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Iron Range motorcyclists gear up for charity ride in May



Members of the Christian Motorcycle Association accept a donation from the Cuyuna Range Motorcycle Club. The donation will aid missionaries who travel on motorcycles. Ann Schwartz photo

By ANN SCHWARTZ
Goat Olson of Hill City is a leader of the Iron Range Motorcycle Club, Cuyuna Chapter. This club, a chapter of the Mesabi Range club, has members from throughout the region: Hillman, Garrison, Pierz, Little Falls, Brainerd, Crosby, Aitkin and Cohasset. The Mesabi Range Chapter has existed since

1973, and the Cuyuna Range Chapter is five years old.

"We are a charity-oriented non-profit organization," explained Olson. "Our mission is to try to have an impact on our community in a positive way. All events and runs we do always pick a charity of some sort to help. In the past we've given to community food banks and to families

who have lost their homes to fire. The proceeds from the next event will be to combat domestic violence and teenage suicide.

The latest donation went to the Christian Motorcycle Association. They support three missionaries who distribute Jesus films and smuggle Bibles into Communist countries. The CMA also provides

motorcycles for missionaries' transportation.

The two clubs, Cuyuna and the CMA, met at the undisclosed location of the IRMC's private clubhouse in rural Brainerd. Camaraderie was shared and a check presented to the CMA from an event the Cuyuna group held in Garrison earlier this spring.

"I'm one of the older guys in my chapter," explained Olson. "I specifically came down from Mesabi to get Cuyuna to going."

Ramrod is the president. "He's brought us along; we've grown and are focused on doing good things."

Lucky is vice president, Goat Olson, road captain and Nick Stein the treasurer.

Throughout the motorcycle riding season, the club has eight ride events hosted by themselves and the Mesabi chapter.

The next event is the Sugar

Ride on Saturday, May 24 that is open to all riders. It was originally started to fight diabetes but they kept the name. This ride's proceeds will be donated to fighting domestic violence and teen suicide.

It costs \$20 to enter a bike. They stop at establishments that sponsor their charitable giving. Registration starts at 10 a.m. at Dunmire's west of Brainerd, with kickstands up at noon. They travel to the Pickled Loon at Emily, Knuckleheads in Hill City, the Muni in Palisade, Block North in Aitkin (tentative) and end at the Garrison VFW. The VFW party will feature food and valuable prizes. A musician is sought to entertain.

The Cuyuna Range Motorcycle Club has found a way to unite members, see the countryside on rides, make friends and give to local causes.

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Heintzeman showdown with Slipy in Senate District 6 special election

Keri Heintzeman emerged victorious in Tuesday's Republican primary and will face Democratic-Farmer-Labor (DFL) Party candidate Denise Slipy in the special election for Senate District 6, scheduled for Tuesday, April 29. The seat, previously held by former state Senator Justin Eichorn, encompasses parts of Cass County, the northern two-thirds of Crow Wing County, and portions of Itasca County.

Heintzeman, the wife of current District 6B Representative Josh Heintzeman, se-



lighting her goals to reduce government waste and promote transparency in the use of taxpayer dollars. She also expressed her strong support for Second Amendment rights and parental involvement in education decisions. Additionally, Heintzeman vowed to fight fraud and abuse in state government and champion policies that prioritize the protection of life at all stages.

Heintzeman's victory sets the stage for a heated race against Denise Slipy, an advocate for environmental protection and rural healthcare. Slipy supports renewable energy investments, clean water preservation, and combating climate change through green energy. She also prioritizes expanding rural healthcare, especially for women. A former volunteer firefighter, Slipy emphasizes improving healthcare access in underserved areas, increasing resources for first



DFL candidate Denise Slipy

responders, and boosting education funding ensuring educational equity.

The special election follows the resignation of former state Senator Justin Eichorn, who stepped down on March 20 after being charged with soliciting a minor in federal court. The outcome of this race will determine the next representative for Senate District 6, with voters have a clear choice between Heintzeman's conservative fiscal policies and Slipy's progressive focus on environmental sustainability.



Easter Weekend Fun

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Saturday, April 19

10 a.m. Annual Easter Egg Hunt
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11 a.m. Family Art Fun* fees range from \$8 to \$25
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1 p.m. Family Trivia



Easter Brunch

Sunday, April 20 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

April
19th - The Lakers Lions Annual Easter Egg Hunt at Emily City Hall, 10 a.m., for children ages one to 10. Dress for the weather as event is held outside and bring your own bag or basket.
19th - Hallett Center of Crosby Easter Egg Hunt, 10:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m. There will be a bounce house, visit from the Easter Bunny, Golden Eggs redeemable for prizes, games, and a coloring contest for prizes.
19th - Easter Egg Hunt at the Jessie F. Hallett Memorial Library begins at 1 p.m. Kids 12 and under are invited to come find 10 eggs to trade for a prize bag. Weather permitting, we will hide eggs for ages 0-6 outside. Kids 7-12 will look for their eggs inside for extra difficulty. Bring an egg-collecting bag or basket.
24th - Registration deadline for Worms Eat My Garbage Vermicomposting Workshop at the Northland Arboretum on May 10, 10 a.m. -noon, \$95 per person. Each registrant will take home a 27-gallon worm bin. Northland Arboretum is located at 14250 Conservation Drive, Brainerd. Call 218-829-8770 for more information.
25th - Free movie night at Mayberry Auditorium. "Mufasa" at 6:30 p.m. Light concessions are available.
25th - Erik Koskinen takes the stage for Grassroots Concerts at the Live Well Nightclub and Coffee Bar in the Journey Church, Nisswa, 7:30 p.m. Grassroots Concerts, a non-profit, volunteer-run organization begun in 1988, charges \$15 at the door for adults and \$5 for children under 12 with listening attention. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. in the Journey Church, 5459 Lakers Lane (next to the school in Nisswa). Your nonperishable food, cash, or check donation to a local food shelf is welcomed. For information call 218-838-4266.
26th - Stop the Stigma 5K for Mental Health Awareness, 9 a.m., at t Central Lakes College Brainerd campus. There is also a one-mile walk option. Proceeds will support the Sharing Bread Soup Kitchen and the Central Lakes College Food Pantry. Race awards will start at about 10 a.m. Register: www.clcmn.edu/clc-5k/

May
1st & 2nd - Rummage and Bake Sale at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Crosby, Thursday 4 - 8 p.m. and Friday, 8 a.m.- 4 p.m.
3rd - Bird Hikes at the Northland Arboretum, 8 a.m. Binoculars are provided or bring your own. Open to the public. Free for members, \$10 gate fee for non-members. Northland Arboretum is located at 14250 Conservation Drive, Brainerd. Call 218-829-8770 for more information.
3rd - Celebrate Arbor Day at the Northland Arboretum, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Event is free and open to the public. Free seedlings, live reptiles, demonstrations, activity booths, and refreshments. Tot Track and Adaptive Track will be open. Bring your bike and helmet and enjoy the trails. Follow the clues to find Sasquatch in the woods and win cash prizes totaling \$500! Northland Arboretum is located at 14250 Conservation Drive, Brainerd. Call 218-829-8770 for more information.



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Lakeshore property owners invited to attend Lunch and Learn in Crosby

Lakeshore property owners in Crow Wing County have an exciting opportunity to learn how to protect and improve their shorelines at the upcoming Lakeshore Lunch and Learn event, hosted by the Crow Wing Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD). The event will be held on Saturday, May 17, from 9 a.m. to noon at Heartwood Living, 500 Heartwood Dr., in Crosby.

Designed to educate landowners on shoreline best practices, common issues, and available resources, this event promises valuable insights for anyone looking to preserve the beauty and health of their lakeside property. Attendees will hear from experts, including representatives from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Crow Wing County, shoreline restoration specialists, and local property owners who have successfully completed shoreline projects.

"This event is about empowering lakeshore owners with the knowledge and tools they need to protect their shorelines," said Melissa Barrick, Manager of Crow Wing SWCD. "It's also a great opportunity to connect with fellow lakeshore owners and professionals who share a passion for preserving our natural resources."

The event, which costs just \$5 (including lunch), is an ideal chance for property owners to learn practical tips, ask questions, and get inspired by success stories from others in the community. Space is limited, and registration is required by May 3.

To register, visit www.cwswcd.org/trainings or call (218) 828-6197.

This event is made possible with funding from the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources through the Clean Water Fund. The Crow Wing SWCD provides leadership and implements voluntary soil and water conservation programs throughout the region.

Don't miss this chance to learn how you can help protect Crow Wing County's precious shorelines.

Let your voice be heard April 23

Local residents will have a chance to voice their concerns and hear from elected officials about the federal policies affecting their daily lives at the upcoming People's Town Hall on Wednesday, April 23. The event, organized by the non-partisan group Practicing Democracy, will be held at Brainerd High School Cafeteria, 702 S. 5th Street, starting at 5:30 p.m.

Following the success of a similar town hall in Duluth, where 900 attendees participated in a respectful and inclusive dialogue, organizers are hopeful for another productive conversation. At the Duluth event, participants from across the political spectrum came together to discuss critical issues.

The goal of the town hall is not only to raise awareness about pressing issues but also to create a space where people can engage in civil discourse, find common ground, and share struggles that need solutions. By focusing on respectful dialogue, it is hoped to foster unity and understanding in our communities.

Top concerns expected to be discussed include retirement security, inflation, tariffs, cost of living, economy, taxes, school funding, protecting freedoms (rule of law, checks and balances, upholding the Constitution), Veteran services, climate change, environment, health care, mining, and other issues important to the community.

Attendees will also have the opportunity to voice their own concerns or ask questions about federal policies. Organizers stress that civility guidelines will be in place to ensure that all participants feel respected, regardless of political affiliation.

The People's Town Hall aims to provide a platform for collaboration, with a focus on finding common solutions for the challenges facing Brainerd and the wider region. All members of the community are encouraged to attend and participate in this important conversation. Check out their website <https://www.practicing-democracy.org/>.



READER RIBBETS

Real ID is a Hegelian Dialectic

We live in a nation where a Federal government pushes us into submission, they are trying to do it again with the real ID.

The Federal government always has to prove that you're a resident and you're a U.S. citizen for them to control you. Ever wonder why "we the people" can't control Congress?

There are two types of citizens, a U.S citizen also known as a 14th amendment citizen, and a state citizen. I was born in Minnesota, so that makes me a "state citizen" or a Minnesotan. And if I have a Minnesota ID that should be perfectly fine. Think back to elementary school they told you our founding fathers like George Washington, Thomas Jefferson were all statesman or (state citizens), men of the state. So there are people running around with "we the people" in the back window of their truck. If you say you are a U.S. citizen, you are not one of "we the people", you must be a state citizen to be one of "we the people".

The Civil War is what created the U.S. citizen. The only way you can be a U.S. citizen is by saying through your own ignorance that you are a U.S. citizen. For proof of this, all you have to do is go to U.S. code, 8 USC 1101(a) (23). After the 14th amendment, there was a series of cases, called the slaughterhouse cases, which basically said that you had to be born in the District of Columbia or a descendant of slaves to become a U.S. citizen. So if you were not born in the District of Columbia and you are not a descendant of black slaves, how can you possibly be a U.S. citizen? Well, the Federal government tricked you into saying that you are. You submitted to the government by your own ignorance. So the 14th amendment seems to be pretty racist, and also Congress ruled in mid June of 1967 that the 14th amendment was illegal and improperly passed.

The Federal government likes to use a Hegelian dialectic, they create a problem and then they create a solution and then they push you to their solution, this is Marxism, not freedom. Think back to Covid they paid you to get the shot.

Real ID is through the patriot act, which is a result of 911. A lot of people seem to think that Trump will save us all, but you need to know you got to save yourself. Since Trump certainly hasn't gotten rid of the 14th amendment and neither has congress. And then, what about the court system? Well they refuse to hear the case, of the improperly passed 14th amendment.

God intended us all to be free but you've got to fight for your freedom and for your children's freedom.

I want my God-given rights not civil rights, if I don't hurt anybody or damage anyone's property, I have not committed a crime according to God.

Now is the time to wake up, and see what's going on. Remember, the pilgrims warned us what happens when a government teaches our children, you get exactly what we have gotten a dumbed down society. Why do you think you have to now have four years of college to work for the government? Because you gotta be indoctrinated enough to obey.


Are you going along with the Nürnberg defense? "they told me to do it."

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LEGAL NOTICES

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS
This may affect your 2026 property tax payments

The Board of Appeal & Equalization for the Township of Kimberly will meet on May 5, 2025 starting at 9:00 a.m. the Kimberly/Glen Town Hall. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor.

If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, please contact your assessor's office to discuss your concerns. If you disagree with the valuation or classification after discussing with your assessor, you may appear before the local board of appeal and equalization. The board will review your assessments and may make corrections as needed. Generally, you must appeal to the local board before appealing to the county board of appeal and equalization.

Dated: February 11, 2025
MIA RAPOPORT,
Kimberly Township Clerk
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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING
MAY 15, 2025
MILLE LACS ENERGY COOPERATIVE

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of the members of Mille Lacs Energy Cooperative will be held at Mille Lacs Energy Cooperative, 23483 US Highway 169, Aitkin, Minnesota, on Thursday, May 15, 2025. Registration will begin at 4:00 p.m. and go on until 5:45 p.m. The annual business meeting will begin at 5:45 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is:

1. Election of directors from District 1 and 2. In accordance with Article III Section 4 of the Cooperative's Bylaws, directors shall be elected at the annual meeting by those members who are present in person or by mail or online vote.
2. Transaction of any other business that may properly come before this meeting.

By Order of the Board of Directors.
Dated: March 3, 2025
AILEEN R DEMENGE,
Aileen R DeMenge, Secretary
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NORDLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD OF APPEAL AND EQUALIZATION
Important Information Regarding Property Assessments
This may affect your 2026 property taxes.

The Board of Appeal and Equalization for Nordland Township will meet on Wednesday April 30, 2025, 1:00 p.m. at Bethlehem Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall, 36696 320th St, Aitkin, MN 56431. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor.

If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, please contact your assessor's office to discuss your concerns. If you disagree with the valuation or classification after discussing it with your assessor, you may appear before the local Board of Appeal and Equalization. The board will review your assessments and may make corrections as needed. Generally, you must appeal to the local board before appealing to the county board of appeal and equalization.

Dated: April 15, 2025
MATTHEW NIX, Clerk
Nordland Township
6.00

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WEALTHWOOD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF APPEAL AND EQUALIZATION PLUS ROAD REVIEW NOTICE

Notice is hereby given, that the Board of Appeal and Equalization of the Township of Wealthwood in Aitkin County, Minnesota, will meet at the Wealthwood Town Hall on Friday, May 2, 2025 at 9:00 a.m., for the purpose of reviewing and correcting the assessment of said Township for the year 2025.

The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether taxable property in the Township has been properly valued and classified by the assessor, and also to determine whether corrections need to be made.

If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, please contact your assessor's office to discuss your concerns. If you are still not satisfied with the valuation or classification after conferring with your assessor, you may appear before the local board of appeal and equalization.

The board shall review the valuation, classification, or both if necessary, and shall correct it as needed. Generally, an appearance before your local board of appeal and equalization is required by law before an appeal can be taken to your county board of appeal and equalization.

Road Review to follow the meeting.

Dated: April 1, 2025
LINDA WENDLANDT, Clerk
Wealthwood Township
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- **Thurs., May 1, 10 a.m. - Virginia, MN Retirement Farm Auction | Roger Manning**
- **Tues., May 6, 10 a.m. - Grand Rapids, MN Estate of Lonney Ross**
- **Sat., May 17, 10 a.m. - Aitkin, MN Farm Sellout for Terry & Wendy Johnson**
- **Tues., June 3, 10 a.m. - Bigfork, MN Moving Auction, Shorty & Barb Lewis**

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SHIRLEY ANDERSON



Shirley Nina (Nelson) Anderson, 90, of Aitkin died on Thursday, April 3, 2025, at Golden Horizons of Aitkin.

Funeral Services will be held on Saturday May 3, 2025 at 11 a.m. at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 36696 320th Street, Nordland Township, Aitkin, MN 56431 with visitation beginning at 10 a.m. Graveside service immediately follows the service. Shirley's family will host lunch at the Forty Club Banquet Center at 960-2nd Street Northwest Aitkin, MN 56431 after the Graveside Service. Memorials to the Lupus Foundation of America or to Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Aitkin.

Shirley was born in Braham on March 8, 1935 to Frank Arthur and Nina Catherine (Peterson) Nelson. Shirley attended a two-room country school through eighth grade. She graduated from Braham

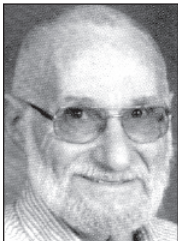
High School in 1953. Shirley was united in marriage to Theodore Anderson on September 1, 1956, in Maple Ridge, MN. Shirley worked several jobs while raising a family. She was most proud of her time as a rural letter carrier for the Hamel, MN Post Office. Shirley loved to dance, travel, and spend time at the cabin with her family and friends.

Shirley is survived by her children: Craig (Mary Jo), Chris (Theresa), and Michele Grego; six grandchildren: Nick, Katie (Jeremy), Beth (Brandon), Jackie, Carrie, and Angelina; two great-grandchildren, Harper, and Haizley; nieces and nephews.

Shirley was preceded in death by her husband, Ted; parents; sisters and brothers-in-law: Dolores Bengtson (Carl), Marian Fruechte (Orville), and Ardis Niemi (Ray) and son-in-law, Michael Grego.

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

ARCHIE SABYAN



Archie Albert Sabyan, 84, of Little Falls, formerly of Crosby, died on Saturday, April 12, 2025 with family at his side at the Little Falls Care Center.

Funeral service will be held on Monday, April 21, 2025 at 11 a.m. at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Crosby. Military rites will be presented by the Walter Scott Erickson American Legion Post.

Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service at the church. Archie was a long-time supporter of diabetes research. In lieu of flowers, the family would greatly appreciate that donations be made to Breakthrough T1D (JDRF). https://www2.breakthrough1d.org/site/Donation2?2376.donation=form1&df_id=2376&mfc_pref=T

He was born on May 13, 1940 in Wolford Township

to Joseph and Veronica (DeCent) Sabyan. Archie was a U.S. Air Force Veteran. He was a member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Crosby, and the Walter Scott Erickson American Legion Post #557, Deerwood. Archie was an avid Crosby-Ironton Sports fan and loved everything to do with Crosby-Ironton. He enjoyed fishing at all times of the year, but seemed to love cooking them for friends and relatives more than catching them.

Archie is survived by his brother, Tom Sabyan; daughter, Sherry (Jeff) Matticks; son, Scott (Erin) Sabyan; three grandchildren: Brady Sabyan, Ally Sabyan, and Kyle Matticks; and great-granddaughter, Shae Sabyan.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers: Gerald, Edward, Ronald, and Donald; and sisters, Betty Ravnik and Gloria Perpich.

Arrangements are with the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby.

RICHARD STIMAC



Richard "Rick" Stimac, 63, died on Wednesday, March 5, 2025 from a major cardiac event in his home near Randall, MN.

A memorial gathering will be held at the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby on Saturday, April 26 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Rick was born December 10, 1961 in Minneapolis, the son of Richard and Bev (Walker) Stimac. He grew up in Crosby until the 8th grade and graduated from Lincoln High School, Thief River Falls, in 1980. After high school, he earned his commercial driver's license and was a career over-the-road trucker until he retired from driving in January 2024. After retiring, Rick found his all-time, favorite job at Safari North Wildlife Park in Brainerd, working part-time as a maintenance and grounds keeper. He loved the hands-on work and told us he had a special bond with all the "critters" at the Park.

Rick was mostly quiet and kept a low profile but he had a big heart and truly loved his family...he always gave the best family bear hugs. He grew up playing sports (football, hockey, baseball) as a kid and enjoyed hunting and fishing with his Dad,

brothers, and uncles. Rick picked up drumming at the old Franklin Elementary School in Crosby and continued playing throughout his adult life. He loved rocking out to AC/DC and other '70s/'80s rock bands. Rick liked assuming the role as a "volunteer goal judge" at his niece and nephew's hockey games...in his unique style, he stayed away from the crowds and always parked himself behind the opposing net to cheer any puck that crossed the goal line. Rick was a man of few words but he rarely missed an opportunity to check in with Gary and Cathy Smith (brother Dave's in-laws) to stay up on family news. Rick never married and did not have any children. But he loved dogs and always had a faithful companion by his side.

Rick is survived by his sister Sheryl Howerton of Angle Inlet, MN; his brother Dave and his niece Annabelle and nephew Jonathon of Brainerd.

Rick is preceded in death by his parents, Richard Stimac and Bev (Walker) Watkins, brother Jon, brother-in-law Dan Howerton, and sister-in-law Christy Stimac.

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

ELVA SCHACK



Elva Rose (Danson) Schack died on Thursday, April 10, 2025.

Funeral Service will be held on Saturday, April 26, at 11 AM, at the First Baptist Church in Baxter. Visitation will be at the church one hour prior to the service.

Elva was born on January 2, 1932, to Glenn and Mildred (Fry) Danson in their farmhouse southeast of Grand Rapids, MN.

Elva is survived by her husband of 73 years,

Bob Schack; sons and daughters-in-law: Glenn and Rosalie Schack of Owatonna; and Brian and Debbie Schack of Junction City, Oregon; daughters and sons-in-law: Patty and Darell Kapptie of Billings, MT; Barb Krzak-Smith and Dennis Smith of Hayward, WI; Donna Lundgren of Upsala; 13 grandchildren; 41 great grandchildren; brother and sister-in-law, Bill and Irene Danson of Fredricksburg, VA; and sister, and brother-in-law, Doris and Dan Roettger of White Bear Lake, MN.

Elva was preceded in death by her parents, and her son-in-law, Paul Lundgren.

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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
Hill City — Interim Pastor John Koppel, Staff Pastor Lisa Jordan; Worship 10; hillicityagchurch@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 - Eagle Brook Church , Worship 9 & 11, www.eaglebrookchurch.com/locations/brainerd-lakes/
Brainerd* - Faith Baptist Church, Pastor Jim Stephens, 218-829-3191; SS 9:00, Worship 10:30 and 6 p.m., Wed. Classes and Clubs 6:30 p.m.; fbcbrainerd.com
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 Thorson; SS 9:45; Service 10:45 and 6 p.m., Bible Study Wed. 7 pm
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Hill City — Pastor Lonnie Lee; 218-697-2645; Adult SS 9; Worship 10 am; Bible Study, Fri., 7 pm.
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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
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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.ihmstemiys.org; Mass: Sat. 4 pm; Sun. 8:30; Confession Sat. 3 pm.
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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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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
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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
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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 KKIN 94.3 FM radio at 10am), take out community meal every Mon. & Thurs. 5pm and Thurs. 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* — Good Shepherd Free Lutheran Church (AFLC), Pastor David Franz, find service info at www.goodshepherdfree.lutheran.church, 5878 Pine Beach Road, Brainerd, 218-824-3052
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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) Rev. Paul Mattson; Sun. 9:30 worship; SS (Sept.-May) 10:15; 10:30 fellowship
Crosby — Zion (LC-MS) Worship 9 (alternates with Immanuel Iron Hub) 218-546-6910.
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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)
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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
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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. 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 Irontone 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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Brainerd — First Congregational UCC, 415 Juniper St, Brainerd. Sunday worship at 10. Pastor; Leslie Moughty. Handicapped accessible. www.uccbrainerdmn.org

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

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