

Turkey Supper Set For Saturday In Yankton

Yankton's First United Methodist Church, 207 West 11th Street, will host its annual turkey supper on Saturday, Feb. 25, running from 4:30-7 p.m.

The meal includes: turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, green beans, corn, cranberries and cake. Tickets will be sold at the door the day of the supper.

For more information, call 605-665-2991.

World Day Of Prayer Next Friday In Gayville

GAYVILLE — Gayville-Volin United Methodist Church will host a World Day of Prayer event at 2 p.m. Friday, March 2.

Women, men and children in more than 170 countries and regions will celebrate World Day of Prayer, Friday, March 2. The women of Malaysia have chosen the theme "Let Justice Prevail." They open the service for 2012 with the greeting "selamat datang" — or "peace and welcome" — a reminder that harmony as a people is rooted in peace and welcome. The women name fair and just governance as the basis for peace. The stories chosen by the women of Malaysia give credence to the suffering that empowers their prayer. A clear message emerges: It takes courage, compassion and active engagement for justice to prevail. On March 2, let us resolve to work with God and with each other to create a world in which each gender, race, culture, religion and state is honored, nurtured and empowered.

Sacred Heart Parish Presents Lenten Mission

"Repent and Believe in the Gospel" is the theme for the Sacred Heart Parish Mission, held during the Lenten season.

The Mission will be held on Sunday, March 4; Monday, March 5; and Tuesday, March 6, running from 7-8 p.m. each evening, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 509 Capital Street, Yankton.

The Mission will be led by Margaret A. Schlientz, Ph.D., who also earned a Master of Arts degree in Theology. She serves as the Assistant Director of the Institute of Priestly Formation at Creighton University. Throughout the Mission, Dr. Schlientz will address the topics of Prayer, Healing, Conversion and Enthronement of the Sacred Heart.

Everyone is welcome to participate all three evenings, which will begin with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and end with Benediction. Preceding the Mission on Monday, March 5, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered for those seeking opportunity for repentance.

Refreshments will be served in the Sacred Heart Parish Community Center following each evening of the Mission.

For more information, call the Sacred Heart Parish Office at 605-665-3655.

Spring Theology Institute Announced At SHM

Sacred Heart Monastery announces its Spring Theology Institute, to be held in the Monastery Chapter Room in Yankton on Saturday, March 24 from 9 a.m. to noon. S. Dawn Nothwehr O.S.F. will present "Moral Matters: A Brief Introduction to Key Concepts of Catholic Moral Theology." S. Dawn will introduce us to basic principles of moral decision making and apply these to the ecological issues that we face today.

This Institute will be the first in the series entitled, "Faith Impacting Action." S. Jeanne Weber, event coordinator and Sub-prioress at Sacred Heart Monastery, states "As followers of Christ, we are faced with complex moral issues which require thoughtful decisions informed by our faith. The purpose of this series is two-fold: to present the foundations of moral decision-making in the Catholic faith tradition and to apply these to particular issues facing us today."

S. Dawn is the Professor of Catholic Theological Ethics and Director of the Certificate Program in Healthcare Mission Leadership at Catholic Theological Union of Chicago, where she teaches courses in moral theology and ethics. She holds an M.A. in Religious Studies from the Maryknoll School of Theology and a Ph.D. from Marquette University. Her current area of research is global climate change and environmental ethics. S. Dawn is a member of the Sisters of St. Francis, Rochester, Minnesota.

All are welcome to attend this free event. For planning purposes, please register by e-mailing S. Jeanne at jweber@mtmc.edu or calling 605-668-6000. For further information or to print out a flyer, you may find the Theology Institute page at http://www.yanktonbenedictines.org/PC_TheologyInstitute.html.

Southern Baptist Leaders OK 'Great Commission'

BY TRAVIS LOLLER
Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Some Southern Baptists worry that their denomination's name still carries the stigma of a 19th century split with northern Baptists over slavery. Others who fought hard to build the brand and its conservative theology and politics don't want to see it go.

So the idea to add the description of "Great Commission Baptists" to the name of the Southern Baptist Convention might be a compromise that excites almost none of the 16 million who make up the nation's largest Protestant denomination.

"It's not clear-cut. We can't fully criticize or fully celebrate," said Jonathan Merritt, a faith and culture writer and young minister at Cross Pointe Church near Atlanta. He wanted a new legal name.

"I serve in a big, multiethnic church here in Atlanta, and as late as last Sunday there was an African-American couple that said when they found out we were a Southern Baptist church, they almost didn't join," he said.

The "Great Commission" description endorsed by the SBC's executive committee on Tuesday would be strictly optional. It still must be voted on by delegates at the annual convention this summer. Southern Baptist churches are independent, and many of them don't have "Southern" in their names anyway.

Supporters of the "Great Commission" name argue it would offer an official identity for churches trying to spread the Gospel to diverse groups of people outside the South and worldwide.

Some conservative church members don't even want the option: Wiley Drake, pastor of First Southern Baptist Church in Buena Park, Calif., vowed to fight even an alternate name.

"There are certain things you ought not to compromise on," he said.

Others, like the Rev. Joseph Lyles, said the alternative name could help in reaching out to African-Americans in particular. He leads the Fort Foote Baptist Church in Fort Washington, Md., and is a former president of the SBC's African-American Fellowship.

"Sometimes among some other African-American pastors, they find out you're a Southern Baptist and they look at you like, 'You're selling us out,'" he said.

But he also worries that someone might join a church with the Great Commission Baptist name and then feel tricked when they found out it was a Southern Baptist Church.

And Lyles said the name issue was secondary to another possible event in changing the image and appeal of the faith: African-American pastor Fred Luter Jr. of New Orleans was elected last year to SBC's No. 2 position, first vice-president. Most in that post have gone on to become president.

If Luter is elected president, he would be the first black leader of a denomination that has been predominantly white for much of its history, but is beginning to show more diversity.

"If that happens, to me it would be more significant than a name change," Lyles said. "It would be a historic moment."

The notion of changing the Southern Baptist name is not new: It was first proposed in 1903 and

has been unsuccessfully brought up more than a dozen times since. The fact that membership and baptisms are declining gives it new urgency.

That's why Boston University Sociology of Religion Professor Nancy Ammerman thinks the new name is an odd choice. The "Great Commission" refers to Matthew 28:16-20, in which Jesus instructs his disciples at Galilee to "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

Ammerman said the biblical reference was too unfamiliar to help bring in new members.

"Only someone who is already an insider is going to know what that refers to," she said. "... It strikes me as exactly opposite of the way I thought they would go."

The optional name probably has a better chance of succeeding at the convention, where past proposals for a legal name change have failed.

Supporters will still have to win over people like Wilford Dorroh, a 78-year-old retired power plant worker in western Kentucky who has attended a Southern Baptist church in Central City since 1962.

Dorroh calls himself a "real strong conservative" and said he heard the news of the new name on Tuesday.

"I'm against it because it's a tradition that I think we need to keep," he said. "There's people who don't like us because of the name. Well, if they didn't like us because of the name, they wouldn't like us because of something else. So I'm not in favor of trying to satisfy everybody who don't like us. I'm in favor of keeping what we got."

Darrel Orman, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Stuart, Fla., is on the executive committee and at first opposed any name change. He ended up voting for it Tuesday, saying he was relieved by the compromise. He said the spectrum of opinions on the current name ranges from "those who believe the name was inspired like Scripture" to those who want to "bulldoze the whole thing."

The name task force considered a few hundred suggestions, but narrowed it down to three. The other two in final contention were "Continental Baptist" and "Evangelical Baptist."

Malcolm Yarnell, a professor at Southwestern Baptist Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, and director of its Center for Theological Research, sees some benefit for ministries on the leading edge of winning souls.

"... for those that are church planters, especially if they're in frontier states, non-Southern states, they will see it as a great benefit because they can refer to themselves without having to refer to the cultural baggage," he said. "Because you know to be a Southerner in the North carries baggage, and we all know that."

It remains to be seen if and how the alternative will be used. The names could be used together, like "Southern Baptist Convention — Great Commission Baptists," or either could be used by itself.

Albert Mohler, President of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, got the ball rolling in a tweet on Monday night after the proposal was presented.

"Let the word go forth: THE Southern Baptist Theological Seminary proudly is a Great Commission Baptists institution."

Habitat 500 Bike Team Seeks Donations

The Habitat 500 Bike Team of Yankton is seeking donations for its annual rummage sale, to be hosted at First United Methodist Church, 207 W. 11th Street, on March 30-31.

To donate, call Tom and Jane Gilmore at (605) 665-8303 to schedule a time for pick-up.

All proceeds raised by the Bike Team will support our local Habitat for Humanity.

'We Were There' To Be Presented At UCC

Yankton's United Church of Christ (Congregational), located at Fifth and Walnut, will host a Holy Week Cantata, titled "We Were There," at 4 p.m. on Palm Sunday, April 1.

This year, the church's annual Holy Week cantata features a personal look at the life of Jesus presented in a choral/readers' theatre format, all accompanied by orchestra. Jennifer Powell is director.

The public is invited to this free presentation. A freewill offering will be collected.

For more information, contact Melissa Pratt at 605-665-7320 or melissapratt@iw.net.

Pancake And Sausage Breakfast Planned

WYNOT, Neb. — Sacred Heart Parish Hall in Wynot, Neb., is hosting a pancake-and-sausage breakfast on Sunday, March 25, running from 9 a.m.-noon.

For more information, contact Heather Heimes at 402-640-6473 or heatherheimes@hotmail.com, or visit ccholyfamily.org.

DivorceCare 4 Kids Being Held At Calvary

DivorceCare 4 Kids, for children ages 5-12, meets at Calvary Baptist Church, 2407 Broadway, each Monday at 7 p.m. DivorceCare 4 Kids is a special group to help your children heal from the pain caused by a separation or divorce and provides your children with a safe and neutral place to share their feelings and begin to develop coping skills.

Each session in the 13 week program is filled with motivating and exciting activities which may include games, crafts, role play, discussion, or journaling to help your children process the divorce and move forward in their lives.

DivorceCare 4 Kids is the only peer support group in the area, under the supervision of trained adults, for children whose parents have experienced divorce.

Please call the Calvary office at 605-665-5594 for further information or to register your children for our current session.

CHURCH SCHEDULES

Abundant Life

ABUNDANT LIFE MINISTRIES, 517 Burleigh, Lawrence and Barbara Hladky, pastors, 665-0889. SAT 7pm Praise and worship celebration. SUN. 10am Worship. WED. 7pm Worship. Teens prayer daily 10am.

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

ASSEMBLY OF GOD, 801 W. 25th, Jeff Mantz, pastor. 665-6362 (office). SUN. 10am Worship Celebration. WED. 6:30pm Midweek service and Bible study for all ages.

Baptist

ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH, 221 W. 3rd, Kevin Caskey, pastor, 665-0066. SUN. 9:30am Sunday School, 10:45pm Preaching Service, 4pm Afternoon Service. THU. 7pm Preaching & Prayer Service.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH, 303 Ohio St., Wakonda. Mike Lindsay, pastor. (605)759-5020. SUNDAY Worship. 11:00a.m. evening 6:00pm WEDNESDAY Bible Study 12Noon.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH, SUNDAY: 9:00 Sunday School for all ages, 10:30 Worship Service. MONDAY: Service broadcast 7:30pm Channels 3 & 98. WEDNESDAY: 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 Jeremy Nelson. 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, Pastor Matt Green, 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, Call Pastor Joel Finck for meeting times at an locations. Regular meetings: Sunday morning 10:30am; Wednesday Bible Study 7pm. (605)760-4701.

Catholic

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH OF CEDAR COUNTY (Sts. Peter & Paul), Bow Valley, NE. Rev. Eric Olsen (402)357-2400. Mass: Sundays 11am.

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH OF CEDAR COUNTY (Sacred Heart), Wyanot, NE. Rev. Eric Olsen. (402)357-2400. Mass times, Sundays at 9am.

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH OF CEDAR COUNTY (Immaculate Conception), St. Helena, NE. Rev. Eric Olsen. (402)357-2400. Mass: Saturday 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 Capital, 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. SUN. 9am Mass, confessions 1/2 hour before Mass.

ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, Bloomfield, NE. Fr. Michael Schmitz SUN. Mass: 10:30am; TUE. Mass: 8am; THUR. Mass: 7pm. Confessions: THUR. 6:30-6:55pm.

ST. BENEDICT CATHOLIC CHURCH, 1500 St. Benedict Drive, Yankton, Father Ken Lulf, 664-6214 (church). Masses: SAT. 5pm. SUN. 8:30am & 10:30am.

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

Catholic

ST. BONIFACE CATHOLIC CHURCH, Menominee, Neb., Rev. David Fulton, pastor. SUN. 8:30am Mass.

ST. BONIFACE CHURCH, rural Freeman. FEBRUARY WEEKEND Mass Sundays 10:30am or call Rev. Mathew Vazhappily. (605)583-4318.

ST. COLUMBA CHURCH, rural Irene. FEBRUARY WEEKEND Mass, Sunday 9am or call Rev. Mathew Vazhappily, (605)583-4318. Christmas Eve Mass: Dec. 24th 7pm.

ST. GEORGE CHURCH, Scotland, SD. Rev. Mathew Vazhappily. FEBRUARY WEEKEND Mass Saturday 4:30pm or call (605)583-4318.

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

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

ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC, Wakonda, Rev. Scott Trayner, 624-2697. SUN. 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. Rev. Joseph Puthenkulathil, SAT. 6pm Mass. SUN. 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

Charismatic

YAHWEH-SHALOM CHARISMATIC, St. Benedict Catholic Church. MON. 7:30pm prayer meeting

Christian

KINGSWAY CHRISTIAN CHURCH, 19th & Burleigh, 665-6317. Joseph Mason, Pastor. 9am-SS; Worship 10:15am. Wed.-6pm-Kids games; 7pm Kids for Christ & Adult Bible Study.

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. Randy Campbell, (605)565-2016. 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 The Holy Eucharist and Sunday School Wednesday noon The Holy Eucharist.

Evangelical

Cornerstone Evangelical Church, Pastor Oliver Omanson, Stewart Elementary School; Morning Service 10:30 a.m. Wednesday College Bible Study 1306 Maple Street. Mike Stevens 665-8750.

EMMANUEL CHURCH YHS Theater, 1801 Summit, Sunday School at 9:30am Worship Service 10:45 am www.emmanuel.yankton.com (605)665-0404.

Lutheran

CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH: 305 W. 25th, Yankton, 665-8848. Rev. Dani Jo Ninke. SUN: 8:30am & 10am Worship, SS-9:45am.

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 firsthope@santel.net

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

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

Lutheran

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 Wednesday Lenten Services at Grace, 7:30pm

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, Wisconsin Synod, 201 East 25th St., Pastor Werre, 665-4793. Sat. 6pm Worship.

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, Tyn-dall. Pastor Dean Schroeder. Sunday Divine Service: 8:30am (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. Saturday-5:30p.m. Worship; Sunday-8:15a.m./10:45a.m. Worship; 9 a.m.-Breakfast; Classes-9:30a.m.

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

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

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.

Non-Denominational

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. Dr. Nelson Stone & Rev. Marilyn Stone. 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 Olson (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.