

Vermillion To Share The Spirit Of Christmas

The Special Events Committee for the Vermillion Area Chamber and Development Company (VCDC) is gearing up for its' 3rd Annual "Parade of Lights" in Downtown Vermillion on Friday, Dec. 2. Vermillion area merchants, businesses, schools and organizations are encouraged to put together a float for the parade. This year's theme is "The Spirit of Christmas", so get your creativity flowing and enter! Entry forms can be found on the VCDC website, www.vermillionchamber.com, or at the Chamber office at 116 Market St. A trophy and \$25 in Vermillion Bucks will be awarded to the winner. Deadline to enter is November 29th.

At the end of the parade, Santa and Mrs. Claus will light the community Christmas Tree at Ratingen Platz on Market and Main Streets. After the tree lighting, children and parents are invited to the Vermilion Public Library for "Stockings for Soldiers", an opportunity to make ornaments to take home, and to decorate a stocking for a soldier serving overseas.

18th Christmas Coffee And Bake Sale Planned

A "purr-fect" way to begin your Christmas season is with the annual coffee and bake sale held each year on the first Saturday of December at the United Church of Christ (Congregational), located at 5th & Walnut in Yankton. The huge bake sale will feature cookies, candy, snacks, canned goods, jam, kuchen, kolaches, fancy desserts and more.

The fresh floral centerpieces from Pied Piper Flower Shop will also be for sale. There will be "purr-fect" kitten favors which mark each place setting for guests to take home. Doors will open at 1:00 p.m.

Mount Marty College Tour Of Europe Set

"The Holocaust in Europe" is the title for a Mount Marty College Education First trip to Europe that will take place May 15th through May 25th, 2012. The destinations include the cities of Berlin, Warsaw, Krakow and Prague. You are also invited to go to the Facebook page entitled European Travel with Mount Marty College to learn about travel opportunities with MMC. Information about this trip is also available under the tab Professor's Tour on the College's website at www.mtmc.edu. Contact S. Cynthia Binder at (605) 668-1463 or cbinder@mtmc.edu or Dr. Rich Lofthus at (605) 668-1462 or rlofthus@mtmc.edu for more information about the 2012 trip.

Calvary Kids Preschool Open House Dec. 4

Calvary Kids Preschool, located at 2407 Broadway, will host a Holiday Open House on Sunday, December 4 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. All are welcome as this will be a great opportunity to visit the classroom, meet our teacher, Laurie Hanson, see the new SmartBoard, and get additional information about the school. Holiday treats will be served, children will have the opportunity to make a craft project, and one free registration prize will be drawn from completed registrations turned in that afternoon.

Calvary Kids Preschool offers a quality education for 3 year olds, 4 year olds, and Junior Kindergarten in a caring Christian environment. We feature ABeka curriculum and many education field trips are taken each year. For additional information, contact Laura Kotalik at (605) 665-5594 or check us out on the web at www.calvarykidspreschool.com.

MVCA Christmas Program Planned For Tonight

Missouri Valley Christian Academy will present its 2011 Christmas Program on Friday, Dec. 2 at Christ the King Lutheran Church (305 W. 25th St.). The program will begin at 7 p.m. A time of fellowship with refreshments will follow. Students and staff welcome everyone to attend. For more information you can visit their website at www.mvcamustangs.org.

First Discovery To Hold Open House Sunday

First Discovery Preschool, Yankton, invites the public to its Open House at 3-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4.

Finding Real Treasure

BY PASTOR RANDY TRAMP,
CHILDREN'S PASTOR
Assembly of God

This past summer a friend told me about a new hobby he was interested in. It was called geocaching. It's an outdoor treasure hunt. Treasure hunters log on and find a coordinate in the area they want to search. The person puts the coordinates in their hand held GPS system and off they go searching. Once they find the treasure they replace it with something of equal value and then record their finding on line.

As I thought about this game

I was reminded of the parable that Jesus taught in Matthew 13:44. The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.

The coordinates to the treasure are hidden in the pages of the Bible. Those that diligently seek those treasures will find it. Proverbs says the house of a righteous person contains many



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treasure. God's love illumines the treasures that are around us. We can find the exact treasure.

A person that follows Jesus looks at life differently than a person that does not include Jesus in his life.

The Geocacher programs approximate coordinates into his GPS device. The device will take him close to the treasure. He must visually search to find the exact location of the treasure. God's love illumines the treasures that are around us. We can find the exact treasure.

When someone is on their death bed their treasure is to have loved ones gathered around. Material wealth means nothing at that time except to use it show love. That is storing up treasure in heaven as Jesus instructs.

Where are you getting the coordinates for your treasure? What are you considering treasure? Jesus said, "Where your treasure is, there will be your heart also." What do you set your heart on? Are you using your valuables to obtain the treasure that God speaks of? Are you making daily payments into your heavenly account?

TREE GIVING



SUBMITTED PHOTO

The Calvary Kids Preschool from Calvary Baptist Church got into the holiday spirit as they sponsored and decorated a tree in the Yankton Mall. The students made many of the ornaments themselves and brought others. Community members are encouraged to visit the mall and place food items in the boxes under the trees to "vote" for their favorite tree. Calvary Kids Preschool has classes for ages 3, 4, and 5 including Junior Kindergarten. The children are taught by Laurie Hanson & Tina Saraceni. Registrations are currently being accepted for fall 2012.

Refreshments, crafts and a gift will be provided. Registrations for this year and for the 2012-2013 school year will be taken.

The preschool is located at First Assembly Church, 801 W. 25th Street. For more information, call 665-6352.

Bobzin To Present Organ Recital Dec. 11

Jane Bobzin will present an organ recital on December 11 at The United Church Of Christ-Congregational The recital will feature some seasonal music. The concert begins at 2:00 P.M. and will be followed by a short reception.

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Over 80 people attended Sacred Heart School's (SHS) annual Early Childhood Open House on Tuesday, November 14, 2011. SHS is proud to be a state accredited educational institution offering a Christ-center curriculum. SHS offers a variety of early childhood schedules to meet the needs of the students and their families. To arrange a visit, call the school at 605-665-5841.

Contact Center's Food Baskets Orders Available

The Yankton Contact Center is now taking applications for the 2011 Holiday Food/Fruit Baskets. Families and individuals wishing to participate in the Holiday Food/Fruit Baskets Project must complete a simple application, providing proof of address, number in the household and an active SNAP card.

The deadline to sign up for the baskets is Tuesday, Dec. 13. For more information regarding the Holiday Food & Fruit Baskets Project, call (605)260-4400, Extension 2. The Contact Center is located at 321 West 3rd Street, lower level of the County Government Building.

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, Children's Min Dir Laura Kotalik. www.cbchurch.com 2407 Broadway, (605)665-5594.

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.

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Baptist

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, 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 (Immaculate Conception), St. Helena, NE. Rev. Eric Olsen. (402)357-2400. Mass: Saturday 5pm.

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

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH OF CEDAR COUNTY (Sts. Peter & Paul), Bow Valley, NE. Rev. Eric Olsen (402)357-2400. Mass: Sundays 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, Menominee, Neb., Rev. David Fulton, pastor. SUN. 8:30am Mass.

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

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Catholic

ST. BONIFACE CHURCH, rural Freeman. DECEMBER WEEKEND Mass Sundays 9:00 a.m. or call Rev. Mathew Vazhappilly. (605)583-4318.

ST. COLUMBA CHURCH, rural Irene. DECEMBER WEEKEND Mass, Sundays 10:30 a.m. or call Rev. Mathew Vazhappilly, (605)583-4318.

ST. GEORGE CHURCH, Scotland, SD. Rev. Mathew Vazhappilly. DECEMBER WEEKEND Mass Saturdays 4:30 p.m. 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. 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. Masses: 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.-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.

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

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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 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.

EMMANUEL CHURCH YHS Theater, 1801 Summit, Sunday School at 9:30am Worship Service 10:45 am www.emmanuelnyankton.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 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

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. 10am Sunday school. firstshope@santel.net

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Lutheran

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

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN, LCMC/NALC, Menno. Interim Past 9:00am with brunch to follow; Sunday School 10:20a.m. Questions call (605)387-5256

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.

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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 Wise, interim pastor; (402)254-6606. SUN. 9am Worship (Hartington), 10am SS (Hartington), 11am Worship (Crofton).

TRONDHEIM 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.

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-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, 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., Coleridge, Neb., (402) 283-4824 or 664-5310. Rev. Gary Kimm, pastor. SUN. 9:30am Church School, 10:30am Worship.

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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.

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

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