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## Front Street Café busy restoring fire damage – opening soon



Workers fix the ceiling in the apartments above the Front Street Café. Ann Schwartz photos

By ANN SCHWARTZ

A bit over a month after a devastating fire, the Front Street Café in downtown Brainerd is on its way to reopening as soon as it possibly can.

According to restaurant owner John Turner, the structural engineers from Pueringer Investments and the city of Brainerd had to give the go-ahead that the building was structurally sound after the

June 4 fire. After getting the green light, for the last week they have worked on restoration of the dining room.

The 110-year-old building has been owned by Dave Pueringer for the last 45 years. There were 10 apartments upstairs, which are still vacant from the fire and are being cleaned up.

"The fire started in some old knob and tube wiring we had in the apartment building's ceiling above the false ceilings," said Pueringer. "We didn't even know it was there."

The main damage was caused because parts of the roof were hacked out to let the fire escape the attic. Then, there was subsequent smoke and water damage from fighting the fire.

The Front Street Café is getting new blue walls and a purple carpet. As of July 8, the sheetrock was hung, and the



John Turner owns the Front Street Café. He stands in front of new sheetrock on the east wall of the dining room.

main restaurant dining area was on its way to a rebirth.

"I have owned this restaurant for 35 years," Turner, of Northeast Brainerd, said.

The Front Street Café boasts many, many regulars and people who depend on it for their social life. "People love our food and our service. Everywhere we go, people ask

about the restaurant or stop in and see how the renovations are going."

The commercial kitchen was not damaged and is not part of the repairs. "We have so many, many customers — mostly from Brainerd but all over three counties. And in the summer, we have customers from the Cities and from all over the USA when Brainerd International Raceway is going."

Pueringer owns many properties in downtown Brainerd and has a crew working on cleaning up the apartments. The holes in the building's roof have been covered temporarily with plastic sheets.

The Fusion Jewelry store to the west of the café had its hardwood floor and historic

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## Guest curator presents “L U N A” exhibit at Ripple River Gallery



“All Under the Same Moon,” a reduction woodcut by printmaker Emily Gray Koehler, is part of “L U N A,” a new exhibit at Ripple River Gallery. Koehler curated the exhibit, which features work by six regional artists including painting, printmaking, ceramics and mixed media.

L U N A, the new exhibit at Ripple River Gallery, features six Twin Cities artists and explores all things lunar — from the moon’s immutable cycles to the effects on plants and creatures who bask in her light. Curated by printmaker

Emily Gray Koehler, L U N A opens July 16 and continues through August 17. An opening reception is set for Saturday, July 19 from 3-5 p.m. The public is invited to stop by to chat with Koehler and learn more about the show and its artists.

In addition to Koehler’s vibrant reduction woodcuts, this exhibition features the haunting lithographs of Brian Wagner, textural mixed media paintings of Paula Menchen, colorful narrative acrylics by Nicky Torkzadeh, rhythmic ceramic works by Amy Von Bargen and the lyrically spir-

itual paintings of Toni Gallo. Koehler, a self-described night owl who hosted a similar exhibition at her own studio gallery in Minneapolis, was invited to revisit the concept with a new collection of artists at Ripple River Gallery. She said, “The moon is a part of all of our lives whether we realize it or not, from the nighttime pollinators who are guided by her light, to the flowers that sustain them, to the tides whose very existence are defined by the moon’s gravity.

“I wanted to create an exhibition of art which would explore more than just the cy-

clical nature of the moon, one that delves into the magical and the spiritual. If you’ve ever tried to take a photograph of the moon, you know that image will never compete with the awe-inspiring grandeur of what our eyes see.”

As a printmaker and artist, Emily Gray Koehler has spent the last two decades investigating the themes of nature and environmentalism through her primary medium, reduction woodcut. Koehler creates full-time out of her public studio in Northeast Minneapolis. Her work can be found in public and private

collections throughout the United States and in Europe.

Ripple River Gallery is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday; and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sundays. The gallery is located five miles south of Deerwood on Highway 6, then 3 miles east of Ruttger’s Bay Lake Lodge on County Road 14 to Partridge Avenue; or south of Aitkin on Highway 169 to Bennettville, then 3.2 miles west on County Road 11 to Partridge Avenue.

For more information call 218-678-2575 or e-mail [rippleivergallery@gmail.com](mailto:rippleivergallery@gmail.com).

## Deerwood Days 2025 promises bigger, better fun for the whole family

Get ready for a weekend packed with fun, food, and festivities as Deerwood Days returns on Friday, August 8, and Saturday, August 9, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day in beautiful downtown Deerwood, Minnesota.

Following last year’s success, organizers are gearing up for an even larger celebration this summer.

“We had a wonderful turnout last summer, and are once again excited to hold this event. We anticipate it will be even larger this year,” said Kathy Hagens, a dedicated volunteer for the Deerwood Days 2025 Planning and Promoting Committee.

This family-friendly outdoor festival is a community favorite, featuring two days

of craft and merchandise booths, children’s activities, live music, entertainment, and plenty of delicious food and beverages.

**Saturday’s highlights include:**

- Bingo from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Babinski Animal Adoptions on-site from 12 to 4 p.m.
- A crowd-pleasing Fashion Show at 2 p.m.

Festival-goers can also try their luck in the Deerwood Days Raffle, with tickets available now for just \$2 at many local businesses. You could walk away with cash prizes of \$1,000, \$750, or \$500, plus an array of gift packages, certificates, and baskets generously donated by area merchants.

Stay in the loop by follow-

ing the Deerwood Days Facebook page at [facebook.com/DeerwoodDays](https://facebook.com/DeerwoodDays) for updates, schedules, and sneak peeks of what’s to come.

**Still Time to Get Involved!**

Organizers are currently looking to expand the Kids’ Play Area and are seeking individuals or organizations who would like to lead or host children’s activities.

There’s also still room for a few more vendors — food, beverage, artisan crafts, and unique merchandise vendors are all welcome. Join the fun and be part of one of the summer’s most anticipated community events.

For more details view [deerwoodcommerce.org/](https://deerwoodcommerce.org/) or to sign up, email [Deerwood-Days@gmail.com](mailto:Deerwood-Days@gmail.com).

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ceiling damaged by smoke and water. “We won’t be able to salvage the ceiling, but we’ll salvage what we can from the floor,” said Pueringer.

He said that with the location of numerous new businesses, including a new candy store opening next week, downtown Brainerd is really thriving. “When we



Scaffolding traces super high in First Lutheran Church Brainerd. Ann Schwartz photos

first started renovating buildings years ago, downtown was struggling. But now, it is sustainable and there are virtually no vacancies,” he said.

It is hoped that the apartments, the jewelry store and the Thairapy hair and lash salon will open shortly after the restaurant reopens.

Pueringer has worked with the city of Brainerd, the fire department and many other agencies in the restoration of the building. “We are thankful for the way we are all working together for the betterment of our downtown,” he said.

carpet and the pews will be recovered.

“We have a refresh team,” said Steve Moe, leading a group of volunteers on the refresh. Volunteers removed pews and fixtures and tore out flooring to prepare for professionals to work. All-Ways Painting is painting the sanctuary while volunteers tackle the painting of the hallways and stairways nearby. This past week, painters were refinishing and varnishing altar pieces.

“We are doing as much as we can to save costs,” said Moe. He said that Widseth

did the design plan and the new color scheme will likely include blue. The pews will probably be Tuscan Blue with a neutral gray carpet. First Lutheran’s has had a red sanctuary for at least the last 50 years, when the last refresh was done. The pew re-coverers will come on site to do the work.

“We will be installing modern lighting in the existing fixtures,” said Moe. “We are preserving the traditional features of the sanctuary as much as possible.”

“We hope to be finished by Labor Day,” Moe observed.



Pews are stored all over inside the historic church. Pews will be reupholstered on site.

**First Lutheran at Eighth and Norwood spruces up historical sanctuary**

Just to the south on Eighth Street, another historic downtown icon, the First Lutheran Church, is getting a sanctuary refresh. The historic pews, altar, stained glass windows and other legendary features will stay. However, there will be a fresh coat of paint, a new

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12th - Cascade United Methodist Sellebrate Rhubarb event 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Rhubarb desserts and ice cream sundaes will be served with coffee. Other items for sale include baked goods, jams, kitchen and crafts, garden art and plants. Proceeds are used to support local missions of the organization. The church is located between Deerwood and Crosby at 22781 Black Lake Road, Deerwood on Highway 6 and 210.

12th - Northland Arboretum Bike Park Fundraiser, noon - 5 p.m., Admission \$5 for member or \$10 for non-members. Protective gear required. Used bikes for sale, most \$10. Mini bike skills clinics by Sure Shift MTB. There will food available for purchase, yard games and music. Located at 14250 Conservation Drive, Brainerd. For more information call 218-829-8770.

14th - Lakes Area Unlimited Learning, 1:30 p.m., speaker Thomas Hanson, Diplomat in Residence at the Alworth Institute for International Affairs at the University of Minnesota – Duluth, to discuss critical foreign policy topics facing the world today. The program will be at Heartwood Senior Living in Crosby. It's free for members and \$10.00 for non-members.

14th - Northland Arboretum Book Club, 5-6 p.m. Arb-members may check out a copy of the book, "Where Wolves Don't Die" by Anton Treuer at the Arb front desk. Non-members must obtain their own book copies. Club is free and open to the public. Participants must register in advance, 218-829-8770.

15th - 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.

16th - Cascade United Methodist Church Free Supper, 5:30 p.m. The supper is held the third Wednesday of each month. For a reservation please call 218-534-3507. The church is located between Deerwood and Crosby at 22781 Black Lake Road, Deerwood on Highway 6 and 210.

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 4-7 p.m. at the Deerstand in Deerwood. For more information call the Deerstand at 218-534-9253

19th - Car Show in Emily, a.m.- noon by the Emily Fire Hall (located at 20837 County Road 1 east of State Highway 6). No entry fee to display your car or truck. Admission is free.

22nd - 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 Egg Carton Creations 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.

26th - Ironton doubles pickleball tournament, 8 a.m., at the courts in Ironton. Visit [raceroster.com](http://raceroster.com) and search "Ironton Fest" to get signed up.

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(Published in NewsHopper Saturday, July 5 & 12, 2025)

**LIBBY TOWNSHIP JUNE MEETING**

The Libby Township Board will meet online at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 15, 2025 to discuss matters that may come before the board. The July 15 meeting will be conducted via Zoom. Contact Jane Jewett, clerk, at [willowsedge.janesfarm@gmail.com](mailto:willowsedge.janesfarm@gmail.com) to request the Zoom link.

Dated this 17th day of June, 2025

Jane Grimsbo Jewett  
Clerk, Libby Township  
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READER RIBBETS

New state laws took effect July 1

First, happy Independence Day weekend! Hope you get to spend the day with people you love, and enjoy some well-earned fun!

While we celebrate, let's also take a moment to thank the folks in the military and law enforcement who help keep us safe. Their service is a big part of why we get to enjoy the freedoms we have today.

**New laws that took effect July 1**

A number of new state laws officially took effect on July 1, including several tied to Minnesota's recently passed \$66 billion budget. Among them:

- \$100 million to reimburse school districts for unemployment benefits provided to hourly school employees over the summer.
- Minnesotans 21 and under now need a permit to operate a motorboat or jet ski. The new rule will eventually expand to include anyone born after June 30, 1987.
- The end of the shotgun-only deer hunting zone.

- Higher penalties for exposing children to fentanyl.

And more. You can find a full list of the laws that took effect July here: <https://www.house.mn.gov/hinfo/leginfo/06012025NewLaws.pdf>

**Submit your comments about troubling K-12 health standards proposal**

I would strongly encourage all of you to submit your comments about the state's proposed new health education requirements for K-12 students, which will impose gender ideology benchmarks on kids as young as third grade:

- Third graders would be required to "describe internal and external reproductive body parts using medically accurate terms in a gender-neutral way" and "explain the difference between sex assigned at birth and gender identity and expression."

- Other third-grade benchmarks include requiring students to "define gender identity and expression" and "describe consent and its importance in all relationships."
- Fifth graders would be required to "define sexual orientation including sense of identity, attractions and related behaviors" and "describe the differences between sexual orientation, and gender identity and expression."

The comment period is open until July 18 and can be done online <https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/8319410/Health-Survey-Draft-2>.

If this issue is important to you, this is your opportunity to have your voice heard!

If you have any questions about any of these issues, please reach out any time. Have a great 4th of July!

**Senator Keri Heintzeman**  
**Minnesota Senate, District 6**

Relegate to Reader Ribbets section

Re: Your front page news story ("Dive into state government efficiency...") in your July 5 edition of the NewsHopper. It's well-written. Did YOU write it? It reads like a promo piece or press release for, as the article states, the "highly anticipated Minnesota DOGE event" by the

Center of the American Experiment, a conservative think tank. One paragraph begins with "The event will take participants on an engaging walkthrough of the state's programs that are inefficient, redundant, unnecessary, or outright fraudulent," and goes on from there. Really?!

I'm not writing about fiscal responsibility (I'm all for it!) or the relative merits of liberal and

conservative viewpoints (I'm a mixed bag). My only point here is that if you're dressing up the promotion of a partisan political event, whether it's liberal or conservative, as "news," you should provide a disclaimer or admission of what it is you're actually doing... or relegate it to your Reader Ribbets section.

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# Bags, bangs & bingo DCC fundraiser

The Deerwood Civic and Commerce (DCC) invites you to its fundraising event on Saturday, July 19, at the Deerwood American Legion, 23659 Forest Road, in Deerwood.

Doors open at 6:00 p.m., with Bingo kicking off sharply at 7:00 p.m.

Players will compete in 10 rounds of Bingo for the chance to win one of seven high-quality handbags or sev-

en stylish handguns Food and refreshments will be available throughout the evening, and additional raffles will offer even more chances to take home prizes.

The event is a fundraiser for DCC, which plays a vital role in supporting the greater Deerwood area's economic growth, local businesses, and nonprofit organizations.

Every card played, every raffle ticket bought, gives

back to the community in a meaningful way to keep Deerwood strong and connected.

Whether you're in it for the Bingo, the prizes, or just a fun night out in support of a good cause, you're guaranteed to have a great time while giving back to your community.

For more information or to inquire about donations, email [info@deerwoodcommerce.org](mailto:info@deerwoodcommerce.org).

# Merrifield Lions Park-Fest and car show rolls into town July 19

Rev your engines and bring your appetite to the tenth annual Merrifield Lions Park-Fest and Car Show set to roll into Merrifield Lions Park on Saturday, July 19, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the park on County Road 3, just seven miles north of Brainerd.

This event, hosted by the Merrifield Lions Club, brings together classic car enthusiasts, local families, foodies, and craft lovers for a full day of fun for a great cause.

Car lovers, start your morning early: registration for the Car Show begins at 8:30 a.m. with a \$10 entry fee. Vehicles

will be displayed on the park's baseball field, offering a nostalgic stroll through chrome and horsepower. Spectators can enjoy the Car Show for free, making it an easy pick for a Saturday family outing.

Once you've worked up an appetite, you're in luck. Pulled pork sandwiches, smoked BBQ ribs, hot dog dinners, and old-fashioned root beer floats will be available for purchase. Grownups can unwind in the beer garden, while kids enjoy face painting and fun games throughout the park.

Back again this year is the

Merrifield Craft Marketplace, featuring local artisans and vendors with a variety of handmade goods, which will be perfect for browsing while enjoying the summer weather and small-town atmosphere.

But Park-Fest isn't just a great day out, it's a vital fundraiser for the continued maintenance and improvement of Merrifield Lions Park. The Lions Club is currently raising \$150,000 to replace aging playground equipment with a new handicapped-accessible playground that will better serve all children in the community.

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# OBITUARIES

## MARY JANE LINDGREN



Mary Jane "MJ" Lindgren, 73, life-long resident of Aitkin passed away peacefully on Saturday, March 22, 2025 at Golden Horizons Memory Care, Aitkin.

A graveside service will be 11a.m. on Saturday, July 12, 2025 at Bethlehem Cemetery, Nordland Township, Aitkin, MN, followed by a Celebration of Life at 12 p.m. at the Landing in Aitkin.

She was born August 12, 1951 the daughter of Jeremiah and Effie (Davis) Sullivan. She attended Maryhill Academy and graduated from Aitkin High School & St. Cloud Beauty School. Mary Jane "MJ" Sullivan was united in marriage to Gary A. "Swede" Lindgren on July 6, 1974 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Aitkin. She worked varied jobs including:

as a beautician, a teller at Security Bank, a farm wife and a bookkeeper at Aitkin Implement, which was owned with her husband Swede. She led an active life snowmobiling, hunting, fishing, traveling, golfing, socializing with friends and snuggling with her cat Jasper. She was a member of the American Legion, the Moose Clubs in Aitkin and Yuma, AZ, the Eagles in Yuma and Aitkin Women's Softball.

She is survived by her husband Gary "Swede" Lindgren of Aitkin; siblings: Jerry Sullivan (Barb) of Aitkin, Greg Sullivan (Jean) of New Braunfels, TX, Nancy Palucki (John) of Perryville, MD., Tom Sullivan (Sue) of Durham, NC., Pat Sullivan (Noli) of Meridian, ID; many other special relatives and friends who mourn her passing.

Arrangements are with Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home & Cremation Services in Aitkin. [www.srtfuneral.com](http://www.srtfuneral.com).

## MARYGRACE KERR-SCOGGINS



MaryGrace Kerr-Scoggins, 24, of Clearbrook, MN, died on Sunday, June 15, 2025, at her home in Clearbrook, surrounded by her loving family after a faith-filled fight against cancer.

A celebration of life was held on Friday, June 20 at Country Faith Church in Clearbrook. A private family interment was held at Norway Lake Cemetery near Leonard.

Born Sept. 15, 2000, MaryGrace was the daughter of Michael and Malissa (Bartley) Kerr. MaryGrace lived in Missouri and Minnesota before moving to Texas after her marriage to Jacob Scoggins on Sept. 24, 2023. MaryGrace loved art, painting and travel and had a true passion for outdoors camping, hiking and spending time with her dog Jasper. Jacob and MaryGrace spent much of their time together exploring National

Parks and making memories in their camper. She pursued many endeavors over the years including working at the Kerr Family Farm, the Bemidji Pioneer, Yellow Umbrella, Cantabria Coffee Company, and operating her Etsy business Last September Studios selling handmade jewelry and paintings. Over the years she was also involved in many activities and organizations, including Clearwater County 4-H, volunteering for the Beltrami County Republican office, mission work in Costa Rica and involvement in Living Stones Fellowship. She loved spending time with her family, and one of her favorite roles in life was being an aunt and self-proclaimed fairy godmother to her many nieces and nephews.

She is survived by her husband Jacob; parents Michael and Malissa Kerr; siblings Samuel Kerr, Annalise Braught, Gideon Kerr, Timothy Kerr, Benjamin Kerr, Malachi Kerr, Hadassah Kerr, Nathanael Kerr, Carmi Kerr and Beraiah Kerr.

MaryGrace is preceded in death by her sister Jallah Kerr; grandparents Curtis and Mary Kerr, and Paul Bartley; and great-grandparents Allene and Kenneth Duzan, and Maurice and Hazel West.

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**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](http://newlifeaitkin.com) 218-927-2823.  
Baxter\* — Pointway Alliance Church; Rev. Charles Bolstridge, 218-537-6505; 7756 Highland Scenic Road; Worship 10; [www.pointway.org](http://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](http://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; [hilcityagchurch@gmail.com](mailto:hilcityagchurch@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](http://northwoodscommunitychurch.org)  
Baxter — Eagle Brook Church, Worship 9 & 11, [www.eaglebrookchurch.com/locations/brainerd-lakes/](http://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](http://fbcbrainerd.com)  
Brainerd- The Church On The Wise Road, Pastor Todd Stumbo 218-829-4673, Worship 11:00, SS 9:45 [www.thechurchonthewiseroad.org](http://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 am.; Wed 6pm Glory Family night, KidMin grades kindergarten - 6, Mad4Christ grades 7-12. [aitkinchurch.com](http://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](http://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](http://www.crosslakeefc.org)  
Isle — Pastor Mark Lee; Sunday School 9:00 am; Worship 10:30 am, Sun. Youth group 6:00 pm, Wed. Adult Prayer 6:30 pm and Kids Connect 6:30 pm  
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 KGIN 94.3 FM radio at 10am), take out community meal every Mon. & Thurs. 5pm and Tues. 12pm; food shelf 2nd & 4th Thurs. each month 9am- 4pm. 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](http://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 Ingleswood and Cherrywood). 218-829-4105. [www.christbaxter.com](http://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](http://www.princeofpeace-lutheran.church)  
Beaver Township — Finnish EA, Hwy. 27, Worship 1st &

3rd Sun., 10:30.  
Brainerd — First Lutheran Church (ELCA) Pastors: Patty Bjorklund and Jordan Gades, Sunday worship 9, Sunday School following worship. Services also available on YouTube and Facebook. 218-829-9552 [fcbbrainerd.com](http://fcbbrainerd.com)  
424 8th Street South, Brainerd  
Brainerd\* — Good Shepherd Free Lutheran Church (AFLC), Pastor David Franz, find service info at [www.goodshepherdfreelutheran.church](http://www.goodshepherdfreelutheran.church), 5878 Pine Beach Road, Brainerd, 218-824-3052  
Brainerd — Laestadian Lutheran Church, 1501 So. 8th St. - Sunday Worship Services 10:30 am. ([www.llchurch.org](http://www.llchurch.org))  
Brainerd — Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA) 1420 South 6th St. Brainerd, Worship time September through May 8:15am & 10:30am; worship (June through August) 9 am. 218-829-5147. Website: [www.trinitybrainerd.org](http://www.trinitybrainerd.org). Email: [trinity@trinitybrainerd.org](mailto: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](http://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 8:30, Pastor Donald Klatt 218-546-6910  
Crosslake Lutheran Church (ELCA) [www.crosslakelutheran.com](http://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. - 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](http://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](http://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 218-927-9111. 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 Lorelei 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 Study Tuesday 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; 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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.vistilifespring.com](http://www.vistilifespring.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](http://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](http://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 County) — Pine Lake Chapel, Pastor Gary Taylor; Worship Sunday 1 p.m. Fellowship follows.  
Cromwell — Pastor Tim Hornstad; Worship 10; SS 9  
Emily\* — Pastor Gary Taylor; Sunday Worship with Facebook live streaming 8:30 with fellowship to follow. UJWF 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 bks north of Post Office; handicap ramp; 320-532-3150; office: 218-546-7656; cell: 218-360-1947

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