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New pastor blows in from Florida with energy and plans

Pastor William Verbeke, 27, a native of Fort Myers, Florida, is the new lead pastor at Northwoods Community Church in Aitkin. The church was formerly Journey North, and, prior to that, Westside, and has long been associated with retired Pastor Dallas Smith. It began as the new site for Calvary Baptist Church, which is now a parking lot for Aitkin Health Services.

Verbeke, (a William, not a Bill) lived in Fort Myers until Hurricane Charlie forced the family to move to Central Florida with his grandparents. He attended high school in Tampa.

"My aunt invited me to go to church with her when I was a high school junior. God was there, but he wasn't active in my life. I heard that God was crazy about me and sent his son to die for me, and it was free. Since I grew up poor, anything free was great."

He gave his life to God, enrolled in Trinity College of Florida and was eventually ordained by the Church of



Pastor William Verbeke (right) and his wife Colleen (left).
Submitted photo

God.

"I married the first girl I dated and it was a bad idea. We started drinking a lot and I learned that I come from a long line of alcoholics. My wife and I would shut down the bars. My wife decided that she didn't want to be married to a man anymore and found herself in the arms of a woman."

Working as a youth pastor at the time ("being a divorced alcoholic doesn't mix well with being a youth pastor") he fled to Maine and a job referral from his mentor. He soon lost his job, due to drinking, and was living in his car. He connected with Greg, his childhood pastor,

who "loved me back to life."

He and his first wife divorced. She now identifies as a man and although he wanted to stay married forever, he believes that his relationship met the biblical test where divorce is allowed.

Moving back to Florida with a new purpose in 2019, he began working for Real Life Church, as well as the hotel industry. When the pandemic hit, he lost both of his jobs at once. He eventually landed a position as the manager of a hotel opening in Florida during the pandemic. He also got church employment again. On the plus side, he also got ordained with the Reformation Movement and met and married his wife,

Colleen.

"God put it on our hearts that we needed to move on, even though we had great answers to our prayers by obtaining a house and furniture when we needed it. We came to Northwoods and they need stability. The congregation here is resilient but they have a lot of changes. God used a messed-up man to spread the gospel here."

Growing up with hard-working parents who sometimes found money tight, Verbeke knows what it is like to eat food from a food pantry and to live on a salvaged boat. That is reflected in Ruby's Pantry, a ministry at Northwoods that distributes food to community members.

"Our vision is to reach people who are far from God with the good news of the Gospel."

Northwoods' programs include Ruby's Pantry, a very

active youth group, an addict recovery group and recovery church services. He and his wife Colleen, a graphic artist, are working on rebranding Northwoods with new printed material and lots of social media exposure. They both love art, design and animation. Colleen works for a printer in Brainerd.

Verbeke is thankful for his leadership team, who laid all the groundwork for the newest version of the church, all who serve at the church and the pastors who laid the groundwork before him.

They base their theology on the Nicene Creed, which is Baptist with some Wesleyan theology and they belong to the Converge North Central network of churches.

"God is good to us and we've met a great bunch of generous people from our church and from the community," he summed up.

Highway 169/210 intersection at Hassman to close starting Sept. 3

Those who travel on Highway 169/210 between Aitkin and Hassman can expect the current detour through McGregor to extend through

Palisade as the Highway 169/210 intersection in Hassman closes on Tuesday, Sept. 3, reports the Minnesota Department of Transportation.

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Merlyn Royal Espeseth, a boy, was born August 16, 2024, in Aitkin, to Kelsey and Tim Espeseth of Aitkin. Grandparents are Galen and Rhonda Torkelson, and David and Dorothy Espeseth.

Lions hit a sweet spot with peachy fundraiser and community support

The Aitkin Lions Club has been spreading summer sweetness with their recent Palisade Colorado peaches fundraiser. On August 30, the fairgrounds buzzed with activity as the Lions successfully sold 420 lugs of these delicious fruits, each at a tasty price of \$45.

Each lug not only offered a burst of summer flavor, but also a generous contribution to local causes, with \$10 from every lug going directly to support Aitkin Lions' community projects.

The impact of this fundraiser is felt across various local initiatives. The Lions have been hard at work sponsoring a range of activities and events. They've hosted the End of the Year Picnic at Rippleside Elementary, celebrated the top three classes with McDonald's gift cards for their pop tab collections, and awarded cash prizes to the classrooms with the highest supply donations.


Their support extends to Aitkin High School, as well, where they've sponsored the

Student of the Month program. Beyond the schools, their charitable spirit reaches further – they've donated to HOPE, contributed to the Alzheimer's Walk, and even provided a bench made from recycled plastic bags to the Riverwood Surgical addition.

With such dedication and community spirit, the Aitkin Lions are making a significant difference and showing just how sweet summer can be, both for taste buds and community.

OBITUARIES

DARYL PROFFIT



Daryl David Proffitt, 76, of Crosslake died on Thursday, June 27, 2024 at the Estates at Roseville.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, September 7, 2024 at the Log Cabin Bar in Emily from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Sharing of Memories will be at 2:30 p.m. with military honors presented by the Myrin-James American Legion Post #443. In lieu of flowers memorials are preferred.

Memorials will be going to those who have helped Daryl.

He was born in Pine River on November 18, 1947 to Dallas and Betty (Peterson) Proffitt. He attended elementary school in Fifty Lakes and Junior High in Pine River. His family moved to Montana in 1962, settling in Gardiner, Montana. He graduated from Gardiner High School in 1965. He enlisted in the Air Force in 1966, where he served as a mechanic. Daryl

married Dorothy Rae "Dottie" Voeltz and they had two children. After leaving the military, Daryl worked for his brother, Dennis, with Proffitt Construction in Gardiner, Montana for 30 years. In 1996, Daryl moved to Minnesota where he worked with Schweitzer's Construction doing finish carpentry. Together with his life partner Mary Smith moved to Crosslake in 1999, they purchased Diner's Broasted Chicken and Pizza in Emily, Minnesota. He retired in 2014.

Daryl is survived by his partner, Mary Smith; daughter, Teresa Proffitt; five grandchildren: Richardo Quimiro and Jacob Gerado Vasquez-Proffitt, Stacey (James) Hammer, Jennifer Balkum and Oliver Balkum; sister-in-law, Judith Proffitt; as well as many nieces and nephews and friends.

Preceding Daryl in death are his parents; son, David; sister, Carol Proffitt Dahl and brother, Dennis Proffitt.

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

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READER RIBBETS

Questions for Rep. Ben Davis

I was tempted to write a response to Rep. Ben Davis's two articles, "Democrats Radical Left Policies" and "Rep. Ben Davis's Legislative Update" in both the *NewsHopper* and The *Crosby Courier* a few weeks ago, but I chose not to do so. Then Governor Waltz was chosen to be the Democratic Vice-Presidential nominee, and I began to read much about Gov. Waltz and the legislative activity of Minnesota's 93rd legislature. As I researched more, I realized that Rep. Ben Davis in his articles was highlighting only a handful of social/cultural bills with a few sentences a mere "sound bite" if you will and ignoring many other important topics. Rather than a "sound bite" a bit of further context would have been appreciated.

Rep. Davis in his Legislative Update writes at length of the possible fraud stemming from the Minnesota Autism Centers and the Feeding Our Future program. However, one can't help but wonder why in the column, "Democrats Radical Left Policies" Rep. Davis gives one or two, "sound bites" for each topic he chose to highlight? Such inadequate explanation does not do justice to the bills he writes about.

HF1 Reproductive Health Rights is the first bill Rep. Davis chose to comment upon. This bill, depend-

ing on your political or religious beliefs, can be debated. However, what this bill does is allow a woman to have autonomy over her own health care with no interference from the state. Rep. Davis mentioned that this bill allows "abortion up to the moment of birth" and "allows minor children to be sterilized without parental consent." If you read the entire bill, you will see there is no clear evidence from the text that it explicitly allows minors to be sterilized without parental knowledge and abortion up to the moment of birth is a bit misleading. The bill supports the life of the mother in extreme medical emergencies. (You can view all bills passed by Minnesota's 93rd legislature just Google Minnesota State Legislature's Bill Search and Status.)

Why did Rep. Davis choose to only highlight social/cultural issues, i.e., abortion, immigration, transgender, etc. and not any others such as education, medical, environmental, etc.? It is unfortunate that Rep. Davis has led all readers (regardless of one's political beliefs) down a very simple path that de-

nies a more complete context in reference to the bills passed. Not to mention the bills he chose not to write about. Also included in the article was a long list of mostly social/cultural bills that were not passed, one must ask why include non-passed bills, what's the purpose of telling his constituents what wasn't passed?

As one of Rep. Davis's constituents it would be appreciated if in one of his press releases, he acknowledges what he has done specifically for Crow Wing County. Surely, there must be some piece of legislation that Rep. Davis had a hand in crafting or co-authoring, or signed onto, something that he would be proud to tell his constituents how this piece of legislation adds value to Crow Wing County and its citizens. As Rep. Davis said in relation to the attempted assassination of former president Trump, "may it serve to unify us as Americans." If future articles Rep. Davis writes are more balanced, maybe they can help all his constituents be more unified.

Ted Howe, Brainerd

COMMUNITY EVENTS

- August**
31st - Northland Arboretum Fungi Workshop, 10 a.m.- 1 p.m. at 14250 Conservation Drive, Brainerd. For more information call 218-829-8770.
- September**
9th - Patty Wetterling will be speaking at Gichi-ziibi Center for the Arts at noon, as part of the Friends of the Brainerd Public Library Brown Bag Author Series
14th - Erin's Wish Memorial ATV Ride starts at 10 a.m. from the Section 6 parking lot off Iverson Road (County Road 128) between Riverton and Trommald. Contact Andrew Suchla at arsuchla@gmail.com for more details.
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Estate of Ken Mielke | Farm/Firearms
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OBITUARIES

MARY LOU ROMAN

Mary Lou Roman, 88 of Durango, Colorado, died Thursday, August 22, 2024 at her residence near Aitkin, Minnesota.

Funeral service were held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, August 30, 2024 at Saint James Catholic Church in Aitkin with Father Mike Patullo officiating. Interment was at Fort Snelling National Cemetery in Minneapolis.

She was born March 27, 1936 in Durango the daughter of Rufus and Sophia (Senna) Romero. On June 8, 1959 in Durango, Mary Lou was united in marriage to Joseph Elliott Roman. She worked as a bookkeeper for various construction companies. Mary Lou left a legacy of love for her whole

family, especially to her seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. She was very proud of her family.

Mary Lou is survived by three daughters, two sons, seven grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, two sisters, one brother and many other special relatives and friends who mourn her passing.

She was preceded in death by her husband Joseph in 2010, two sons, one brother and her parents.

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

ALDEN PETERSON



Alden Peterson, 87 of Aitkin died peacefully on Friday, August 23, 2024 at his son's place at White Earth, MN.

A celebration of Alden's life was held on Thursday, August 29, 2024 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Nordland Township, Aitkin with Pastor Rebecca Hinz officiating. Burial was in the Bethlehem Cemetery.

He was born on December 12, 1936 in Oldham, SD, the son of Carl and Viola (Becker) Peterson. He was baptized and confirmed at Oldham Lutheran Church and graduated from Oldham High School in 1954. He worked for the Hattendorf Construction Co. and learned masonry. He helped build the new Oldham Lutheran Church and eight other churches in southern Minnesota, including St. John's American Lutheran Church in Owatonna, where he met his future bride, Faye Frerichs. On March 8, 1959 Alden and Faye were united in marriage. Seven days after they were married Alden left for boot camp in Ft. Leonardwood,

MO. They lived in Owatonna for 40 years. During that time he worked in construction, Gandy Co. and Wenger Corp. He worked at Owatonna Tool Co. for 27 years, many of those years as a supervisor of the machine shop. Alden and two other Supervisors established Pal's Machining Shop LLC in Owatonna in 1991 and he retired in December of 1999. The couple then moved to their cabin in rural Aitkin and finally built a home on the site in 2001. His kindness and love for everyone will be remembered by all who knew him. He was a dedicated husband, father, grandfather and "OPA". He was a man of strong faith in God and was always willing to lend a hand.

Alden is survived by his wife of 65 years, Faye Peterson; daughter, Julie (Bruce) Rohrig; son, Jeffrey (Cindy) Peterson, five grandchildren: Brandon(Beki), Jamie (Shalane), Kelsey(Justin), Korey(Mel), and Jordan (Luke); three great-grandchildren: Freya, Cora and Camdon; two brothers: Rollo (Sharon) and Dale (Connie); two sisters-in-law: Ardella and Sarah Frerichs and many other special relatives and friends.

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

BETTY SHERRY-LUECK



Betty Jeane (Marston) Sherry – Lueck, 98, formerly of Round Lake-Tamarack died Tuesday, August 20, 2024.

Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. on Sunday, September 8, 2024 at Round Lake Presbyterian Church (16652 Goshwak St. – McGregor, MN. 55760).

Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial will be in the Round Lake Cemetery. Memorials are preferred in lieu of flowers.

She was born February 25, 1926 in Chicago, Illinois the daughter of Wesley and Helen Elizabeth (Githens) Marston. Betty was united in marriage to Richard James Sherry January 23, 1945 in New York, New York. They lived in Iowa for a time and then moved to Cloquet in 1958. Betty worked as a secretary for Cloquet Public Schools. In 1982 they moved to their home on Round Lake near Tamarack. Betty was a former member of the Eastern Star. She was a concert pianist and used her talent at many churches she attended including Round Lake Presbyterian

Church where she and Richard were very active members. Richard passed away in 2007. On February 9, 2013, Betty was united in marriage to Fritz Lueck. Fritz passed away in 2020. She was a very talented seamstress and enjoyed sewing, knitting, polka dancing, gardening, traveling and her Bridge Club. Betty loved her dogs very much and loved to be with her family and socializing with her friends.

Betty is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Daniel (Ellen) Sherry; daughter, Nancie Sherry -Skare; five grandchildren: Emily, Melinda, Wesley, Ian and Ethan; seven great grandchildren; cousin, Sandy Harley; step-children (Fritz Lueck's children): Dale, Larry, Cindy and Deb and their spouses, children and grandchildren; many other special relatives and friends whom Betty loved very much.

She was preceded in death by her maternal grandmother, Mabel Githens, who is buried in the Round Lake Cemetery; parents, Wesley and Helen Marston; husbands: Richard Sherry and Fritz Lueck.

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

JO BLANCH



Josephine "Jo" Blanch, 96, of Crosby, died on Sunday, August 25, 2024 at the Cuyuna Regional Care Center in Crosby.

Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 3, 2024 at the Salem Lutheran Church in Deerwood. A visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial will be at the Lakewood Cemetery in Crosby. In lieu of flowers memorial project will be funded through the MN Ornithologists Union-Terry Savaloja Memorial Fund.

She was born on October 5, 1927 in Helena, MT to Joseph and Katherine (O'Brien) Granby.

Jo was a retired Administrative Accounting Clerk for Zontelli Brothers and Aitkin Iron Works.

Being an avid birder, Jo traveled the United States, Canada and Costa Rica. She had over 1000 bird spies on her life list. Jo was a member of the Salem Lutheran Church in Deerwood and a founding member of the Bee-Nay-She Bird Club.

Preceding Jo in death are her parents; her husband, Steve; 3 sisters, Ruth Schmidt, Margie Branch and Dorothy Lindgren; and 3 brothers, Donald Graton, Russell Granby and Kenneth Granby.

Jo is survived by many nieces and nephews.

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Baxter* — Pointway Alliance Church; Rev. Charles Bolstridge, 218-537-6505; 7756 Highland Scenic Road; Worship 10; www.pointway.org
Garrison* — Worship 10:30am
Onamia — Vineland Native American Chapel, Hwy. 169 north of casino; Worship 11; Pastor Boeringa 320-532-4449

ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Aitkin — Pastor Andrew Jergenson; Sunday Morning Service 10.
Baxter — Heritage Church, Pastor Heath Beard; 8:30, 10 & 11:30 Sundays, 6:30p Wednesdays, iamheritage.org
Crosby — Pastor Dustin McCaleb; Worship 10:30
Crosslake — Crossroads Christian, Rev. Gary Espeseth; SS at 9:30; Worship at 10:45
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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, Pastor William Verbeke, 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.; fcbbrainerd.com
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Glory* — 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.
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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.ihmstemiils.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
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CHURCH OF CHRIST
Baxter, Lakes Area — Nondenominational; 7001 Highland Scenic Road; Bible Study every Wed. 7 pm; Worship 10:30-11:30. 218-828-1362
Tamarack — Pastor Terry Banker, 608-475-1528, Worship 9:30; SS 10:45; Wed Youth 4 pm.

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COMMUNITY
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
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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 Konnect 6:30 pm
Malmö — Pastor Glenn Browning; SS 9:30; Fellowship 10; Worship 10:15
Wright — Pastor Ken Mitchell, 218-426-5115; SS 9:30; Worship, 10:30; Thu., Bible Study, 7 pm.

HEBREW/MESSIANIC
Glen — Beth Shalom Tabernacle of Truth, 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 KGIN 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 Ingelwood 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 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 fcbbrainerd.com
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Brainerd* — Good Shepherd Free Lutheran Church (AFLC), Pastor David Franz, find service info at www.goodshepherdfreelutheran.church, 5878 Pine Beach Road, Brainerd, 218-824-3052
Brainerd — Laestadian Lutheran Church, 1501 So. 8th St. - Sunday Worship Services 10:30 am. (www.llchurch.org)
Brainerd — Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA) 1420 South 6th St. Brainerd, Worship time September through May 8:15am & 10:30am; worship (June through August) 9 am. 218-829-5147. Website: www.trinitybrainerd.org. Email: trinity@trinitybrainerd.org
Brainerd — Truth Lutheran Church (LCMC, Pastor James Walth, Corner of 5th and Kingwood, Worship 9
Brainerd - Zion Lutheran Church (LCMS) Pastor Steve Benson, Sunday Worship 9, Monday Worship 6 pm. Education hour Sunday 10:15 am. 220 N. 8th St. Brainerd. 218-829-4317. www.zionbrainerd.com.
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 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
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.
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 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), Pastor Josh Blair; 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; Adult Bible Study.
Jacobson — Carmel, Vicar Mark Wagner; SS 1st & 3rd Sun. 10, Service 11, fellowship follows.
Lake Shore — Living Savior Lutheran Church, 8327 Interlachen Rd.; Worship 9 Sunday mornings, followed by fellowship and Bible study. (Located on Co. Rd. #77 N)
Malmö — Bethesda (ELCA) Rev. James Muske: Sun. Worship 9am. Fellowship following Service. Communion every Sunday.
McGrath — Grace; Wed. potluck 5 pm, Bible study 6 p.m.; SS 10; Worship 11.
McGrath — Zion (ELCA), 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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Rosburg — 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 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 Darg, 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

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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.

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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 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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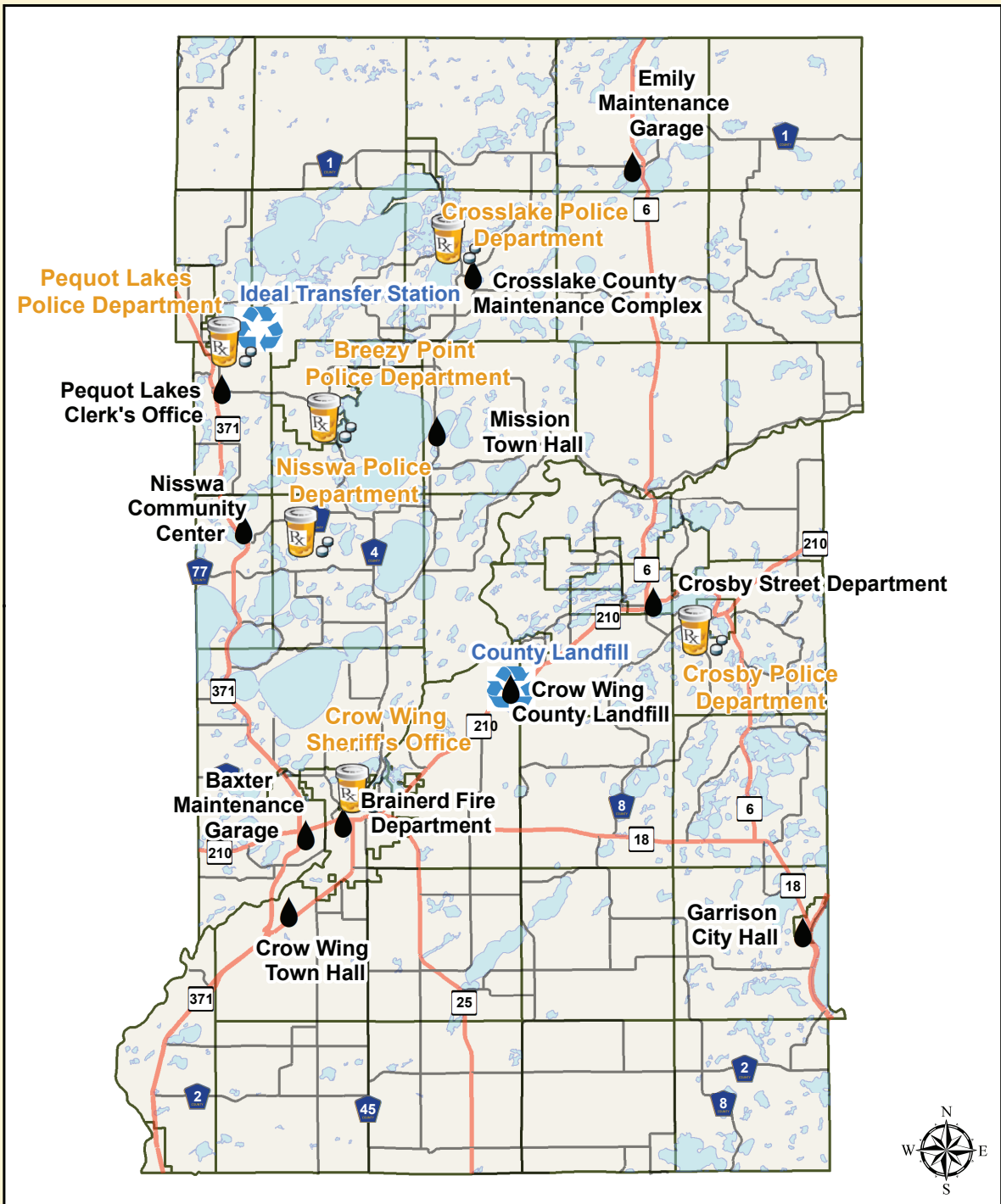
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