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### Free entrance to Minnesota state parks and recreation areas



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The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources is waiving entrance fees to all 75 state parks and recreation areas on Friday, Nov. 24 – the day after Thanksgiving. This "Free Park Day" is one of four days each year when the DNR waives the requirement for a vehicle permit at state parks and recreation areas. The goal of Free Park Days is to encourage Minnesotans to get outdoors and enjoy the health and wellness benefits of spending time in nature.

"During the hustle and bustle of the busy holiday season, Minnesota state parks and recreation areas are the perfect places to enjoy the tranquility of nature," said Ann Pierce, director of the DNR Parks and Trails Division. "We encourage people to get outside with friends and family after Thanksgiving gatherings to enjoy the calming sights and sounds of nature."

Many published studies show the positive physical and mental health benefits of spending time in nature. According to the American Psychological Association, the calming and restorative qualities of nature help lower cortisol levels, which leads to reduced stress and improved cognitive function.

Some state parks will offer naturalist programs on Nov. 24. Among the programs planned on Free Park Day are guided nature walks at Whitewater, Wild River and Split Rock Lighthouse state parks. Most naturalist programs are free, but sometimes require advance registration. Check the parks and trails event calendar webpage (mndnr. gov/ptcalendar) for details. Most state park offices and visitor centers will be minimally staffed on Nov. 24, so visitors are encouraged to plan ahead and arrive prepared for their visit.

Check visitor alerts and find directions on state park webpages (mndnr.gov/parklist).

Check the weather forecast before leaving home, and

### **Donations sought**

Bridges of Hope coordinates a Thanksgiving meal program each year as a part of its mission to build bridges of support, anchored in Christ's love, between families in need and the community assets that can help them thrive and gain hope. This year, Bridges of Hope matched 205 families in need with generous individuals, clubs, businesses, and churches. The project has operated at Bridge of Hope for more than 15 years and is a community favorite.

Sponsors shop for, pack, and deliver meals during the week of Thanksgiving, to ensure that these households do not go without a Thanksgiving meal. In addition, individuals who are interested are directed to other resources such as community meals if that social interaction is desired. The goal is to share compassion with our neighbors in need while streamlining and coordinating with other agencies offering similar meal programs to reduce duplication.

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conditions. Be sure to pack

(mndnr.gov/freeparkdays).

Monday, January 15

Friday, November 29

Saturday, April 27

Saturday, June 8

Here are the fee-free dates

For more information, visit the free park day webpage

water and snacks.

in 2024:

If you would like to help Bridges of Hope assist more community members in need through Resource Connection Services, Operation Sandwich, or our shelter, The Bridge on 7th, donations can be sent to PO Box 742, Brainerd, MN 56401 or made online at www.bridgesofhopemn.org.

Bridges of Hope has been serving the Lakes Area for more than 20 years.







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### Minnesota author Cary Griffith to discuss his book "Killing Monarchs"



Author Cary J. Griffith

The Friends of the Brainerd Public Library Brown Bag Lunch Author Series meets in the large meeting room of the Brainerd Public Library on the first Monday of each month at 12:00 noon.

The next meeting will be

to 1:00 p.m. Minnesota author Cary J. Griffith will discuss his novel, "Killing Monarchs: A Sam Rivers Mystery."

In this outdoors mystery, there are two dead bodies and too many coincidences to ignore-special agent Sam Rivers must stop a murderous conspiracy. As a special agent for the US Fish & Wildlife Service, Rivers has researched and studied a variety of animals. He's visiting sixth graders at Hopkins Elementary to share photographs of the monarch butterfly, and he's brought along his drug-sniffing wolfdog, Gray, to give students a demonstration of his partner's remarkable skills. Gray finds a sample drug packet, hidden by Sam, but that's not all. The

Monday, Dec. 4, 12:00 noon wolfdog keeps following his drug overdose, but Sam is no nose, leading Sam to a utility room where they discover the school's janitor, dead.

stranger to crime scenes. He suspects foul play. Attendees are free to bring

Local police write it off as a a sack lunch or to just enjoy

the light refreshments provided. No registration is required, and all are welcome. For more information, con-

tact the library at 218-829-

5574 or visit the Friends of the Library's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/ Friendsofthebrainerdpubliclibrary.

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### **CONSERVATION TIP OF THE WEEK** LONG LAKE NOVEMBER 21-27, 2023

# CLOTH PAPER TOWELS

Instead of using paper towels, switch to cloth. Since cloth towels are reusable, they are more long-lasting, economical, and eco-friendly than paper towels. Buy natural fabrics like cotton & linen because they are compostable if they are not contaminated

#### Nature Notes:

- Weasels have turned white for the winter. The short-tailed and long-tailed weasels have a black-tipped tail, the least weasel is all white. The short-tailed weasel, when in its white winter coat, is called an ermine.
- Raccoons stay active as long as temperatures remain in the upper 20s Fahrenheit.
- Listen for the hooting of the great horned owls.

#### STARGAZING NOTES, provided by the Minnesota Astronomical Society What's happening in the starry sky this week?

- Saturn appears low in the south at nightfall. Below Saturn is Fomalhaut, dubbed "the loneliest star" because it's the only bright one in its patch of sky. Fomalhaut's constellation—Piscis Austrinus, the southern fish—is one of the dimmest of all.
- Nov. 18: Leonid meteor shower peaks. Best viewing between midnight and dawn.
- Nov. 27: Full moon



As part of its ongoing mission to educate the public about wise use of natur Conservation Tips that everyone, including kids, can do. If everyone makes the of instantian 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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Mille Lacs Energy is moving from east Aitkin to about 13 miles south along Highway 169.

### Mille Lacs Energy's new headquarters taking shape south of Aitkin

#### **BV ANN SCHWARTZ**

Among the lakes and woods south of Aitkin, a new, huge complex is being constructed.

A 51,000-plus square foot headquarters for the Mille Lacs Energy power and tech company is on a previously undeveloped 31-acre parcel at Hwy. 169 and 430th Avenue about 13 miles south of Aitkin. It is slab on grade and includes precast exterior walls and a steel joist roof. Spaces include multiple garage bays, a mechanic's bay,

wash bay, mezzanine, office space, board room and utility spaces. Outside will be a secure pole yard, public and employee parking and green space.

Because the project is taking place in a woods and water area, much attention was paid to the sewer and pump system. There will be a mound sewage system with two holding tanks and a pump. The type 1 commercial mound is set at 1,300 gpd, along with a type II commercial holding tank at 300 gpd.

McGough Construction Company, St. Paul, is the general contractor. They have 60 years of experience building major commercial projects, according to their website.

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McGough Construction is building the new headquarters for Mille Lacs Energy. Ann Schwartz photos

### READER RIBBETS **Democrats sky-high renovation cost**

State officials recently indicated plans to renovate a government office building will cost state taxpayers an astronomical \$730 million, with interest alone calculated at \$275 million.

This is an egregious insult to taxpayers, many of whom are just now learning about this glaring abuse of their dollars after Democrats put the project's wheels in motion on a party-line vote late last year. Democrats formally introduced and approved the project in just one day, without the public debate, scrutiny or transparency a \$730 million proposal warrants.

Such shameless Democrats actions come at a time Minnesotans continue to struggle with higher prices for everyday essentials in this Biden-Walz economy. Maybe some of the price-point taxpayer pain could have been offset by providing meaningful tax relief for all

SOB price tag.

The cost for the SOB project equals \$5.4 million PER House member.

This fiscal mismanagement would be bad enough if it were isolated, but it's not. Look at the light-rail project south of the Twin Cities that is years behind schedule and a billion dollars over budget. It was scheduled to be completed by 2018 for \$1.25 billion. Now, it sits at \$2.75 billion and is scheduled to be finished in 2027. There's also the renovation of the governor's mansion, which has grown from a \$7 million proposal to a \$12 million taxpayer bill.

This is just a sliver of the spending abuse; we haven't even gotten to actual fraud under lax Democrat watch. It begs the question: When will Minnesotans hold Democrats responsible for promising popular things like tax relief and support for law enforcement,

charged taxpayers.

The small rebate some Minnesotans did receive was temporary, but Democrat tax hikes are permanent. Minnesotans are paying even more to get their car tabs renewed, register their boats, buy gas, order online, buy a car and more. And workers face added taxes for an untested paid-leave system that eliminates private paid-leave benefits many workers already had and liked.

Which brings us back to the \$730 million worth of fiscal insanity Democrats exhibited with the House's office renovation. In fairness, the 90-yearold State Office Building needs security upgrades, improvements to the HVAC system, and better public accessibility. That said, alternatives were available to adequately renovate the SOB at a lower cost to respect Minnesota taxpayers. Instead, Democrats refused to consider reasonable options to contain

### Veterans Day celebrations abound

stretched out over several days as area groups found ways to honor current solrestaurants served free meals to veterans. Schools put on programs. Veterans

Veterans Day was diers and veterans. Many clubs hosted vets and their families for free meals, such as here at the Aitkin American Legion.



The colorguard salutes the colors at the American Legion in Aitkin.



Murial Kingsley and Roberta Elvecrog work in the kitchen dishing up spaghetti. Ann Schwartz photos



The colorguard enjoyed the homemade spaghetti lunch that was provided free to veterans at the American Legion in Aitkin.

### COMMUNITY\_EVEN

#### November

18th - Hunting for the Holidays Craft Show, 9 a.m.-4 p.m at the Deerwood American Legion located at 23659 Forest Road in Deerwood. A sloppy joe lunch is available.

- 20th Free Meals for Seniors, 11 a.m.-12 p.m. Deerwood Auditorium
- 20th Grief Support Group , 5 p.m. Heartwood Senior Living in Crosby

21st - Red Cross Blood Drive 12-5 p.m. in the Deerwood Auditorium, sponsored by Garrison Bay Lake Area Lions

- 21st Weight Loss Support Group, 6 p.m. Cuyuna Regional Medical Center Virtual
- 22nd Walk with a Doc, 4:30 p.m. Hallett Community Center

24th - Aitkin's "World Famous" Fish House Parade - Visit Santa, run the 5k, check out the vintage snowmobile display and buy a Fish House Parade raffle ticket. Catch the parade at 1pm in Downtown Aitkin.

- 24th- Love & Dreams at the Ripple Center, at approximately 2 p.m. after the World Famous Fish House Parade in downtown Aitkin. This 10 piece multi-singer ensemble is a tribute to Captain & Tennille & Linda Ronstadt
- 25th Getting Loose on the Moose trail ride hosted by Over The Hills Gang ATV Club.
- 27th Grief Support Group, 5 p.m. Heartwood Senior Living in Crosby
- 28th IOU Mental Health Support Group, 2-3:30 p.m., 6-7:30 p.m. Cuyuna Regional Medical Center Free
- 28th Dementia Caregiver Support, 1 p.m. Cuyuna Regional Medical Center Super One Conference Room
- 29th Walk with a Doc, 4:30 p.m. Hallett Community Center in Crosby
- 30th Dec. 2–Cuyuna Christmas, cuyunachristmas.com

#### December

- 2nd Aitkin County Historical Society Cookie Walk at the museum, 20 Pacific St. SW Aitkin starting at 9:00 a.m., going until sold out. Cookies are \$6.00 per dozen. Varieties of cookies will be pre-wrapped in 1,
  - 2, 3, and 4 doz. packages. If you would like to pre-order cookies, call 218-927-3348 or email ACHS@ aitkincohs.org. Pre-ordered cookies must be picked up by 11:00 a.m. on the day of the sale! Proceeds support the Historical Society.
- 2nd Cuyuna Christmas Lunch with Santa at the Deerwood Auditorium from 11 a.m. 1 p.m.

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Minnesotans with the state's \$17.5 billion surplus, but Democrats failed to do so.

They blew the surplus and spent \$730 million on the State Office Building, home to offices of House members and staff. By comparison:

The massive state Capitol renovation completed in 2017 was about \$310 million, less than half of the SOB project's cost.

Construction of an entirely new Minnesota Senate Building within the last decade was \$90 million, one-eighth of the

only to break those promises - including failing to fully eliminate the tax on Social Security - despite public support?

Instead of making life more affordable for all Minnesotans, Democrats this year raised taxes by nearly \$10 billion and increased state spending by 40 percent despite a \$17.5 billion surplus. Gov. Tim Walz promised to provide Minnesotans huge \$2,000 rebate checks from the state's historic surplus. Then, he and fellow Democrats spent the money themselves instead of returning it to overcosts and plowed ahead with extravagant blueprints reportedly prepared by Manhattan architects with a main office on Park Avenue.

This is just one stark example of how Democrats are siphoning dollars from hardworking Minnesotans to fuel their own gluttony. It's time to stop feeding the ever-growing beast of big government. We must draw a hard line and let the Democrats know enough is enough.!

Representative Ben Davis Minnesota House **District 6A** 

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## **OBITUARIES**



SHAYNE PANKRATZ Shayne Deon Pankratz, 52. of Brainerd died on Saturday.

November 4, 2023 at his home. A Memorial Gathering will be held from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. with a prayer service at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 18, 2023 at the Myrin-James American Legion Post in Ironton.

He was born in Mountain Lake, Minnesota on January 5, 1971 to LaVerne and Bryce (Gilbaugh) Pankratz. He was the owner and operator of Pankratz Trucking and Excavating in Crosby.



Robert George Cherioli, 84, of Tamarack died Saturday, Nov. 11, 2023 at Riverwood Health Care Center in Aitkin.

Funeral service will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 18, 2023 at Grace Lutheran Church, McGregor with Pastor Lorelie Robinson



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officiating. Visitation will be 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday at the church. Military honors will be accorded by McGregor VFW Post #2747 and

American Legion Post # 23

He was born September 13, 1939 in Minneapolis to George Alexander and Esther Louise (Erickson) Cherioli. He graduated from Edison High School in 1957. He was a U.S. Navy Veteran serving from 1958 to 1960. He attended Dunwoody Institute and studied to be an Electrician and graduated from the IBEW Local #292 Apprenticeship in 1964. Robert was united in marriage to Diane Marie Fahrendorff

Shayne is survived by his wife, Trista; two sons: Jared (Juanita Formo) Pankratz of Ironton and Wyatt (Jessica Arneson) Pankratz of Aberdeen, SD; two daughters: Kimberly (Chris) Hinsz of Crosby and Vivian Flannigan of Brainerd; five grandchildren; mother, Bryce Pankratz of Crosby; sister, Kayla (Scott) Johnson of Otsego; niece, Tegan Johnson and nephew, Tanner Johnson.

Preceding Shayne in death are his father, LaVerne Pankratz and brother-in-law, Michael Flannigan.

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

on June 22, 1963 in Minneapolis. The family lived in Minneapolis until 1979 when they moved to Tamarack. Robert was a Master Electrician for 38 years and retired from the IBEW Local #292 in 1999 after 60 years of service.

Robert is survived by his wife, Diane Marie Cherioli; three sons and daughters-in-law: Jeffrey Cherioli of Fridley, James (Tami) Cherioli of Blaine and Thomas (Kari) Cherioli of Otsego; six grandchildren: Cody, Raven, Tyler, Tanner, Cory and Amanda; five great-grandchildren: Weston, Clayton, Presley, Miya and Ava; sister-in-law: Betty Maznio and brotherin-law: Russ Fahrendorff; many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Carol Cherioli; father-in-law and mother-in-law: Russell and Rodina Fahrendorff; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law: Audrey Bergman, George and Barbara Kruse, Joe Maznio, and Tina Fahrendorff.

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

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hour prior to the service.

JoAnn is survived by her loving husband. Ernie Darlow, Sr. of McGregor; son, Ernie (Sarah) Darlow, Jr. of McGregor; 2 grandchildren: Ean and Abigail Darlow; siblings: Jeff Kenkle of Rush City, Denise Catlin of Maplewood, Nikki Bloom of Maplewood and Anton Marone of McGregor; several nieces,

> Donald L. Hicks, 87, of Aitkin, died Monday, Nov. 6, 2023 in Aicota Health Care Center,

Services were held Saturday, November 11, 2023 at Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home, Aitkin. Burial was in St. John's Cedarbrook

Cemeterv.

Don was born March 19, 1936 in Killarney, Manitoba, Canada, the second son of Leslie and Frances (Hammond) Hicks. Don grew up in Ninga, Manitoba where he attained a high school education. He was also a member of Ninga United Church. After high school, he worked with his father on the family farm for several years. In 1961, Don and brother, Gordon took over the family farm, renting at first, then purchasing it in the early 70's and changing the partnership to the corporation, D and G Hicks Ranch Ltd. He was the 4H leader of the Ninga Beef Club for 23 years. He was also President or Vice President of the Ninga Community Center for center for 10 years. Don also coached one of Ninga's minor league hockey teams for many years. In January, 1976, Donald took a southern vacation, spending one week in Florida and a week on a Caribbean

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**JOANN DARLOW** nephews, other relatives and friends.

She was born October 23, 1959 in St. Paul to William and Marjorie (Hensch) Bloom. JoAnn was united in marriage to Ernest Darlow, Sr. on May 23, 1986 in St. Croix. JoAnn owned and operated Darlow Excavating with her husband, Ernie, Sr. for many years. JoAnn was devoted to her beloved son and grandchildren. A fierce protector, loyal companion and friend, a caregiver to many in her lifetime, a strong co-pilot, an emergency seamstress and a trusted ally. She was loved by everyone who truly knew her. She will be forever missed.

JoAnn is preceded in death by her parents.

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

### DONALD HICKS

cruise. During the cruise he met his future wife, Jean Anderson of Wayzata. They married on July 23, 1976 at the International Peace Garden. Don gained an instant family of wife, Jean, three daughters, three sons-in-law and two grandchildren. Don and Jean built their home in Ninga. In 1986, Don retired from D and G Hicks Ranch Ltd. For health reasons, selling his shares to brother, Gordon. In 1990, the Hicks' sold their home in Ninga and moved to Aitkin. Donald became a U.S. resident on October 1, 1990 and on November 1, 2002 was sworn in as a U.S. Citizen. Don has always enjoyed training and working with horses. His hobbies include travel. photography, painting and woodworking. He and his wife, Jean enjoyed living with nature at their home on Cedar Lake. Don and Jean were members of St. Johns Lutheran Church of Cedar Brook.

Don is survived by daughter, Sandra (Wavne) Soboy; two grandchildren: Andrea (Darin) Tysdal and Eric Menge; two great-grandchildren, Elliot and Lydia Tysdal; son-in-law, John Menge; brothers, Stanley (Mildred) Hicks, Glen (Doreen) Hicks and David (Barb) Hicks; sister-in-law, Noreen Hicks; several nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Don is preceded in death by his wife, Jean; parents; daughters: Sheryl Menge and Victoria Anderson; brothers, Gordon, Larry and Graeme "Curly" and sister-in-law: Mary Ellen Hicks.

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## CHURCH-DIRECT

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\* Indicates handicap accessible. NOTE: All times are Sunday morning (a.m.) unless indicated otherwise.

#### ALLIANCE

- Aitkin\* New Life; Larry Burg & Tyrel LaValle, pastors; Worship 10:15 am & 6pm; youth group Wed. 6pm; 11-1st Street SW; newlifeaitkin.com 218-927-2823.
- 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
- Kimberling; 218-326-0711; Sun. BS 9:30, Worship 10:30; Wed, BS 6:30 pm Jacobson — Jacobson Community Church, Pastor George

May-Oct.

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

Brainerd - Community of Hope Church of the Nazarene-

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Pastor Dave McGaffey Sunday worship at 10, SS 9;

Glen — Pastor R. F. Stauter, 218-838-1981; Worship 9

Grand Rapids - Solid Rock Church of God, Pastor Robert

- 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.
- 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
- 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.

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- 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.

#### PENTECOSTAI

## **ROBERT CHERIOLI**

Aitkin.

- Interim Pastor John Koppel, Staff Pastor Lisa HIII CITV 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 Northwoods Community Church (formerly The Journey North) Tom Hoffman, interim pastor, Worship 10:30, northwoodscommunitychurch.org
- Baxter The Journey North, Worship 9 & 10:30, 218-824-5617 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 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
- 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: Thurs. and Fri. at 8; Tues at noon, Sun. 8:30 & 10:30.
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- 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; Tues. 5:30-6:30 pm
- 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.

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#### COMMUNITY

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- Merrifield Community Church of the Nazarene, Pastol Ron Christenson; Service 11 & 6 pm. Wed. Prayer Meeting. 7 p.m.: 218-829-7536
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- Tamarack Church of Christ, 218-768-3898; Service 9:30; SS 10:45.

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- Aitkin St. John's. Holv Communion or Morning Praver 9 Brainerd\* - St. Paul's, Rev. Joyce A. Rush. In-person worship service at 10 am Sunday. Online at 5 pm Saturday.
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- Baxter Lakewood EFC, Pastor Matt Nagel; Worship at 9:00 and 10:45. Wednesday for all ages 6:30 pm.
- Crosslake The Log Church 9:30, Pastor Troy Nelson; 218-692-4141,37218 County Road 66, www.crosslakeefc.org
- 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
- Pastor Glenn Browning; SS 9:30; Fellowship 10; Malmo · Worship 10:15
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#### 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 Inglewood and Cherrywood). 218-829-4105. www.christbaxter.com.
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- Beaver Township - Finnish EA, Hwy. 27, Worship 1st & 3rd Sun., 10:30.
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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 Lutheran Church (ELCA) www.crosslakelutheran. com • 218-692-3682 Kristin Oltmann, Senior Pastor; Becky Swanson, Associate Pastor Labor Day-Mem. Day: Sun. 9:30am, Wed. 6:15pm; Mem. Day-Labor Day: Sun. Indoor 8:30am, Outdoor 10am
- 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;
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- Giese Immanuel, Rev. R. Langhorst & Rev. R. Lovaas; Worship 9; SS 10; Holy Communion 1st Sun. of month 8:45.
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- Iron Hub Immanuel (LC-MS), Pastor Dean Stolz; Worship
- 10:30, (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)
- 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 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), Pastor Steven Teff; Worship 9:30. Pequot Lakes\* - Our Savior's Lutheran Church (ELCA)
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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 & Praver Mtg. Wed. 6:30 p.m.: 2910 Oak Street, Brainerd, 218-829-1676

Brainerd — First Congregational UCC, 415 Juniper St,

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