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July 2026
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July 2026 Townhall Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	**3**	4 Happy 4th of July
5	**6** Garden Club 7pm	**7** Ladies coffee 10 am - 11 am	**8** Emb Board Meeting 6:30pm	**9** ERCA Meeting	**10**	**11**
12 4H Meeting	**13**	**14** Ladies coffee 10 am - 11 am	**15**	**16**	**17**	**18**
19	**20** SISU Meeting 6:30pm	**21** Ladies coffee 10 am - 11 am	**22** Sewing Club 9am-4pm	**23**	**24**	**25**
26	**27**	28 Ladies coffee 10 am - 11 am	**29**	30	31	

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Town of Embarrass
June 17, 2026
Board Meeting
PENDING BOARD APPROVAL

Visitors: Dan Muhvich, Tracy Muhvich, Gene Wright, Tom Klatt, Morgan Klatt

Present: Jack LaMar, Shireen Lee, Eric Garman, Mary Novak, Jennifer Boese

Meeting was called to order by LaMar at 6:30 with the Pledge of Allegiance.

May minutes corrected on the start time of meeting. *Lee/Garman motion to approve the May minutes. Carried 3-0.*

Visitors: Klatt's Korner owners are asking for permission to use the Town Hall parking lot for the haunted trail event they hold. The parking area they have was not enough. Klatt's purchased a trailer they would then transfer the patrons to the location of the event on the trailer. Proper insurance to cover the parking lot and the haunted trail patrons will be taken care of by Klatt's. 750 + people came to the Haunted Trail event last year and assuming it will only grow bigger from here. Several food trucks will be at the event as well. LaMar inquires about parking at Four Corners and other locations. Four Corners was a thought of theirs as well, but knowing it is safer to use the Town Hall parking lot with little to no traffic on W. Salo Road then having to only cross over the highway. Last year there was a lot of traffic, people were parking along Hwy 21. Using the parking area at the Town Hall makes more sense for safety of the event patrons, as well as the drivers on the highway, instead of having to drive tractor and trailer along Hwy 21. Klatt's are looking into more lighting for the event area entrance and possibly a sheriff or some sort of safety vehicle with flashing lights for oncoming traffic to be aware and slow down or stop if needed. Klatt's to provide the township clerk with insurance documents. The event will be every Friday and Saturday in October starting on the 9th – 30th. Lee thanks the Klatt's for all they have done for the community. Clerk to contact township insurance representative and Lee to contact township attorney to verify the township's legal coverage and responsibilities.

Treasurer's Report- Novak hands out financial reports. Wright speaks on saving account funds that were moved. LaMar points out Statue Minn 366.04. MN Association of Townships was contacted on the funds that were transferred to cover the township expenses if needed and make sure the transfer was done properly. *Garman/LaMar to transfer the $20,000 back into savings. Carried 3-0. LaMar/Lee to approve the Treasurer's Report. Carried 3-0.*

Maintenance Report by Lee. Mowing properties has been the main priority at this time. *Lee/LaMar motions to hire a second summer hire. Carried 3-0.* Lee discusses the possibility of contracting out the cemetery for mowing and weed whacking next year.

Campground Report- Clerk informs supervisors that the campground had a first great month.

Cemetery Report by Garman. Sign for the Cemetery Rules sign in works. Additional wording was discussed with the cemetery committee and agree that "Self-care after one year of burial" be added to the rules. LaMar requests more research by Garman on the topic. Veteran Markers and footstone base questioned by Clerk. Base for Veterans markers will be added to the burial charge. If base for footstones will be required at some point then to be added to burial costs as well. Any changes be added to the cemetery burial policy.

Road Report- Brushing on Byke Road, Laitinen Road, Salmela Road and Kemppainen Road was completed and has made a huge improvement. Garman also did some work on roads preparing for the gravel that will be placed. Quotes on the gravel projects were received. Quotes were broke up each individual road so if a quote is accepted not all roads to be completed at once. Costly repairs needed from neglect of previous years. *LaMar/Lee motion to approve the expenditure for Laitinen Road by C & C Winger. Carried 2-0.*

ERCA asking for hall use for meetings. *LaMar/Lee to approve the temporary use of the hall space for meetings, as long as it is worked out with the clerk ahead of time to make sure there are no conflicts with any scheduling. 1st and 2nd Thursday of the month is what is being asked for. Carried 3-0*

Garman/LaMar to approve the Farmers Market July - October at the Information Center. Carried 3-0.

LaMar presents a Budget Resolution for discussion. Budget discussion and having a Budget Resolution discussed by all. *Garman/LaMar motion to adopt the Budget Resolution. Carried 3-0.*

MN State Flag at the Town Hall. LaMar would like to retire the old MN State Flag and put the new state flag up. *LaMar motions to retire the MN State Flag at the hall and put the new one up. No second on the motion. Motion does not pass. 1-0.*

Novak discusses a few things she learned at Law Review.

LaMar/Lee to approve the claims and correspondence. Carried 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 9:08 by LaMar.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Boese

Waasa Township Regular Board Meeting
Waasa Town Hall
Wednesday, May 6, 2026

Board Members Present: Mike Johnson, Eric Pulkinen, Allan Schnacky, Kim Daugherty and Sandra Gibson
Visitors: Steve Sipola, Linda Koskela, Christina and Chris Gooding

Minutes Approval: Mike moved to approve the April 1, 2026 minutes and the LBAE minutes as read with Eric supporting. Carried (3-0).

Treasurer's Report: Kim has been checking several local banks and Credit Unions for interest rates on savings accounts. Mike motioned to transfer the full amount from the Building Fund to a savings account with Northern State Bank of Virginia, MN with support from Eric. Carried (3-0).

Receipts totaled: $39,287.97 including from the month of April: $38.74 from EVFCU - Building Fund 1st Quarter Savings, $35.00 - town hall rent and $236.50 - from MN Emergency Management. Disbursements from General Fund totaled $1,920.74. Eric approved the Treasurer's report, approved payment of the bills listed below plus payroll & PERA and supported by Mike. Carried (3-0).

Babbitt Weekly News	$ 60.00		Annual Meeting Notice
Gibson, Sandra	147.75	`	Mileage Reimb. For Spring Short Course
Lake Country Power	111.94		Town Hall Electricity - EFT Payment on 4/31/26
MN Association of Townships	190.00		Registration (2) & Twp. Government Manual (2)
Schnacky, Allan	21.75	`	Mileage Reimb. For Road Inspection

Visitor Input: Linda Koskela brought us a photo for our historical display. The photo was of school #73 which was on her parent's property, Tom and Sadie Koskela. Sadie and several of her brother's walked to school from their home on Koskela Road. Years later, when school was no longer conducted in the building, there were a couple of families who used the building as their residence. The building was eventually taken down and the lumber was then re-purposed to build the Norman and Evelyn Esala home. The board thanks Linda for the enlarged photo of the school.

Road Report: A road inspection was done a few days ago. An order will be put into the county to grade all roads, with the exception of Heikkila Road. Eric motioned to give Allan the authority to order grading of roads at his discretion. Support came from Mike. Carried (3-0).

Cemetery: Sexton Steve Sipola reported that a casket burial took place for Robert Kallio in the past month. Thank you to C.C. Winger who stepped up to provide their services for digging the grave. Several other burials will be taking place in May, all of them cremains. Several footstones will be installed as well.

Spring Clean-up Day at the cemetery will take place on Saturday, May 16th starting at 10 a.m. Several footstones are sinking and volunteers will try to do as many as they possible but, if family is able, it is their obligation to maintain their lot.

Old Business: The Spring Short Course was attended by the clerk and the deputy treasurer on April 17th. Sandra reported it was very informative and brought back hand-out materials and the new township manual for this year.

The septic line is no longer frozen.

Tiny Home Class has been going well. Rick Pierce will be asked to provide the clerk with a class schedule.

New Business: Cemetery Lawn Care bids were received from Bisso All-Season Care, Brother's Lawn Service and Swanson's Outdoor Services. The lowest bidder was Swanson's. Mike motioned and Eric supported to hire Swanson's

Outdoor Services for his lawn services for this season. The board reserves the right to terminate and then to proceed with the next qualified bidder, should the contractor's performance does not meet expectations. Carried (3-0).

An estimate was received from JBN Septic but, another estimate is being sought for our septic line freeze up problem.

Sandra will attend Clerk's Election Training on June 4th in Virginia. Election Judge Training will be coming up sometime in July at the Embarrass Town Hall.

The board's Annual Spring Road Inspection is planned for Saturday, June 13th at 10 a.m.

Correspondence: All mail was read and filed.

Adjournment: Mike moved to adjourn with support from Eric at 8:10 p.m. Carried.
Respectfully Submitted,
Sandra Gibson, Waasa Town Clerk Mike Johnson, Waasa Board Chair

Memorial Blood Centers

Blood Drive

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Tuesday, July 7
12:30PM – 4:30PM

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Or Debbie Nelson at 218.393.9153

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Notice of Candidate Filing

Affidavits of candidacy may be filed with the Town Clerk at the Clerk's Office located at the Embarrass Town Hall, 7503 Levander Road. Filing dates are from July 14, 2026, to July 28, 2026. The Clerk's Office hours are from 10:00- 3:00 pm Monday-Thursday. The following Township Offices are to be filled in the November 3, 2026, Election:

(One) Board Supervisor and (One) Town Treasurer

Supervisor Seat 1 - position is a four-year term.

Town Treasurer - position is four-year term

A two-dollar fee is required with each filing.

Filing for offices closes on Tuesday, July 28, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. (The Clerk's Office will remain open until 5:00 p.m. on July 28, 2026.)

Jennifer Boese, Town Clerk

2026 ELECTION CALENDAR

Vote by mail or in person June 26 through August 10 for the Primary

Register in advance by July 21 to save time on Primary Election Day

Primary Election August 11th

Vote by mail or in person September 18 through November 2

Register in advance by October 13 to save time on Election Day

General Election Day November 3rd

What's on the Election Day ballot in 2026?

All voters will have these races on their general election ballot:

- U.S. Senator
- U.S. Representative
- Governor & Lt. Governor
- Secretary of State
- State Auditor
- Attorney General • State Senator
- State Representative
- Judicial Seats

Voters may have one or more of these races on their ballot:

- County Officials
- City Officers
- School Board Members
- Township Officers
- Local ballot questions

Waasa--Notice of Candidate Filing

Affidavits of candidacy may be filed with the Town Clerk at her residence on 7970 Pulkinen Road. Filing dates are from **July 14, 2026 to July 28, 2026**, with filing ending at 5:00 p.m. on the 28th. *Candidates must be a resident of Waasa Township for at least 30 days, an eligible voter and be at least 21 years old at the time of assuming office.*

The following Township Offices to be on the ballot in the November 3, 2026 election:

(One) Board Supervisor and (one) Town Clerk:

Board Supervisor Seat #2—is a 4-year term

Town Clerk—is a 4-year term

There is a two dollar fee for each filing

Questions OR to File--Please call 218-290-9290

SISU Heritage Inc.
Monthly Meeting
December 15, 2025

Present: Dan Alto, Robin Ramquist, Winnie Kovisto, Linda Koskela, Mickey White, Eric Pulkinen, Jon Salo, Buce Sweeney

1. May minutes were reviewed and accepted with these corrections, spacing of (our sites) in #4 and in place of to (&) in #6.
2. Winnie K. presented May's financil reports with a list of the June 6, Sauna Day overview of deposits/e4xpenses/profit including the dys happenings. Bruc S. will also submit a bill for the labor cost for installing the heats at the Apostolic Lutheran Church. Included to accept these reports a motion by Bruce S. to open an account at the Northern State Bank in Virginia, MN for 5 m./$10,000 CD & 9 mo./$10,000 CD with signatories SISU Board President Marlin Bjornrud & Treasurer, Winnie Koivisto, second by Dan A., MC.
3. Membership added <u>two new members</u> at the Sauna Day Event also renewals; 154 – 34 lifetime.
4. Request for volunteers are needed to help remove wall paper and paint ceiling/trim at the Hanka Homestead. Materials for the roofing on the Nevala Hous4e at th Nelimark Homeste4ad have been ordered.
5. Dan A. presented a sample of an *<u>updated SISU Heritage, Inc. brochure</u>* of Embarrass Historical places, including a map, tour telephone numbers & membership form. Robin R. made a motion for Dan A. & approved Micky W. to create the layout of the brochure and find out cost for printing, second by Eric P., MC.
6. Robin R. & Dan A had made a presentation at the Five Seasons Sports in Eveleth, MN to secure a 2026 4-wheeler for a <u>One Big Raffle – SISI Heritage Fund Raiser</u>! R%obin presented options for raffle ticket sales to the members of the SISU board. After consideration, review and disussion Mickey W. made a motion to selet **600 tickets @ $25.00** second by Bruce S., MC. **<u>Drawing to be held on October 19, 2026.</u>**

   First Prize: 2026 CFMOTO CFORCE 400 Four-Wheeler
   Second Prize: Craftsman Power Washer
   Third Prize: $50 L & M Gift Certificate

7. **NOTICE**

   Thursday, July 16, 2026 at 7PM Concert: Northern Lights Eusemble at the Apostolic Lutheran Church.

Submitted by Secretary, Linda Koskela

The next meeting is on the third Monday, July 20, 2026 at 6:30pm at the Embarrass Town Hall.

SISU HERITAGE FUND RAISER

First Prize: 2026 CFMOTO CFORCE 400 FOUR WHEELER
(Winner responsible for Tax, License and DNR Registration)

SECOND PRIZE:
CRAFTSMAN 1900 PSI 1.2 GPM
POWER WASHER

Questions?
218-410-9660 or
www.sisuheritage.org

THIRD PRIZE: $50 L&M GIFT CARD

Ticket Price $25.00

Drawing to be held on October 19, 2026 – 6:30 pm
(need not be present to win)

Second Annual Hay Days

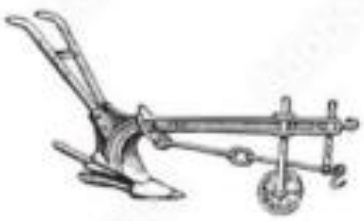
At the Nelimark

Located: 4839 Salo Road, Embarrass

(across from Timber Hall Event Center)

July 18, 2026 10:00-3:00

Join us for a Homestead Event on the grounds of the Nelimark in Embarrass. The museum and homestead house will be open, the grounds will have old time demonstrations throughout the day, visit the yard of implements and museum buildings. Various items available for purchase in the Nelimark House and demonstration tents, something for everyone!



- Wood turning
- Farm animals
- Weaving
- Flower bouquets
- Spinning
- Live Music
- Outdoor oven baking
- Honey Bees

BUNS to GO Food Truck

on the grounds with a lunch menu so you can make a day of it!

FREE COFFEE AND TREATS located inside the building.

- Join us for conversation
- Tour the museum
- Shop specialty crafts and bakery

TRILLIUM

On Aug. 24, 2025 while showing a friend from the south my cabin and yard on the end of Wilen Rd, Embarrass, MN. We spotted two of these plants growing together.

I've been in the area on and off for several years and have never seen a plant of this kind. My friend photo'd these plants.

Plants are about 20" high with a single flower and 3 leaves.

My friend returned to her home and friends in the south a few days later and did some research (she is so great with her computer skills) Info. found stated that they are a trillium plant. I also photo'd and fenced these two plants.

Frost came early the 3 rd week of Sept. and took the two plants. I left the fence in place hoping and wishing that they would return in the spring of 2026.

I would check this spot each time I would return to the cabin.
On June 1 , 2026 1 stopped to look and sure enough three plants had returned and were already 1 5" high having a white flower on each.

I was so happy that they had returned. (Please see photos).
Hoping my friend from the south will return to visit family, friends and attend the Embarrass Fair and come and see our TRILLIUMS this year. Terry Aldrich

Old Fashioned Chicken Gumbo Soup Sloppy Joes

1 pound ground beef
1 can chicken gumbo soup
1 T yellow mustard
1 small onion, diced
½ c ketchup
1 ½ T brown Sugar

Brown ground beef in a skillet with the diced onion and drain off any fat.
Stir in condensed chicken gumbo soup, ketchup, mustard, and brown sugar.
Simmer over low heat for about 30 minutes, stirring occasionally.
Serve on buns and enjoy!

Name: _____ Date: _____

DIRECTIONS: Find and circle the vocabulary words in the grid. Look for them in all directions including backwards and diagonally.

4TH OF JULY

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Doris E. Lehto, 94

Doris "Dodo" Elaine Lehto, 94, died peacefully with family by her side on Feb. 14, 2026, in Fargo, N.D. A gathering took place on June 26 at the Embarrass Town Hall.

Doris was born on Aug. 12, 1931, to Ruth and Jalmer Salmela. Weighing only two pounds at birth, she was born in the Nelimark home of her grandparents in Embarrass. She graduated from Embarrass High School in 1949. On June 11, 1950, she married Robert Lehto in Virginia. When Bob was called back to the service for burial duty, they lived in Minneapolis and then moved to Parkville for a short time before moving back to Embarrass, where they built their home. In her last few years she lived in an apartment in Moorhead.

Doris worked at Lamppa's, as a substitute mail carrier, and she folded shirts at Cluett-Peabody Shirt Factory. She also worked as a CNA and a kitchen attendant at Arrowhead Nursing Home in Virginia.

Her passion was helping others, whether it was family, friends or neighbors, while enjoying the conversation, often with laughter. Volunteering in the community kept her busy. You might have seen her at the Embarrass Town Hall, the Timber Hall, or the Nelimark Finnish Homestead. She enjoyed attending and frequently volunteered at the Embarrass Finnish-American Festival, the Embarrass Fair, or a Pancake Breakfast. She enjoyed making ice candles for the Finnish Christmas tradition of lighting the cemetery, sometimes filling her deck with hundreds of the ice candles.

Doris is survived by her sister, Lois Frazee of Tower; daughter, Sharon Kangas of Plymouth; son, Craig (MaryBeth) Lehto of Highlands Ranch, Colo.; grandchildren, Nicole (Josh) Brown of Plymouth, Amanda Lahti (Shaten Kahlstorf) of Dayton, Kristen Kangas (Troy Oklak) of Chaska, Danielle (Ross) Kolp of Fargo, N.D., Jennifer Frank of Fargo, N.D., Jackie Lehto of Barnesville, Erik (Heather) Lehto of Walnut Creek, Calif., and Jamieson Lehto (Kyle Hodge) of Boulder, Colo.; great-grandchildren, Sienna, Oliver, Preston, Ryder, Dane, Asher, Brynnlee, Xavier, Francis and Henry; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; son, Mark Lehto; daughter, Lori Lehto; son-in-law, Herbert Kangas; and daughter-in-law, Lynn Dee Lehto.

Jorma J. Kangas, 101

Jorma Jack Kangas, 101, passed away peacefully on April 10, 2026. Jorma attributed his long life to fortuity, relentless industry since youth, consistent activity, and a little help from God. Eating bacon on a regular basis may have helped, too. From his first breath to his last, he embodied the essence of sisu. He did not merely inhabit persistence or tenacity; he was the portrayal of those qualities incarnate, and a testament to the enduring power of the human spirit. A celebration of life will occur on July 17 at Grace Lutheran Church in Ely.

Jorma was born on March 18, 1925, on a train in Finland and recently celebrated his 101st birthday in Chaska with family. Jorma and his parents traveled to the U.S. when he was an infant, initially to Soudan. While in grade school, his parents purchased a farm near Embarrass. Growing up he displayed an industrious spirit that would fortify with every passing year, securing him numerous 4-H awards early on. One year, his finest Green Mountain potatoes brought home the top prize, a calf. Jorma graduated from Embarrass High School, received his bachelor's degree from the University of Minnesota-Duluth, master's degree from Northern Colorado University, and completed some doctoral work at George Washington University. Jorma was a U.S. Army scout during World War II (Company K) where he served in Germany, Czechoslovakia and Japan. He ran several businesses in Ely including Kangas Real Estate, Mutual Service Insurance Agency and Kangas Income Tax Service.

Jorma enjoyed many activities, especially bowling, golf, fishing, and watching the Minnesota Twins. He was rumored to be a great card player. He served on the Ely School Board for close to 20 years. Jorma enjoyed frequent travel, including visiting his cousins in Finland. His favorite place to spend time was at the cabin on Burntside Lake.

Jorma is survived by his wife, Edythe; four daughters, Susan, Sally, Lisa and Tina; eight grandchildren, Matthew, Ryne, Andrea, Melissa, Erica, Jeffrey, Linnea and Kaisa; five great-grandchildren, Jackson, Zaiya, Jerah, Annika and Harrison; and brother, Tom. Past and present sons-in-law include Scott, Eric, Dwayne and Frank. He was preceded in death by his mother, Vivian; father, Jack; and brothers, Bill and Eero.

Dennis A. Jacobson, 85

Dennis Albert Jacobson, 85, of Britt, passed away on June 1, 2026, at the Essentia Health Virginia Hospital. A funeral service was held on June 5 at Range Funeral Home in Virginia.

Dennis was born on June 28, 1940, in Virginia, to Albert and Esther Pylka Jacobson. He graduated from Embarrass High School in 1960. In high school, Dennis was voted most valuable player in track. He ran the 100 and 220, threw shotput, and was the anchor man for the 880-relay team. He also received the Knights of Kaleva Award and the Gus Papinba Award. Dennis played football for three years and was voted all-county. Following graduation, Dennis enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served four years on the USS Hornet CVS-12 as a Third-Class Petty Officer. Upon return from the Navy, he lived in Virginia and worked for Pep's Bakery. After that, he worked at Schweigert Meat Company, Franklin Foods, and lastly, for Aysta Dairy as a driver salesman until his retirement. On Oct. 24, 1970, he was united in marriage to Gloria Joan Hilmas and the couple had three children.

Dennis was a member of the American Legion. He loved the outdoors, hunting, fishing and gardening; his biggest passion was woodworking. Most importantly, he loved spending time with friends and family.

Dennis is survived by his children, Denise (Vince) Dishneau, Kevin Jacobson (Tara Gustafson) and Christina Jacobson (Tim Bartels), all of Britt; grandchildren, Christopher (Jessie) Dishneau, Brynn Dishneau, Taylor Dishneau, Riley (Kenzie) Jacobson, Justine (Andrew) Dale and Jada Jo Deutsch; great-grandchildren, Gage and Lucy Dishneau; sisters, Florence Durbin, Darleen Koupus, Sharon (Tom) Paavala, Karen Lehto (Denny Wessman) and Janet (Mike) Swanson; sister and brother-in-law, Barb Hilmas and Dennis Hilmas Sr.; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Albert and Esther; wife, Gloria; sisters, Tammy Jacobson and Gail Jacobson; brothers, Alvin Jacobson and Brian Jacobson; sisters-in-law, Barbara Hilmas and Edith Hilmas; brothers-in-law, Jacko Lehto, Raymond Lehto, Duane Hilmas and Brian Koupas; nephews, Jesse Maki, Damion Youngren and Dennis Hilmas Jr.; niece, Lynette Hilmas; and father and mother-in-law, Eugene and Mayme Hilmas.

Albert R. Haavisto, 90

Albert "Aaby" Raymond Haavisto, 90, passed away on May 26, 2026. A celebration of life gathering will be held at a later date.

Al was born at home in Sandy Township to Carl Solomon Haavisto and Jennie Elizabeth Maki Haavisto. He graduated from Embarrass High School in 1953 and later met Carol "Jean" Glatch in Gilbert; they were married in September 1960.

In 1958, Al enlisted in the United States Army, serving for two years in Germany as a Nuclear Weapons Maintenance Specialist. Following his active-duty service, he continued serving in the United States Army Reserves until 1964. Al and Jean were married in September 1960 and began building a life together that would span more than six decades.

Al worked at the Pioneer Underground Mine in Ely. Prior to the mine's closure in 1967, he entered the apprenticeship program at Pilotac, and then worked at Minntac, where he held a variety of positions throughout his career. Before retiring at the age of 53 in 1989, his last position was working in the electrical repair shop.

Al and Jean first made their home in Ely. After Al's transfer to Minntac, they purchased a home in Sandy Township, where they lived for 60 years, just one mile from where Al had grown up.

During the early years of retirement, Al and Jean enjoyed traveling to the West Coast. He especially loved spending time outdoors, riding his four-wheeler, working on jigsaw puzzles, and puttering around the yard. Al was an avid sports fan who particularly enjoyed NASCAR racing and cheering on the Minnesota Vikings.

Al is survived by his wife, Jean; daughters, Sharon Haavisto (Frank Germ) and Carol (Mike) Zabloski; sons, Brian (Kelly) Haavisto and James (Won) Haavisto; six grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and special feline companion, Mia.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Luella Holstrom; and brothers, Robert Haavisto and Henry Lowe.

Babbitt Public Library

Monday - Thursday
9am-5pm

Friday
10am - 6pm

Arrowhead Bookmobile

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Evangelical Free Church

5606 E Taylor Rd - Embarrass, MN 55732 - 218-984-3402
www.efreechurch.com - marlinb@efreechurch.com

Sunday

Family Bible classes	9am
Family Worship Service	10am

Wednesday

Prayer Time	6pm
Adult/Teen Bible Study	7pm

Saturday

June 20th	Men's Breakfast	8am

Sunday Messages

July 5th	Pastor Colin Rieke
July 12th	Bringing Back the Word of God
July 19th	Humbled by the King of Heaven
July 26th	Anthony Bermel

Hope Lutheran ELCA

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Facebook: Hope Lutheran/Babbitt Evangelical

Pastor Christina Forsythe

Worship: Sundays at 10:45AM

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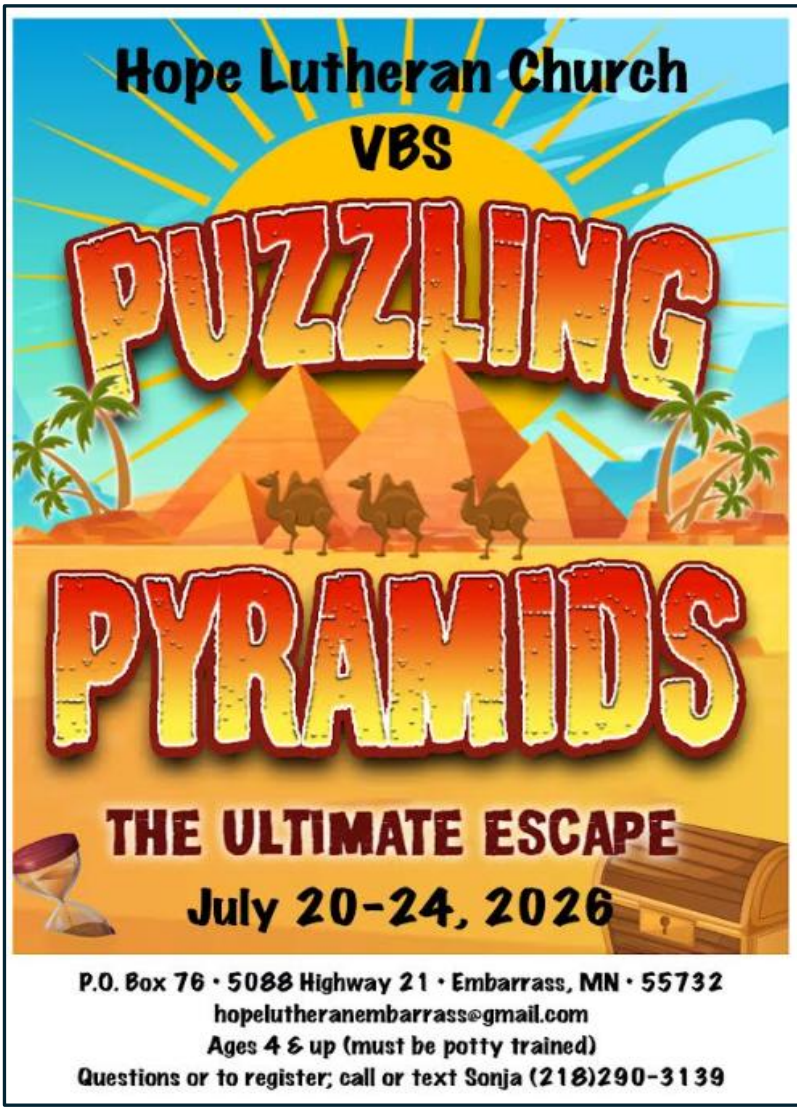
6997 Oberg Rd (on Hwy 169)
www.apostoliclutheran.org

Services at 10:30am
Communion – First Sundays



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