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- Dec 15-16** Mt. Zion Snocross National presented by Pat's Motorsports, Mt. Zion Ski Hill, Ironwood
- Dec 17** Lake Superior Mason's All You Can Eat Breakfast - 8am-11pm, Ewen (*Details inside*)
- Dec 17** Twilly's Annual Christmas Party, Starts at 12pm, All Welcome (*Details inside*)
- Dec 22** King + Country Christmas Concert Live Stream Watch Party, 8PM, American Legion Hall, Trout Creek
- Dec 23** King + Country Christmas Concert Replay Watch Party, 2PM, American Legion Hall, Trout Creek
- Dec 24** CHRISTMAS EVE - Candlelight Services (*Details inside*)
- Dec 25** MERRY CHRISTMAS!
- DEC 31** NEW YEARS EVE
- JAN 1** HAPPY NEW YEAR!



NEXT SHOPPER
JAN 2, 2024

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**Traditional Christmas Eve
 Candle Light Service**

December 24, 7:00 PM

Fellowship & Refreshments

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What's a cat's favorite holiday song? *Here Comes Santa Claws.*

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Ima who?
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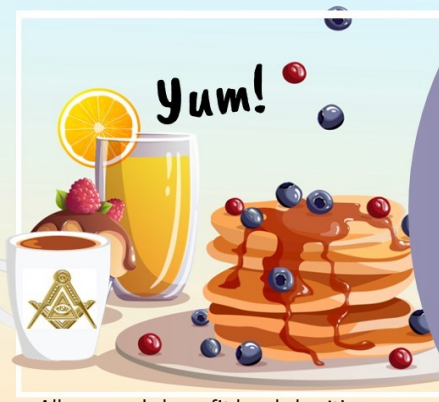


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December 13, 2023



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DEC 17
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\$8 ADULTS \$5 UNDER 12

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| Pancakes
+blueberries | Biscuits
& Gravy | OJ |
| Scrambled Eggs
+peppers, onions,
mushrooms | French
Toast | Milk
Coffee |

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2/\$3
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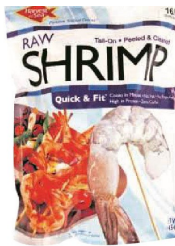
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Bethany Lutheran (WELS), Bruce Crossing: 5 PM Sun. Worship. Pr. Johnson (715) 776-0313.

Bethany Lutheran Church (LCMC), Covington: 10:30AM Sun. Worship. Communion 1st and 3rd Sun. Hwy 141.

Bruce Crossing Apostolic Lutheran Church: 12PM Sun. School, 1PM Worship. Communion 1st Sun., Pr. Hulkonen. 15121 M-28W.

Bruce Crossing Bible Church: 10AM Sun. Worship, Pastor Chris Daily. 15089 Maplewood Rd.

Calvary Baptist Church, Bergland: 11AM Sun. Worship, 201 Pine St.

Calvary Temple Assembly of God, Trout Creek: 9AM Sun. School, 10AM Sun. Worship. 187 Division St.

Christian Science Church Service, Houghton: Sun. Service & Sun. School 10:30AM, 209 W. Montezuma St.

ELY Memorial Church (UCC), Land O'Lakes, WI: 10AM (CT) Sun. Worship, 4302 Co. Rd. B.

First Apostolic Lutheran Church, Paynesville: 10:30AM Worship 1st Sun., 2:30PM on 3rd Sun.

First Lutheran Church (ELCA), Ewen: 11AM Communion Worship 1st, 2nd, 4th Sun., 200 N. Cedar St.

Greenland SDA Church: Worship 10AM Sat., 31369 N Firesteel Rd.

Greenland United Methodist Church: 11:30AM Worship, 9AM Communion Service 3rd Sun. of the Month, 1002 Ridge Rd.

Holy Family Catholic Church, Ontonagon: 9AM Sun. Mass 515 Pine St.

Hope Lutheran Church (LCMS), Watersmeet: 9:30AM Sun. Worship. Communion 1st, 3rd, 5th Sun., Pr. Gary Albert. N1764 Hwy 45.

Houghton Seventh-day Adventist Church: Worship 11:30AM Sat., 102 E Houghton Ave.

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Watersmeet: 4PM (CT) Mass Sat. and 9:30AM (CT) Sun., E23933 D Ave.

NORTHIRON Church, Onto.: 10:45AM Sun. Worship, 104 N. Steel St.

Ontonagon Baptist Church: Sun. Worship 9:45AM, 11AM, and 6PM; Wed. Worship 7PM. Pr. Virgil Ruchti. 615 Greenland Rd.

Ontonagon United Methodist Church: 9AM Worship and Communion 1st Sun. ea. month, 109 Greenland Rd.

Our Saviour Lutheran Church (ELCA), Paynesville: 11AM Communion Worship 3rd and 5th Sun., 13980 N. Paynesville Rd.

Redeemer Free Lutheran Church (AFLC), Ontonagon: 9AM Sun. Worship, 10:45AM Sun. School; Wed - 8AM Men's Bible Study & Breakfast, 12PM Silent worship & prayer, 7PM Bible Study; Thurs, - 10:30AM Women's Bible Study. Pr. Antel, 315 S. Steel St.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Ewen: 4PM Sat. Worship, 201 S. Birch St.

Siloa Lutheran Church (ELCA), Ontonagon: 9AM Sun. Worship & Holy Communion, 10AM Bible Study at Siloa House, 4PM Wed. Children Siloa Seekers

St. Ann's Catholic Church, Bergland: 11AM Sun. Worship, 480 Forest Ave.

St. Jude's Catholic Church, White Pine: 6PM 2nd, 4th Sat. Mass, 8 Cedar St.

St. Mary's Catholic Church, Rockland: 6PM 1st, 3rd Sat. Mass, 11 Elm St.

St. Paul Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, Ontonagon: 9AM Sun. Worship, 10AM Wed. Bible Study, 3:30-5PM Wed. Church School. Phone: 906-884-4788 follow prompts. 107 E. River St.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church (ELCA), Mass City: 10:30AM Sun. Worship w/ Holy Communion, Wed. 4-5PM Bible Adventures & Faith Formation for children 4 yrs +

St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Rockland: 10:15AM Worship; 9AM Communion Service 2nd Sun. ea. month, 50 National Ave.

Trinity Lutheran Church (LCMS), Covington: 9AM Sun. Worship, Pr. Corey Harman. M-28.

Trinity Lutheran Church (LCMS), Bergland: 9AM Sun. Worship w/ Communion, 6PM Tues. Bible Study. Pr. Timothy Steckling. 404 Birch St.

Trout Creek Lutheran 11AM on 3rd Sun. Worship.

United Methodist Church, Bergland: 11AM Sun. Worship. Pr. Carol Dix. 108 Birch St.

United Methodist Church, Ewen: 9AM Worship 1st Sun. Open Communion.

United Methodist Church, Sidnaw: 3PM 1st Sun. ea. Month - Worship & Communion, Pr. Prewitt

Watersmeet Bible Church: Sun. Bible Study 9-10AM, Worship 10:30AM Communion 1st Sun. Dinner & Bible Study Wed. 5:30PM-7:30PM. Pr. Yerks. Tues. - 9AM-3PM Northwoods Quilters. E23640 Hwy 2.

White Pine Community United Methodist Church: 11AM Sun. Worship. Pr. Pete LeMoine. 9 Tamarack St.

Join Us for
Worship!

Trinity Lutheran
Community Church
in Trout Creek

December 17th at 11AM

Christmas Eve
December 24th at 4PM

Community Church:

Please Join Us for

Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service

December 24, 2023

6:00pm-7:00pm

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Last year, Ontonagon Co. children received gifts at the following locations: Greenland, Rockland, Bruce Crossing, Ewen, Bergland, White Pine, Ontonagon, Critter Range, Foster Kids, Head Start, At Risk, and other individual locations, all due to your generosity.

Wouldn't you enjoy being a part of giving hundreds of toys, books, and stuffed animals. It is because of your generous support that the Marines of Ontonagon Co. are able to continue with this program. Donations cans are set out in most businesses. Or if you would rather, you may send a check (check payable to MCL #1016) to:

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LONLINESS DURING THE HOLIDAYS

For many, the holidays are filled with friends, family and constant celebration. People put socialization on overdrive and seem to take no breaks. However, for others, the holidays can feel lonelier than any other time of year. Not everyone has close friends and family to spend their time with during these cold few months. Some may have it reserved for extra alone time, and not by their own choice. Taking more time for yourself during the holidays is not unhealthy on its own, but doing so too much can lead to negative emotions and feelings of isolation.

There is a difference in taking some alone time to avoid being around others. "Taking some time alone is kind of like taking a break at halftime of a football game," says Megan Williams, Director of Suicide Prevention for Centerstone. "You've been chatting with people, trying to keep the conversation going for a couple of hours, and you need to take a 15-minute break to step away and recharge your batteries."

Alone time can be healthy as it provides time to focus on yourself and what makes you happy. There are several ways you can celebrate on your own:

- **Start a new tradition!** Try creating a new holiday tradition for yourself, such as baking a holiday treat or watching a new holiday movie.
- **Rediscover an old talent.** Pick up that dusty old guitar, pull out those woodworking tools, put on those dance shoes, or do anything else that makes you feel like yourself.
- **Do something out of the house.** Attend a community event, or if weather permits, spend some time out in nature.
- **Write letters and make phone calls.** You may just be alone for the holidays because you're loved ones are too far to see this year. Spend some time talking to them on the phone or writing to them to stay connected. Even one short call can be uplifting.

All people, whether introverted or extroverted, need some level of socialization to be healthy. Being alone can become unhealthy when alone time turns into avoidance or prolonged isolation. Feelings of anxiety and loneliness can cause us to avoid social interaction altogether as a coping mechanism. This isolation can lead to depressive symptoms, which end up further increasing feelings of loneliness – it's a cycle.

Other ways to cope with holiday loneliness

One of the best ways to cope with holiday loneliness is seeking out time with people. If being around others alleviates any loneliness you feel, be intentional about seeking out social interactions. If you don't have loved ones nearby, this may take more initiative on your part.

- **Look for volunteer opportunities.** There are plenty of ways to help others, and opportunities only increase during the holiday season. Volunteering allows you to make a positive difference while socializing without all the pressure.
- **Say yes.** Accept invitations from others to do things, even if they're not people you usually spend much time with. You don't have to say yes to everything, but putting yourself out there in this way can help you feel less isolated.

If you're feeling sad and lonely, try to not exacerbate these feelings by comparing your plans to others'. Stay off social media – it's only a "highlight reel" of someone's life and can make you feel small in comparison.

SOURCE: <https://centerstone.org/our-resources/health-wellness/managing-alone-time-and-loneliness-during-the-holidays>

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