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Severe thunderstorms spawn damaging tornadoes in area



Broken trees and roof damage near Upper Whitefish Lake. Crow Wing County drone photo /National Weather Service in Duluth Storm Survey

On Wednesday, June 12, 2024, north-central Minnesota experienced a tumultuous evening as severe thunderstorms unleashed a series of tornadoes, causing widespread damage across Crow Wing, Aitkin, and Carlton Counties. The U.S. National Weather Service in Duluth conducted surveys to assess the impact of the storms, confirming four tornadoes spawned by two distinct su-

percell systems.

The first supercell storm, which developed around 3:45 p.m. near Wabun in northwest Minnesota, was particularly potent, covering a staggering distance of approximately 230 miles before dissipating near Wascott in southeast Douglas County, Wisconsin. This supercell produced multiple tornadoes, including a significant EF-2 tornado that struck areas near

Whitefish Lake, Clamshell Lake, and West of Crosslake in Crow Wing County between 6:18 and 6:23 p.m. With estimated peak winds of 120 mph and a path length of 3.2 miles, this tornado left a path of destruction characterized by extensive damage to homes, forests, and infrastructure.

According to the National

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'Between Earth and Sky' features Kim Gordon's oil and batik

Kim Gordon expresses her connection and passion for the natural world through oil and batik paintings. "Between Earth and Sky," the new show at Ripple River Gallery, features Gordon's work, through July 14.

"Painting is the most natural and direct way to for me to express ideas about the world in which I live and my place in it," Gordon said. "I have a constant fascination with the way the world looks, with the way light defines and erodes form, and with the compelling tension that exists between the quiet of the landscape and the palpable vitality that flows

through it. My choice of medium contributes to the communication of my ideas — how it looks when applied to a surface is as important to me as the image it forms. I think of the painted stroke as a visual language."

Gordon, who lives and works in Minneapolis, often works with landscape because it encourages a connection to the world. "By spending time in an environment, I am able to steep myself in it, bringing back to my studio specific color harmonies, a sense of light and movement through the landscape, and a greater understanding about that



Kim Gordon's "Sunbathers" utilizes the ancient art of batik to create the image of turtles basking in the summer sun.

place. Translating that into paint, I can best reveal both an inner experience and a sense of place."

During an oil painting residency, Gordon was first introduced to the ancient and process-oriented technique of batik. "My passion is the natural world and my

years of plein air oil painting have provided a foundation for my work in batik." Batik uses a fluid pigment or dye and a "resist" — hot wax — to slowly build designs. The pigment is applied in layers, from lightest to darkest, and the hot wax is selectively applied to areas the artist

wishes to remain that color or value. The wax "resists" subsequent layers of pigment. By layering pigment and wax, one gradually can increase color and value range, and in this way a complex image can be created. Gordon will also teach two classes in batik at the gallery on July 13 and 14.

Ripple River Gallery is located five miles south of Deerwood on Highway 6, then 3 miles east of Ruttger's Bay Lake Lodge on County Road 14 to Partridge Avenue; or south of Aitkin on Highway 169 to Bennettville, then 3.2 miles west on County Road 11 to Partridge Avenue.

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June
21st - Grammy Award Winners, "The Kentucky Headhunters" and "Pert Near Sandstone and Whiskey River" at Nature Rocks – A Concert for Conservation at Aitkin County Fairgrounds, 4:30 – 10 p.m.. Community support fuels the event, aiding scholarships for outdoor camps. Riverwood Healthcare tops sponsors, hailed as "rock stars." Local businesses provide concessions, while volunteers ensure its success. Tickets at naturerocksconcert.com.

21st - 23rd & 28th -30th - "Footloose!" on stage in the Pequot Lakes High School Theater with performances June 21 and 28 at 7 p.m. and June 22, 23, 29, and 30 at 2 p.m. Tickets are available online at www.glapa.org or by calling 218-568-9200. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$13 for seniors (over 60), and \$10 for students (under 18).

22nd - Dawson Strong Ride fundraiser for children's trauma centers for family and loved ones who need support, at the Moose Lodge in Aitkin. Pre-registration at 9 a.m., travel at 11 a.m. The 100 plus-mile ride has stops at Rustic Trail, Palisade; Lakeview Inn, Aitkin; Old Milwaukee Club, Ideal Corners; Log Cabin Bar, Emily and will return at the Moose Lodge in Aitkin. Donation is \$30 per motorcycle or vehicle. For more information call 218-851-8254.

July
5th - Hallett Freedom 5K run/walk bib timing race hosted by Hallett Center of Crosby. Early registration is \$35 plus \$3.10 signup fee includes a T-shirt and door prizes (\$40 after May 14).

6th - Annual Crooked Lake Firefighters Day/Dance, noon, with food vendors and beer garden in Luscher's Park off County Road 58 in Outing. Live music with Katherine Switzer from 4 to 7 p.m. and Gigfoot from 8 to midnight. Fireworks at dusk sponsored by the Outing Area Chamber.

8th - 13th - Aitkin County Fair at Aitkin County Fairgrounds. Gates open 8 am daily. Wednesday 3-10pm, Thurs. & Fri.: 1-10pm, Saturday: Noon-10pm. Bus & Stock Car Races

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Donations sought for Alan Woods

A motorcycle accident has left Alan Woods of Crosby with life-changing injuries.

The incident occurred on May 18 as Woods was traveling south on his motorcycle along State Highway 6, just north of Crosby. According to reports, a vehicle suddenly pulled out in front of him, resulting in a collision that caused significant damage to Woods’ left leg.

Emergency responders air-lifted Woods to the Orthopedic Trauma Unit at St. Cloud Hospital, where he underwent surgery later that evening as medical professionals were compelled to perform a partial amputation.

In response to this heart-breaking ordeal, the community has rallied around Woods and his family. The Alan Woods Benefit Fund has been established at Unity Bank in Crosby to assist with his extensive medical expenses. Donations can be sent to Unity Bank, located at 15 East Main Street, Crosby, MN 56441.

Also a benefit event is scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 24 at the Woodtick Inn in downtown Cuyuna. The event aims to raise funds through activities such as a bake sale, silent auction, and a pulled pork dinner, offering support during this challenging time.

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RV flipped upside down near Rabbit Lake, north of Crosby, MN, by a tornado. (Photo from National Weather Service in Duluth Storm Survey)

Weather Service in Duluth Storm survey, extensive damage to private residences and forest was found along Old Whiskey Road and Ruttger Road (referred to by locals as "Tip Top Point") and across Bertha and Clamshell Lake towards the far eastern reach of Whitefish Golf Club's holes. Damage path was the widest near Old Whiskey and Ruttger Road, around 700 yards across, with tree damage even identified on the island to the north of Old Whiskey Road. Over 80 percent of trees were uprooted or snapped near the base, and numerous homes showed minor to major roof damage. The worst of the roof damage was several homes

which had over 50 percent of the roof deck uplifted and removed. Homeowners also reported a nearly hour-long storm surge of 1 to 2 feet from Upper Whitefish Lake

Following closely behind, another EF-2 tornado emerged from the same supercell, touching down from Wolford to Rabbit Lake, Cedar Lake, and Hammal Lake from 6:45 to 7:05 p.m. This tornado, with estimated peak winds of 115 mph and a path length of 13.1 miles, caused significant tree damage and structural impacts. Residents reported scenes of devastation, including a fish house that was violently thrown nearly



Numerous trees snapped near Cedar Lake, southwest of Aitkin, MN, by a tornado. (Photo from National Weather Service in Duluth Storm Survey)



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Political Contribution Refund

Today I am writing about a couple things within our great State of Minnesota. First is a program called Minnesota Political Contribution Refund Program (PCR). This program is a great way for everyday Minnesotans to fight BIG MONEY and support local grassroots Constitutional conservative candidates.

The public finance system, run by the State of Minnesota, allows individuals to donate \$75 per person or \$150 per couple to a qualified candidate of their choice and receive a full refund from the Minnesota Department of Revenue.

How it works: Make your contribution, and the qualified campaign will give you an EP-3 receipt. The MN 2024 Form PCR (Political Contribution Refund) form is available online. You complete the PCR Form and mail it along with the EP-3 receipt to the Minnesota Department of Revenue. You will receive your refund via mail or EFT from MN Revenue. Thank you for supporting the Grassroots

Secondly, recently the MN HRCC (House Republican Campaign Committee) has moved against the Grassroots. In two of our State races, non-establishment Grassroots Republicans (Steuart and Gordon) received the endorsement of the people. However, HRCC chose to fundraise for the establishment candidates (Davids and Johnson) and sponsored the special fundraising event hosted by HRCC on Wednesday, May 29 in St Paul, suggesting a donation of \$250 to members of their choice.

Whys are they going against the will of the people?

Remember where it says "Of the People, By the People, For the People".... Let's get back to Our Constitution.

Our Founders were great men, they could apparently see into the future and knew this was going to happen. This is the government our founders warned us about. I encourage you to give to Grassroots conservatives, we need you.

Most of us don't Want to, but We Must, IT IS Time to Get Involved...We the People MUST Rise and STAND to save Minnesota and Make America Great Again ~ Before it's too late.

God bless you and God Bless America!

Be Blessed ~ Seek Truth, Diane Webb-Skillings, Aitkin



Everywhere we go it is delay, delay

By ANN SCHWARTZ

Well people, I did it. During the latest cleanout of my car I packed away my snow brush and scraper.

Now, we native Minnesotans know there has been snow every month of the year. We have fought blizzards as late as May and as early as October.

While the winter season, sometimes, seems to last forever, it at last gives way to the second Minnesota season – road construction. We give you this lowdown and summary as you plan your travels. (Note that this is just construction on state highways. Check your county, township or city website or contact the engineering department to find out about more local projects).

In the Little Falls and Randall areas, Hwy. 10 is seeing improvements in Morrison County.

South of Garrison on Hwy. 169, slow and one-lane traffic.

Aitkin near Dairy Queen Hwys. 169/210 to Hassman: Eleven miles of road surfacing, shoulder widening and upgraded drainage. Detoured.

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- Drivers traveling too fast and not paying attention are the main causes of work zone crashes. Follow these safe driving tips:
- Obey posted speed limits. The fine for speeding in a work zone is \$300.
- Drive undistracted. Avoid using phones, mobile devices, adjusting the radio – even eating – while in work zones.
- Move over. Give workers room to safely complete their work.
- Know before you go. Get real-time information about traffic and road conditions at 511mn.org or download the free 511mn app at Google Play or the App Store.

·Be patient. Expect delays, especially during peak travel times.

·Avoid making unnecessary lane changes.

·Never enter a road blocked with barriers or cones.

·Expect work zones to constantly change. Day to day you could experience lane shifts, closures, narrower lanes, moving workers and vehicles.

It is the American way and there is no need to stop now. Make up some bologna and cheese sandwiches, potato salad and a cooler of lemonade. Pack the kids, grandkids, dogs, toys and all the travel paraphernalia in the vehicle and hit the road for summer adventures. Keep cool, stay alert and don't let the construction zone waits drive up your blood pressure.



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CLEMENT GAGNON



Clement (Clem) Victor Gagnon, 93, died on Tuesday, May 21, 2024.

A Memorial service was held at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Crosby on Friday, June 21, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. Visitation was on hour prior to the service at the church on Friday. Memorials are preferred in lieu of flowers.

Clem was born July 7, 1930, to Joseph and Isabelle (Schelling) Gagnon in Niles Center, IL. Clem was known for his quick wit, his kind and sweet soul, a man that could fix anything and most importantly his love for Jesus. He owned and operated Clem's Renovating Service for many years and was

CLAYTON PURDY



Clayton Matthew "Clay" Purdy, 19, of Aitkin died Friday, June 7, 2024 at HCMC in Minneapolis.

Funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, June 24, 2024 at the Aitkin High School Auditorium in Aitkin with Pastor Larry Burg officiating. Burial will be in the Bethlehem Lutheran Cemetery, Nordland Township, Aitkin. Visitation will be 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday, June 23 at Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home in Aitkin and will continue one hour prior to the service at the Aitkin High School Auditorium Memorials are preferred in lieu of flowers to: "CAPS of Aitkin County" or "Smiles for Jake". Because his favorite color was yellow and he was a ray of sunshine for so many, Clayton's family asks that you wear yellow as a remembrance when attending the following services:

He was born September 6, 2004 in Saint Cloud the son of Rob and Shanna (Cartie) Purdy. He graduated from Aitkin High School in 2023 and while in school he enjoyed playing basketball and

a Janitor for the Crosby-Ironton School District.

Clem was most proud of his incredible achievement of being a 54 year member of AA. He donated the land for the parking lot and was instrumental in obtaining the two lots and the old American National Bank building for the Cuyuna Range Alano Club where AA meetings are held everyday.

Clem is survived by his sister, Jeanette Cuchetto of Deerwood and many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents, wife Irma Gagnon, brothers: Kenneth and Wallace Gagnon and sister, Yvonne Olson.

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



Karen Jean Churchill, 71, of Brainerd died on Monday, June 3, 2024 at Carefree Living in Brainerd.

A Memorial service will be held at 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 27, 2024 at the Cuyuna Lakes Community Church in Crosby. A visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church on Thursday. She was born on October 22, 1952 in Crosby to Myron and Lois (Brager) Price.

Karen was a former Para Professional for the Crosby-Ironton School District and was a former employee of Ruttger's Resort in Bay Lake serving at Auntie M's Coffee House.

KAREN CHURCHILL

Karen is survived by her mother, Lois Price of Crosby; five daughters: Angie Toven of Brainerd; Amber (Luke) Rosecrans of Crosby, Ashley Churchill of CoCoa, FL; Alyssa (Justin) Grecula of Brainerd, and Ariana (Westly) Juaira of Brainerd; four brothers: David (Cheri) Price of Deerwood, Jim Price of Mounds View, Randy (Tami) Price of Deerwood and Dale (Ronda) Price of Coon Rapids; two sisters: Jan (Gary) Oliphant of Baxter and Ruth Price of Madison, WI; and 12 grandchildren.

Preceding Karen in death are her husband, Loyd; father, Myron Price and brother, Jerome Price.

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DONNA VIKLA



Donna Mae Vikla, 84, of McGregor, died on Tuesday, June 4, 2024 at Riverwood Healthcare Center in Aitkin.

A private service for immediate family will be held at Grace Lutheran Church.

Donna was born on December 23, 1939 in Prior Lake to George Karl Raemer and Hannah Naomi Raemer (Olson). She grew up in Prior Lake and graduated from Prior Lake High School on May 23, 1957. Donna married the love of her life, Floyd Vikla, on June 8, 1957 in Prior Lake. She loved to dance and would attend many dances, which is how she and her husband, Floyd, met. He was playing with his band, "The Jolly Musicians" at that time. Donna and Floyd purchased their first home together in Richfield in 1960. There, they raised their family until moving to McGregor in 1973, after purchasing the Shamrock Ballroom, which they ran until 1981. Donna had an extremely warm and welcoming personality and treated everyone with kindness. She had many friends who she

loved to get together and visit with. Once you met Donna, she was your friend for life. Donna was an extraordinary mother and grandmother. She played a very important role in each of her children and grandchildren's lives; they meant the absolute world to her and she loved them all dearly. She was a faithful member of Grace Lutheran Church in McGregor and enjoyed attending Sunday services with her husband, Floyd. Donna also enjoyed cooking, baking, watching the Minnesota Vikings, Timberwolves, Twins and she loved all animals.

Donna is survived by three children: Randy (Sherrie) Vikla; Barb (Paul) Nelson; Bruce Vikla (Amy Hayes); five grandchildren: Jamie Vikla, Jessica Vikla, Samantha Nelson, Jazlyn Vikla and Alex Hayes; and two great-grandchildren: Zander Preston and Ariya Preston.

She was preceded in death by her parents; sister, Karen Raemer; daughter, Cindy Vikla and husband, Floyd Vikla.

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Crosby — Bible Baptist, Pastor Jon Thorson; SS 9:45; Service 10:45 and 6 p.m., Bible Study Wed. 7 pm
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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.
Crosslake — Immaculate Heart, 218-692-3731; www.ihmstmileys.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; Confessions 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 Haffner 218-792-5684; Sacrament Mtg. 10

COMMUNITY
Aitkin — Nondenominational; 927-2749; at 219-1st Ave. NE., Aitkin, Services Sun. 10, 218-927-6959
Brainerd - Community of Hope Church of the Nazarene- Pastor Dave McGaffey Sunday worship at 10, SS 9; 16549 Johnson Rd -church phone 218-829-9005
Glen — Pastor R. F. Stauter, 218-838-1981; Worship 9 May-Oct.
Grand Rapids — Solid Rock Church of God, Pastor Robert Kimberling; 218-326-0711; Sun. BS 9:30, Worship 10:30; Wed. BS 6:30 pm
Jacobson — Jacobson Community Church, Pastor George Collins, 218-252-5938, Sun. SS (All ages) 9:30, Worship 10:30; Family Time 2nd & 4th Sundays; Wed. BS 7 pm
Kimberly — Nature Ave. Rev. Rick Perry; Worship 9; Adult Bible Study & Sunday School 10:30; 218-927-6256.
McGregor — Amazing Grace Christian Church; Worship 10; 99 South 1st Street (at the McGregor United Methodist church [shared] in downtown McGregor) Pastor Joel Seibel.
McGregor — Victory Mission, Pastor J. Gould, 218-768-2160; Sun. 10; Wed. Bible Study, 7:30 pm.
Merrifield — Community Church of the Nazarene, Pastor Ron Christenson; Service 11 & 6 pm. Wed. Prayer Meeting, 7 p.m.; 218-829-7536.
Merrifield — Ossipee community, SS 10; Service 11; Wed. Bible Study Prayer, 7:00 p.m.
Nisswa — Christ Community Church, Pastor Richie Bean; Service 10; Fellowship 9:30-10
Outing* - Narrows Community Church, Pastor Kenny Holm, 218-792-5530 Worship 9:30; 6297 Woods Bay NE, just north of Hwy. 6 bridge
Palisade —Hilltop Chapel (Waukenabo Twp)*- service 10 a.m.; Adult and Children's SS 9 a.m.; 49448 Osprey Avenue, Palisade.
Tamarack — Church of Christ, 218-768-3898; Service 9:30; SS 10:45.

EPISCOPAL
Aitkin — St. John's, Holy Communion or Morning Prayer 9
Brainerd* — St. Paul's, Rev. Joyce A. Rush. In-person worship service at 10 am Sunday. Online at 5 pm Saturday. Call the church 219-829-3834 and leave a message with email to receive a Zoom invitation.

EVANGELICAL FREE
Baxter — Lakewood EFC, Pastor Matt Nagel; Worship at 9:00 and 10:45. Wednesday for all ages 6:30 pm.
Crosslake — 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 Kconnect 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, for information 320-684-2804

LUTHERAN
Aitkin — Bethlehem (ELCA), Rev. Rebecca Hinz; Worship 9:30; Holy Comm. 1st & 3rd Sun. each month.
Aitkin — First Community (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 (Cedarbrook) — St. John's (ELCA) Pastor Sarah Stadler, 602-318-6876, 27452 St. John's Church Road, Aitkin. Worship on Sundays at 9:00 am and Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. VBS Aug 5-8; register online at stjohns-cedarbrook.weebly.com.
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 Inglenwood and Cherrywood). 218-829-4105. www.christbaxter.com.
Baxter — Prince of Peace (LCMS); Communion every Sunday 9, Fellowship 10:15, Adult Bible Class & Sunday School 10:30 am 218-829-7092 [\[theran.church\]\(http://theran.church\)
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 \[fcbbrainerd.com\]\(http://fcbbrainerd.com\) 424 8th Street South, Brainerd
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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. Crosby — Immanuel \(LCMC, NALC\) Rev. Paul Mattson; Sun. 9 & 10:30 worship; SS \(Sept.-May\) 10:40.
Crosby — Zion \(LC-MS\) Worship 9 \(alternates with Immanuel Iron Hub\) 218-546-6910.
Crosslake Lutheran Church \(ELCA\) \[www.crosslakelutheran.com\]\(http://www.crosslakelutheran.com\) Kristin Oltmann, Pastor / Becky Swanson, Pastor 218-692-3682 May 19-Labor Day: Sun. Indoor 8:30am, Outdoor 10am Indoor: 35960 CR 66, Outdoor: 14019 Daggett Pine Rd
Crosslake —Mission of the Cross \(LCMS\), Pastor Leslie Uhrinak; Worship 9:30 with every Sunday Communion, Fellowship 10:30, Adult Bible Class 11, 218-692-4228, \[www.missionofthecross.org\]\(http://www.missionofthecross.org\)
Deerwood* — Salem \(ELCA\), Pastor Amanda Kempthorne; Worship: 9; Sunday School 9:50.
Garrison — Light of the Cross \(ELCA\), 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. Lovas; Worship 9; SS 10; Holy Communion 1st Sun. of month 8:45.
Hill City — Trinity, \(Missouri Synod\), Pastor M. Eckert; Worship 9; Bible Study 10:15.
Hillman — Immanuel, \(ELCA\) Sun. Worship 11, fellowship follows. Located on the corner of Hwy. 27 and Co. Rd. 47. \(Handicap accessible\)
Iron Hub — Immanuel \(LC-MS\) Worship 9, \(alternates with Zion of Crosby\) 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 \(LCMC\), Pastor Lorelie Robinson; 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 - 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 Lutheran (LCMC Congregations in Mission for Christ) 11:30 service. Communion 1st & 3rd Sunday each month.
Tamarack (AFLC) — Pastor Ron Staudinger; 1st, 3rd and 4th Sundays 10 am; 41163 Kestrel Ave 3.3 mi. South of Hwy 210
Thor — Zion, Worship 11; 1st and 3rd Sun. April through December.
Wright — Bethlehem, Worship; SS 9.
Wright — St. John's (Missouri Synod), Pastor Joshua Reinke; Worship 10:30; Bible Study and Sunday School Sun. 9:30; Lent services Wed. 5:30 pm.)

NON-DENOMINATIONAL
Brainerd—Oak Street Chapel, Pastor Todd Wooden, Worship service is Sunday at 9:30, 523 SE 11th Street, Brainerd, 218-454-0984
Brainerd—Remnant Ministry Center, Pastor Ben Davis, Worship service is Sunday at 10am, 512 S 8th St., Suite 2, 218-829-2989.

PENTECOSTAL
Baxter — Christ Alive, 12485 Forestview Drive, Baxter, MN 56425
Emily — Cornerstone Church; Pastor Earl Ready; Worship 10, 41536 Birchwood Drive, Emily; 218-763-2939.
Ironton — Iron Range Christian Center; Pastor Dwight Semler; 218-546-6523; meeting at Irontale Town Hall*, Co. Rd. 12, (Deerwood Shortcut); Worship 10 & Wed. 7 pm.
Tamarack — Warriors of the Rainbow Ministry, Pastors Ken and Ron Fairbanks, Sat. 11. 218-768-3585

PRESBYTERIAN
Crosslake - Pastor Mark Ford, 218-692-4769; Worship 9; Fellowship 11, 14444 Daggett Pine Road, Crosslake, just passed the Community Center; www.crosslakepres.org.
McGrath — Calvary, Pastor - Todd Oltmann; Worship 9.
McGregor/Round Lake — Pastor Talley; Worship Sat. 5 pm.
Tamarack — First, Rev. J. Yingling; Worship 11.

REFORMED
Crosby — Lifespring Church, a member of Fellowship of Independent Reformed Evangelicals; 9:30, 30 Hallett Ave NE 218-545-5433, www.visitlifespring.com




SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST
Aitkin — Pastor Roger Hagen; Worship Sat. 9:30, Bible Study 10:30; Prayer Mtg. Wed. 5:30 p.m.; www.aitkinadventist.org; 423-805-0933
Brainerd — Pastor Roger Hagen; Worship Sat. 11:20, Bible Study 10; Bible Study & Prayer Mtg. Wed. 6:30 p.m.; 2910 Oak Street, Brainerd, 218-829-1676

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST
Pequot Lakes — 28877 State Hwy 371, Pequot Lakes 10:30 1st and 4th Sundays. 218-330-3476

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Brainerd — First Congregational UCC, 415 Juniper St, Brainerd. Sunday worship at 10. Pastor; Leslie Moughty. Handicapped accessible.

UNITED METHODIST
Aitkin* — Aitkin - Pastor Dawn Houser; Worship 10, Wednesdays at 5:30 pm Bible & Brew, Facebook live.
Crosby/Deerwood* — Cascade, Pastor Gary Taylor; Sunday Worship with Youtube live streaming 10 am with fellowship to follow. Cascade Ladies meet on the first Wednesday of each month at noon. Come & Eat Community dinner on the third Wednesday of each month at 5:30 pm. Please call the office to sign up: 218-534-3507.
Cutler* (South Aitkin County) — Pine Lake Chapel, Pastor Gary Taylor; Worship Sunday 1 p.m. Fellowship follows.
Cromwell — Pastor Tim Hornstad; 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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Gov. Walz announces \$12 million to benefit about 2,100 Minnesotans

In a claim to bolster workforce readiness and address disparities across Minnesota, Governor Tim Walz unveiled a significant investment totaling over \$12 million aimed at enhancing job skills training, internships, and job placement opportunities. The funding, allocated under the Targeted Populations Workforce Competitive Grant Program, is set to benefit approximately 2,100 Minnesotans, particularly those from historically underserved communities.

Governor Walz, in a press release on Tuesday, emphasized the crucial role these grants play in reducing barriers to employment. “For underserved communities, finding employment can be especially challenging,” he stated. “These grants are designed to bridge that gap by providing essential training and support, ensuring all Minnesotans have equitable access to meaningful careers.”

Lieutenant Governor Flanagan echoed these sentiments, highlighting the ongoing disparities faced by marginalized communities. “Race, gender, and zip code should never hinder someone’s ability to find work,” she affirmed. “These grants are a critical step towards economic equity, offering tailored support to those who

need it most.”

The initiative, funded through a \$50 million appropriation from the 2023 legislative session, targets populations traditionally overlooked in the job market. According to DEED Commissioner Matt Varilek, the selected organizations bring invaluable experience in reaching these communities. “This diverse group of grantees is well-equipped to provide the technical and work-readiness skills essential for securing in-demand jobs,” Varilek noted. “Their efforts will not only benefit individual job seekers but also strengthen Minnesota’s workforce as a whole.”

Among the organizations receiving grants is Native Sun, a Native-led nonprofit dedicated to promoting energy efficiency and renewable energy. Robert Blake, Executive Director of Native Sun, expressed enthusiasm about their role in preparing underserved communities for careers in clean energy. “This funding will help us introduce new opportunities in solar manufacturing and other green economy sectors,” Blake remarked. “It’s about empowering communities to thrive in sustainable industries.”

The broader scope of DEED’s workforce development strategy includes

investments totaling more than \$216 million through 2025. This includes funds from initiatives like Drive for 5, focusing on training for sectors such as education and manufacturing, and Clean Economy Equitable Workforce grants, aimed at high-demand fields like construction and clean energy.

Marc Majors, DEED’s Deputy Commissioner for Workforce Development, underscored the transformative impact of these investments. “By prioritizing workforce training and job readiness, we are not only meeting current labor market demands but also paving the way for a more inclusive economy,” Majors stated. “These targeted efforts will help Minnesota businesses access the skilled workforce they need to thrive.”

The Targeted Populations grants are part of a concerted effort to expand opportunities across diverse communities. Organizations like the Latino Chamber of Commerce and the Somali American Social Association are set to receive substantial funding to support their respective workforce development initiatives.

Looking ahead, additional grant opportunities are being made available to further enhance workforce

capacity and foster diversity within Minnesota’s small business sector. Community-based organizations are encouraged to apply for capacity-building grants, while small businesses can access funding for diversity and inclusion training.

As Minnesota continues to navigate a competitive labor market, Governor Walz remains optimistic about the impact of these investments. “This isn’t just about filling jobs; it’s about empowering individuals and strengthening our economy from the ground up,” he concluded. “Together, we can build a Minnesota where opportunity is accessible to all.”

The rollout of these grants marks a pivotal moment in Minnesota’s commitment to equitable economic growth, signaling a proactive approach to workforce development that aims to benefit residents across the state.

Targeted Populations Grantees include:

- Asian American Business Resilience Network, serving the Twin Cities Metro – \$600,000
- Community Integration Center, serving the Wilmar area – \$420,000
- Community Resource Center, serving the Twin Cities Metro – \$600,000
- Friends of Career Solutions, serving Central Min-

- nesota – \$400,000
- Global Fatherhood Foundation, serving the Twin Cities Metro – \$375,000
- Horn Of Africa Development and Education Foundation (HADEF), serving the Twin Cities Metro – \$350,000
- Immigrant Development Center, serving Clay and Moorhead Counties – \$700,000
- Latino Chamber of Commerce, serving the Twin Cities Metro and Greater MN – \$350,000
- MADDADS, serving the Twin Cities Metro – \$500,000
- Minnesota Training Partnerships serving the Twin Cities Metro – \$490,000
- Native Sun Community Power Development, serving the Twin Cities Metro and Greater MN – \$600,000
- Neighborhood Hub, serving the Twin Cities Metro – \$1,000,000
- Organization of Liberians in Minnesota, serving the Twin Cities Metro – \$400,000
- Push for Prosperity, serving the Twin Cities Metro and Greater MN – \$650,000
- River Bend Nature Center, serving the Faribault Region – \$600,000
- Sierra Leone Community in Minnesota, serving the Twin Cities Metro – \$500,000
- Smart North, serving the

- Twin Cities Metro and Greater MN – \$700,000
- Somali American Social Service Association, serving the Twin Cities Metro and SE MN and Olmsted County – \$1,000,000
- Somali Medical Association of America serving Greater MN – \$500,000
- Somali Parent Academy, serving the Twin Cities Metro – \$300,000
- TechFluent, serving the Twin Cities Metro and Greater MN – \$500,000
- Wellspring Second Chance Center, serving the Twin Cities Metro – \$800,000

Two additional Targeted Populations grant opportunities are currently available. Minnesota community-based organizations are encouraged to apply for Targeted Populations Capacity Building Competitive Grants to increase their capacity to provide workforce services and training to historically underserved communities of color or low-income communities. Eligible small Minnesota businesses are encouraged to apply for Targeted Populations - Diversity and Inclusion for Small Employers Competitive Grants to obtain diversity and inclusion training resulting in their ability to engage, hire, and retain people of color in a variety of roles.

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with Todd Wohl
Saturday, June 22
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4th of July Cookout & Games

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Fireworks

Friday, July 5
at dusk

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Alec's 9 Golf Course

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