

# Staples Area Church Directory

## Staples

**Staples Alliance**  
1512 8th St. NE, Staples .....218-894-2891  
Pastor Bob Hepokoski, Paul Johnson  
Mark Shea, Pastor of Student Ministries  
Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School.....11:00 a.m.  
WEDNESDAY  
AWANA.....6:15 p.m.

**Assembly of God**  
914 3rd Ave. NE, Staples ..... 218-894-1081  
Pastor Roy Miles  
Discipleship Class.....9:15 a.m.  
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.  
Evening Prayer.....6:00 p.m.  
WEDNESDAY  
Wednesday times are for Sept. - May  
Nightlight (Kids Program)...4:00 - 5:30 p.m.  
Youth Group.....5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

**Church of Christ**  
27343 490th St., Staples.....218-894-2609  
Pastor Barry Klein  
Website: www.stapleschurchofchrist.org  
Bible School (youth and adult)....9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.  
WEDNESDAY:  
Teen Youth/Adults Bible Study.....6:30 p.m.

**Congregational Church, UCC**  
204 5th St. NE, Staples..... 218-894-2571  
Worship.....9:30 a.m.  
Fellowship, refreshments following service

**Faith Lutheran**  
430 12th Street. NE., Staples.....218-894-1546  
Pastor: Carl Larson  
Sunday Worship Service.....9:00 a.m.  
Sunday School and  
Coffee Fellowship.....10:05 a.m.

**Sacred Heart Church**  
310 4th St. NE, Staples .....218-894-2296  
Church.....  
Pastor Fr. Joe Korf  
Youth and Young Adult Ministry  
Coordinator:  
Monica J. Simmons.....218-414-0081 cell/text  
MASS:  
Thursday and Friday.....8:30 a.m..  
Saturday.....5:00 p.m..  
Sunday.....8:30 a.m.

**Seventh Day Adventist**  
421 Dakota Ave. SE, Staples  
218-894-0033  
Saturday Worship.....10:45 a.m.  
Sabbath School.....9:30 a.m.

**Thomastown Covenant**  
15940 251st Ave., Staples.....218-894-3923  
Pastor Nathan Hillman  
Sunday School.....9:15 a.m.  
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.  
WEDNESDAY.....7:00 p.m.

**Trinity Lutheran**  
1000 4th St., NE, Staples.....218-894-2372  
Rev. Robin Collins  
Sunday Divine Service.....9:00 a.m.  
Sunday School & Bible Class.....10:15 a.m.

**United Methodist**  
310 5th St. NE, Staples.....218-894-2248  
Pastor Greg Leslie  
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.  
(Nursery Available for Sunday Worship)  
Sunday School (for grades K-12 and adults)  
.....9:15-10:15 a.m.

## Aldrich

**Congregational, United Church of Christ**  
One block S. of Hwy. 10, Aldrich  
Pastor Dave Seaton.....218-445-5831  
Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m.  
Communion.....1st Sunday of Month

**Balsamlund Lutheran**  
19550 490th Street, Aldrich  
Eric Clapp.....701-261-2394 (cell)  
Sunday Worship.....8:15 a.m.  
Sunday School.....8:30 a.m.

## Cushing

**Bethany Lutheran**  
25430 Bison Rd. Cushing, MN  
320-749-2140  
www.bethanylutherancushing.com.  
Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m.

**Lincoln Evangelical Free**  
1354 320th St., Cushing.....218-575-2449  
www.lincolnefree.org Facebook Lincoln E Free  
Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs., 9 a.m.-2 p.m.  
Senior Pastor: Donald Reigstad  
Pastor: Jim Brown  
Youth Coordinator: Kelly Gelle  
SUNDAY  
Sunday School for all ages.....9:00 a.m.  
Worship Gathering.....10:00 a.m.  
WEDNESDAY  
Praise & Prayer.....4:30 p.m.  
Kids' Club.....6:00 p.m.  
Jr./Sr. Forge Youth Group.....6:00 p.m.

**Cushing Baptist**  
26298 Bear Rd., Cushing  
www.cushingbaptistchurch.org  
Pastor Dan Holmes.....320-749-2583  
Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.  
Worship.....10:30 a.m.  
WEDNESDAY  
Bible study.....7:30 p.m.

## Leader

**Swan Valley Lutheran**  
Leader.....218-397-2470  
Sandy Knight, Synodically Authorized Minister  
of Word and Sacrament  
Sunday Worship.....11:00 a.m.

**Maple Hill Lutheran**  
Sandy Knight, Synodically Authorized Minister  
of Word and Sacrament  
Leader.....218-397-2470 (Rural Pine River)  
Worship and Sunday School.....9:00 a.m.

**Leaf River Township  
The Old Country Church**  
Leaf River Twp., Wadena County Rd. 6  
Info. 218-837-5690 ..Open by arrangement

## Motley

**Motley Free Methodist**  
33 Wellwood St. E  
Motley 56466.....218-352-6888  
Pastor Jim Johnson  
Sunday Worship.....9:00 & 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday School.....10:30 a.m.  
WEDNESDAY  
Kids Club.....4:00-5:30 p.m.  
Youth Group.....5:30-7:30 p.m.

**St. John's Lutheran**  
497 3rd Ave. S, Motley.....218-352-6399  
Pastor Vicar Paul Koehler  
Sunday School and Bible Class.....8:30 a.m.  
Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.

**St. Michael**  
1st St. and Birch, Motley.....218-894-2296  
Pastor Fr. Joe Korf  
MASS:  
Tuesday.....6:30 p.m.  
Wednesday.....8:30 a.m..  
Saturday.....7:00 p.m..  
Sunday.....10:30 a.m.

**United Methodist**  
847 3rd Ave. S. Lane, Motley.....218-352-6466  
Pastor Greg Leslie  
www.motleyumc.org  
Sunday Worship Service.....9:00 a.m.  
Monday AA meeting.....8:00 p.m.

## Oylen

**Oylen Alliance**  
City Rds. 7 and 9, Oylen  
218-472-3440 or 218-472-3316  
Pastor Neal Malcore  
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.  
Sunday Worship.....11:00 a.m.

## Pillager

**First Lutheran Church**  
717 River Street S, Pillager, MN  
218-746-3775  
Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School.....8:30 a.m.

**Casino Assembly of God**  
Pastor Dan Johnson  
N. of Motley, Hwy. 64, E. on Cty 34 to Cty. 104.  
Phone.....218-746-3839  
Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.  
Worship.....10:30 a.m.  
Sunday Worship.....7:00 p.m.  
WEDNESDAY.....7:00 p.m.

**First Baptist**  
903 River Street South, Pillager  
Pastor Jake Anderson  
218-746-3768  
curious@fbcpillager.com  
Worship Gathering.....10:00 a.m.  
Connection Point.....9:30 a.m.  
(serving coffee and donuts)

## Hewitt

**Church of the Nazarene**  
114 Front Street, P.O. Box 146 Hewitt, MN  
218-924-2028  
Pastor Wayne Hoffert  
Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Worship.....10:45 a.m./6 p.m.  
WEDNESDAY  
Prayer.....7:00 p.m.

**Trinity Lutheran Church (LCMS)**  
524 Front Street, PO Box 116, Hewitt, MN  
Pastor Robin Fish  
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.

## Verndale

**Verndale Alliance**  
109 NW Brown Street, Verndale, MN 56481  
218-445-5619  
Senior Pastor Tony Stanley  
Heath Belknap, Pastor of Student Ministries  
Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Bible Fellowship Classes  
.....11-11:45 a.m.

**Family Life Church**  
402 NE Clark Drive, Verndale  
Church.....218-445-5568  
VerndaleFLLC@gmail.com  
Pastor Amos Self.....218-371-7189  
Childrens' Pastor Kenneth Kjeldergaard  
SUNDAY  
Discipleship Classes.....9:00 a.m.  
Prayer.....9:20 a.m.  
Coffee & Fellowship.....9:30 a.m.  
Worship Service.....10:00 a.m.  
WEDNESDAY  
6:00 p.m.....Meal  
6:30 p.m.....Groups

**Hope Chapel Alliance**  
18126 County Road 7, Verndale  
218-445-5643 or 218-472-3316  
Pastor Neal Malcore  
Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m.  
Sunday School.....10:30 a.m.  
WEDNESDAY  
Family Night.....5:30 p.m.

**Immanuel Lutheran Church  
of Bartlett Township (LCMS)**  
17097 460th St. PO Box 37, Verndale  
Pastor Robin Fish  
Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m.  
WEDNESDAY  
Bible Study.....6:30 p.m.

**Verndale United Methodist**  
10 3rd Ave. SW, Verndale  
218-445-5108  
Pastor Jill Pawlowski  
Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m.

**Central United Methodist**  
5 miles N on Cty Rd 26 (Nimrod tar)  
Pastor Chuck Horsager  
218-639-4225  
Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m.  
Sunday School.....10:30 a.m.

## Why is the Gospel Important?

Pastor Greg Leslie, Staples United Methodist Church

Why is the Gospel so important? You see, Mark's Gospel shows that Jesus is constantly on the move. There is this forward motion that is used that keeps the reader continually looking ahead to Jesus' death and resurrection. It is as though the brevity in Mark gives us a sense of urgency, which is important because the Gospel gives us a view of that in Jesus' short time on earth and in ministry, there were many things to accomplish.

The big idea that comes from Mark is that Jesus shows himself as a Servant of God, unlike in Matthew, in which Jesus is portrayed as the King. But Jesus' work was not just healing those who were sick, there was a much larger purpose which is stated in verse 10:45, "For the Human One didn't come to be served but rather to serve

and to give his life to liberate many people." You see, the Gospel of Mark has many stories of Jesus and his miracles, which illustrate the power and the compassion that He had. Mark is revealing Jesus as a great teacher who is offering the people a spiritual renewal, along with Jesus being the true God and a true man who is wanting to reach into the lives of the people around him with circumstantial and physical change.

You see, Jesus' life had a purpose. He did ministry hands-on, which shows us the definitive way in which we should serve humanity through His death and resurrection. It is through faith and love, along with the works of Jesus that we can find ourselves and serve others well. In all reality Jesus is the model for how we should live our lives, serving others.

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### Longbella Drug Store

"The Prescription Store"  
2nd Ave., Staples • 218-894-2242  
Motley and Pillager

### Ernie's Food Market

Groceries - Gas - Convenience - more  
Staples, MN 218-894-1072

### Staples Veterinary Clinic

"Complete Animal Care"  
Staples, MN 218-894-1775

### Mid-Central Federal Savings Bank

Fully Insured to \$250,000  
Staples, MN 218-894-3900

### Central Building Supply

Bob Reeck, Manager  
Hwy. 10 West, Staples, MN

### Staples World

Your community newspaper since 1890  
224 4th St. NE, Staples, MN  
218-894-1112

### Tower Pizza

Pizza, Pasta, Salads, Sandwiches  
Staples, MN 218-894-3299

### Staples True Value "Just Ask Rental"

Open 7 days a week.  
Staples, MN 218-894-3263