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Hundreds at No Kings protest after early morning shootings



On June 14, protesters in Brainerd flanked Washington Street from 8th Street north to the bridge over the Mississippi River. Many were senior citizens. Ann Schwartz photos

By ANN SCHWARTZ

Despite the fact that about two thirds of Crow Wing County voters helped to re-elect Donald Trump as president, hundreds turned out to line Washington Street in Brainerd as part of the No Kings movement on June 14.

The movement, where it is estimated that 11 million people took to the streets nationwide, was set to coincide with President Trump's birthday and the military parade in Washington D.C. celebrating the U.S. Army 250th anniversary.

Marchers are drawing at-

tention to what they perceive is an authoritarian bent in the Trump administration and proposed billions in cuts to such programs as food support, education and medical assistance.

Most of the marchers in Brainerd were senior citizens and they were an orderly bunch. Traffic directors wearing safety vests kept protesters off the streets. There were many imaginative signs and flags waved, and a four-piece band offered spunky music.

Many passers-by hit their horns in acknowledgement (or maybe to give the thumbs

down or other gestures). A few Trump supporters were among the throng.

The people stretched from 8th Street, the easterly most spotlight defining Brainerd's downtown, to the Washington Street Bridge, nearly a mile away. They were on both sides of the street, with most folks bunched up near the intersection by the historic water tower.

Protest rally went on despite shootings of lawmakers and spouses

After the shooting of two members of the Minnesota Legislature and their spouses

State Senator John Hoffman and his wife were wounded.

At 2 a.m. police officers were called to Senator Hoffman's home in Champlin and found that Hoffman, 60, and his wife Yvette were shot several times.

According to the com-
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A No King's protester holds up a sign in support of Medicaid. The sign is a poignant reminder that on the Monday before her death Speaker Emerita of the Minnesota House Melissa Hortman (DFL-Brooklyn Park) had cast the lone DFL yes vote on a bill to remove undocumented immigrant adults from the state health care plan, a move she said was necessary to get Republican support on completing a state budget. The change to MinnesotaCare is expected to save \$56.9 million in the 2026-27 biennium.

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Paddling Your Glass Off and Mini-Music Fest in downtown Aitkin



Sonic Love Child closes out the music fest. Ann Schwartz photo

By ANN SCHWARTZ
“I guess Aitkin doesn’t roll up the streets at 6 p.m. anymore,” an audience member was heard saying at the Locker Room in Aitkin as Sonic Love Child performed as the final act in a mini music fest. In the Locker Room, on June 14, folks drank and munched on pizza, visited and listened to the band,

spilling over onto the patio until the evening got chilly. Earlier, paddlers launched on the Mississippi River and sampled brews and nonalcoholic drinks. The Music Fest featured Christian McShane at The Terrace, Aitkin’s new outdoor stage. Then Mike and Jan Cherry sang at the boat landing. Rod Enberg then

took the stage at the Locker Room, followed by John Cron and Jim McElverhoy at the Terrace and Sonic Love Child at the Locker Room. Songs and folks were still going strong at 9 p.m. This is a far cry when the only traffic heard in Aitkin after 6 p.m. was when the movie got out or a sports game finished up at the high school.



Paddlers at the Mississippi Landing in Aitkin. Rita Fortunato photo



Fans of pizza and music at the Locker Room in Aitkin. Ann Schwartz photo

Early morning shootings | Continued from Page 1



Vance Luther Boelter, suspect in the shootings, was arrested Sunday, June 15, 2025, in Sibley County. Ramsey County Sheriff’s Office photo

plaint, two other unnamed Minnesota elected representative’s homes were visited by Boelter. One home was in Maple Grove and another in New Hope. No one was at home at either location. At 3:30 a.m., Brooklyn Park officers checked on Hortman’s home in Brooklyn Park, where they found a shooter posing as an officer at the scene. Police exchanged gunfire with the suspect, who went back into the home and fled out the back door on foot. Hortman, 55, was pronounced dead at the scene, while her husband, 58, died at North Memorial Health in Robbinsdale. Law enforcement leaders identified Vance Luther Boelter, 57, as the suspect and after a manhunt he was arrested near his home in Green Isle, Sibley County. Boelter was charged by the Hennepin County Attorney’s Office with two counts of second-degree intentional murder and two counts of second-degree attempted intentional murder. Additionally, Boelter has been charged by federal complaint with stalking and murdering Minnesota House of Representatives Speaker Emerita Melissa Hortman and her husband, in addition to stalking and shooting Minnesota State Senator John Hoffman and his wife.

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20th -22nd - Midwest Mountain Bike Festival in Ironton. Group rides, demonstrations, skills clinics and a scavenger hunt. For more information contact Cykel at 218-772-0177.
21st - Serpent Lake Association Annual Meeting at Salem Lutheran Church in Deerwood, coffee and MacDaddy Donuts starting at 8 a.m. and meeting will begin at 9 a.m.
21st - Fifty Lakes Day Celebration. Food, vendors, games, bags tournament and more starting at 10 a.m. Pork roast begins at 4 p.m., fireworks at dusk Call Ann at 218- 763-3113 for more info.
21st - Dawson Strong Ride (motorcycle or vehicle) starting at 9 a.m. at the Moose Lodge located at 22 Fourth Street NE in Aitkin. Cost is \$25 for 130-mile ride at 11 a.m. and the after ride meal.
21st - Nature Rocks - a Concert for Conservation Block party and fundraiser in downtown Aitkin. Gates open at 5 p.m., 6 -7:30 p.m. - The Jorgensens and 8 - 9:30 p.m. - GB Leighton Some picnic table seating will be available, but PLEASE BRING YOUR CHAIRS. For tickets and information www.naturerocksconcert.com.
21st - Scorpion Homecoming Summer Edition, noon - 5:00 p.m. Open house format. Hosted by the Scorpion History Museum, 21950 Rocca Road, Ironton MN 56455. For more details visit: www.facebook.com/scorpionsnowmobiles
24th - Art in the Park at George H. Crosby Memorial Park in downtown Crosby, 2 to 4 p.m. All ages are welcome. The event offers free Craft Sticks art project, snacks fun activities for all ages. Connect, create and enjoy the ultimate community experience. For more information contact Tyler Scull at 612-212-5772 or Hallett Library at 218-546-8005.
30th - Heartwood Care Center Grand Opening, 1:30-3:30 p.m., 503 Heartwood Drive in Crosby. All are welcome to attend.

July
1st - Art in the Park at George H. Crosby Memorial Park in downtown Crosby, 2 to 4 p.m. All ages are welcome. The event offers free Paint Day art project, snacks fun activities for all ages. Connect, create and enjoy the ultimate community experience. For more information contact Tyler Scull at 612-212-5772 or Hallett Library at 218-546-8005.
4th - Fourth of July Celebration in Crosby. Parade, live music, food, raffle, beer garden and more hosted by the Crosby Fire Department and Auxiliary.
5th - Fireworks display over Lawrence Lake in Out-ng at dusk
8th - Art in the Park at George H. Crosby Memorial Park in downtown Crosby, 2 to 4 p.m. All ages are welcome. The event offers free Kitchen Art project, snacks fun activities for all ages. Connect, create and enjoy the ultimate community experience. For more information contact Tyler Scull at 612-212-5772 or Hallett Library at 218-546-8005.
9th - Cuyuna Lake Chamber 25th Annual Golf Tournament starting at 8 a.m. at Cuyuna Rolling Hills Golf Course in Deerwood.
10th - Music in the Park,5- 8 p.m., at Crosby Memorial Park on Serpent Lake. Call Cuyuna Lakes Chamber at 218 546-8131 for more info.
5th - Art in the Park at George H. Crosby Memorial Park in downtown Crosby, 2 to 4 p.m. All ages are welcome. The event offers free Painting without Paint art project, snacks fun activities for all ages. Connect, create and enjoy the ultimate community experience. For more information contact Tyler Scull at 612-212-5772 or Hallett Library at 218-546-8005.
18th -20th- Garrison Play Days. Live music, parade, car show, craft fair, food trucks, beer tent and family-friendly fun on the west side of Mille Lacs Lake.
19th-Celebrate Emily Day.Parade, live music, raffle, games for youth, Miss Emily contest, vendors, food, beer garden, fireworks and more. Call 218-546-8131 for more details.
19th - Joe Granholm benefit 4 to 7 p.m. at the Deerstand in Deerwood. For more information call The Deerstand at 218- 534-925

Send your community events to hopper@crosbyironton.net

READER RIBBETS

Ridiculous Reader

My statement from June 7, 2025 was true, the only thing that wasn't right is the United States was misspelled, and so was the States, both of them should've been in all lower-case. (It does make a difference how it's spelled.)

I wouldn't trust information that revolves around Google. I was canceled a couple years ago by Google, they said my business was closed for eight months according to Google, but it never was closed. It took me months to get that problem fixed and I finally had a customer tell me to turn them in. In two weeks my business according to Google was open again, but I still get harassing calls from somebody at least twice a week trying to change my business listing.

If you don't believe what was written, I suggest you

find an old book, preferably before the Civil War and read the Articles of Confederation from 1777, Article XI, it uses the words that I wrote. If you like using the Internet, you can go to archives.gov under mile stone documents, and you again find the same words that I used.

As for the schools, there are many good teachers they just don't know the correct thing to teach and it's not their fault because they were taught the same misinformation.

The pilgrims warned us of this with a monument, called the matrix of liberty in Plymouth, Massachusetts.(You can google that, and view the short video on YouTube.)

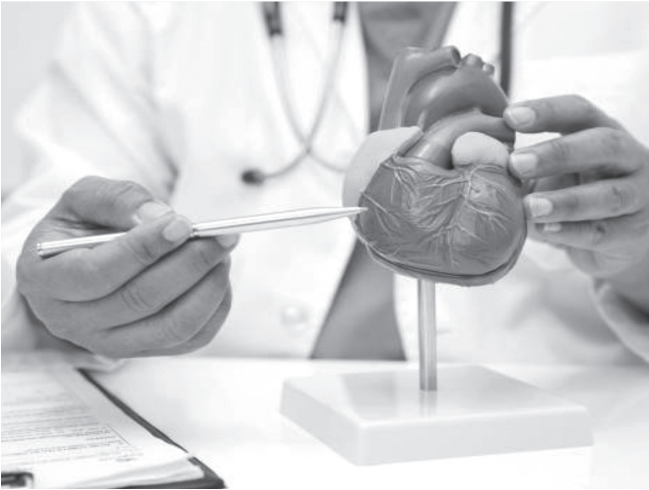
The biggest thing schools taught us to do was to ask for permission, if we are truly free, we should never have to ask for

permission to go to the bathroom in school, or from our government. A Government that we supposedly control I might add.

I'm sorry I offended with the truth. Seems Mr. Lehnhoff might have Stockholm syndrome, where he is protecting and defending his captors.

Brian Smith, Brainerd

Free community health class



Curious about how your heart really works — and what can go wrong when it doesn't? Whether you're managing a heart condition, caring for a loved one, or simply want to understand your health better, Crosslake Lutheran Church invites you to a free, informative session titled "Your Heart and How It Works."

This 1.5-hour class will be held on Tuesday, June 24,

from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. in the church's Fellowship Hall, located at 35960 County Road 66 in Crosslake. The event is open to the entire community — no registration or medical background required.

Led by Gail Smith, RN, BSN, a former clinician with the Minneapolis Heart Institute and current Parish Nurse at Crosslake Lutheran, the class will provide a down-to-

earth look at heart anatomy and common cardiac conditions. Topics will include:

- Coronary artery disease and heart attacks
- High blood pressure (hypertension)
- Congestive heart failure
- Heart rhythm disorders

Gail brings decades of clinical experience and a passion for making complex health topics easy to understand. "Knowing how your heart works gives you the power to make better choices," she says. "This class is all about turning medical information into everyday knowledge people can use."

This is a great opportunity to learn, ask questions, and connect with others who care about heart health — all in a relaxed, welcoming setting.

Questions? Call the church office at 218-692-3682.

Don't miss this chance to listen to your heart — literally and figuratively!

Ironton Fire Department Day equals engines, eats and vendor event

Mark your calendars and shine up those vintage rides — the Ironton Fire Department Auxiliary Unit is "firing up" the fun for its Fifth Annual Ironton Fire Department Day on Saturday, July 26, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. near the Ironton Fire Hall at 309 Third Street.

This annual summer celebration promises a little something for everyone — and yes, the firemen will be running the grill, serving up mouthwatering eats.

Car & truck enthusiasts, start your engines

One of the main attractions is the always-popular Car and Truck Show, featuring classics and collectibles from nearly every era. Entries are now being accepted — the cost is just \$10 cash

at the gate, and there are six trophy classes for both cars and trucks: 1950s and older, 1960s, 1970s, 1980s, 1990s, 2000s and newer. Winners will take home trophies — and bragging rights.

Vendors & crafters wanted

Shoppers and browsers will enjoy a wide selection of goods at the vendor event, and space is still available for sellers. The booth fee is \$20 for a 10x10 space (bring your own tent, table, and chair — no electricity provided). Whether you sell handmade crafts, baked goods, or collectibles, this is a great opportunity to support the community and

meet new customers.

Important details

There's no online registration, so if you want in on the action, you'll need to call, text, or email Sarah Portz at (218) 838-1822 or sarahportz80@gmail.com.

All funds raised from the car/truck show and vendor fees go toward local recipients at Crosby-Ironton High School, making this not only a fun day out, but a meaningful one too.

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Brainerd Ski Loons to make a splash with free summer water ski shows



Get ready for high-flying flips, graceful spins, and gravity-defying human pyramids — because the Brainerd Ski Loons are back and ready to dazzle crowds across the lakes area with another exciting season of free water ski shows.

This talented local team will perform a series of family-friendly shows throughout July and August at Ruttger's Resort on Bay Lake and Lum Park in Brainerd. Each event is free to attend, though free-will donations are encouraged and greatly appreciated.

2025 show schedule

- Tuesday, July 1 – 6:30 p.m. at Ruttger's Resort, Bay Lake
- Thursday, July 10 – 6:30 p.m. at Ruttger's Resort, Bay Lake
- Sunday, July 13 – 5:00 p.m. at Lum Park, Brainerd
- Sunday, July 27 – 5:00 p.m. at Lum Park, Brainerd
- Thursday, July 31 – 6:30 p.m. at Ruttger's Resort, Bay Lake
- Sunday, August 10 – 5:00 p.m. at Lum Park, Brainerd
- Wednesday, August 13 – 6:30 p.m. at Lum Park, Brainerd

Be sure to follow the Brainerd Ski Loons on Facebook® for schedule updates or changes due to weather.

What to expect

Each show is a unique performance packed with thrilling stunts like swivel skiing, barefooting, stilt skiing, and the crowd-favorite human ski pyramids. Bring a blanket or lawn chair, find a spot by the water, and get ready for an evening of awe-inspiring entertainment.

More than just a show

The Ski Loons are a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization

with a mission to promote personal development, teamwork, and community involvement through water sports. They're passionate about building confidence and character in members of all ages and skill levels.

Want to join?

If you've ever dreamed of gliding across the water in a show ski team, the Ski Loons want to hear from you! Membership is open to all ages and abilities. For \$125 per member for the summer, you get access to all equipment, boats, gas, and coaching. Learn more and access the membership packet at www.skiloons.com/how-to-join or email brainerdskiloons@gmail.com.



Grand Opening Celebration June 30

A warm welcome awaits the community as Heartwood Care Center opens its doors for a festive Grand Opening Celebration on Monday, June 30, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. — and everyone is invited.

Located at 503 Heartwood Drive in Crosby, the newly completed care center is ready to show off its beautiful new spaces and the heart behind its name. Guests can look forward to guided tours, a taste of delicious refreshments, and a lineup of live musical entertainment that's sure to strike the right chord.

In addition to food and fun, guests can sign up for free giveaway drawings during the event — just another reason to stop by and join the celebration.

Whether you're curious about the new facility or simply looking for an enjoyable afternoon out, Heartwood Care Center promises a heartfelt experience. Don't miss this chance to connect, explore, and celebrate a new resource for the Crosby community.

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* Indicates handicap accessible. NOTE: All times are Sunday morning (a.m.) unless indicated otherwise.

ALLIANCE
Aitkin* — New Life Church of the CM&A; Worship 10:15 am; Services on Sunday at 10:15am and 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; 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
Deerwood* — Jeff Shadrick, SS 9:30; Worship 10:30 and 6 pm; Wed. Service, 6:30 pm.
Glory* — SS 9:15; Worship 10:30 a.m.; 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 Kconnect 6:30 pm
Malmö — Pastor Glenn Browning; SS 9:30; Fellowship 10; Worship 10:15
Wright — Pastor Ken Mitchell, 218-426-5115; SS 9:30; Worship, 10:30; Thu., Bible Study, 7 pm.

HEBREW/MESSIANIC
Glen — Beth Shalom Tabernacle of Truth, for information 320-684-2804

LUTHERAN
Aitkin — Bethlehem (ELCA), Rev. Rebecca Hinz; Worship 9:30; Holy Comm. 1st & 3rd Sun each month.
First* — (ELCA) Pastor Reggie Denton, worship Sun. 9am (also available via livestream on YouTube – First Lutheran Church, Aitkin) and (broadcast on KKN 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. Office open M-Th 7:30am – 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 Inglenwood and Cherrywood). 218-829-4105. www.christbaxter.com.
Baxter — Prince of Peace (LCMS); Communion every Sunday 9, Fellowship 10:15, Adult Bible Class & Sunday School 10:30 am 218-829-7092 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 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.lchchurch.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) 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.
Crosslake Lutheran Church (ELCA) www.crosslakelutheran.com • Kristin Oltmann, Pastor • Becky Swanson, Pastor 218-692-3682, May 18-Labor Day: Sun. Indoor 8:30am, Outdoor 10am Indoor: 35960 CR 66, Outdoor: 14019 Daggett Pine Rd., Weekly Free Community Drive Thru Meals-To-Go - Wednesdays from 5-6pm - All are welcome!
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 10:30, Pastor Donald Klatt 218-534-3069
Isle — Faith (ELCA), Pastor Josh Blair; Worship 9:30; handicapped accessible.
Isle — Holden (ELCA), Worship 9:15
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).
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
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
Aitkin—Cedar Lake Norwegian Lutheran Church, service is the 3rd Sunday of the month May-October at 11am , 3100 Pioneer Ave., Aitkin.
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

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST
Aitkin — Pastor Josh Jeresek; Worship Sat. 9:30, Prayer Meeting & Bible Study Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.; www.aitkinadventist.org; 423-805-0933; 830 Minnesota Ave S
Brainerd — Pastor Josh Jeresek; Worship Sat. 11:10, 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. www.uccbbrainerdmn.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 Church) — Pine Lake Chapel, Pastor Gary Taylor; Worship Sunday 1 p.m. Fellowship follows.
Cromwell — Pastor Tim Homstad; Worship 10; SS 9
Emily* — Pastor Gary Taylor; Sunday Worship with Facebook live streaming 8:30 with fellowship to follow. UWF meet on the first Sunday of each month following worship. Men's prayer breakfast 2nd Saturday of each month at 8. Bible Study Thursday at 6 pm.
Fleming* — (Northern Lights Parish) SS 9:15; Worship 10:30; fellowship follows.
Hill City — Pastor Roger Lynn; Worship 10
McGregor* — (Northern Lights Parish) Worship 8:45; fellowship follows.
Onamia — Pastor Rick & Judy Wilder; Worship 11; fellowship 10; 2 blks north of Post Office; handicap ramp; 320-532-3150; office: 218-546-7656; cell: 218-360-1947

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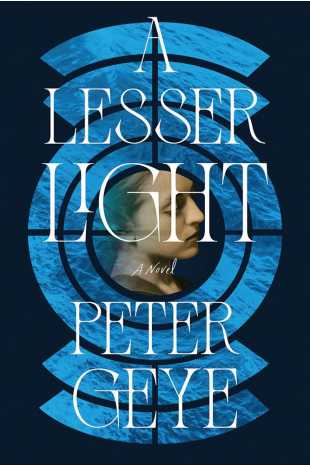
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Peter Geye at Brainerd Library’s Summer Author Series June 23



Lovers of literature, mark your calendars: the Friends of the Brainerd Public Library are proud to launch the Summer 2025 Brown Bag Lunch Author Series with an appearance by award-winning Minnesota novelist Peter Geye.

Geye will speak on Monday, June 23, from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. in the Large Meeting Room of the Brainerd Public Library, where he'll

discuss his newest release, *A Lesser Light: A Novel*. The event is free and open to the public, with no registration required. Just bring your lunch, your curiosity, and your love for great storytelling.

A Lesser Light transports readers to 1910, where Theodulf Sauer, newly appointed master lighthouse keeper, is stationed above the wild expanse of Lake Superior. His wife Willa, forced into an arranged marriage after a family tragedy, arrives with little understanding of her new role — or her new husband. As the couple's uneasy relationship unfolds beneath the approaching shadow of Halley's Comet, the novel explores loneliness, longing, and the vast emotional terrain between two people cast together by fate. It's a tale of cosmic wonder, historical detail, and deep emotional

resonance.

Geye is no stranger to powerful storytelling. His previous works — *Safe from the Sea*, *The Lighthouse Road*, *Wintering*, *Northernmost*, and *The Ski Jumpers* — have cemented his reputation as a master of northern narratives,



Minnesota author Peter Geye will speak on Monday, June 23 at the Brainerd Public Library.

rich with setting and soul. He lives in Minneapolis with his family and continues to draw inspiration from the rugged beauty and complex histories of the Upper Midwest. You can learn more about him at www.petergeye.com.

This presentation is part of a weekly summer series sponsored by the Friends of the Brainerd Public Library,

whose volunteers and fundraising efforts help bring vibrant voices and fresh perspectives to the community each year.

Summer 2025 author series lineup:

- June 23: Peter Geye – *A Lesser Light: A Novel*
- June 30: Sally Franson – *Big in Sweden: A Novel*
- July 14: Andrea Gilats –

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- July 21: Josh Moehling – *A Long Time Gone: A Novel*

Whether you're a devoted reader or just curious to meet the minds behind the books, the Brown Bag Lunch Author Series offers a welcoming space to explore, reflect, and be inspired — one Monday at a time.

Hallett Library puzzle exchange

If you're a fan of jigsaw puzzles and looking for a new way to stay entertained — or just love that satisfying "click" of the last piece — the Jessie F. Hallett Memorial Library has a treat for you.

Located at 101 First Street SE in Crosby, the library has rolled out a puzzle exchange program, inviting community

members to swap puzzles, discover new challenges, and connect over this beloved pastime. Whether you're into 300-piece nature scenes or 1,000-piece mind-benders, there's something here for everyone.

The best part? It's free — if you bring a puzzle to trade, that is. No puzzle on hand? No problem. For just \$1, you

can still walk away with a new puzzle to tackle over the weekend.

To get involved or learn more about the exchange, simply stop by the library during regular hours or give them a call at 218-546-8005.

So, dust off that puzzle box in the closet and make your way to Hallett Library — your next rainy day activity awaits.

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