

Staples Area Church Directory

Staples

Staples Alliance

1512 8th St. NE, Staples218-894-2891
 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 Group5:30 - 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, Staples218-894-2296
 Church.....
 Pastor Fr. Gabriel Walz
 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 Worship10:45 am.
 Sabbath School9:30 a.m.

Thomastown Covenant

15940 251st Ave., Staples218-894-3923
 Pastor Nathan Hillman
 Sunday School.....9:15 a.m.
 Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY7:00 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran

1000 4th St., NE, Staples218-894-2372
 Rev. Robin Collins
 Sunday Divine Service9:00 a.m.
 Sunday School & Bible Class.....10:15 a.m.

United Methodist

310 5th St. NE, Staples218-894-2248
 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 Seaton218-445-5831
 Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m.
 Communion1st Sunday of Month

Balsamlund Lutheran

19550 490th Street, Aldrich
 Eric Clapp701-261-2394 (cell)
 Sunday Worship.....8:15 a.m.
 Sunday School8:30 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., Cushing218-575-2449
 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 ages9:00 a.m.
 Worship Gathering.....10:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
 Praise & Prayer4:30 p.m.
 Kids' Club.....6:00 p.m.
 Jr./Sr. Forge Youth Group6:00 p.m.

Cushing Baptist

26298 Bear Rd., Cushing
 www.cushingbaptistchurch.org
 Pastor Dan Holmes.....320-749-2583
 Sunday School9:30 a.m.
 Worship.....10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
 Bible study.....7:30 p.m.

Leader

Swan Valley Lutheran

Leader218-397-2470
 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
 Leader218-397-2470 (Rural Pine River)
 Worship and Sunday School9:00 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 Group5:30-7:30 p.m.

St. John's Lutheran

497 3rd Ave. S, Motley218-352-6399
 Pastor Vicar Paul Koehler
 Sunday School and Bible Class8:30 a.m.
 Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.

St. Michael

1st St. and Birch, Motley218-894-2296
 Pastor Fr. Gabriel Walz
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

Cty. Rds. 7 and 9, Oylen
 218-472-3440 or 218-472-3316
 Pastor Neal Malcore
 Sunday School10:00 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 School8:30 a.m.

Casino Assembly of God

Pastor Dan Johnson
 N. of Motley, Hwy. 64, E. on Cty 34 to Cty. 104.
 Phone218-746-3839
 Sunday School9:30 a.m.
 Worship.....10:30 a.m.
 Sunday Worship.....7:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY7:00 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 School9:30 a.m.
 Sunday Worship.....10:45 a.m./6 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
 Prayer7:00 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
 VerndaleFLC@gmail.com
 Pastor Amos Self218-371-7189
 Childrens' Pastor Kenneth Kjeldergaard
SUNDAY
 Discipleship Classes.....9:00 a.m.
 Prayer.....9:20 a.m.
 Coffe & Fellowship.....9:30 a.m.
 Worship Service.....10:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
 6:00 p.m.....Meal
 6:30 p.mGroups

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 Worship9:00 a.m.
 Sunday School.....10:30 a.m.

He Must Become Greater; I Must Become Less.

John 3:30

Pastor Paul Johnson, Staples Alliance Church

We can learn a lot from John the Baptist. As the older cousin of Jesus, John had a powerful ministry, preaching a message that would prepare the way for the coming Messiah. The natural tendency of fallen human nature is to jealously protect what is ours - whether it is fame, our reputation or the things we possess - the limelight does have its pull. But John knew his role; he was not the King, only the one sent to smooth the road for the King's coming; he was not the Groom, but rather the friend who made the preparations for the wedding celebration.

Others have followed in John's wake. Andrew introduced his younger brother Peter to Jesus, and then "faded into the background" of Peter's shadow. Barnabas contented himself to coming alongside and encouraging others, like Paul, to greatness. What a lesson in selflessness!

Take Edmund Halley as another example. C.S. Kirkendall, Jr. writes:

Every young student knows of Isaac Newton's famed encounter with a falling apple. Newton discovered and introduced the laws of gravity in the 1600s, which revolutionized astronomical studies. But few know that if it weren't for Edmund Halley, the world might never have learned of Newton. It was Halley who challenged Newton to think through his original notions. Halley corrected Newton's mathematical errors and prepared geometrical figures to support his discoveries. Halley coaxed the hesitant Newton to write his great work, Mathematical Principles

of Natural Philosophy. Halley edited and supervised the publication and actually financed its printing even though Newton was wealthier and easily could have afforded the printing costs.

Historians call it one of the most selfless examples in the annals of science. Newton began almost immediately to reap the rewards of prominence; Halley received little credit. He did use the principles to predict the orbit and return of the comet that would later bear his name, but only after his death did he receive any acclaim. And because the comet only returns every seventy-six years, the notice is rather infrequent. Halley remained a devoted scientist who didn't care who received the credit as long as the cause was being advanced.

"He must become greater; I must become less." Deference is intriguing as a virtue because it's the forward act of stepping backward for the benefit of another's welfare. It's the attitude of Jesus Himself who, "being in very nature did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made Himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled himself and became obedient to death, even death on a cross!" (Philippians 2:6-8). He did this for your welfare, and mine.

Has God been speaking to you lately about such a posture? If He has, how will you respond?

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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