

Machin Messenger

Serving Minnitaki, Eagle River, Vermilion Bay And surrounding area

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Municipal Notes

COUNCIL NEWS

Thank you to everyone who signed up for the Spring-Cleaning event in April. Unfortunately due to the weather we had to cancel. We've decided on May 4th for our next scheduled clean-up date. We appreciate any and all volunteers who are willing to join us in cleaning our community. More information can be found in this Messenger or by calling Machin office staff at 807-227-2633.

April was a busy month for Mayor and Council. We had a special Council meeting April 9th to go over the proposed budget for 2024. Thank you to all staff for working hard on their budgets and taking part in the meeting. With costs rising we know it was difficult to finalize budgets for the year. With that being said, it's looking like there will be a tax increase of 4.6% for this year. Please keep in mind this is not official and only preliminary. We are still waiting on a final budget to be proposed. Once finalized, we'll be proposing the budget and officially passing it at a future Council date as we do every year. This will be advertised prior to that date.

Councillor Greg Swanson attended the learning event in Ignace April 12th hosted by the Nuclear Waste Management Organization. The event included council members and staff from various municipalities in Northwestern Ontario who listened to an informative presentation from Canadian Association of Nuclear Host Communities. This is a major topic in Northwestern Ontario and something that will impact the region if approved. We think it's important to note that Machin does not have a say or comment on this potential project. It is solely up to the residents of the host communities to decide on whether or not they would like this to take place in their community.

At the beginning of April, Mayor Griffiths and our EDO had a virtual meeting with a staff member from Minister Khanjin's office (Ministry of Environment Conservation and Parks). Discussed was the Landfill Inspection Report received recently for the Vermilion Bay Landfill as well as the costs of operating both landfills with no extra funding being contributed from unincorporated users. This has been an ongoing issue/topic for many years. As the Ministry updates its environmental standards and imposes them on landfill operators, we feel we should have our agreement updated from 2000 when the Municipality took ownership of both municipal landfills. The current situation is not sustainable or fair to municipal taxpayers and we will continue to work on this issue until we are happy with an answer/result given to us.

Economic Development:

Unfortunately, no new updates when it comes to the Ely Lake Cottage Lot Development Project. Some "duty to consult" communities have asked for more time on getting back to the Ministry with any comments related to the proposed development project. We are supposed to be meeting with MNRF staff at the beginning of May to go over whether any comments have been submitted and the next steps for this project. Hopefully by that time we'll also have completed the cemetery expansion project; we are still waiting for the official closeout of the disposition and to receive land transfer documents from MNRF.

We did not receive any comments at our public meeting held April 2nd at the municipal office regarding the draft plan of subdivision for the Old Blue Lake Road property. Mayor and Council approved of supporting this draft plan of subdivision at the April 22nd Council meeting; there will still be a formal application submitted (with terms and conditions included) to be approved. Once approved, the Municipality will be able to start advertising the sale of the lots on the subject property. One of the conditions of the draft plan is proving there is adequate water supply for 10 new lots, and after having a well drilled at the end of April, we are happy to say the results came back positive with a healthy water supply. I hope to have more positive news on this development in each new Messenger!

We applied through the Housing Enabling Water Systems Fund for the costs of purchasing and installing new pumps, analyzers, and modular kits at our water treatment plant as well as the costs of installing two hydrants in the community. This fund is targeted towards water treatment/wastewater treatment projects and stormwater management projects that directly result in enabling new housing developments. Without municipal wastewater treatment we are hindered for our develop-

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MESSENGER DEADLINE

Submissions for the Machin Messenger must now be in by the **LAST WEDNESDAY** of the month, by noon. *The deadline for the June Messenger will be May 29th.* Send your submissions to <u>pilmar@sympatico.ca</u>, subject line "Machin Messenger". Ads will need to be pre-paid prior to insertion in the Messenger.

Please note that there are price changes for ads. Call the Municipal Office for details.

ment capacity due to MECP guidelines and are also not able to extend our water lines unless we have municipal wastewater treatment. This significantly impacts our development and potential for accessing a funding program like this one. We argued that our project aims at keeping our water standard above MECP guidelines, something that is important for not only the current water users but any future housing developments in Vermilion Bay.

Council approved of transitioning to a new GIS program for the Municipality. This is something that is a great step forward to modernizing our services. We hope to have the system ready to use at the beginning of June and up to date by September of this year. The new GIS program will allow municipal staff to keep accurate records of zoning, planning changes (severances, minor variances, plans of subdivisions), provide mapping of key useful data (culverts, water mains, cemetery plots, etc.), and other useful tools to aid municipal staff. The new program is cost efficient and user friendly, both extremely important for smaller municipalities like ours who can't afford databases/mapping programs larger municipalities use.

Public Works: The Municipality is looking for applicants for our Summer Parks Crew. In order to apply, you must be 18 years of age or older. If you're interested in this opportunity, we ask that you please send a resume to clerktreasur-

er@visitmachin.com or drop a resume off at the office located at 75 Spruce Ave.

Revitalization Committee: Committee members proposed a new budget allowance to Council for potential 2024 projects at the pre-liminary budget meeting in April. Some new projects we are hoping to tackle include: painting the Eagle River Rink Shack, installing a walkway at the Minnitaki Historical Park, creating engraved granite plaques to honour those that have donated to the committee, and purchase/install ornamental shrubs/ perennials. We are still working on completing some projects from previous years like installing flag poles, installing park signs, and adding cement bases for the remaining old farm equipment at Minnitaki Historical Park. We appreciate any and all volunteer support we receive on our projects! We look forward to another busy year of revitalizing and improving our beautiful community!

MESSENGER ADS

If you wish to advertise in the Machin Messenger, please call the Municipal Offices at 227-2633 to find out the charge for your ad. Ads will need to be pre-paid.

Property Owners in Vermilion Bay with Aqua Flow units are reminded to turn them on to prevent your water from freezing. Please ensure that they remain on until the middle of April. Should you have any questions please call Shawna Alberts at 227-2064.

As the weather starts to warm up we that ask that everyone be **FIRE SMART**.

Right now we are in a high fire danger zone, you can learn more by going to

https://www.ontario.ca/page/firesmart.

Please be cautious and careful!

To Report a Forest Fire - 310-Fire or 1-888-284-3473





For Bear Sightings call: 1-866-514-2327 only dial 911 if it is an absolute emergency.

Happy Retirement:

Thank you, Elaine for your 17 years of service at Points North Family Team in Machin, you will be missed. Wishing you a retirement filled with serene sunsets, leisurely mornings, and the joy of savoring life at your own pace. You've earned every moment of your newfound freedom. Mayor, Council & Staff.



Recreation News:

I don't know about you, but I'm sure happy to see the sun and feel the heat, bring on summer. Speaking of summer, I have started the plans for another year of KIDS CAMP, I will keep you posted. This year I am thinking of a graduation/carnival for the last day, so stay tuned. There will be swimming lessons again this year with kid's camp, but I'm wondering who all would be interested in putting their kids in swimming lessons if I were to hold another week of just lessons, please call me at 807-227-2633 ext. #231.

I'm happy to say we had another successful Coffeehouse; the Eagle Rec Centre was jam packed. We had a fantastic line up of musicians, great and fantastic help putting this on. A big thank you goes out to all our Musicians, Dryden Native Friendship Centre and all their great staff (Charlene, Crystal, Carrie, Mya, Jolane Cynthia, Kristy), Connie Calvert for organizing the music, Bonnie Leutschaft for being the MC, Connie Korzinski in the kitchen and anyone else I may have forgotten. What a wonderful event

Armchair Travel has been a tremendous success this year. This month we are adventuring to Switzerland and than we will be taking a short break and will resume in the fall. Thank you to all my wonderful travelers who support this program, it means the world to me, and to my girls that faithfully have been by my side through this program, my PR Connie Calvert, also slaving in the kitchen and serving Rose Rhyner, Glenda Hatfield, Erica Spence, & the lovely Linda Huitikka, thank you, thank you, thank you!

Pickleball in Vermilion Bay and Eagle River is still running, Game Nights in Eagle River have been running well, Yoga is back again for May in Vermilion Bay. Keep your eyes open for posters and on the web page. Another paint class is in the works, a thank you to Kennedy Maidment for your help and talent

Stay tuned for an exciting June!

I would like to wish all you beautiful Mom's out there a Happy Mothers Day

Carman Brignall,

Recreation Facilitator.



Mayor, Council and Staff wish everyone a safe fun filled family day on May 20^{th.}



To all mother's we wish you Happy Mother's Day May 12th



SUMMER HOURS

Waste Disposal Sites



Effective May 2, 2024

SITES	TES TUESDAY TH		SATURDAY
VERMILION BAY	2 p.m 6 p.m.	9 a.m. - 1 p.m.	9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
EAGLE RIVER	9 a.m 1 p.m.	2 p.m. - 6 p.m.	2 p.m 6 p.m.



Emergency Preparedness Week May 5 – 11

Knowing what to do during an emergency is an important part of being prepared.

Three simple steps to become better prepared to face a range of emergencies:

Know the risks Make a plan

Get an emergency kit

Make a Plan: Every household needs an emergency plan. It will help you and your family know what to do in an emergency – and it only takes 20 minutes. Make the plan part of your emergency kit.

Get a Kit: In an emergency you will need some basic supplies. You may need to get by without power or tap water. Be prepared to be self-sufficient for at least 72 hours. Make sure your kit is easy to carry and everyone in the household knows where it is.

Emergency Kit List:

Water - at least 2 litres per person per day

Food that won't spoil, such as canned food, energy bars and dried foods

Manual can opener

Crank or battery-powered flashlight (and extra batteries)

Crank or battery-powered radio (and extra batteries)

First aid kit

Extra keys (vehicle and home)

Cash in smaller bills, and change for payphones

A copy of your emergency plan and contact information

Special items such as prescription medication, infant formula, and equipment for people with disabilities

Steps to take in emergency situations:

Make sure you are safe before assisting others.

Follow your emergency plan.

Get your emergency kit.

Monitor radio, television and online for information from authorities. Follow their instructions.

Stay put until it is safe or you are ordered to evacuate.

Limit phone calls to urgent messages only. Keep the lines free for emergency responders.

Keeping in Touch in Emergencies: Being able to communicate with family, friends and emergency responders during an emergency is critical. However, keep in mind that everyday communication devices may not work properly during an emergency. If possible, use non-voice channels like text messaging, email or social media, as these use less bandwidth than voice communications and may work even when phone service has been disrupted.

Visit **GetPrepared.ca** for more information on emergency preparedness, to complete an emergency plan online, and for a guide on what to do in different situations.

Contact Machin Volunteer Fire and First Response if need a smoke/CO alarm, fire safety information, or if interested in volunteering with the department. Volunteer applications can also be picked up at the Municipal Office. No experience required.

Facebook / Instagram: @machinfire | email: machinfire@bellnet.ca | mail: PO Box 249, Vermilion Bay, ON P0V 2V0

In March, Machin Fire responded to: 3 vehicle fires, 4 vehicle collisions, 2 medical calls, and held 2 practices.



Clean-up has been rescheduled for **Saturday May 4th**, open to all roads and Highways within the Municipality of Machin.

Sign-up/Contact sheet and Garbage bags can be picked up at the Municipal Office from Monday April 29th to Friday May 3rd during regular office hours 8 a.m.-4 p.m.; as well on Saturday May 4th from 9 a.m.–12 p.m. at volunteer tables setup at the Vermilion Bay Fire Hall and Eagle River Fire Hall. The Municipality will supply garbage bags for Municipal roads and Emcon Services Inc. will supply bags for Numbered Highways 17, 105, 594, 627.

At the same locations pick-up a Safety Flyer with safety tips to help keep us safe while participating in this volunteer initiative.

All volunteers who have signed-up will have their names entered into a draw with a chance to win one of two gift certificates at local merchants as a small thank you.

We encourage volunteers to recycle where possible using the clear bags.

- The Municipality has granted permission to bring these bags to the landfill with no charge. Volunteers can drop their bags off at the Municipal Landfills that are open or leave them on the road edges for pickup by volunteers or the Public Works Department. Emcon will pick-up along the numbered highways (large black bags).
- Please make sure your bags are visible along the roads but well off the road to make sure they are not impeding the flow of traffic.

If your bags are not picked up by Tuesday May 7^{th,} please contact the Municipal Office to ensure they are removed.

If you are interested to learn more or have questions, please contact one of the following Volunteer Organizing members: Mike Durocher ph. 216-8318, Ray Pilkey ph. 220-1502, or the Machin Office ph. 227-2633

MACHIN PROUD SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY

T-SHIRTS \$30

HOODIES \$60

(t-shirts and hoodies come in blue or navy) PROCEEDS FROM SALES GOES TO MACHIN REVITALIZATION COMMIT-TEE PROJECTS

AVAILABLE AT: THE MACHIN TOWNSHIP OFFICE

VERMILION BAY CO-OP

WATCH FOR US AT LOCAL EVENTS!

The logo on the back of the clothing is of our beautiful Eagle Lake!





ARMCHAIR TRAVEL DINNER TO SWITZERLAND

LAST ONE FOR THE SEASON



Armchair travel takes people to faraway places without leaving the comfort of home. It provides a sensory experience and opportunity to learn about exotic lands, multicultural foods, music etc. Provides a deeper understanding and enjoyment of traveling to another country.

Hosted by Carman Brignall

May 23rd, 5:30pm @ The Happy Go Lucky Senior Centre in Vermilion Bay. Cost is \$25 per person



PLEASE RSVP CARMAN 807–227–2633 LIMITED TO 30 PERSONS

gave Crystal Verbonik a hand making bannock. Connie Korzinski chopped veggies for Carman Brignall's homemade wild rice soup (served with bannock). They also sold bannock burgers and hot dogs.

DNFC and Machin staff members worked setting up, decorating, food purchases, admission, ticket sales and clean up. I always say, it takes a village!

Everett Rourke provided professional sound and Bonnie Leutschaft did an awesome job of MCing for the event.

We enjoyed live performances from Harmony Holmes, Sunset Country Ukulele Group, Shannon Murdick, Michelle Carter, Bonnie Leutschaft and Karl Friesen. We topped off the evening with stellar entertainment from Bush Whiskey.

The place was packed and everyone rocked to the music.

Thank you so much to all the performers who provided their time and talent. Special thanks to Lloyd, Everett and Bonnie for working with me to bring the musical part of this event to fruition. It takes many hands.

MUSIC IS MAGICAL

Vermilion Bay Lions Club Annual Plant Sale



Saturday, May 25th, 2024 10 am to 2 pm Woodland Arena 29 Arena Lane

Set up Day: Friday, May 24th from 11am till 4 pm

If you would like to contribute plants to our sale, donations of your annuals, overgrown perennials and shrubs would be very welcome.

Contact Susan Mann @ 755-2189 or Susan Hutchison @ 220-0640 for arrangements.



Join The Lions for the Walk for guide dogs:

May 26th 2024 @ 11 a.m. Lunch to follow

Sponsor a walker at walkfordogsguides.com or in person

Hope to see everyone there!





Vermilion Bay United Church services are Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. Our door is open, we welcome all.





Need a Ride to Dryden?

Try Out Our Seniors Bus.

This is a Door to Door Service – you do not have to worry about parking or walking. We drop you off right at the door of your medical appointment or essential shopping and return to pick you up.

The cost is \$10.00 per person to ride to and from Dryden on Tuesday or Thursday. Should you have mobility issues both getting on and off the bus or shopping and carrying your items, thanks to the Happy Go Lucky Seniors Club they have provided funding for an Assistant to ride on the bus to help with these issues. Please call the Municipal Office at 227-2633 to book your ride or if you have any questions. The bus leaves the Machin Office at 9:00 a.m.

You do not have to be a senior to use this service. Any adult can ride, however seniors do come first for this service.

Please note: The Seniors Bus will not be going to Dryden on May 16, 2024



Vermilion Bay Lions

Join us for a Mother's Day 🕥 Supper May 12th 5pm-7pm



Lions Hall - Supper served at 5:30PM

Adults - \$20 Seniors - \$15



The draw will take place at 5pm

Ages 6 - 12 - \$15

5 & under Free

Doors open at 4:30PM

Points North Family Health Medical Team



POINTS NORTH FAMILY HEALTH TEAM/MACHIN MEDICAL CLINIC



We would like to Thank Elaine Marshall, Nurse Practitioner for her 17 years of service to the Points North Family Health Team/Machin Medical Clinic.

We would like to express our gratitude for her dedication to the clinic, family health team, colleagues, and the compassion and care she provided to all patients.

We hope the memories and experiences she has gathered will always stay with her.

Congratulations Elaine on your well-deserved retirement.

Thank you to everyone who was able to make it out to her retirement celebration.

It was great to see so many people.



32nd Annual Pipper Memorial Pool Tournament



But we're not sure of the date yet.

More details soon!

The BAYVIEW Vermilion Bay - 227-2603

The Eye Van is Coming!



EYE VAN VISION LOSS REHABILITATION TANADA

The Eye Van is a fully equipped mobile eye care unit We provide critical medical eye care to remote

areas of Northern Ontario, where these types of services are not typically available.



To book your appointment

Please obtain a referral from your family doctor, optometrist, or nurse practitioner. Visit your local health care provider if you are interested in an appointment on the Eye Van.

No referring health care provider In your community?

1-888-675-2468 (ext. 5416 p

Or if you require more information, please contact the VLRC Eye Van office





Thumbs Up: to the Happy Go Lucky Seniors and all their incredible cooks for the best roast beef dinner ever! Keep up the great work and we can't wait till you do this again. Thank you.

Thumbs Up: to the wonderful person who gave a very generous donation to Kids Camp, thank you.



Join us for affordable, effective weight-loss support!

Vermilion Bay TOPS will no longer be meeting in person for the time being. If you are interested in joining our group, please call the number below for further information.

Marcia Pilipishen 807-227-2061

Real People. Real Weight-Loss.® www.tops.org









Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
To Rent call: 529-4611 227-2818	Executive; Pres. Garry P 1st vice Mel A. 2nd vice Joy R. Sec: Sandra A.	Dir: Bill L. Linda H. Mary L. Joy R. Lottie L.	1 Coffee	2 Christine Lewicki	3 Coffee Mahjong 10am Dave Haisell	4 Rented
5 Rented Gloria Stewart	6 Coffee Yoga 1-2 _{pm} Kim Henriksen	7	8 coffee	9	10 Coffee Mahjong 10am Gail Haisell	11
12	13 Coffee Catered Lunch meeting	14	15 Coffee Foot Care 9 am 938-5758 Nick Rusnak	16	17 Coffee Mahjong 10am	18
19	20 Coffee Juliette McDonald	21 Leo Kornas	22 Coffee Hot Break- fast 8:30	23 Arm chair Travel Swirtzerland Call 227-2633	24 Coffee Pot Luck Mahjong10am	25
26	27 Coffee Yoga 1-2 pm Claudette Korzinski	28	29 Coffee	30	31 coffee Mahjong 10am	Bus to Dryden Tuesday & Thursday \$10 Pick up 10am Call 227-2633

HAPPY GO LUCKY SENIORS WILL NO LONGER ACCEPT ANY ALUMINUM CANS. THANK YOU TO ALL WHO SUPPORTED THIS FUND RAISER .

EXECUTIVE: President: Garry Parkes 807 227-2895 1st Vice: Mel Altenburg 807 227-2127 2nd Vice: Joy Robinson Secretary: Sandra Altenburg Treasurer: Martin Hellsten	DIRECTORS: Linda Huitikka Bill Londry Lottie Lavoie Room Rental: 807 227-2818 or 807 529-4611 Room Rented: May 4 May 5 Senior Bus goes to Dryden Tuesdays and Thursdays. \$10.00 Call 807 227-2633 Yoga - May 6 & 27 1 - 2 pm ArmChair Travel - May 23 - Switzerland Call Carmen for more information 227-2633	CAROLYN HILL Registered Nurse/FCN YOUR FOOT CARE Dryden, ON (807) 938-5758 Advanced • Diabetic • Basic Foot Care Needs yourfootcare1@gmail.com	MONTHLY ACTIVITIES: Toast & Coffee - Monday, Wednesday, Friday 7 am to 9:30 am (except the 2nd Monday of the Month) Monthly Meeting - 2nd Monday of the Month Mahjong - Fridays 10 am Pot Luck - 3rd Friday of the Month NEW ACTIVITIES: Hot Breakfast - May 22. Serving from about 8:30 am until 9:15 am Starting May 15, Wednesday 9 am, Caroline Hill will be coming for Foot Care. If you are interested please Caroline Hill (807 938-5758).
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The Vermilion Bay Co-op would like to let the shoppers know the following monthly dates for 2024

\$TORE HOUR\$: 9 A.M.- 6 P. M. MONDAY—\$ATURDAY CLO\$ED \$UNDAY\$

Shareholder Days	Senior Days	Flyer Days
May 10th	May 15th	May 10—May 16 May 24—May 30
PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR REUSABLE SHOPPING BAGS		Closed Monday May 20 for Victoria Day

Just a reminder that you can view the Co-op Flyers online at

Thank you for your patronage.







Toll Free: 1-800-261-0248 Email: Kayden.kujansuu@screaity.on.ca Real Estate Sales Representative Website: www.screaity.on.ca



The Reading Room will be open during Municipal Office business hours.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Machin Council Meeting: Monday May 13, immediately following the Public Works meeting, and Monday May 27th, 6:00 p.m.in Council Chambers, Machin Municipal Office

Public Works Meeting: Monday May 13 at 6:00 p.m., in Council Chambers in Machin Municipal Office

Revitalization Committee: TBA

Lions Club—First and third Wednesdays of every month, 7:00 p.m., Lion's Hall.

Happy-Go-Lucky Seniors:

TOPS—See ad on page 14.

AA - 7:00 p.m. Tuesdays and Sundays at the Evangelical Mission Church, 55 Willow St., Vermilion Bay. Social distancing rules apply.

AL-Anon Family Group: Every Thursday 6:00 p.m., at St. Mark Lutheran Church. For more info call Darlene @938-7061. *Please note time change!*

Kinettes—The first **WEDNESDAY** of each month, 7:00 p.m. in the Bayview meeting room.

Seniors Friendship Club of Eagle River—Third Wednesday of each Month.

Police Services Board—TBA

Waldhof Wranglers—Contact Emma Benham at 807-220–0554, waldhofwrangles2011@gmail.com , or check out the Waldhof Wranglers Facebook page.

SUMMER HOURS WASTE DISPOSAL SITES

SITES	TUESDAY	THURSDAY	SATURDAY	
VERMILION BAY	2 p.m 6 p.m.	9 a.m 1 p.m.	9 a.m 1 p.m.	
EAGLE RIVER	9 a.m. - 1 p.m.	2 p.m 6 p.m.	2 p.m 6 p.m.	

Copies of the water systems monthly summary, annual reports and the financial plan are available for viewing at the Municipal Office if any of the general public would like to review them. Also available at the Municipal Office the public may access the Water Quality System Policy for the Vermilion Bay water treatment plant and distribution system which forms part of the Operational Plan. Should anyone have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact Shawna Alberts at 227-2064.

Contact Information for Mayor & Council

Mayor:

Gord Griffiths 807-227-2074, 807-221-8717 (cell)

Deputy Mayor:

Dennis Peterson 807-220-1558 (cell) Councillor: Tony Blair 807-227-5410 (cell) Councillor: Ray Pilkey 807-755-1701, 807-220-1502 (cell) Councillor:

Greg Swanson 807-220-3615 (cell)

Building Permit Applications and general inquiries are available at the Machin Office. Any questions on building, please call the Chief Building Office, Shawna Alberts at (807)-216-8285 or the Municipal Office at 807-227-2633.







Our Lady of Fatima Roman Catholic Church Hwy 17 Vermilion Bay Mass on Fridays at 5:30 p.m.

Vermilion Bay United Church 97 Spruce Street Vermilion Bay Worship Services: Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. Easter to the end of September

Eagle River (Ebenezer) Baptist Church Services at First Baptist Church 58 King Street, Dryden, Ontario Morning Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.

> St. Mark Lutheran Church Hwy 17 Vermilion Bay Services: Sundays 11:30 a.m.

Evangelical Mission Church 55 Willow Street, Vermilion Bay Services: Sundays 11:00 a.m. Sunday School-10:00 a.m.

Upper Falls Baptist Church Hwy 105 North Worship: Sundays 11:00 a.m. Sunday School/Bible Study: 10:00 a.m. (all ages)