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## Lincoln Lakes area offers fishing, vacation get-aways and more



### Derby crew

A few of the many Lincoln Area Business Association members who helped stage this year's Fishtrap Lake Fishing Derby posed with their grand prize winner of a Ice Castle Fish House. From left are Herb Bloomquist and Peg

Hartung, LABA members; Ellie Quarry and her son, Kyvan Quarry, who purchased the winning raffle ticket for the Ice Castle; and LABA members Tina Snell and John Snell. (Staples World photo by Tom Crawford)

economy, it's nice to know that you don't have to travel very far to have a great vacation," Bloomquist said.

In addition to the fishing derby on Fish Trap Lake, people can check out other area happenings on the LABA's website, www.lincolnlakes.com. "Explore Minnesota also has a good website; and they're promoting this area as well," Bloomquist added.



### Young fisher people

Deb Hartung from the Lincoln Gas and Bait store at Lincoln sponsored cash prizes for those under age 15 at the Fishtrap Lake Derby. Those with the biggest fish included Mason Landowski first place; Cala Erbe, second place (second from right), Cory Hanson third, Alex Muma and Conner Casper, fourth place tie; and Chandler Doucette, fifth place. (Staples World photo by Tom Crawford)

## Crow Wing Calendar

### February 4

**AARP TAX-AIDE FREE TAX HELP**, Thursdays through tax season, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Sylvan Town Hall, located approx. 3 miles east of Pillager on Hwy 210 at 24th Ave. For appt., 218-746-3652. For info., 218-352-6987.

### February 9

**THE MOTLEY AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY**, will hold its regular monthly meeting Tuesday, Feb. 9, 1:30 p.m., Motley City Hall. For info., 218-746-3863. Public invited.

### February 10

**WOMEN IN RECOVERY AA MEETING**, Wednesdays, noon, Motley Free Methodist Church located behind Mr. Ed's. For more info., call JoAnn at 218-575-2611.

### February 19

**FOOT CARE CLINIC**, sponsored by Lakewood Health System, Friday, Feb. 19, 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m., Scandia Valley Town Hall. For appt., 218-894-8080.

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## Scammers take advantage of thousands of consumers every year

about how the Census process will work, check [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov).

• **'Green' remodeling offers.** When working with a contractor, homeowners should have a clear understanding of what makes a product green and the precise advantages and disadvantages of that item. Consumers should verify that the products offered are eligible for advertised rebates or tax incentives.

• **Job scams.** Seeking to take advantage of high unemployment rates, scammers will try to rope people into fraudulent re-shipping schemes or offer jobs in exchange for an upfront payment. Be aware that re-shipping schemes are illegal and legitimate employment offers do not require any payment upfront.

• **Pre-acquired account marketing offers.** After making purchases online, customers receive pop-ups offering discounts which appear to come from the retailer. However, the pop-ups come from third-party companies and by clicking on these offers to save, customers unknowingly sign up for memberships, which result in monthly billings (usually far greater than the initial offer of savings) to their credit cards - even when they haven't directly provided their credit card numbers. Agreements between online retailers and these third-party companies allow customer credit card information to be shared. Customers should be alert when presented with these offers and make sure they understand all the terms of offers they receive.

• **IRS-related scams.** These tend to flare up as tax season approaches. The IRS reminds people that they do not discuss tax account matters with people by

email. <http://www.irs.gov/newsroom/article/0,,id=211669,00.html>

• **Wireless security breaches.** Consumers need to be aware that unless they take precautions, their personal information can be compromised when they utilize public Wi-Fi connections. <http://www.onguardonline.gov/topics/wireless-security.aspx>

• **Fake online classified ads or auction sales.** Customers respond to online offers or auctions that are too good to be true, only to find out they don't get the promised product and their personal information (credit card number) has been compromised.

• **Gift card scams.** This occurs when people buy gift cards from auction sites at reduced prices and then discover the cards are blank or nearly depleted of value. It's best to purchase a gift card directly from the merchant.

• **Smishing scams.** Similar to phishing, smishing uses cell phone text messages to deliver the "bait" to get you to divulge your personal information. The "hook" (the method used to actually "capture" your information) in the text message may be a Web site URL. However it has become more common to see a phone number that connects to an automated voice response system.

The mission of the Better Business Bureau is to promote, through self-regulation, the highest standards of business ethics and conduct, and to instill public confidence in responsible businesses through programs of education and action that inform, protect and assist the general public. Contact the BBB at [www.thebb.org](http://www.thebb.org) or 651-699-1111, toll-free at 1-800-646-6222.

# Staples Area Church Directory

## Staples

**Alliance Church**  
1512 8th St. NE, Staples 218-894-2891  
Pastor Mike Piconatto, Paul Johnson  
Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School.....11:00 a.m.  
AWANA.....6:15 p.m.

**Assembly of God Church**  
9th St. 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.

**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  
Rev. Muriel Hachfeld, 218-847-7650  
Worship.....10:45 a.m.  
Fellowship, Refreshments.....10:15 a.m.

**Faith Lutheran Church**  
430 12th Street, NE., Staples  
218-894-1546  
Pastor Stephen Sveom  
Sunday Worship.....8:30 a.m.  
Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.  
Second Service.....11:00 a.m.

**Sacred Heart Church**  
310 4th St. NE, Staples  
Church: 218-894-2296  
Pastor  
Asst. Pastor: Fr. Scott Wittkop  
Saturday Confession.....4:00 p.m.  
Saturday Mass.....5:00 p.m.  
Sunday Mass.....8:30 a.m.  
Thurs. and Fri. Mass.....8:30 a.m.

**Seventh Day Adventist**  
Dakota Ave. and 5th St., Staples  
Jim VanArsdale, Pastor  
Saturday Worship.....9:30 a.m.  
Sabbath School.....10:45 a.m.

**Thomastown Covenant**  
15940 251st Ave., Staples 218-894-3923  
Pastor David Harlow  
Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.  
Sunday Worship.....11:00 a.m.  
Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.

**Trinity Lutheran Church**  
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 Church**  
310 5th St. NE, Staples  
218-894-2008 or 218-894-2248  
Rev. Katharine Horn  
Sunday School.....9:00 a.m.  
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.  
(Nursery Available for Sunday School and Worship)

**Church of Scientology**  
24418 464th St., Staples  
218-894-1434  
Rev. Tes Ingebritson

## Aldrich

**Congregational Church, UCC**  
One block S. of Hwy. 10, Aldrich  
Moderator 218-445-5831  
Oak Hills Bible College Ministry  
Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.  
Communion.....1st Sunday of Month

**Balsamund Lutheran Church**  
19550 490th Street, Aldrich  
Pastor Del Moen, 218-639-0305  
Sunday School.....8:30 a.m.  
Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.

## Cushing

**Bethany Lutheran Church**  
Cushing, MN 320-749-2140  
Pastor Heather and Chris Curlius  
Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m.

**Lincoln Evangelical Free Church**  
1354 320th St., Cushing.  
218-575-2449  
Located 8 miles south of Motley on Cty. Rd. 3,  
Senior Pastor: Sheldon Carlson  
Visitation Pastor: Jim Brown  
Youth Pastor: Tony Noordmans  
Sunday Worship.....10:45 a.m.  
Sunday School (all ages).....9:30 a.m.  
Spanish Bible Class.....9:30 a.m.  
Wednesday AWANA.....6:00 a.m.  
Wed. Youth Group.....6:30 p.m.

**Cushing Baptist Church**  
26298 Bear Road, Cushing  
[www.cushingcommunity.org](http://www.cushingcommunity.org)  
Pastor  
320-749-2583  
Sunday Worship.....10:00 a.m.  
Wednesday Bible study.....7:00 p.m.

## Leader

**Swan Valley Lutheran**  
Mel Nefstead, Authorized Pastor  
Leader 218-397-2470  
Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m.  
Sunday School.....9:00 a.m.  
Maple Hill Lutheran Church  
(Rural Pine River)  
Worship & Sunday School.....11:00 a.m.

## Motley

**Motley Free Methodist Church**  
33 Wellwood St. NE, Motley  
Pastor Jim Johnson  
Phone: 218-352-6141  
Sunday Worship.....8:30 & 10:45 a.m.  
Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.  
Evening Service & Prayer.....7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.

**St. John Lutheran Church**  
Motley 218-352-6399  
Rev. Edward J. Koehler  
Sunday School and Bible Class.....8:30 a.m.  
Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.

**St. Michael's Church**  
1st St. and Birch, Motley 218-894-2296  
Pastor Fr. Gregory Mastey  
Asst. Pastor: Fr. Scott Wittkop  
Saturday Mass.....7:00 p.m.  
Confessions - Sat.....6:30-6:45 p.m.  
Sunday Mass.....10:30 a.m.  
Tues.....6:30 p.m.  
Wed.....8:30 a.m.

**United Methodist Church**  
847 3rd Ave. S. Lane, Motley 218-352-6466  
Rev. Greg Ciesluk  
Monday AA meeting.....8:00 p.m.  
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.  
Sunday Worship Service.....10:00 a.m.

## Nimrod

**Apostolic Faith Pentecostal**  
Nimrod 218-445-5297  
Raymond Schwartz, Pastor  
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.  
Sunday Worship.....11:00 a.m.

## Oylen

**Oylen Alliance Church**  
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 Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
717 River Street S, Pillager, MN  
218-746-3775  
Pastor Heather and Chris Curlius  
Sunday Worship.....8:15 & 10:45 a.m.  
Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.  
Wednesday.....7:00 p.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 (all ages).....10:00 a.m.  
Sunday Worship.....11:00 a.m.  
Children's Church and Nursery.....11 a.m.  
Sunday Worship.....7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.  
(Adult Bible Study and Prayer; Youth Alive; Royal Rangers; Missionettes and Nursery)

**First Baptist Church**  
903 River Street South,  
Pastor Bob Osell 218-746-3768  
Sunday School (all ages).....10:00 a.m.  
Sunday Worship.....11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Bible Study & Prayer.....6:45 p.m.

## Verndale

**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.....10:00 a.m.  
Wed. Family Night.....7:30 p.m.

**Verndale Assembly of God**  
Rt. 2 Box 17, Verndale, MN  
Pastor Jill Holm  
Sunday School - all ages.....10:00 a.m.  
Sunday Worship.....10:50 a.m. and 8 p.m.  
Call to Prayer.....7:30 p.m.  
Wed. Call to Prayer.....7:30 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study.....8:00 p.m.

**Verndale United Methodist**  
103rd Ave. SW, Verndale  
218-445-5108  
Pastor Jill Pawlowski  
Sunday Worship.....10:00 a.m.

**Central United Methodist**  
5 miles N on Cty Rd 26 (Nimrod tar)  
Pastor Chuck Horsager  
866-819-1234  
Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m.  
Sunday School.....10:30 a.m.

## Wadena

**Episcopal Church, St. Helen's**  
22 Dayson Ave., SW, Wadena  
For info. call M.H. King.....218-894-1195  
Sunday Worship.....9:45 a.m.

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Staples, MN 218-894-1724

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Staples, MN 218-894-1775

**Longbella Drug Store**  
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2nd Ave., Staples • 218-894-2242  
Motley and Pillager

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Pizza, Pasta, Salads, Sandwiches  
Staples, MN 218-894-3299

**Mid-Central Federal Savings Bank**  
Fully Insured to \$250,000  
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Open Seven Days a Week!  
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**Mr. Ed's Family Restaurant**  
Hwy. 10, Motley, MN  
218-352-6585

**Central Building Supply**  
Bob Reeck, Manager  
Hwy. 10 West, Staples

**Ernie's Food Market**  
In the Heart of Staples  
218-894-1072

**Staples World**  
Your community newspaper since 1890  
224 4th St. NE, Staples, MN  
218-894-1112

## "Keep Learning"

The Italian phrase "Ancora Imparo," which means "I am still learning," is said to have been uttered by Michelangelo when he was 87 years old. Some might find it more than a little ironic that such a genius and true Renaissance man as Michelangelo would still be learning near the end of his life—he died at the age of 88, but it was precisely his insatiable curiosity and desire to keep learning that made him the great artist, inventor and engineer that he was.

Think of how much poorer the world would be if he had refused to paint the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel simply because he thought of himself primarily as a sculptor and didn't want to stretch his talents. And, when you look at his great sculptures, such as the Pieta and the David, you can readily understand why he thought of himself primarily as a sculptor. But fortunately, he was willing to continue to learn and expand his knowledge and talents.

The universe is inexhaustible; there is no end to the writing of books or the acquisition of knowledge, or the making of art. And while this thought should give us pause and even humble us, it should also equally excite and interest us. What a wonderful journey of exploration and adventure we are on. Keep learning. There is a whole universe out there just waiting to be discovered.

A wise man will hear and increase learning, and a man of understanding will attain wise counsel. **Proverbs 1:5 KJV**