

# Staples Area Church Directory

## Staples

### Staples Alliance

1512 8th St. NE, Staples .....218-894-2891  
Pastor Bob Hepokoski, Paul Johnson  
Mark Shear, 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  
Youth Pastor Julie Boone  
Discipleship Class.....9:15 a.m.  
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.  
Evening Prayer.....6:00 p.m.  
WEDNESDAY  
Sonlight & Youth .....6:30 p.m.

### Church of Christ

27343 490th St., Staples.....218-894-2609  
Pastor Barry Klein  
Website: [www.stapleschurchofchrist.org](http://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  
Church.....218-894-2296  
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 am.  
Sabbath School.....9:30 a.m.

### Thomastown Covenant

15940 251st Ave., Staples.....218-894-3923  
Pastor Nathan Hillman  
Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.  
Sunday Worship.....11:00 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](http://www.bethanylutherancushing.com).  
Rev. Jean M. Megolder  
Lay Pastor Bob Mueller  
Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m.

### Lincoln Evangelical Free

1354 320th St., Cushing.....218-575-2449  
[www.lincolnefree.org](http://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](http://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.

## Leaf River Township

### The Old Country Church

Leaf River Twp., Wadena County Rd. 6  
Info. 218-837-5690 Open by arrangement

## Leader

### Swan Valley Lutheran

Leader.....218-397-2470  
Pastor David Stevens  
Sunday Worship.....11:00 a.m.

### Maple Hill Lutheran

Pastor David Stevens  
Leader.....218-397-2470 (Rural Pine River)  
Worship and Sunday School.....9:00 a.m.

## 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](http://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 School.....10:00 a.m.  
Sunday Worship.....11:00 a.m.

## Pillager

### First Lutheran Church

717 River Street S, Pillager, MN  
218-746-3775  
Pastor Hector Merced  
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](mailto: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  
[VerndaleFLC@gmail.com](mailto:VerndaleFLC@gmail.com)  
Pastor Amos Self.....218-371-7189  
Childrens' Pastor Kenneth Kjeldergaard  
Prayer.....8:30 a.m.  
Coffee & Fellowship.....8:45 a.m.  
Worship.....9:10 and 11:00 a.m.  
Prayer or Life Groups.....6:00 p.m.  
WEDNESDAY  
6:00 p.m.....Family fellowship meal  
6:30 p.m.....Ministry Groups/Bible study

### 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.

## Hanging on to the Rock in the Storms of Life

### Pastor Barry Klein, Staples Church of Christ

I was reminded again in December through a verbal prayer request that the Christmas-New Year's holidays are not "the most wonderful time of year" for many people. There are some disturbing life statistics that cyclically arrive during each January. Darkness deepens when you are lonely and disappointed.

I was watching The Weather Channel as live footage captured a man caught in a violent river current. There was a large life-saving rock that he was clinging to until the rescue crew could reach him and bring him to safety.

In Matthew 7:24-27, Jesus shares the vivid word picture that contrasts a person who literally hangs on to Jesus in the storms of life with a person who is living life in shifting sand.

This reminds me of another weather phenomena that is gut-wrenching to even see, let alone experience, when people, many times unknown to them, find that their house (or even neighborhood) was built on a sink-hole that swallows everything above it.

Some of the above scenarios can't always be prevented, but God does greatly help us in areas of our lives where something can be done about it. First off, let's start with the most important matter... that of our relationship with God.

Too many of our lives are lived in either unawareness of or thankfulness for God's extreme generosity. This is especially true when it comes to bringing us back to Him after we left Him in our distrusting sin. In Deuteronomy 8, God's heart is broken. He is always a generous God. He wants to give us so much. But alas, in this chapter, He sees the pattern of us presuming on His generosity to the point that we conclude that WE make it all happen. When this happens, we turn on Him. But, patient as He is, He keeps pursuing us in His incredible and patient love, calling us back to Himself. This is of first order. This is salvation as He paid for our sins on the cross through the death of His Son, Jesus. He desires deeply that we humbly and gratefully receive this utmost gift.

All other gifts from God need to follow, not replace, this rock-solid foundation gift in each of our lives.

Then, in our storms of life, we're able to draw from His other gifts; of Bible reading, prayer, His Church and other trusted friends around us. Following those rock-solid gifts from God, may be a well-timed card with a note, a phone call or God's gift of you sharing His gifts with others. In dark times, it's amazing how God heals you, when you reach out to serve.

The Staples area Church Directory is sponsored by these businesses:

### 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