

RELIGION DIGEST

Sacred Heart Parish Hosts Sisters Of Life

Sacred Heart Parish will be blessed with a visit from 3 religious sisters from the Sisters of Life community in New York. These sisters have a special charisma of promoting a culture of life through their joyful witness to the gospel message.

There will be two weekend conferences that everyone is welcome to attend. The first will be Saturday evening, April 2, following the 4:30 p.m. Mass. This talk will be Witness to Hope: Life in a Culture of Death. The Sunday conference will follow the 11 a.m. Mass and is titled Living the Gospel of Life Fearlessly.

Both of the weekend conferences will be held in the Sacred Heart Middle School dining room.

Childcare will be provided during both conferences and lunch will be served prior to the Sunday conference.

There is no cost to attend the conferences.

Area youth are invited to a Wednesday evening presentation by the sisters at Sacred Heart Church beginning at 7 p.m. The title for this talk is Perfect Love Casts out Fear: Witnessing to Life. Praise & worship music will begin at 6:40 p.m.

Contact Dave at Sacred Heart parish office for more information: 665-3655.

Pastor Ken Klaus To Visit Yankton Sunday

Pastor Ken Klaus, Speaker of The Lutheran Hour, will be at St. John's Lutheran, 1009 Jackson St, Yankton, on April 3 to speak about the program. The Lutheran Hour® is the world's longest-running Christian outreach radio program. Pastor Klaus will speak at the 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services. There will also be an open forum at 9:15 a.m. These events are free of charge and open to the public.

The Lutheran Hour has proclaimed an unwavering message of salvation through Christ for three-quarters of a century. Today, this flagship radio program of Lutheran Hour Ministries continues to proclaim Christ online at www.lutheranhour.org, to more than 1.2 million weekly listeners on more than 800 stations coast to coast, to subscribers of XM Satellite Radio, and to military personnel around the world and their families through the American Forces Network.

Individuals attending the event will have a great time in fellowship as they listen to an inspirational message by Pastor Klaus. For more information about the event at St. Johns, please contact St. John's Lutheran Church, (605) 665-7337.

MVCA Race For Christ Planned For April 9

The third annual Missouri Valley Christian Academy Race for Christ will be held Saturday, April 9, starting at the Summit Activities Center and ending on the Yankton High School track.

The event features a 5K walk, a 5K and 10K run, and a Children's Half-Mile Fun Run for ages 10 and under. All courses follow the Auld-Brokaw Trail except for the Children's Fun Run which will be held on the track.

The event starts at 11 a.m. with the Children's Run following the conclusion of the 10K.

There will be an awards ceremony and a drawing for prizes following the events. Two \$100 cash prizes and two Under Armour duffel bags, compliments of Dunham Sports, will also be awarded.

To register go to www.mvcamustangs.org or call 605-664-2266.

Stephen's House Open House April 10

The men of the Stephen's House ministry would like to invite you to our open house at 415 Linn Street on April 10 from 1-4 p.m. Come and join the guys for coffee and cookies while they show you around the house God has provided.

Stephen's House is a re-entry ministry for men; typically those that are coming out of prison. Men are individually disciplined and taught how to develop new patterns of thinking and healthy ways to respond to the trials of real life. "Jesus answered them, 'It is not the healthy who need a doctor but the sick.'" (Luke 5:31)

Looking Back On A Journey Of Faith

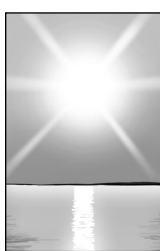
BY PASTOR JEFF MANTZ

First Assembly of God Church

There are times in a pastor's life when he can actually look back on his journey and see the fruit of his ministry. Most of the time we pastors labor day after day, year after year and are never quite sure if progress has been made through the people we minister to on a regular basis. As undershepherds we work with Jesus, our Shepherd, to care for the flock and pray that we are adequate to lead and cultivate His flock to bring a good harvest.

My wife and I have lived and served here in Yankton for almost 16 years and for most of this time it has been a part of my vision for this area that we needed a place for men coming out of prison or drug and alcohol rehabilitation that have lost their way in life to come and be disciplined for a period of months to not only get on their feet physically and vocationally, but become an integral part of normal Christian community and give back to others with a sense of dignity and humility that refuses the return to a prison mentality of entitlement or bitterness from rejection and failure at life that many in our society today are stuck in.

Stephen's House has become a reality of that vision and is now functioning on its own as an important part of our Christian community and a hope for a better future for men that want to change their ways and need God's help and His people to get there. The property has been purchased and now we are about to launch our director into and full time position to train, guide, teach these men what is expected of a man with responsibility and



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integrity. We need our community to also step up and help us provide jobs for these men and we can be there for them to assure employers that they will have a valued employee as we patiently teach them the values of responsibility and character that we can all appreciate in a time in our world when so much is going the wrong direction with families and men in general. The following is a letter our director of Stephen's House has recently written to friends and family that I think you will appreciate and you are all invited to the Open House on April 10th, Sunday afternoon from 1-5 p.m.

Where is God asking you to walk today? Keep in mind your journey is your own and uniquely designed by God. For some their task is huge and overwhelming. For others the goal may seem minuscule in comparison, but that's the beauty of our God. He accomplishes His grand master plan through the big and mighty as well as what seems like the small and tiny.

I would like to ask you to join me on my journey of walking out in faith to fulfill God's calling on my life and His will to be done in the Stephen's House Ministry. Within the next thirty to sixty days I will be stepping out in faith to go full time as Director of the Stephen's House. The demands of the ministry have grown to the extent that I must obey the call. It is a huge step of faith for me and my family. I believe He will provide as I obey. I knew this day would come.

In December of 2010 we purchased the property at 415 Linn. In February of 2011 we applied and received nonprofit status with the state of South Dakota. Judges and the court systems are beginning to mandate completion of a year's stay at Stephen's House as a part of their parole. Some men are given the choice of 5 to 10 years in prison or rehab at Stephen's House. We believe this is the answer to prayer for favor that we needed to take us to the next level. Men are coming and by Spring we expect to have a full house with men who need daily connection and direction. Jesus answered them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor but the sick." (Luke 5:31) Walking in faith is obeying when I don't understand it. All the saints mentioned in Hebrews 11 stepped out in faith when they didn't understand.

I am asking you to partner with me in prayer for:

1. Fresh, clear direction, wisdom and strength as I step out.
2. For a full house of men (10) who want their lives and future changed for the better.
3. Meet the \$4500 a month needed to operate the ministry and provide for my family. "If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation... The old has gone, the new has come." (II Co.5:17)

It would be an honor if you would prayerfully consider sponsoring me on my journey. Please let God guide your heart.

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Alpha Center Banquet To Be Served April 11

SIoux FALLS — The Alpha Center banquet will be held at the Ramkota Exhibit Hall in Sioux Falls at 7 p.m. Monday, April 11.

The featured speaker is Brad Bright of the Campus Crusade for Christ. Bright will share about the powerful role of the Alpha Center ministry in reaching a new generation to Christ as they support women facing an unplanned pregnancy.

For more information, call 605-361-3500, e-mail info@alphacenter.org or visit www.alphacenterevents.org.

Bon Homme Easter Cantata Set For April 12

TYNDALL — St. Leo's Catholic Church of Tyndall is host for the 2011 Bon Homme Community Easter Cantata. Planned for 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 12, all are invited.

A free-will offering will be taken.

Lenten Lunches Held At Trinity Lutheran

Trinity Lutheran Church Yankton will host a Lenten Luncheon and Bible study from 12-1 p.m. on Tuesdays during Lent. Christ in the strangest places: Foreshadowed, Fulfilled, Forever Lenten Bible study is based on the same themes that will be presented each Wednesday evening during Lenten worship services at 7 pm. A light, catered lunch will be served. Please contact Pam at 665-7415 or email pam.tl@iw.net to register.

UCC To Present Sixth Annual Easter Cantata

The UCC Adult choir, under the direction of Jennifer Powell, will again be celebrating and sharing the Easter season through music.

On Sunday, April 17 at 2 p.m. they will be presenting "Come, Touch the Robe" a seasonal cantata written by Pepper Choplin with orchestration by Stan Pethel. The choir will be accompanied by full orchestra and narration recalling the encounters with Jesus as Healer, Servant and Lord of Easter. Also included in the program will be several other choral selections by choir and orchestra. Immediately after the concert, all are welcome for coffee and refreshments in Pilgrim Hall. There is no charge for the concert, but a free-will offering will be taken.

'Behold Your King' To Be Presented At Calvary

Calvary Baptist Church will present "Behold Your King" as its Easter gift to the Yankton area.

This musical drama follows a young man on his journey to understand the traditions of his religion and the truth of the Messiah. Woven into the story are several biblical characters including the twelve disciples, Nicodemus, and Jesus Himself.

A cast of over sixty singers and actors will tell the gospel story in a unique and powerful way you won't want to miss. Presentations are at 3 p.m. on Palm Sunday, April 17; at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 20; and Thursday, April 21 at the Calvary Baptist Church located at 2407 Broadway in Yankton. There is no charge for the performances; a free-will offering will be taken. Please call the church at 665-5594 for more information.

CHURCH SCHEDULES

Abundant Life

ABUNDANT LIFE MINISTRIES, 517 Burlleigh, 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)665-5594. Rev. Jon Cooke, Pastor Jeremy Nelson, and Pastor Terry Port. Laura Kotalik. www.cbchurch.com SATURDAY April 2 8:30 AM Women's Retreat SUNDAY April 3 8:30 AM Intercessory Prayer Time 9:00 AM Adult ENCORE Community Communion 9:00 AM & 10:45 AM Worship Services 10:45 AM Sunday School for all ages MONDAY April 4 9:00 AM Ladies Prayer Time 7:00 PM Divorce Care & DC4K 7:30 PM Service broadcast on Channels 3 & 98 TUESDAY April 5 7:00 PM Snatched by the Fire WEDNESDAY April 6 6:45 AM Men's Prayer Time 9:00 AM Joy in the Morning (Women's Bible Study) 11:30 AM Mid Day Meal (Women's Bible Study) 5:45 PM Wednesday Meal 6:00 PM Intercessory Prayer 6:30 PM AWANA 6:30 PM Young Adult Bible Study 6:30 PM 7th-8th Grade Youth 7:00 PM 9th-12th Grade Youth 7:00 PM Adult Bible Study 8:20 PM Praise & Worship THURSDAY April 7 10:00 AM Preschool Storytime 7:00 PM Fire by Night (Women's Bible Study) 7:00 PM Grief/Share 7:00 PM Celebrate Recovery FRIDAY April 8 9:00 AM Calvary Kids Preschool-Doughnuts for Dads 7:00 PM Cruisin' 24/7.

Bible Church

GRACE BIBLE CHURCH, Meeting in Home Fellowship groups for Spring of 2011. Call Pastor Joel Finck for times & locations. (605)760-4701.

Catholic

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH OF CEDAR COUNTY (Sacred Heart), Wynot, NE. Rev. Eric Olsen. (402)357-2400. Mass times: Sundays 9am.

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH OF CEDAR COUNTY (Immaculate Conception), St. Helena, NE. Rev. Eric Olsen. (402)357-2400. Mass: Saturdays 5pm

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

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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.

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 (ch.) 665-1481 (home). SUN. 9:30am SS. 10:30am Worship. 5:30pm Worship. WED. 7:00pm Worship.

YANKTON BAPTIST CHURCH, SBC, Pastor Matt Green, 607 East 15th St., Yankton, 665-7587. SUN. 9:30am Bible study, SS; 10:45am Worship. WED. 7pm Midweek service.

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ST. BENEDICT CATHOLIC CHURCH, 1500 St. Benedict Drive, Yankton, Father Ken Lulf, 664-6214 (church). Masses: SAT. 5pm. SUN. 8:30am&10:30am.

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. Mathew Vazhappily. (605)583-4318.

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

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

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

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: Monday 8:30 through October. Masses Saturday 9:00 every Saturday. Rosary Sunday 4:00. Patriotic Rosary Sunday November 7th Adoration: 3:00-4:00. Rosary 4:00. 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; 7pmKids for Christ & Adult Bible Study.

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)565-2016. Family History Ctr 665-0901. SUN. 10am Sacrament meeting.

Episcopal

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 517 Douglas, Yankton. Rev. James Pearson, (605)665-2456. Saturday, April 2 11:00-12:30 Join the Conversation (Conversations about topics of interest) Egyptian Peoples' Fight for Democracy Presentation by: Musheera Anis, MD and Nagla Anees, MA Today Egypt is rewriting its constitution, new political parties are forming, and for the first time in its history it is experiencing the true meaning of freedom. Sunday, April 3 9:00 Serenity 10:15 The Holy Eucharist and Sunday School Wednesday, April 6 Noon The Holy Eucharist 6:00pm Soup Supper and Service.

Evangelical

Cornerstone Evangelical Church, Pastor Oliver Omanson, Stewart Elementary School; Morning Service 10:30 a.m. Wednesday College Bible Study 1306 Maple Street. Mike Stevens 665-8750.

EMMANUEL CHURCH YHS Theater, 1801 Summit, Sunday School 9:30, Worship Service 10:45, www.emmanuel-yankton.com (605)665-0404.

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 & 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, AFLC 300 S. Carpenter St., Tripp. (605)935-6941 SUN. 9am Worship 9:30am Sunday School. firststhope@santel.net

OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN, rural Irene. 263-3724. SUN. 9am Worship.

Lutheran

GAYVILLE-BERGEN LUTHERAN Pastor Ralph Egbert. (605)267-4342 (church) Sunday Worship: GLC 9am; Sunday School 10:15am; Bergen Worship 10:30am; Sunday School 9:15am.

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH, 200 South Wilson, Delmont. (605)935-6941. SUN. 10:45am Worship. firststhope@santel.net

Martinus Lutheran Church, Utica. Pastor Dean Schroeder Sunday Divine Service 10:30am (605)589-3195

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

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

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, 403 Broadway, Yankton, 665-7415. Worship Saturday, 5:30pm, Sunday, 8:15am & 10:45am. Breakfast 9am. Classes 9:30am.

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

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

VANGEN LUTHERAN CHURCH, Mission Hill. 665-5426. Rev. Lance Lindgren, Pastor. Worship 10am; Coffee Fellowship 11am; Sunday School 9am; Wednesday Evening Worship 6:30pm; Quilters each Wed. 9am; WELCA 3rd Thurs. 1:30pm; Senior Dinner first Thurs. 12pm.

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