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## Mother's Day weekend fishing challenge



Moms who live in Minnesota are invited to join a free virtual fishing challenge Saturday, May 13, through Sunday, May 14, during Take a Mom Fishing Weekend, when all Minnesota moms can fish without purchasing a fishing license.

To participate in the Mother's Day weekend fishing challenge, moms simply need to join the Minnesota Moms Fishing Challenge Facebook group (facebook.com/

groups/1173295613370541) and submit one photo of each fish they catch. All participants who submit a fish will be entered in a random drawing for prizes provided by the Student Anglers Organization, including SCHEELS gift cards.

Contest details are available on the Student Anglers Association website (studentangler.org/minnesota-moms-fishing-challenge). In the contest, no fish is too small and all fish species count.

The Minnesota State Legislature established Take a Mom Fishing Weekend in 1988 to coincide with Mother's Day. This year, the weekend also happens during fishing opener — seasons begin Saturday, May 13, for walleye, northern pike, bass, and trout in lakes.

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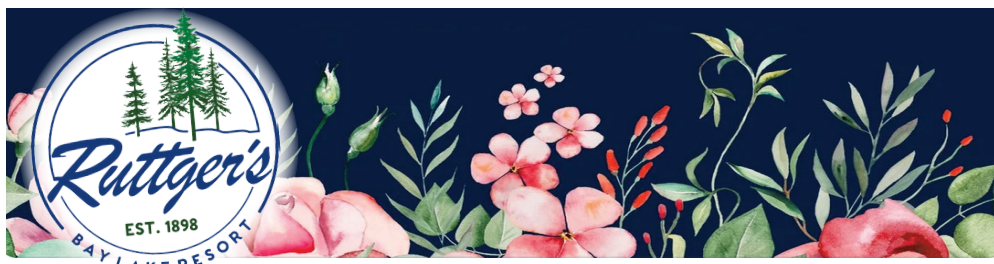
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**Mother's Day Weekend Events at Ruttger's Spring Fashion Show & Luncheon** May 13 12 p.m.-2 p.m.  
 Tickets are available online at [ruttgersretail.com](http://ruttgersretail.com) or at any of our retail outlets & front desk. Cost is \$20.

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## Electronics Recycling

The semi-annual electronics recycling drive is planned for Saturday, May 13 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Deerwood Technologies at the corner of Archibald Road/Hwy 6 and Cross Drive in Deerwood.

Proceeds from the drive benefit area youth through its Scholarship Fund.

Items accepted are computer towers, monitors, laptops, speakers, keyboards, mice, routers, network hubs, cable boxes, batteries, any size printers, copiers, fax machines, VCRs, DVD and CD players, radios, PDAs & MP3 players, cell phones, telephones, extra cables, digital cameras, camcorders, power supplies and transformers, small electronics - razors, toothbrushes, hair dryers, curling irons, electric brooms and sweepers, all for \$0.60 per pound.

Microwaves are at a flat rate of \$30.

Drop off old Christmas lights for recycling free of charge.

Televisions are accepted for a donation of \$15 each for under 27 inches and \$20 each for over 27 inches. No major appliances will be accepted.

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# Long Lake Conservation Tip of the Week: recycle don't wishcycle

Don't wishcycle! Wishcycling is the act of recycling items we wish could be recycled, even though they can't. Unfortunately, this is common and does more harm than one would think. Placing non-recyclable items in recycling bins leads to contamination, causing true recyclables to end up in the landfill. Make sure you know what your recycling program takes and how to properly clean and prepare items for recycling.

### NATURE NOTES

**Bird watching:** Be on the lookout for the return of Nighthawks, Great Crested Flycatchers, Eastern Kingbirds and Indigo Buntings.

**Wood Duck and Hooded Merganser brood jump** from the nest at about this time of year.

• May 20 is World Bee Day. About 75% of the world food supply depends on pollinators.

**STARGAZING NOTES,** provided by the Minnesota Astronomical Society

What's happening in the starry sky this week:

The International Space Station crosses our evening sky several times this week. Watch it magically appear at the predicted time and brighten as it crosses the sky.

**May 16:** Appears 9:59 p.m. WSW, disappears 10:05 p.m. ENE

**May 18:** Appears 9:58 p.m. west, disappears 10:04 p.m. ENE

**May 20:** Appears 9:57 p.m. WNW, disappears 10:04 p.m. ENE

# Spring Fashion Show at Ruttger's

The Annual Spring Fashion Show and Luncheon at Ruttger's Resort on Bay Lake will be held on Saturday, May 13 at noon. Tickets can be purchased [ruttgersretail.com/products/spring-fashion-show-ticket](http://ruttgersretail.com/products/spring-fashion-show-ticket) or when you check-in.

Lunch includes chicken salad sandwich on a crois-

sant, chips, fruit, cheescake bites and lemonade.

Everyone that attends will receive a swag bag full of goodies and discounts in the stores that day. There will be several giveaways but the Spring Fashion Show Saturday at Ruttger's grand prize is a makeover from Ruttger's Retail and the Fine Line! The

lucky winner will pick out a new outfit from Ruttger's Retail and receive a haircut, style and makeup touch-up from the Fine Line Salon at Ruttger's!

Call 218-678-2885 for more information, visit [www.ruttgers.com](http://www.ruttgers.com)

**More news about Ruttger's on Page 6**

# COMMUNITY EVENTS

- May**
- 13th - Electronics Recycling Drive to Benefit Area Youth Education, 10 am-2 pm, at Deerwood Technologies, 21301 Archibald Road (at the corner of Archibald Road/Hwy 6 and Cross Drive) in Deerwood.
  - 13th & 14th - Cuyuna Rock, Gem and Mineral Society Agate and Mineral Show is a great opportunity to purchase gifts for Mother's Day and other events. Hours are Saturday 9 a.m. -5 p.m. and Sunday, 10 a.m. -4 p.m. at the Crow Wing County Fairgrounds, 2000 S.E. 13th Street, Brainerd. Activities include demonstrations of knapping, rock cutting, geode cracking, the spinning wheel and sluicing for treasures. New this year will be a rock pile for kids to look for agates and other small treasures. Great concessions will be available for lunch and snacks. Admission is \$2 for adults; \$1 for children under 12. In honor of Mother's Day, mothers are free on Sunday.
  - 20th - Emily Spring Fling. Join area businesses coffee, cookies, food and drink specials, meat raffles, one-day meat sale, open houses, golf scramble and more!
  - 21st - Toolin Tour Ride for Habitat. Leave Aitkin at noon. Food, prizes, auction, raffles. Info, [aitkinhabitat@gmail.com](mailto:aitkinhabitat@gmail.com)
  - 29th - Lakers Lions Memorial Day Service at Pine Ridge Cemetery in Emily.
  - 29th - Memorial Day Service at Lakewood Cemetery in Crosby hosted by Myrin-James American Legion

## Send Us Your Photos and Community Events!



Got an interesting photo and story to share? Just send it to [hopper@crosbyironton.net](mailto:hopper@crosbyironton.net), along with your name, city and a description of the photo. We also accept news and community events. And who knows, you may see your submission next week in the **NEWSHOPPER!**

# Inspired by nature...botanical artist at Ripple River Gallery



"Clara Squirrel" is one of Marian Adcock's animal portraits created in colored pencil.

executive and CEO to botanical artist. Adcock's work in colored pencil will be featured at Ripple River Gallery near Bay Lake from May 17 through June 11. An opening reception is set for Saturday, May 20 from 3-5 p.m.

When Marian Adcock's husband died just as she was retiring from her career as a medical center top executive, followed by serving as CEO of the American Red Cross, Greater Minneapolis Area Chapter/executive director of Minnesota's 48 ARC chapter consortium, she sought new meaning in her life. "My love of nature became my inspiration." Adcock pursued formal art training at the Minnesota School of Botanical Art. Since

then she has completed over 120 paintings.

Using wax and oil-based colored pencil on an archival quality surface, Adcock strives to transform nature's vibrant colors into detailed works of botanical art, creating scientifically accurate depictions of plant life imbued with artistic acumen. In keeping with the tradition of botanical art, all of Adcock's subjects are painted on a light background or in its original place. An award-winning

artist, Adcock, who lives and works in Roseville, shows her work at juried arts events and has been included in international arts publications. Recognition has led to commissions, including the opportunity to paint baby animals at Como Park Zoo in St. Paul. "All of my botanical and animal subjects are 'real' subjects," she says. "Each of my paintings has a story about why I painted it."

Ripple River Gallery is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Wednesday through Saturday; and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sundays. For more information call 218-678-2575 or e-mail [rippelrivergallery@gmail.com](mailto:rippelrivergallery@gmail.com).



# LEGAL NOTICE

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**LIBBY TOWNSHIP MEETING**

The Libby Township Board will meet at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 23, 2023 at the Palisade Community Center to discuss matters that may come before the board. The meeting will be followed by a road tour on the west and east sides of the township.

Dated this 27th day of April, 2023

JANE GRIMSBO JEWETT,  
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Sometimes life takes us in a direction we never would have imagined. For Marian Adcock, a love of nature helped her make the transition from medical center

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# OBITUARIES

## DOROTHY NELSON

Dorothy Nelson, 90, of Ossipee, formerly lived in Pequot Lakes, died Saturday, May 6, 2023. There will be a celebration of life at the Nisswa Community Center on Sunday, May 21, 2023 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

She was born February 23, 1933. She is survived by her husband of 69 years, Donald Nelson; five children; 14 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

## ALVIN JENSEN



Alvin "Al" Stewart Jensen, 86, of Emily died at his home on Sunday, May 7, 2023.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, May 11, 2023 at the Wesleyan Church in Emily. Burial was in the Pine Ridge Cemetery in Emily.

He was born in Minneapolis on February 3, 1937 to Carl and Grace (Jones) Jensen. Al married Patricia Moore on April 29, 1961 in Iowa. Al has been a resident of Emily since 1970. He was a former Police Chief for

the city of Emily with 14 years of service and a retired Mason in the Emily area.

Al is survived by four daughters: Judy (Mike) Starry and Virginia Rodriguez all of Emily, Connie (Arnie) Glass of Outing and Rachel Molstrom of Hastings; nine grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; a great-great-grandchild; and sister, Sandra Hemp of Brooklyn Park.

Preceding Al in death are his parents; wife, Patricia and two brothers.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home of Crosby. To leave a message of condolence go to [www.koopfuneralhome.com](http://www.koopfuneralhome.com).

## DOROTHY PORTZ



Dorothy Alfreda Portz, 75, of Crosby died at the St. Cloud Hospital on May 8, 2023.

A Funeral service will be 12:00 p.m. Saturday, May 13, 2023 at the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby. Burial will be at the Minnesota State

Veteran Cemetery in Little Falls 10:00 a.m. Monday, May 15, 2023. Visitation will be from 10:00 a.m. until the time of the service at the funeral home on Saturday.

She was born in St. Paul on January 8, 1948 to Edwin and Ruth (Dwaunik) Fontaine.

Dorothy is survived by a son, Robert (Lisa) Portz; two daughters: Rebecca Portz and Nancy Portz; a brother, Everett (Karen) Fontaine; two sisters: Teresa Grittner and Helen (Jerome) Colburn; 10 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

Preceding Dorothy in death are her parents; husband, Robert; two brothers: Walter and Edwin Jr. Fontaine.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home of Crosby. To leave a message of condolence go to [www.koopfuneralhome.com](http://www.koopfuneralhome.com).

## DAWN CHAMBERLIN



Dawn Karlene Chamberlin, 67, of Goshen, IN formerly of the Crosby area died on Wednesday, May 3, 2023 at the Cuyuna Regional Medical Center in Crosby.

Services for Dawn have been held.

She was born on November 1, 1955 in Blue Earth to Loren and Neva (Shuttleworth) Armstrong. Dawn married Edward Chamberlin on May 25, 1974 in Crosby.

Dawn is survived by her husband, Ed; three sons: Izaak Chamberlin of Snohomish, WA; Trustyn Chamberlin of Goshen, IN and Chris

Bueckers of League City, TX; daughter, Rebecca (Shaun) Jensen of Snohomish, WA; five sisters: Kathrine Windorski of Aitkin, Barbara Armstrong of Ironton, Linda (Larry) Chamberlin of Ironton, Patricia (Mike) Ellis and Bonnie Armstrong all of Aitkin; and four grandchildren: Shyanah Chamberlin, Parker Chamberlin, Corben Jensen and Matthew Nordeen.

Preceding Dawn in death are her parents; son, Zachariah Chamberlin; grandson, Dakota Chamberlin and one brother, James Armstrong.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home of Crosby. To leave a message of con-

## JOE BUTNOR



Joseph William Butnor, 86, of Deerwood died on Wednesday, May 3, 2023 at the Cuyuna Regional Medical Center in Crosby.

A Mass of Christian burial was held on Wednesday, May 10, 2023 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Crosby. Military honors were presented by the Walter Scott Erickson American Legion Post #557 of Deerwood. Burial was in the Mount Olivet Cemetery in Watertown, CT.

He was born on June 19, 1936 in Waterbury CT to Joseph and Eva (Gowlis) Butnor. He was a U.S. Marine Corp Veteran. He married Sharon

Halvorson Anderson on August 15, 2019 in Watertown, CT.

Joe is survived by his wife, Sharon; stepson, Timothy Anderson of Deerwood; stepdaughter, Robin Heffernan of Hudson, FL; two sisters, Dorothy Owens of Brownville, Maine and Carol (Peter) Vittrakis of Watertown, CT; 11 step-grandchildren and 12 step-great grandchildren.

Preceding Joe in death were his parents, first wife, Lucille Butnor and stepson, Thomas Anderson.

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Baxter\* — Pointway Alliance Church; Rev. Charles Bolstridge, 218-537-6505; 7756 Highland Scenic Road; Worship 10:30; [www.pointway.org](http://www.pointway.org)  
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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 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](http://thejourneynorth.com)  
Baxter - The Journey North, Pastor Jeremiah Rice, 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.; [fbcbrainerd.com](http://fbcbrainerd.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 9:30, SS 11.  
Crosby — Bible Baptist, Pastor Jon Thorson; SS 9:45; Service 10:45 and 6 p.m.; Bible Study 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](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. 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.ihmstmilys.org](http://www.ihmstmilys.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; w/ 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](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  
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 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 Ingewood 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 — 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](http://fbcbrainerd.com) 424 8th Street South, Brainerd  
Brainerd\* — Good Shepherd Free Lutheran Church (AFLC), Pastor David Franz, find service info at [www.goodshepherdfreelutheran.church](http://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](http://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](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  
Brainerd - Zion Lutheran Church (LCMS) Pastor Steve Benson, Sunday Worship 9, Monday Worship 6 pm. Education hour Sunday 10:15 am. 220 N. 8th St. Brainerd. 218-829-4317. [www.zionbrainerd.com](http://www.zionbrainerd.com).  
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) • 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](http://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.  
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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 9 am Alternates with Zion of Crosby 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)  
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. Sassi; 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; 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, 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](http://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](http://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](http://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, 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. UWF 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; fellowship 10; 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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# Clearwater Forest Camp and Retreat Center hidden gem in Lakes area



Built in 1924 by John Savage, Eagle Lodge is a stately English stone manor home on the edge of Clearwater Lake that boasts nine bedrooms, seven bathrooms, a dining room that seats 25 and two glass-enclosed heated porches.

By ANN SCHWARTZ  
Nestled deep in the forest of 1,000 acres, Clearwater Forest Camp and Retreat Center is a hidden gem in the Bay Lake area. It features over three miles of shoreline on the 900-acre, 50-foot-deep Clearwater Lake.

The Presbyterian-owned camp is offering a new service

this year – day camp for local families.

“From June 6 to August 11, families can go online to [www.clearwaterforest.org](http://www.clearwaterforest.org) and register their children, explained Executive Director Erin Anderson. “Drop off will be from 7-9 a.m. with pickup 3:30-5:30 p.m.

“We will, whenever possi-

ble, spend the days outside,” Anderson continued. “Study after study has shown that being in nature is great for our holistic health.”

The waterfront will offer swimming, kayaks, canoes, paddle boards and fishing. Archery, biking, hiking, arts and crafts, STEM and nature activities are all programmed in.

### History

The site features three stone buildings erected like fortresses in 1922 by John Savage, the original owner. His home base was Duluth – he owned three mines and was a partner of the Hallett family. He hired local, and then European, masons, to build the main house and two smaller homes.

“Mr. Savage’s wife was deathly afraid of tornadoes and forest fires, so everything is fortified,” explained Lance Baumann, operations director.



John Savage

The older buildings feature such unique features as underground tunnels, railroad tracks for added support, underground electrical and brass water lines and mission-style interior woodwork and appointments.

### Retreat

Baumann noted that the camp has complete homes with kitchens, cabins and campsites available for the public to rent for a getaway. They can choose to bring their own food or to eat in the dining hall.

Clearwater Forest has hired three full-time staff from overseas. They are still looking for additional staff for the day camp, housekeeping and kitchen. Workers can be as young as 15 to work in the kitchen.

“We are hoping to extend the day camp to an after school program in the fall,” summed up Anderson. “We offer day campers an infinite number of

activities, great adult mentors, a wonderful experience and nature.”

For more information, log

onto [clearwaterforest.org](http://clearwaterforest.org) or email [office@clearwaterforest.com](mailto:office@clearwaterforest.com) or call Emma at 218-678-2325.



Erin Anderson, executive director; Lance Baumann, site and operations, and Emma Pratt, office manager next to Eagle’s Lodge built by John Savage, a mining mogul in Minnesota.

Ann Schwartz photos



Clearwater Forest Camp and Retreat Center offers day camp options for 5-12 year olds.

# 1898 Investments sells Ruttger’s Bay Lake Resort to Odyssey Resorts



Ruttger’s Bay Lake Resort is joining the Odyssey Resorts collection of properties.

Founded in 1898, Ruttger’s Bay Lake Resort and the Ruttger family name are synonymous with tourism in Minnesota and the Brainerd Lakes Area. As Minnesota’s first resort, the property is one of the state’s most iconic vacation destinations. For four generations, the resort has welcomed guests with exceptional dining, golf, outdoor activities, and conference venues. In addition

to the Jack’s 18 and Alec’s 9 golf courses, the property also includes White Oak Grill, Ruby’s Dining Room, Auntie M’s Coffee Shop, The Garage, and Ann’s Bay Lake Boutique in addition to guest lodging and conference facilities. Odyssey will be building on Ruttger’s legacy by preserving and enhancing the iconic brand.

“I grew up knowing how special this place is, not just to us but for so many. Ruttger’s is an iconic part of Minnesota, and as a family member, I’m

excited to see its legacy continue. Just as every Ruttger’s generation brought their own innovations to the property, our relationship with Odyssey now means we’ll be creating unforgettable memories for many years to come,” said family member Chris Ruttger. Mike Cameron, the General Manager of Ruttger’s Bay Lake Resort, will continue in his role, along with the rest of the team.

For Odyssey Resorts, expanding its footprint to the Brainerd Lakes area enhances options for vacationers through increased accommodations and recreation such as fishing, golf, tennis, pickleball, boating, swimming, water skiing, snowmobiling, snowshoeing and more. Alec’s 9 golf course was recently remodeled and will re-open later this year. Od-

yssey Resorts is also evaluating opportunities to update guest rooms and further enhance the property’s amenities in the coming months.

With the addition of Ruttger’s Bay Lake Resort, Odyssey has grown its portfolio of luxury vacation properties in Minnesota, including East Bay Suites in Grand Marais, Caribou Highlands Lodge in Lutsen, Lutsen Sea Villas in Lutsen, Mountain Inn at Lutsen in Lutsen, Breezy Point Cabins on Lake Superior in Two Harbors, Larsmont Cottages in Two Harbors, Grand Superior Lodge in Two Harbors and Beacon

Pointe Resort in Duluth.

“Ruttger’s Bay Lake Resort is known throughout the country for one-of-a-kind vacation experiences. We have long admired the success of the resort and we are excited to share this tremendous property with the next generation of visitors,” said Aaron Bosanko, Vice President of Sales & Marketing at Odyssey Resorts. “As always, our guests are at the heart of our business. They can expect to experience the same level of great service as Ruttger’s Bay Lake Resort and Odyssey work together to find ways to continually meet and exceed

expectations.”

Blackburn Investment Management, a Minnesota-based group of private investors, is the lead investor in Odyssey Resorts.

“The core focus with all of our resort properties is to continuously improve the guest experience and increase the value we provide. Ruttger’s Bay Lake Resort, and the Brainerd Lakes area, present an exciting opportunity and we are thrilled to expand our family of leading resort properties,” said T.J. McMillan, CEO of Blackburn Investment Management. “



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