

MMC's 'Year With The Saint John's Bible' Ends This Weekend In Sioux Falls

Through the efforts of Mount Marty College's Benedictine Institute of Leadership, Ethics and Social Justice and Saint John's Bible Committee members, nearly 6,600 people have seen and experienced the St John's Bible during 2015. The Pentateuch, Historical Books and Gospels and Acts volumes of the Heritage Edition volumes have traveled the region, visiting schools, churches, prisons and community organizations.

The Gospel and Acts volume will make its final appearance this weekend in Sioux Falls in conjunction with the 19th annual Christmas at the Cathedral event Dec. 17-20.

Patrons attending the Diocesan celebration will have the opportunity to view the pages, including the Nativity illumination, to coincide with this year's event theme, "Love Came Down at Christmas." Viewings will be open one hour prior to each of the concerts and during intermission in the Cathedral Hall (lower level) of St. Joseph's Cathedral, located



COURTESY PHOTO
Dr. Kenneth Tice shares The Saint John's Bible with students at Salem St. Mary's School.

at 4th Street and Duluth Avenue in Sioux Falls. Showings will also be available to all attending the concerts following the weekend matinees and Sunday evening finale concert.

The Year with the Bible has enjoyed a tour of events, groups and locations across the region, including the

125th Sioux Falls Diocesan Legacy event, Benedictine Lectures by Tim Ternes and Fr. Michael Patella, Czech Days in Tabor, Yankton Federal Prison Camp, Springfield's Mike Durfee Prison, Yankton's Sacred Heart Middle School, St. Lambert's Parish in Sioux Falls, Salem St. Mary's School, Dell Rapids St. Mary's School,

Holy Family/Holy Spirit parishes and John Paul II School in Mitchell, St. Rosa Lima School in Crofton, NE, the Good Samaritan Home in Scotland, Yankton's Majestic Bluffs, UCC Church in Yankton, Peace Church in Yankton, St. Mary's Parish in Rock Valley, IA, Gayville Lutheran Church, Bethany Lutheran

Church in Howard, a number of Sacred Heart Monastery events and liturgies, Yankton and Avon Red Hats, Yankton Questers, Yankton's Joyful Women, Lands Lutheran Church Women from Sioux Falls, the Menno Presbyterian Women, Yankton Interchange, the Bede Art Gallery exhibit and MMC's Christmas Vespers.

Members of the Saint John's Bible Committee included Andy Henrickson, Institute Director; S. Marietta Kirkvliet, S. Sharon Ann Haas, S. Maribeth Wentzlaff, Dr. Theresa Lafferty, Dr. Kenneth Tice, Wyatt Yager, Jordan Foos, and MMC students Erik Ausk and Luke Loecker.

The Saint John's Bible, commissioned by the Brothers of St. John's Abbey and St. John's University of Collegeville, MN, marks the first hand-written, hand-illuminated bible to be completed in more than 500 years, under the artistic direction of Donald Jackson, Principal Scribe to the Queen of England.

For more information on the bible project, visit www.saintjohnsbible.org.

Your Weekly Tax Tip

If you own your own business and have children, consider putting them to work in your business. Not only could significant tax savings be generated from the children's lower rates, the funds could be used to fund higher education costs, the purchase of a child's first car, etc. Coupled with contributions to a Roth IRA, the funds would grow tax-free.

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OBITUARIES

Karen Toupal

Karen Kay Toupal, age 64, of Yankton, South Dakota, died Wednesday, December 16, 2015 at Sanford USD Medical Center in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Funeral services are 2:00 p.m. on Monday, December 21, 2015 at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home in Yankton, South Dakota with Reverend Ken Lulf officiating. Burial will be in the Yankton Cemetery.

Visitation with the family present is from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 20 at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home in Yankton. Visitation then continues one hour prior to the funeral service on Monday.

Pallbearers are Dusty Johnson, Chad Hoelsing, Nick Wieseler, Carl Toben, and Frank Kralicek Jr. Honorary pallbearers are Jace Toupal and Jaxon Toupal.



Toupal

Karen was born December 26, 1950 in Yankton, South Dakota to Ed and Eleanor (Machacek) Schoenfelder. She grew up in Yankton where she graduated from Yankton High School in 1969. Karen continued her education at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital and became a histologist. On March 22, 1970, she married David Toupal in Yankton. After their marriage, they moved to Lompoc, California where they lived for four years while David served in the US Air Force. After his discharge, they moved to Omaha and Karen worked at Eppler Research Center in Omaha. Karen and David moved back to Yankton in 1980 to raise their family. Karen worked in

the human resources department at Kolberg-Pioneer and most recently in medical records at the Human Services Center. Karen was very creative and enjoyed ceramics, cross stitching, painting and calligraphy. She loved all animals especially her pets and enjoyed being outside riding her horses and feeding the birds. Karen enjoyed working with her flowers, gardening and tending to the apple trees. She loved classic cars and oldies music. She also loved when all her family gathered at her house where she would bake and cook for them. Karen lived her life for others and was always generous with her time, especially with her grandchildren.

Karen will be greatly missed by her husband, David Toupal of Yankton; three children: John Toupal of Yankton, Danielle Snoozy of Yankton, Chris Toupal of Harrisburg, SD and Tara Toupal

and her fiancé, Eric Holmes of Sun Prairie, WI; two grandchildren, Jace and Jaxon Toupal; brother, Bob (Pat) Schoenfelder of Yankton; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Karen was preceded in death by her parents and brother, Dwayne Schoenfelder.

To send an online message to the family, please visit www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com.

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NE State Transportation Improvement Plan Amendment Announced

LINCOLN, Neb. — The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) require each state highway agency to develop a Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

The STIP must list all highway and transit projects that will be using federal funds, as well as all regionally significant transportation projects using non-federal funding sources. It covers a period of four years and in Nebraska is updated every year on Oct. 1. Periodically, the Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR) must amend the STIP for reasons such as; to add or remove projects, to make adjustments to funding sources or estimates or to update a project's scope of work.

An amendment, referred to as Amendment 2, is

available for public comment on the NDOR website <http://www.transportation.nebraska.gov/STIP/index-public-comment.html> from Dec. 15 to 5 p.m. CST Dec. 22, 2015.

The FHWA and the FTA will not approve the revision until the public comment period has ended and comments have been evaluated and incorporated in the revision as appropriate.

Copies of the Public Involvement Plan for the Nebraska Department of Roads' STIP are available from each of the eight district offices. A copy of the proposed STIP Public Involvement Plan may be obtained upon request to the Communication Office, 1500 Highway 2, P.O. Box 94759, Lincoln, NE 68509-4759, or by calling (402) 479-4512 or by e-mail at maryjo.oie@nebraska.gov.

Betty Yousef

Our loving Betty Marie Yousef passed away on December 13th, 2015 at the age of 48 after a valiant fight against brain cancer. She stayed remarkably strong and positive throughout her battle.

Funeral services were held for her on December 15th, 2015. Memorial services will be held at a later date.

She lived her life taking care of people. She spent more than 15 years working as a Med-Aide at multiple locations, including Sioux Valley in Vermillion, Majestic Bluffs and Walnut Village in Yankton, and Trail Ridge and The Inn on Westport in Sioux Falls.

She loved to spend time with her family and especially loved raising her children and spoiling her grandchildren. She enjoyed reading the newspaper, cooking, peaceful music, making others smile, watching a good movie and most of all she enjoyed being surrounded by the people she

held close. She had a strong soul and a soft heart. She left a lasting impression on so many people and her legacy and wisdom will carry on.

She was survived by her husband Bassam, her children Raed, Rania, Rami and Rashad, her grandchildren Zaiden and Zander and her siblings Alan and Gary Schmitt and Janine Burke.

The family wants to thank everybody that helped Betty through her battle, including caregivers and the medical staff at Avera. Thanks also to those that sent well wishes and condolences.

Those we love remain with us for love itself lives on, and cherished memories never fade because a loved one's gone.

Those we love can never be more than a thought apart, far as long as there is memory, they'll live on in the heart.

Condolences may be sent to 3208 W Rambler Place, Apt 18, Sioux Falls, SD 57108.

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Dolores Tramp

Dolores Mae Tramp, 87, of Yankton died Thursday, Dec. 17, 2015, at Avera Sister James Care Center in Yankton.

Funeral Service will be 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 22, at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home in Yankton with the Rev. Gary Kimm officiating. Burial will be in the Garden of Memories Cemetery in Yankton.

Visitation will be one hour prior to the funeral service on Tuesday at the funeral home.

To post an online sympathy message, visit wintzrayfuneralhome.com.

Ruth Ann Bruguier

Ruth Ann, 51, died unexpectedly on Thursday, December 17, 2015 at her home in Marty. Funeral services are 11 AM, Monday, December 21, 2015 at the Marty Indian School Dining Room in Marty. Burial is in the Holy Fellowship Episcopal Cemetery in Greenwood. Wake services began Friday at the Marty Indian School Dining Room. Crosby-Jaeger Funeral Home in Wagner is in charge of arrangements.

IN REMEMBRANCE

Janis Long 3:30 PM, Saturday Wintz & Ray Funeral Home Yankton	Karen Kay Toupal 2:00 PM, Monday Wintz & Ray Funeral Home Yankton
Leland Skalberg 10:30 AM, Monday First United Methodist Church Yankton	Dolores Mae Tramp 10:30 AM, Tuesday Wintz & Ray Funeral Home Yankton

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Riverview Reformed Church

Sunday Morning
Worship Service - 9:30am
Sunday School - 10:45am

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My First Christmas in Heaven

I see the countless Christmas trees around the world below,
With tiny lights, like heaven's stars, reflecting on the snow



The sight is so spectacular; please wipe away that tear,
For I am spending Christmas, with Jesus Christ this year.

I hear the many Christmas songs,
That people hold so dear,
But the sounds of music can't compare
With the Christmas choir up here.
I have no words to tell you,
The joy their voices bring.

For it is beyond description, To hear the angels sing.

I know how much you miss me, I see the pain inside your heart.
But I am not so far away, we really aren't apart.

So be happy for me dear ones, you know I hold you dear,
And be glad I'm spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.

Mom put up the traditional big and fresh green tree
At the top she tenderly affixed a picture of my cousin LeAnne and me.
She even wrapped some gifts for us, tied with ribbons oh, so bright
To show us that she loves us still, With all her heart and soul and might.

I send you each a special gift from my heavenly home above
I send you each a memory of my undying love.

After all, "love" is the gift more precious than pure gold
It was always most important in the stories Jesus told.

Please love and keep each other as the Father said to do,
For I can't count the blessings, or love He has shown you.

So have a Merry Christmas, and wipe away that tear.
Remember, I am spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.

Dear Family and Friends
With loving hearts we wish to thank everyone for the kindness shown us this past year by remembering us during the loss of our son Mark Voy. We wish you all a Beautiful Christmas and Peaceful New Year.
Dr. Brooks and Vi Ranney