

Bethlehem Village On Display At MMC

A stunning Fontanini Bethlehem Village consisting of more than 300 pieces that was donated to Mount Marty College will be on display throughout the Advent season.

The village can be viewed in the MMC Boardroom, located in the Scholastica Learning Center (SLC), Monday through Friday from 2-6 p.m. until Dec. 20. A final weekend viewing will also be available Dec. 21-22 from 1-4 p.m. The public is welcomed to view the village at no cost.

Ten years ago the Fontanini Bethlehem Village was donated to the College by Father Terry Weber of the Sioux Falls Diocese. The whole village took volunteers just over 40 hours to complete the set up. It includes water features as well as amazing details of that period of time.

"This is much more than a nativity scene," says Director of Campus Ministry, Sr. Maribeth Wentzlaaf. "This is a depiction of what life in Bethlehem would have looked like at the time of Jesus' birth. It really brings you into another period of time and reality."

For more information on the village or to arrange for a group visit, contact Mount Marty College Events Coordinator, Wyatt Yager at events@mtmc.edu.

Christmas Pageant Set For Dec. 21

The Seventh-Day Adventist Church, 722 Locust, Yankton will be hosting a Christmas Pageant and Carol Sing at 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21.

Light refreshments to follow.

Pot Luck To Be Held Dec. 29

TABOR — There will be a FCSLA W093/C.W. communal gathering to celebrate the "Feast of the Holy Family" at Mass on Dec. 29. There will be a potluck brunch following Mass in Beseda Hall in Tabor.

Members and family and all parishioners are invited to attend the potluck. Just bring a dish to share. Branch W093 will supply coffee and juice.

Support Group To Meet Jan. 13

"Divorced, Separated and Widowed," a support group sponsored by Sacred Heart Monastery, Yankton, will meet at Roncalli Center, Mount Marty College, Yankton, each Monday night at 7 p.m. beginning Jan. 13, 2014.

The support group is a nine-week program created to help divorced, separated and widowed persons work through and deal with the different stages of grief in their lives.

The book, "Rebuilding When Your Relationship Ends," will be used as a text to provide a guide in understanding and adjusting to the ending of a love relationship and to rebuilding self-esteem and positive relationships with those around them.

For more information, call Carol Hamvas 665-7158.

Don't Be Baited By Tricky Questions

REV. DON BARBALACE
Peace Presbyterian Church

Jesus faced a tricky question in Luke 20: "27. Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to him 28. and asked him a question. "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother."

This is the so-called law of levirate marriage found in Deuteronomy 25:5. The idea behind the law was to continue the name and family of the man who had died, but by the time of Jesus, the law was no longer observed. So, this was strictly an academic question. It was like the question of how many angels could dance on the head of a pin, a question that fascinated philosophers in the Middle Ages. People could argue the matter endlessly, but it had no application in the real world except (in this instance) to draw a line between the Sadducees and the Pharisees.

The Sadducees went on to suppose



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that all seven of the man's brothers married the widow as the brothers passed away one by one. Then, they asked Jesus, "33. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will be the woman be? For the seven had married her." The irony here, of course, is that the Sadducees did not even believe in the resurrection.

An important note here is that part of the Law of Moses was no longer being observed. Sometimes even today, extremists cite a passage from the Old Testament as authority for some ridiculous position. Even in Jesus' day, people realized that parts of the law served a purpose at the time that they were given, but changing times and circumstances meant that those parts of the law no longer had application. It is important to keep the bigger picture in

mind, to keep God's purposes in mind and not just mindlessly follow the letter of an old rule that had only temporary application. Some people never learn to make that distinction.

In this instance, the Sadducees posed a silly riddle to Jesus. It was one of those exaggerated Bible questions that people employ primarily to humiliate, ridicule, and discredit someone while they themselves pretend to be innocently inquiring into a religious matter.

The Sadducees did not ask Jesus the question out of an honest puzzlement and interest, but because they wanted to embarrass him and trap him into making an incriminating statement so he could be prosecuted by the authorities. We have all met someone like them at one time or another and sometimes we have acted like that ourselves.

Jesus, of course, did not fall for the trick. Neither should you when someone tries to bait you with a preposterous question.

Priest Accused Of Abuse Wasn't On List

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — When the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis released a list of priests credibly accused of sexually abusing minors, victims' groups complained it was incomplete.

Harry Walsh wasn't on the list of 30 priests made public two weeks ago. But church documents obtained by Minnesota Public Radio (<http://bit.ly/1fmo8k>) show he'd been accused in the 1990s of molesting a 15-year-old girl in Detroit in the mid-1960s and a 12-year-old altar boy in South St. Paul the early 1980s. The archdiocese contributed to a financial settlement for the girl in 1996.

Nonetheless, two archbishops allowed him to continue working in parishes until the fall of 2011, MPR reported.

Archbishop John Nienstedt asked Pope Benedict last year to defrock Walsh after he

learned of the abuse allegations from documents in church archives, as well as an old internal investigation that determined Walsh had an affair with a married parishioner at a church in Monticello. Walsh agreed to leave.

Walsh now teaches sex education to troubled teenagers and vulnerable adults in Wright County. He signed a two-year, \$1,508 a month contract earlier this year, according to public records. He told the station he never sexually abused children.

"I'd have been shocked if I was on the list because there's nothing credible about it," Walsh told MPR. "If I were hiding that, you wouldn't be in my house right now; I would have been very careful."

Walsh said he might have kissed the girl affectionately, but it wouldn't have been sexual. He denied the allegation about the boy, who reported it

as an adult to the archdiocese in 1996, and said he'd never heard of the accusation.

Archdiocese spokesman Jim Accurso wouldn't say why Walsh wasn't on the public list of accused priests, nor would he say why Walsh was allowed to serve as a music minister at St. Henry's Catholic Church in Monticello until he retired from that post two years ago, MPR reported.

"These disclosures are intended to be ongoing," the archdiocese said in a statement. "We are currently engaged in a comprehensive review of clergy files and the list will be updated as additional announcements are made."

Accurso did not immediately return a phone call from The Associated Press seeking comment Thursday.

It could not be immediately determined if either instance of alleged abuse was ever reported to police. South St.

Paul and Detroit police officials said records were not immediately available, if they exist. MPR's report said there were no records of archdiocese officials notifying police about the allegations.

Jennifer Haselberger, a former top adviser to Nienstedt, said the church had a moral responsibility to disclose Walsh's alleged abuse, particularly because he now teaches children about sex.

No one told Wright County officials about the allegations, said Carol Schefers, the county's public health director, who signed Walsh's contract. She also said she didn't know what she would do with the information.

On Tuesday, Nienstedt said stepped aside from active ministry while police investigate an allegation that he touched a boy on the buttocks in 2009. The archbishop called the claim "absolutely and entirely false."

CHURCH SCHEDULES

Abundant Life	Baptist	Catholic	Lutheran	Lutheran	United Church
ABUNDANT LIFE MINISTRIES, Pastors Butch and Barbara Hladky, 517 Burleigh, Yankton. 665-0889. Open for prayer daily. FRI Sabbath Service 6pm Youth Service 7pm. SUN. 10am 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.	ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC, Fordyce, Neb. Rev. David Fulton. SUN. 10:30am Mass.	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.	TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, Hartington/Crofton, NE, Amanda Jertson pastor; (402)254-6606. SUN. 9am Worship (Hartington), 10am SS (Hartington), 11am Worship (Crofton).	UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, Crofton, Neb., 412 W. Main St., (402)388-4124, Pastor Rev. Woodrow Weidner. SUN. 10:00am Worship.
Alliance of Renewal Churches	Bible Church	ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC, Lesterville. SUN. 10:30am Mass. Father Daniel Moris.	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.	TRONDHJEM LUTHERAN CHURCH (AFLC), rural Volin. 263-3841. Sunday 9:15am; 10:30am Worship.	United Methodist
LIVING WATER CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP, Sun. 10am Yankton Middle School (2000 Mulberry) Weds. 7pm Prayer. David Olson, pastor. (605)260-2138.	GRACE BIBLE CHURCH, Home Fellowship during the fall and winter. Call Pastor Joel Finck for times and locations. (605)760-4701.	ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, Constance, Neb., Father David Fulton, pastor. Saturday Mass: 7:30pm.	FIRST AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH, AFLC 300 S. Carpenter St., Tripp. (605)935-6941 9:30am Sunday School; SUN. 10:45 Worship firsthope@santel.net	VANGEN LUTHERAN CHURCH, Mission Hill. 665-5426. Worship 9:30am.	FIRST UNITED METHODIST, Yankton. Rev. Ron Johnson, Senior Pastor, Associate Pastor Bob Cappel, 207 W. 11th St. 665-2991. Sunday School. 9:45, Contemporary Worship 8:45; Trad. 10:45.
Assembly of God	Catholic	ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC, Wankonda. Rev. Scott Trayner, 605-624-2697. Sunday 8:30am Mass.	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.	Non-Denominational	GAYVILLE-VOLIN UNITED METHODIST, Rick Pittenger, pastor. 624-2179. 9am Worship Service. 10:00am Sunday School.
Baptist	HOLY FAMILY CHURCH OF CEDAR COUNTY (Immaculate Conception), St. Helena, NE. Rev. Eric Olsen. (402)357-2400. Mass: Sunday 11:00am.	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.	HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH, AFLC 200 South Wilton, Delmont. (605)935-6941. SUN 9am Worship. 10am Sunday school. firsthope@santel.net	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.	WAKONDA, IRENE, VIBORG, UNITED METHODIST, Pastor Judy Saylor. SUN. 8:30am Worship at Wakonda; 9:45am Worship at Irene; 11am Worship at Viborg.
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.	HOLY FAMILY CHURCH OF CEDAR COUNTY (Sacred Heart), Wynot, NE. Rev. Eric Olsen. (402)357-2400. Mass times, Saturdays 5pm.	ST. WENCESLAUS, Tabor, (605)463-2336. Father Daniel Morris. Saturday 7pm Mass. Sunday 8:30am Mass.	Martinus Lutheran Church, Utica. Pastor Dean Schroeder Sunday Divine Service 10:30am (605)589-3195 www.MartinusLutheran.org	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.	KYNT 1450 AM Radio
BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH, 301 Ohio St., Wakonda. Dr. Calvin Jones, pastor, (605)267-1100. SUNDAY Worship. 11:00am.	MOUNT MARTY COLLEGE, Peace Chapel, MMC campus. SUN. 10am Mass with the Sisters in the Bishop Marty Chapel. Public is welcome to attend.	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	OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN, rural Irene. 263-3724. SUN. 9am Worship.	Presbyterian	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
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 Klopenstein. www.cbchurch.com-http://www.cbchurch.com- 2407 Broadway, (605)665-5594.	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.	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	OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN, LC/MC/NALC, Menno. Pastor Theresa Jacobson Office 605-387-5241 Worship 9am, Brunch, SS 10:20am.	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.	WNAX 570 AM Radio
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.	ST. AGNES PARISH: SIGEL, rural Utica. SAT. 5pm Mass, confessions 1/2 hour before Mass. Father Daniel Moris.	Church of Christ	OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN, LC/MC, 12th and Elm, Springfield. Rev. Kenneth Johnson, pastor. SUN. 8am Worship. 9am SS. THUR. 7pm Adult Bible Study.	RIVERVIEW REFORMED, 17th St. & Burleigh, Rev. Rodney Veldhuizen, pastor, 665-9204. SUN. 9:30am Worship, 10:15am SS. WED. Youth group & adult choir.	MIX 106 FM Radio
	ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH Bloomfield, Nebraska Fr. Michael Schmitz, Pastor SUNDAY Mass-10:30 AM; 2nd, 4th, 5th TUES DAY Mass-8 AM; THURSDAY Mass-8 AM.	Church of Jesus Christ	Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Wisconsin Synod, 201 E. 25th Street, Yankton. Pastor Christian Sulzle, (605)665-4793. Sunday 9:15 am Worship; 10:15 am Bible Study.	Seventh-Day	CLASSIC HITS 106 KVHT FM Radio SUN.-THUR. 10:05PM "Family Radio Story" with Bishop Robert Carlson.
	ST. BENEDICT CATHOLIC CHURCH, 1500 St. Benedict Drive, Yankton, Father Ken Luf, 664-6214 (church), Masses: SAT. 5pm. SUN. 8:30am&10:30am.	Church of Christ	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.	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	ESPAN Radio 1570
	ST. BONIFACE CATHOLIC CHURCH, rural Irene/Mayfield. DECEMBER WEEKEND Mass Sundays @ 10:45am. Christmas Eve/Day Mass time December 24 @ 6:30pm.	Church of Christ	St. John Lutheran Church, Tyndall. Pastor Dean Schroeder. Sunday Divine Service: 8:30am; Sunday School 10:00am (605)589-3195. www.StJohnsTyndallLCMS.org	United Church	ESPAN Radio 1570 SUN. 10:30AM Trinity Lutheran Church, Vermillion, worship.
	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.	Episcopal	ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH (LCMS), 1009 Jackson. David Gunderson, Pastor. SUN. 8am Worship, 9:15am Education Hour, 10:30am Worship.	Congregational UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, Newcaste, Neb., 303 Highway 12, Rev. Gary Kimm, pastor. SAT. 6PM Church school, 7PM Worship. Second THUR. 2PM Ladies Aid.	Call Classifieds 665-7811
		Evangelical	Trinity Lutheran Church, 403 Broadway, Yankton, 665-7415. Worship: Saturday 5:30; Sunday 8:15am & 10:45am; Classes, coffee fellowship 9:30am.	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.	Koranda Well Company, LLC Well Drilling & Repair Pure Water Distillers 605-463-2244 42719 307th St., Tabor
				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.	Commercial & Residential KAISER COOLING Call Doug or Chris (605) 665-2895

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