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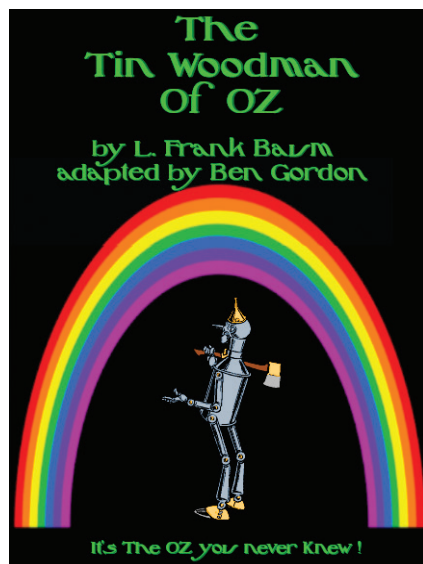
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Auditions set for world premiere of "The Tin Woodman of Oz"



The yellow brick road leads right to the Pequot Lakes High School auditorium this fall, as the Greater Lakes Area Performing Arts (GLAPA) announces auditions for the world premiere of *The Tin Woodman of Oz* — a fresh theatrical adaptation of L. Frank Baum's lesser-known 1918 novel.

Auditions will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. on Nov. 17 and 18 at the high school auditorium. Local talent of all ages is invited to take part in this exciting reimagining, with more than 20 speaking roles and ensemble parts up for grabs.

Ben Gordon, the produc-

tion's director and playwright, has adapted the script himself and promises an adventure that's whimsical, heartfelt, and packed with Baum's signature Oz magic. This is a deeper dive into the Tin Man's origin story — a tale full of transformation, heart, and humor. Gordon is building a brand-new world premiere in Pequot Lakes, and needs members of the community to help bring it to life.

Cast of curious characters

The show features a colorful cast, from beloved characters like the Tin Woodman and Scarecrow, to new faces such as Woot the Wanderer, a cursed messenger named Tommy Kwikstep, and a talking bear. There's even a dysfunctional dragon family — yes, a family of dragons — whose roles are entirely voice-based.

Roles are available for performers ranging in age from 10 to adult:

- Woot The Wanderer (male age 13-18), a curious but cautious young man.

- Tin Woodman (male 18 - up), steadfast, loyal, and kind.
- Scarecrow: (male 18 - up), intelligent but clueless.
- Polychrome (female 18 - up), graceful and sweet sky fairy.

- Tin Soldier (male 18 - up), another Tin Man dedicated to honor and duty.
- Nimmee Aimee (female 18 - up), Tin Man's former sweetheart.
- Ku-Klip (male 30 - up),

eccentric tinsmith and friend of the Tin Man.

- Jinjur (female 18 - up), Scarecrow's friend and a bit of a spitfire.
- Princess Ozma (female

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Kwik Trip opens soon in Baxter



Kwik Trip gas pumps are almost ready for customers. Ann Schwartz photos

By ANN SCHWARTZ
Kwik Trip is set to open soon in Baxter. Mike, from Scenic Signs of Sauk Rapids, said that folks can't wait for Kwik Trips to open. The one in Baxter, along the west side of Highway 371, is set to open on Octo-

ber 30. Recently, signs were being installed while the interior finishes were worked on. "People love Kwik Trip because they are clean, they have good food, the staff is paid well and are courteous," said Mike. He said Scenic Sign is installing Kwik Trip signs all over Minnesota and



Mike, from Scenic Signs of Sauk Rapids.



The exterior of the Kwik Trip building before signage was added.

Cuyuna Fall Festival

The Cuyuna Fall Festival is back this Sunday, October 26, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., hosted by the Cuyuna Fire Department. This free event promises a fun-filled day for all ages. Located at 24849 Minnesota Avenue in Cuyuna, the festival will have something for everyone. Kids can join in on the candy hunt and enjoy a hayride through the colorful fall landscape. For those with a competitive streak, there will be a costume contest and a pumpkin carving contest. Vendors will be on hand with plenty of local goods, and don't forget about the door prizes. When hunger strikes, food vendors will be serving

up delicious bites. At 5 p.m., there will be a Mega Meat Raffle, a cash prize raffle and 50/50 drawings. The event is licensed under Charitable Gambling License #B02163. Registration runs from noon to 3 p.m. at the Cuyuna Fire Hall for the Pie Bake-Off Contest. Contestants are asked to bake their best pie at home and bring it to the event. A \$5 entry fee applies to all pies. Judges will score pies based on three categories: presentation, uniqueness, and flavor. Three winners will walk away with some sweet prizes: \$250 for first place, \$100 for second place, and \$50 for third.

Wisconsin.

A Kwik Trip construction employee warned that just because you see it there, don't count on Kwik Trip's gas pumps opening until they are ready.

Kwik Trip is a family-owned business headquartered in La-Crosse, Wisconsin. They have about 900 stores with 38,000 workers. "They will be lined up on opening day," said Mike.

Crow Wing County landfill moves to winter hours

Beginning November 1, the Crow Wing County Landfill will move to its winter hours of operation. Saturday, October 25 will be the last Saturday the landfill is open for disposal until Spring. The landfill will be open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and is located at 15732 State Highway 210, just east of Brainerd. Summer hours will



Nicole, a Front Street Café waitress for 28 years, serves Roger and Shirely Braaten of Brainerd. Ann Schwartz photos

Front Street Café back in business

By ANN SCHWARTZ
A steady stream of customers came into the Front Street Café, Brainerd, on a recent

weekday lunchtime. The downtown café reopened in September following a devastating fire in June of 2025.

Roger and Shirely Braaten of Brainerd were among the returning customers. "All three of our sons worked here as busboys when Wayne Erickson owned it," Roger remembers.

Shirley said their favorites are eggs and toast, biscuits and gravy and the everything omelet they were splitting that day.

Nicole, a waitress there for 28 years, greeted each customer and busily ran around, taking orders and refilling coffee.

Many regulars and visitors enjoyed sitting in their favorite spots as they felt at home once again at the Front State Café.



The vintage mural on the front window survived the fire.

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Salem Lutheran invites community to sing “Songs of the Season”

If you’ve been waiting for a sign to sing this Christmas season — this is it.

Salem Lutheran Church is once again filling the air with music and joy, inviting singers from across the Cuyuna Lakes area to lend their voices to “Songs of the Season,” an uplifting and community-centered musical celebration of Advent and Christmas.

Formerly known as the Christmas Cantata, the event has a fresh name but the same heartwarming mission: to bring people together through music that honors the season of hope, joy, and light.

Rehearsals are held Sundays at 3:30 p.m. at Salem Lutheran Church and will continue each week until the performance weekend, Saturday and Sunday, December 13 and 14. Whether you’re a seasoned soloist or just love singing in the shower, all are welcome — no auditions, no pressure, just joyful voices coming together.

This year’s selections include “When Will Messiah Come” — a powerful piece that reflects the anticipation of Advent — and a rousing rendition of “The Hallelujah Chorus” from Handel’s Messiah, guaranteed to lift spirits and bring audiences to their feet.

The “Songs of the Season” concert has become a beloved tradition in the area, offering a peaceful, beautiful alternative to the holiday hustle.

Questions? Reach out to Kevin Edstrom at kevin_edstrom@yahoo.com for more information.

Auditions for “The Tin Woodman of Oz” | Continued from Page 1

13 - up), beloved and magical ruler of the land of OZ.

- Mrs. Yoop (female 18 - up), cruel giantess who hides her wickedness with gentle politeness.
- Green Monkey (any age), Woot’s enchanted form.
- Tin Owl (10-15), Tin Man’s enchanted form.
- Teddy Bear (10-15), Scarecrow’s enchanted form.
- Canary (female 10-15), Polychrome’s enchanted form.
- Jaguar (any age), a hungry predator.
- Tommy Kwikstep (male 10-18), cursed messenger.
- Nick Chopper (male 18 - up), original human version of Tin Man.
- Captain Fyter (male 18 - up), original human version of Tin Soldier.
- King Bal (10 - up), inept ruler of the Loons.
- Panta (10 - up): pompous and arrogant Loon
- Til (10 - up), sweet tempered and practical Loon.
- Dragon Family of 4 (any age), cranky and dysfunctional (voice roles only).
- There are many ensemble roles consisting of Loons, Winkie footman, and other characters for those eager to be part of the Oz magic.

What to expect at auditions

Hopefuls will read from the script and participate in lively movement exercises — no need to prepare a monologue or bring a song. Just wear comfortable clothes, and bring a list of any schedule conflicts.

Rehearsals will begin Jan. 5 and run weeknights from 6 to 9 p.m. The production will hit the stage on Feb. 13, 14, 20, and 21 at 7 p.m., with matinee shows on Feb. 15 and 22 at 2 p.m.

Whether you’re a seasoned performer or new to the stage, GLAPA encourages everyone to try out. So click your heels, gather your courage, and mark your calendars — the road to Oz begins in Pequot Lakes this November.

For more information, contact Pequot Lakes Community Education at 218-568-9200 or Director Ben Gordon at 218-536-1311.

No Kings culture of defiance action



Brainerd was one of 2,700 locations on Saturday, October 18, in the United States to host a NoKings rally. According to the [nokings.org](https://www.nokings.org) website, nearly 7 million people protested the policies of President Donald Trump. With a live band, costumes and American flags, organizers told the estimated 2,500 protesters in Brainerd to be upbeat, peaceful and respectful. Ann Schwartz photos

COMMUNITY EVENTS

- October**
- 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- Ideal Fire Department Trunk-or-Treat, 1 - 3 p.m., at the Ideal Fire Department & Community Center, 34358 Butternut Point Rd., Pequot Lakes.
- 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 - Salem Lutheran Trunk-or-Treat in Deerwood, 4:30-6:00p.m.
- 31st - Light of the Cross Lutheran Church in Garrison Trunk-and-Treat, 5-7 p.m. inside candy and fun, outside hotdogs.
- 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.
- November**
- 1st - Coats for Kids, 9 a.m.-noon, at the Emily Food Shelf located at 20948 County Road 1. Coats, snowpants, hats and mittens will be distributed to families through the efforts of the Crosslake/Emily Knights of Columbus.
- 1st - Christmas Shopping Extravaganza & Craft Show at the Crooked Lake Town Hall and Fire Hall in Outing, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., 6300 Woods Bay Drive in Outing.
- 1st - Hallett Library Jigsaw Puzzle Competition, 1 p.m. at the Jessie F. Hallett Memorial Library in Crosby.
- 2nd - Great River Strings “Blood Curdling Strings” Concert, 2 p.m. at Ripple Center in Aitkin. A free will donation at the door is appreciated.
- 7th - Kelly Hunt will perform at the Grassroots Concerts, 7 p.m. at the Journey Church, 5459 Lakers Lane (next to the school in Nisswa.) Hunt is the daughter of an opera singer and a saxophonist. She was raised in Memphis, TN, amidst a motley melange of musical influences. 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.
- 12th - Salem Lutheran Church Community Thanksgiving Meal, noon-2 p.m. All are welcome! Reserve your seat by calling 218-381-2100. Located at 21276 Archibald Road in Deerwood.
- Send your community events to hopper@crosbyironton.net or send us a message via www.NewsHopper.net/contact/**

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Vote on or before November 4

One of my favorite parts of being a Crosby-Ironton school board member is seeing students discover their strengths and talents through the opportunities offered in our schools.

Athletics and extracurriculars help students discover their passions, engage with their peers, and create memories. These programs are not just for fun—they are skill-building experiences. Whether students are competing in a sport, playing in the band, or writing for the yearbook, they are developing confidence and teamwork.

Our goal is for every student in our district to have access to the opportunities they need to succeed. But we are facing increasing financial pressures, and a projected \$1 million budget deficit for the 2025–2026 school year. Without additional revenue, funding for things like sports and extracurricular activities will be eliminated.

This fall, district residents will consider an operating levy — a local source of funding that stays in our schools and supports these programs, as well as other essential staffing and services. I encourage you to learn more about the proposal and make your voice heard by voting on or before November 4. Information about the plan and how to vote is available at RangerNationStrongFoundation.org.

Hannah Wesner, Crosby-Ironton School Board

Now is the time to act invest in our students, strengthen our community

On Tuesday, November 4, voters in the Aitkin Public School District will face a decision that could shape the future of education and community life for generations to come.

The two-question bond referendum on the ballot is the result of years of planning. Since 2016, the Aitkin School Board has been studying the condition of its facilities, listening to residents, and weighing every possible option. Now, the time has come to act.

The first question proposes a \$59.44 million investment to build a new PreK–6 school to replace Rippleside Elementary, along with a new transportation center to replace the current bus garage. The second question proposes an additional \$6 million to build a community wellness and recreation center, which would be attached to the new school and open to residents of all ages.

The urgency behind this plan is clear. Rippleside faces serious health and safety concerns that go far beyond cosmetic fixes. With core parts of the building nearing 70 years old, the building suffers from poor air quality, outdated classrooms, failing infrastructure, and accessibility issues. Its roof and boiler systems are deteriorating, and the bus garage is located near a railroad and an oil company.

A new PreK–6 school would be more than just a fresh start – it would be a leap forward in how we support young learners. The proposed design includes secure entrances, ADA-compliant access, modern HVAC systems, and classrooms tailored to modern teaching methods, including space for group work, personalized learning, and special education services.

While the high school also needs attention, the board has prioritized the elementary school as the district’s most urgent need. Importantly, the new school’s design would allow for a potential future high school and unified campus. In addition, the district has worked closely with MnDOT to ensure that, if the referendum passes, Highway 169 improvements will make the new school safe and accessible.

Even for those without children in school, this project carries wide-reaching benefits. Strong schools attract families, help local businesses, and improve property values. The wellness center would offer a shared space for fitness, recreation, and community events. Construction would bring jobs and economic activity.

If the referendum fails, the district will lose a rare \$5 million grant from the IRRRB – funds that are only available for this specific project. Rippleside’s problems will persist and grow more costly, forcing the district to spend limited resources on emergency fixes rather than solutions.

Early voting is already underway, and Election Day (Nov. 4) is approaching fast. For details on how to vote, visit WeAreAitkin.org/vote. If both questions pass, the estimated monthly tax increase would be about \$19 for a \$175,000 home and \$38 for a \$300,000 home. To explore opportunities to reduce your tax impact, visit WeAreAitkin.org/taxrelief.

This is a moment for the Aitkin community to make its voice heard. The choice belongs to you. Please help shape the future of our schools and community.

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Dan Stifter, Superintendent, Aitkin Public Schools

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Future Hwy. 210 project from Crosby to Deerwood open house Oct. 29

The Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) is inviting the public to an open house-style event to learn more about an upcoming construction project on Highway 210 (also known as Highway 6) between Crosby and Deerwood.

The open house will take place on Wednesday, October 29, from 4 to 6 p.m. at Deerwood City Hall/Auditorium, located at 23770 Forest Road. This informal event will not feature a formal presentation. Instead, attendees can

stop by at their convenience to view project layouts, ask questions, and interact with members of the MnDOT project team. **What's planned for the project?**

The project, which is expected to unfold in phases, will involve significant updates to both the road surface and infrastructure between Crosby and Deerwood. The preliminary design work for the project will continue through 2027, followed by final design and traffic plans

in 2028. Construction is slated to begin in 2029, and a detour will be required during that time.

Here's a breakdown of the improvements that are planned:

Crosby to Deerwood

Resurfacing of Highway 210: From east of Third Avenue East in Crosby to East Broadway in Deerwood, and from Ruggles Avenue to east of Highway 6 in Deerwood.

Drainage Updates: Repairing or replacing drainage pipes and ditches.

Road Safety Enhancements: Installation of pavement markings and rumble/mumble strips, along with guardrail upgrades or replacements.

Deerwood

Reconstruction of Road Surface: The stretch from East Broadway to Ruggles Avenue, including the intersection of Highway 210/Highway 6 and Crow Wing County Road 12, will undergo significant reconstruction.

Stormwater Infrastructure: Replacement or repair of underground stormwater struc-

tures, curbs, and gutters.

Pedestrian Upgrades: New or updated sidewalks, pedestrian approaches, and crossings to enhance safety for foot traffic.

For more details about the project, including visual maps and plans, visit the project webpage at mndot.gov/d3/projects/Crosbydeerwood.

Get Involved

MnDOT encourages community involvement throughout the project. If you need accommodations, such as an ASL interpreter, foreign

language assistance, or alternative formats for documents, please email your request to ADArequest.dot@state.mn.us or call 651-366-4720.

If you have any specific questions about the project, please reach out to Kelly Scegura, project development manager, at kelly.scegura@state.mn.us.

This project is a key part of MnDOT's ongoing efforts to improve transportation infrastructure and ensure safer, more efficient travel for all users.

St. John's Lutheran fall luncheon

Whether you're coming in from the woods in full camo or straight from work in your everyday wear, St. John's Lutheran Church wants you to know: "Come as you are."

That's the welcoming theme of this year's Fall Luncheon, happening Friday, November 14 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church in Aitkin. The community is invited to gather for a hearty meal, a friendly atmosphere, and some down-home fellowship.

On the menu? A steaming

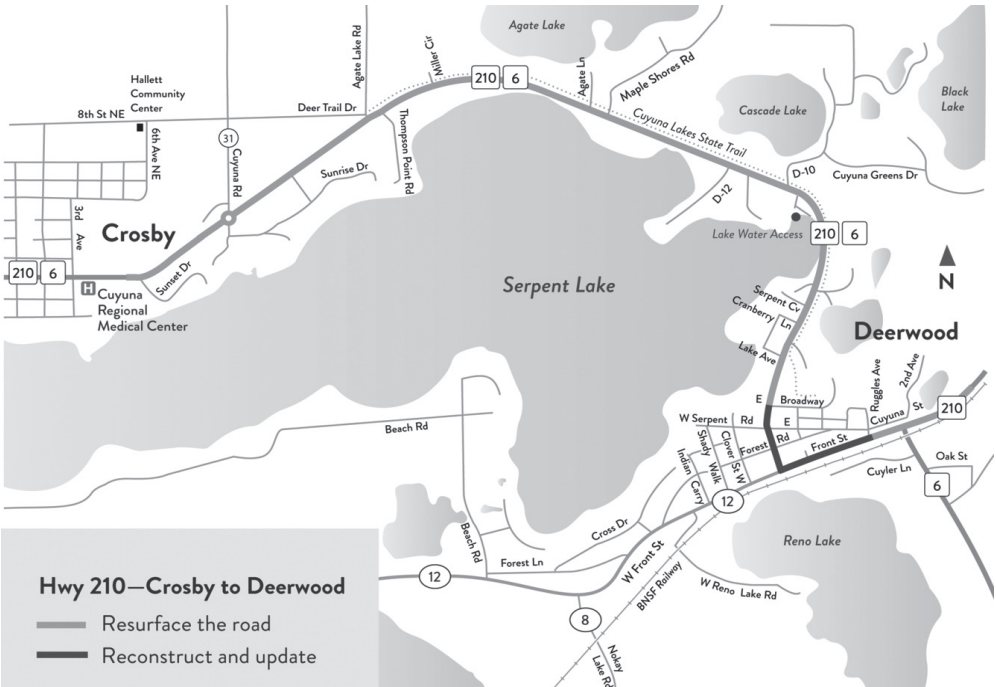
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ALLIANCE
Aitkin* — New Life Church of the CM&A; Worship 10:15 am; Services on Sunday at 10:15am and 6pm; 11-1st Street SW; newlifeaitkin.com 218-927-2823.
Baxter* — Pointway Alliance Church; Rev. Charles Bolstridge, 218-537-6505; 7756 Highland Scenic Road; Worship 10; www.pointway.org
Garrison* — Worship 10:30am
Onamia — Vineland Native American Chapel, Hwy. 169 north of casino; Worship 11; Pastor Boeringa 320-532-4449

ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Aitkin — Pastor Andrew Jergenson; Sunday Morning Service 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; 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 am and 6 p.m., Wed. Classes and Clubs 6:30 p.m.; fbcbrainerd.com
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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.

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.
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; 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. 218-326-2843
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 Hafner

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 Konnect 6:30 pm
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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 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 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)
Malmo — 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.
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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

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Thor — Zion, Worship 11; 1st and 3rd Sun. April through December.
Wright — Bethlehem, Worship; SS 9.
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NON-DENOMINATIONAL
Aitkin—Cedar Lake Norwegian Lutheran Church, service is the 3rd Sunday of the month May-October at 11am , 3100 Pioneer Ave., Aitkin.
Brainerd—Oak Street Chapel, Pastor Todd Wooden, Worship service is Sunday at 9:30, 523 SE 11th Street, Brainerd, 218-454-0984
Brainerd—Remnant Ministry Center, Pastor Ben Davis, Worship service is Sunday at 10am, 512 S 8th St., Suite 2, 218-829-2989.

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

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

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

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST
Aitkin — Pastor Josh Jeresek; Worship Sat. 9:30, Prayer Meeting & Bible Study Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.; www.aitkinadventist.org; 423-805-0933; 830 Minnesota Ave S
Brainerd — Pastor Josh Jeresek; Worship Sat. 11:10, Bible Study 10; Bible Study & Prayer Mtg. Wed. 6:30 p.m.; 2910 Oak Street, Brainerd, 218-829-1676

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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.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 Thursdays 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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Broadway’s Andrea Ross featured in Lakes Area Music Festival concert



The Lakes Area Music Festival (LAMF) kicks off its Winter Series with “Ghost Light Cabaret,” a concert featuring Broadway star and frequent LAMF guest, Andrea Ross.

The performance will take place on Sunday, October 26 at 3 p.m. at the Gichi-zibi Center for the Arts in Brainerd. Tickets can be reserved online in

advance or in person beginning one hour prior to the performance. For assistance, please call 218-275-5263. The organization partners with the Minnesota Orchestra for box office services and offers pay-as-you-wish ticketing ranging from free to \$60.

Step into the shadows of the stage for an unforgettable evening of Broadway’s most hauntingly beautiful music. Broadway’s Andrea Ross joins pianist and festival artistic director Scott Lykins for a spellbinding journey through classic and contemporary show tunes, just in time for Halloween. From the chilling romance of Phantom of the Opera to the underworld rhythms of HADESTOWN and the magical power of WICKED, this intimate cabaret blends torch songs, ghostly ballads, and theatrical magic under the

soft glow of the ghost light. Featured performer Andrea Ross is an internationally recognized vocalist, recording artist and Broadway performer, hailed by the Boston Globe as “a phenom, whose poise and pipes are astounding” and by Variety Magazine as a “lovely, clear soprano.” Andrea Ross’ career was launched by the mentorship of Broadway composer Andrew Lloyd Webber, who produced her UK chart-topping album Moon River with Universal Music Group’s Classics and Jazz label. She is featured on multiple tracks of Andrew Lloyd Webber 60 (Universal Music Group) and the Over The Rainbow (UCJ) charity album, peaking at No. 1 on the UK Compilation Charts.

Andrea Ross is a seasoned musical theater entertainer, performing lead roles in the Broadway national tours

of Andrew Lloyd Webber’s Whistle Down the Wind and Rodgers and Hammerstein’s The Sound of Music. Ms. Ross’ theatrical accolades include the prestigious Elliot Norton Award for Outstanding Actress awarded by the Boston Theater Critics Association. As a sought-after soloist, Andrea Ross has appeared with top symphony

orchestras around the world, including the Boston Symphony Orchestra, Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Utah Symphony Orchestra, Phoenix Symphony, South Dakota Symphony Orchestra, Savannah Philharmonic, Princeton Symphony Orchestra, BBC Concert Orchestra, and many more.

More information and tickets are available at: lakesareamusic.org/ghost-light-brainerd

This program will also be performed in Minneapolis on Thursday, October 23 at Crooners Supper Club. and Saturday, October 25 at the Pillsbury Castle, the new Twin Cities home of the Lakes Area Music Festival.

Central Lakes College Cultural Thursday

The Central Lakes College Performing Arts Center invites the community to its next Cultural Thursday event at noon on Thursday, November 6 in the Chalberg Theatre, Brainerd campus.

CLC will host author, storyteller, and licensed social worker Julie Jo Larson. For more than a decade, Larson has traveled across Minnesota gathering and sharing

the stories of its people, uncovering hidden gems and amplifying voices often overlooked. Her presentation will highlight the power of storytelling to strengthen communities, the lessons learned from conversations with locals, and the importance of connecting with neighbors both near and far.

The event is free and open to the public. Attend in person or livestream on the YouTube channel @CLC-Broadcasting.

Cultural Thursday is Central Lakes College’s monthly cultural literacy program, designed to broaden understanding of the world through the lived experiences of guest speakers. Additional Cultural Thursday events will be held on the first Thursday of February, March, and April 2026.



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