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**Emily landmark restaurant burns in early morning fire**



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Emily Fire Department responded to an alarm at 2:45 a.m. on Wednesday, June 29 at the Bungalow Sportsman's Bar and Supper Club in Emily. According to Emily Fire Department Chief Kenny Roden, the fire started in the back dining-room and the structure was quickly engulfed in flames. The building is a total loss. The cause of the fire is unknown at this time and the fire remains under investigation. Bungalow owner, Chris Spindler, said the main structure was about 100 years old. Spindler is unsure of his plans yet. He said the loss came just before two of their biggest weeks of the year, 4th of July weekend and Emily Day on July 16. Crooked Lake Fire Department, Fifty Lakes Fire Department, Crosslake Fire Department and Ideal Fire Department responded with mutual aid to help contain the blaze.

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# COMMUNITY EVENTS

## Independence Day Weekend Festivities 2016

### Saturday, July 2

Bay Lake- Fireworks at dusk, gather at Ruttger's Bay Lake Lodge.  
Farm Island Lake - Boat parade, gather at the south landing at noon  
Nisswa - Fireworks at Grand View Lodge, The Pines at dusk  
Outing - Fireworks over Lawrence Lake at dusk

### Sunday, July 3

Akik-Agodjina-Sag Village Association - Boat parade, gather at Association Point at 1:30 pm. Everyone from Diamond Lake and Hanging Kettle Lake is invited.  
Big Sandy Lake - Fireworks at 10:15 pm, gather between Goffs and Webster Bays  
Brainerd - Arts in the Park, 10 am -4:30 pm Gregory Park, Brainerd  
Nisswa - Firecracker Run 10K/5K Call 218-963-2620  
Pequot Lakes/Breezy Point - Fireworks at dusk, Pequot Lakes High School Football Field

### Monday, July 4

Aitkin - Aitkin County Fairgrounds, 5 pm Fleming Methodist Pie Social, 6 - 7 pm Community Band Performs; 9 pm Presentation of Colors, Pledge of Allegiance and Singing of the National Anthem, Fireworks at dusk  
Brainerd - Free corn feed at Brainerd Eagles Club at noon; parade, 4 pm; music 6:30 pm at Brainerd High School Don Adamson Field; firework, 10:15 p.m.  
Crosby - Parade begins in Ironton 11 a.m. continues through downtown Crosby. Activities in park all day, music. Fireworks over Serpent Lake at Crosby Memorial Park, dusk  
Crosslake - Fireworks Display over Sand Island on Cross Lake at dusk.  
Fairfield Township - 9 a.m. Reading of the Declaration of Independence along with Music and Refreshments, Fairfield Town Hall 15 miles north of Crosby on Hwy. 6.  
Garrison- Fireworks display over Mille Lacs Lake starting at dusk at Garrison Bay.  
Glen - 8 am 5K run/walk, 320-684-2229. 10 am parade lineup at Slettom Farm on the north side of Clear Lake.  
Hackensack - Fireworks at dusk  
Hill City - parade, pancake breakfast, flea market, pie auction, games, tournaments. Fireworks at dusk.  
Hillman - 11 am parade  
Ironton - Ironton Fire Department Auxiliary's Pancake breakfast 7 a.m - 10 a.m. at the Ironton Legion  
Longville - fireworks over Girl Lake at dusk  
McGrath - free pancake breakfast 7 am, parade 11am, food and square dancers noon; children's games 1 pm, street dance 7-10 pm, fireworks at dusk  
Pequot Lakes - Firemen's Pancake Breakfast 7 am - 11 am; Flea Market, Craft Fair & Food Vendors at Trailside Park 9 am - 4 pm; Stars & Stripes Parade  
Round Lake - boat parade 1 pm  
Spirit Lake - boat parade, noon, gather at June's at the north end of the lake, potluck to follow.  
Tamarack - 6 pm pie sale, fun in the park 6 - 10 pm, fireworks at dusk.

### July

2nd - Jaques Art Center Origami Kaleidoscope Class, 10 - 11:30. The class is taught by Pamela Andell. Both kids and adults are welcome. Call the Jaques for a brochure and more information 218-927-2363  
4th - 80th Birthday Party for Joe Plut of Crosby. Local author and retired CLC English professor at Prairie Bay Restaurant, Brainerd, 2-5 pm  
6th - 9th - Aitkin County Fair  
7th - The Palisade Assembly of God Church Blood Drive with the American Red Cross noon to 6 p.m. For additional information or to schedule an appointment contact Charles at 218-845-3893.  
8th - Tusenvann Lodge #1-659 Sons of Norway meeting and Lodge 'Potluck Picnic 6:30 pm at the home of David Nelson residence near Princeton Bring a neighbor, friend, a dish to share, folding chairs, and your appetite. For questions or directions call Candice at 1-320-983-2886 or Bill at 1-320-679-2380.  
8th & 9th - Iconic Fest at Green Lantern west of Garrison. Featuring John Anderson, Great White, Confederate Railroad Free Fallin' (Tom Petty tribute) and more!  
9th - Paul Bunyan Extreme 5k, Nisswa Call: (218) 963-4353  
9th - MN-St. Urho Wife Carry for Charity Challenge in Menahga. Pre-registration is required and is done online at www.wife-carryusa.com  
12th - Cuyuna Range Community Band Concert at the John H. Pribyl Pavillion in Crosby Memorial Park on Serpent Lake, 7 pm  
13th - Cuyuna Lakes Chamber Golf Tournament Cuyuna Rolling Hills, Deerwood.

Registration begins at 11:00 a.m., putting contest 11am - 12:30 p.m. and a 1:00 p.m. shotgun start will begin the tournament, dinner and awards will follow. Contact the Chamber at 218-546-8131  
16th - ECKANKAR Open Discussion- Join in the discussion as we share experiences of listening to the inner guidance that we all have, 1 pm, Brainerd Public Library, 416 S. 5th St. For further information, call 1-800-717-0371.  
18th - United Methodist Church of Emily Pre-Arrangements Funeral Planning Workshop, 3:00-5:00. It will be conducted by Nick Zillmer of the Koop Funeral Home, Crosby. The church is located across from the Emily Post Office near the intersection of Hwy 6 and Co. Rd 1. Questions? Contact Dan Klement, 218-566-2220.  
20th - 23rd - Jaques Art Center Plein Air Competition in Aitkin County. Artists will be painting out of doors in competition on the streets of Aitkin on Wednesday, July 20 and throughout Aitkin County on the Thursday, July 21, and Friday, July 22.  
22nd - 24th - Garrison Play Days in Garrison  
22nd - Crow Wing County Relay for Life American Cancer Society even 5 pm- 2:30 am at the Crow Wing County Fairgrounds. Contact: relayforlife.org crowwing mn  
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JIM DALY President of Focus on the Family  
I love the way Ray Vander Laan illustrates the expanding influence of God's kingdom when we Christians live in faithful obedience to Christ. He says every time we obey our King—in big or little things, whether in our families or throughout our communities—we extend His kingdom by a square inch.  
That's the example Jesus lived out before us, and one which He asks us to follow. He extended God's kingdom by doing the will of His Father, by loving His neighbor, by loving His enemy, by touching the unclean, and by caring for sinners. In each instance, He put into practice the will of God, and God's kingdom was extended.  
The same is true for us in how we conduct ourselves. The decisions we make in our classes, at our jobs, and in our homes either give away a square inch that belongs to the King or take away a square inch now belonging to the Evil One.

If we run our business faithfully to God, His kingdom will grow because our business then becomes a part of His kingdom where His will is done. When we raise our children faithfully to God, the Lord's kingdom grows.  
For the Christian community to understand the role God has for us in the culture, we have to rightly discern what Jesus meant when He said, "My kingdom is not of this world."  
Early believers would have interpreted His words through the context of their culture and heard Him say, "My kingdom did not come from this world, but it exists right now, here, among you."  
The people of that time understood the structure of power and authority all too well. They were subjects to the imperial rule of Caesar, who embodied the full authority of the Roman Empire. Caesar spread his kingdom through violence, blood, and overpowering the weak.  
Jesus, on the other hand, said His kingdom was not expanded through violence and power. The world would be changed through sacrificial living, being a light to those lost in the darkness of sin, and by loving your neighbor.  
When Jesus said, "Take up your cross and follow Me," He wasn't simply warning us that we would suffer for what we believe, although that's literally what it means for believers around the world. More broadly, it was a challenge to recognize the true way God's kingdom is established throughout homes, communities, and the earth.  
The implications of that are staggering. By God's design, the Early Church wasn't able to bring about influence through the ballot box or by an army. Instead, God gave them a power far greater than any government could devise. The Early Church had the power of God's unconditional love. They loved their neighbor and their enemies, and it changed the world.  
Our task, in our time, is no different. Our mission hasn't changed, because God hasn't changed.

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# OBITUARIES

## HELEN LATVALA



Helen A. Latvala, 90, of Aitkin and Tamarack died Thursday, June 23, 2016 at Aitkin Health Services.

Funeral service was Tuesday, June 28, 2016 at Round Lake Presbyterian Church, McGregor with Reverend Bob Loubek officiating. Burial was in the Salo Cemetery.

She was born April 3, 1926 in Tamarack to Carl and Alvina (Luuki) Majjala. She attended school in a one room schoolhouse. She married Arthur J. Latvala on July 10, 1947 in Aitkin. Together they enjoyed old time ballroom dancing. She sold products for Avon, Fuller Brush Co., Shaklee, and Watkins. They lived in Aitkin for 40 years and after retirement moved to Tamarack. She played the accordion

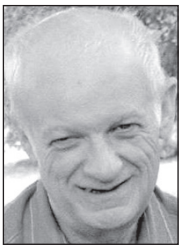
for over 50 years at different events in Aitkin County. She enjoyed bowling, cooking, and baking. She was a member and volunteer at St. John's Lutheran Church in Aitkin and Tamarack Lutheran Church.

She is survived by her sons and daughters-in-law: Warren and Ronna Latvala, Ham Lake; Bradley and Cindy Latvala, Isanti; daughters and sons-in-law: Cathi and Bob Loubek, Duluth; Brenda and Andreas Pfahl, Eden Prairie; seven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; sister, Elvie Latvala, Superior, WI and many other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband Arthur on April 1, 2009 and her parents.

Arrangements were with the Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home of Aitkin. Go to [www.srtfuneral.com](http://www.srtfuneral.com) to sign the online guest register.

## BRUCE DAVIS



Bruce Richard Davis, 69, of Aitkin died Wednesday, June 22, 2016 at his home at Mystic Meadows.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, June 25, 2016 at 11 AM from the Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home in Aitkin with Rev. Randy Stauter officiating. Visitation will be 1 hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Burial will be in the Malmo Cemetery. Memorials are preferred to Habitat for Humanity of donor's choice.

He was born January 2, 1947 in Aitkin to Lloyd and Leona Davis. He spent most of his life helping on the family farm. His last eight years he spent at Mystic Meadows Group Home. Bruce was good natured with a ready smile and sense of humor. He enjoyed life, especially: Rides around Clear Lake, and wagon

rides at the family farm, outings with Mystic Meadows housemates and D.A.C. co-workers and staff, the Glen 4th of July parade, country singer Marvin Rainwater and polka music, the Brainerd Sunday paper, cats, his job at the D.A.C. where he looked forward to his "Big Check", getting new socks and talking to all of the pretty girls, auction sales, and getting money from the hay.

He is survived by his sister and brother-in-law: Diann and Ronald Hendrickson, niece: Tara (Todd) Christensen, Nephews: Eric (Tammy) Hendrickson, Kent Hendrickson, and Lane and Wade Roeker; 5 grand nephews, 2 grandnieces and 2 great grand nephews and special friends Cassandra and Adam Stoddard and also cousins and many friends.

Arrangements are with the Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home. [www.srtfuneral.com](http://www.srtfuneral.com).

## OPAL BANKS

Opal M. Banks, age 91 of Aitkin died Friday, June 24, 2016 at the Aicota Health Care Center in Aitkin.

Funeral services were held Monday, June 27, 2016 at the New Life Church in Aitkin with Rev. Larry Burg officiating. Burial was in the Bennettville Cemetery.

She was born August 22, 1924 in Crosby, to Albert and Minnie (Kreiger) Randall. She grew up and attended schools in Crosby. She married William Banks on June 3, 1945 in Superior, WI. They made their home in Aitkin where she raised her family. She worked for the Aitkin Hospital and was the Laundry Supervisor for 20 years. She enjoyed quilting, sewing, and gardening and she loved to play cards. She had been a member of the Bethel Lutheran Brethren Church in Aitkin.

She is survived by her sons and daughters-

in-law: Donald and Barbara Banks, Calumet; William and Sue Banks, Aitkin; daughters and sons-in-law: Martha and Randy Wise, Princeton; Jeanette and Roger Andrews, Brooklyn Park; Bonnie and Joseph Moore, Fairborn, OH; 19 grandchildren, many great-grandchildren, several great-great-grandchildren and sister, Orpha Randall, Aitkin.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, William in 2004; son and daughter-in-law, Ernest "Harry" and Bonnie Banks; infant daughter, Elsie; two grandchildren; brothers, William and Charlie and sisters: Lillian, Mary Jane, Ellen and Hilda.

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## PATRICIA RINDE



Patricia M. Rinde "Pat", 66, died Thursday, June 23, 2016 at home after a long bout with cancer with her husband by her side.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, July 16, 2016 at 2 p.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Crosby with coffee and cake to follow. Visitation will be one hour before the services at the church.

She was born on April 20, 1950 in Minneapolis to Leon and Virginia (Eisele) Burke. She was owner and operator for 37 years of Pat's Dance Studio (1979-1997) and then Heartland

Dance and Gymnastics until the present. She also did "Stocking Stuffers" for area children the past 20 years.

She is survived by her husband, Paul Rinde, Ironton; son and daughter-in-law, Josh and Nikki, Crosby; daughter and son-in-law, Jillian and Timmy, Deerwood; grandsons: Mayson and Brayden, Crosby; granddaughter, Alayna, Brainerd; sisters and brothers-in-law: Linda, Moundsview; Rosie and Jeff, Brooklyn Park; Terri and Pat, Moundsview; brother and sister-in-law, Mike and Trish, Blaine.

Arrangements were with the Cremation Society of Duluth.

## CAROL KERN

Carol Ann Kern, 80, of Aitkin died Sunday, June 26, 2016 at Riverwood Health Care Center in Aitkin.

A gathering of friends and family will be held

at a later date.

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### ALLIANCE

Aitkin\* — New Life; Larry Burg & John Baker, pastors; Sunday School JAM session 9 am; Worship 10:15 am & 5:30 pm; Youth Group, Wed 6:15 pm; 112 - 1st Ave. SW 218-927-2823.

Garrison\* — Pastor Michael H. Palkie; Worship 9; SS 10:30.

McGregor/Big Sandy — Rev. S. DeMars, 426-3408; E. of Sather's Store; Worship 9:30; Children's Church 10 Onamia — Vineland Native American Chapel, Hwy. 169 north of casino; Worship 11; Pastor Boeringa 320-532-4449

### ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Aitkin — Heritage Church, Rev. Jason Erickson; SS 9; Worship 9:30; Wed. 7 p.m.

Crosby — Rev. Michael Towers; Worship 10:30

Crosslake — Crossroads Christian, Rev. Gary Espeseth; SS at 9:30; Worship at 10:45

Hill City — Rev. G. Valley; Worship 10 and 6:30 p.m.; Bible Study Thurs. 7 pm.

Palisade — Pastor Ed Sornberger; SS 9; Worship 10; Kids Church; Small groups during the week 218-845-2726

### BAPTIST

Aitkin — Westside, Pastor D. Smith; Worship 10; Bible Life group 11:11; [aitkinwestside.org](http://aitkinwestside.org).

Brainerd — Eagles Nest, Pastor Bob Stockland 218-829-4673, Worship 11, SS 9:45.

Breezy Point — Eagles Nest, Pastor Bob Stockland 218-562-5252, Worship 9:30, SS 9:30.

Crosby — Bible Baptist, Pastor G. Fisher; SS 9:45; Service 10:45 and 6 p.m., Bible Study and Our Kids for Christ Wed. 7 pm

Deerwood\* — Pastor W. Skog; SS 9:30; Worship 10:30 and 6 pm; Wed. Service, 6:30 pm.

Glory — Pastor Chris Meirose; 927-3678; SS 9:15; Worship 10:30 a.m.; Wed. 6 pm Glory Family night, Kids' Club age 4-6, MAD4Christ grades 7-12.

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. David Forsman, 218-927-6581; Mass Sat. 5 pm, Sun. 9 am.

Brainerd — St. Andrew's, Fr. Daniel Weiske, Sat. 4:30; Sun. 10:00 and St. Mathias Sunday 8:00.

Brainerd — St. Francis, Fr. Anthony Wroblewski, 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. Dale Nau, Mass: Sat. 5 pm; Sun. 10:30.

Crosslake — Immaculate Heart, 218-692-3731; [www.ihmstemilys.org](http://www.ihmstemilys.org); Mass: Sat. 4 pm; Sun. 8:30; Confession Sat. 3 pm.

Deerwood — St. Joseph's, Fr. Dale Nau, Mass: Sun 8:30.

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. David Forsman, 218-927-6581; Mass Sun. 8 am.; Sat. 6 pm (Memorial Day through Labor Day)

Grand Rapids — St. Joseph's, Fr. Jerry Weiss, Mass: Sat. 5 pm; Sun. 8 & 10:30. 218-326-2483

Hillman — Holy Family, Fr. David Forsman, 218-927-6581; Mass Sun. 10

McGrath — Our Lady of Fatima, Fr. Paul Larson, Mass: Sun. 11 am.

McGregor — Holy Family, Fr. Paul Fruth, Mass: Sat. 5:30 p.m.; Sun. 9.

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; Gents Franz 217-371-4977; Sacramento Mtg. 10, SS 11; 10 Priesthood/Relief Society noon

### COMMUNITY

Aitkin — Nondenominational; 927-2749; at 219-1st Ave. NE., Aitkin, Services Sun. 10, 218-927-6959

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 Community Church (the little white church in Jacobson). 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 — Amazing Grace Christian Church; Worship 10; 43242 Hwy. 65 N, 2 mi. N of Hwy. 210 on Hwy. 65. 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 — Osippee Community, SS 9:15; Service 10:30; Wed. Bible Study Prayer, 7:00 p.m.

Nisswa — Christ Community Church, Pastor Dave Uhrich; Service 10; Fellowship 9:30-10

Outing - Narrows Community Church, (non-demoninational), Pastor Stanley Mikles, 218-820-5365 Worship 11; Wednesday Prayer Meeting 6 pm; Wednesday Bible Study 7 pm Clothes Closet 8 am - noon, second and fourth Saturday

Palisade/Waukenabo Twp. — Hilltop Chapel, Pastor B. Hite; Service 10 a.m.; Adult and Children's SS 9 a.m.; between Esquagama & Round Lake. Handicap Accessible.

Tamarack — Church of Christ, 218-768-3898; Service 9:30; SS 10:45.

### CONGREGATIONAL

Aitkin — First (UCC) Rev. Susan Cline; Sun. 10; Comm. 1st Sun; Council Mtg. 2nd Sun. Spiritual fellowship, Sun. 9.

### EPISCOPAL

Aitkin — St. John's, Rev. Karl E. Bell, Holy Communion Service 9

### EVANGELICAL FREE

Crosby-Ironton — Lifespring Church, 9:30, 30 Hallet Ave NE 218-545-5433, [visitalifespring.com](http://visitalifespring.com)

Crosslake — Interim Pastor Mark Holmen; Call for Service Times at 218-692-4141, email [thelogchurch@crosslake.net](mailto:thelogchurch@crosslake.net)

Isle — Pastor Kerry Johnston; Worship 9; SS 10:15; Wed. Youth Group 6 pm; Adult Prayer 6:30 pm

Malmö — Pastor Glenn Browning; SS 9:30; Fellowship 10; Worship 10:15; Young Families Fellowship 2nd and last Fri. of month, 5 pm

Wright — Pastor Ken Mitchell, 218-426-5115; SS 9:30; Worship, 10:30; Thu., Bible Study, 7 pm.

### INDEPENDENT PENTECOSTAL

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.

### HEBREW/MESSIANIC

Glen — Beth Shalom Tabernacle of Truth, Rabi Frank Dell, for information 320-684-2804

### LUTHERAN

Aitkin — Bethlehem (ELCA), Rev. Cindy Gray; Worship 9:30; Holy Comm. 1st & 3rd Sun each month.

Aitkin — First\* Pastors Darrell Pedersen, Melissa Carmack & Bob Munneke; worship Sun. 9; Wed. 6 p.m. at Maria Chapel; Sat. 5 p.m.; communion every Sat., and 1st and 3rd Sun.; contemporary service 2nd and 5th Sun.; nursery staffed. Sunday service broadcast live on KKN (94.3FM) and on TV cable channel 181 at 9 a.m., Wed.

Community meal every Mon., 5:30 p.m.; food shelf second and fourth Thurs. each month, 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Aitkin — St. John's (Missouri Synod), Pastor D. Becker; Worship Sun. 9, SS 10

Baxter — Christ Lutheran Church (WELS). Pastor Bill Werth. Sunday Worship 9. Sunday School/Adult Bible Class 10:15. 13815 Cherrywood Dr. in Baxter. (Corner of Inglewood 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.pobpaxter.org](http://www.pobpaxter.org)

Beaver Township — Finnish EA, Hwy. 27, Worship 1st & 3rd Sun., 10:30.

Brainerd — Good Shepherd Free Lutheran Church- AFLC Affiliated, 5878 Pine Beach Road, Pastor Gary Jorgenson, 218-824-3052, Worship at 10 am. Communion 1st and 3rd Sunday's. Wednesday 7pm. Bible Study.

Brainerd - Laestadian Lutheran Church; 1501 So. 8th St. - Sunday Worship Services 11 am. ([www.lchurch.org](http://www.lchurch.org))

Brainerd — Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA) 1420 South 6th Street Brainerd — Pastor David P. Holte and Pastor Hans Anderson - Summer Sunday Worship Time is 9 a.m. and Wednesday evening at 6 p.m. - Phone: 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

Cedarbrook — St. John's (ELCA), Rev. Sandy Berg-Holte; Worship 8:30; SS 9:30; Saturday SS; Holy Comm. 1st & 3rd Sun.

Crosby — Immanuel (LCMC, NALC) Rev. Paul Mattson; Sun. 9 & 10:30 worship; SS (Sept.-May) 10:40.

Crosby — Zion (LC-MS) Pastor Dean Stolz; Worship 8:30; SS 10; Bible Study Wed. 7 pm; handicap accessible. 218-546-6910

Crosslake — (ELCA), Indoor worship 8:30; Coffee Fellowship 9:30; outdoor worship 10. 218-692-3682.

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 Glen Bickford; Worship: 8:15 (traditional) & 10 (contemporary); Sunday School 10 am.

Giese Immanuel — Rev. R. Langhorst & Rev. R. Lovaas; Worship 9; SS 10; Holy Communion 1st Sun. of month 8:45.

Garrison — Light of the Cross (ELCA), Pastor Juli Sutton-Deem; Worship 9 SS 9; 320-692-4773 or 877-406-9101.

Garrison — Shepherd of the Lake (LCMS). Worship 10 with communion 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays. Adult Bible Study 8:30am, Sunday School Sept-May, 8:30am. Fellowship 11am. 320-692-4581. [www.shepherdofthelake.org](http://www.shepherdofthelake.org).

Hill City — Trinity, (Missouri Synod), Pastor Volkert; Worship 9; Bible Study 10:15.

Hillman — Immanuel, (ELCA) Pastor Jean Megorden; Sun. Worship 9:30, SS 10. Located on the corner of Hwy. 27 and Co. Rd. 47 (Handicap accessible)

Iron Hub — Immanuel (LC-MS), Pastor Dean Stolz; Worship 10:30; 218-534-3069.

Isle — Faith (ELCA), Interim Pastor Rev. Henry French; Worship 9:30; handicapped accessible.

Isle — Holden (ELCA), SS 9:30; Worship 10:30.

Isle — Trinity (Missouri Synod), Rev. Mark Maunula; Worship 8:30; Fellowship follows; SS 9:45; Adult Bible 10.

Jacobson — Carmel, Vicar Mark Wagner; SS 1st & 3rd Sun. 10, Service 11, fellowship follows.

Malmö — Bethesda (ELCA), Rev. Jim Raisanen; Sat. Informal Worship 5 pm; Sun. Worship 8:30 & 10; Fellowship between services; Comm. 1st & 3rd Sun.

McGrath — Grace; Wed. potluck 5 pm, Bible study 6 p.m.; SS 10; Worship 11.

McGrath — Zion (ELCA), Pastor Elliott Malm; Worship 9; SS 9.

McGregor/Big Sandy Lake — Grace Lutheran Log Church (ELCA), Pastor Ericka Foss; 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 Michael Gustafson, Worship 9.

Palisade\* — Bethel (ELCA), Rev. Wm. J. Sass; Worship 9:30; Wed. School classes 4:15 p.m.

Pequot Lakes-Our Savior's Lutheran Church (ELCA), Rev. Donna M. Olsen, Worship 8 & 10; SS 10; Wed. Worship 5:45 pm; Free Community Supper Wednesdays at 5 pm.

Rosburg — Bethesda (ELCA), Rev. Sandy Berg-Holte; Worship 10:30; SS 2nd & 4th Sundays 10:30; Comm. 1st & 3rd Sunday each month.

Tamarack (AFLC) — Pastor Ron Staudinger; 1<sup>st</sup>, 3

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### Strawberry Shortcake Bites

#### What You Need

- 18-24 large strawberries
- 1 c ready made strawberry shortcake sponge cake, more or less
- 1 can whipped cream (or fresh whipped cream, if desired)
- 18-24 blueberries, fresh

#### Directions

- Clean strawberries and blueberries.
- Set blueberries aside.
- Pare off stem tops of strawberries.
- Using a paring knife or melon baller, scoop out inside flesh of the strawberries.
- Put in strawberry flesh into bowl.

- Dice or shred cakes into small bits and add to strawberry flesh in bowl. Stir.
- Stuff the strawberries with cake mixture.
- Top with whipped cream and add a blueberry.
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The current high school is based on an outdated model where the teacher is the sage on the stage and a textbook is the only resource. Technology has changed all of this. The facts and stories that teachers once had a monopoly on are now available with the right Google search or

by posing a question to Siri. Research based strategies indicate that the old method should only be a fraction of how we deliver instruction.

Simply put, the buildings limit the services we can provide for our students. In a highly competitive world economy, our kids are at a disadvantage. We have teachers with innovative ideas for journalism, marketing, video production, biology and more but are limited by the facilities. In an era of teacher shortages, Aitkin competes for excellent educators. If we want to attract and retain quality teachers, our facilities must be competitive as well. Look to other districts and you will see robotics and engineering labs, construction classes, collaborative spaces and other areas designed for 21st Century Skills. Since the world is changing at light speed, we need to focus more on learning skills, innovation and flexibility.

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# Family musical celebrates enduring friendship in Pequot Lakes



Ron Wendorf (left) and Scott Ruffing, Rabbit Lake residents, are featured among the colorful characters of the family musical "A Year with Frog and Toad" presented by Pequot Lakes Community Theatre. The show is July 7, 8, 13, 14, and 15 at 7:30 p.m. and July 9 at 2 p.m. in the Pequot Lakes High School Theater. Call 218-568-8200 for tickets. Information is available at [www.glapa.info](http://www.glapa.info)

"A Year with Frog and Toad," a story of friendship and adventure, is an enchanting musical for the whole family presented by Pequot Lakes Community

Theatre (PLCT).

Performance dates are July 7, 8, 13, 14, and 15 at 7:30 p.m. and July 9 at 2 p.m. in the Pequot Lakes High School Theatre.

The plot follows two great friends, the cheerful and popular Frog (Michael Sander) and the rather grumpy Toad (Ben Gordon) through four, fun-filled seasons.

Based on the beloved books by Arnold Lobel the treasured characters leap from page to stage with a hummable score by Robert and Willie Reale. This Broadway hit was nominated for three TONY Awards, including Best Musical.

Waking from hibernation in the spring, Frog and Toad plant gardens, swim, rake leaves, go sledding, and learn life lessons along the way. The two best friends celebrate their differences

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Part vaudeville, part make-believe, all charm, "A Year with Frog and Toad" puts the spotlight on friendship that endures, weathering all seasons. The jazzy, upbeat score bubbles with melody and wit.

In addition to Frog and Toad, a host of characters come to life, including:

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- Man Bird, Father Frog, Snail – Scott Ruffing;
- Lizard, Terrible Horrible Frog, Mole, Squirrel – Ron Wendorf.

The show is directed by Nancy Waller. Vocal director is Lauren Nickisch. Stephanie White is stage manager. Tim Leagjeld is set

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PLCT is part of the non-profit Greater Lakes Area Performing Arts organization, and this show is sponsored by Essentia Health and made possible by a grant from the Five Wings Arts Council. Music Theater In-

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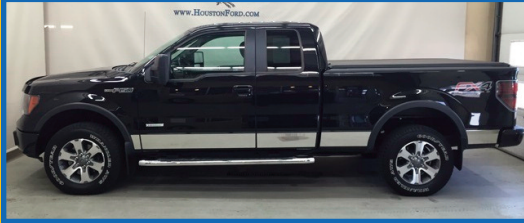


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