

# Staples Area Church Directory

<p><b>Staples</b></p> <p><b>Staples Alliance</b> 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.</p> <p><b>Assembly of God</b> 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 &amp; Youth.....6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>Church of Christ</b> 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.</p> <p><b>Congregational Church, UCC</b> 204 5th St. NE, Staples .....218-894-2571 Worship.....9:30 a.m. Fellowship, refreshments following service</p> <p><b>Faith Lutheran</b> 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.</p> <p><b>Sacred Heart Church</b> 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.</p> <p><b>Seventh Day Adventist</b> 421 Dakota Ave. SE, Staples 218-894-0033 Saturday Worship.....10:45 am. Sabbath School.....9:30 a.m.</p> <p><b>Thomastown Covenant</b> 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.</p> <p><b>Trinity Lutheran</b> 1000 4th St., NE, Staples.....218-894-2372 Rev. Robin Collins Sunday Divine Service.....9:00 a.m. Sunday School &amp; Bible Class.....10:15 a.m.</p>	<p><b>United Methodist</b> 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.</p> <p><b>Aldrich</b></p> <p><b>Congregational, United Church of Christ</b> One block S. of Hwy. 10, Aldrich Pastor Dave Seaton.....218-445-5831 Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m. Communion.....1st Sunday of Month</p> <p><b>Balsamlund Lutheran</b> 19550 490th Street, Aldrich Eric Clapp.....701-261-2394 (cell) Sunday Worship.....8:15 a.m. Sunday School.....8:30 a.m.</p> <p><b>Cushing</b></p> <p><b>Bethany Lutheran</b> 25430 Bison Rd. Cushing, MN 320-749-2140 www.bethanylutherancushing.com. Rev. Jean M. Megordon Lay Pastor Bob Mueller Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m.</p> <p><b>Lincoln Evangelical Free</b> 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 &amp; Prayer.....4:30 p.m. Kids' Club.....6:00 p.m. Jr./Sr. Forge Youth Group.....6:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>Cushing Baptist</b> 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.</p> <p><b>Leaf River Township The Old Country Church</b> Leaf River Twp., Wadena County Rd. 6 Info. 218-837-5690 Open by arrangement</p> <p><b>Leader</b></p> <p><b>Swan Valley Lutheran</b> Leader.....218-397-2470 Pastor David Stevens Sunday Worship.....11:00 a.m.</p> <p><b>Maple Hill Lutheran</b> Pastor David Stevens Leader.....218-397-2470 (Rural Pine River) Worship and Sunday School.....9:00 a.m.</p>	<p><b>Motley</b></p> <p><b>Motley Free Methodist</b> 33 Wellwood St. E Motley 56466.....218-352-6888 Pastor Jim Johnson Sunday Worship.....9:00 &amp; 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.</p> <p><b>St. John's Lutheran</b> 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.</p> <p><b>St. Michael</b> 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.</p> <p><b>United Methodist</b> 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.</p> <p><b>Oylen</b></p> <p><b>Oylen Alliance</b> 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.</p> <p><b>Pillager</b></p> <p><b>First Lutheran Church</b> 717 River Street S, Pillager, MN 218-746-3775 Pastor Hector Merced Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m. Sunday School.....8:30 a.m.</p> <p><b>Casino Assembly of God</b> 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.</p> <p><b>First Baptist</b> 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)</p>	<p><b>Hewitt</b></p> <p><b>Church of the Nazarene</b> 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.</p> <p><b>Trinity Lutheran Church (LCMS)</b> 524 Front Street, PO Box 116, Hewitt, MN Pastor Robin Fish Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.</p> <p><b>Verndale</b></p> <p><b>Verndale Alliance</b> 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.</p> <p><b>Family Life Church</b> 402 NE Clark Drive, Verndale Church.....218-445-5568 VerndaleFLC@gmail.com Pastor Amos Self.....218-371-7189 Childrens' Pastor Kenneth Kjeldergaard Prayer.....8:30 a.m. Coffee &amp; 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</p> <p><b>Hope Chapel Alliance</b> 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.</p> <p><b>Immanuel Lutheran Church of Bartlett Township (LCMS)</b> 17097 460th St. PO Box 37, Verndale Pastor Robin Fish Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m. WEDNESDAY Bible Study.....6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>Verndale United Methodist</b> 10 3rd Ave. SW, Verndale 218-445-5108 Pastor Jill Pawlowski Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m.</p> <p><b>Central United Methodist</b> 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.</p>
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## To all who have been disappointed with God

Pastor Bob Hepokoski, Staples Alliance Church

*There is one God.*

*It is not us.*

*This is a good thing.*

*Rather than the foolishness of conjecturing what we would do if we were God, perhaps we'd be wiser to get to know the God who exists. And the God who exists has been seeking to reveal Himself to us. This is His nature. This is who He is: A relational God who wants to be known. Yes, even by people like us."*

If you've ever felt let down by God, you're not alone. And for all who've felt let down by God and still feel distant from God because of it, I pray these words stir you to draw near to Him.

I recently read "God In You," a wonderful little book by John Stumbo that reminds us of God's desire to reveal Himself to each of us. God wants us to know Him and, for our whole lives, He has been actively making Himself known. In response to those who've felt disappointment with God, Stumbo writes these very helpful words:

*"We've been known to be very upset when He doesn't come through for us as we'd expect. "If I were God, I would have never let that happen!" This is really quite a silly thing to say, because, of course, we are not God and have absolutely no idea what it would be like to be God.*

In times of unwanted troubles, I too, have been known to second-guess God. I wonder why God does (and doesn't do) certain things in my life. And when I ask Him why, He rarely answers. Thankfully, over the course of years, with His help, I've learned that in those moments I don't need to know all the reasons God does what He does. I just need to know Him, His goodness, His love, His faithfulness. And that's enough. He is enough.

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