

38th St. Lucia Tradition Event Dec. 12

VERMILLION — Dalesburg Scandinavian Association welcomes you to its 38th Celebration of the St. Lucia Tradition on Saturday, Dec. 12, at 3 p.m. at Dalesburg Lutheran Church, 30595 University Road, north of Vermillion.

The celebration will feature a Lucia Court with one girl being crowned Lucia for the event. There will be a program with a Scandinavian theme and a buffet of Scandinavian food.

A freewill collection will be received for area food pantries. The celebration remembers the generosity and commitment of St. Lucia to those in need and to her faith.

For information or in case of inclement weather, call 605-253-2575.

'The Winter Rose' Performance At UCC

The Adult Choir at the United Church of Christ (Congregational) of Yankton will present a cantata entitled "The Winter Rose" at 10 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 13.

The choir is directed by Jennifer Powell and will be accompanied by Ted Powell, organist and a small orchestra.

"This is our Christmas gift to the community," stated Ms. Powell. "Enjoy the music as it echoes thru our century-old sanctuary beautifully decorated for the season. All are welcome to enjoy Christmas refreshments immediately after the concert in the church parlors."

The church is located at Fifth and Walnut.

Poets and artists have used their pens and brushes throughout the centuries to project the rose as a symbol of divine love. Today, the rose remains a vital expression of love and peace both inside the Church and the outside world. It is in that same spirit, the work of composers Joseph and Pamela Martin, have conceived and written this beautiful music.

St. John's Bible To Be At Peace Church

The Saint John's Bible exhibit that has been at Mount Marty College during the past year will be at Yankton's Peace Church on Sunday Dec. 13, during our regular worship time at 11 a.m.

Please join us to learn more about the making of the Bible and to view the exhibit.

'Christmas Concert & Carols' Dec. 20

The public is invited to a "Community Christmas Concert & Carols" at 6 p.m. Sunday evening, Dec. 20, at Discovery Church, 205 West Third Street in downtown Yankton.

With a blend of traditional and contemporary Christmas music along with the recounting of the story of the coming of the Messiah, the public is invited to share in this celebration of the birth of Jesus. Music for this event will be provided by the Discovery Church Worship band with vocals by Jon and Pam Cooke, and Lindsey Swanstrom.

Following the concert, Gathering Grounds, Discovery's in-house coffee shop, invites everyone to an open house featuring coffee, hot chocolate and Christmas treats.

'Christmas Is Coming' Program Set

SPRINGFIELD — "Christmas Is Coming" to Emmanuel Reformed Church in Springfield on Sunday, Dec. 20 at 7 p.m. It will be a night of jubilant music celebrating the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

It begins with musical selections by the preschoolers. The adult and children's choirs will then present a high energy and dynamic musical with beloved carols and worship songs. Fellowship and refreshments will follow.

Kids Talk About God

Why Did God Create Babies?

BY CAREY KINSOLVING AND FRIENDS

"God created babies to entertain people," says Jacob, age unknown. "They entertain by looking cute and talking baby talk. For some reason, people find it entertaining. Personally, I think it is silly."

Jacob, just wait until you and your wife have your first baby. You'll be there with all the other dads saying, "Goo, goo, gah, gah."

"God made babies to be his treasures. He loves every one," says Ben.

The Bible says children are a "heritage from the Lord." In the agricultural economy of ancient Israel, children were compared to "olive plants all around your table." Also, they were compared to "arrows in the hand of a warrior," which is symbolic of strength. For a fuller picture of children being a blessing, read Psalms 127 and 128.

"The fruit of the womb is a reward," declares the psalmist, in contrast to some people in our society who view their own babies as a hindrance to their lifestyle or career. Others refuse to be inconvenienced. They discard the reward by visiting the nearest abortion clinic.

"God created babies to keep the human race alive," says Ben.

God's first command to Adam and Eve was "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it" (Genesis 1:28). Babies are a vital part of God's

plan for mankind, and so are good parents.

"If babies weren't born, they couldn't learn about God," says Made-line. Jesus said there were certain things he had hidden from the wise but revealed to the childlike (Matthew 11:25). The "wise" of whom Jesus spoke were those who had heard and seen God's revelation in his teaching and miracles, but had not turned to God. In contrast, little children love to be taught.

God reveals himself to the humble, childlike and simple. We must learn to depend on God as a child looks to a parent. It's akin to what Jesus taught about becoming as children to enter his kingdom.

The Lord responds to simple, childlike faith. The faith that depends on the Lord Jesus as the only hope for heaven is the same faith we need to trust him with everyday problems.

When it comes to life after death, the spiritually perceptive know they need the new life that the Lord Jesus offers to all who trust in him. But when it comes to everyday problems, our tendency is toward self-sufficiency.

We enter this world as babies totally dependent on others. When born from above by God's Spirit, we enter the spiritual world as babies. It takes time to grow up where we can say with the Apostle Paul, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13).

"I think God made babies so that they would grow up and serve him," says Julia. "God made people to worship him," adds Lymay.

Think about this: The idea of God creating babies so they could grow up to serve and worship him may sound strange to some, but not to those who know that God has a master plan for each of us from our mother's womb. Christians have a biblical basis for imparting a sense of destiny into the lives of their children. Unfortunately, many parents impart chaos and confusion by using television as a babysitter.

Memorize this truth: "Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord. The fruit of the womb is a reward" (Psalm 127:3).

Ask this question: Have you devoted as much time and thought to your children's relationship with God as their relationships with other children, physical health and recreational activities?

"Kids Talk About God" is written and distributed by Carey Kinsolving. To access free, online "Kids Color Me Bible" books, "Mission Explorers" videos, a new children's musical, and all columns in a Bible Lesson Archive, visit www.KidsTalkAboutGod.org. To read journey-of-faith feature stories written by Carey Kinsolving, visit www.FaithProfiles.org.

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Pope: Mercy Trumps Moralizing As He Opens Vatican Holy Door

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope Francis has pushed open the great bronze doors of St. Peter's Basilica to launch his Holy Year of Mercy, declaring that mercy trumps moralizing in his Catholic Church.

Francis stood in prayer on the threshold of the basilica's Holy Door and then walked through it, the first

of an estimated 10 million faithful who will pass through over the course of the next year in a rite of pilgrimage dating back centuries.

A thin and frail Emeritus Pope Benedict XVI walked through the doorway right after Francis. It was a rare outing for the 88-year-old Benedict, whose historic resignation led to Francis' election

and a papacy dedicated to showing the merciful side of the church.

Some 5,000 extra police and soldiers have been deployed around Rome to protect the pilgrims flocking to Rome to participate in the yearlong celebration.

Security was heightened after the Vatican was listed as a possible target following the Paris attacks.

CHURCH SCHEDULES

Abundant Life Ministries

ABUNDANT LIFE MINISTRIES, Pastors Butch and Barbara Hladky, 517 Burleigh, Yankton. (605)665-0889. Open for prayer daily FRI. Shabbat Service 6pm Youth Service 7pm. SUN. 10am Worship.

Alliance of Renewal Churches

Living Water Christian Fellowship, Sunday 10am Yankton Middle School (2000 Mulberry) Wed 7pm Prayr. David Olson, pastor. 605-260-2138.

Assembly of God

FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD 801 W. 25th 605-665-6362 (office) SUN 10am Bible teaching sermons WED 6:30pm Midweek services and Bible study for all ages. www.yanktonassembly.com

Baptist

ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH, 100 E. 6th St., Kevin Caskey, Pastor, 605-665-0066. SUN. 9:30am Sunday School, 10:45am Preaching Service, 4pm Preaching Service WED 7pm Preaching Service.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH 301 Ohio St., Wakonda. Dr. Calvin Jones, pastor. 605-267-1100 SUNDAY Worship 11am.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH, 2407 Broadway, Yankton (605) 665-5594 SUNDAYS: 9am Sunday School for all ages, 10:30am Worship Service MONDAYS: Service broadcast 7:30pm Channels 3 & 98. WEDNESDAYS: 6:30pm AWANA, 6:45pm The Pursuit Youth Group (Grades 7-12), 7pm Adult Bible Study. Interim Pastor Ralph Porter, Associate Pastor Rick Slattery, Youth Pastor Adam Ansel, Children's Ministry Director Laura Kotalik www.cbchurch.com

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, SD. 605-665-7587. SUN 9:30am Bible study, SS; 10:45 am Worship. WED 7:00pm Midweek service.

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Bible Church

Grace Bible Church, Meeting at Pierson Ranch Amphitheater (below dam on Hwy. 52), 10:30am Sundays. Memorial Day through Labor Day. Call Pastor Joel Finck for more information. 605-760-4701.

Catholic

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, St. Helena, NE. Rev. Eric Olsen. 402-357-2400. Mass: Saturdays 5pm. Through November.

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC 509 Capitol, Yankton, Rev. Larry Reginy-ski. 665-3655 (office). SAT 4:30pm Mass SUN 8am, 9:30am, 11am MASS THUR 12:30pm, 2:30pm and 7:30pm Confessions.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church Wynot, NE. Rev. Eric Olsen 402-357-2400. Mass times, Sundays 9am. Through November.

Sacred Heart Monastery Sunday 10am Mass in the Bishop Marty Memorial Chapel. Public is welcome. Mount Marty College 4pm Sunday Mass in the Peace Chapel, when school is in session.

St Rose of Lima, Crofton, NE. Father Michael Schmitz. SAT Mass 8:00am & 5:30pm. SUN Mass 8:30am. Wed/Fri Masses 8:15am. Confessions Wed 11-11:30am Sat 5-5:20pm.

St. Agnes Parish Sigel rural Utica. Mass time: Every 2nd, 4th Sunday at 10:30am in winter & 8:30am in summer. Confessions 1/2 hour before Mass. Father Steven Jones.

St. Andrews Catholic Church, Bloomfield, NE. Fr. Michael Schmitz. Sunday Mass-10:30am; 2nd, 4th, 5th, Tuesday Mass 8:00am; Thursday Mass-8:00am

St. Benedict Catholic Church, 1500 St. Benedict Drive, Yankton. Father Ken Lulf, 605-664-6214 (church). Masses: SAT-5:00pm. SUN 8:30am & 10:30am

St. Boniface Catholic Church, Menominee, NE. Rev. James Keitler. SUN 8:30am. 1st SAT of month 8:00am

St. Boniface Idlywilde, rural Freeman, SD. Sunday Mass 11:00am 605-927-3438 www.stbonifacecd.parishesonline.com

St. Columba Mayfield, rural Irene, SD. Saturday's at 5:30pm Holy Mass.

St. George Scotland, SD: Holy Mass Sundays 9a.m. 605-583-4318. www.parishesonline.com/stge-orgscotlandsd

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Fordyce NE. Rev. James Keitler. SUN 10:30am Mass. Mon, Tues, Wed, 8:00am Mass. 1st Friday 8:00am Mass

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Lesterville. Mass time: Every 1st, 3rd, 5th Sunday 10:30am winter & 8:30am summer. Confessions 1/2 hour before. Father Steven Jones

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Catholic

St. Josephs Catholic Church, Constance, NE. Rev. James Keitler. SAT 7:30pm Mass.

St. Leo Catholic Church Tyndall Saturday 5:30pm Mass; Sunday 8:30am Mass. Confessions 45 mins before each Mass. Father Joseph Forcelle.

St. Vincent Catholic Church Springfield, SD. Sunday 10:30am Mass. Confessions 1/2 hour before. Father Joseph Forcelle.

St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church, Tabor, SD Mass times: Winter Saturday 5pm & Sunday 8:30am. Summer Sunday 10:30am. Confessions SAT 4-4:30pm. Father Steven Jones.

Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church, Bow Valley, NE. Rev. Eric Olsen 402-357-2400. Mass: Sundays 11am. Through November.

The House of Mary Shrine, 6 miles West of Yankton, Hwy. 52 Masses: 9am. every Sat. & Mon. April-Sept. Divine Mercy Chapel and Rosary before Masses. Rosary: Sunday 4pm. Open 7 days a week for prayer. thehouseofmaryshrine.org

Church of Christ

CHURCH OF CHRIST, 1114 West 12th, Yankton, 605-665-6379. SUN 9:30am Bible Study; classes for all ages. 10:30am Worship. WED Bible Study 7pm KDLT-TV 9am Sundays.

Church of Jesus Christ

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST LATTER-DAY SAINTS, 2300 Douglas, Yankton. Michael Maxwell 402-586-2345. Family History Ct. 605-665-0901. SUN. 10am Sacrament meeting.

Episcopal

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH Sunday 9am Serenity, 10am The Holy Eucharist & Sunday School. Mondays 10:30am Centering Prayer. Wednesdays 7pm Meditation.

Evangelical

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

Redeeming Grace Bible Church, 19th & Burleigh, Pastor Raymond Solberg, Assoc. Steve McHone. 605-665-6317. 9am-SS; Worship 10:15am, 6pm Bible Study, Wed.-6:30pm kids for Christ/Adult Study.

Lutheran

CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH NALC: 305 W. 25th, Yankton, 605-665-8848. Rev. Dani Jo Ninke. SAT 5:30pm worship service. SUN 9am worship service.

FAITH UNITED LUTHERAN, 44874 303rd St., Volin SD 57072, 605-267-2277. SUN. Worship Services 9:30am. Childrens 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 firsthope@santel.net

GAYVILLE-BERGEN LUTHERAN 605-267-4342, Bergen Worship-9:00 am, Sunday School-9:00 am Gayville Worship-10:30 am, Sunday School 9:15 am.

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH, AFLC 200 South Wilson, Delmont. 605-935-6941. SUN 9am Worship. 10am Sunday school. Firsthope@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. 605-263-3724. Sunday 9am Worship.

Our Savior's Lutheran, LCM/NALC, Menno. Pastor Theresa Jacobson Office 605-387-5241. Worship Saturdays 7pm.

Our Savior's Lutheran, LCMS. 12th and Elm, Springfield. Rev. Kenneth Johnson, pastor. Sun. 8am Worship. 8am SS. Thur. 7pm Adult Bible study.

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Wisconsin Synod, 201 E. 25th Street, Yankton. Pastor Winfried Schroeder 605-665-4793. Sunday 9:15am. Worship; 10:15am Bible Study

South Dakota Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, MAIN STREET LIVING television program, 10am (CST) on KDLT-NBC; and 11am (CST) on KAUN-PAX; and 10am (MST) on KKRA-PAX.

St. John Lutheran Church, Tyndall. Pastor Dean Schroeder. Sunday Divine Service; 8:30am; 605-589-3195. www.StJohnsTyndallLCM-S.org

St. John's Lutheran Church (LCMS), 1009 Jackson. Pastor David Gunderson. SUN 8am Worship. 9:15am Education Hour, 10:30 am Worship.

Trinity Lutheran Church, Hartington/Crofton, NE. Amanda Jertson pastor; (402)254-9606. SUN 9am Worship (Hartington), 10am SS (Crofton), 11am Worship (Hartington).

Trinity Lutheran Church, 403 Broadway Yankton, 665-7415. Contemporary Service SAT 5:30pm & Sun 8:15am. Traditional Service SUN 10:45am. Sunday school 9:30am.

Lutheran

Trondhjem Lutheran Church (AFLC), rural Volin. 605-263-3841. Sunday 9:15am; 10:30am Worship

Vangen Lutheran Church, Mission Hill. 605-665-5426. Worship 10:30am. Sunday School 9:30am.

Non-Denominational

DISCOVERY CHURCH 205 W 3rd Street, Yankton. (605)689-2211. Pastor Jon Cooke discoverychurchoffice@gmail.com SUN: 9am Sunday School, 10:30am worship, WED: 6:30pm Discovery Zone for Kids, Adult Bible Study and Youth Group. www.discoverychurchofyankeon.org

FAITH ALIVE, 501 Cedar St., Yankton. 665-4797. Contemporary Worship & Family Values. SUN: 10am service. WED. 7pm CareCells "Small Groups For Building Relationships" Various Locations.

GLORY CHRISTIAN Center, 901 E 11th St. Yankton. Gail Ryken, pastor. 605-665-2369. SUN. 10am Service. WED 6pm Prayer. GC School, call (605)665-1988.

Presbyterian

Peace Church (PC/USA), 206 E. 31st. Rev. Jennifer Swier, 605-665-0448. Sunday 11:00am worship. Fellowship & Sunday school 10:30am. Aired at 8pm Friday on Ch. 3 & 98.

Reformed

Riverview Reformed Church, 17th St. & Burleigh, Yankton. Reverend Rodney Veldhuizen, pastor. 605-665-9204. SUN. 9:30am Worship, 10:15am SS. Wed. youth group & adult choir.

Seventh-Day Adventist

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 of Christ

CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, Newcatle, NE, 303 Hwy. 12, Rev. Gary Kimm, pastor. SAT 6pm Church school, 7pm Worship. Second THURS. 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.

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Pilgrim Congregational UCC, 103 S. Elm St., Coleridge, NE. 402-283-4824 or 664-5310, Rev. Gary Kimm, pastor. Sun 9:30am Church School, 10:30am Worship.

United Church of Christ

United Church of Christ Crofton NE, 412 W Main St., (402)388-4124 Pastor Woodrow Weidner SUN 10:00am Worship.

United Church of Christ (Congregational) 210 West 5th St. Yankton SD 605-665-7320 Pastor Molly Carlson. SUN 10:00am Worship 11:00am Fellowship.

United Methodist

FIRST UNITED METHODIST Yankton. Rev. Ron Johnson, Pastor, 207 W. 11th St. 665-2991. Con temporary Service Sunday: 8:30am 9:45am Sunday school. Traditions Worship Service 11am.

First United Methodist. Wakonda Irene, Viborg: Pastor Judy Sayler SUN 8:30am Worship at Wakonda 9:45am Worship at Irene; 11am Worship at Viborg.

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