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# Pheasant numbers surge in Minnesota to a 50 percent rise from last year



Pheasant numbers are soaring, which is great news for Minnesota’s hunters and wildlife enthusiasts. According to the 2025 Minnesota August Roadside Survey, the state’s pheasant population has jumped nearly 50 percent from 2024, a welcome boost for the upcoming hunting season.

State wildlife experts are attributing the increase to a combination of milder winter conditions, which helped hens survive the

cold months, and a drier, warmer spring that created ideal conditions for nesting and brood-rearing. The statewide pheasant index for 2025 stands at 75 birds per 100 miles of roads driven, up from 51 in 2024, signaling a remarkable recovery. But it’s not just the overall numbers that are impressive. Every region in Minnesota saw a significant increase in pheasant populations, with the Southeast region leading the charge — up by

a staggering 189 percent. The Southwest region also saw a sharp increase of 86 percent, followed by strong gains in the East Central (82 percent), South Central (40 percent), and Central (33 percent) regions.

For many Minnesotans, this means a better chance to spot those iconic, colorful birds as they take to the fields. According to the DNR, the regions with the highest pheasant numbers include the Southwest (152 birds per 100 miles), South Central (82 birds per 100

miles), and West Central (76 birds per 100 miles), areas that are already popular among hunters.

As hunters prepare for the season’s opener, it’s important to remember the regulations. Hunters are allowed to use shotguns with no shell limit, but only .22 caliber rimfire rifles or handguns are permitted for pheasant hunting. Also, hunters 16 and older — both residents and non-residents — must possess a valid small game license to hunt pheasants, while residents and non-res-

idents between the ages of 18-64 also need a pheasant stamp.

If you’re 65 or older, good news: residents don’t need the pheasant stamp but do need a small game license (which is available at a reduced price). Non-residents aged 65 and up need both a pheasant stamp and a small game license.

The season officially kicks off at 9 a.m. on Saturday, October 11. Whether you’re an experienced hunter or new to the sport, it’s shaping up to be a great year in the fields.

For those looking to dive into the details, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has released a full report of the August roadside survey, along with a pheasant hunting prospects map. You can check it out at the DNR’s pheasant hunting page: DNR Pheasant Hunting Information.

As pheasant numbers rise across the state, hunters and nature lovers alike can look forward to another exciting season of bird watching, hunting, and appreciating the state’s vibrant wildlife.

# Cottontail rabbit numbers jump in Minnesota

Cottontail rabbit numbers in Minnesota are experiencing a significant surge. According to the 2025 August Roadside Survey, the state’s cottontail rabbit population has boomed, with the rabbit index rising to 15 rabbits per 100 miles — nearly double last year’s count of nine rabbits per 100 miles. And that’s not all: this year’s numbers exceed both the 10-year and long-term averages, which sit at just six rabbits per 100 miles.

For hunters and nature lovers, this means plenty of opportunities to spot the

furry twitchy-tailed creatures across the state.

Minnesota’s rabbit population has been on the upswing, and this year’s data is particularly encouraging. The East Central region leads the pack with an impressive 42 rabbits per 100 miles, a number that’s sure to excite hunters in the area. But the rabbit boom isn’t limited to just one region — the Southwest, South Central, and Southeast regions are also showing strong rabbit numbers, each reporting over 17 rabbits per 100 miles.

For those looking to venture into these regions, the

conditions are prime for both hunting and wildlife watching.

Experts point to a combination of factors contributing to this year’s surge in cottontail numbers. A mild winter likely helped boost survival rates for young rabbits, while favorable spring weather created ideal conditions for breeding and raising young. Healthy habitat, including abundant vegetation and food sources, also plays a critical role in supporting rabbit populations.

The result? A thriving rabbit population across the state,

ready for hunters when the season opens.

Rabbit hunting season is open throughout the state, and this year’s increased rabbit numbers promise to make for a more successful and enjoyable experience. While hunters prepare for the season, it’s essential to follow all state regulations to ensure a safe and sustainable harvest. Specific rules can be found on the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) website at [https://files.dnr.state.mn.us/recreation/hunting/pheasant/roadside\\_survey.pdf](https://files.dnr.state.mn.us/recreation/hunting/pheasant/roadside_survey.pdf).

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# COMMUNITY EVENTS

**October**  
4th - St. John's Lutheran Church Bazaar, Aitkin, 9-2. All are welcome to enjoy lunch, Grandma's and Grandpa's attic, crafts, bake sale, and produce sale.  
11th - Cuyuna Lakes Fall Fest 2025, noon-4 p.m., face painting, trunk-or-treat, games, vendors and more in Crosby Memorial Park on Serpent Lake.  
13th - Unlimited Learning program by Hillary Swanson, the Executive Director of the Crow Wing County Historical Society, on Hortense McKay: Bataan Jungle Angel. The program starts at 1:30 p.m. at Heartwood Senior Living in Crosby. It's free for members and \$10.00 for non-members.  
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# READER RIBBETS

## Senate's violence prevention group

Recently I was asked to take part in two meetings of the Senate's violence prevention working group that the Democrat co-chair described as, "...not an official body of the State Senate...it's an ad-hoc creation...it's not defined by statute or at the directive of any legislative proposal...no quorum is necessary, and no official action can be taken." Unfortunately, the chair's own statement leads me to believe it was created and called purely for political reasons.

We heard from the parents whose children experienced the horror at Annunciation church and school. Their words were heartbreaking, and their testimony has been seared into me. One mother described sprinting toward the school after hearing the shots, praying her children were alive. Another father shared that his daughter still carries bullet fragments in her head. Others spoke of fear that now shadows their families in everyday life. I could not hold back my tears. I admire their courage in speaking out.

I went into these hearings hoping that we could set aside politics and focus on finding common ground about how to make our schools safer. Instead, the hearings showed how divided we remain. Democrats put forward a long list of proposals, most of them focused on new gun and gun ownership restrictions. When Republicans raised questions about the legality, Constitutionality, or effectiveness of these ideas, or when we suggested other

approaches, our motives and sincerity were questioned.

That was disheartening, because I do believe everyone in the legislature wants safe schools and safe communities. Where we differ is in how to get there. Unfortunately, some of those exchanges had a "my way or the highway" feel to them; as in, if you don't support banning certain weapons or limiting the second amendment rights of law-abiding citizens, you don't care about kids.

Nothing could be further from the truth. There are a lot of ways we can keep kids safe. If you need convincing, look no further than what happened in 2023.

Minnesota Catholic bishops wrote a letter to Gov. Walz pleading with him to allow nonpublic schools, like Annunciation, to receive school safety aid. Senate Republicans tried to expand safe schools funding to nonpublic schools in 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023.

Senate Republicans proposed providing \$300 million for all Minnesota schools to make critical safety upgrades.

There was a proposal to create a \$50 million school building and cyber security grant program that would help keep schools safe.

Unfortunately, Democrats and Gov. Walz rejected these common-sense ideas. The legislature did create the school building and cyber security grant program, but at about half of the requested funding level and they excluded nonpublic schools.

But that is not the end of this story. We have a new opportunity to do the right thing. Revisiting the Catholic bishops' request can be an easy first step toward finding more common ground. We should do that right away next session, and prioritize proposals that should be bipartisan: strengthening school safety, providing funding for School Resource Officers, expanding access to mental health care, and ensuring violent criminals face serious consequences.

This could be a transformational moment for our state and for the safety of our children. But we have a choice: we can continue with hearings primarily conducted to score political points and proposals that clearly and obviously do not have enough support from either side of the aisle. Or, we can come together. We can use this moment to find areas of agreement. We can forget the extreme proposals and prioritize ideas we can get done that will actually keep kids and families safe.

Every child deserves to feel safe in the classroom, and every parent deserves peace of mind when they send their child to school. That will remain my focus, and I will keep working for solutions that protect families across Minnesota while also protecting the rights of law-abiding gun owners.

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

## Hunters to help track game birds

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is encouraging hunters to voluntarily log details about their outings for species like ruffed grouse, woodcock, pheasants, prairie chickens, and partridge. It's part of an ongoing effort to collect real-world data directly from the field to complement the DNR's regular wildlife mon-

itoring programs.

Hunters who participate are asked to log key information from each hunt, including: date, species pursued, if the hunter was using a dog, total hours hunted, number of birds flushed, number of birds harvested, and ages of any pheasants harvested. Hunters are also asked to report the location of their hunt

including: the county and if the hunt was on a wildlife management area, a hunter walking trail or a Walk-In Access program area.

Logging your hunt is simple. Hunters can use the DNR's online field log, accessible via web browser or mobile app. [dnr.state.mn.us/wildlife/sightings/upland-field-log.html](http://dnr.state.mn.us/wildlife/sightings/upland-field-log.html)

## Crosby resident attendance pathetic

It was disappointing that the Crosby town hall meeting put on by Mayor Diane Cash was so poorly attended. Not real surprising though is that not one of our council members bothered to attend. Diane, along with our new city administrator Trish, did an outstanding job both presenting info and answering questions concerning a wide array of subjects, upcoming projects, etc.

Their transparency, and direct dialogue was refreshing. Even though I don't necessarily agree with some aspects of these upcoming projects and of course blatantly disagree with the forced continuation of taxpayer support to the Hallet Community Center based on the idealism that it makes certain businesses—most of whom are chamber members a lot of money, especially during hockey

season—I was appreciative of her efforts towards explaining its assessments, goals, partnerships, etc.

Still it is alarming that only seven of our roughly 2,400 residents cared enough to attend this event, because they truly were seeking public input. One attendee though might have been a paid local press member, joined by a non-resident, chamber member business owner, so actual resident attendance was pathetic. When current and future infrastructure projects, our city's essential public service and safety departments budgets and the continued lop sided support of the library and want to be hockey camp will continue to effect

every Crosby resident for quite some time, be it through taxes, inconveniences, etc., I fail to understand why more people didn't capitalize on this opportunity. With little or no educated public feedback, our city council will continue to put their own agendas over our residents needs and desires.

And why shouldn't they? No one seems to care.

Also, after briefly talking with our new city administrator on a couple of occasions, and witnessing her actually follow through on things we discussed, I feel Crosby has finally found a confident, caring and non-biased city administrator.

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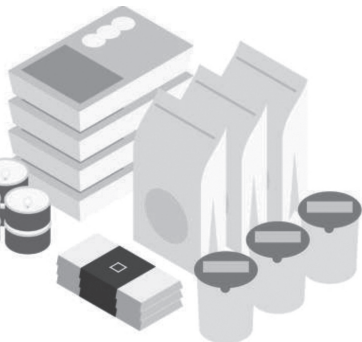
# Area churches rally to support The Bridge on 7th overnight shelter

Two local churches are extending a helping hand to neighbors in need — and they're inviting the community to do the same.

Immaculate Heart Church in Crosslake and St. Emily Church in Emily have launched a donation drive to support The Bridge on 7th, an overnight shelter in Brainerd operated by Bridges of Hope. The shelter, which opened its doors on September 1 for the season,

provides safe, overnight housing for individuals experiencing homelessness — and the need for supplies is great.

To meet that need, parishioners and community members are encouraged to drop off donations in the green box located in the narthex at Immaculate Heart Church. Donations are delivered to the shelter weekly, ensuring consistent support



for guests and shelter staff. From daily essentials to seasonal clothing, the shelter is currently requesting the

following: dryer sheets, deodorant, toilet paper, garbage bags, paper towels, bleach, laundry detergent, sugar, coffee, non-dairy creamer, coffee cups and snacks. Clothing items are also urgently needed such as new women's underwear, gloves, long underwear, men's shoes (sizes 12 and 13), snow pants, hand warmers, and rain ponchos.

The Bridge on 7th offers more than just a place to sleep — it provides warmth, safety, and dignity to those experiencing housing insecurity, especially as colder months approach. The efforts by Immaculate Heart and St. Emily not only help meet physical needs but also send a powerful message of compassion and solidarity.

This is a tangible way to serve people in crisis right here in our region. Anyone

interested in donating, volunteering, or learning more can visit the official shelter page at [bridge-sofhopenm.org/overnight-shelter](https://bridge-sofhopenm.org/overnight-shelter).

Whether it's a pack of hand warmers or a few boxes of snacks, every donation helps

bring comfort and care to someone in need. Together, this faith community is showing that when we reach out, we build bridges — one act of kindness at a time.



# Bacon, brotherhood, and faith in Aitkin

Start your Saturday morning right — with good food, real conversation, and spiritual encouragement. Northwoods Community Church is hosting its Men's Breakfast on Saturday, October 4, and all men in the community are invited to join in.

From 7:30 to 9 a.m., men will gather at 810 2nd St. NW in Aitkin for a hearty break-

fast, meaningful fellowship, and a time of prayer and testimony. It's an opportunity to enjoy more than just bacon and coffee — though there will be plenty of that, too.

This isn't just a breakfast it's a time to connect other men, dig deeper into their faith and be encouraged as their reminded that they're not walking through life alone.

The morning will feature personal testimonies from fellow believers, who will share how God is moving in their lives — through challenges, growth, and everyday faithfulness. Whether you're just exploring faith or have been walking with Jesus for years, you'll find something meaningful here.

For more information, con-

tact Northwoods Community Church or visit their website at <https://www.northwood-communitychurch.org/>.

# Shepherd of the Lake Fall Bazaar

Mark your calendar for the Shepherd of the Lake Lutheran Church Fall Bazaar, on Saturday, October 18, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Held at the church's warm and welcoming location at 10583 U.S. Highway 169, just one mile north of Garrison, this annual event is a seasonal favorite for locals

and visitors alike.

The Fall Bazaar promises something for everyone: handcrafted goods, homemade lefse, a bake sale packed with sweet treats, and a hearty lunch to enjoy while catching up with friends and neighbors.

Whether you're stocking up on unique holiday gifts, hunting for the perfect pie,

or just looking for a reason to get out and enjoy a fall Saturday, all are welcome at this festive gathering.

So bring your appetite, your holiday shopping list, and maybe a friend or two — the coffee will be hot, the lefse will be fresh, and the community spirit will be inviting and friendly at Shepherd of the Lake.

## Sacred Festival of Tabernacles

Scripture obedient people are invited to attend the Almighty Yahuah's yearly commanded Sacred Festival Sukkot (of Tabernacles), Oct. 7-14. "Gather the men, women, children and stranger and read torah, so they can hear and learn and fear Yahuah, your eloheim and obey all the worlds of torah." (Deut. 31:10-12.) Call Proverbs 6:23 Ministry for directions or questions at 218-533-6029.

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# CHURCH DIRECTORY

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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.crosslakecatholic.com](http://www.crosslakecatholic.com); 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.

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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, 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](http://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](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 [fbcbrainerd.com](http://fbcbrainerd.com) 424 8th Street South, Brainerd  
Brainerd\* — Good Shepherd Free Lutheran Church (AFLC), Pastor David Franz, find service info at [www.goodshepherdfreechurch.org](http://www.goodshepherdfreechurch.org), 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 Sunday 9 am, Wednesday 6 pm. 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 8:20, 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, September 7-Mid-May: Sunday at 9:30am & October-Mid-May: Wednesday at 6:15pm - 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 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 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 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; 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. UWV 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 10; fellowship 9; 2 blks north of Post Office; handicap ramp; 320-532-3150; office: 218-546-7656; cell: 218-360-1947

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Emily — Rev. Jason Gressman; Worship 9; Friendship Time 10; SS 10:30; Wed. Activities 6:30 p.m.; 218-763-HOPE.



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Put safety first this fall

The leaves are turning, the mornings are crisp, and outdoor enthusiasts across Minnesota are gearing up for their favorite fall traditions — hunting, fishing, and off-highway vehicle (OHV) riding. But as excitement builds for these seasonal pastimes, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is sending a clear message: make safety your top priority.

With many hunters already in the woods, anglers still taking to the lakes, and OHV riders hitting the trails for both recreation and access to hunting grounds, Col. Rodmen Smith, director of the DNR Enforcement Division, is encouraging everyone to stay alert and make wise decisions.

“These next couple months are the highlight of the year for many people,” Smith said. “Whether you’re fishing, hunting or riding, the opportunities to enjoy Minnesota’s outdoors are abundant. But people need to remember that no trip is a success if it doesn’t end safely.”

So far in 2025, the good news is that there are zero firearms-related hunting fatalities reported this year — matching 2023 and improving upon 2024, which saw one fatality.

Boating fatalities are also trending downward with five reported so far, putting the year on track to reach a historic low (compared to nine in both 2024 and 2023).

However, OHV-related fatalities remain a concern, with 16 deaths reported already in 2025. That’s an improvement over last year’s record-setting 30 fatalities, but still higher than some recent years (15 in 2023).

The DNR urges everyone heading outdoors this fall to take personal responsibility for their safety — and that of others. Start with these essentials:

Hunters—Always treat every firearm as if it’s loaded.

Control the muzzle at all times and never point it at anything you don’t intend to shoot.

Know your target and what lies beyond it.

Keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.

Wear blaze orange or pink to stay visible to other hunters.

If using a tree stand, check all equipment, wear a safety harness, and move carefully in and out of the stand.

Anglers and Waterfowl Hunters—Wear a life jacket whenever you’re on the water. Cold water can disable even strong swimmers in minutes.

Choose foam-filled life jackets in fall weather — they offer more insulation than inflatable versions.

Don’t overload the boat and balance weight evenly.

Monitor weather conditions closely — autumn can bring sudden changes.

OHV Operators—Wear a DOT-approved helmet — it’s required for anyone under 18 and strongly recommended for all.

Buckle up if the vehicle has seatbelts. A new law now requires seatbelts to be worn by all occupants of Class 2 ATVs when traveling on public roads or rights-of-way.

Stick to designated trails and operate at safe speeds.

Always ride with caution — even experienced operators can get injured in a moment of distraction.

For Everyone Using Public Lands

Even if you’re not hunting, wearing blaze orange or pink while hiking, walking dogs, or riding can help others see you. And with many trapping seasons now open, keep a close eye on pets — traps may be legally set on many public lands across the state.

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