

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
Youth Pastor Julie Boone
Discipleship Class.....9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.
Evening Prayer.....6:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Sonlight & Youth6:30 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
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. Joe Korf
Youth and Young Adult Ministry
Coordinator:
Monica J. Simmons.....218-414-0081 cell/text
MASS:
Thursday and Friday.....8:30 a.m..
Saturday5:00 p.m.
Sunday.....8:30 a.m.

Seventh Day Adventist

421 Dakota Ave. SE, Staples
218-894-0033
Saturday Worship10:45 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, 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, 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.
Communion1st 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.
Rev. Jean M. Megordon
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
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.

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
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
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
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.

The sin of doing nothing

Pastor Paul Johnson, Staples Alliance Church

Then Jesus began to denounce the cities in which most of His miracles had been performed, because they did not repent... "And you, Capernaum, will you be lifted up to the skies? No, you will go down to the depths. If the miracles that were performed in you had been performed in Sodom, it would have remained to this day. But I tell you that it will be more bearable for Sodom on the day of judgment than for you." --Matthew 11:20,23-24

What an indictment on the city of Capernaum. The gospels mention it a number of times and for good reason; this city was Jesus' "headquarters", if you will. It was a hotbed of miracles, and a city Jesus returned to several times during his earthly ministry. The city of Sodom, on the other hand, was synonymous with wickedness and depravity, (something I'm sure the folks from Capernaum knew quite well). And yet Jesus says to the people of Capernaum that on the Day of Judgment Sodom will come out in better shape than them. Why is that? What possible sin could be worse than the evil that comes to mind when Sodom is mentioned?

The answer is *indifference*. Jesus, God in skin, walked among the citizens of Capernaum for days at a time. They could go to bed and wake up and He would still be there in the morning. They had no beef with Jesus, no desire to "run Him out of town". They simply took Him for granted. Possibly they thought they could gain God's favor by osmosis-simply being in close proximity

to Him without ever truly embracing Him. Whatever the reason, Jesus revealed to them a cold, unresponsive heart-attitude. Had Sodom had that much revelation, that much of God's working among them, it would never have been destroyed-they would have responded in brokenness and repentance.

William Barclay said it this way:

"Here we have the modern situation in so many countries today. There is no hostility to Christianity; there is no desire to destroy it; there is blank indifference. Christ is relegated to the ranks of those who do not matter. Indifference, too, is a sin, and the worst of all, for indifference kills.

It does not burn a religion to death; it freezes it to death. It does not behead it; it slowly suffocates the life out of it.

...The sin of... Capernaum was the sin of doing nothing."

Oh, May we never presume or become indifferent to that presence. May we never think that proximity to Christ equals a relationship with Him. If Matthew 11 is correct, there is a judgment unspeakable that waits for those who day in and day out "tip their hat" to Jesus, but never ever own Him as Sovereign Lord. Those who live this way have determined to embrace a frozen, suffocated religion rather than a living relationship with Jesus. May that never be said of you or me.

The Staples area Church Directory is sponsored by these businesses:

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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