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Little Emily Lake Park Crow Wing County's newest gem



Little Emily Lake Park is the perfect venue for a party, reunion, or a family day out. Your family will enjoy walking trails, playing at the playground, catching some sun at the beach, outdoor dining in the pavilion, launching your kayak and canoe or wetting a line at the pier. Get out now, before Old Man Winter's chill freezes your fun.

Ann Schwartz photos

By ANN SCHWARTZ

In the heart of Crow Wing County, a new outdoor paradise awaits adventurers and families alike. Little Emily Lake Park, recently dedicated by the county board, is poised to become a beloved local destination, and Tom Strack, supervisor of environmental services with the county's Department of Land Services, has the inside scoop.

It is located at 21571 Paopooe Road, Emily. For those unfamiliar with the area, finding the park might take a little navigation.



As you head north on Highway 6 from Emily, keep an eye out for the iconic Wigwam Motel on your right and the Pickled Loon on your left. The park's tasteful sign signals the turnoff down a winding

road, where visitors are greeted by a delightful surprise: a pristine lake surrounded by lush hardwood forests.

A Rich History

The land that now hosts Little Emily Lake Park has an intriguing backstory. It went tax-forfeit in the 1940s, previously serving as a hub for timber management, public hunting, and recreation. Today, it's transformed into a haven for outdoor enthusiasts, with over 1,000 acres of public lands in the vicinity. "Our mission was to create another county park for residents and visitors to enjoy," Strack explains, highlighting the park's dedication to accessibility and natural beauty.

boasts a variety of amenities designed to enhance the visitor experience. The centerpiece? A beautiful 150-foot swimming beach featuring a sandy bottom that beckons swimmers and sunbathers alike. Adjacent to the beach, a covered picnic pavilion, equipped with tables and grills, invites families to enjoy outdoor dining amid nature.

For those seeking adventure, the park offers 3.25 miles of granite walking trails, perfect for leisurely strolls or energetic hikes. A fishing pier extends into (the approximately 99 acres) Little Emily Lake, ideal for casting a line and enjoying the tranquil surroundings. There's even a dedicated canoe and kayak launch, making it easy to explore the lake's serene waters.

tributing their expertise. The county staff took the reins on layout and design, ensuring the park met the needs of all visitors. Construction of the park began in August of 2023 and most of the work was completed by spring/summer of 2024. The grand opening of the park was held in August 2024.

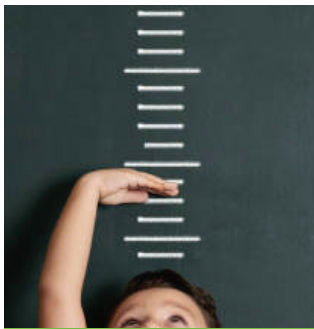
Notably, the park is exclusively non-motorized, encouraging a peaceful environment. Bicycles are not allowed on the trails. To accommodate motorized fun, the parking lot has a dedicated trailhead parking area for the Emily-Outing ATV Trail and users of the ATV Trail are encouraged to stop at the park and use the amenities.

Visit Before Winter Sets In

Little Emily Lake Park is not just a spot for recreation; it's an ideal venue for small gatherings, reunions, or simply a day of fun with family. Whether you're walking the trails, playing at the playground, splashing at the beach, or enjoying a picnic in the pavilion, there's something for everyone.

Best of all, entrance to the park is free! Open from sunrise to sunset, it's a delightful

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escape that won't cost you a dime. Strack emphasizes, "No tax or levy funds were used for construction or maintenance; it's all funded through the sale of land and timber from tax-forfeited lands."

As autumn approaches, make it a point to visit this new gem before Old Man Winter settles in. Little Emily Lake Park is ready to welcome you—so grab your family, pack a picnic, and dive into the beauty of the great outdoors!

Tonight Aitkin celebrates Bryan Johnson's legacy

In the heart of Aitkin, where melodies and memories intertwine, a grand celebration awaits. On Saturday, September 28, at 7 p.m., all past students, community members, and the curious are invited to assemble at the Aitkin High School auditorium to honor the incredible legacy of Bryan "BJ" Johnson. For nearly four decades, BJ turned the ordinary into the extraordinary, and this tribute promises to be a night filled with music, nostalgia, and heartwarming stories. Come be part of this joyful occasion.

Now, you might be wondering: what makes this Aitkin High School choral director story so remarkable? Picture this: a couple dozen pairs of black panties purchased from Walmart—not your average musical prop! This was just one of the many creative antics he orchestrated to ensure Aitkin's spring musicals hit all the right notes. Or consider the time he charmed a local landowner into lending windmills for an enchanting scene in Oklahoma, bringing a touch of whimsy to the stage. And let's not forget the roar of motorcycles rolling into the school, all for the love of Joseph—BJ would go to any length to support his students and their artistic dreams.



Son Stephen, wife Marilyn, Bryan "BJ" and daughter Jen.

Tonight the auditorium doors will swing open at 6:30 p.m.—welcoming a jubilant crowd eager to honor the man who made Aitkin's choir musicals a beloved staple—as the school's auditorium is dedicated to him. Everyone is encouraged to arrive early, as at 6:40 p.m. a special 20-minute video celebrating all the musicals BJ has directed throughout the years will be played so you won't want to miss it. However, for late comers, this captivating glimpse into his remarkable journey will play again at the

conclusion of the program. Ed Anderson, former Aitkin school superintendent, alongside Karen Hillman, his trusty business manager, are the dynamic duo behind this star-studded night of alumni performances. "We're bringing back 13 different musical groups, from BJ's first class in 1967 to today's Madrigal Singers—who weren't even born

when he retired in 2007!" exclaimed Anderson. Former students are traveling from across the nation, ready to share the stage and reminisce about the joy and music BJ brought into their lives. But wait—there's more! Friends of the Arts will join in to help make this evening unforgettable. While admission is free, a freewill donation will be welcomed to cover the costs of technology, printing, and a special award. It's a celebration meant for everyone, so come one, come all! And what's a tribute without a trip down memory lane? Attendees will be treat-

ed to delightful scrapbooks curated by BJ's wife, Marilyn, along with video and audio presentations crafted by the talented Scott Klingelhofer. Expect a night filled with laughter, joy, and a few nostalgic tears as stories and songs meld into a heartfelt homage. BJ may have hung up his production hat, but his dedication lives on, tinkling the ivories at church and in the community. Join Aitkin as they celebrate a man who believed in the power of music and community, and whose legacy will resonate for generations to come.

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Mille Lacs Lake hogs back open

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Anderson at Brainerd Public Library

The Brainerd Public Library is thrilled to host a special event featuring local author Jill Hannah Anderson, who will discuss her latest novel, *Closer to Home*, on Monday, October 7, from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m.

In *Closer to Home*, Anderson weaves a gripping tale set in 1977, following the life of Joleigh Moore, a woman who finds herself on the run after

witnessing the murder of her boyfriend. Seeking refuge from the men who might come after her, Joleigh hides out in a Minnesota town where she discovers a stash of drug money and takes a job in a rundown cabin. As she becomes entangled with the local community, her temporary escape turns into a chance for a new beginning, though not without confronting her troubled past.

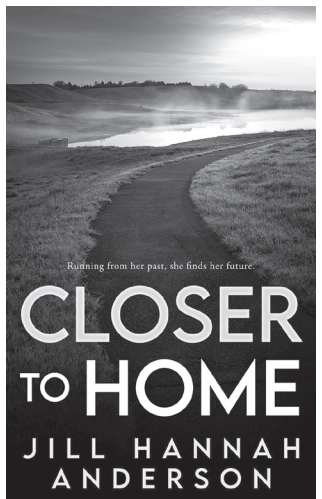
Anderson, a resident of Emily, is known for her compelling stories about women reclaiming their lives through themes of family, friendship, forgiveness, and fortitude. Her latest work, which debuted in March 2024, is her fourth novel, following her previous successes *A Life Unraveled*, *Crazy Little Town Called Love*, and *The To-Hell-and-Back Club*.

The event is sponsored by the Friends of the Brainerd



Public Library, thanks to their dedicated volunteer and fundraising efforts. There is no need for registration, and the event is open to all who are interested in exploring Anderson’s riveting narrative and engaging with the author.

For additional details, please contact the library at 218-829-5574 or visit the Friends of the Library’s Facebook page at www.facebook.com/Friendsofthebrainerdpubliclibrary.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

September

28th - Music in the Park with “2003UB313” and “Amanda Standalone” at Crosby Memorial Park on Serpent Lake, 5-8 p.m. Those attending are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or blankets as enjoy live music while overlook

28th - Aitkin High School auditorium dedication to B.J. Johnson, longtime music teacher. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Program at 7 p.m. Freewill offering accepted to cover expenses. Over a dozen musical performances and commemorative video and audio presentations.

October

5th - Merrifield Lions Club Spaghetti Dinner, 3:00-7:00 p.m. at Valeri Ann’s Family Foods Restaurant, 26025 County Road 3, Merrifield. This fundraising event is to raise money for the new handicap-accessible playground at the Merrifield Lions Park.

6th - Jacques Art Center Annual Harvest Dinner at Block North in Aitkin with food, fellowship and prizes. Entertainment is by Randy Wall on the keyboard. Contact Jacques Art Center, 121 Second Street NW in Aitkin, 218-927-2363 for more information.

7th - Minnesota author Jill Hannah Anderson will discuss novel “Closer to Home” at the Brainerd Public Library, noon- 1:00 p.m. The presentation is sponsored by the Friends of the Brainerd Public Library through their volunteer and fundraising efforts. No registration is required, and all are welcome. For more information, contact the library at 218-829-5574 or visit the Friends of the Library’s Facebook page at www.facebook.com/Friendsofthebrainerdpubliclibrary.

8th - Crow Wing County Commissioner Forum hosted by the Cuyuna Lakes at 6 p.m. in the Mayberry Auditorium of the Crosby-Ironton High School. The event will be live-streamed on Facebook. Listen to District 5 Commissioner Candidates Johnna Johnson of Cuyuna and and Jamie Lee of Deerwood.

12th - Cuyuna Lakes Chamber of Commerce’s Fall Festival, 1-4 p.m., on Main Street and in Crosby Memorial Park on Serpent Lake. Costume contest with prizes, costume bike parade around Crosby, trunk-or-treating, vendors, and local food trucks

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OBITUARIES

BARBARA HARRIS



Barbara Harris, 85, died on Monday, September 2, 2024. Barbara was born October 19, 1938. She struggled with health complications for many years due to her age, but was resilient and didn’t take no for an answer. She was a beloved member of the community and worked tirelessly to provide for her family and grandkids. Barb and her late husband Henry owned

a resort right off of Lake Mille Lacs years ago and they owned a pub as well in Aitkin. She loved to work, go on trips, and spend time with her friends and family. Her friends and family would describe her as compassionate, selfless, and a hard worker. She constantly went out of her way to help people around her and was always there when you needed her. Arrangements were with the Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Aitkin. Leave online condolences at www.srtfuneral.com.

BLAIR ANDERSON



Blair Courtney Anderson, 64, of Crosby died on Tuesday, September 17, 2024 at the Cuyuna Regional Medical Center in Crosby.

A Memorial Gathering will be at the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby on Saturday, October 5, 2024 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. with sharing of memories at 2:00 p.m.

He was born on August 23, 1960 in Crosby to Clarence and Louise (Soggie) Anderson.

Blair is survived by his five children: Chloe, Sophie, Rylie, Garrett and Gizzy; and brother, Clarie (Jayne) Anderson of Minnetoka.

Preceding Blair in death are his parents, two siblings: Gayle Anderson and Scott Anderson.

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

BERNICE MAATTALA



Bernice Marie Maattala, 94, of Rice River Township, died Friday, September 20, 2024 at Aitkin Health Services.

Funeral Service will be at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, September 30, 2024 at Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home in Aitkin with Pastor Scott Stinson officiating. Visitation will be from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 29 at the funeral home and will continue one hour prior to the service. Burial will be in Saron Cemetery, Dam Lake – Aitkin. Memorials are preferred to Rice River Senior Club.

She was born October 21, 1929 in Thor, MN. the daughter of Ingebrigt and Margaret (Myhr) Fossum and was the youngest of 11 children. She attended grade school in Thor and graduated from Aitkin High School in 1948. After working in Minneapolis for a couple of years, Bernice returned home to marry Alfred W. Maattala on September 8, 1951 at Zion Lutheran Church in Thor. They lived on Alfred’s family farm in Rice River Township and worked hard to create a successful dairy operation. They liked harvesting wild rice, planting trees, picking princess pine, making wooden crafts and went

on several trips over the years. Bernice enjoyed friends and family stopping by, she always had the coffee pot on and treats to share. She also participated in the Rice River Seniors Club. After years of farming, they moved to a smaller home in the area. Bernice met her longtime partner, Robert Hess several years after Alfred passed away. They participated in bocce ball and bean bag leagues, danced at Larson’s Barn and traveled to Arizona and New Mexico for the winters. Bernice’s most recent hobbies were coloring, playing bingo, working on crafts and playing cards. Her favorite past time throughout her life was looking out the window. It didn’t matter if she saw cows, deer, birds, cars or trucks, she enjoyed seeing them all and would tell us all about it.

Bernice is survived by her daughter and son-in-law: Debra Maattala and Thomas Schutz of McGregor, and many nieces, nephews and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Alfred in 1989, longtime partner Robert Hess in 2016, six brothers and four sisters.

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Lucy Kaplansky opens season Oct. 4

Grassroots Concerts welcomes Lucy Kaplansky’s return to the Live Well Nightclub and Coffee Bar in Nisswa Friday, Oct. 4 for a 7:30 p.m. show. She is the first of three artists scheduled this fall.

Admission to the concert in Nisswa Oct. 4 is \$15 at the door for adults and \$5 for children under 12 with listening attention, when accompanied by an adult. Seating is first-come, first-served. Doors

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OBITUARIES

FRED LENZ



Fred L. Lenz, 74, of Deerwood, died at his home on Monday, September 16, 2024. Born on October 20, 1949, in Watertown to Lester and Marjorie (Burandt) Lenz, Fred lived a life marked by service, dedication, and a deep love for the outdoors.



Funeral Service was held on Tuesday, September 24, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church (505 Westminster Ave SW) in Watertown with Rev. George Morris as officiant. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Fred was a proud Vietnam War veteran, serving honorably for a year and a half. His commitment to community extended beyond his military service, as he was a lifelong member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Watertown. Fred was also a devoted supporter of local sports, including spending 12 years managing the local Watertown softball team, the Hollywood Ranch Rats.

In his professional life, Fred worked as a cement mason and was a proud member of Local 633. His skill and work ethic were well-respected.

A passionate gardener, hunter, and fisherman,

Fred cherished the time he spent outdoors at his lakeside home. His love for nature was matched only by his generosity and willingness to help those in need. As a member of the Garrison Lion's Club, Fred made significant contributions to his community and touched many lives. His affection for his hunting dogs, Beaver, Billy, Ellie, Casey, and especially his beloved Abby, was well known. He found joy and companionship in their company, reflecting his deep connection to the natural world.

Fred is survived by his brother, Roger (Barb) Lenz of Webster City, Iowa; nephews and nieces: Dan Lenz of Ankeny, Iowa; Cara Lenz of Minneapolis; Liza (Scott) Torborg of Rochester, Minnesota; and Ryan Lenz of Adel, Iowa; and 10 great-nieces and great-nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his sister-in-law, Dee Lenz.

Fred's legacy is one of kindness, dedication, and a profound love for his family, close friends, and community. He will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to St. Paul's Lutheran Church or the VFW. Arrangements are with the Johnson Funeral Home in Waconia, 952-442-2121 www.johnsonfh.com.

STANLEY KANGAS



Stanley W. Kangas, 89, of Crosby formerly of Deerwood, died peacefully on Wednesday, September 18, 2024 at the Cuyuna Regional Care Center in Crosby.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, September 28, 2024 at the Salem Lutheran Church in Deerwood from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. with Sharing of Memories at 3:00 p.m. Burial will be at the Scandia Cemetery in Deerwood.

He was born on April 10, 1935 in Brainerd to Stanley E. and Helen (Bodle) Kangas. Stanley was a retired Potlatch employee with 36 years of

service, and was a former president of their union. He was a member of the Salem Lutheran Church in Deerwood. He was an avid outdoors man, enjoyed his hunting and fishing trips.

Stan was survived by his four daughters: Laurie (Steve) Gorecky of Deerwood, Amy (Larry) Fabin of Two Harbors, Sue (Todd) Sorensen of Brainerd and Wendy (John) Crane of Bemidji; nine grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; brother, Kenneth "Kip" Kangas of Deerwood; two sisters: Nancy Johnson of Crosby and Gwynne (Fred) Bobich of Cohasset.

Preceding Stan in death are his parents; wife, Nancy in 2011 and brother, John Kangas.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home of Crosby.

PAUL GELHAR



Paul Edward Gelhar, 56, of McGregor died Friday, September 20, 2024 at Atikokan, Ontario, Canada.

Funeral service will be 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 28, 2024 at Holy Family Catholic Church in McGregor. Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday at McGregor Funeral Home in McGregor and will continue one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial will be in Rice River Cemetery.

Paul was born to Dennis and Jean (Matko) Gelhar on August 11, 1968 in Lakeville, MN. Paul and his three brothers grew up in rural McGregor on the family dairy farm, learning invaluable life lessons that come from working the land and being faithful in its bounty. He attended and graduated from McGregor High School, class of 1986. After high school, he attended Vermilion Community College, majoring in Wildlife Management. Paul was united in marriage to Rita Marie Zimpel on August 5, 1989. The couple began their life together in Finlayson, MN with summers spent in Montana until moving to their forever home in McGregor in 1998,

which Paul co-built with his dad Denny and father-in-law Robert. Paul was a "real lumberjack", owning and operating Rice River Logging until the time of his death. The family could often be found camping, exploring national parks, portaging and paddling through the Boundary Waters Canoe Area, watching sports, working in the woods, and alongside one another on the family farm. His greatest, sweetest role came in the form of "Papa" to his two precious granddaughters, Isla Mae and Emerie Jean.

Paul is survived by his wife of 35 years, Rita; son, Daniel (Hannah) of Sartell MN; daughter, Amy of McGregor, and son, Cole (Michaela) of McGregor; two granddaughters; brothers: Joe (Angela) of Savage, Steve of McGregor, and Anthony of McGregor; sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law: Ardel (Harold) Lucht of Finlayson, Dwayne (Kathy) Zimpel of Isle, Brian (Mata) Zimpel of McGrath, and Gail (Walter) Jorgensen of Crosby.

Paul was preceded in death by his parents Dennis and Jean, parents-in-law Robert and Shirley Zimpel, and nephew and Godson Ward Jorgensen.

Arrangements were with the McGregor Funeral Home and Cremation Service in McGregor.

WANITA HUGHES



Wanita Blanch Hughes, 93, of Pine River, died on Wednesday, September 18, 2024 at her home.

No services are being held. She was born on September 20, 1930 in Summum, IL to Lindel and Margaret (Thompson) Winter. Wanita was a life long homemaker and was an exceptional cook.

Wanita is survived by her daughter, Sandie Brown of Emily; brother, William (Lamelle "Eva") Winter of Mount Pleasant, TX; five grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Preceding Wanita in death are her parents; husband, Arlo Hughes; son, David Hughes and sister, Opal Lesnau.

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ALLIANCE
Aitkin* — New Life; Larry Burg & Tyrel LaValle, pastors; Worship 10:15 am; youth group Wed. 6pm; 11-1st Street SW, newlifeaitkin.com 218-927-2823.
Baxter* — Pointway Alliance Church; Rev. Charles Bolstridge, 218-537-6505; 7756 Highland Scenic Road; Worship 10; www.pointway.org
Garrison* — Worship 10:30am
Onamia — Vineland Native American Chapel, Hwy. 169 north of casino; Worship 11; Pastor Boeringa 320-532-4449

ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Aitkin* — Pastor Andrew Jergenson; Sunday Morning Service 10.
Baxter — Heritage Church, Pastor Heath Beard; 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
Hill City — Interim Pastor John Koppel, Staff Pastor Lisa Jordan; Worship 10; hillcityagchurch@gmail.com; 218-697-2662
Palisade — Pastor Charlie Bell; SS 9; Worship 10; Kids Church; Small groups during the week 218-845-2726

BAPTIST
Aitkin — Northwoods Community Church, 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
Brainerd - The Church On The Wise Road, Pastor Todd Stumbo 218-829-4673, Worship 11:00, SS 9:45 www.thechurchonthewiseroad.org
Breezy Point — Eagles Nest, Pastor Zach Broom 218-562-5252, Worship 9:30, SS 11.
Crosby — Bible Baptist, Pastor Jon Thorsen; SS 9:45; Service 10:45 and 6 p.m., Bible Study Wed. 7 pm
Deerwood* — Jeff Shadrick, SS 9:30; Worship 10:30 and 6 pm; Wed. Service, 6:30 pm.
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.
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.ihmstemilys.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 — The Lighthouse 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 Connect 6:30 pm
Malmø — 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. 9am (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 Inglewood 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 424 8th Street South, Brainerd
Brainerd* — Good Shepherd Free Lutheran Church (AFLC), Pastor David Franz, find service info at www.goodshepherdfreelutheran.church, 5878 Pine Beach Road, Brainerd, 218-824-3052
Brainerd — Laestadian Lutheran Church, 1501 So. 8th St. - Sunday Worship Services 10:30 am. (www.llchurch.org)
Brainerd — Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA) 1420 South 6th St. Brainerd, Worship time September through May 8:15am & 10:30am; worship (June through August) 9 am. 218-829-5147. Website: www.trinitybrainerd.org. Email: trinity@trinitybrainerd.org
Brainerd — Truth Lutheran Church (LCMC, Pastor James Walth, Corner of 5th and Kingwood, Worship 9
Brainerd - Zion Lutheran Church (LCMS) Pastor Steve Benson, Sunday Worship 9, Monday Worship 6 pm. Education hour Sunday 10:15 am. 220 N. 8th St. Brainerd. 218-829-4317. www.zionbrainerd.com.
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 September 8-Mid-May; Sunday at 8:30am & October-Mid-May; Wednesday at 6:15pm
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 10:30; 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)
Malmø — 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 Tefz; 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
Pequot Lakes* - Our Savior's Lutheran Church (ELCA) 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 Irondale Town Hall, Co. Rd. 12, (Deerwood Shortcut); Worship 10 & Wed. 7 pm.
Tamarack — Warriors of the Rainbow Ministry, Pastors Ken and Ron Fairbanks, Sat. 11. 218-768-3585

PRESBYTERIAN
Crosslake - Pastor Mark Ford, 218-692-4769; Worship 9; Fellowship 11. 14444 Daggett Pine Road, Crosslake, just passed the Community Center; www.crosslakepres.org.
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 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 Thursdays 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 bks north of Post Office; handicap ramp; 320-532-3150; office: 218-546-7656; cell: 218-360-1947

WESLEYAN
Emily — Rev. Jason Gressman; Worship 9; Friendship Time 10; SS 10:30; Wed. Activities 6:30 p.m.; 218-763-HOPE.



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