

Pro-Life Luncheon Set For Saturday In Wynot

WYNOT, Neb. — A Pro-Life Luncheon will be held at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, April 28, at Sacred Heart Hall in Wynot.

The guest speaker is Sherill Glassmaker, executive director of Mary's Choice Crisis Pregnancy Center in Sioux City.

RSVP by April 26 by calling Judy at 402-357-2240 or email judy-bernie@gmail.com. This event is sponsored by the Holy Family Parish Pro-Life Committee.

GriefShare To Be Offered Beginning April 30

The GriefShare recovery seminar and support group will be offered beginning April 30 at Calvary Baptist located at 2407 Broadway Street in Yankton.

The group will meet each Monday evening for 13 weeks from 7-8:30 p.m. in adult classroom No. 3 at Calvary. Anyone who is grieving the loss of a family member or friend is invited to participate.

GriefShare features nationally recognized experts on grief and recovery topics. Seminar sessions include "The Journey of Grief," "The Effects of Grief," "When Your Spouse Dies," "Your Family and Grief," "Why?" and "Stuck in Grief."

For more information, call Pastor Rick Slattery at 605-665-5594.

‘Listening To My Sisters’ Worship Service Is May 4

Church Women United will sponsor a Worship Service at Peace Presbyterian Church, 206 E. 31st., Yankton, at 1:30 p.m. Friday, May, 4. The day's theme is "Listening to My Sisters."

Preceding this event, home fund-raising luncheons are served by reservations.

For lunch locations and more information, contact Sacred Heart Monastery switchboard at 668-6000.

Area To Observe National Day Of Prayer

National Day of Prayer will be observed this year in Yankton and the surrounding area on Thursday, May 3, with a prayer breakfast beginning at 6:30 a.m. It will be. followed with a program from 7-7:45 a.m. this year at the Riverview Reformed Church, located at 1700 Burleigh Street.

There will be no charge for the breakfast but you are asked to make reservations. School students will be welcome. For reservations, check with your pastor or call 605-665-9204. Reservations must be made by noon on Monday, April 30. A basket will be available on each table for a free will offering.

A noon ceremony open to the public will be held at the County Government Center at West Third and Broadway. In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will then be held at

the City Gym, located at Fifth and Walnut Streets.

In the past years. more than 20 different prayer leaders from business and churches have gotten together to lead in pray at this ceremony, which is also expected for this year..

The focus in both programs will be to pray for seven areas of leadership of our nation. These are our government, churches, military, media, families, business and education. Leaders in prayer include lay people as well as ministers from churches in our area.

History for the concern or our leaders goes back to the founding of our nation where those who signed the Declaration of Independence did so at the risk of their lives. They went on record expressing their concern for the future of our nation if we ever forget God. Benjamin

Franklin makes this interesting statement as recorded by James Madison regarding the Federal Convention of 1787. "I have lived, sir, a long time and the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this proof – that God governs in the affairs of men. And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without his notice it is probable that an empire cannot rise without his aid? We have been assured, Sir, in the sacred writings 'that except the Lord build the House, they labor in vain that build it.' I firmly believe this, and I also believe that without his concurring aid we shall succeed in this political building no better than the builders of Babel."

President Abraham Lincoln in 1863 on March 30 offered a proclamation declaring Thursday, April 30, 1863, a national day of humiliation, fasting and

prayer." In 1952 Harry S Truman signed a bill proclaiming a National Day of Prayer must be declared by each following president at an appropriate date of his choice. In his 1983 declaration Ronald Reagan said, "From General Washington's struggle at Valley Forge to the present, this Nation has fervently sought and received divine guidance as it pursued the course of history." In 1988 the law was amended decreeing that the National Day of Prayer should be held on the first Thursday of May.

On April 15, 2010, Judge Barbara Crabb ruled in her Federal District Court in Wisconsin that the statue establishing the National Day of Prayer was unconstitutional. Her decision was overruled April 14, 2011, by the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals.

Russian Orthodox Church Is In Spiritual Crisis, Critics Say

BY SERGEI L. LOIKO
Los Angeles Times
(MCT)

KARABANOVO, Russia — His unruly mane of white hair giving him the look of Moses, Father Georgy Edelstein struggled over the grayish snow that is the late-spring landscape of this barren village, heading to his church for Good Friday services.

When he got to its small, darkened main hall, the 79-year-old put a simple silver cross over his robes and began saying prayers on one of the holiest days in the Russian Orthodox Church. His audience: his assistant and one villager.

Two days later, the leader of the Russian Orthodox Church, Patriarch Kirill, exchanged hearty Easter kisses with President-elect Vladimir Putin amid the lavish interiors of Moscow's Christ the Savior Cathedral, his jewel-encrusted cross and gold brocade robe shining in the television limelight.

Separated by 220 miles on a map but by a much wider gulf in circumstances, the two scenes provide a vivid portrait of a church that some critics say is

undergoing a spiritual crisis.

Kirill's public support of Putin in the country's recent presidential election, as well as a scandal over a \$30,000 wristwatch that appeared in a photo of the patriarch — and then mysteriously disappeared — have raised alarms that the church is out of touch with ordinary Russians, and too cozy with the nation's leaders.

"We hoped so much that in the new Russia the church leaders would be telling a real and loud word of God's truth to the society, but our hopes were dashed," said Alexander Nezhny, a Russian writer and expert on the church.

On Sunday, tens of thousands of people came to the square in front of Christ the Savior in a show of support for the church. Still, criticism remains.

For centuries the church was an obedient servant of Russia's rulers, and that deference became more pronounced after Stalin's ferocious repressions. Critics such as Nezhny say that hasn't changed in the two decades of a democratic Russia. A recent appeal for a public show of support for the church even had some of the trappings of Putin government rhetoric, warning of dark

forces intent on bringing down the country's oldest institution.

During massive anti-Putin protests this year, some Russians gave Kirill credit for his attempts to reconcile the two sides. He cautioned the Kremlin not to ignore the growing discontent, but also warned the protesters that the country had "exhausted the limit of confrontations and ... any possibility to carry out a revolutionary transformation of our society."

Other observers expressed concern that the church was trying to play a political role after centuries of staying on the sidelines.

In the middle of the presidential campaign, Kirill publicly backed Putin, saying, "I must say quite openly, as the patriarch who must tell the truth regardless of political considerations and propaganda accents, that you, Vladimir Vladimirovich, have played a huge role in correcting this crookedness of our history."

In a document released this month, the patriarch spoke of "the confrontation between the church and the anti-Christian forces," which becomes "more obvious and acute."

"The anti-church forces are afraid of the strengthening of the Orthodoxy in the country," the document says. "These people are not numerous, but some of them have influence and are ready to use their financial, information and administrative resources to discredit the (church leadership) and clerics to create schisms and tear people away from temples."

The document compares the current "attack" on the church to the tragic events of Soviet times, in which tens of thousands of priests died and thousands of churches were closed or destroyed.

Then, in an unprecedented move, the patriarch called on believers to express their loyalty to the church in a common prayer outside Christ the Savior Cathedral and other cathedrals across Russia.

"The patriarch is a prominent public leader, and there is nothing extraordinary in his call for a mass demonstration in favor of the church," said Maxim Shevchenko, a popular TV anchor and member of the presidential Public Chamber, a Kremlin advisory board. "A resolute response

must certainly be given to this outrageous and beastly ongoing campaign against the church and its patriarch."

Most experts are skeptical about the existence of an orchestrated campaign against the church, but agree that the controversy started in February.

That's when a group of young women broke into Christ the Savior Cathedral wearing extravagant outfits and sacks with eyeholes over their heads and performed a song and dance largely interpreted as their way of praying against Putin's imminent presidential victory and the church hierarchy for helping him attain it.

Three of the group were soon arrested and are awaiting trial in prison on charges of hooliganism, which can mean a sentence of up to seven years if convicted. The Moscow Patriarchate accused them of gross blasphemy and publicly demanded an irrevocable punishment.

And then came the case of the disappearing wristwatch. In early April, bloggers and journalists noticed the watch on Kirill's wrist in one of the protocol photos on the patriarchate's website. The next day, the watch in the photo had

been edited out, but its reflection on the table surface remained, causing an even bigger scandal.

"It was a stupidity that shouldn't have happened," church spokesman Vsevolod Chaplin said of the edited photo.

He added that the watch was a gift from a believer. "People have always brought to priests and bishops the most precious things they had, and I see nothing bad in the fact that the leader of the largest confessional in Russia receives expensive gifts from the people."

Soon after the watch episode, the patriarch, who is a monk by status and is not supposed to own real estate, was recently found to have a lavish apartment worth millions overlooking the Kremlin and Christ the Savior Cathedral.

The patriarchate defended Kirill's having an apartment. "Many monks even living in monasteries keep their housing just in case their situation may change and they may need it again," Chaplin said. "The patriarch lived for 15 years in Moscow without having his own apartment and then he got it. His relatives live there and there is nothing bad in it."

CHURCH SCHEDULES

Abundant Life

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. 6:30pm Midweek service and Bible study for all ages.

Baptist

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.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH, SUNDAY: 9:00 Sunday School for all ages, 10:30 Worship Service. MONDAY: Service broadcast 7:30pm Channels 3 & 98. WEDNESDAY 6:30pm AWANA, 7-8th Grade Youth Group: 7:00pm 9-12th Youth Group, Adult Bible Study. Pastor Jon Cooke, Associate Pastor Rick Slattery, Youth Pastor Jeremy Nelson. www.cbchurch.com 2407 Broadway, (605)665-5594.

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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.

Bible Church

GRACE BIBLE CHURCH, Call Pastor Joel Finck for meeting times an locations. Regular meetings: Sunday morning 10:30am; Wednesday Bible Study 7pm. (605)760-4701.

Catholic

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH OF CEDAR COUNTY (Immaculate Conception), St. Helena, NE. Rev. Eric Olsen. (402)357-2400. Mass: Sundays 9am.

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH OF CEDAR COUNTY (Sts. Peter & Paul), Bow Valley, NE. Rev. Eric Olsen (402)357-2400. Mass: Saturdays 5pm.

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH OF CEDAR COUNTY (Sacred Heart), Wynot, NE. Rev. Eric Olsen. (402)357-2400. Mass times, Sundays at 11am.

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 Ken Lulf, 664-6214 (church). Masses: SAT. 5pm. SUN. 8:30am&10:30am.

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

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ST. GEORGE CHURCH, Scotland, SD. Rev. Mathew Vazhappily. APRIL WEEKEND Saturdays beginning March 31 @ 4:30 p.m. call (605)583-4318.

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

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. 6pm 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. 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.-7pm Kids for Christ/Adult Bible Study. www.kingswaychristianyankton.org

Church of Christ

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

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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. Sunday 9:00 am Serenity 10:15 The Holy Eucharist and Sunday School Wednesday noon The Holy Eucharist.

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.

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Theater, 1801 Summit, Sunday School at 9:30am Worship Service 10:45 am www.emmanuelyankton.com (605)665-0404.

Lutheran

CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH NALC: 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 9:30am Sunday School; SUN. 10:45 Worship firstshope@santel.net

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

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Lutheran

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

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN, LCMC/NALC, Menno. Pastor Theresa Jacobson Office 605-387-5241 Worship 9am, Brunch, SS 10:20am Wednesday Lenten Services at Grace, 7:30pm

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. www.StJohnsTyndallLCMS.org

ST. JOHN'S 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. Saturday-5:30p.m. Worship; Sunday-8:15a.m./10:45a.m. Worship; 9 a.m.-Breakfast; Classes-9:30a.m.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, Hartington/Crofton, NE, Justin Wiese, Interum 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.

Non-Denominational

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

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PEACE PRESBYTERIAN (PC/USA), 206 E. 31st. 665-0448. Rev. Dr. Nelson Stone & Rev. Marilyn Stone. Sun-10am worship, Coffee to follow. SS for kids 10:30am. Aired at 8pm Fri. on Ch. 3 & 98.

Reformed

RIVERVIEW REFORMED, 17th St. & Burleigh, Rev. Rodney Veldhuizen, 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, Worship Services: Saturday 9:30am & 11am. Pastor Nick Osborn (605)760-7791. Yankton Fruit Program. yanktonfruitprogram.org

United Church

CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, Newcastle, Neb., 303 Highway 12, Rev. Gary Kimm, pastor. SAT. 6PM Church school, 7PM Worship. Second THUR. 2PM Ladies Aid.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, 301 W. Franklin, Hartington, NE. (402) 254-6563 or 664-5310. Rev. Gary Kimm, pastor. SUN. 8:15am Church school, 9am Worship.

PILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL UCC, 103 S. Elm St., Colebridge, Neb., (402) 283-4824 or 664-5310. Rev. Gary Kimm, pastor. SUN. 9:30am Church School, 10:30am Worship.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, (Congregational) 210 West 5th St., Yankton. (605)665-7320 Dr. Richard W. Jensen, Pastor. SUN-10am Worship, 11am-Fellowship, 11:05am Church School.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, Crofton, Neb., 412 W. Main St., (402)388-4124, Pastor Les Parmenter. SUN. 10:00am Worship.

United Methodist

FIRST UNITED METHODIST, Yankton. Rev. Ron Johnson Pastor. 665-2991. Sunday, Contemporary Worship 9:00; Trad. 10:30. Childcare 8:45-11:45. 8:30 UM Hour, KYNT.

GAYVILLE-VOLIN UNITED METHODIST, Rick Pittenger, pastor. 624-2179. 9am Worship Service. 10:00am Sunday School.

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