

### 'Art Of Marriage' Set For Tonight

BLOOMFIELD, Neb. — "The Art of Marriage" seminar will be held at the Bloomfield Community Center in Bloomfield, Neb. The seminar begins Friday, Feb. 14, at 7 p.m. and continues Saturday, Feb. 15, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Produced by Family Life Today, the seminar is intended help couples fully experience God's plan for their marriage. "The Art of Marriage" is a video seminar directed towards couples in all stages of life from a ministry that is well-respected for their work with families and relationships. Whether you and your spouse are in a secure, loving relationship or are facing challenges your marriage will benefit from this seminar's enjoyable and practical sessions.

The cost of the retreat is an investment about the same as dinner for two. Make this Valentine's Day date night one to remember and join us for "The Art of Marriage" seminar. Lunch on Saturday, refreshments, and the couple's resource kit are included in the registration fee.

For more information or to preregister online, visit [www.artofmarriage.com](http://www.artofmarriage.com). Simply click the "Attend an Event" tab and enter your zip code.

### Pancake Breakfast Set For Feb. 16

The House of Mary Shrine will be having a pancake breakfast fundraiser on Feb. 16, running from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Yankton.

The menu will include pancakes, eggs, sausage, ham and biscuits and gravy.

A free-will offering will be taken.

The Shrine is a place where hundreds of people come to find peace and spiritual quiet. It is open the year around. Campers and travelers stop by from all over the U.S. and beyond.

Come and enjoy a beautiful nature walk and religious reminders. The gift shop is open during the summer months.

### Waffle Feed To Be Held Feb. 16

FORDYCE, Neb. — A Waffle Feed and Raffle for Deacon Brian and Janel Heine will be held at the St. John's Parish Center in Fordyce, Neb., on Sunday, Feb. 16, running from 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

The menu will include waffles, sausage, fruit cups, juice and coffee.

Free-will donations will be asked.

### 'Peace Be Still' Program Set

The presentation "Peace, Be Still: Sustaining Spirituality through Alzheimer's and Dementia" will be held at Christ Episcopal Church, 517 Douglas Ave., Yankton, at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 22.

This program looks at how the practice of prayer offers strength, courage and calm in the uncertain world of advancing cognitive illness.

Ellen McVay, MSW, a clinical social worker, spiritual director, and teacher of Centering Prayer, draws from her own experience in the early stages of Alzheimer's disease. With Jan Wiersma, a pastor and chaplain, McVay tells how her practice of prayer and meditation have given her the means to "choose to be happy" in all circumstances.

This event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Shann Doerr at (605) 665-2456 or [churchsec@iw.net/](mailto:churchsec@iw.net/).

# What Is Love? Understanding God's Love

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REFLECTIONS

The song "What Is Love" by Had-daway was popularized when Will Ferrell and Chris Kattan head-bobbed their way onto dance floors in the film "Night at the Roxbury." With that song's thumping beat now stuck in our heads, that's the question that we ask ourselves on this "day of love" — Valentine's Day.

So what is love? In the ancient Greek language, there are four words that are translated as "love"—storge, philia, eros, and agape. Storge (which isn't in the Bible) means the natural affection between a parent and child—a "motherly" love. Philia (used a handful of times in the Bible) means friendship through common interests or activities by being cordial and kind to one another; think of Philadelphia, which is Greek for "brotherly love." Eros (which also isn't in the Bible) is where we get our English word "erotic" and means emo-

tional, sensual, romantic, sexual love—this is generally what we mean by falling or being "in love."

But the word most overwhelmingly used in God's Word for "love" is agape. It's also the most uncommon word for "love" used in secular ancient Greek writings.

Agape is true love and is an unconditional, self-sacrificial love demonstrated by our actions—not emotions—that fully puts the needs of another before our own.

This is the word used in John 15 when Jesus said, "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends" (John 15:12-13 ESV, emphasis added). The greatest act of agape love is to lay down your life for

another. And that is exactly what Jesus Christ did for you and for the entire world when He sacrificed Himself on the cross to save you from eternal torment because of sin and our failure to love one another as Christ loved us.

No, we can't love perfectly the way that Jesus did—that's why so many relationships get messed up and husbands and wives, parents and children, boyfriends and girlfriends, friends and neighbors have problems and conflict. Often these conflicted relationships leave us lamenting, "Baby, don't hurt me; don't hurt me, no more."

Cards, chocolates, flowers, and candle-light dinners can be wonderful expressions of love, but they don't remove the hurt that's caused when a relationship is broken due to our sin and failure to love perfectly. Only Jesus' love is perfect, as He is the only one who could free us from the hurt of our sinfulness when He lay down His life for you and for me with His perfect, self-sacrificial agape act on the cross. Now that is love!

## Spring Theology Institute At SHM To Focus On Religious Fundamentalism

The March 15 Theology Institute at Sacred Heart Monastery will focus on a phenomenon that influences culture and politics as well as various religions in many countries today: Religious fundamentalism. Leslie J. Hoppe, a Franciscan priest and Professor of Old Testament at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, will present "Religion and Modernity: The Fundamentalist Response," at 9:00 a.m.-noon in the monastery chapter room. Fr. Hoppe first began teaching a course in religious fundamentalism because of requests from a number of CTU students, who represent numerous countries and religious affiliations. In addition, he has lectured on this topic to a wide variety of audi-



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ences. As leader and teacher for study tours in various countries of the Midwest over approximately three decades, he has had a unique opportunity to observe as well as study the motivations and effects of religious fundamentalism in several religions, Christian and non-Christian.

The presentation will begin by describing the origins of fundamentalism, a term coined as a self-description by conservative American Protestants of various denominations that rejected certain views of early twentieth century liberal Protes-

tantism. After describing basic beliefs of Protestant fundamentalism, Fr. Hoppe will include discussion of the fundamentalist impulse in Roman Catholicism and other world religions such as Judaism and Islam.

The presentation, which will include opportunity for questions, is open to the public free of charge. However, for planning purposes, participants are asked to register by Wednesday, March 12 by calling 605-668-6000 or e-mailing Sr. Marielle Frigge at [mfrigge@mtmc.edu](mailto:mfrigge@mtmc.edu). Further information about the presenter is available on the Sacred Heart Monastery Web site, [http://www.yankton-benedictines.org/PC\\_TheologyInstitute.html](http://www.yankton-benedictines.org/PC_TheologyInstitute.html)

## Pancake Supper Set For Feb. 23

VERMILLION — The men of Pleasant Valley Lutheran Church will hold their annual pancake supper on Sunday, Feb. 23, from 5-7 p.m. in the church basement. Pancakes, sausage, drinks and ice cream will be served for a free will donation.

This year's proceeds will benefit The Luther Center of Vermillion.

Pleasant Valley Lutheran Church is located at 45918 308th St., rural Vermillion.

# CHURCH SCHEDULES

Abundant Life	Bible Church	Catholic	Evangelical	Lutheran	Lutheran	United Church
<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>GRACE BIBLE CHURCH</b> , Home Fellowship during the fall and winter. Call Pastor Joel Finck for times and locations. (605)760-4701.	<b>St. Leo Catholic Church</b> , Tyndal. Saturday 5:30pm Mass; Sunday 8:30am Mass. Confessions 45 mins. before each Mass. Father Joseph Forcelle, pastor (605)589-3504.	<b>EMMANUEL CHURCH</b> We gather together for worship every Sunday at 9:30AM at the Yankton Middle School (2000 Mulberry Street). <a href="http://www.emmanuelyankton.com">www.emmanuelyankton.com</a> (605)760-1143	<b>ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH</b> (LCMS), 1009 Jackson. David Gunderson, Pastor. SUN. 8am Worship, 9:15am Education Hour, 10:30am Worship.	<b>UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST</b> , (Congregational) 210 West 5th St., Yankton. (605)665-7320 Rev. Molly Carlson, Pastor. SUN.-10am Worship, 11am-Fellowship, 11:05am Church School.	
<b>Alliance of Renewal Churches</b>	<b>Catholic</b>	<b>ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC</b> , Wakonda, Father Jeff Norfolk, 605-624-2697. Sunday 8:30am Mass.	<b>Lutheran</b>	<b>TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH</b> , 403 Broadway, Yankton, 665-7415. Worship: Saturday 5:30; Sunday 8:15am & 10:45am; Classes, coffee fellowship 9:30am.	<b>UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST</b> , Crofton, Neb., 412 W. Main St., (402)388-4124, Pastor Rev. Woodrow Weidner SUN. 10:00am Worship.	
<b>LIVING WATER CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP</b> , Sun. 10am Yankton Middle School (2000 Mulberry) Weds. 7pm Prayer. David Olson, pastor. (605)260-2138.	<b>HOLY FAMILY CHURCH OF CEDAR COUNTY</b> (Sts. Peter & Paul), Bow Valley, NE. Rev. Eric Olsen (402)357-2400. Mass: Sundays 9am.	<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 & 10:45am worship services; 9:45am Sunday School.	<b>TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH</b> , Hartington/Crofton, NE, Amanda Jertson pastor; (402)254-6606. SUN. 9am Worship (Hartington), 10am SS (Hartington), 11am Worship (Crofton).	<b>UNITED METHODIST</b> , 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.	
<b>Assembly of God</b>	<b>HOLY FAMILY CHURCH OF CEDAR COUNTY</b> (Immaculate Conception), St. Helena, NE. Rev. Eric Olsen. (402)357-2400. Mass: Sunday 11:00am.	<b>St. Vincent Catholic Church</b> , Springfield. SUN 10:30am Mass; confessions 1/2hour before. Father Joseph Forcelle, pastor. 605-589-3504.	<b>FAITH UNITED LUTHERAN</b> , 44874 303rd St., Volin SD 57072, (605)267-2277. SUN. Worship Services 9:30am. Children's Education WED. Evening (WOW) 6:30-7:30pm.	<b>TRONDHEIM LUTHERAN CHURCH</b> (AFLC), rural Volin. 263-3841. Sunday 9:15am; 10:30am Worship.	<b>GAYVILLE-VOLIN UNITED METHODIST</b> , Rick Pittenger, pastor. 624-2179. 9am Worship Service. 10:00am Sunday School.	
<b>Baptist</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. WENCESLAUS</b> , Tabor, (605)463-2336. Saturday 6pm Mass. Sunday 8:30am Mass confessions 1/2 hour before each mass. Father Steven Jones.	<b>FIRST AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH, AFLC</b> 300 S. Carpenter St., Tripp. (605)935-6941 9:30am Sunday School; SUN. 10:45 Worship firsthope@santel.net	<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>WAKONDA, IRENE, VIBORG, UNKED METHODIST</b> , Pastor Judy Saylor. SUN. 8:30am Worship at Wakonda; 9:45am Worship at Irene; 11am Worship at Viborg.	
<b>ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH</b> , 100 E. 6th St. Kevin Caskey, pastor, 665-0066. SUN. 9:30am Sunday School, 10:45pm Preaching Service, 4pm Preaching Service. THU. 7pm Preaching Service.	<b>SACRED HEART</b> , 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.	<b>THE HOUSE OF MARY SHRINE</b> , 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. <a href="http://thehouseofmaryshrine.org">thehouseofmaryshrine.org</a>	<b>GAYVILLE-BERGEN LUTHERAN Pastor</b> Ralph Egbert. (605)267-4342 (church) Church: 10:30am-GLC Worship, 9:15-GLC SS, 10:15am-BLC SS, 9:00am-BLC Worship.	<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>KYNT 1450 AM Radio</b> KYNT 1450 AM Radio SAT. 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> , 301 Ohio St., Wakonda. Dr. Calvin Jones, pastor, (605)267-1100. SUNDAY Worship. 11:00a.m.	<b>ST. AGNES PARISH: SIGEL</b> , rural Utica. SAT. 4pm Mass, confessions 1/2 hour before Mass. Father Steven Jones.	<b>Christian</b>	<b>HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH</b> , AFLC 200 South Wilson, Delmont. (605)935-6941. SUN 9am Worship. 10am Sunday school. firsthope@santel.net	<b>Non-Denominational</b>	<b>WNAX 570 AM Radio</b> WNAX 570 AM Radio. 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>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 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 Klopstein. <a href="http://www.cbchurch.com">www.cbchurch.com</a> or <a href="http://www.cbchurch.com">http://www.cbchurch.com</a> 2407 Broadway, (605)665-5594.	<b>St. Andrew's Catholic Church</b> Bloomfield, Nebraska Fr. Michael Schmitz, Pastor SUNDAY Mass-10:30 AM; 2nd, 4th, 5th TUES DAY Mass-8 AM; THURSDAY Mass-8 AM.	<b>Church of Christ</b>	<b>Martinus Lutheran Church</b> , Utica. Pastor Dean Schroeder Sunday Divine Service 10:30am (605)589-3195 <a href="http://www.MartinusLutheran.org">www.MartinusLutheran.org</a>	<b>Presbyterian</b>	<b>MIX 106 FM Radio</b> CLASSIC HITS 106 KVHT FM Radio SUN.-THUR. 10:05PM "Family Radio Rosary" with Bishop Robert Carlson.	
<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>ST. BENEDICT CATHOLIC CHURCH</b> , Menominee, Neb., Rev. David Fulton, pastor. SUN. 8:30am Mass.	<b>Church of Christ</b>	<b>OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN</b> , rural Irene. 263-3724. SUN. 9am Worship.	<b>Reformed</b>	<b>ESPN Radio 1570</b> ESPN RADIO 1570 SUN. 10:30AM Trinity Lutheran Church, Vermillion, worship.	
<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. COLUMBA CHURCH</b> , rural Irene/Mayfield. FEBRUARY WEEKEND Mass Saturdays @ 5:30pm.	<b>Church of Jesus Christ</b>	<b>OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN</b> , LCMS/NALC, Menno. Pastor Theresa Jacobson Office 605-387-5241 Worship 9am, Brunch, SS 10:20am.	<b>Seventh-Day</b>	<b>Call Classifieds 665-7811</b>	
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