern "Nick" Landrus.

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

PAUL JOHNSON



Paul A. Johnson, 90, of Palisade died on Monday, Jan. 9, 2023 at his home.

A Memorial service was held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 20, 2023 at the Hilltop Chapel in Palisade with full military honors given by the Aitkin American Legion Post #86 and the Aitkin VFW. Burial was at the Lakewood Cemetery in Crosby.



He was born on September 23, 1932 in Waukenabo Township to Carl and Nancy (Carlson) Johnson. Paul was a U.S. Marine Corp Veteran severing in of the Korean Conflict and Vietnam. He married Kathleen "Kay" Deblock on September 25, 2004 in Crosby. He was a mem-

ber of the Aitkin VFW, the Aitkin American Legion Post #86 and the Hilltop Chapel in Palisade.

Paul is survived by his wife Kay; daughter, Roxanne Johnson of St. Paul; Kay's children: Marie (Mark) Heggstad, Kathryn (Tom) Reifenberger of Crosby, James (Amy) Deblock of Chanhassen and Amy (Dale) Lundgren of Crosby; four grandchildren: Jason (Amanda) Olson, Kelly (Chris) Hummel, Jesse (Kim) Olson and Kasey (Charles) Magadan; eight great-grandchildren: Eli, Evie, Mathias, Malia, Kane, Jax, Verilyn and Josie; Kay's grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death are his parents; son, Kevin Johnson; brother, Don Johnson and sister, Rose Carlson.

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

GARY WILLIAMS



Gary Lewis Williams, 75, of Aitkin died Thursday, Jan. 12, 2023 at his home with his wife and friends by his side.



Funeral service was held Monday, Jan. 16, 2023 at New Life Church at 11-1st Street SW, Aitkin with Pastor Larry Burg officiating. Burial with full military honors was in Spencer Cemetery, Aitkin. Military Honors were accorded by Aitkin American Legion Lee Post #86 and Aitkin VFW Roberts-Glad Post #1727. Memorial are preferred to: Living Waters Ministry of the Church of the Lutheran Brethren, Gideons, or New Life Church Building Fund.

He was born July 28, 1947 in Brainerd to Lewis and Ruth (Erickson) Williams. He attended Spencer Country School, Aitkin Public Schools, and graduated from Hillcrest Academy, Fergus Falls in 1965. He attended vocational school at Staples, graduating from Machine shop along with plastic injection molding. He worked for Honeywell in Minneapolis from 1968 - 1970. In January 1971, Gary was drafted into the U.S. Army. He served two years of military service in the Army, stationed at Fort Campbell, KY; Fort Sill, OK and in Germany. He was a crew chief of a 155 MM Self-Propelled Howitzer and attained the rank of E5. After being discharged in 1973,

Gary returned to Aitkin to work with his father in the hardware store, Coast to Coast Hardware. Gary married Ihleen Severson on Jan. 29, 1977 at Bethel Lutheran Brethren Church, Aitkin. Having a strong, personal faith in the Lord, Jesus Christ, Gary served him faithfully as church treasurer, Youth Group leader, Sunday School teacher, Bible Study group leader, Trustee, Elder, and Chairman of the Congregation. He was also a member of the Aitkin Area Chamber of Commerce. In 2007, Gary and Ihleen were selected Riverboat Captain and Queen. In 2015, Gary and Ihleen received the Warren Potter award from the Aitkin Area Chamber of Commerce. He enjoyed deer hunting, ice fishing, riding his motorcycle, snowmobiling, working in his shop fixing things, helping people, traveling, and just being outdoors.

Gary is survived by his wife, Ihleen of Aitkin; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Arlen and Juli Severson and David and Zan Severson; cousins: Beverly Baartmans, Dick Beyreuther, Lou Hiron, Dorothy Baderman, Donna Young, Gladycy Stoner, Lester Fiskness, Loren Fiskness, Greg Erickson, Jeri Gilrath; nieces, nephews and many other special relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

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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Baxter* — Pointway Alliance Church; Rev. Charles Bolstridge, 218-537-6505; 7756 Highland Scenic Road; Worship 10; www.pointway.org
Garrison* — Worship 10:30am
Onamia — Vineland Native American Chapel, Hwy. 169 north of casino; Worship 11; Pastor Boeringa 320-532-4449

ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Aitkin* — Pastor Andrew Jergenson; Sunday Morning Service 10.
Baxter — Heritage Church, Pastor Heath Beard; 9 & 10:45 Sundays, 6:30p Wednesdays, iamheritage.org
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; 218-697-2662
Palisade — Pastor Charlie Bell; SS 9; Worship 10; Kids Church; Small groups during the week 218-845-2726

BAPTIST
Aitkin - The Journey North, Pastor Jeremiah Rice, 218-824-5617, Worship 10:30, thejourneynorth.com
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 Wed. 7 pm
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.
Opstead — 676-8859; SS 9:30; Worship, 10:30; Bible Study Wed., 7 p.m.

CATHOLIC
Aitkin* — St. James, Fr. Mike Patullo, 218-927-6581; Mass Sat. 5 pm, Sun. 10:30. Confession Sat. 10-10:45 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. Eli Gieske, Mass: M, Th and F at 8; Tues at Noon, Sun. 8:30 & 10:30.
Crosslake — Immaculate Heart, 218-692-3731; www.ihmstemiys.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. 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 through Labor Day) w/ confession before or by appt.
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.

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 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 —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 Connect 6:30 pm
Malmö — 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 — First* (ELCA) Pastor Reggie Denton; worship Sun. 99am (9am service also available via livestream on YouTube — First Lutheran Church, Aitkin and broadcast on KKN 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.princeofpeaceclutheran.church
Beaver Township — Finnish EA, Hwy. 27, Worship 1st & 3rd Sun., 10:30.
Brainerd — First Lutheran Church (ELCA) Pastors: Patty

Bjorklund and Jordan Gades, Sunday worship 9, Sunday School following worship. Services also available on YouTube and Facebook. 218-829-9552 fbcbrainerd.com 424 8th Street South, Brainerd
Brainerd* — Good Shepherd Free Lutheran Church (AFLC), Pastor David Franz, find service info at www.goodshepherdfreechurch.org, 5878 Pine Beach Road, Brainerd, 218-824-3052
Brainerd — Laestadian Lutheran Church, 1501 So. 8th St. - Sunday Worship Services 10:30 am. (www.lhchurch.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. 218-546-6910
Crosslake — (ELCA) www.crosslakelutheran.com • 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
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. Lovas; 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 9 am Alternates with Zion of Crosby 218-534-3069
Isle — Faith (ELCA), Interim Pastor Rev. Henry French; Worship 9:30; handicap 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)
Malmö — 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 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 Luke Lekander, Worship 9.
Palisade* — Bethel (ELCA), Rev. Wm. J. Sasse; 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 each month.
Tamarack (AFLC) — Pastor Ron Staudinger; 1st, 3rd and 4th 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, 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 — 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 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
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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. Handicap accessible.

UNITED METHODIST
Aitkin* — Aitkin - Pastor Dawn Houser; Worship 10, Wednesdays 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. UJWF meet on the first Sunday of each month following worship. Men's prayer breakfast 2nd Saturday of each month at 8. Bible Study Thursdays 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; 2 blks north of Post Office; handicap ramp; 320-532-3150; office: 218-546-7656; cell: 218-360-1947

WESLEYAN
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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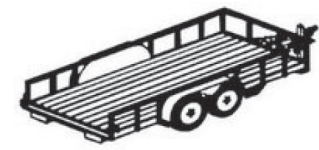
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