

Calvary To Host Simulcast Viewing

"Women of Faith Christmas Live Simulcast," an evening of hope and joy, featuring Max Lucado, Sheila Walsh, Rick Warren with special musical guest, Francesca Battistelli, will be presented at Calvary Baptist Church, Yankton, at 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6.

All women in the Yankton community are invited to attend. Invite your friends and neighbors and come early to view nativity displays and enjoy dessert, coffee and fellowship.

Contact Calvary at (605)665-5594 for ticketing information. More information is also available at www.cbchurch.com

Kingsway To Host Simulcast Viewing

"Women of Faith Christmas" is an evening of hope & joy for the entire family. The simulcast will take place Friday, Dec. 6, and will be carried at Kingsway Christian Church, 19th and Burleigh, Yankton.

Max Lucado, Sheila Walsh, Lisa Harper and Pastor Rick Warren will share timeless messages that focus on the true meaning of Christmas. Enjoy music from Francesca Battistelli that will bring the wonder of Christmas to life.

Program time is 7-9:30 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m. for coffee, tea and desserts. Everything is FREE and everyone is welcome.

Christmas Vacation Bible School Set

Yankton's First Assembly of God Church, 801 W. 25th Street, will host a Christmas Vacation Bible School on Saturday, Dec. 7, running from 1-4 p.m.

There will be crafts, games, cookie decorating and a special Christmas message. We hope you join us at the church for this special day.

For more information, contact Pastor Randy at (605) 665-6362 or schaeffersbride@yahoo.com, or visit yanktonassembly.com/.

UCC Bake Sale Set For Dec. 7

The United Church of Christ (Congregational), Fifth and Walnut, Yankton, hosts its 20th annual Christmas coffee & bake on Saturday, Dec. 7.

The doors open at 1 p.m. and the bake sale table will be laden with all kinds of cookies, candy, snack items, canned goods, rolls, coffee cakes, kuchen, kolaches, etc. Homemade pie and coffee will be served with each guest taking home the usual Christmas ornament found at each place setting.

Conclude the afternoon by attending the 3 p.m. Christmas carol sing along in the sanctuary, which will be led by Jennifer Powell with Ted Powell, accompanying on the organ.

Soup Kitchen, Bake Sale Set For Dec. 7

MENNO — Salem Reformed Church, 707 S. Fifth St., Menno, is hosting a Soup Kitchen, Bake Sale, Theme Basket Auction and Crafts event on Saturday, Dec. 7, running from 11 a.m.-7 p.m.

A free-will donation will be asked for admission. For more information, call (605) 387-5235 or email smettler55@yahoo.com/.

Reflections

Celebrate The Advent Season

BY BOB CAPPEL, ASSOC. PASTOR

First United Methodist Church

It's December and we are well into the first week after Thanksgiving, and Christmas has hit the stores and malls everywhere! Well, you wouldn't know it from all of the grumbling going on about early decorations, pre-Christmas sales, and how are we going to pay for all of these gifts! Actually, I am one of those people who just loves Christmas; I start playing the Christmas tunes in my car as soon as I can locate the tapes, pull them up on my computer at the office, and begin thinking what we're going to put up for decorations before Thanksgivings arrives. Actually, this year I'm thankful for my wife Carolyn who decided we didn't need to take down our Christmas tree from last year, only change the ornaments. So, we've enjoyed the tree all year long with emphasis on seasonal or special personal ornaments.

While we tend to grumble about the earliness of Christmas, shopping, decorations, etc., there is something to what retailers do; they may have it right. Wait a minute! I don't mean that the retail merchants are confused about their priorities about the true reason of celebrating Christmas or the right attitude towards their fellow "man" and peace on earth at half-off. If there is one thing that we can learn from the business community — it is their attitude of expectation and preparation. And that is what the Advent season is all about! Preparing our hearts with joyful anticipation for the coming of our King.

So what is Advent? The Christian churches who observe the Season of Advent

mark the beginning of the Christmas season and the church year for most Western churches. The word "Advent" means "arrival" or "coming" and represents the approach of Christ's birth (and fulfillment of the prophecies about that event) and the awaiting of Christ's second coming. It is composed of the four Sundays before Christmas day, starting on the Sunday closest to November 30th. This year the Advent Sundays are December 1, 8, 15 and 22 and ending on Christmas. Because Christmas is on a different day from year to year, Advent may last anywhere from 22 to 28 days.

For Christians, Advent is a time of reflection about the amazing gift that God gave to us in the person of His Son who came to live among us on earth. It is also an opportunity to restore Jesus to His rightful place as the center of our holiday celebrations! Advent is, appropriately, both somber and joyful!

The prevailing theme of the Advent season and the symbolism behind the activities which churches and families share are expectation and hope, preparation and peace, joy and sharing, and most of all, love. These themes are represented in the five candles of the Advent wreath. On each Sunday marking a new week in Advent, a candle is lit on the wreath (including candles from previous weeks) until we arrive at the snow-white center candle which stands for Christ! All Advent activities and traditions are grounded in the truth of Scripture...even though the symbolism and stories surrounding them have changed over time. The focus continues to be the great news that the Messiah was and is coming and how we live out our heartfelt longing for both.

The practice of lighting Advent candles began in Ger-

many by non-Christians. They lit candles surrounded by evergreen branches in their windows on cold winter nights to signify their hope for the coming warmth and light of spring! Later, German Lutherans kept the practice alive and gradually the symbolism of the Advent wreath was added: evergreens represent everlasting life (because they do not die during winter) and Christian growth; the wreath is a symbol of God's unending love and of victory; candles represent Christ, the light of the world and their purple or blue color signify the royalty of Jesus our King!

In closing, I'd like to share a story I came across during my research about Advent. Carolyn and I were in New York City recently to see our daughter in October and we saw people who easily have been the man in the story you're about to read or even the policeman. When I read it, I was reminded how important the Season of Advent is, and being in the frame of mind that we need to get ready for his coming. It is the perfect time to reach out with care and love for our neighbors. .

So, this week I'd like share with you with you this story about Jennifer Foster, AZ and Larry Deprino, NYC policeman, by way of CNN.

Jennifer Foster of Florence, AZ was visiting Times Square with her husband Nov. 14 when they saw a shoeless man asking for change. She writes, "Right when I was about to approach, one of your officers came up behind him. The officer said, 'I have these size 12 boots for you, they are all-weather. Let's put them on and take care of you.' The officer squatted down on the ground and proceeded to put socks and the new boots on this man. The officer expected NOTHING in return and did not know I was watching. I

have been in law enforcement for 17 years. I was never so impressed in my life. I did not get the officer's name. It is important, I think, for all of us to remember the real reason we are in this line of work. The reminder this officer gave to our profession in his presentation of human kindness has not been lost on myself or any of the Arizona law enforcement officials with whom this story has been shared."

On Thursday, the police officer's identity was revealed: He's Larry DePrimo, 25. The two-year veteran of the department explained he was on patrol in Times Square on the frigid night of November 14 when he came across a man in bare feet with "blisters ... about the size of my hands." "My heart went out to this man," DePrimo told CNN. "I just went toward him and asked him if he wanted a pair of socks. But he said, 'No, and God bless you for asking.'"

The officer said he had one word to describe the man's gracious words: "inspiring." Inspired himself, DePrimo headed to a nearby Skechers' store and - after asking the man his shoe size - bought winter boots. The store's staff figured out what was going on and gave DePrimo an employee discount to help "make the best out of the situation," said assistant manager Jose Cano.

When DePrimo gave away the boots, the man thanked him with a "smile (that) went from ear to ear." "And again, he said God bless me. And he said he was safe."

Don't let the hustle and bustle of the Christmas shopping frenzy take us away from the other Christmas season, the coming of the Christ Child. We need to get ready for his coming, remembering what he has told us to do. Merry Christmas and God's blessings to you and your family!

CHURCH SCHEDULES

Abundant Life

ABUNDANT LIFE MINISTRIES, Pastors Butch and Barbara Hladky, 517 Burleigh, Yankton. 665-0889. Open for prayer daily. FRI Shabbat Service 6pm Youth Service 7pm. SUN. 10am Worship.

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

First Assembly of God, 801 W 25th. (605)665-6362 (office). SUN. 10 am: Bible teaching sermons WED. 6:30pm Midweek service and Bible study for all ages. www.yanktonassembly.com

Baptist

ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH, 100 E. Douglas, Kevin Caskey, pastor, 665-0066. SUN. 9:30am Sunday School, 10:45pm Preaching Service, 4pm Preaching Service. THU. 7pm Preaching Service.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH, 301 Ohio St., Wakonda. Dr. Calvin Jones, pastor, (605)267-1100. SUNDAY Worship. 11:00a.m.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH, SUNDAY: 9:00 Sunday School for all ages, 10:30 Worship Service. MONDAY: Service broadcast 7:30pm Channels 3 & 98. WEDNESDAY 5:30pm Family meal: 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 Adam Ansel, Children's Ministry Director Allie Klopstein. www.cbchurch.com-http://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.

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

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Bible Church

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Catholic

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH OF CEDAR COUNTY (Immaculate Conception), St. Helena, NE. Rev. Eric Olsen. (402)357-2400. Mass: Sunday 11:00am.

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

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH OF CEDAR COUNTY (Sacred Heart), Wynot, NE. Rev. Eric Olsen. (402)357-2400. Mass times, 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 Capitol, 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. SAT. 5pm Mass, confessions 1/2 hour before Mass. Father Daniel Moris.

St. Andrew's Catholic Church
Bloomfield, Nebraska
Fr. Michael Schmitz, Pastor
SUNDAY Mass-10:30 AM; 2nd, 4th, 6th TUES DAY Mass-8 AM; THURSDAY Mass-8 AM.

ST. BENEDICT CATHOLIC CHURCH, 1500 St. Benedict Drive, Yankton, Father Ken Lulif, 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/Idylwilde. DECEMBER WEEKEND Mass Saturdays 5pm. Christmas Eve/Day Mass time December 24 @ 8:30pm & December 25 @ 9:30am.

ST. COLUMBA CHURCH, rural Irene/Mayfield. DECEMBER WEEKEND Mass Sundays @ 10:45am. Christmas Eve/Day Mass time December 24 @ 6:30pm.

ST. GEORGE CHURCH, Scotland, SD. Sundays 9:30 am. DECEMBER WEEKEND Mass Saturdays 5pm. Christmas Eve/Day Mass times December 24 @ 8:30pm & December 25 @ 9:30am.

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

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

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Catholic

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

ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC, Wakonda, Rev. Scott Trayner, 605-624-2697. Sunday 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. Father Daniel Moris. Saturday 7pm Mass. Sunday 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

Christian

KINGSWAY CHRISTIAN CHURCH, 19th & Burleigh, 665-6317. Joseph Mason, Pastor. 9am-SS; Worship 10:15am. Wed.- 6:30pm 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.

Church of Jesus Christ

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST LATTER-DAY SAINTS, 2300 Douglas, Yankton. Michael Maxwell (402)586-2645 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 Holy Eucharist; Wednesday; Noon Holy Eucharist.

Evangelical

Cornerstone Evangelical Church: Pastor Steve McHone, 208 West 21st Stewart Elementary School; Sunday School 9:30a.m.; Morning Service 10:30a.m. Contact Mike Stevens at (605)661-0057.

EMMANUEL CHURCH We gather together for worship every Sunday at 9:30AM at the Yankton Middle School (2000 Mulberry Street). www.emmanuelyankton.com (605)760-1143

Lutheran

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

Lutheran

CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH NALC: 305 W. 25th, Yankton, 665-8848. Rev. Dani Jo Ninke. SUN: 8:30am & 10:45am worship services; 9:45am Sunday School.

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 firstthope@santel.net

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

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH, AFLC 200 South Wilson, Delmont. (605)935-6941. SUN 9am Worship. 10am Sunday school. firstthope@santel.net

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

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN, LC/MC/NALC, Menno. Pastor Theresa Jacobson Office 605-387-5241 Worship 9am, Brunch, SS 10:20am.

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 Lutheran Church, Wisconsin Synod, 201 E. 25th Street, Yankton. Pastor Christian Sutzle, (605)665-4793. Sunday 9:15 am Worship; 10:15 am Bible Study.

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; Sunday School 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 5:30; Sunday 8:15am & 10:45am; Classes, coffee fellowship 9:30am.

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

Lutheran

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

VANGEN LUTHERAN CHURCH, Mission Hill. 665-5426. Worship 9:30am.

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.

Presbyterian

PEACE PRESBYTERIAN (PC/USA), 206 E. 31st. 665-0448. Rev. Don Barbalace. 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. 9:30am Church School, 10:30am 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 Dr. Richard W. Jensen, Pastor. SUN.-10am Worship. 11am-Fellowship, 11:05am Church School.

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