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Preliminary work prepares Garrison for 2026 roundabout

By ANN SCHWARTZ

If motorists have noticed some work done on the site of the old Y Club at Highways 18 and 169 in Garrison, it is preliminary work to allow construction of a roundabout in 2026.

Eric Schiller, MnDOT project manager, said in an interview that the old Y Club site left them with an old basement, debris and other hazards. They have cleared out the old basement, filled and compacted the dirt and sealed off a well.

"That is all we are doing this year," clarified Schiller. "We will spend the remainder of 2025 in final design planning for temporary and permanent roundabouts, some road resurfacing north



A pile of dirt remains after a basement was removed at the old Y Club in Garrison. MnDOT will use the site to construct a temporary roundabout for Hwys. 169/18.

Ann Schwartz photo

of town and some road reconstruction."

Motorists need to know that a temporary roundabout is to be constructed at the Y Club site. This will allow access to all the Garrison area business and Hwy. 169 during construction of the permanent roundabout.

The permanent roundabout will sit on what it now the junction of Highways 18 and 169, shifted a little to the north and east.

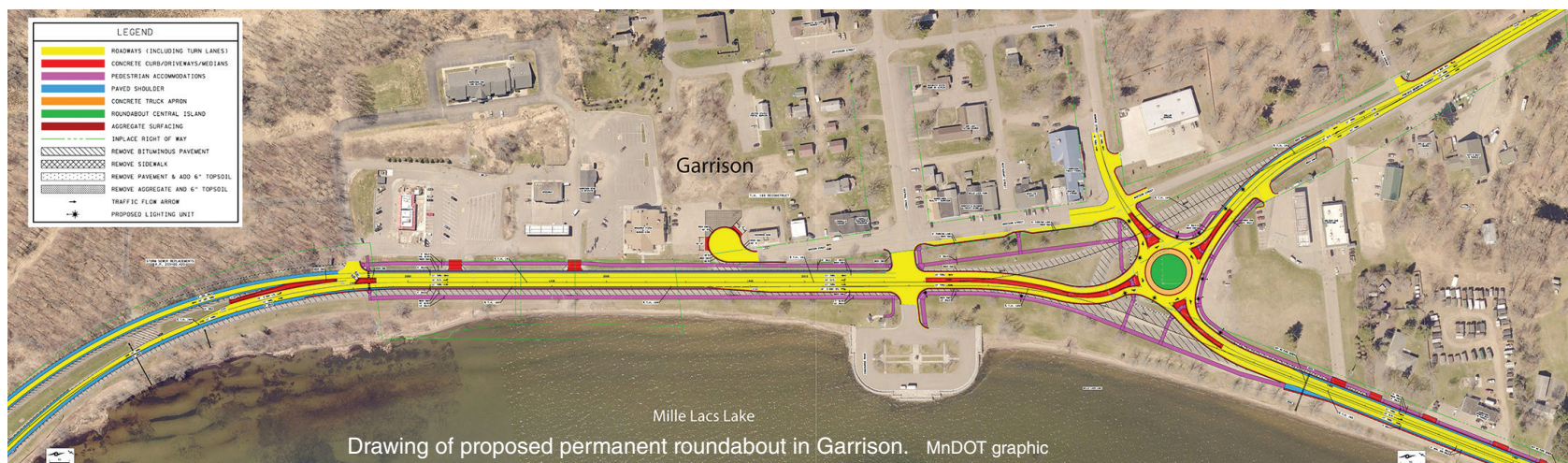
When various parts of the

project are under construction motorists not having Garrison as their destination will be routed on various detours that will take them around Garrison. Those detour routes are being worked out with Crow Wing County now and will likely change as the project shifts locations.

"We will be doing some re-surfacing north of the city limits," Schiller explained. "And we'll need to reconstruct a segment in the St. Albans Bay area that includes a culvert and historic headwall," he said. The northerly project will go to Pike Avenue.

MnDOT will award bids for the huge project in late January 2026. It is expected to take all of the 2026 construction season to hopefully finish. They will start with the northerly reconstruction and then construction of the temporary roundabout at the Y Junction. "Hopefully, that will help keep everyone happy so they can access all the Garrison area businesses and Hwy. 18 as well," said Schiller. Then, the main roundabout will be tackled.

"It is a very complex project and we are drilling down on the final details over the next few months," said Schiller. "In about two months, the latest design and information will be on the MnDOT website. We recommend that motorists get the most up-to-date information from that site."



Drawing of proposed permanent roundabout in Garrison. MnDOT graphic

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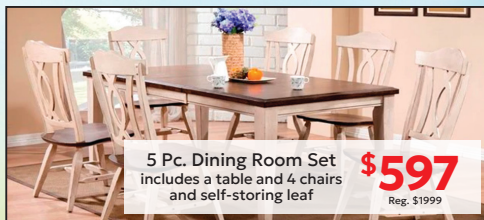
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Heritage Days

THURSDAY, AUG. 14:

Customer Appreciation Luncheon at Cuyuna Lakes Parts City in Crosby;
Medallion Hunt; Annual Book Sale at Hallett Library in Crosby;
Music in the Park at Crosby Memorial Park on Serpent Lake;
Bar Bingo and Meat Raffles Throughout the Community.

FRIDAY, AUG. 15:

Customer Appreciation Luncheon at Unity Bank in Crosby;
Annual Book Sale at Hallett Library in Crosby;
Night To Unite at the Boat Landing in Crosby Memorial Park on Serpent Lake;
Live Music; Karaoke; Dinner Specials and Meat Raffles Throughout the Community

SATURDAY, AUG. 16:

Arts & Crafts Show 9 to 3 in Crosby Memorial Park on Serpent Lake;
Free Yoga on the Beach in Crosby Park
Heritage Highland Games (Scottish Highland Heavy Games)
Cuyuna Range Lions Car Show in the ball field at Crosby Memorial Park;
Sanctioned Kids' Tractor Pull for Kids age 4 to 11 near ball field;
Children's Festival in the Park (10 to 1) includes: WonderTrek Childrens Museum,
Tie Dying T-shirts, Bubbles, Coloring Books and Crayons, Story Hour, etc. in Crosby Park;
Boys' Basketball Dunk Tank Fund-Raiser in Crosby Memorial Park on Serpent Lake;
Just For Kix Special Performance; Heartland Dancers and Gymnasts Performance;
Loon Calling Contest; Concessions and More in Crosby Memorial Park on Serpent Lake;
Artisan Fair and Silent Auction at The Soo Line Depot Museum;
Farmers' Market on Crosby's Main Street; Annual Book Sale at Hallett Library;
Live Music; Dinner Specials and Meat Raffles Throughout the Community

SUNDAY, AUG. 17:

Attend the Church of Your Choice; Take in a Meat Raffle or Two; Bingo and More!

To receive the Heritage Days Flyer e-mail: courier@crosbyironton.net or call (218) 546-5029

Deerwood Days August 8 & 9

Deerwood Days starts Friday and Saturday, August 8 and 9, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the heart of Downtown Deerwood. Whether you're a local or visiting for the weekend, there's something for everyone—arts and crafts, live entertainment, kid-friendly activities, delicious food, and more!

Both days will feature arts, crafts and merchandise booths open all day, offering unique handmade goods, locally crafted treasures, and plenty of one-of-a-kind items for your home or wardrobe.

From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., kids can enjoy an exciting array of games, perfect for kids. Meanwhile, the Face Painting station will be up and running from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Catch some live entertainment throughout the day with performances on two stages: Entertainment on the east end runs from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., followed by more live entertainment at the American Legion from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. What better way to relax and enjoy the community vibe?

And don't forget to stop by the Bake Sale—a local tradition filled with homemade treats that are sure to satisfy your sweet tooth.

Events Saturday, Aug. 9 only

The excitement ramps up on Saturday with a full slate of activities, including the ever-popular Children's Tractor Pull behind Salem Lutheran Church, near Dollar General. The fun kicks off with registration at 10 a.m., followed by races from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. – a must-see for kids and adults alike!

Looking for a little friendly competition? Stop by the Bingo Auditorium from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., where you can try your luck at winning some awesome prizes.

For all the emergency vehicle enthusiasts, don't miss the Touch-a-Truck event from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. in the Kid's Area. Kids will have a blast climbing into real-life emergency vehicles.

At the Silent Auction at Salem Lutheran Church, you'll find a variety of great items up for bidding. The auction runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.—plenty of time to snag deal.

Live Music by Sheltered Reality will be rocking the stage near Salem Lutheran Church from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m., providing the perfect soundtrack to the day's festivities.

Animal Adoptions

In addition to all the fun, make sure to visit the Babinski Foundation's Animal Adoptions booth on the West End from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m., where you can meet adorable adoptable pets in need of a loving home. Stick around for the Dog Fashion Show at 2 p.m., where four-legged models will strut their stuff in style!

All-day fun & food

Deerwood Days wouldn't be complete without an incredible selection of food and beverages to fuel your fun. The festival features a wide variety of food trucks and vendors, including coffee, soda, donuts, cotton candy, lemonade, kettle corn, gyros, BBQ, tacos, pulled pork, ice cream, and even pork chops on a stick. And for the grown-ups, don't miss the beer garden.

At 6 p.m., the highly anticipated raffle prize drawings will take place at the American Legion. Be sure to grab your tickets throughout the weekend for a chance to win some amazing prizes.

Crow Wing County Fair snapshots



From Hutchinson, Princess Kay of the Milky Way Rachel Visser presided over Ag Day.

From the Crow Wing County Sheriff's Office: (left) Ashlee, a corrections officer and Taylor, (right) a tech specialist.



Crow Wing County fairgoers supported MN Adult & Teen Challenge by making purchases of Hell Fire Burgers.

Lowell from Crosslake works in the Teen Challenge Booth as a volunteer.

Ann Schwartz photos

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Crosby's 27th Annual Heritage Days

Get ready for an exciting weekend packed with fun for the whole family as the 27th Annual Heritage Days kicks off on Thursday, Aug. 14 and continues through Sunday, Aug. 17. This four-day festival celebrates the spirit of community, with activities ranging from music and arts to outdoor adventures and kid-friendly activities.

Thursday, Aug. 14

Kick off the festivities with the Heritage Days Medallion Hunt. Alongside the hunt, don't miss the Annual Heritage Walk and the Annual Book Sale at Hallett Library.

The day continues with a Customer Appreciation Lunch at Cuyuna Lakes Parts City, followed by Music in the Park from 5 to 8 p.m. at Crosby Memorial Park on Serpent Lake. Meat raffles, Bar Bingo, and more will keep everyone entertained.

Friday, Aug. 15

Start your day with a Customer Appreciation Luncheon at Unity Bank, then take in the sights and sounds of the area, with Dining Spe-

cial at local restaurants and a chance to relax on outdoor patios. Enjoy live music while sipping a drink at Cana Wine Bar.

In the evening, head over to the Night to Unite Community-Wide Celebration at Crosby Memorial Park's Serpent Lake Boat Landing. This family-friendly event promotes public safety and features backyard games with prizes, face painting, and more fun for all ages.

Saturday, Aug. 16

From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Crosby Memorial Park on Serpent Lake will host the Cuyuna Range Lions Car Show. Check out some classic cars, with awards for multiple categories. Entry is just \$10, and there will be plenty of concessions to keep you fueled for the day.

The Arts & Crafts Show takes place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., featuring unique handmade items such as purses, jewelry, T-shirts, keychains, and much more. The Artisan Fair and Silent Auction is from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the

Soo Line Depot. Music will be provided by Jamie Koop.

Join Uplifted Wellness Studio for a free yoga session on the beach at 9 a.m. Or, bring the kids down for the Children's Festival from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., where you can enjoy free root beer floats, games, art projects, and even a WonderTrek Children's Museum Mobile Play Lab.

Don't miss the exciting Heritage Highland Games, the Sanctioned Tractor Pull, and a fan-favorite Loon Calling Contest. There will also be Boys' Basketball Dunk Tank, JFK Dance Camp and Performance, Heartland Dance and Gymnastics Performances, and much more.

Sunday, Aug. 17

Attend the Church of Your Choice, then head out to enjoy the Red Dirt Trails or take a walk/run along the paved trails in the Cuyuna Country State Recreation Area. It's the perfect way to wind down.

Want to be a vendor? Call Lori at 218-546-5029 or email at courier@crosbyiron-ton.net for more details.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

August

- 8th & 9th - Deerwood Days - Crafters line the streets of Deerwood, live music, food, entertainment, bake sale, ice cream, face painting, games, and more.
- 9th - Cardboard Boat Races, noon - 5 p.m. Enjoy an afternoon cheering for your favorite team from the deck (or slope side). Moonlite Bay Family Restaurant & Bar, 37627 County Road 66, Crosslake. Paddlers meeting 12:45 p.m., Kids Race (12 and under) 1:00 p.m., and Adult Race 2:00 p.m.
- 9th & 10th - LAMF Brings a Fairytale Forest to Life with a fully staged production of Engelbert Humperdinck's Hänsel & Gretel, a heartwarming opera for audiences of all ages. Performances take place Saturday, August 9 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, August 10 at 3:00 p.m. at the Gichi-ziibi Center for the Arts in Brainerd.
- 10th - Relationship Safety Alliance Family Fun Day at Gregory Park, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. All are welcome to join this free, family-friendly event packed with games, food from Bar Harbor Supper Club, drinks provided by Coco Moon, prizes, and opportunities to connect with local organizations. To donate, volunteer, or sponsor the event, please call 218-828-1216. To learn more about RSA, visit www.relationshipsafety.org.
- 11th - Join Lakes Area Unlimited Learning, 1:30-3:30 p.m. at Heartland Senior Living Community Crosby to hear author Aaron Brown speak about the original old growth forests of northern Minnesota.
- 14th - Music in the Park at Crosby Memorial Park on Serpent Lake, 5-8 p.m. featuring "The Fabulous Stool Pigeons". Bring lawn chairs or blankets for your comfort. Call the Cuyuna Lakes Chamber at 218-546-8131 or visit www.cuyunalakes.com for more details.
- 14th-16th - Heritage Days. Enjoy Music in the Park, Night to Unite, Car Show, Arts & Crafts Show, Story Hour, Children's Festival of Games/Activities, Heritage Highland Games, Loon Calling Contest and so much more!
- 16th - Lakers Lions Annual Corn Feed from noon to 4 p.m. at Pickled Loon Saloon in Emily.
- 16th - Woodtick Corn Feed in Cuyuna, noon to 4 p.m., ears of corn are \$2 each, brats and beans \$5, bounce house for the kids, live music by "From the Heart Potato Salad" and two meat raffles at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. featuring an all bacon raffle. Proceeds benefit the Cuyuna Fire Department (license #B02163). For more information call the Woodtick at 218-772-0252.
- 19th - American Cross Blood Drive at the Deerwood Auditorium, noon-6 p.m., sponsored by the Garrison Bay Lake Area Lions. Make an appointment at redcrossblood.org.
- 20th - Free *The Jumpin' Jeehosafats* Concert featuring Dixieland, Gospel and Jazz at the Emily United Methodist Church at 6 p.m. following the community picnic at 5 p.m. Free will offering to benefit Minnesota Wounded and Homeless Vets
- 23rd - Manna For Malawi, benefit concert and meal at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 600 4th Street SW, Crosby, 2-6 p.m. Music by *Gigfoot*, Meal and beverages beginning at 3 p.m., activities for children, silent auction and raffle items. Free will offering. All proceeds benefit Malawi Orphan Care Project.
- 24th - Cuyuna Crusher Mountain Bike Race in the Rec Area near Ironton.

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Open Your Heart to the Hungry and Homeless Foundation lifeline grant

As Minnesota grapples with an unprecedented wave of economic hardships, a local organization is stepping up to ensure that help reaches every corner of the state. The Open Your Heart to the Hungry and Homeless Foundation, a vital nonprofit supporting food shelves, shelters, and domestic violence programs statewide, has granted \$3,400 to Garrison Area Caregivers, Inc. This funding will help provide personal hygiene supplies to individuals and families in need—an essential part of basic care that is often overlooked during times of crisis.

Garrison Area Caregivers, Inc., which runs Dorothy's Rainbow Food Shelf and Thrift Store, has seen a significant increase in demand since the pandemic. With the number of families seeking assistance more than doubling, the organization has become a vital resource for those struggling to make ends meet. In fact, just this past April, they opened five Tuesdays to serve a staggering 187 families.

But Garrison Area Caregivers is doing more than just providing food. Thanks to funds saved from thrift store sales, the nonprofit is investing in expanding its services by converting an apartment space into additional food shelf space, ensuring they can continue to meet the growing need.

Since its founding in 1986, Open Your Heart has been a steady force, ensuring that shelters, food programs, and domestic violence shelters across Minnesota have the resources they need to serve the most vulnerable. Every three months, the foundation awards grants to organizations like Garrison Area Caregivers, and in times of emergency, they can provide funds within days to ensure immediate relief.

One of the standout features of Open Your Heart's mission is its ability to reach communities that many traditional funders may overlook. The foundation's grants go to food shelves, domestic violence shelters, and homeless programs in small towns and remote areas—places where help is often needed but hard to come by.

To learn more about the Open Your Heart to the Hungry and Homeless Founda-

tion, explore available grants, or discover how to apply for funding, visit their website at www.oyh.org. To learn more about Garrison Area Caregivers, Inc., and its initiatives, visit their Facebook page for updates and ways to get involved.

Come and Eat Supper at Cascade

Cascade United Methodist Church is inviting the community to come together for its free monthly supper on Wednesday, Aug. 20 at 5:30 p.m.

The Come and Eat program, held on the third Wednesday of every month.

Whether you're looking to meet new people, enjoy a homemade dinner, or just want to share a moment of fellowship with your neighbors, this event is a perfect way to do so.

Cascade United Methodist Church, located between Deerwood and Crosby at 22781 Black Lake Road, is easy to find on Highway 6 and 210.

To ensure there's enough food for everyone, reservations are encouraged. You can secure your spot by calling 218-534-3507.

OBITUARY

MICHAEL FERRARI



Michael John Ferrari, 59, of Emily passed away on July 22, 2025 at Essentia St. Mary's Medical Center in Duluth. He was born on June 8, 1966 in Crosby to Raymond and Karen (Martinson) Ferrari. A Celebration of Life will be held from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 9, 2025 at the Taconite Canteen in Ironton. Burial was at the Lakewood

Cemetery in Crosby. Mike is survived by his life partner of 20 years, Allison Seely; his son, Connor Ferrari of Emily; his mother, Karen Ferrari of Crosby; three brothers, Mark (Shanon) Ferrari of Cuyuna, Tony (Diane) Ferrari of Lincoln, CA and Ted (Jennifer) Ferrari of Baxter; and one sister, Amanda (Tim) Jensen of Pillager and nieces and nephews. Preceding Mike in death is his father, Ray Ferrari. Arrangements are with the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby.

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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; 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
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 am.; Wed 6pm Glory Family night, KidMin grades kindergarten - 6, Mad4Christ grades 7-12. aitkinchurch.com
Hill City — Pastor Lonnie Lee; 218-697-2645; Adult SS 9; Worship 10 am; Bible Study, Fri., 7 pm.
Isle — Pastor Nick Skogen; 676-3171; SS 9:30; Service 10:30; Bible Study, Wed., 7 p.m.
Opstead — 676-8859; SS 9:30; Worship, 10:30; Bible Study Wed., 7 p.m.

CATHOLIC
Aitkin* — St. James, Fr. Mike Patullo, 218-927-6581; Mass Sat. 5 pm, Sun. 10:30. Confession Sat. 10-10:45 and 4-4:45 pm.
Brainerd — St. Andrew's, Fr. Gabriel Waweru, Sat.4:30; Sun. 10:00 and St. Mathias Sunday 8:00.
Brainerd — St. Francis, Fr. Michael Garry, Sat. 5:00; Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 11:15 and All Saints Saturday 4:00 and Sunday 10:30.
Cromwell/Wright — Immaculate Conception, Mass: Sat. 5 p.m.
Crosby* — St. Joseph's, Fr. Eli Gieske, Mass: Thurs. and Fri. at 8; Tues at noon, Sun. 8:30 & 10:30.
Crosslake — Immaculate Heart, 218-692-3731; www.ihmstemilys.org; Mass: Sat. 4 pm; Sun. 8:30; Confession Sat. 3 pm.
Emily — St. Emily, Mass: Mon. & Wed. 8; Sun. 10:30; Confession 1st Sat. 11 or by appt. 218-763-2101.
Garrison — Our Lady of Fatima, Fr. Eli Gieske, Mass Wed. 9 & Sat. 4 pm, Confession Sat. 3:30 - 3:50 pm
Grand Rapids — St. Joseph's, Fr. Jerry Weiss, Mass: Sat. 5 pm; Sun. 8 & 10:30. 218-326-2483
Hillman — Holy Family; Sun. 10 to Mass Sat. 6:30 pm (only through Labor Day) w/ confession before or by appt.
McGregor — Holy Family, Fr. Mike Patullo, 218-927-6581; Mass Sun. 8; Confessions Tues. 5:30-6:30 pm
Vineland — St. Therese, Mass Sun. 11; Holy Days 8:30.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Baxter, Lakes Area — Nondenominational; 7001 Highland Scenic Road; Bible Study every Wed. 7 pm; Worship 10:30-11:30. 218-828-1362
Tamarack — Pastor Terry Banker, 608-475-1528, Worship 9:30; SS 10:45; Wed Youth 4 pm.

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS
Aitkin — Co. Rd. 12, Chapel Ph. 218-927-4454; Kevin Haffner 218-792-5684; Sacrament Mtg. 10
COMMUNITY
Aitkin — Nondenominational; 927-2749; at 219-1st Ave. NE., Aitkin, Services Sun.10, 218-927-6959
Brainerd - Community of Hope Church of the Nazarene- Pastor Dave McGaffey Sunday worship at 10, SS 9; 16549 Johnson Rd -church phone 218-829-9005
Glen — Pastor R. F. Stauter, 218-838-1981; Worship 9 May-Oct.
Grand Rapids — Solid Rock Church of God, Pastor Robert Kimberling; 218-326-0711; Sun. BS 9:30, Worship 10:30; Wed. BS 6:30 pm
Jacobson — Jacobson Community Church, Pastor George Collins, 218-252-5938, Sun. SS (All ages) 9:30, Worship 10:30; Family Time 2nd & 4th Sundays; Wed. BS 7 pm
Kimberly — Nature Ave. Rev. Rick Perry; Worship 9; Adult Bible Study & Sunday School 10:30; 218-927-6256.
McGregor — The Lighthouse Christian Church; Worship 10; 99 South 1st Street (at the McGregor United Methodist church [shared] in downtown McGregor) Pastor Joel Seibel.
McGregor — Victory Mission, Pastor J. Gould, 218-768-2160; Sun. 10; Wed. Bible Study, 7:30 pm.
Merrifield — Community Church of the Nazarene, Pastor Ron Christenson; Service 11 & 6 pm. Wed. Prayer Meeting, 7 p.m.; 218-829-7536.
Merrifield — Ossipee Community, SS 10; Service 11; Wed. Bible Study Prayer, 7:00 p.m.
Nisswa — Christ Community Church, Pastor Richie Bean; Service 10; Fellowship 9:30-10
Outing* - Narrows Community Church, Pastor Kenny Holm, 218-792-5530 Worship 9:30; 6297 Woods Bay NE, just north of Hwy. 6 bridge
Palisade —Hilltop Chapel (Waukenabo Twp)*- service 10 a.m.; Adult and Children's SS 9 a.m.; 49448 Osprey Avenue, Palisade.
Tamarack — Church of Christ, 218-768-3898; Service 9:30; SS 10:45.
EPISCOPAL
Aitkin — St. John's, Holy Communion or Morning Prayer 9
Brainerd* — St. Paul's, Rev. Joyce A. Rush. In-person worship service at 10 am Sunday. Online at 5 pm Saturday. Call the church 219-829-3834 and leave a message with email to receive a Zoom invitation.
EVANGELICAL FREE
Baxter — Lakewood EFC, Pastor Matt Nagel; Worship at 9:00 and 10:45. Wednesday for all ages 6:30 pm.
Crosslake — The Log Church 9:30, Pastor Troy Nelson; 218-692-4141, 37218 County Road 66, www.crosslakeefc.org
Isle — Pastor Mark Lee; Sunday School 9:00 am; Worship 10:30 am, Sun. Youth group 6:00 pm, Wed. Adult Prayer 6:30 pm and Kids Connect 6:30 pm
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, Worship on Sundays at 9 am followed by Sunday school at 10 am beginning September 7. Blessing of the Backpacks on Sept 7. stjohns-cedarbrook.weebly.com, 27452 St. John's Church Road, Aitkin.
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 — Living Savior 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 fbcbrainerd.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.lchurch.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 8:30, Pastor Donald Klatt 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. - 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; handicap 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 Christina Kadelbach; 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 Irontdale 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.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 Thursday at 6 pm.
Fleming* — (Northern Lights Parish) SS 9:15; fellowship 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
WESLEYAN
Emily — Rev. Jason Gressman; Worship 9; Friendship Time 10; SS 10:30; Wed. Activities 6:30 p.m.; 218-763-HOPE.

Open Your Heart to the Hungry and Homeless Foundation lifeline grant

As Minnesota grapples with an unprecedented wave of economic hardships, a local organization is stepping up to ensure that help reaches every corner of the state. The Open Your Heart to the Hungry and Homeless Foundation, a vital nonprofit supporting food shelves, shelters, and domestic violence programs statewide, has granted \$3,400 to Garrison Area Caregivers, Inc. This funding will help provide personal hygiene supplies to individuals and families in need—an essential part of basic care that is often overlooked during times of crisis.

Garrison Area Caregivers, Inc., which runs Dorothy's Rainbow Food Shelf and Thrift Store, has seen a significant increase in demand since the pandemic. With the number of families seeking assistance more than doubling, the organization has become a vital resource for those struggling to make ends meet. In fact, just this past April, they opened five Tuesdays to serve a staggering 187 families.

But Garrison Area Caregivers is doing more than just providing food. Thanks to funds saved from thrift store sales, the nonprofit is investing in expanding its services by converting an apartment space into additional food shelf space, ensuring they can continue to meet the growing need.

Since its founding in 1986, Open Your Heart has been a steady force, ensuring that shelters, food programs, and domestic violence shelters across Minnesota have the resources they need to serve the most vulnerable. Every three months, the foundation awards grants to organizations like Garrison Area Caregivers, and in times of emergency, they can provide funds within days to ensure immediate relief.

One of the standout features of Open Your Heart's mission is its ability to reach communities that many traditional funders may overlook. The foundation's grants go to food shelves, domestic violence shelters, and homeless programs in small towns and remote areas—places where help is often needed but hard to come by.

To learn more about the Open Your Heart to the Hungry and Homeless Foundation, explore available grants, or discover how to apply for funding, visit their website at www.oyh.org. To learn more about Garrison Area Caregivers, Inc., and its initiatives, visit their Facebook page for updates and ways to get involved.

Plant Sale at Northland Arboretum

If your garden is in need of a fresh burst of color, texture, or flavor, mark your calendar for Saturday, August 23, as the Crow Wing County Master Gardeners are hosting their highly anticipated Plant Sale at the beautiful Northland Arboretum in Brainerd. From 9:00 a.m. to noon, garden enthusiasts of all levels can browse a wide variety of plants, perfect for adding charm, beauty, and even edibles to your yard.

This year's sale features a fantastic selection of naturalizing perennials, unique cultivars, edible shrubs, and climbing vines—all carefully chosen by the Master Gardeners themselves. Whether you're an experienced gardener or just starting to plant, you'll find something to suit your tastes and garden needs.

A highlight of this year's sale are the Luna Hibiscus and Adam's Needle Yucca—two exciting newcomers to the lineup. The Luna Hibiscus brings bold, tropical flair to any garden with its large, vibrant blooms, while the Adam's Needle Yucca offers striking, spiky architecture and beautiful, creamy-white flowers that attract both attention and pollinators.

The event takes place at the Northland Arboretum, located at 14250 Conservation Dr. in Brainerd, surrounded by the Arboretum's peaceful natural beauty—perfect for getting inspired as you choose your new plants. This is an excellent opportunity to not only stock up on high-quality plants but also to chat with Master Gardeners who are happy to offer advice and tips on how to care for your new greenery.

All proceeds from the sale support the Crow Wing County Master Gardeners and their educational programs, ensuring that the community continues to grow its knowledge of gardening and sustainability.

For more details or to learn about the plants available, visit crowwingmastergardeners.org.

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- Demolition materials may be disposed in the demolition landfill for a fee
- Large appliances, electronics, tires with or without rims, and scrap metals can be disposed at the site for a nominal fee for recycling.

The landfill is open only to residents of Crow Wing County for recycling and disposal needs.



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