



Church & Social News

from parishes all around the area

July 22-29

Catholic

AREA CATHOLIC CHURCHES

Sacred Heart, Murdock
Fr. Jeremy Kucera

Sunday:
8:30 a.m. Sacred Heart, Murdock
Seating is limited to 50% capacity. No sign ups. First come, first served. Catholics continue to be dispensed from the religious obligation to attend Sunday Mass.

Covenant

SALEM COVENANT CHURCH

Rural Pennock
Jonathan Wilson, Pastor
saalemcovpennock.org

Sunday:
10:30am Outdoor service in our park

Evangelical Free

KERKHOVEN EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

Joshua Hamm, Pastor
Nathan Kveene, Youth Pastor

Wednesday:
6PM Youth Group Pool Night
8PM Prayer

Saturday:
6:30AM Men's Bible Study

Sunday:
9AM Service

Wednesday:
8PM Zoom Prayer Mtg.

Lutheran

BUFFALO LAKE LUTHERAN, BETHESDA LUTHERAN PARISH

Sunday:
8:15 a.m. Indoor worship at Buffalo Lake
9:30 a.m. Outdoor worship at Bethesda (Bring your own lawn chairs; follow physical distancing guideline of 6 feet.)

All ACT churches: View weekly sermons, children's messages, prayers and blessing at: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC4msgzarmvrnGvIDQGtZ-w>

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunburg, Minnesota
Pastor Dan Croonquist
Pastor Michelle Kleene

Sunday:
9:30am Coffee
10:45am Worship

KERKHOVEN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pastor Denise Fossen

Sunday:
9:00 a.m. Facebook Live worship. Facebook site: <https://www.facebook.com/pg/Kerkhoven-Lutheran-Church-113800411993500/posts/>

10:00 a.m. Worship in fellowship hall. Masks are strongly recommended.

We also have several of the services on YouTube. All other activities can-

celled until further notice.

MAMRELUND & ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCHES

Pastor Dan Croonquist
Pastor Michelle Kleene

Sunday:
10:30 AM Coffee Hour
11 AM Worship at Mamrelund. No worship at Old Mamre this summer.

MONSON LAKE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pastor Dan Croonquist
Pastor Michelle Kleene

Sunday:
9:30 a.m. Worship service with communion and social distancing

NORWAY LAKE PARISH Rural New London

Rev. Wayne Kopitzke

Sunday: Pentecost 8
8:00 AM Online worship from ENL
9:30 AM Outdoor Parish Worship on east side of the FL building

Monday:
7:00 PM Joint Social Concerns Committee Mtg. - FL (Physical distancing)

NOTICE TO ALL CHURCH SECRETARIES: The Banner prints church schedules as a free service. We MUST have all church notes in the Banner office by **NOON Friday** to make it into the next

Memorial Mass for Victoria Hopfer today in Lake Henry

Victoria J. Hopfer, 60, of Lake Henry died Wednesday, July 15, 2020, at her home in rural Lake Henry. A Memorial Mass will be held at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, July 22, at St. Margaret Catholic Church in Lake Henry. Inurnment will be in the church cemetery. A visitation will be held Tuesday from 4-8:00 p.m. at Johnson Funeral Home in Paynesville and continue Wednesday one hour prior to the service at the church.

Victoria Jean Hopfer was born on January 26, 1960, in Benson, MN the daughter of Virgil and Gail (Dengerud) Skindeliien. She grew up in the Sunburg area attending Kerkhoven-Sunburg Schools, graduating with the Class of 1978. After high school, Vicki went on to earn her Administrative Secretary Diploma from Willmar Vo-Tech.

In December of 1978, Vicki was united in marriage to Jack Swanson. The couple was blessed with a daughter and a son. They later divorced. On September 18, 1993, Vicki was united in marriage to Peter Hopfer at St. Margaret Catho-

lic Church in Lake Henry. This union was blessed with three daughters and a son. The family made their home in rural Lake Henry where Vicki was a homemaker and helped farm. Vicki was a member of St. Margaret Catholic Church in Lake Henry. She served on the Parish Council for six years and volunteered in many other aspects of the church. Vicki was the Lake Henry Lakers' biggest fan and also volunteered at Lake Henry Park for the baseball games. She also enjoyed horses, gardening, artwork, and cooking. Vicki was an extra mom to many of her kids' friends and was fondly called Momma Hop. She will be remembered for her love of life and as a great wife, mother, daughter, sister, and friend to all that met her.

Vicki J. Hopfer died Wednesday, July 15, 2020, at the age of 60. She is survived by her husband of 26 years, Peter; children: Maggie (Justin) Grothe of Kerkhoven, Bryon Swanson of Kandiyohi, Abigail Hopfer of Hermantown; Grace Hopfer of Spirit Lake, IA, Samuel Hopfer of



Lake Henry, and Anna Hopfer of Lake Henry; four grandchildren; mother, Gail (Donald) Ottenson of Brooten; brothers, Charles (Shelia) Skindeliien of Currie, and Daryl (Barb) Skindeliien of Lake Benton; step-siblings: Layne (Danyel) Otteson of Oak Grove, Rhonda Otteson of Willmar, Chad (Sarah) Otteson of Brooten, and Kari Otteson of Minneapolis; father-in-law, Arthur (Jean) Hopfer; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and in-laws.

Vicki was preceded in death by her father, Virgil; mother-in-law, Rose Hopfer; and niece, Nicole.

News in Brevity

Three local students have been named to the 2020 spring semester Dean's List at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities. They are Lewis Mansfield of Kerkhoven, a junior at the College of Liberal Arts; Averie Vick of Kerkhoven, a junior at the College of Liberal Arts; and Jade Vick, a junior at the College of Liberal Arts.

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Just white folk?

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common culture is a better society to live in...

The Family Principle:
...We in Asatru support strong, healthy white family relationships. We want our children to grow up to be mothers and fathers to white children of their own. We believe that those activities and behaviors supportive of the white family should be encouraged while those activities and behaviors destructive of the white family are to be discouraged.

The Organization Principle:
A disorganized community is a weak community. In the world we live in today, being disorganized is akin to inviting death. Organize or die. We must build our community and its ability to promote and defend its own interests...

The Warrior Principle:
We believe that our members should strive to be ready for the challenge to defend our folk, gods and goddesses with both cunning and physical skill when needed...

The Southern Poverty Law Center was founded in 1971 and "is dedicated to fighting hate and bigotry and to seek-

ing justice for the most vulnerable members of our society..." One of the actions they take is to identify hate groups in the United States. The AFA has been given such a label.

The SPLC has tied the roots of the AFA to the ideologies promoted by Guido Karl Anton List and Adolf Josef Lanz. These men stated ideas such as visible biological differences determining a person's intellect and worth. They pushed the idea that people of Germanic descent have always been superior to others. These "scientific" notions were later blended into supposedly religious doctrine and together these systems were used to classify humans into a racial hierarchy. Further, a century ago these ideas were seized by influential people and fed into the National Socialist German Workers' Party. That party is what propelled Adolf Hitler into power before World War II.

The SPLC particularly noted the segregationist ideas of "Folkish" religions, and their warrior mentality. The preservation of "pure" white com-

munities is emphasized and the violent defense of those communities is implied.

When asked about the claims that the AFA is a white supremacist organization, Flavel responded, "That is very loaded name-calling... Our church is not about anything negative or hateful. It's about love and pride of who we are." In direct response to the SPLC's categorization of the AFA as a hate group, Flavel said to the Appeal-Democrat newspaper of Marysville, CA, that it is a, "folkish religion, as opposed to a universal religion... We believe each ethnic group has a right to their beliefs and to the divine."

Pastor Michelle Keene, who serves Bethesda Lutheran just north of Murdock, stated Tuesday that she had just come from a Bible study where she had been trying to calm the fears that some of her congregation expressed after learning about the AFA. Murdock Mayor Craig Kavanaugh was asked for a statement and said he could not comment, per his attorney.

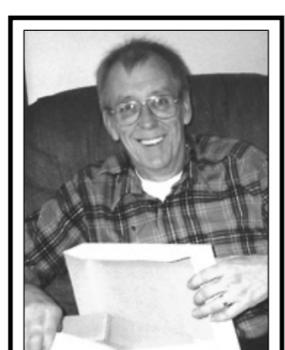
KERKHOVEN BANNER OBITUARY POLICY

The Kerkhoven Banner has always and plans to continue running local obituaries completely free of charge, including photos if submitted. The Banner also requests submissions of births, engagements, weddings, confirmations, graduations and other important family events, which will also be run without charge.

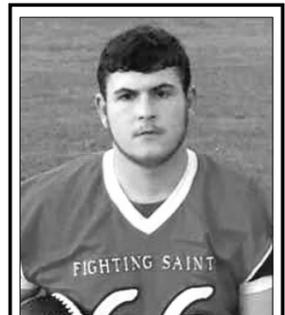
Free food to be distributed August 12

Prairie Five Community Action and Second Harvest Heartland will be holding its second free food distribution in Swift County (COVID Food Assistance Program) on Wednesday, August 12. This program is open to all households that are in need.

The distribution will be held at the Swift County Food Shelf located at 640 Atlantic Avenue in Benson (watch signs for entrance), from 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. on August 12. Each household will receive one box of produce, one box of mixed dairy and one box of meat (chicken and pork).



In Memory of Terry Larson who passed away 20 years ago on July 22. He is missed by Marie, Jenn, Randy, Amanda and Addison



Open House Graduation Party
in honor of **Lane Kohlman**
Friday, July 31 • 5-9 PM
at the Murdock City Hall
300 Frederick Street
Murdock



Open House Graduation Party
in honor of **Madison Rohner**
Sunday, July 26 • 2-8 PM
at her home
10870 Co. Rd. 27 NW, Pennock
(To-go boxes available)

Last call for submissions!



In partnership with AARP, Prairie Five Community Action's Aging Well program is offering the older adults of eastern Swift County the opportunity to contribute to a written work entitled *Surviving the Shift: Kerkhoven and Murdock in 2020* that will be published, added to the school and public libraries and be available for home libraries as well. The purpose of the project is to document this time in history through the eyes of those experiencing it and provide insight for others wondering about how this period looked on the prairie. **Deadline to submit your thoughts, experiences and wisdom has been extended thru FRIDAY, JULY 24.** Responses can be submitted by email to laura.thomas@prairiefive.org; by mail or by delivery to the Prairie Five outreach office in Benson.

CARD OF THANKS

Thank you to everyone for your prayers, cards, calls, texts and food sent during the passing of Krista Marie Arends.

It was very much appreciated.

Jeff, Konnie, Jaiden, Jim & Carol Arends