

RELIGION DIGEST

Money Managing: Gold Or The Golden Rule?

Will Gold or the Golden Rule buy us a place in Heaven at Jesus' Second coming? This question will be answered Friday at 7 p.m. and Saturday, at 11 a.m. The presentations will be held at the Seventh Day Adventist Church on 8th Street and Locust in Yankton.

Colin Moeller will present the Wisdom of Stewardship in Money Management Friday, April 30, at 7 p.m. Sabbath Morning, May 1, at 11 a.m. Pastor George Shaver will speak to "Gold vs. the Golden Rule" and question "Are you a sheep or a Goat?"

At 9:30 a.m., Saturday, healthy living in our environment is the Sabbath School Lesson. All are welcome to attend and meet their Adventist neighbors. Come and enjoy a vegetarian fellowship meal after the Sabbath Service on Saturday.

'Day Of Mary' Planned For Saturday

Msgr. Charles Mangan will be directing a "Day of Mary" at The House of Mary Shrine on Saturday May 1. It will begin at 9 a.m. with Mass and conclude with May Crowning at 11:30 a.m. Lunch will be available. The event is sponsored by the Office of the Marian Apostolate and The House of Mary Shrine.

Who Says You Can't Go Home Again?

The United Church of Christ-Congregational in Yankton is proud to welcome home- teacher, composer and distinguished organist Julia Neufeld. Julie is presently the Organist, Choir Director at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Ventura California.

Julie was born and raised in Yankton South Dakota and graduated from Yankton College with a graduate degree at the University of South Dakota. After many years as organist in Sioux Falls, she moved to California in 1984 where she was the Director of Music at the Presbyterian Church of Santa Barbara until accepting the music position at St. Paul's.

A noted composer, Julie has published several handbell pieces and along with her sister have composed several musicals for children. On Sunday afternoon May 2, Julie will present an organ recital at the United Church of Christ-Congregational (210 W 5th Street) at 3 p.m. Ms. Neufeld will present a wide variety of music on the 48 rank Salmen Pipe Organ. The public is invited to attend this concert and welcome home this "daughter" of Yankton! A short reception will follow the recital. For information please call Jennifer Powell at 665-4182.

Faith United: Blowing Out The Candles Two

Faith United Lutheran, rural Volin, is hosting a fundraiser on May 2 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Serving soup and sandwiches, chips, cake and ice cream. Sand Art Brownies available for sale. Free will donation taken with supplemental funds provided by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. Faith United is located at 44874 303 Street, Volin, S.D.

Christ Episcopal 150th Benefit Monday

The 150th Anniversary Committee of Christ Episcopal Church, "The Mother Church of the Dakotas", is sponsoring a fund raising evening at the Pizza Ranch May 3 from 5-8 p.m. Pizza Ranch will donate 15 percent of onsite sales during those hours, and all tips to the 150th Committee. The yearlong celebration of 150 years as a parish will end June 27, 2011. For more information, contact the church office at 665-2677 or Christchurch@iw.net.

Yankton National Day Of Prayer 2010

National Day of Prayer will be observed again this year in Yankton with a noon ceremony on Thursday, May 6, at the County Government Center located at Third and Broadway.

There will also be a prayer breakfast the same day meeting at Calvary Baptist Church located at 2407 Broadway (Highway 81) in Yankton. The breakfast will begin at 6:30 a.m. The program will end at 7:45 a.m. allowing students to arrive at school on time.

Reservations for breakfast are necessary and will be available through participating churches or by calling 605-665-5594.

The Society Of Skinned Knees

REV. RODNEY VELDHIJZEN
Riverview Reformed Church

John Claypool tells a great parable about the Christian life. It's a story about a peasant who lived in a village at the foot of mountain range, on the side of the mountain, in full view of the village, stood a monastery.

The village people very seldom ever saw one of the monks and they held them in high awe. One day one of the monks descended from the mountain to the village below.

The peasant, running up to the monk, said: "Oh, Father, surely yours is the best of all lives, living so close to God up in the clouds on top of the mountain. Please tell me, what do you do up there?"

After a thoughtful pause, the monk replied, "What do we do up there? Well, I'll tell you. We fall down and we get up. We fall down and we get up. We fall down and we get up."

That's it! That's what the Christian life is all about. We all belong to the "Society of the



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in a special stand on his bicycle, the rear tire blew out, Sheffield lost control of his bike, and the Olympic flame went out.

People gasped in disbelief but the attenders of the torch knew exactly what to do. They simply reached into the van that accompanied the traveling torch, pulled out a new torch and lit it from the "mother flame" which always stays in the van. The processional con-

tinued and Sheffield earned a spot on The Tonight Show with Jay Leno.

Along that same line is the story of Harley Sheffield who gained celebrity status through an unusual mishap. He was part of the 15,000-mile relay that carried the Olympic torch to the 100th gathering of the games in Atlanta. His section of the relay went over the Tacoma Narrows Bridge in Washington on May 7, 1996.

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tinued and Sheffield earned a spot on The Tonight Show with Jay Leno.

Why tell those two stories today? Mainly to ask the question, where do you turn when you have fallen down? Do you turn to your church community to find help to get up and someone to brush off the gravel in your knees? Do you turn to those who have been entrusted with the "mother flame" to relight your torch?

What about those of us in the Christian community, how do we respond to those who have fallen down? Can we understand that we too have received the grace to get up again, to find our torch has been relit by someone else? Or do we turn our back on them, call them backsliders, or see them as unworthy of the same grace that we have received?

The hallmark of the message that Jesus brought to our world was the reminder that we are all members of the "Society of Skinned Knees", the only question that remains is will we recognize our fellow members?

Steckelberg Talks About Finding His Faith, Book

Dob Steckelberg remembers a time when he was professing the Christian faith but living a life that didn't match the principles found in Scripture. The Yankton resident says he pretended to believe, but didn't really know what the Bible taught about following Christ.

As he observed those around him, Steckelberg wondered if some of his friends struggled with the same problem. Although he isn't a Bible scholar, his knowledge of Scripture led him to believe that perhaps his friends were missing some truths vital to their Christian faith.

"It seemed many of my friends were sort of 'winking' at God, thinking that 'pinking a little bit of attention to him was enough,'" Steckelberg says. "Often, it appears that they avoid the subject of Jesus and fear becoming 'too religious.' What I read in Scripture tells me our God wants us to pay a whole lot of attention to him. After all, he is our creator, made us in his own image, gave us this awesome world we live in and promises eternal life to those who follow him."

Over a period of several years, Steckelberg composed his thoughts in writings which he recently organized into book form, "Follower or Pretender? What Everyone Who Sits in a Christian Church Pew Needs to Know." The 108-page work addresses topics that include trust, belief, salvation and elements of worship. His original intention didn't



Steckelberg

include the idea of developing a book, but Steckelberg's writings seemed to naturally fit together to convey his understanding of what the Scriptures say about numerous common issues.

"The writings came to me in bits and pieces," he says. "God placed various topics in my mind such as obedience, fear, and belief. As each topic came to mind I thoroughly searched the Scriptures to see what God's Word has to say about each subject."

Steckelberg's study became his own personal Bible study which he documented in 18 different writings. "One day, when I was reviewing them, it occurred to me that there was a pattern in what I had written and that it would be about the length of an average book," Steckelberg says. "I wasn't sure I wanted to pursue a book project, but I had a very strong sense of being prodded every time I thought about dismissing the idea. Without sounding self righteous, I sincerely believe that prompting was from God."

From his study and observations, Steckelberg says he believes many regularly attending church are moving further and further away from truths found in Scripture.

"We've lost sight of Biblical values and teaching," he explains. "Worldly things captivate us much more than a Savior who promise eternal life. I have to believe God means what he says in the Bible about saving only those who put their faith in him. I can't help but wonder what we really believe when we devote such a small amount of our time to God. Recent scientific surveys show the majority of people claiming to be believers actually know very little about Scripture and the expectations God has for those who will receive eternal life."

From the outset, Steckelberg knew his work wouldn't appeal to everyone. He says anyone with the smallest doubt about whether or not they'll spend eternity in Heaven will benefit from the message contained in the book.

"We can be assured of our salvation, but that doesn't happen by wishing and hoping," he says. "It takes real commitment to Jesus. My real hope is that readers will gain an understanding of what it is to give more than 'lip service' or 'token' attention to God. Many people may not realize they can actually draw close to God and commune with him in a spiritual manner if they place their trust in him. If they desire to spend eternity with God they need to understand what the Scripture says about the subject so they can be assured of their salvation."

Steckelberg's writing career began with his completion of a

Mass Communications degree at the University of Minnesota. Throughout his Human Resources career he has written hundreds of job descriptions, scores of policies and many employee handbooks. He also writes for his own entertainment and enlightenment and has a collection of poems and short stories he may publish at some future time.

"I believe Scripture can't be taken lightly," Steckelberg adds. "It's imperative to keep one's own opinions out of scriptural interpretations, being as faithful as possible to God's Word. Several solid Bible scholars reviewed my writings to assess the thoughts I recorded, so I'm confident the book relays the truth of the Scripture passages contained within it."

Steckelberg emphasizes that his work is not an attempt to point fingers or assert that his perspective is superior to any other.

"I make no pretense at being perfect," he says. "The idea of the book was to present the Scripture, explain what it means and then let people decide for themselves where they stand in their faith."

The first book signing for Steckelberg's book will be held from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, May 1, at Yankton's Books & Beans located at 104 West 3rd Street. The book is also available online at www.prairiehearthpub.com or by contacting Prairie Hearth Publishing at 605-660-0378.

CHURCH SCHEDULES

Abundant Life Ministries

517 Burleigh, Lawrence and Barbara Hladky, pastors, 665-0889. SAT 7pm Praise and worship celebration. SUN. 10am Worship. WED. 7pm Worship. Teens prayer daily 10am.

Alliance of Renewal Churches

LIVING WATER CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP, Sun. 10am Yankton Middle School (2000 Mulberry) Weds. 7pm Prayer. David Olson, pastor. (605)260-2138.

Assembly of God

ASSEMBLY OF GOD, 801 W. 25th, Jeff Mantz, pastor. 665-6362 (office). SUN. 10am Worship Celebration. WED. 7pm Midweek service and Bible study for all ages.

Baptist

*CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH, 2407 Broadway, Yankton. (605)665-5584. Rev. Jon Cooke, Pastor Jeremy Nelson, and Pastor Terry Port. Laura Kotalik. SUNDAY May 2 8:30 AM Intercessory Prayer Time 9:00 AM Sunday School for all Ages 10:30 AM Worship Service "Learning to Pray" MONDAY May 3 7:30 PM Service broadcast on Channels 3 & 98 WEDNESDAY May 5 6:45 AM Men's Prayer Time 6:00 PM Intercessory Prayer Time 7:00 PM AWANA Awards Ceremony 7:00 PM 7th-12th Grade Youth Group 7:00 PM Adult Bible Study THURSDAY May 6 6:30 AM National Day of Prayer Breakfast 10:00 AM Preschool Story Time 7:00 PM Celebrate Recovery FRIDAY May 7 5:00 PM Parents' Time Out 7:00 PM Crusin' 24/7.

ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH, 221 W. 3rd, Kevin Caskey, pastor. 665-0066. SUN. 9:30am Sunday School, 10:45pm Preaching Service, 4pm Afternoon Service. THU. 7pm Preaching & Prayer Service.

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Baptist

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH, 303 Ohio St., Wakonda. Mike Lindsay, pastor, (605)759-5020. SUNDAY Worship, 11:00a.m. evening 6:00pm WEDNESDAY Bible Study 12Noon.

HARVEST INDEPENDENT BAPTIST

100 W. 3rd, Mission Hill, Pastor Nathan Martin, 668-0708 (h.) 665-1481 (home). SUN. 9:30am SS. 10:30am Worship, 5:30pm Worship. WED. 7:00pm Worship.

Bible Church

GRACE BIBLE CHURCH, 31102 Walleye Drive (Corner of Hwy. 82 and Walleye Drive, just east of Gavin's Point Dam road), Yankton. Joel Finck, pastor. 463-2070. SUN. 10am Worship.

Catholic

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH OF CEDAR COUNTY (Immaculate Conception), St. Helena, NE. Rev. Eric Olsen. (402)357-2400. Sat 8pm, Sun 11am.

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH OF CEDAR COUNTY (Sacred Heart), Wynot, NE. Rev. Eric Olsen. (402)357-2400. Sat 5pm Mass.

MOUNT MARTY COLLEGE, Peace Chapel, MMC campus. SUN. 10am Mass with the Sisters in the Bishop Marty Chapel. Public is welcome to attend.

SACRED HEART, 509 Capital, Yankton. Rev. Mark Lichter pastor. 665-3655 (office). SAT. 4:30pm Mass. SUN. 8am, 9:30am, 11am Mass. THUR. 12:30pm, 2:30pm and 7:30pm Confessions.

ST. AGNES PARISH: SIGEL, rural Utica. SUN. 9am Mass, confessions 1/2 hour before Mass.

ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, Bloomfield, NE. Fr. Michael Schmitz SUN. Mass: 10:30am; TUE. Mass: 8am; THUR. Mass: 7pm. Confessions: THUR. 6:30-6:55pm.

ST. BENEDICT CATHOLIC CHURCH, 1500 St. Benedict Drive, Yankton, Father Paul Josten, 664-6214 (church). Masses: SAT. 5pm. SUN. 8:30-11am.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC, Fordyce, Neb. Rev. David Fulton. SUN. 10:30am Mass.

Catholic

ST. BONIFACE CATHOLIC CHURCH, Menominee, Neb. Rev. David Fulton, pastor. SUN. 8:30am Mass.

ST. BONIFACE CHURCH, rural Freeman. For weekend Mass info see church bulletin or Rev. Matthew Vazhappilly. (605)583-4318.

ST. COLUMBA CHURCH, rural Irene. For weekend Mass info see church bulletin or Rev. Matthew Vazhappilly. (605)583-4318.

ST. GEORGE CHURCH, Scotland, SD. Rev. Matthew Vazhappilly. For weekend Mass info see church bulletin or call (605)583-4318.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC, Lesterville. SUN. 10:30am Mass.

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, Constance, Neb., Fr. David Fulton, pastor. SAT. Mass: 7:30pm.

ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC, Wakonda, Rev. Scott Trayner, 624-2697. SUN. 8:30am Mass.

ST. ROSE OF LIMA, Crofton, Neb. Fr. Michael Schmitz. SAT. Mass: 8:00am & 5:30pm. SUN. Mass: 8:30am. WED/FRI Masses: 8:15am. Confessions: WED. 11am-11:30am. SAT. 5-5:20pm.

ST. WENCESLAUS, Tabor, (605)463-2336. Rev. Joseph Puthenkulathil, SAT. 7pm Mass. SUN. 8:30am Mass.

THE HOUSE OF MARY SHRINE, 6-mi. W. Yankton, Hwy.52. Masses: 1st Saturday 9:00am, Monday 8:30am, Rosary: 4:00 Sunday. Open 7 days a week for prayer. thehouseofmaryshrine.org

Charismatic

YAHWEH-SHALOM CHARISMATIC, St. Benedict Catholic Church. MON. 7:30pm prayer meeting

Christian

KINGSWAY CHRISTIAN CHURCH, 19th & Burleigh, 665-6317. Joseph Mason, Pastor. 9am-SS; Worship 10:15am. Wed-6pm-Kids games; 7pm-Kids for Christ & Adult Bible Study.

Christian Science

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY, Sixth St. and Douglas St., Yankton. SUN. 9:45am Worship.

Church of Christ

CHURCH OF CHRIST, 1114 West 12th, Yankton, 665-6379. SUN. 9:30am Bible study; classes for all ages. 10:30am Worship.

Church of Jesus Christ

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST LATTER-DAY SAINTS, 2300 Douglas, Yankton. Randy Campbell, (605)665-2016. Family History Cr 665-0901. SUN. 10am Sacrament meeting.

Episcopal

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 517 Douglas, Yankton. Rev. James Pearson. (605)665-2456. View As Web Page Monday through Thursday 8:30 Morning Prayer Sunday: 9:00 Serenity, 10:00 SS, 10:15 Holy Eucharist/Baptisms Wednesday: Noon Holy Eucharist 6:00 Youth, 7:00 Choir reh.

Evangelical

EMMANUEL CHURCH Yankton HS Theater, 1801 Summit, Sunday Worship @ 11 am. Pastors Dan Freg & Jeremy Mulder, www.emmanuelyankton.com (605)665-0404.

Faith Alive

FAITH ALIVE, 501 Cedar St., Yankton. 665-4797. Contemporary Worship & Family Values. SUN. 10am service. WED. 7pm CareCells "Small Groups For Building Relationships" Various Locations.

Jehovah's Witnesses

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES, 2215 Douglas, 664-2249. SUN. 10am Public Bible lecture, 10:35am Watchtower. WED. 7:30pm Bible Study, 8pm Ministry School, 8:35pm Service meeting.

Lutheran

CALVARY LUTHERAN, Irene. 263-3527. SUN. 9:30am Worship. 10:45am SS.

CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH: 305 W. 25th, Yankton, 665-8848. Rev. Dani Jo Ninke. SUN. 8:30am AND 10:45am Worship. SS-9:45am.

FAITH UNITED LUTHERAN, 44874 303rd St., Volin SD 57072, (605)267-2277. SUN. Worship Services 9:30am. Children's Education WED. Evening (WOW) 6:30-7:30pm.

FIRST AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH, 300 S. Carpenter St., Tripp. (605)935-6941. Pastor Mike Jacobson. SUN. 10:45am Worship (Holy Communion first and last Sundays), 9:30am Sunday School.

St. John Lutheran Church, Tyndall, Pastor Dean Schroeder. Sunday Divine Service 8:30am (605)589-3195.

Lutheran

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, 403 Broadway, Yankton, 665-7415. Worship Saturday, 8:30pm. Sunday, 8:15am & 10:45am. Classes, coffee fellowship, 9:30am.

Lutheran

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, Hartington/Crofton, NE. Bob Bryan, pastor; (402)254-6606. SUN. 9am Worship (Hartington), 10am SS (Hartington), 11am Worship (Crofton).

Lutheran

TRONDHJEM LUTHERAN CHURCH (AFLC), rural Volin. 263-3841. SUN. 9:15am; 10:30am Worship.

Lutheran

VANGEN LUTHERAN CHURCH, Mission Hill, 665-5426. Rev. Lance Lindgren, Pastor. Sunday School 9am; Worship 10am; Coffee Fellowship 11am; Confirmation Wed. 7pm; Quilters Wed. 9am; WOLCA 3rd Thurs. 1:30pm; Senior Dinner last Thurs. 12pm.

Lutheran

GAYVILLE-BERGEN LUTHERAN Pastor Ralph Egbert. Phone number: 267-4342 (church) Sunday BLC 9am; Sunday School 10:15am; GAYVILLE Sunday School 9:45am; GLC 10:45am.

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH, 200 South Wilson, Delmont. (605)935-6941. Pastor Mike Jacobson. SUN. 9am Worship (Holy Communion first and last Sundays), 10am Sunday School.

Martinius Lutheran Church, Ulica. Pastor Dean Schroeder. Sunday Divine Service 10:30am (605)589-3195 www.MartiniusLutheran.org

OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN, rural Irene. 263-3724. SUN. 11am Worship.

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN, 29219 431st Ave., Menno. Rev. Bradley Danielson. SAT. 7am Men's prayer breakfast. SUN. 9am Worship. 10:30am SS.

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN, LCMS, 12th and Elm, Springfield, Rev. Kenneth Johnson, pastor. SUN. 8am Worship. 9am SS. THUR. 7pm Adult Bible study.

PRINCE OF PEACE, Wisconsin Synod, 201 East 25th St., Pastor Werre, 665-4793. Sat. 6pm Worship.

South Dakota Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, MAIN STREET LIVING television program, 10a.m. (CST) on KDLT-NBC; and 11a.m. (CST) on KAUN-PAX; and 10a.m. (MST) on KKRA-PAX.

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH (LCMS), 1009 Jackson. David Gunderson, Pastor. SUN. 8am Worship, 9:15am Education Hour, 10:30am Worship.

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Non-Denominational

GLORY CHRISTIAN CENTER, 901 E. 11th St. Yankton. Gail Ryken, pastor, 665-2369. SUN. 10am Service. WED. 6pm Prayer. GC School, call (605)665-1988.

Presbyterian

PEACE PRESBYTERIAN (PC/USA), 206 E. 31st. 665-0448. Rev. Dr. Nelson Stone & Rev. Marilyn Stone. Sun-9:30am worship, Coffee & SS for kids & adults to follow. Aired at 8pm Fri. on Ch. 3 & 98

Reformed

RIVERVIEW REFORMED, 17th St. & Burleigh, Rev. Rodney Veldhulzen, pastor. 665-9204. SUN. 9:30am Worship, 10:15am SS. WED. Youth group & adult choir.

Seventh-Day

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST, 722 Locust St., Yankton. 665-1032, SAT. 9:30am Sabbath School, 11am Worship. 665-4496, 665-4881. Pastor George Shaver Home phone (605)369-5496.