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## Start year with Unlimited Learning at the Drunken Noodle



Lakes Area Unlimited Learning will host a Thai lunch and a cooking demonstration at the Drunken Noodle, 102 W. Main Street, Crosby on Monday, Jan. 8 at noon.

Lunch will be an appetizer of spring rolls and an entree of Pad Thai. Beverages will be available for purchase. The cooking demonstration will be done by the owner, Keng Dechawuth, who is originally

from Thailand. Make your reservation by sending a check for \$25/person to Lakes Area Unlimited Learning, Box 455, Deerwood, MN 56444 by Friday, Dec. 29. Please include the names/addresses of those attending. Checks should be made out Drunken Noodle. There will be no refunds issued after Jan. 4. Call Ruth Ann Wefald at 785-320-1059 or email her at ruthann@ksu.edu with any

questions.

Organizers hope the event will encourage participants to join or renew an Unlimited Learning membership for 2024.

Lakes Area Unlimited Learning is designed to engage and energize people who embrace lifelong learning and are endlessly curious about the world around them. Their philosophy is "learning without limits," and they offer programs, events and field trips that are stimulating and relevant. Members join Unlimited Learning for the learning opportunities and stay for the friendships. Dues are \$60/person or \$110/couple.

For more information about joining, contact Sally Ihne at [sihnecharter.net](mailto:sihnecharter.net) or call 218-829-2544.

### Upcoming events

Lakes Area Unlimited Learning calendar of events for Winter and Spring 2024

are scheduled from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Forum Room of Crosby-Ironton High School unless otherwise noted. Programs are free for members and \$10 for non-members.

### February

To recognize American Heart Month, Unlimited Learning will host Eric Fensstad, M.D., a cardiologist at Essentia Health-St. Joseph's Clinic in Brainerd and Deb Hadley, a Bereavement Coordinator at Knute Nelson Hospice in Alexandria on Monday, Feb. 12 to speak about Managing Heart Health and Care.

### March

Learn about George Bonga, a fur trader, translator, and early black businessman through presenter and author Barry Babcock on Monday, Mar. 11.

The Bonga family's story is about how an African slave

and his family escaped from the West Indies and found their way to the north woods.

### April

Rev. Darrell Pedersen will share stories from his collection of essays, "Campfire in the Basement: Reflections from a North Woods Lake" on Monday, Apr. 8.

### May

Steve Wenzel, a Political Science Instructor at Central Lakes College, will cover the history of the Vietnam War on Monday, May 13. Wenzel will examine the roots of the war in the Truman and Eisenhower administrations and growing involvement under Kennedy and then the all-out American entry into the war under Lyndon Johnson.

### June

Tim Johnson will discuss a review of the U.S. Supreme Court, the least understood branch of the federal government, on Monday, Jun. 10.

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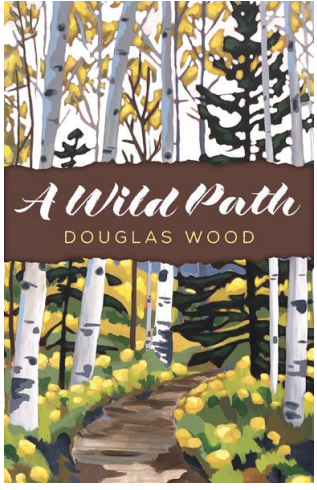
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# Minnesota Author Douglas Wood to discuss "A Wild Path" in Brainerd



The Friends of the Brainerd Public Library are happy to announce the Brown Bag Lunch Author Series will continue in person in the large meeting room of the Brainerd Public Library on the first Monday of each month at noon. Note that due to the New Year's holiday, January's presentation will take place on the second Monday of the month.

On Monday, Jan. 8, from noon to 1:00 p.m., Minne-

sota author Douglas Wood will discuss his new book, "A Wild Path." This is Wood's highly anticipated follow-up to the critically acclaimed memoir "Deep Woods, Wild Waters." He again leads readers along a meditative path through a wilderness of many dimensions—from the lakes and islands of his beloved Canoe Country to rugged ocean coasts to a mountain chasm, from camping on the Canadian Shield to listening to the soft strains of

Beethoven in the pines, and from the pain of childhood wounds to appreciation for a life rich with nature. As on every good journey, there is plenty of laughter, warmth, and humor on the trail.

Douglas Wood is an author, artist, musician, educator, wilderness guide, and creator of thirty-nine books for children and adults, including "Deep Woods, Wild Waters." His first book, "Old Turtle," was hailed an "instant classic." His other

works, including the New York Times bestseller "Grandad's Prayers of the Earth" and his humorous "Can't Do" series, have received the American Booksellers Book of the Year Award, the Christopher Medal, Parents' Choice Award, International Reading Association Book of the Year Award, Smithsonian Notable Books for Children Award, Storytelling World Award, and the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Minnesota Association for Environmental Education. He lives with his family in a log cabin on the Mississippi River in Minnesota.

This presentation is sponsored by the Friends of the Brainerd Public Library through their volunteer and fundraising efforts. Attendees are free to bring a sack lunch or to just enjoy the light refreshments provided. No registration is required, and all are welcome.

For more information, contact the library at 218-829-5574 or visit the Friends of the Library's Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/Friendsofthebrainerdpubliclibrary](http://www.facebook.com/Friendsofthebrainerdpubliclibrary).

**New Hours:**  
The Brainerd Public Library's service hours will change beginning Tuesday, Jan. 2:

Monday, Thursday and Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Tuesday and Wednesday 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
Friday: 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.  
Saturday: 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Sunday: Closed  
Brainerd Public Library is jointly funded by the City of Brainerd, Crow Wing County, and Kitchigami Regional Library, and the Kitchigami Board of Directors approved this change based on the funding levels provided by their partners. They welcome your feedback on these reduced hours. For details on the Brainerd Public Library's budget, Frequently Asked Questions, and more, visit the library's informational page: [tinyurl.com/bplnewhours](http://tinyurl.com/bplnewhours).



Minnesota author Douglas Wood

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- or -  
*Manhattan Clam Chowder*  
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- or -  
*22 oz. Black Angus Cowboy Ribeye* Ribeye topped with a roasted garlic & rosemary compound butter. Served with broccoli cheddar hasselback potatoes & roasted asparagus  
- or -  
*Pistachio Crusted Rack of Lamb* Medium rare lamb rack served with honey glazed carrots, loaded potato croquette & lamb jus  
- or -  
*Seafood Boil* One pound fresh lobster, snow crab, peel & eat shrimp, andouille sausage, okra & red potatoes. Served with Old Bay cheddar biscuits  
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# LOOK WHOSE baby JUST ARRIVED

## IVORY BUSSE

Ivory Maria Busse, a girl, weighing 6 lbs., 0 ozs., was born Dec. 14, 2023, in Aitkin, to Katie Teal of Aitkin and Taylor Busse of McGregor.

# OBITUARIES

## JOHN GRATER



John Robert Grater, 85 of Baxter died at his home on Friday, Dec. 8, 2023. No services are being held. He was born on December 6, 1938 in Clear Lake, TX to Jerry and Monica (Drain) Grater. John married Cheri Sipper in Fairfield, CA on August 29, 1970

John is survived by his wife Cheri; brothers-in-law, Jeff (Beth Burnard) Sipper of Brainerd and Tim (Sue) Sipper of Lake Shore; his aunt, Maggie Drain; nephews, Jason Knott, Ryan Sipper and Paul Sipper; and niece, Kelly Sipper. Preceding John in death are his parents and brother-in-law, Randy Sipper. Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home of Crosby. To leave a message of condolence go to www.koopfuneralhome.com.

## SARAH CHALTRON



Sarah Chaltron, 47, died early Sunday morning on December 10, 2023 after fighting a seven-year battle with numerous health issues and complications. A celebration of life will be announced at a later date.

taking care of her, given that she typically could not eat while in the hospital. Sarah loved visiting her cousins and catching up with their stories. She really enjoyed going to garage sales, craft fairs, and greenhouses with her daughter and her mother. She was proud of her plants on the deck, especially the hot peppers. Through all the pain and suffering she endured, she never lost her love of life. Sarah is survived by her children: Neal (Rachel) Buchite III, Mia Buchite and Christian Buchite; two grandchildren: Hope Buchite and Neal (Bobo) Buchite IV; mother, Shelly Lundgren; father, Fred Chaltron, Jr; brother, John Chaltron; fiance, Andrew (Andy) Johnson, who was the love of her life; and beloved English bulldogs, Lucille and Wilber. Sarah is preceded in death by her brother, Fred Chaltron III; stepfather, Jim Lundgren; grandparents, Dale and Marge Monson; cousins: Marcy Palermo, Denis Fairchild, Bryce Monson and Michael Theisen.

## JESSIE GUELICH



Jessie Jean (Lawson) Guelich, 98, of Minnetonka, died on Sunday, Dec. 10, 2023. A Celebration of Life will be held this spring at Emily United Methodist Church. Memorials preferred to Care and Share Food Bank. Jessie was born November 1, 1925, to George and Esther Lawson in Brule County, SD. She graduated from Huron High School in 1942 and went onto school as a Cadet Student Nurse at Northwestern Hospital, in Minneapolis, graduating as a Registered Nurse in 1947. Jessie married Jack Guelich on July 11, 1948. She was a nurse at Oak Terrace Nursing Home in Glen Lake, Minnesota for

22 years, and after retirement in 1989, they moved permanently to their lake home in Emily. Jessie was active in several organizations. She was a member of Loon Crafters Quilt Club, Crosslake Garden Club, Bone Builders, Snowbirds Snowmobile Club, and the Emily United Methodist Church. She also volunteered for Care and Share Food Bank. She enjoyed golfing, snowmobiling, knitting, quilting, sewing, and volunteering. Jessie is survived by her children: Jackie Jeffers (Gary), Nancy Jo Guelich, Jeff Guelich (Carolyn) Jay Guelich (Sally); two grandchildren: Hannibal Guelich and Madison Guelich. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, and siblings: Josephine Besore, Margaret Brown, Irving Lawson, Nancy Lawson, and Kay Schneller.

## JOHN JESSEN



John Charles Jessen, 71, of Pillager, died peacefully at home after losing his battle with cancer on Friday, Dec. 15, 2023. Services were held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 22, at the Brenny Family Funeral Chapel in Baxter with Pastor Steve Benson officiating. Visitation will start one hour prior. John was born to Edwin and Bobby (Milton - Schrader) Jessen on March 12, 1952. He graduated from Brainerd High School. He went on to Tech

school for Home Health Care and was a caretaker of people most of his life. John enjoyed bow hunting and fishing. He was an expert conversationalist. He is survived by his niece, Colleen (Kevin) Goedker of Brainerd; nephew, Robert (Lanita) Jessen of Brainerd; great nephews, Jake Reynolds, Alex Goedker, Jayden Hummel, Carter VandenAvond; great nieces, Kaycee Goedker, Cynthia (Tristan) Rosekrans, Julia VandenAvond; and great-great nieces, Oakley Balsimo, and Aspen Rosekrans. John was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Danny; and brother and sister-in-law, Randy and Betty Jessen.

## DONNA JOHNSON



Donna Fern (Denny) Johnson, 91, of Brainerd, died on Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2023. A funeral service was held on Friday, December 15, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. at Zion Lutheran Church in Brainerd. Interment was at Evergreen Memorial Gardens. Donna was born on March 19, 1932 in Hewitt, MN to Frank and Hazel Denny. She attended school in Hewitt, MN. Donna married Lloyd W. Johnson on March 3, 1951, they spent one year at Camp Polk, LA they then moved to Duluth and started their family of four boys who were all born there. They then moved to Brainerd in 1960 where they opened Johnson's

Dairy Store until 1969. Donna then became the manager of Holsum Bakery Thrift Store until she retired in 1997. After retirement, they wintered in Edinburg, TX and were camp hosts of Lum Park in Brainerd in the summers until March of 2006. Donna was a faithful member of Zion Lutheran Church in Brainerd, she was also a member of Auxiliaries of the VFW, American Legion and Brainerd Eagles Club. She is survived by her four sons: Dennis (Wendy), Darrel (Colleen), Dan (Jana) and Dave (Laurette); also several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; step-mother, Ruby; loving husband, Lloyd; several siblings and two granddaughters: Melissa and Amanda.

More obituaries on Page 4

# COMMUNITY EVENTS

## December

24th - A candlelight service will be held on Christmas Eve at 10:30 a.m. Please join us to celebrate the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ. Everyone is welcome to attend Bethesda Lutheran Church of Rossburg at 35941 350th Avenue, Aitkin.

30th - Fireworks over Lawrence Lake at 6 p.m.

30th - The Ironton American Legion \$1,000 BINGO, packet sales start at 5 p.m. with bingo at 6:30 p.m. Come early for dinner; the kitchen will be open until 7:45 p.m.

## 2024

### January

8th - Lakes Area Unlimited Learning Great Thai Food, and a Cooking Demonstration at the Drunken Noodle, 102 W. Main Street, Crosby at noon. Make your reservation by Friday, Dec. 29. Call Ruth Ann Wefald at 785-320-1059 or email her at ruthann@ksu.edu with any questions.

18th - Annual Cuyuna Lakes Chamber Membership Dinner at Ruttger's Bay Lake Resort in Deerwood. For more information call 218-546-8131.

21st - Icykel Fatbike Race in the Rec Area hosted by Cykel of Ironton. Call 218-772-0177 or visit: cykelonline.com for details.

### February

3rd - The Brainerd Jaycees Ice Fishing Extravaganza at noon on Hole-in-the-Day Bay on Gull Lake. compete this year for more than \$250,000 in prizes. All proceeds from the event are donated to charities.

5th - 100th Anniversary of the Milford Mine Disaster.

10th - Ice Fishing Contest & Scorpion Homecoming from noon to 3 p.m. at Crosby Memorial Park on Serpent Lake. Call Cuyuna Lakes Chamber at 218-546-8131 for more details.

## Want to see it in the NEWSHOPPER?

Deadlines are normally Mondays at Noon

However, there will be an **EARLY DEADLINE Thursday, December 21st** for the issue of Dec. 30th.

Send your photos, stories and community events to hopper@crosbyironton.net

# READER RIBBETS

## Electronics Recycling Drive success

Deerwood Technologies would like to send out a HUGE Thank You to everyone for coming out and making the Winter Electronics Recycling Drive a success! Despite the snowy weather, we had close to 100 people bring in

over 4000 lbs. of electronics to be recycled, as well as 65 TV's. Deerwood Technologies could not have made this event happen without the help of volunteers and the support of the community.

We want to thank everyone for another successful drive to raise funds for the Deerwood Technologies Scholarship program.

Billie Jo Bylund  
Deerwood Technologies, Inc.

# LEGAL NOTICES

(Published in NewsHopper Sat., Dec. 16 & 23, 2023)  
**WEALTHWOOD TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF CANDIDATE FILING FOR TOWNSHIP OFFICE**

Notice is hereby given for the time of filing affidavits of candidacy for the Township officers to be elected at the Wealthwood Township Annual Meeting and Election which will be held Tuesday, March 12, 2024.

Filings will be open Tuesday, January 2, 2024 and will close January 16, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

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

Call for an appointment 218-678-2880.

Offices to be filled are one Supervisor for a (3) three year term.

Filing fee is \$2.00.  
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LINDA WENDLANDT, Clerk  
Wealthwood Township 4.8

(Published in NewsHopper Sat., December 23, 2023)  
**NOTICE BAY LAKE TOWNSHIPS**

**JANUARY MONTHLY BOARD MEETING** January 9, 2024 -7:00 p.m. Deerwood Township Town Hall

**FILING FOR TOWNSHIP OFFICERS ELECTION** January 2 - January 16, 2024 (Town Hall Construction Trailer Open- 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.)

Phone Carol Pundt at 218-678-3256 for an appointment to pick up a filing form.

**FEBRUARY MONTHLY BOARD MEETING** FEBRUARY 13, 2024, 7:00 p.m.  
DEERWOOD TOWNSHIP TOWN HALL

**ANNUAL AUDIT AND BUDGET MEETING AT THE BAY LAKE TOWN HALL** February 28, 2024 6:00 p.m.

Alternate Date Due to Inclement Weather

February 29, 2024 6:00 p.m.

**ABSENTEE VOTING AT THE BAY LAKE TOWN HALL** MARCH 9, 2024 10:00 p.m. - 12:00 p.m.

**ANNUAL ELECTION OF TOWN OFFICERS** POLLING HOURS WILL BE OPENED BETWEEN THE HOURS OF

4:00 p.m. AND 8:00 p.m. AT THE BAY LAKE TOWN HALL ON MARCH 12, 2024

**ALTERNATE DATE FOR ANNUAL ELECTION OF**

**TOWN OFFICERS DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER**

MARCH 19, 2024 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
**ANNUAL MEETING/ BOARD OF CANVASS MEETING FOR BAY LAKE TOWNSHIP**

WILL BE HELD AT THE BAY LAKE TOWN HALL MARCH 12, 2024 8:30 p.m.

**ALTERNATE DATE FOR ANNUAL MEETING/ ELECTION/BOARD OF CANVASS MEETING DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER**

MARCH 19, 2024 BAY LAKE TOWN HALL

**BOARD OF CANVASS MEETING** MARCH 19, 2024

AFTER ANNUAL MEETING AT THE BAY LAKE TOWN HALL

**REORGANIZATION MEETING** April 2, 2024

7:00 p.m. BAY LAKE TOWN HALL

**REORGANIZATION MEETING DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER** April 9, 2024

7:00 p.m. BAY LAKE TOWN HALL

**MARCH MONTHLY BOARD MEETING** MARCH 14, 2024 7:00 p.m. BAY LAKE TOWN HALL

Dated: December 14, 2024 CAROL PUNDT, Clerk Bay Lake Township 218-678-3256 12.77

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- 1 cup lard
- 2 cups quick cooking oats
- 2 cups birdseed mix
- 1 cup yellow cornmeal
- 1 cup flour

Melt 1 cup peanut butter and 1 cup lard over low heat. In a large bowl, mix 2 cups quick oats, 2 cups birdseed mix, 1 cup yellow cornmeal and 1 cup flour. Stir melted ingredients into the dry mix. Once cool, press into molds and refrigerate.

*Nature Notes:*

- Each Downy and Hairy woodpecker has their own little tree cavity that they roost in at night and during bad weather.
- Chipmunks wake up regularly throughout the winter but they usually remain in their cozy burrows eating all the food they stored up.

*STARGAZING NOTES, provided by the Minnesota Astronomical Society*

What's happening in the starry sky this week?

- Dec 26: Full Moon. For the Ojibwe, this is the time of Manidoo-Gizisooons, the Little Spirit Moon. The first snow has fallen, ice has formed, and animals are resting.
- Dec 27 - Jan 7: Latest sunrises of the year at 7:57 am.

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# OBITUARIES

## GORDON PRICKETT

Gordon Prickett, 88, of Aitkin, died Friday, Dec. 8, in Riverwood Health Center in Aitkin. A celebration of life will be at a later date.

Arrangements were with the Sorenson-Root-Thompson Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Aitkin.

## LEONARD BROWN



Leonard "Len" Brown, 89, of Baxter, died Thursday, Dec. 14, 2023 at St. Joseph's Hospital in Brainerd.

A Celebration of Len's Life will be held at Good Shepherd Free Lutheran Church, 5878 Pine Beach Rd (Co. Rd. 77), Brainerd on Friday, Dec. 29, at 11:00 a.m. with Pastor David Franz officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at church. Memorials are preferred to Good Shepherd Free Lutheran Church.

Len, the youngest of six children was born on September 23, 1934 to Ed and Andria (Halvorson) Brown of Remer. After graduating from Remer High School in 1952, Len enlisted in the United States Air Force and served four years until his honorable discharge. He started his college education at Augsburg College and graduated from the University of Minnesota in 1960. On August 2, 1958, he married Mavis Danielson in Fargo, ND. In 1968 and 1970 they were blessed with two children, Suzanne Marie and Paul Eric. Following graduation, he began his accounting career as a CPA with Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co. (now KPMG). From 1968 to 1976 Len was COO of First Federal Savings and Loan of LaCrosse, WI. He returned to KPMG in Minneapolis, where he was promoted to partner in 1977. Len

continued in that capacity until his retirement in 1988. In 1989, the family moved from Bloomington to spend their retirement years in Baxter, Buffalo, Phoenix, AZ; and back to Baxter, MN.

In addition to his professional and community responsibilities, Len's family always came first. He was a loving and dedicated husband and a wonderful father. Len always stressed the importance of family quality time and made it a priority to take long family vacations and many camping and ski trips each year. He was a member of Good Shepherd, loved to golf and to find the best restaurants wherever he traveled. No matter where he was someone would say something that instantly reminded Len of a great Ole and Lena joke. He loved Lutfesk and one year Len attended 13 Lutfesk dinners. His generosity, advice and sense of humor will be missed by all who knew him well.

Len is survived by his wife of 65 years, Mavis; daughter, Suzanne (Mark) Martin of Pensecola, FL; son, Paul (Jodi) Brown of Staples; three granddaughters: Erika Martin of Pensecola, FL, Brianna (Tim) Presler of East Grand Forks, Kendra (Andrew) Grimes of Richland, MI; six great-grandchildren: Peyton, Paxton, and Charlotte Presler; Nora, AJ, and Luke Grimes; brother, Marvin (Ruth) Brown; and many nieces, nephews, and distant relatives.

Len was preceded in death by his parents; brothers: Gordon (Julia), Howard (Leoris), Orval (Blanche); and sister, Doris (Lloyd) Kentoph.

## DAVID HUGHES, SR.



David Edward Hughes, Sr., 91, of Emily died on Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2023 at Aicota Health Care Center in Aitkin.

Funeral services were on Monday, Dec. 18 at the Wesleyan Church in Emily. Burial was at the Pine Ridge Cemetery in Emily with full military honors presented by the Myrin-James American Legion Post #443, of Ironton. He was born in Little Pine Town-

ship on August 31, 1932 to Loren and Ellen (Kile) Hughes. David served as a Fire Warden for Crow Wing County and was a long-time area logger. He was a former employee for Inland Steel.

David is survived by four sons: David (Kim) Hughes Jr. of Outing, Greg Hughes of Emily, Dwayne Hughes of Emily and Richard Hughes of Fifty Lakes; two daughters: Bea Carpentier of Rogers and Faye Hughes of Emily; 22 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren and sister, Judy Stinner of Emily.

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

## JANET MEHR



Janet M. "Jan" Mehr, 86, of Brainerd died on Sunday, November 19, 2023 at her home.

A Memorial Mass was held on Friday, December 15, 2023 at St. Andrew's Catholic Church in Brainerd.

She was born on December 25, 1936 in Roscoe to Leo and Gertrude (Hemmesch) Mackedanz. Jan married Art Mehr on July 14, 1956 in Paynesville. Jan had a great love for family and supported them in every way possible. She enjoyed spending time and playing cards with her siblings, children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. She also was an avid golfer playing in leagues and tournaments with friends and enjoyed fishing panfish with family. Jan was an accomplished seamstress both when making drapes for her drapery business and beautiful hand stitched quilts for family and charities. Jan enjoyed

working with others and worked throughout her life including working at Yellow Medicine East School District cafeteria for over 25 years where she enjoyed getting to know the children she served and her coworkers that she worked with.

Jan is survived by her husband, Art; three sons: Ken Mehr of Deerwood, Mark (Terry) Mehr of Aitkin and Dale (Debra) Mehr of Pequot Lakes; nine grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; brother, Ferdie Mackedanz of Albany; four sisters: Lone Fuchs of St. Joseph, Dorothy (Leo) Leyendecker of Cold Spring, Delores Schwagel of St. Cloud and Joyce (Andy) Holthaus of Cold Spring.

Preceding Jan in death were her parents; two brothers: Danny and Charlie Mackedanz; sister, Irene Albrecht; and two grandchildren: Matthew and Russell Mehr.

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# CHURCH DIRECTORY

\* 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](http://newlifeaitkin.com) 218-927-2823.  
Baxter\* — Pointway Alliance Church; Rev. Charles Bolstridge, 218-537-6505; 7756 Highland Scenic Road; Worship 10; [www.pointway.org](http://www.pointway.org)  
Garrison\* — 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](http://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](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 — Northwoods Community Church (formerly The Journey North) Tom Hoffman, interim pastor, Worship 10:30, [northwoodscommunitychurch.org](http://northwoodscommunitychurch.org)  
Baxter — The Journey North, Worship 9 & 10:30, 218-824-5617 [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 Wawer, 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.  
Crosslake — Immaculate Heart, 218-692-3731; [www.ihmstemiyls.org](http://www.ihmstemiyls.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; 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.

**CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS**  
Aitkin — Co. Rd. 12, Chapel Ph. 218-927-4454; Kevin Halfner 218-792-5684; Sacramento 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 — The Log Church 9:30, Pastor Troy Nelson; 218-692-4141, 37218 County Road 66, [www.crosslakeefc.org](http://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 Connect 6:30 pm  
Malmo — Pastor Glenn Browning; SS 9:30; Fellowship 10; Worship 10:15  
Wright — Pastor Ken Mitchell, 218-426-5115; SS 9:30; Worship, 10:30; Thu., Bible Study, 7 pm.

**HEBREW/MESSIANIC**  
Glen — Beth Shalom Tabernacle of Truth, Rabi Frank Dell, 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 Inglewood and Cherrywood). 218-829-4105. [www.christbaxter.com](http://www.christbaxter.com).  
Baxter — Prince of Peace (LCMS); Communion every Sunday 9, Fellowship 10; 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 Lutheran Church (ELCA) [www.crosslakelutheran.com](http://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](http://www.missionofthecross.org)  
Deerwood\* — Salem (ELCA), Pastor Amanda Kempthorne; Worship: 9; Sunday School 9:50.  
Garrison — Light of the Cross (ELCA), 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](http://www.shepherdofthelake.org)  
Giese — Immanuel, Rev. R. Langhorst & Rev. R. Lovaas; Worship 9; SS 10; Holy Communion 1st Sun. of month 8:45.  
Hill City — Trinity, (Missouri Synod), Pastor M. Eckert; Worship 9; Bible Study 10:15.  
Hillman — Immanuel, (ELCA) Sun. Worship 9:30, SS 10. Located on the corner of Hwy. 27 and Co. Rd. 47. (Handicap accessible)

Iron Hub — Immanuel (LC-MS), Pastor Dean Stolz; Worship 10:30, (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)  
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 Tef; Worship 9:30.  
Pequot Lakes - Gloria Dei Lutheran Church (LCMS) Pastor Monte Meyer Worship 9 am, Fellowship 10 am, Sunday School and Adult Bible Study 10:15 am  
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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**  
Crosby — 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

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**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 Thursday at 6 pm.  
Fleming\* — (Northern Lights Parish) SS 9:15; Worship 10:30; fellowship follows.  
Hill City — Pastor Roger Lynn; Worship 10  
McGregor\* — (Northern Lights Parish) Worship 8:45; fellowship follows.  
Onamia — Pastor Rick & Judy Wilder; Worship 11; fellowship 10; 2 blks north of Post Office; handicap ramp; 320-532-3150; office: 218-546-7656; cell: 218-360-1947

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