Lake Street), Highway 65

Aitkin: Mid-May to mid-July

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Community invited to Highway 169 construction open house derground pipes

The Minnesota Department of Transportation invites the community to attend a Highway 169 Aitkin to Hassman project open house to learn about 2024 construction plans and impacts on Tuesday, March 26.

The drop-in style event will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Aitkin Public Library Community Room, 110 First Ave. NE, Aitkin. Guests may arrive and leave at their convenience.

The project team will have the design layouts and detour maps to view and will focus on answering questions about local impacts and work in 2024.

This year marks the second of the two-year, \$36.2 million project. Work will occur on Highway 169/210 between the Ripple River in Aitkin and Highway 210 in Hassman. The project will require shoulder and lane closures with flaggers, along with segments of road closures and detours.

Here's what to expect: Aitkin to Hassman: Late **April to mid-October**

· Reconstruct and close Highway 169/210 between Aitkin County Road 12 and Highway 210, includes un-

• Detour through McGrewav 169 (Minnesota Avegor: County Road 12 (400th nue), Highway 47 (Fourth Street SE), County Road 12 Avenue) Aitkin, Highway 47, County Road 4 (Dam (400th Avenue)

Hassman: Late July to early September

- Reconstruct and close the Highway 169 and 210 intersection
- Detour through Palisade: Highway 210, County Road 5 (Nature Avenue),

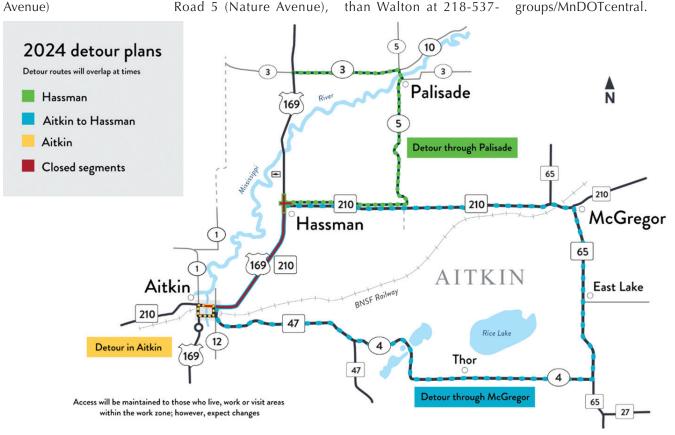
Street)

When complete in November 2024, travelers will benefit from a wider, smoother and stronger road surface; improved safety, access and traffic flow; and updated drainage.

If you have any questions, contact MnDOT Construction Project Manager Nathan Walton at 218-537-

• Detour in Aitkin: High- County Road 3 (480th 3144 or nathan.walton@ state.mn.us. For more information and to sign up for email updates, visit the project webpage: www. mndot.gov/d3/projects/aitkin-hassman/.

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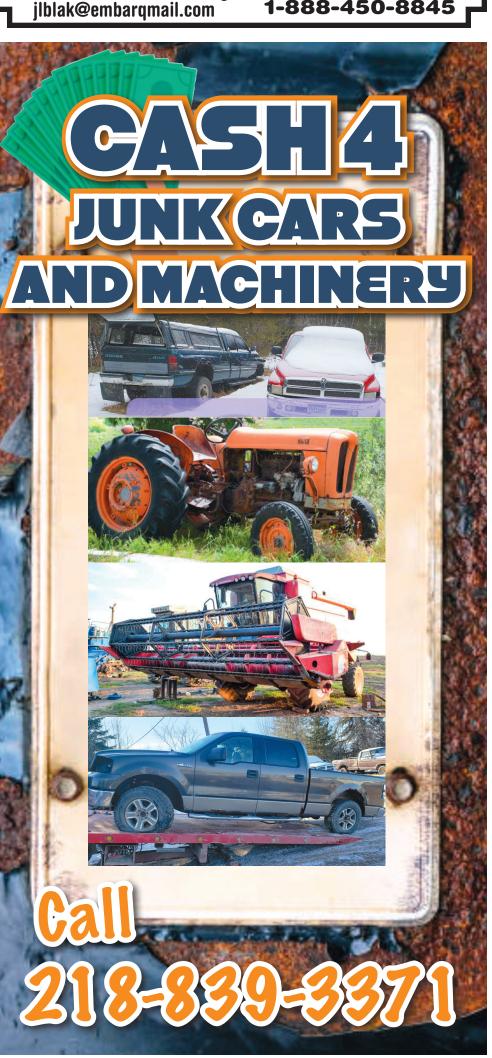
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billionaire's wealth would come to 50 billion per year into our economy.

How can the average American be opposed to something like this? It is like a cup of coffee for the super-rich, but for the rest of us it could help pay down our national debt and do so much good.

The politicians appear to be in the back pocket of the rich... bought and paid for...

Bill Gates and Warren Buffet

have both stated that their taxes should be increased, but that is it. They do not really lobby for a change. Greed seems to trump all.

This is not a Republican or Democrat issue. It is an issue of common sense. The Forbes 400 control our country. We should not be duped by them.

I would love to hear the opinions of our local politi-

Dave Karr, Deerwood

Fuming assertions and specious fog

I am writing in response to the Reader Ribbet from State Rep Ben Davis, District 6A, titled "Government trumps your religion," published here in Vol.25 – Issue 10. While Mr. Davis certainly has every right to separate himself from the majority party whose decisions he dislikes, he managed to stitch the entire right-wing panoply of lies, obfuscations, and false talking points into his rant about a single decision affirming the rights of people he also happens to

Contrary to his fuming assertions, his religious freedom is not being infringed upon. Rather, the personal lives of individuals he doesn't respect are being protected from the infringement of his religion on their civic life. When it comes to the separation of church and state Mr. Davis has the wrong end of the stick.

Woven in and through his blind rant are many things that are just plain silly. Nobody is going to sue him for preaching

his gospel in his church - that is fear mongering and he certainly knows that. Nobody is coming for his guns - god forbid. He's just throwing all the red triggers against the wall to catch whoever he can and elevate their blood pressure.

I won't go on. Davis' disjointed whining diatribe doesn't warrant it, but somebody had to call his message out for the specious fog of bluster it is. I guess it was just

Donald Lehnhoff, Crosby



Living Last Supper in Aitkin church

Aitkin United Methodist Church will be hosting a re-enactment of the Last Supper on Thursday March 28 at 7:00 pm. This Maundy Thursday service will include communion. The United Methodist Church, practices an open communion table. All who profess to love God and follow the way of Jesus Christ are welcome to partake

in communion.

The cast will include men from Aitkin United Methodist Church and Pine Lake Chapel. The cast will portray the 12 disciples and Jesus. They will re-enact the Last Super held on the night that Jesus was betrayed as told in the Gospels of John chapter 13 and Matthew chapter 26. The title of the re-enactment is, "Among Friends".

The public is invited to come and bear witness to the events of the "Last Supper" with Jesus and his disciples. The Aitkin United Methodist Church is located at the corner of Hwy 210 (2nd Street NW) and 1st Ave. NW in Aitkin.

For more information concerning the presentation please call 218-927-3242.

Joseph Henry Hall, 100, of Aitkin, died at his home on Thursday, March 7, 2024.

A service of glorifying God and the certainty of His saving work through Jesus Christ was held on Thursday, March 14, 2024 at Zion Lutheran Church in Crosby. Burial was in Evergreen

Memorial Gardens, Brainerd with military honors accorded by the Marine Corps League - Heartland Detachment 473. Memorials are preferred to: Lutheran Heritage Foundation.

He was the first born to Clarence and Katherine (Lindemeier) Hall on December 9, 1923, in Idaville, Indiana. Joseph graduated from Aitkin High School in 1941 and enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corp in January of 1943. He faithfully served his country during WW II in the Asiatic- Pacific Theater to the end of June, 1945. Service included battles in the Marshall

Is., Guam, Marianas Is. and Okinawa Ryukyu Is. He was honorably discharged in November, 1945. Joseph and Edna Marie Belter were united in marriage on February 20, 1949, at Zion Lutheran Church in Brainerd. He owned and operated Gorham-Hall Insurance Agency also in Brainerd. Joseph was a man of faith reflected by his love for God, his family and his country.

Joseph is survived by his loving wife, Edna, of 75 years; children: Jeffrey Hall, Kathleen Schroeder, Louise Rutgerson and Marjorie (Paul) Wiersma; four grandchildren; eight great- grandchildren; siblings: Vivian Bartsch and Douglas Hall.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Clarence and Katherine, sons-in-law: Gary Schroeder and Jim Rutgerson and his great- granddaughter, Ari May Peske.

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

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CI rolls over Duluth Marshal; squeaks out a barn burner with Pequot Lakes

By ANN SCHWARTZ

On their way to the state tournament this week, the Crosby-Ironton Girls Basketball team kept their championship status in Section 7A. They beat Pequot Lakes with a close score of 48-45. The game, played in Brainerd on March 8, was an old-fashioned barn burner

Health Fair in Aitl

with the teams trading the lead throughout the game. Tough defensive play kept the store down and led to numerous jump balls and turnovers.

Earlier last week, C-I took down the Hilltoppers of Duluth Marshal 99 to 66.

That game, on March 6 at Cloquet, was also filled

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with emotion with C-I fans rising to their feet on several occasions.

The March 6 game against the Duluth Marshal Hilltoppers had C-I in the lead

56-33 at the half.

"This game was dominated by the Crosby-Ironton girls basketball team and Duluth Marshal had no answer," observed the radio announcer

from 101.5 FM.

Friday, March 8 in Brainerd Vs. Pequot

The March 8 game played in Brainerd was a different story. Fans stood three deep at the railing as Pequot launched early and scored 8 unanswered points.

Jump ball after jump ball, steal after steal, both teams gave it their all. They were tied at 10 at the first timeout. Late in the first half, C-I finally took the lead and ended the half with a 9-0 run.

In the second half, defenses kept both teams from gain-

ing scoring success inside. The score was tied at 34 and again at 39. Pequot took the lead by 1. "Fans are on their feet and not a soul has left the building," observed the FM 101.5 radio announcer.

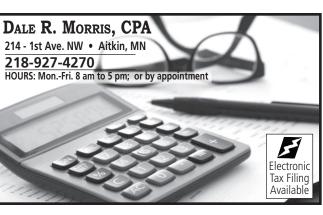
Lots of missed opportunities and a shot clock violation marked the end of the game. Timeouts finally ran out and Crosby-Ironton went home victorious, with the championship of Section 7A, just as they did last year.

Results of the state tourney game were not ready by press time.



C-I girls in action in Cloquet.

Brenda Booth Klipenes photo





Above: The dental program from Central Lakes College was among 40 agencies represented at a Health Fair. Aitkin students grades 7 to 12 learned a lot in the afternoon of March 6 and community members came after 4. Ann Schwartz photos

Below: Dr. Steve Kinzer. Optometrist, front, and emergency services, behind, showed students various occupations.





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STEVEN PERPICH



Steven John "Choik" Perpich, 72, of Crosby died on Satruday, March 9, 2024 at the Cuyuna Regional Medical Center in Crosby.

A Memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, March 16, 2023 at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Crosby.

Burial will be at the Lakewood Cemetery in Crosby. A visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church on Saturday.

He was born in Crosby on February 9, 1952 to John and Betty (Johnson) Perpich. He married Connie DeCent on February 27, 1982 in Crosby. He was a retired Maintenance Supervisor for the city of Crosby with 29 years of service. He served as a Crosby fireman for 25 years. Choik was also a former Burlington Northern Railroad employee with 13 years of service. He was an avid sportsman and loved spending time with family.

Choik is survived by his wife, Connie; two sons: Steven (Erica) Perpich of Ironton and Nickolas Perpich of Deerwood; daughter, Stephanie Perpich (Dustin Cummings) of Crosby; two brothers: Thomas (Cindy) Perpich of Deerwood and Charles (Brenda) Perpich of Virginia; two sisters: Julie Perpich of Little Falls and Sandra (Denny) Davis of Crosby; seven grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Preceding Choik in death are his parents and one sister Kathleen Middleton.

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

ED REPEC



Edward Repec, 83, of Garrison died Sunday, March 10, 2024 at his residence.

A celebration of life was held at 12:00 p.m. on Friday, March 15, 2024 at the Onamia Veterans Club in Onamia. He was born the eldest of eight siblings on June 30, 1940 in

Salem, IL to Edward and Frances (Lawson) Repec. He graduated high school and enlisted in the Air National Guard and was an Air

Force Reservist, he was honorably discharged in July of 1963. Ed was united in marriage to Lola Marie (Miller) on October 15, 1973 in Chicago, Illinois. He worked as an IT Service Tech for AT&T for many years. He enjoyed fishing and reading about history and wars.

He is survived by his wife, Lola; children: Pamela Repec, Debra Repec and Shauna Ward; eight grandchildren: Alicia Ward, Jessica Ward, Mary Klotter, Christian Klotter, Carrissa, Vanessa, Heather and Sharlae; many special great-grandchildren, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Lee, three grandchildren: Broxton Heider and Katherine Klotter.

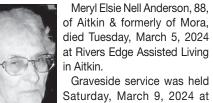
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Oakwood Cemetery in Mora. She was born June 13, 1935 in Springville Township, Isanti County, MN to Thornton and Mildred (Ottinger) McCarty. She grew up

in Isanti County and graduated from Cambridge High School in 1952. Meryl was united in marriage to Wayne Henry Anderson on August 14, 1964 in Wayzata. She enjoyed bowling and playing bingo and most recently worked at the Sportsman's Café in Mora prior to retirement.

Meryl is survived by her son and daughter-in-law:

MERYL ANDERSON



Wayne (Gabrea) Anderson of Aitkin; three grandchildren: Robert (Kayla) Anderson of Aitkin, Ryan (Nicole) Anderson of Aitkin, Emma Anderson and her Fiancé Alex Olson of Pine City; two great-grandchildren: Ava and Addisyn; siblings: Dixie Stuckman of Coon Rapids, Sandra (William) Boese of Cambridge, Ned (Lela) McCarty of Coon Rapids and Verl McCarty of Cohasset; sister-in-law: Joanne McCarty of Coon Rapids; and many other special relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Wayne in 1984; infant daughter, Rena; siblings: Laverne "Mac" Carrington, Dean Carrington, James McCarty Lynn McCarty, Rex Ottinger and infant

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JAMES HANNAH



James C. Hannah, 77 of Aitkin died Wednesday, March 6, 2024 at Care Free Living in Brainerd. Funeral service will be 1:00

p.m. on Friday, March 22, 2024 at Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home in Aitkin. Visitation will be 5 to 7 p.m. on Thursday March 21 at the funeral

home and will continue one hour prior to the service. He was born August 12, 1946 in Aitkin to James and Charlotte (Cheney) Hannah. He graduated from Aitkin High School. He worked at Honeywell and owned Hannah's Country Store. James was a proud member of the NRA and a NASCAR fan. He enjoyed

watching Westerns, Duck Dynasty, and Sponge Bob. He collected coins, replica cars and many other interesting things.

James is survived by his children: Tabbetha "Tabby" Merrell of Brainerd, Steven (Patricia) Hannah of Emily, Cheryl Hannah (David Johnson) of Aitkin and Rebecca Weimer of Aitkin; five grandchildren: Rachel, Steven, Brittany, Channy and Jake; two great-grandchildren: Dayle and Arya; three siblings: David (Barbara) Hannah, Joyce (Larry) Cuyler and Jerry Lee; "Dad Hannah's Bonus Children:" Heather, Monica, Craig, Tracey, Chad, John, Angie, Kristi, Wendy, Wayne, Cameron and many more special relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother. Lawrence; and sister-in-law

Emily Lee.

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Onamia — Vineland Native American Chapel, Hwy. 169 north of casino; Worship 11; Pastor Boeringa 320-532-4449

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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

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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* — Jeff Sadrick, 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

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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.

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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; Confessions Tues. 5:30-6:30 pm Vineland — St. Therese, Mass Sun. 11; Holy Days 8:30.

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Tamarack — Pastor Terry Banker, 608-475-1528, Worship 9:30; SS 10:45; Wed Youth 4 pm.

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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

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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,

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Aitkin — St. John's, Holy Communion or Morning Prayer 9

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Malmo — Pastor Glenn Browning; SS 9:30; Fellowship 10; Wright - Pastor Ken Mitchell, 218-426-5115; SS 9:30;

Worship, 10:30; Thu., Bible Study, 7 pm.

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

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

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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 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

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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.

Cedar Lake, Norwegian Lutheran — Third Sun 11, May - Oct. Crosby — Immanuel (LCMC, NALC) Rev. Paul Mattson; Sun. 9 & 10:30 worship; SS (Sept.-May) 10:40.

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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

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10:30, (alternates with Zion of Crosby) 218-534-3069

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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.

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)

Jacobson — Carmel, Vicar Mark Wagner; SS 1st & 3rd Sun.

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.;

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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.

(LCMC), Pastor Lorelie Robinson; Worship 9, Fellowship

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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.

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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,

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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.

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28th - Holy Thursday Mass of the Last Supper, 7 p.m. at St. James Catholic Church, Aitkin.

29th - Good Friday Liturgy, 10 a.m. at Our Lady of Fatima Chapel, McGrath, Noon at Holy Family, McGregor, 3 pm at St. James, Aitkin 30th - Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Mass, 8:30 p.m. at St. James, Aitkin 31st - Easter Sunday Masses, 8 a.m. at Holy Family, McGregor; 10 a.m. at Our Lady of Fatima, McGrath; and 10:30 a.m. at St. James,

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