



# Critical Access Hospital Profile Spotlight on: Turtle Lake, North Dakota

## CHI St. Alexius Health Turtle Lake

**Administrator:**

Adam Maus

**Chief of Medical Staff:**

Dr. Jon Dornacher

**Board Chair:**

John Giese

**City Population:**

554 (2019 Estimate)\*

**County Population:**

9,824 (2019 Estimate)\*

**County Median****Household Income:**

\$79,900 (2019 Estimate)\*

**County Median Age:**

46.0 years (2019 Estimate)\*

**Service Area Population:**

50 mile radius

**Leased by:**

The community still owns the building itself and we have a lease agreement with Commonspirit Health

**Hospital Beds:**

25 beds

**Trauma Level: V****Critical Access Hospital**

**Designation:** 2000

### Mission

The Mission of Catholic Health Initiatives is to nurture the healing ministry of the Church, supported by education and research. Fidelity to the Gospel urges us to emphasize human dignity and social justice as we create healthier communities.

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### Core Values

- Reverence: Profound respect and awe for all of creation, the foundation that shapes spirituality, our relationships with others and our journey to God.
- Integrity: Moral wholeness, soundness, fidelity, trust, truthfulness in all we do.
- Compassion: Solidarity with one another, capacity to enter into another's joy and sorrow.
- Excellence: Preeminent performance, becoming the benchmark, putting forth our personal and professional best

CHI St. Alexius Health Turtle Lake is a 25-bed hospital and swing bed facility located in Turtle Lake, North Dakota. The hospital is equipped with emergency room, physical therapy capabilities, lab, radiology, CT, home care and hospice, and adult day care. Located in this beautiful, quiet, rural community of ours, we offer safe, worry-free living in a supportive, Christian atmosphere. CHI is proud to offer this important resource as an alternative to nursing homes. This is our hospital with alternative living in our hometown and we would like to see our community and the area communities use it. We give lots of love and excellent care!

### Services

**CHI St. Alexius Health Turtle Lake provides the following services directly:**

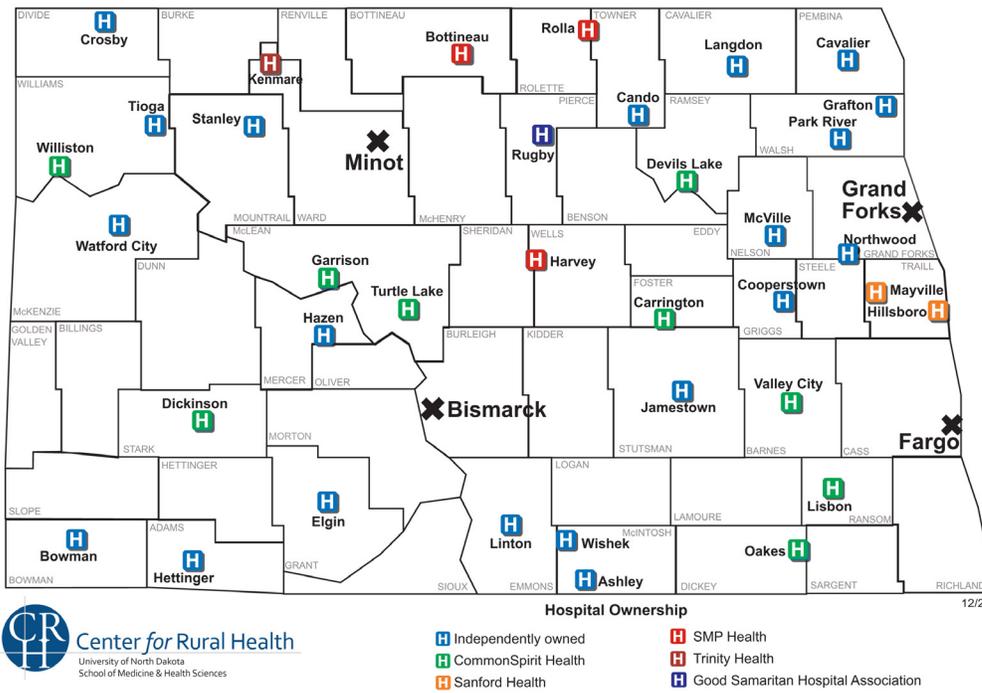
- Emergency room (Trauma V Certified)
- Acute care
- Physical therapy
- Dietary consultations
- Lab
- Digital radiology
- Home care and hospice
- Adult day care
- Swing bed – long term care
- Respite care
- Ultrasounds
- Bone densities
- CT scans
- Avera eEmergency site

**CHI St. Alexius Health Turtle Lake provides the following services through contract or agreement:**

- Mammography services

*\*Source: US Census Bureau; American Factfinder; Community Facts*

# North Dakota Critical Access Hospitals



## History

Community Memorial Hospital was established through the efforts of the Turtle Lake Hospital Association in 1947. The actual construction was completed in 1952, with additions built in 1963 and 1969.

The original mission of the association is the same today, that is, a commitment to excellence of services in a person-centered environment that reflects regard and respect for the total good of the patient and all human life.

In January of 1987, Community Memorial became affiliated with St. Alexis Medical Center in Bismarck. St. Alexis provides medical equipment, physical therapists, as well as management and administrative services.

In 1990, St. Alexis Medical Center signed a lease agreement for the operation of the hospital. The hospital association remains responsible for the upkeep of the building. This is done through fundraising activities.

In 2000 Community Memorial Hospital became a Critical Access Hospital. The 25-bed medical facility has become a vital asset to the communities it serves, with patient admissions having increased significantly in recent years. In October 2014, St. Alexis and Community Memorial Hospital merged with Catholic Health Initiatives.

The reason for these substantial increases is a strong community support. The local people want a professional medical facility close to home. In order for a rural hospital to survive, it has to be wanted, and it has to be supported by the community. The people of the Lake Region saw this need and this is why Community Memorial is alive today.

## Recreation

The Turtle Lake area is the heart of North Dakota's best hunting and fishing. Geese, ducks, pheasants, grouse, deer, walleye, bass, trout, perch, rare bird watching, and thousands of wild flowers are all available within two miles. There is an abundance of public land in the area. Turtle Lake is a friendly and wholesome place to raise a family. It offers top notch school system that includes excellence in academics and sports. Come enjoy the truly good things in life in Turtle Lake, ND.

## Staff

Physicians: 1  
 PAs: 1  
 NPs: 3  
 RNs: 10  
 LPNs: 1  
 Ancillary Personnel: 7  
 Total Employees: 80

## Local Sponsors and Grant Funding Source

Center for Rural Health,  
 SHIP Grant (Small Hospital  
 Improvement Program)

American Heart Association  
 Stroke Grant

North Dakota State Stroke  
 Registry Grant



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