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Aitkin Anglers Fishing Team ready for open water season



Aitkin Anglers Fishing Team bundled up for the 2024 Fish House Parade. Front row left to right: Noah Hughes, Lenny Hughes, Kaelynn Gruhlke, Damon Washburn, Kolbe Sahr, Beth Johnson, Finn Nelson, Ken Nelson, and Gary Johnson. Back row: Noah Moss, Colton Weimer, Sawyer Johnson, Dawson Weimer, and Darrin Weimer

By ANN SCHWARTZ
(Information provided
by Amanda Ashton)

Growing up in an area with abundant lakes, rivers and streams, many youths in the Aitkin area spend their lives fishing. To that end, Aitkin has put together the Aitkin Anglers Fishing Team. This group of young people go out in boats (two youth anglers and an adult captain) and fish for bass in numerous tournaments over the summer.

Students are motivated by the chance to win scholarship funds and other prizes. For example, Colton Weimer said in an interview that last year he won a \$300 Shiels gift card.

Anglers on the local team area: Damon Washburn, Colton Weimer, Dawson

Weimer, Sawyer Johnson, Noah Moss, Finn Nelson, Cameron Steffens, Kaelynn Gruhlke, Abbie Baierl, Kayden Boser, Glen Hunter, Lenny Hughes, Noah Hughes, Braxton Fahlstrom, Garrett Schwerin, Eli Sheets and Gauge Tscheu.

Amanda Ashton and Jordan Moss are the adult leaders.

They will kick off the 2025 season on Whitefish. They fish for large mouth and small mouth bass and again, two students go out per boat supervised by an adult boat captain.

Colton Weimer explained that the events are set up like regular fishing tournaments. Leader boards are kept and can be accessed live on-line. There are many prizes and scholarship money to vie

for, keeping student anglers motivated and excited to fish.

Local sponsors include: Ducks Unlimited, Double D's, The Green Lantern, Liljenquist Sewer & Excavating, Garrison Commercial Club, Garrison VFW Post 1816, Garrison Fire and Rescue, Steve O's Docks and Lifts, Wilson and Associates, Timber Lakes, Guide Point Pharmacy, Aitkin Body Shop, Larson Plumbing and Heating, Knutson Construction, Classic Canvas and Pontoon, Muskies Brainerd Lakes Chapter, TBF Federation, Kay Hill Edina Realty, Aqua-Vu, Aitkin Moose Lodge 1060, Cuyuna Fire, NWTF Aitkin Gobblers, FIRM, Tidholm Productions, Garrison Sports, Mille Lacs Trails, Hawkins Sawmill, Garrison Family

Chiropractic, Floe Docks & Lifts, Fishers Resort, The Tire Barn, City Auto Glass Bass Classic.

The season has started with students and their adult leaders attending meetings at the Aitkin High School. "This winter, we have been going over the different lakes that we will be fishing next summer," said Ashton. "Our aim is to get the kids excited for the fishing season. We have some Pro Anglers lined up to talk to the kids and show them some different techniques and the gear they use. The kids will have some upcoming practices to learn different casting techniques and more about baits and tackle."

"The adults in the group have volunteered to be boat captains to take the kids on the water," continued Ashton. "Each boat consists of two student anglers and one adult who drives the boat. During the tournaments, the boat captain helps the kids register the fish into the Reel Live Well App that keeps track of the number and size of the fish caught. Most tournaments are catch and release -- there are a couple that are live weigh-ins. Last

year, we had four boats that qualified for the Tournament of Champions. There were some hiccups along the way but overall, the anglers that were on the water did a great job."

Colton Weimer explained that the fish are measured and a photo sent showing the length. Weights are then calculated by a program that assigns a weight to the length and that is put into the statistics for the race.

Open water? It seems like a dream with very thick ice, snow cover and the sub zero temps we've been suffering through this February. But soon, the ice will break loose, bass season will start and the young anglers will be back on the water.



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Friday, Feb. 14 5-8 p.m. \$150/ serves 2
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Reservations recommended, call 218-678-4644

First Date

Salmon & Tuna Crudo with a blood orange caper vinaigrette and oysters on the half shell with watermelon a mignonette

Honeymoon Stage (select 2)

Grilled Peach and Burrata Salad Mixed greens, arugula, grilled peaches, tomato confit, red onion, candied pecans, lemon herb vinaigrette and topped with a drizzle of honey and balsamic glaze

-OR-

French Onion Soup

Engagement

Dark Honey Molasses Bread served with honey cinnamon butter

Marriage "Opposites Attract"

Rosemary and thyme glazed Rack of Lamb, pan seared u-10 scallops, creamy asparagus risotto, served with a maitaise sauce

Happily Ever After

Ancho chili dark Chocolate Cake with Chocolate Ganache & Black Raspberry Ice Cream

Saturday, February 15

• 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Frosty Fairway Challenge Mini Ice Golf Tournament

Round up your family and friends for an icy twist on mini golf! Swing by the host stand near Ruby's on the Lake to grab your scorecard, then hit the ice for 9 holes of frosty, fun-filled mini golf. Grab your puck and hockey stick from the shore and follow the holes. Once you've finished the course, turn in your scorecard for a shot at winning some awesome prizes!



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Aitkin's Winter Wonderama fun



Winter Wonderama participants warmed up near the bonfire at the grand opening of the new field house at the Aitkin City Park. Ann Schwartz photos

By ANN SCHWARTZ
Old Man Winter cooperated by dumping three recent snowfalls, leading for plenty of snow for Aitkin's Winter Wonderama held on February 8 at Aitkin's City Park.

The highlight of the day was the grand opening and ribbon cutting of the new field house. The building, a culmination of years of fundraising and planning, contains a storage garage for maintenance equipment and skates, a community room with tables and chairs, a concession/ kitchen area and bathrooms.

Families were having a blast. A huge snowbank attracted children to climb it and slide down and there were toasty bonfires to gather around. Skaters used the regular and hockey rinks and smores, cupcakes and hotdogs were consumed.

At one point, an Aitkin fire-

man drove up in the firetruck and let children come inside and check it out.


Getting children's heads out of their screens and out in the fresh air, families spending time together and celebrating the new field house that enhances Aitkin's City Park made for a wonderful Winter Wonderama Day.



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ORVILLE SWEDBERG
Orville Eric Swedberg, a boy, weighing 9 lbs., 7 ozs., was born January 26, 2025, in Aitkin, to Wynnona Fredrickson and Steven “Elmo” Swedberg of McGregor. Grandparents are Coralie Fredrickson, and Duane and Deb Swedberg, all McGregor.

BECKHEM AHONEN
Beckhem Dean Julius Ahonen, a boy, weighing 8 lbs., 9 ozs., was born February 8, 2025, in Aitkin, to Brittney and Gunnar of Jacobson. Grandparents are Dean and Carmen Galbraith of Goodland, and Ken and Lezley Ahonen of Jacobson.

OBITUARIES

RUSSELL CHRISTENSEN


Russell Alan Christensen, 54 of Pine River lost his battle with alcoholism Friday, January 31, 2025 at Lakewood Health System in Staples.

At Russell's request a celebration of life service will be held in the spring / early summer of 2025.

He was born August 2, 1970 the son of Carl and Deborah (Taylor) Christensen. He grew up in Pine River where he enjoyed both summer fishing and ice fishing, canning and was a great cook. Russell had a loving heart and cherished his family and friends. He was preceded in death by his mother Deb. Russell is survived by his daughter Kayla Hamilton; sons: Ryder Christensen and Owen Erickson; two grandchildren; his father Carl; sister Mary Hanson; brother Jessen Alexander; several aunts, uncles, cousins, other relatives and friends who mourn his passing. A special thank you to Russell's great friends: Chery Halverson, Shawn Leshner and Vicki Hulke for all their care, love and support given to Russell. May he find the peace in death that he couldn't find in life.

Arrangements are with Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home & Cremation Services in Aitkin. Check www.srtfuneral.com for updated details.

CYNTHIA MAILE
Cynthia “Cindy” Maile, 67, of Brainerd died on Wednesday, January 22, 2015 at Essentia St. Mary's Medical Center in Duluth.

A service is being planned for a later date.
Full obit will follow. Arrangements are with the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby.

PHYLLIS KIRKHORN


Phyllis Joyce Kirkhorn, of Aitkin, died peacefully on January 22, 2025, the day before her 98th birthday.

Services will be Monday, February 17, 2025 at 11 a.m. in First Lutheran Church, Aitkin with Pastor Reggie Denton officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church. Interment will be in MN State Veteran's Cemetery, Little Falls at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations are preferred to Long Lake Conservation Center (<https://www.longlakecc.org>) or the Community Food Shelf at First Lutheran Church.

Phyllis was born January 23, 1927, in Wahpeton, ND, and spending most of her childhood in Barnesville and Breckenridge. Phyllis attended Concordia College-Moorhead, where she met her future husband, Ray. She transferred to the University of Minnesota (with Ray following her), earning a degree in Home Economics, and a teaching certificate for high school home economics. Phyllis and Ray married in 1950. Phyllis taught home economics in Swanville, but resigned to start a family. Phyllis and Ray moved their family (Steve and Randi) to several small towns in North Dakota and NW Minnesota, until settling in Brainerd, for 10 years. In 1970, they settled permanently in Aitkin, as owners of Security State Bank. After the death of Ray in 2003, Phyllis continued to live independently at her beloved Nord Lake home until age 94, made possible in part by her good friends and neighbors around the Nord Lake/Seth Lake area.

Phyllis was a generous and devoted mother and grandmother. She planned fun family vacations, was a wonderful cook and excellent seamstress. She was creative in design, arts and crafts. While living in Brainerd, she entered a kitchen design contest and won top prize: a fully paid kitchen and bathroom remodel! Additionally, Phyllis loved wildflowers and considered her Nord Lake home a sanctuary for the wild animals and native plants living there.

Phyllis was an active volunteer and group member, starting as a teen playing piano for church and school events. She was involved at Security State Bank with the annual cookbooks, organizing Christmas parties, and as a Board member. She participated in the Aitkin Hospital Axillary and served as a “Pink Lady.” Phyllis greatly enjoyed attending quilting retreats at Long Lake Conservation Center. She was a member of Lakes and Woods Garden Club, and with First Lutheran Church groups such as Rebecca Circle and The Sharing Bread Soup Kitchen. She was one of the founding members of the Nord Lake Association.

She is survived by her children: Steve (Sue) Kirkhorn, and Randi (Bob) Born; 5 grandchildren: Marta (Chris) Vant, Leah (Chris) Kirkhorn, Matthew (Nicole) Born, Derek (Alyssa) Born, and Michael Kirkhorn; eight great-grandchildren: Dillon, Sienna, Elyse, Harper, Cole, Nolan, Lydia, and the soon-to-arrive “Baby Born”, along with Gena Bugno (mother of Marta and Leah)/Lon Scheele; sister-in-law, Marilyn Hanson; nieces: Leigh, Valerie, Jocelyn; nephew, Craig; and many dear cousins and friends.

Phyllis was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Ray; parents; and brothers: Harold and Vernon.

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

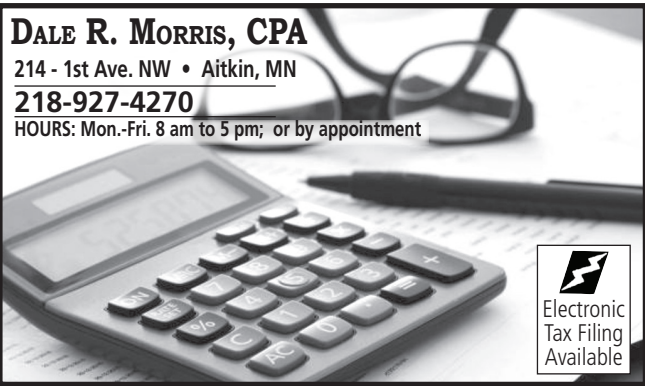
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February
15th - Rabbit Lake Fishing Contest, noon to 3 p.m., \$10 entry fee, cash prizes awarded. Call 218-772-0252 for more information.
15th - Pikes for Pups Darkhouse Spearing Contest on Nokay Lake from sunrise to sunset. Two-man teams, \$40 per team. Prizes awarded on the lake at 6 p.m. Proceeds benefit Northern Lakes Rescue.
16th - Meatloaf Competition at the Hard Water Lounge in Crosby starting at 1 p.m. Call 218- 772-0306 for more information.
22nd - Crappie Flop, noon, fish on any lake
22nd - Fishing for Ducks on Mille Lacs Lake in Garrison. Lines down at noon. Tickets are available at fishingforducks.org; cost is \$30 until Feb. 12. After Entry is \$40.
22nd - Annual Erin's Wish Bar Olympics at the Town Tavern in Ironton. Proceeds benefit CRMC Courage Cabinet. For more information call the Town Tavern at 218-546-5997.
23rd -Free movie matinee at C-1 High School Mayberry Auditorium. "Wicked" at 2 p.m. Light concessions are available.

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Murder mystery makes debut at CLC

From book to stage, It's Murder, Don'tcha Know is ready to captivate audiences at the Chalberg Theatre at Central Lakes College (CLC). Written by local playwright Mary Aalgaard and based on Jeanne Cooney's novel, this cozy murder mystery, set in a small Minnesotan town, promises both suspense and charm.

Performances will be held February 27-28 at 7 p.m. and March 1-2 at 2 p.m. at the Chalberg Theatre. ASL-interpreted services will be available on February 28. Tickets are available by calling 218-855-8199.

The story, set in the small Scandinavian town of Hallock, Minnesota, follows Doris Connor, a widow whose quiet retirement is disrupted by a shocking murder. As the investigation unfolds, Doris's own children are dragged into the mystery. Aalgaard stars as Doris, supported by a talented cast including Julie Jo Larson as her sister Grace, Barb McColgan as their friend Rose, and Kayla Luhrs as Doris's daughter Erin. Other key cast members include Andy Ellison, Mark Juel, and M. Hollis Ford, with C.J. Nichols, Rhonda Schmidt, and Elli Salo rounding out the ensemble.

Director Guy Kelm, known for his collaborative and hands-on approach, has led the production since its early stages, with rehearsals beginning in September. "We're building this world from scratch," said Kelm, emphasizing the excitement of creating something new. Scenic designer Tim Leagjeld brings the town of Hallock to life with a rotating set that reveals multiple locations, while costume designer Nicole Grabowski and lighting designer Joey Yow add visual flair.

The play's development was a true collaborative effort, with the cast refining the script over months of rehearsals, creating a close-knit community that extends beyond the stage. "This has been the best thing I've done for myself in 15-20 years," one cast member shared, highlighting the positive, supportive environment of the production.

Applicants sought for youth tour

Every June, as many as 1,500 high school students from across the country spend a week in the nation's capital as part of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Youth Tour. Mille Lacs Energy Cooperative is now taking applications for this annual Electric Cooperative Youth Tour in Washington, D.C.

The final day to submit your application is Thursday, February 27. Don't let this opportunity of a lifetime pass you by.

Applicants must be juniors in high school and dependents of parents/guardians who are members of Mille Lacs Energy Cooperative.

This year's Youth Tour will take place Monday - Saturday, June 16-21. Participating in the Youth Tour is an awesome way to learn about this great nation, develop leadership skills, gain a better understanding of electric cooperatives, and make friendships that will last beyond the week. Delegates will spend their time touring monuments, visiting museums, meeting with elected officials, learning about the cooperative business model, and getting to know young leaders from all over Minnesota and 43 other states.

The best part? It's FREE for delegates. MLEC pays for all transportation, admissions fees, and other expenses. The program is coordinated and facilitated by the Minnesota Rural Electric Association (MREA) and the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA).

New this year, trip winners will also receive a \$1,000 scholarship from Mille Lacs Energy Cooperative.

Past delegates agree that attending the Youth Tour is a great opportunity to see our nation's capital and meet new people from all walks of life. Now that you're interested, please see our website www.mlecmn.net for more information and contact Kassie Peterson at 218-927-8243 with any additional questions.

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LEGAL NOTICES

(Published in NewsHopper Saturday, Feb. 8 & 15, 2025)

LIBBY TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

The Libby Township Board will meet online at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 18, 2025 to discuss matters that may come before the board. The February 18 meeting will be conducted via Zoom. Contact Jane Jewett, clerk, at wilowsedge.janesfarm@gmail.com to request the Zoom link.

Dated this 1st day of February, 2025
Jane Grimsbo Jewett
Clerk, Libby Township
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(Published in NewsHopper Sat., February 15, 2025)

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR BAY LAKE TOWNSHIP

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Bay Lake Township, County of Crow Wing, and State of Minnesota, that the Annual Election of Town Officers and Annual Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 11, 2025, from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. In case of inclement weather, the meeting and election may be postponed until March 18, 2025. The Election Poll hours will be open from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at which time the voters will elect:

1 - Supervisor (3-year term) presently held by Don Hales
1 - Treasurer (2-year term) presently held by Mindy Tix
The Annual Meeting will commence at 8:30 p.m. to conduct all necessary business prescribed by law. Board of Canvass will convene after the annual meeting.
The Annual Election and Meeting will be held at the following location:
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OBITUARIES

PEARLE COOK, JR.



Pearle “Bud” Cook, Jr., 74, of Palisade and Aitkin, died Wednesday, January 29, 2025 in Riverwood Health Care Center.

A celebration of Bud’s life will be held from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 15, 2025 at the American Legion Lee Post

#86 in Aitkin.

He was born March 11, 1950 in Palisade to Pearle and Helen (Pratt) Cook, Sr. Bud loved smoking,

fishing, going to the casino and especially time with his family.

Bud is survived by children: Russell (Deb) Fenstermaker of Aitkin, and Amy Thacker of Aitkin; seven grandchildren: Starr Thacker, David and Ashley Fenstermaker, Eleri, Canada, Sarah and Joel Funersol; other relatives and friends.

Bud is preceded in death by his parents. Arrangements were with the Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Aitkin. Leave online condolences at www.srtfuneral.com.

RUBY IVERSON

Ruby Cecelia Iverson, 92 of Emily died on January 29, 2025 at the Cuyuna Regional Medical Center in Crosby. A service is being planned for February

21, 2025.

A full obit will follow. Arrangements are with the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby.

JUDITH ELISEUSON

Judith Lynn Eliseuson, 77, of Brainerd died on February 2, 2025. A service is being planned for

March 29, 2025. A full obit will follow. Arrangements are with the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby.

SHARON LINDBERG



Sharon Kay Lindberg, 63, of Aitkin died Thursday, February 6, 2025 at her residence.

Funeral Service was held at 11 a.m. on Friday, February 14, 2025 at Northwoods Community Church - 810 2nd Street NW in Aitkin with Pastor Larry Burg officiating. Visitation was one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial was in Spencer Cemetery.

She was born August 13, 1961 in Omaha, Nebraska, the daughter of Earl and Betty (Chin) Fairchild. She grew up in Aitkin and graduated from Aitkin High School in 1979, she then earned her Associates Degree. Sharon was united in marriage to Kevin Wayne Lindberg on January 22, 1983 at the United

Methodist Church in Aitkin. She was employed at Riverwood Health Care Center in Aitkin for 20 years. She loved summertime and gardening. Her family and grandchildren were her life.

Sharon is survived by her husband Kevin; son, Jonathon Lindberg of Otsego; daughter, Sara Ritter of Aitkin; five grandchildren: Lorraine Cardelli, Aubrey Ritter, Kristian Lindberg, Ella Lindberg, Mia Lindberg; siblings: Dona (Tony) Pohl, Terry Fairchild, Debbie (David) Lehse and Cindy (Dan) Erickson; and many other special relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and son-in-law, Adam Ritter.

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

THERESA FRANZ



Theresa Lucille Franz, 66, of Brainerd died on Friday, February 7, 2025 at Bethany Good Samaritan in Brainerd.

A prayer service will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, February 15, 2025 at the Koop Funeral Home. Visitation will be 10:00 a.m. with a rosary at 11:00 a.m. Burial will be at the St. Thomas Cemetery in Aitkin.

She was born in Aitkin on October 24, 1958 to

John and Loretta (Zigan) Franz.

Theresa is survived by her brother, Ted (Julie) Franz of Pillager; sisters: Rosemary Barnes of Brainerd, Nancy (Terry) Morgan of Aitkin, Audrey (Dennis) Schumacher of Arden Hills and Elizabeth Lyons of Grand Rapids; and numerous nieces and nephews. Preceding Theresa in death are her parents and three brothers, John, Conrad and Allan Franz.

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RICHARD COCCIE

Richard James Coccie, 64, of Deerwood died unexpectedly on February 7, 2025.

A service is being planned for March 8, 2025.

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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

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BAPTIST

Aitkin - Northwoods Community Church, Pastor William Verbeke, Worship 10:30, northwoodscommunitychurch.org
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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.
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Garrison — Our Lady of Fatima, Fr. Eli Gieske, Mass Wed. 9 & Sat. 4 pm, Confession Sat. 3:30 - 3:50 pm
Grand Rapids — St. Joseph's, Fr. Jerry Weiss, Mass: Sat. 5 pm; Sun. 8 & 10:30. 218-326-2483
Hillman — Holy Family; Sun. 10 to Mass Sat. 6:30 pm (only through Labor Day) w/ confession before or by appt.
McGregor — Holy Family, Fr. Mike Patullo, 218-927-6581; Mass Sun. 8; Confessions Tues. 5:30-6:30 pm
Vineland — St. Therese, Mass Sun. 11; Holy Days 8:30.

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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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
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Outing* - Narrows Community Church, Pastor Kenny Holm, 218-792-5530 Worship 9:30; 6297 Woods Bay NE, just north of Hwy. 6 bridge
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EPISCOPAL

Aitkin — St. John's, Holy Communion or Morning Prayer 9
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Baxter — Lakewood EFC, Pastor Matt Nagel; Worship at 9:00 and 10:45. Wednesdays 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
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Aitkin — Bethlehem (ELCA), Rev. Rebecca Hinz; Worship 9:30; Holy Comm. 1st & 3rd Sun each month.
Aitkin — First* (ELCA) Pastor Reggie Denton; worship Sun. 99am (9am service also available via livestream on YouTube — First Lutheran Church, Aitkin and broadcast on KKIN 94.3 FM radio at 10am), take out community meal every Mon. & Thurs. 5pm and Tues. 12pm; food shelf 2nd & 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 followed by Sunday school at 10:00 am. 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 flicbrainerd.com
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Brainerd — Truth Lutheran Church (LCMC, Pastor James Walth, Corner of 5th and Kingwood, Worship 9
Brainerd - Zion Lutheran Church (LCMS) Pastor Steve Benson, Sunday Worship 9, Monday Worship 6 pm. Education hour Sunday 10:15 am. 220 N. 8th St. Brainerd. 218-829-4317. www.zionbrainerd.com.
Cedar Lake, Norwegian Lutheran — Third Sun 11, May - Oct. Crosby — Immanuel (LCMC) Rev. Paul Mattson; Sun. 9:30 worship; SS (Sept.-May) 10:15; 10:30 fellowship
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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. Lovaa; 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.
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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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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.
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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. Pastor Walter Starr, 763-316-7270, Sunday Worship 10:00am, Wednesday Bible study 6:30pm
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

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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 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
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