

FCSLA Potluck Set For Dec. 29

TABOR — There will be a FCSLA WO93/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 WO93 will supply coffee and juice.

SHM Support Group Begins 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.

MVCA Kindergarten 'Sneak Peek' Set

All are welcome to the Missouri Valley Christian Academy's Kindergarten "Sneak Peek" at 7 p.m. Jan. 14 at Christ the King Lutheran Church. Come see about the kindergarten everyone is talking about and why it's the best choice for your child.

More Than 400 Holiday Meals Served

MASON CITY, Iowa (AP) — More than 400 people shared ham, potatoes, corn, pie and other tempting offerings at the annual Christmas Day Community Dinner in Mason City.

The event rotates among various Mason City churches each year and this year's meal was held at Trinity Lutheran Church.

Joan Escher was glad for the help. She told the *Mason City Globe Gazette* that she'd decided to let someone else cook for her Wednesday. Her husband, Vaughn Escher, said they went to the 10 o'clock service and decided to stay for the lunch.

Kim Pang was volunteering with his two children, 5-year-old Samantha and 11-year-old Blake. They were busy filling carryout orders.

"We're part of Trinity," Pang said. "We thought we'd get an early start on giving back to the community."

Pang also called his family fortunate.

"We thought we better get up early and do our part," he said.

Mike Hjelle, of Mason City, helped refill coffee and water. He said he's volunteered for the event before, and it's something he enjoys.

Marilyn Strike, also of Mason City, said snowy roads kept her in town instead of traveling to see family in Newton. She applauded the fellowship and food, which also included rolls, fruit salad and dessert items like pie.

"This is wonderful," she said.

Christmas In Dubai

Mideast Crossroads Gets Into The Holiday Spirit

BY ADAM SCHRECK
Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — Just days before Christmas, Ben Elliott-Scott was busy touching up the paint on a foam snowman and blasting trees with manmade flurries to turn them a wintery white. Santa was due to arrive soon, along with dozens of party guests at the exclusive villa nestled alongside a Dubai golf course.

His company, Desert Snow, specializes in artificial snow like that used on movie sets. He has several more jobs to finish before the holiday rolls around at wealthy homes across the city, many owned by members of its large and diverse expatriate population.

"It is very much our busiest time of year," the Briton said. "Christmas is taken almost more seriously in Dubai than it is at home. There are as many local families taking the pictures in front of the trees as expats."

The Middle East's brash city is increasingly embracing the trappings of Christmas in a way that would be unthinkable in more conservative parts of the Muslim world. Christmas trees adorn shopping centers and residential neighborhoods, and high-end hotels try to outdo one another with extravagant and boozy holiday dinners.

An outdoor Christmas festival now in its second year broke its own attendance record by wooing more than 27,000 visitors over three days with caroling children's choirs, gingerbread houses and a snow fight zone.

Santa Claus is on hand to hear wishes in at least three Dubai malls, naturally including the one housing an indoor ski slope and its contingent of snow penguins. The dearth of chimneys in the sheikdom does not seem to be a problem.

It is in many ways a reflection of Dubai's emergence as a cosmopolitan, commercially minded crossroads in a region often associated with intolerance and upheaval. The city last month

became the first in the Middle East to win the right to host the World Expo with a bid that emphasized its connections to the wider world.

"Dubai has taken itself one step forward to being a visibly global city. As a global city, you expect these things to happen here," said Abdulkhaleq Abdulla, professor of political science at Emirates University. "We've chosen this role. We have to get used to it."

While celebrations of Christmas have been growing in the United Arab Emirates city for several years, Dubai nonetheless retains its Islamic identity.

The call to prayer reverberates five times a day from the city's numerous mosques, and modest dress and behavior is expected from locals and foreigners alike. The local population, outnumbered more than four to one by foreign residents, prizes its traditional values.

That includes prohibitions on immodest behavior and public intoxication that have gotten several foreigners in legal trouble in recent years.

Still, the emirate's embrace of at least the more commercial aspects of Christmas stands out in the conservative Gulf. Neighboring Saudi Arabia's strict interpretation of Islam bans celebrations of the holiday. Kuwaiti lawmakers have criticized modest Christmas celebrations in that oil-rich country.

David Mitchell, an English engineer working in the Omani capital Muscat, traveled with his family to Dubai just to visit the Christmas festival earlier this month.

"There's nothing like this in Oman," he said while waiting in line to take his 2 1/2-year old son, Isaac, to meet Santa. "They appreciate the Christmas spirit" in Dubai, he added.

There has been little public outcry over the increasing prominence of the holiday in the Emirates, where authorities are quick to stamp out displays of public dissent and citizens rarely air their grievances in public.

Ismail al-Issawi, a professor of Islam

at the University of Sharjah, just outside Dubai, said politics and economics play a role.

"Dubai now has become an international center with all kinds of religions. So it is up to them to make it possible for the various religions to have their holidays," he said.

The British Embassy in Dubai is using the festive season as a chance to remind its citizens of the UAE's tough drinking and public decency laws.

Its "12 Days of Christmas" awareness campaign on social media includes tweets such as "On the 5th day of (hash) Christmas my friend said to me; If I have overdone it, please send me home."

"Part of enjoying Christmas and New Year is to stay away from trouble," said Edward Hobart, the British consul general.

Non-Muslims in Dubai are expected to respect the city's Islamic roots, meaning organizers of Christmas celebrations walk a fine line in how they present the holiday. Nativity scenes and overtly religious carols celebrating the birth of Christ are rare.

But Christmas trees, including one set up in a traffic circle fountain filled with sudsy soap to suggest snow, are in. So are Santa hats, jingle bells and palm trees swaddled in gift wrap-style red bows.

One supermarket, apparently trying to appeal to all customers, is advertising: "This Christmas: Fresh halal turkey" — a bird slaughtered according to Islamic dietary law.

There are other crossed cultural wires too.

Elliott-Scott, the artificial snow entrepreneur, said he has received requests for different colored snow, like pink and blue.

"Someone asked once if they could have gold snow, but it looked more like yellow," he said. "We suggested: 'possibly it doesn't look the best.' Yellow snow should be avoided at all costs."

CHURCH SCHEDULES

Abundant Life

ABUNDANT LIFE MINISTRIES, Pastors Butch and Barbara Hladky, 517 Burleigh, Yankton. 665-9889. 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 Klopenstein. 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.

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Baptist

YANKTON BAPTIST CHURCH, SBC, 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, Home Fellowship during the fall and winter. Call Pastor Joel Finck for times and locations. (605)760-4701.

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), Wyanot, 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 Morris.

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.

ST. BENEDICT CATHOLIC CHURCH, 1500 St. Benedict Drive, Yankton, Father Ken Luf, 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 Sundays 9am. Feast of Mary the Mother of God Tuesday, December 31 @ 5:30pm.

ST. COLUMBA CHURCH, rural Irene/Mayfield. DECEMBER WEEKEND Mass Sundays @ 10:45am. Feast of Mary the Mother of God Tuesday, December 31 @ 7:15pm.

ST. GEORGE CHURCH, Scotland, SD. Sundays 9:30 am. DECEMBER WEEKEND Mass Feast of Mary the Mother of God Wednesday January 1 @ 9am.

Catholic

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.

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 Morris. 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

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, 403 Broadway, Yankton, 665-7415. Worship: Saturday 5:30; Sunday 8:15am & 10:45am; Classes, coffee fellowship 9:30am.

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 firststhope@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. firststhope@santel.net

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

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.

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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.

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St. John Lutheran Church, Tyn-dall. 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.

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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.

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

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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. 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 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 Rev. Woodrow Weidner SUN. 10:00am Worship.

United Methodist

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.

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