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Strike up the music as Ruttger's celebrates Oktoberfest

Get ready to raise your steins and kick up your heels, Ruttger's Bay Lake Resort is once again welcoming fall with their much-anticipated 39th Annual Oktoberfest. This year's festivities, taking place on Friday, October 17 through Saturday, October 18, will be filled with music, food, and a lively atmosphere, all set against the stunning backdrop of Bay Lake, just six miles south of Deerwood.

Although, beer, music and the German buffet are still the standard, the main event is a massive arts and crafts fair featuring over 150 booths, showcasing an eclectic mix of vendors from near and far. Whether you're on the hunt for homemade fudge, hand-crafted fur hats, or unique wall art to decorate your home, there's something to spark your interest at every turn. The fair will be open from noon to 5 p.m. on Friday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday—plenty of time to shop, explore and fill your gift list.

But it's not all about shopping, Oktoberfest at Ruttger's offers something for everyone, from the young to the young at heart. Kids will love



These Alpaca hats are an example of the artistry and quality of merchandise that you can find at the arts and craft fair at Ruttger's Bay Lake Oktoberfest.

the Ski's Mobile Petting Zoo, which will be open Friday from noon to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Adults can take their turn at the Alec's OktoberFORE 500 Hole-In-One Challenge for a shot at winning a \$500 gift card (three shots for just \$5). Or perhaps you'd rather take to the skies with a thrilling Helicopter Tour, offered both days for just \$50 per person (reservations required).

The Bear Pine Bar Tent will be the place to grab a cold drink, open Friday noon to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. And if you've got a competitive streak, don't miss the Stein Holding

Contest on Saturday, with events at 10 a.m., 1 p.m., and 3:30 p.m.

Music plays a key role at Ruttger's Oktoberfest, with performances on both days. On Friday, enjoy the folk tunes of Rustic Canyon from 5 to 9 p.m. on the Deck as you enjoy Ruttger's delicious Seafood Boil. Then, on Saturday, the entertainment kicks into high gear with the Concord Singers and the Narren of New Ulm, plus the ceremonial tapping of the keg at 11 a.m. The fun continues with performances by Steve Solkela and finishes with a dance party led by Northwoods DJ from 5:30 to 9 p.m.

For those with an appetite, the Oktoberfest German Buffet at Ruby's will be serving up hearty fare from 5 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, with live music by the Bay Lake Musikers. Reservations are required—call ahead to secure your spot.

And if you're in the mood for something special, make sure to check out the exclusive specials at Auntie M's, Ann's Bay Lake Boutique, The Garage, and the Bay Lake Salon and Spa.

Parking is available with shuttle service to make your visit as easy as possible. So gather your friends, grab your lederhosen, and head to Ruttger's this weekend for a celebration of German traditions, good times, and even better beer!

Although Oktoberfest marks the end of the bustling summer and fall seasons, don't worry—Ruttger's Bay Lake Resort is far from closing its doors for the year. While popular spots like Ann's Boutique, Bay Lake Boutique, Alec's 9 Golf Course, Jack's 18 Golf Course, Auntie M's Kaffeehaus, and the White Oak Bar and Grill will be closing for the season, there's still plenty to enjoy at the

resort as it shifts into winter hours.

The Garage will remain open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., perfect for a casual stop during your stay. Bear Pine Bar and Ruby's Dining Room will also be open with new winter hours starting Thursday, October 23:

Thursday: 4 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Friday: 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Saturday: 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Sunday: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

In addition to cozy dining options, the indoor pool will also be available to the public starting Monday, October 20. You can take a dip Sunday through Wednesday from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. or enjoy an extended swim Thursday through Saturday from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. For those looking to take advantage of the pool all season long, pool punch passes are available for purchase at the front desk in the Lodge.

While Oktoberfest may signal the end of the busy season, there's still plenty to do and enjoy at Ruttger's Bay Lake Resort—whether you're cozying up for a winter getaway or just soaking up the last few days of fall. For more details, visit www.ruttgers.com.

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‘H’ street Safe Routes to School upgrades; Brainerd road now open



By ANN SCHWARTZ

Whether the reader lives or works in Brainerd, or drives through to shop, they may have noticed that H Street was closed for most of the summer. H Street, between 3rd and 4th Avenues Northeast, and north of Lowell school, is a well-traveled “back route” from east to west Brainerd. It got significant safety upgrades this year through a Safe Routes to School state grant.

“We were awarded a grant from the Minnesota Department of Transportation and we budgeted \$650,000 for the H Street project but it will end up coming in significantly under that – about \$430,000,” said Jessie Dehn, Brainerd city engineer.

Previously, a project was completed for Harrison Elementary in southeast Brainerd at Oak Street.

“This project falls under our Safe Routes to School Plan, developed several years ago,” explained Engineer Dehn. “It includes pedestrian improvements in the areas around several schools.”

With the aim of slowing traffic down to 20 mph, and protecting young walkers and bikers, these types of improvements include curb bump outs, pedestrian refuge island medians and beacon signs. Radar speed signs flash their actual speed in real time to drivers, urging them to slow down.

“This makes it safer for those who are walking and biking in the area – our younger

elementary kids,” continued Dehn. The state grant funded most of the project. WSD were picked as engineers and the scope of work bid awarded to DeChantel Excavating. The two firms also paired up for the Harrison project so they very experienced about how to work together as a team.

“We started with the road closing in early June right after school got out and it reopened the second week of August,” said Dehn.

It was reported last winter when the project was approved by the city in partnership with the Brainerd School District, that no main detour would be signed. Rather, due to the unique driving patterns of the northeast area, it was anticipated that motorists would form their own detour routes.

The project opened with bright, hard-to-miss signs and the center median where pedestrians can stop, if traffic is busy. There is vegetation in the median and it is large enough for a wheelchair to stop there.

One of the best things to come out of the project is that traffic has indeed slowed

down near Lowell school crossings, Dehn enthused. Although they knew anecdotally, through chatting with neighbors and school staff, that the project near Harrison slowed traffic down there, at Lowell School the police took more scientific measurements. The ideal speed in a school zone is 20 mph. Before the H Street project, non-school hour traffic in the area was at 35 mph average. After the project, the non school hours speeds reduced by a whole 5 mph — to 30 miles an hour. Dehn considers this a win for bikers and walkers and neighbors.

As for why the price of the project came in so favorably, Dehn observed that interest rates are down, as are paving costs due to low fuel costs. Also, they did budget on the high side because the state funding comes in a lump sum and can’t be revised, so they can’t take the chance of budgeting too low.

According to MnDOT, the Safe Routes to School program aims to improve safety, reduce traffic speeds and improve air quality near schools. The

Federal Highway Administration adds that the projects encourage more children to bike or walk to school while also improving the safety on the streets for those children.

Some of the observable safety improvements: The median on H Street is 8 feet wide to allow for compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and ensure students of all abilities, including those using wheelchairs, have room to stop in the median before continuing to cross the street.

Based on requirements of state aid funding, the on-street parking lane on each side of H Street is 7 feet wide.

Two rectangular rapid flashing beacon systems are installed on each end of H Street, one just east of the intersection with Third Avenue and one just west of the intersection with Fourth Avenue. The flashing signs alert east-west traffic to pedestrians crossing H Street north and south.

With the bright signs, trendy medium and attractive design, the H Street project opened with both safety improvements and improved aesthetics for the Lowell School campus and Northeast Brainerd.

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Picnick
12:00-5:00 p.m.
Located in the main parking area
Bear Pine Bar Tent
12:00-9:00 p.m.
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Saturday, October 18

Breakfast Buffet at Ruby's
7:00-10:00 a.m. Reservations are not required
Picnick 9:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.
Reservations are not required. Located in the main parking area
Arts & Crafts Fair **Over 150 Booths**
9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
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Steve Solkela 1:15-2:15 p.m.
Concord Singers 2:30-3:30 p.m.
Steve Solkela 3:45-5:00 p.m.
NEW Northwoods DJ 5:30-9:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 19

Breakfast Buffet at Ruby's
7:00-10:00 a.m.
Reservations are not required.

Parking & shuttle service available
More details at www.ruttgers.com/oktoberfest

Ruttger's Fall Hours:

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Last day of the season will be Oct. 19
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18th - Shepherd of the Lake Lutheran Church Fall Bazaar, 9 a.m.- 2 p.m. All are welcome for crafts, lefse, bake sale, and lunch. Located at 10583 U S Highway 169, Garrison (1 mile north of Garrison on Hwy. 169.)
18th & 19th - Indoor Fall Market at the Emily Wesleyan Church in Emily. Call Janet Salut at 218-821-3395.
19th -SING & RING! autumn concert at Crosslake Lutheran Church, 4 p.m. Free-will offering will be received for the Crosslake Food Shelf.
24th - The Roe Family Singers will perform at the Grassroots Concerts, 7 p.m. at the Journey Church, 5459 Lakers Lane (next to the school in Nisswa.) The Roe Family Singers mix original music and contemporary takes on old-time, traditional, and gospel tunes into one roiling and rollicking river of fresh yet familiar American music. Led by wife and husband Kim and Quillan Roe, every performance raises a ruckus, and Kim's award-winning clogging just adds to the show. Seating is first-come, first-served. Grassroots welcomes your nonperishable food, cash or check donation to a local food shelf. For information call 312-720-2849 or go to www.grassrootsconcerts.org.
25th - Aitkin County Republicans Northern Lights Republican Gala Featured Speaker, 5:30-10:00 p.m. at the 40 Club Event Center, 960- 2nd St NW in Aitkin. Purchase tickets online at https://www.aitkin-gop.com/gala.
25th - Aitkin Friends of the Arts Annual Dinner, social hour at 5 p.m., dinner at 6 p.m. and auction at 7:30 p.m. at The Ripple Center Opera House located at 301 Minnesota Avenue North in Aitkin. 26th - Cuyuna Fall Fest at the Cuyuna Fire Hall, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.
25th - Nisswa Fire Department Haunted Barn, Hayrides and Concessions, 5- 9 p.m. located at 8089 Garden View Road in Nisswa. Proceeds benefit the Nisswa Fire Department.
26th- Aitkin Methodist Church Trunk-or-Treat, 3 - 5 p.m.
31st - Kids Halloween Party at Garrison VFW, 4-7 p.m. Post 1816 is located at 27234 Monroe Street in Garrison.
31st - The Emily Fire Department is hosting its free community Trunk-or-Treat behind the Emily Fire Hall at 20837 West County Road 1 in Emily, 5-7 p.m. Prizes will be awarded for the best decorated trunks. Fun includes hayrides, bonfire, games and prizes. Food includes hot dogs, chips, water and hot cocoa.
31st & Nov. 1st - Friends of the Aitkin Library Used Book Sale 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Books, CDs and DVDs priced 50c-\$1. Saturday bag sale, \$3 per bag. Proceeds to fund events and programs at the Aitkin Public Library, 110 First Avenue NE in Aitkin.

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READER RIBBETS

Time for new strategy and leadership

Could it be that a former [Crosby] mayor's prediction —[of] how the bicyclist kingdom would be the forever savior of our town and eventually bring in hundreds of thousands of cash spending, spandex wearing bicyclists— wasn't really that accurate?

Could it be the momentum is slowing down? For example, multiple prominent Airbnbs have been listed for sale or even sold recently. A leading local bicycle based business and a beloved bar/ restaurant have just been put on the market. Several tourist based businesses have sold in the past six months as well.

Many of our long time existing business owners still claim they aren't making any more profit than they did a decade ago, before the bicycle mafias influence. The exaggerated boom just may be leveling off and yet there is no plan from any of our cities councils, our chambers clique or anyone else as to how to maintain, much less expand our areas economic stability.

Instead of diversity, almost everyone foolishly banked solely on the magic of bicycle based tourism, which will always have an impact here, but our towns future needs more. When a large percentage of local businesses struggle instead of prosper and working families cannot afford to move here, maybe its time for a new strategy and leadership. Voting in fellow business owners with hidden agendas, unexperienced and quite frankly uneducated and unmotivated buddies just hasn't helped the taxpayers who have consistently footed the bill for the changes that have helped a few out of town business owners with their success. Moving forward, Crosby needs more than an improved park and a refurbished infrastructure. It needs visionaries capable of creating venues and providing tools that will attract a more diverse economic platform, more opportunities for housing, and a better working relationship with our neighboring towns. We need leaders, not puppets, who want everyone to prosper and share in the blessings our city, our county and our state offers.

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Racking up the facts: what Minnesota deer hunters can expect

As the leaves fall and the temperatures drop, more than 400,000 Minnesota deer hunters are gearing up for the start of the firearms deer season, which opens Saturday, Nov. 8. For many, it's more than just a hunt—it's a seasonal tradition of time outdoors with friends and family, the thrill of the chase, and the satisfaction of putting venison in the freezer.

Beyond tradition, deer

hunting plays a critical role in Minnesota's natural resource management. According to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR), hunters are the primary force behind maintaining healthy deer populations that align with ecological goals. Managing these populations supports not only the environment, but also the state's economy and rural communities.

Southern Minnesota: Strong numbers, habitat shifts

In the south, deer populations are on the rise, bolstered by a mild winter. While summer flooding affected fawn-rearing habitat, DNR biologists believe the impact on overall deer numbers has been minimal.

Floodplain areas now offer excellent woody cover, thanks to several years of regrowth, and upland oak



CWD sampling is mandatory during opening weekend in several zones, including newly redesignated DPA 601, which now has carcass movement restrictions and special disease management regulations. Additionally, the B season license has been eliminated; one statewide firearms license now covers both A and B seasons.

Northeast Minnesota: Scouting is key

In the northeast, deer populations remain low, particularly in the far northern reaches. The best hunting opportunities will be found in the southern portion of the region, especially in areas with mixed habitats—forest edges, open fields, and wetlands.

Antlerless harvest will be limited or restricted in several areas to allow populations to rebound. A notable change is

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SING & RING! at Crosslake Lutheran

This Sunday, October 19, Crosslake Lutheran Church and Immaculate Heart Catholic Church are teaming up for a special fall concert you won't want to miss. The concert, titled "SING & RING!", will take place at 4 p.m. in the beautiful sanctuary of Crosslake Lutheran Church.

This annual autumn concert promises to be a celebration of local talent and togetherness, featuring three choirs that will fill the air with beautiful harmonies. The Immaculate Heart Choir, led by Music Coordinator Jan Craig and accompanist Jeanne Carlson, will perform alongside the Crosslake Lutheran Choir, directed by

Kristi Morsch and accompanied by Patricia Lundeen. To add an extra layer of festive flair, the Crosslake Lutheran Handbell Choir, directed by Patricia Lundeen, will showcase their unique, resonant sound. Instrumentalists Jan Craig on violin, Jan Laurel on trumpet, and Judy Tender on flute will also join in to bring a rich, multi-faceted performance to life.

Each choir will perform separately, but the true highlight of the concert comes when they unite as a mass choir, singing in unison for a stirring finale. It's a musical experience that blends tradition with collaboration, sure to leave a lasting impression.

In addition to the powerful choral performances, there will also be audience participation in several songs, so don't forget to bring your voice and join in the fun.

The concert is a free-will offering event, with all donations benefiting the Crosslake Food Shelf, so your attendance not only brings joy to the community but also helps support a great cause.

This concert has become an almost annual tradition, known for its inspiring and uplifting atmosphere. Whether you're a regular attendee or a first-time guest, this year's event promises to be a heartwarming experience for all.

ridges—especially those with a strong bur oak acorn crop—are likely to be hotspots for deer movement. With access improving as waters recede, hunters willing to do some scouting.

Central Minnesota: Productive herds

Central Minnesota continues to support robust deer

populations, and many permit areas now allow for multiple harvests—up to three deer, and as many as five in CWD management zones or the Twin Cities metro zone.

Wildlife officials are urging hunters to take advantage of antlerless harvests to keep populations balanced.

Hunters should note that

OBITUARY

MICHAEL MATTSON



Michael S. Mattson, 58, passed away in Springfield, TN on September 25, 2025. Originally from Garrison, Mike

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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 9 and 10:30.
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; hillcityagchurch@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.
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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.
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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 and 10:30.
Crosslake — Immaculate Heart, 218-692-3731; 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.

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

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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 KKIN 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 — 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 fclbrainerd.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.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. 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, 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
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 9 with Communion 1st and 3rd Sundays. Adult Bible Study 8am, fellowship 10am. 320-692-4581. www.shepherdofthelake.org.
Giese — Immanuel, Rev. R. Langhorst & Rev. R. Lovaas; Worship 9; SS 10; Holy Communion 1st Sun. of month 8:45.
Hill City — Trinity, (Missouri Synod), Pastor M. Eckert; Worship 9; Bible Study 10:15.
Hillman — Immanuel, (ELCA) Sun. Worship 11, fellowship follows. Located on the corner of Hwy. 27 and Co. Rd. 47. (Handicap accessible)
Iron Hub — Immanuel (LC-MS) Worship 10:30, Pastor Donald Klatt 218-534-3069
Isle — Faith (ELCA), Pastor Josh Blair; Worship 9:30; handicapped accessible.
Isle — Holden (ELCA), Worship 9:15
Isle — Trinity (Missouri Synod), Rev. Mark Maunula; Worship 9; Fellowship follows; SS 10:30; Adult Bible 10:30.
Jacobson — Carmel, Vicar Mark Wagner; SS 1st & 3rd Sun. 10, Service 11, fellowship follows.
Lake Shore — Living Savior Lutheran Church, 8327 Interlachen Rd.; Worship 9 Sunday mornings, followed by fellowship and Bible study. (Located on Co. Rd. #77 N)
Malmö — Bethesda (ELCA) Rev 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
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Rossburg — Bethesda Lutheran (LCMC Congregations in Mission for Christ) 11:30 service. Communion 1st & 3rd

Sunday each month.
Tamarack (AFLC) — Pastor Ron Staudinger; 1st, 3rd and 4th Sundays 10 am; 41163 Kestrel Ave 3.3 mi. South of Hwy 210
Thor — Zion, Worship 11; 1st and 3rd Sun. April through December.
Wright — Bethlehem, Worship; SS 9.
Wright — St. John's (Missouri Synod), Pastor Joshua Reinke; Worship 10:30; Bible Study and Sunday School Sun. 9:30; Lent services Wed. 5:30 pm.)

NON-DENOMINATIONAL
Aitkin—Cedar Lake Norwegian Lutheran Church, service is the 3rd Sunday of the month May-October at 11am , 3100 Pioneer Ave., Aitkin.
Brainerd—Oak Street Chapel, Pastor Todd Wooden, Worship service is Sunday at 9:30, 523 SE 11th Street, Brainerd, 218-454-0984
Brainerd—Remnant Ministry Center, Pastor Ben Davis, Worship service is Sunday at 10am, 512 S 8th St., Suite 2, 218-829-2989.

PENTECOSTAL
Baxter — Christ Alive, 12485 Forestview Drive, Baxter, MN 56425. Pastor Walter Starr, 763-316-7270, Sunday Worship 10:00am, Wednesday Bible study 6:30pm
Emily — Cornerstone Church; Pastor Earl Ready; Worship 10, 41536 Birchwood Drive, Emily; 218-763-2939.
Ironton — Iron Range Christian Center; Pastor Dwight Semler; 218-546-6523; meeting at Irondale Town Hall", Co. Rd. 12, (Deerwood Shortcut);Worship 10 & Wed. 7 pm.
Tamarack — Warriors of the Rainbow Ministry, Pastors Ken and Ron Fairbanks, Sat. 11. 218-768-3585

PRESBYTERIAN
Crosslake - Pastor Mark Ford, 218-692-4769; Worship 9; Fellowship 11, 14444 Daggett Pine Road, Crosslake, just passed the Community Center; www.crosslakepres.org.
McGrath — Calvary, Pastor - Todd Oltmann; Worship 9. McGregor/Round Lake — Pastor Talley; Worship Sat. 5 pm. Tamarack — First, Rev. J. Yingling; Worship 11.

REFORMED
Crosby — Lifespring Church, a member of Fellowship of Independent Reformed Evangelicals, 9:30, 30 Hallett Ave NE 218-545-5433, www.visitlifespring.com

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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

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Pequot Lakes — 28877 State Hwy 371, Pequot Lakes 10:30 1st and 4th Sundays. 218-330-3476

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Brainerd — First Congregational UCC, 415 Juniper St, Brainerd. Sunday worship at 10. Pastor; Leslie Moughty. Handicapped accessible. www.uccbbrainerdmn.org

UNITED METHODIST
Aitkin* — Aitkin - Pastor Dawn Houser; Worship 10, Wednesdays at 5:30 pm Bible & Brew, Facebook live.
Crosby/Deerwood* — Cascade, Pastor Gary Taylor; Sunday Worship with Youtube live streaming 10 am with fellowship to follow. Cascade Ladies meet on the first Wednesday of each month at noon. Come & Eat Community dinner on the third Wednesday of each month at 5:30 pm. Please call the office to sign up: 218-534-3507.
Cutler* (South Aitkin 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. UWF meet on the first Sunday of each month following worship. Men's prayer breakfast 2nd Saturday of each month at 8. Bible Study Thursday at 6 pm.
Fleming* — (Northern Lights Parish) SS 9:15; Worship 10:30; fellowship follows.
Hill City — Pastor Roger Lynn; Worship 10
McGregor* — (Northern Lights Parish) Worship 8:45; fellowship follows.
Onamia — Pastor Rick & Judy Wilder; Worship 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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