

Staples Area Church Directory

Staples

Staples Alliance
1512 8th St. NE, Staples 218-894-2891
Pastor Bob Hepokoski, Paul Johnson
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
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
Pastor Tony Romaine
Worship 9:30 a.m.
Fellowship, refreshments following service

Faith Lutheran
430 12th Street. NE., Staples
218-894-1546
Pastor Stephen Sveom
Sunday Worship
First Service 8:30 a.m.
Second Service 10:45 a.m.
Sunday School 9:35 a.m.
Coffee fellowship 9:35 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
Jeff Scoggins, Pastor
Saturday Worship 9:30 am.
Sabbath School 10:45 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 Ciesluk
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
(Nursery Available for Sunday Worship)

Aldrich
Congregational, UCC
One block S. of Hwy. 10, Aldrich
Pastor Dave Seaton 218-445-5831
Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.
Communion 1st Sunday of Month

Balsamlund Lutheran
19550 490th Street, Aldrich
Pastor Rachel Stout 218-640-5587
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.
Rev. Jean M. Megorden
Lay Pastor Bob Mueller
Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.

Lincoln Evangelical Free
1354 320th St., Cushing 218-575-2449
www.lincolnefree.org Facebook Lincoln E Free
Senior Pastor: Pastor Dan Crocker
Visitation Pastor: Pastor Jim Brown
Youth Coordinator: Stacey Minion
Sunday School for all Ages 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Kids' Club 6:00 p.m.
Jr./Sr. Forge Youth Group 6:30 p.m.
Men's Bible Study 6:00 p.m.
Praise & Prayer 4:30 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.

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
Assistant Pastor Richard Broberg
Sunday Worship 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Bible Study 6:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
AWANA 6:00 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
Rev. Greg Ciesluk
www.motleyumc.org
Monday AA meeting 8:00 p.m.
Sunday Worship Service 9:00 a.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
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 Paul Johnson
218-746-3768
Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
TUESDAY
Bible Study/Prayer 11:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
AWANA 2yrs-5th grade 6:15 p.m.
Adult Classes 6:15 p.m.

Hewitt
Church of the Nazarene
114 Front Street, P.O. Box 146
Hewitt, MN 56453
218-924-2028
Pastor Wayne Hoffer
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m./6 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Prayer 7:00 p.m.

Verndale
Verndale Alliance
109 NW Brown Street, Verndale.
218-445-5619
Senior Pastor Tony Stanley
Associate Pastor Fred Hartley IV
Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Bible Fellowship Classes
..... 11-11:45 a.m.

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.

Family Life Church
402 NE Clark Drive, Verndale
Church 218-445-5568
VerndaleFLC@gmail.com
Pastor Amos Self 218-371-7189
Children's Pastor Kenneth Kjeldergaard
Sunday School - Worship 10:30 a.m.
Coffee Fellowship 10:00 a.m.
Prayer & Praise 6:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
6:15 - 7:30 p.m. Boys and Girls Ministry
6:15 - 7:30 p.m. C.R.E.W. Youth Ministry
6:15 - 7:30 p.m. Adult Bible Studies

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.

Meth, clergy abuse, and Jesus

Pastor Nathan Hillman, Thomastown Covenant Church

I have been deeply encouraged by the recent articles, in this newspaper, about folks who were addicted to meth until finding freedom through the power of the good news about Jesus. All those who walk with Jesus know, from personal experience, this same transforming power that is available against any sin and for all those who seek Him!

I have been deeply discouraged by the recent ads, also in this newspaper, seeking information about pastors that have used and abused people who came to them seeking the love of God. Unfortunately, too many of us (across all church denominations) have experienced the failures and abuses of those that were supposed to be our spiritual leaders.

This story is actually an old one. People who were "sinners" became friends of God. And people who were "godly" set themselves against God. The contrast of these two mirror opposites illustrates a truth that Jesus made very clear during His time on earth. So the last will be first, and the first will be last. (Matthew 20:16) In other words, God has

a very different understanding of greatness than what we humans have. We tend to look at the outer surface. We see the respectable clothes, the professional resume, the smart words, the life that appears put-together.

But God sees the heart. That's why Jesus warned the religious people of His day, Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you. (Matthew 21:31) This simply means that nobody can coast - nobody can presume to have God wrapped around their finger. It means that pastors like myself, and "church people", ought to be the first to humbly come before God, dig deep and seek both His forgiveness for our sins and His power to live transformed lives. For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted. (Matthew 23:12) It means that everybody, no matter who they are or where they're from or what they've done, can choose to follow Jesus today and begin to live in victory! That's good news for meth users and clergy...and you!

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Central Building Supply

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

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

Longbella Drug Store

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

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