

## Benedictine Oblate Orientation Slated

For those who might be interested in a spiritual connection to Yankton's Sacred Heart Monastery, affiliation as an Oblate might meet your needs. Today, men and women of all Christian traditions can grow in holiness by becoming Benedictine Oblates.

Benedictine Oblates associate themselves with a Benedictine Monastery to receive help and guidance for living a full Christian life. They are guided by the teaching of Christ as set down and interpreted by St. Benedict. Besides the study of the Rule of Saint Benedict, they are guided in the great monastic tradition of Lectio Divina (holy reading, meditation, prayer, and contemplation). An Oblate's role is not one of a monk or nun. Rather, he or she strives to live in the world, to become holy in the world, and to do what he or she can to bring the world to God by being a witness of Christ.

As we begin this second millennium, we examine how Christianity evolved in the first millennium. One notes that Christian men and women fled to the desert to live ascetic lives, observing the disciplines of poverty, chastity, and obedience. These became the basis of the Rule of Saint Benedict, "... one of the most influential documents of Western civilization." Monastics established monasteries as places set apart for those called to deeply "participate in the life of Christ." Monks became Christianity's greatest missionaries, planting the church in England, Ireland, and other outposts beyond Rome and Constantinople.

After attending sessions for one year, a person may choose to make the commitment to become an Oblate. A special orientation session will be held on Sunday, Feb. 3, at 1 p.m. in the Chapter Room. Regular meetings are on the third Sunday of each month at 1 p.m. There is no cost except occasional books.

If you are interested contact Sister Joelle Bauer, OSB at 608-668-6009 or jbauer@mtmc.edu.

## Unity Supper And Auction Planned For Crofton

CROFTON, Neb. — St. Rose of Lima Parish and School of Crofton are in the process of putting the finishing touches on their largest annual fundraiser. This year's Unity Supper and Grand Auction will feature a "Western Round-Up" theme and is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 9, at the parish center.

A Grand Auction and a Silent Auction will be included in this year's line-up with hundreds of items available for bidding. Silent auction bidding will begin at 3:30 p.m. with Mass at 5 p.m., social time set for 6 p.m. and the catered meal served at 6:30 p.m. The Grand Auction will begin immediately following the meal.

This year, participants will be able to purchase chances on a trip for two to Nashville, Tenn. Trip chances are \$25 or 5 for \$100. Prizes for diners, who choose to dress up in western wear, will be rewarded for "best western duds."

For further information or to purchase tickets, contact St. Rose Parish Office 402-388-4814 or St. Rose School 402-388-4393. Tickets are also available at several Crofton businesses including: Kayton International, People's Grocery, Farmers and Merchants Bank, Crofton Farm Supply or Steffen's Service.

## 'Understanding The Endtimes' Event Set

What in the world is going on? Do the world events and natural disasters lately make you wonder what's next? Then you don't want to miss this series of studies that links today's world events to what has already been foretold in the Bible.

Learn about tomorrow's news today. Understanding the Endtimes is a DVD series by Irvin Baxter of Endtime Ministries being shown on Tuesdays from 6:30-7:30 p.m., starting Feb. 12 and running through May 14 at the Days Inn Meeting Room. Each lesson stands on its own. Free to the public.

If you have questions call 605-661-5510.

## Preschool Event Planned At Calvary Baptist

Grab your sunglasses and your beach towel and head to the beach for the "Follow the Sun" Experience Preschool event at Calvary Kids Preschool, 2407 Broadway. Classes will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 20, from 10-11 a.m. (for those age 3 by Sept. 1, 2013) and 2-3 p.m. (for those ages 4-5 by Sept. 1, 2013).

This is a wonderful opportunity for children to experience preschool as they complete a craft project, enjoy a snack, and see the SmartBoard in action alongside our current preschoolers at this fun-filled, beach-themed event created just for them.

Space is limited, so contact the Calvary office at (605) 665-5594 to register.

# Pastor Finds Herself In Need Of Support

BY BARBARA BROTMAN  
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CHICAGO — Early in her pastoral career, the Rev. Julie Harley encountered a woman with ALS, bent over in a wheelchair. It struck her as a particularly cruel illness — incurable, often hitting in the prime of life, immobilizing the body while leaving the mind intact.

It still strikes her that way, but now it's her ordeal as well.

Harley, 52, until recently the lead pastor of First United Church of Oak Park, Ill., learned toward the end of November that she has amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, also known as Lou Gehrig's disease.

It has progressed with fear-some speed. She is using a motorized wheelchair, has around-the-clock caregivers and needs a breathing machine at night. Her speech is impaired, and she can barely hold a coffee cup.

The illness has robbed her of the ability to minister to church members in the way she had for the past four and a half years. She retired in December.

But ALS has not ended her ministry.

For church members, Harley's illness is a tragedy but also a powerful lesson in facing adversity with faith, courage and even humor.

Though she has some difficulty speaking, she has no trouble thinking about matters of life, death and meaning. And the shortness of the time she has left has stripped many conversations with church members down to their essence.

To her joy, a number have told her how much she has meant to them.

"They speak to you very honestly and openly because they know there's not much time left," Harley said. "In a way, I'm listening to my own eulogy."

At the same time, another ministry has blossomed:

Church members are now ministering to her.

Some 125 former and current congregants have stepped forward to join Team Julie, a care effort organized by First United's deacons.

Coordinating their efforts online, they are bringing Harley meals, staying with her for lunch or dinner, taking her to medical appointments and praying with her.

When Harley, a divorced mother of two daughters in college, could no longer navigate the steps to her second-floor condo, Team Julie found her an apart-



CHUCK BERMAN/CHICAGO TRIBUNE/MCT  
The Rev. Julie Harley, 52, center, leads a prayer with her daughters Emma, 19, left, Rachel, 21, second from right, and parishioner Ann Armstrong, right, who prepared the lunch meal, January 23, 2013 in Oak Park, Illinois. The pastor is stepping down as lead pastor at First United Church of Oak Park as she battles a fast-worsening case of ALS.

ment in an elevator building across the street from First United, with a view of its meditation labyrinth. They furnished the apartment for her and moved her in.

Team members volunteer for tasks she posts online so quickly that "if you don't sign up the same day that possibilities become available, you can find yourself shut out for a month or more," church member Tom Wolford said.

For all the bedside visits she made over the years, the prayers she gave, the listening ear she offered, "We want to pay it back and pay it forward," said church member Sandy Jefferson, recalling how Harley visited his dying partner every week.

Harley had been fit and healthy, a vegetarian, cyclist, swimmer and runner who had completed a triathlon and a half-marathon. After serving at several churches and a social service agency in suburban Chicago, she was four years into her position at First United and felt she was in the prime of her pastoral life. Her daughters, Rachel and Emma, 19, were in college but not far away. Life was good.

Then last May, Harley began losing her balance when she ran. She couldn't put her leg on the kitchen counter to stretch. She fell down in her bedroom.

By July, she was using a cane; by September, a walker.

She hid nothing from the congregation as she underwent a long battery of tests as doctors

tried to determine what was wrong. She asked for prayers and help. Through Team Julie and the Lotsa Helping Hands website, which coordinates caregiver support, she got both.

On Nov. 19, she was diagnosed with ALS.

And she knew exactly what it meant.

"It's pretty much the worst one you can get," Harley said with difficulty while sitting in her wheelchair-accessible apartment.

"It's a very cruel disease because you maintain your mind till the end of your life," she said. "I know it's going to be very brutal."

Acquiescing to her daughters' concerns, she retired.

"Mentally and spiritually, I'm still the same, but physically, I can barely answer the phone," Harley said.

Her Dec. 6 open letter to her church community minced no words: "I will soon need a power wheelchair. It is likely that my breathing, speaking and eating will also be impaired. Most people with ALS die of respiratory failure within 3-5 years."

"It all happened so fast," church member Alison Valderama said. "It just really shocked people."

Church members struggled to make sense of it.

"You take this in a context of a religious institution, and it becomes more difficult to process in a way," Kevin Crowell said.

"Bad things aren't supposed to happen to good people. And Julie is a very good person."

## CHURCH SCHEDULES

Abundant Life	Baptist	Catholic	Church of Christ	Lutheran	Non-Denominational	United Methodist
<b>ABUNDANT LIFE MINISTRIES.</b> Pastors Butch and Barbara Hladky, 517 Burleigh, Yankton. 665-0889. Open for prayer daily. FRI Shabbat Service 6pm Youth Service 7pm. SUN. 10am Worship.	<b>CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH.</b> 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. www.cbchurch.com 2407 Broadway, (605)665-5594.	<b>ST. BENEDICT CATHOLIC CHURCH.</b> 1500 St. Benedict Drive, Yankton, Father Ken Lulf, 664-6214 (church). Masses: SAT. 5pm. SUN. 8:30am&10:30am.	<b>CHURCH OF CHRIST,</b> 1114 West 12th, Yankton, 665-6379. SUN. 9:30am Bible study; classes for all ages. 10:30am Worship.	<b>HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH,</b> AFLC 200 South Wilson, Delmont. (605)935-6941. SUN 9am Worship. 10am Sunday school. firsthope@santel.net	<b>FAITH ALIVE,</b> 501 Cedar St., Yankton. 665-4797. Contemporary Worship & Family Values. SUN: 10am service. WED. 7pm Care-Cells "Small Groups For Building Relationships" Various Locations.	<b>FIRST UNITED METHODIST,</b> Yankton. Rev. Ron Johnson Pastor. 665-2991. Sunday, Contemporary Worship 9:00; Trad. 10:30. Childcare 8:45-11:45. 8:30 AM Hour, KYNT.
<b>Alliance of Renewal Churches</b>	<b>YANKTON BAPTIST CHURCH.</b> SBC, 607 East 15th St., Yankton, 665-7587. SUN. 9:30am Bible study, SS: 10:45am Worship. WED. 7pm Midweek service.	<b>ST. BONIFACE CATHOLIC CHURCH.</b> Menominee, Neb., Rev. David Fulton, pastor. SUN. 8:30am Mass.	<b>Church of Jesus Christ</b>	<b>Martinus Lutheran Church,</b> Utica. Pastor Dean Schroeder Sunday Divine Service 10:30am (605)589-3195 www.MartinusLutheran.org	<b>GLORY CHRISTIAN CENTER,</b> 901 E 11th St. Yankton. Gail Ryken, pastor. 665-2369. SUN. 10am Service. WED. 6pm Prayer. GC School, call (605)665-1988.	<b>GAYVILLE-VOLIN UNITED METH-ODIST,</b> Rick Pittenger, pastor. 624-2179. 9am Worship Service. 10:00am Sunday School.
<b>LIVING WATER CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP,</b> Sun. 10am Yankton Middle School (2000 Mulberry) Weds. 7pm Prayer. David Olson, pastor. (605)260-2138.	<b>Bible Church</b>	<b>ST. BONIFACE CHURCH,</b> rural Freeman/Idylewille. February WEEKEND Mass Sundays @ 10:45am.	<b>Church of Jesus Christ LATTER-DAY SAINTS.</b> 2300 Douglas, Yankton. Michael Maxwell (402)586-2645 Family History Ctr 665-0901. SUN. 10am Sacrament meeting.	<b>OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN,</b> rural Irene. 263-3724. SUN. 9am Worship.	<b>PEACE PRESBYTERIAN (PC/USA),</b> 206 E. 31st. 665-0448. Sun-10am worship, Coffee to follow. SS for kids 10:30am. Aired at 8pm Fri. on Ch. 3 & 98.	<b>WAKONDA, IRENE, VIBORG, UNITED METHODIST,</b> Pastor Mark Gronseth. SUN. 8:30am Worship at Wakonda; 9:45am Worship at Irene; 11am Worship at Viborg.
<b>Assembly of God</b>	<b>GRACE BIBLE CHURCH,</b> 10:30 am Sundays Call Pastor Joel Finck for more information. (605)760-4701.	<b>ST. COLUMBA CHURCH,</b> rural Irene/Mayfield. February WEEKEND Mass Time, Sundays @ 9am.	<b>Episcopal</b>	<b>OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN,</b> LCMC/NALC. Menno. Pastor Theresa Jacobson Office 605-387-5241 Worship 9am, Brunch, SS 10:20am.	<b>Presbyterian</b>	<b>KYNT 1450 AM Radio</b>
<b>ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH,</b> 100 E. Douglas, Kevin Caskey, pastor, 665-0066. SUN. 9:30am Sunday School, 10:45pm Preaching Service, 4pm Preaching Service. THU. 7pm Preaching Service.	<b>Catholic</b>	<b>ST. GEORGE CHURCH,</b> Scotland, SD. February WEEKEND Mass Saturdays @ 5pm.	<b>CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH,</b> 517 Douglas, Yankton. Rev. James Pearson, (605)665-2456. Sunday 9:00am Serenity 10:15am Holy Eucharist Wednesday Noon Holy Eucharist.	<b>OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN,</b> LCMC, 12th and Elm, Springfield. Rev. Kenneth Johnson, pastor. SUN. 8am Worship, 9am SS. THUR. 7pm Adult Bible Study.	<b>Reformed</b>	<b>KYNT 1450 AM Radio SAT.</b> 10:30am "Saturday Morning Live." SUN. 8:30am United Methodist Hour. 9:05am "God's Good News." 9:30am St. John's Lutheran Church
<b>BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH,</b> 303 Ohio St., Wakonda. Mike Lindsay, pastor, (605)759-5020. SUNDAY Worship. 11:00a.m. evening 6:00pm WEDNESDAY Bible Study 12Noon.	<b>HOLY FAMILY CHURCH OF CEDAR COUNTY (Sacred Heart),</b> Wyanot, NE. Rev. Eric Olsen. (402)357-2400. Mass times, Sundays 11am.	<b>ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC,</b> Lesterville. SUN. 10:30am Mass. Father Daniel Moris.	<b>Evangelical</b>	<b>Prince of Peace Lutheran Church,</b> Wisconsin Synod, 201 E. 25th Street, Yankton. Pastor Christian Ruizle, (605)665-4793. Sunday 9:15am Worship; 10:15am Bible Study.1	<b>RIVERVIEW REFORMED,</b> 17th St. & Burleigh, Rev. Rodney Veldhuizen, pastor. 665-9204. SUN. 9:30am Worship, 10:15am SS. WED. Youth group & adult choir.	<b>WNAX 570 AM Radio</b>
<b>HARVEST INDEPENDENT BAPTIST,</b> 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.	<b>HOLY FAMILY CHURCH OF CEDAR COUNTY (Immaculate Conception),</b> St. Helena, NE. Rev. Eric Olsen. (402)357-2400. Mass: Sundays 9am	<b>ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC,</b> Fordyce, Neb. Rev. David Fulton. SUN. 10:30am Mass.	<b>Cornerstone Evangelical Church.</b> Pastor Oliver Omanson, Stewart Elementary School; Morning Service 10 a.m. Wednesday College Bible Study 1306 Maple Street. Mike Stevens 665-8750.	<b>South Dakota Lutheran Church</b> 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.	<b>SEVENTH-DAY</b>	<b>WNAX 570 AM Radio.</b> Lutheran Shows:6:30am, 8am, 11am. Wings of Healing-7:30am. Words of Hope 8:30am. Prov. Ref. Church-8:45am. Voice of Prop.-9:30am. Hr. of Hope 10am.ChristianCrusaders-10:30am.
<b>Read &amp; Recycle!</b>	<b>MOUNT MARTY COLLEGE,</b> Peace Chapel, MMC campus. SUN. 10am Mass with the Sisters in the Bishop Marty Chapel. Public is welcome to attend.	<b>ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC,</b> Wakonda, Rev. Scott Trayner, 624-2697. SUN. 8:30am Mass.	<b>EMMANUEL CHURCH</b> We gather together for worship every Sunday at 9:30AM at the Yankton Middle School (2000 Mulberry Street). (605)665-0404 www.emmanuelyankton.com	<b>St. John Lutheran Church,</b> Tyndall. Pastor Dean Schroeder. Sunday Divine Service: 8:30am (605)589-3195. www.StJohnsTyndall.CMS.org	<b>Seventh-Day</b>	<b>MIX 106 FM Radio</b>
<b>Harry Lane Electrical Contractor</b> 1600 E. 39th St., Yankton *Commercial *Residential *Farm Wiring *Prompt Service *Quality Work *Competitive Prices New Construction or Remodeling Home: 665-6612 • Mobile: 661-1040	<b>SACRED HEART,</b> 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.	<b>ST. ROSE OF LIMA,</b> 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.	<b>CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH NALC:</b> 305 W. 25th, Yankton, 665-8848. Rev. Dani Jo Ninke. SUN: 8:30am & 10:45 Worship, 9:45 Sunday School.	<b>St. John Lutheran Church,</b> Tyndall. Pastor Dean Schroeder. Sunday Divine Service: 8:30am (605)589-3195. www.StJohnsTyndall.CMS.org	<b>CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST,</b> Newcastle, Neb., 303 Highway 12, Rev. Gary Kimm, pastor. SAT. 6PM Church school, 7PM Worship. Second THUR. 2PM Ladies Aid.	<b>CLASSIC HITS 106 KVHT FM</b> Radio SUN.-THUR. 10:05PM "Family Radio Rosary" with Bishop Robert Carlson.
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