

## Financial Peace University To Be Held

Calvary Baptist Church will be holding Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University (FPU) this fall beginning on Sunday, September 11th. Classes will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and free childcare is being provided. This is a 13 week class for singles, couples, teens, families ect. Dave is one of the best financial teachers around when it comes to debt, insurance, investments, getting big bargains, saving for retirement and college, career planning and the list goes on and on. The average family that completes the class pays off \$5,300 in debt and saves \$2,700 during the 13 week period. That is an \$8,000 turnaround! On top of that he is so very entertaining, he will make you want to keep coming back each week, even for those of you who are skeptical! For more information contact Stacey Nickels at 605-660-1822 or go and register at www.daveramsey.com.

## Lakeport Church Celebration Planned For Sept.

Lakeport Church will have its 28th annual celebration on Sept. 11, 2011. Mass time is 10:30 a.m. with Father Joseph Puthenkulathil officiating, this year will be dedicated in memory of Romaine Pesicka who wrote many books on the history of Lakeport, S.D. and the church.

The church is located 10 miles west of Yankton on the west side of Bruce Schwartz's farm. The motto is "Restoring the Past for the Future." A potluck dinner will be held at the American Legion Hall in Tabor, S.D. after mass. Bring a dish to share and your table service (plate, cup, silverware, etc.). Coffee and cold drinks will be furnished. Any questions, call Leona Cwach at 605-665-7956.

A clean-up day has been set for 1 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 4, 2011. Bring cleaning supplies and a snack to share.

## Lutherans For Bike For Life Starts Soon

ARMOUR — It's time to start training as Saturday, Sept. 10, is the official date for the annual Lutherans For Life Bike for Life. Leaving from Armour, starting at 7 a.m.

If you would like to participate, contact Rev. Nabil Nour at Redeemer Lutheran Church, P. O. Box, 158, Armour, SD 57313-0158. For more information call (605) 724-2489, (605) 724-2722 or email redeemarmour@uniteltd.com.

## Lesterville Children's Musical August 27 & 28

The children from the Lesterville community will be presenting the mini-musical, "Kid's Praise 4: Singational Servants" at St. John's Church in Lesterville August 27 and 28, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. There will be a free will offering at both performances that will be given to the Child Protection Agency for Abused Children. All are welcome to come and meet Psalty, the Singing Songbook, and the kids who love to praise the Lord.

## First Discovery Preschool Open House Set



First Discovery Preschool will have an Open House on Sunday, August 21st at 3-4 p.m. Come visit the classroom, the teacher and Mr. Bear! We are located at 801 W. 25th Street or call 665-6362.

# God's Grace Can Change Your Life Forever

BY TERRY PORT  
Calvary Baptist Church

God's Word gives us a beautiful illustration of his grace through the life of King David in the book of 2 Samuel 9 in the Old Testament. David's best earthly friend was Jonathan. Tragically Jonathan was cut down in battle at a young age which was a cause of intense grief for David. Years later as he was well established in his kingdom, he was reflecting one day on his dear friend. The question came to mind, "I wonder if Jonathan has any living relatives to whom I can show kindness?" He discovered he did. He invited him to the palace.

Interestingly enough the man he invited, Mephibosheth, Jonathan's son, lived in a desolate place in the desert and had been a paraplegic since

childhood as a result of an accident. He was hardly a hot prospect to receive an invitation from the king when physical prowess was essential to acceptance and survival in society. When he entered the king's presence he was afraid. "Why does the king want to see me?" "Has he still not forgiven my grandfather, Saul, who chased him all over the countryside for 16 years trying to kill him?"

David's first words to him were "Don't be afraid." He proceeded to inform him of his plans to return all of his grandfather's land to him, to provide servants to work the land and to take care of his household needs and that he would sit at



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the king's table for meals for the rest of his life. In that moment, his earthly life was totally transformed.

This is a beautiful analogy of what God is willing to do in our lives. Thinking in terms of spiritual parallels to Mephibosheth's experiences, we live in a desolate place. In fact the Bible says we are spiritually dead without him. We have nothing to offer him. We are spiritual cripples where even our best efforts are stained with sin. Yet God comes to us, offers us totally undeserved favor, offers to forgive us, make us his children and promises to provide for us not only for the rest of our earthly life, but for all

of eternity.

How do we experience his grace? By accepting his invitation. As we do we must acknowledge that we are spiritually destitute and like Mephibosheth realize we have absolutely nothing to offer to gain his favor. We own our sin, repent of it and plead for God's mercy. We embrace by faith the grace he offers us through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ in our behalf. We then joyfully accept his invitation to daily sit at his table and to experience a relationship with him that is life transforming. Have you accepted God's invitation of grace offered you through the work of Jesus Christ on your behalf? True, you and I don't deserve it at all. Yet God by his grace makes that offer to each of us longing that we accept his invitation. When we do, life is never the same!

## Born Deaf, Priest Wants To Expand Church Life For Others

BY ANNYSA JOHNSON  
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MILWAUKEE — Father Christopher Klusman stands at the back of St. Roman Catholic Church on Milwaukee's south side and greets worshippers after the Saturday night Mass.

This is no ordinary receiving line. The well-wishers are smiling, beaming even. Some embrace him. Others cry. Few words are spoken. But much is said.

Klusman is deaf, as are many of those who'd gathered to take part in this Mass celebrated by the newly ordained priest in American Sign Language. It is a first for many, to experience the sacrament in their own language, signed by a priest they consider one of their own.

"It's so important to have a priest who understands our language, our culture," said Karen Lausten of West Allis, Wis., one of about two dozen well-wishers who attended a reception for Klusman after Mass.

"I feel like I've learned more about my faith from him than I have my whole life."

A Milwaukee native, Klusman is among fewer than 10 profoundly deaf priests in America, and he is the first to come through the Archdiocese of Milwaukee's St. Francis de Sales Seminary.

He splits his time between St. Roman's, where he is associate pastor, and a new ministry he's developing to better serve the deaf and hard-of-hearing.

The 6 p.m. Saturday Mass, in which an interpreter voices Klusman's signing for the hearing in the pews, is a first step in that direction.

"I want to be a bridge, to bring deaf people and hearing people together," said Klusman, who moves easily between both worlds, in part

because of his strong oral language and lip-reading skills.

Most important, Klusman said, he hopes to be a pastoral presence for a people often marginalized in society and their faith communities. That brings inherent challenges in Milwaukee, where many deaf Catholics still resent the church for its failure to act against the late Father Lawrence Murphy, a hearing priest adept at sign language who is believed to have molested as many as 200 deaf boys during his career.

"I want to be there for them — anything they need," said Klusman, who attended an international conference at Marquette University this spring to better understand the sex abuse crisis and minister to its victims.

Those who know him said he will be a healing presence in the archdiocese.

"He's got a big burden on him. But I think he can show people that he is not like Father Murphy," said Father Tom Coughlin, founder of the Dominican Missionaries for the Deaf Apostolate, a Texas-based religious order devoted to deaf ministry.

"He's good. He's different. And he will help to restore the church in Milwaukee," Coughlin said.

At 34, Klusman exudes a kind of joyful boyishness. He looks younger than he is, and he greets everyone with a broad smile and a thumbs-up — and no hint of pretense or exaggerated piety.

During his first signed Mass at St. Roman, after noticing the chalice was missing, Klusman drew a laugh when he looked out at a parishioner who was videotaping and signed, "I guess this will be the blooper moment."

At a recent religion class with three young sisters in preparation for their baptisms and

first communion, Klusman surprised the oldest with a birthday cake. And he laughed as the youngest quizzed him endlessly about his monotonously black garb and whether he owned any footed pajamas.

"I will say this for him," said their mother, Christine Greco, "he's very patient."

He'd never considered the priesthood until college, at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, when he began attending Bible study with a priest involved in deaf ministry.

"He asked if I'd ever thought about it, and I said I didn't know it was something I could do," Klusman recalled.

"He said if God was calling me to the priesthood, then He'd make it happen."

Klusman worked for a year for the state, assessing deaf and hard-of-hearing students for services, before entering the seminary at St. Francis de Sales.

"He was an outstanding seminarian for us," said newly ordained Bishop Donald Hying, who served as dean of formation, then rector at St. Francis during Klusman's time there.

"The first thing that strikes you about him is his overwhelming joy, his openness to everyone and everything," he said.

The seminary made minor accommodations: moving furniture in the chapel so speakers could face Klusman and bringing in sign language interpreters — an adjustment for his hearing peers who were not used to having outsiders in what can be deeply personal formation sessions.

But it was a positive experience all around, Hying said.

"Certainly he brings a deeper awareness in all of us of the deaf Catholics in the archdiocese and the need to respond to them," he said.

## 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, 7pm 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.

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.

### Baptist

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH, 2407 Broadway, Yankton, (605)665-5594. Rev. Jon Cooke, Pastor Jeremy Nelson, and Laura Kotalik, www.cbchurch.com SAT-URDAY August 20 9:00 AM C

vary Preschool on Float for Riverboat Days SUNDAY August 21 8:30 AM Intercessory Prayer Time

9:00 AM Adult ENCORE Community 9:00 AM & 10:45 AM Worship Service Message: "What's Wrong With This Picture?" 10:45 AM Sunday School for all ages MONDAY August 22 9:00 AM Ladies SHOP (prayer time) 7:30 PM Service broadcast on Channels 3 & 98 TUESDAY August 23 7:00 PM Dorcas' Hands Work Day 7:00 PM Friendship Through Cards 7:00 PM Discovering Calvary Class WEDNESDAY August 24

6:45 AM Men's Prayer Time 6:00 PM Intercessory Prayer 6:15 PM TORCH Praise & Worship 7:00 PM Adult Bible Study THURSDAY August 25 7:00 AM Celebrate Recovery 7:00 PM Cruisin' 24/7 FRI-DAY August 26 7:00 PM Youth Movie & Theology Night.

Bible Church

GRACE BIBLE CHURCH, Meeting at Pierson Ranch recreation area 10:30am Sundays. From Memorial Day through Labor Day. Call Pastor Joel Finck for more information. (605)760-4701.

### Catholic

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH OF CEDAR COUNTY (Sacred Heart), Wynot, NE. Rev. Eric Olsen. (402)357-2400. Mass times: Saturdays 8pm Sundays at 11am.

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH OF CEDAR COUNTY (Immaculate Conception), St. Helena, NE. Rev. Eric Olsen. (402)357-2400. Mass: Saturdays 8pm Sundays at 11am.

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH OF CEDAR COUNTY (Sts. Peter & Paul), Bow Valley, NE. Rev. Eric Olsen (402)357-2400. Mass: Sundays at 9am

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

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

### Catholic

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

ST. BONIFACE CHURCH, rural Freeman, Mass on Sundays at 9am, or call Rev. Mathew Vazhappily. (605)583-4318.

ST. COLUMBA CHURCH, rural Irene, Mass on Sundays at 8:30 a.m. or call Rev. Mathew Vazhappily. (605)583-4318.

ST. GEORGE CHURCH, Scotland, SD. Rev. Mathew Vazhappily. Saturdays at 7pm or 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, 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. 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; 7pm Kids 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, 171 Douglas, Yankton. Rev. James Pearson, (605)665-2456. Sundays 8:30 Serenity 9:30 Holy Eucharist.

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, Worship Service 10:00 am www.emmanuelyankton.com (605)665-0404.

### Lutheran

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

FAITH UNITED LUTHERAN, 44874 303rd St., Volin SD 57072, (605)267-2277. SUN, Worship Service 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, 10:45 Worship firstshope@santel.net

### Lutheran

GAYVILLE-BERGEN LUTHERAN PASTOR Ralph Egbert. (605)267-4342 (church) Sunday: Bergen Worship-9:00am, SS-10:15am GLC SS- 9:15am, GLC Worship-10:30am.

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH, AFLC 200 South Wilson, Delmont. (605)935-6941. SUN 9am Worship. firstshope@santel.net

Martinus Lutheran Church, Utica. Pastor Dean Schroeder Sunday Divine Service 8am (605)589-3195 www.MartinusLutheran.org

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

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN, LCMC/NALC, Menno. Interim Pastor Leon Schulz. SUN, Worship, 8:30am with potluck brunch to follow. Questions call (605)387-5256

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN, LCMC, 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 Wyrne, 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, Tyn-dall. Pastor Dean Schroeder. Sunday Divine Service: 10:00am (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. Worship Saturday worship-5:30 p.m. Sunday worship- 8:15 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship-9:30 a.m.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, Hartington/Crofton, NE. Justin Wise, 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.

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.

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, SAT, 9:30am Sabbath School, 11am Worship. 665-4496, 665-4881. Pastor George Shaver Home phone (605)369-5496.

### United Church

CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, Newcastle, NE, 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., Coleridge, 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 Rev. Joe Schulte, Pastor. SUN, 10am Worship, 11am-Fellowship, 11:05am Church Schl. Nursery Provided.

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 UN Hour, KYNT.

GAYVILLE-VOLIN UNITED METH ODIST, Brook McBride, pastor 624-2179. 9am Worship Service 10:00am Sunday School.

VERMILLION FIRST UNITED METHODIST, 16 N. Dakota 624-2179. SUN, 10:30am Worship service.

WAKONDA, IRENE, VIBORG UNITED METHODIST, Pastor Mar Gronseth. SUN, 8:30am Worship & Wakonda; 9:45am Worship & Irene; 11am Worship at Viborg.

### KYNT 1450 AM Radio

KYNT 1450 AM Radio SAT 10:30am "Saturday Morning Live. SUN, 8:30am United Methodist Hour. 9:05am "God's Good News. 9:30am St. John's Lutheran Church

### WNAX 570 AM Radio

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