

Christian Academy To Host Open House

Missouri Valley Christian Academy (Yankton) will hold two informative Open Houses for families with preschool and school age children for the 2015-16 school year. The first will be held on Sunday, Aug. 2, from 1:30-4 p.m. The second will be held the next day on Monday, Aug. 3, from 5-7 p.m. The school's location is 305 W. 25th St.

Families will be able to tour the school, view the preschool through eighth grade curriculums, and meet some of the "MVCA Family" including staff members and parents. Refreshments will be served.

Call 665-4470 for more information or visit the school's website at www.mvcamustangs.org. The first day of school at MVCA is Wednesday, Aug. 26.

First United Methodist Church VBS Set

First United Methodist Church invites children to Everest VBS: Conquering Challenges With God's Mighty Power!

A summer kids' event called Everest VBS will be hosted at First United Methodist Church from Aug. 2-6 in Yankton. At Everest, kids discover what it means to hold on to God's mighty power in everyday life. Kids participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, make and dig into yummy treats, experience one-of-a-kind Bible adventures, collect Bible Memory Buddies to remind them of God's love and test out Sciency-Fun Gizmos they'll take home and play with all summer long. Plus, kids will learn to look for evidence of God all around them through something called God Sightings. Each day concludes with a Summit Celebration that gets everyone involved in living what they've learned. Family members and friends are encouraged to join in daily for this special time with a meal at 5:30 p.m. and the VBS program going from 6-8 p.m.

Kids at Everest VBS will be donating VBS offerings to LoGonave Alive for special projects done in Haiti.

Everest is for kids from Pre-K to 5th grade and will run from 6-8 p.m. each day. For more information, call 605-665-2869.

Blessed Virgin Mary Parish Fundraiser

DANTE — Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Dante, is holding its annual Harvest Festival fundraiser Sunday, Aug. 9. Serving will begin at 4 p.m. in the air-conditioned hall with two serving lines.

The menu includes a broasted chicken meal with homemade rollicky, kolaches and desserts. Bingo, a raffle and games for all ages will also be available.

Divorced, Widowed And Separated Group

This group is a process designed to help those who have experienced any of these life-change moments and would like some help processing those changes. The group is faith based, but non-sectarian and is open and available to anyone who sees themselves in one of these times in their lives.

The group meets at the Riverview Reformed Church building at 1700 Burleigh Street, Yankton, on Monday evenings at 7 p.m., and will meet for nine weeks.

If you would like more information or to register, call the Family Education and Counseling Center 605-260-9284, or visit www.feccinc.com.

Reflections

The Rapture – Our Blessed Hope

BY ASSOCIATE PASTOR STEVE MCHONE
Redeeming Grace Bible Church

Those of us who've ever taken a long trip with small children have likely heard the question: "Are we there yet?" In regard to the return of Christ, Christians should have the same sense of expectation but might frame the question differently, "Is He here yet?"

Jesus promised to return. Scripture describes it in two distinct phases. The first involves Christ's return for His church. Jesus promised that before the end of this age He would gather His church to Himself (John 14:3). The theological term referring to this is rapture. Although it may sound more like the title of a romance novel, it's a biblical term from the word raptus, found in the Latin translation of the Bible and derived from the Greek word harpazo, which means "to snatch or seize." The Rapture will be experienced by Christian believers who are alive when Jesus comes for His church. At that time those who have died in Christ will be resurrected. Believers who are still alive will then be "caught up" (raptured) in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air (1st Thessalonians 4:16-17). This is the next event in God's prophetic plan. As such, it is imminent, and will take place "in a moment, in the blink of an eye" (1st Corinthians 15:52).

The Rapture of the church is distinguished from Jesus' Second Coming. At the Rapture the church—Christian believers since the Day of Pentecost (Acts 2)—will be caught up and taken to heaven. At the Second Coming the church will accompany Jesus in His return to earth. This raises an obvious question. Why would God separate the return of Christ into a two-stage event? The answer has to do with His plan for Israel. In the intervening seven-year period between these

two phases of Christ's return, Israel will experience a time of unparalleled suffering and will be delivered by Christ (Daniel 12:1; Matthew 24:21; Romans 11:25-27). This period of tribulation concludes with Christ's Second Coming.

The Bible's teaching about Christ's return is a source of comfort to the church (1st Thessalonians 4:18). Believers comprising the early church lived under great persecution from the Roman Empire, yet their morale was lifted by the hope of the coming of the Lord. The Aramaic word Maranatha, ("Come, O Lord!") became the common greeting of the oppressed believers, replacing the Jewish greeting Shalom ("peace").

Today, we who are Christians live our lives in the light of the knowledge that He could come at any time. Every day we should expect Him to come, and long for Him to come. Maranatha! Our Lord is coming!

been settled on by all of the many partners involved in the planning process, we will jointly share the final plans."

The agency said late Thursday that it is not forcing any businesses to close that weekend but instead has agents reaching out to local business owners and residents within the security zone.

Mayor Michael Nutter this week repudiated maps that popped up showing purported security and vehicle-free zones covering most of downtown, saying they were unofficial and premature. He blamed "little people who have little pieces of information" and speculative reporting for misleading the public.

Nutter, who mentioned the calls from the expectant mothers at a news conference this week, said the city would start providing updates next week. Organizers of the World Meeting of Families — the triennial Roman Catholic conference that is attracting Francis to Philadelphia — said it will post a "Papal Visit Playbook"

Pope's Upcoming Visit Inspires Anxiety In Philadelphia

BY MICHAEL R. SISAK
Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Pregnant women are calling up the mayor, concerned they won't be able to get to the delivery room. Some businesses say they've been told to close for a three-day weekend. Others are bringing in cots for workers to sleep. Taxi drivers, fearing onerous checkpoints and distant drop-off locations, are planning to stay home.

With official information scant just eight weeks before Pope Francis makes Philadelphia the centerpiece of his U.S. trip, rumors are swirling about massive security fencing and miles of street closures. Residents and visitors alike fear long walks to and from papal events, too-few bathrooms, and a dearth of food and other amenities in areas where delivery trucks could be restricted.

The lack of clear information is breeding confusion and consternation in the City of Brotherly Love and con-

tempt for the people who run it — particularly around the downtown parkway where Francis is expected to attend an outdoor concert and celebrate Mass before more than 1 million people.

"There are serious logistical problems for residents and visitors alike," said Barbara Epstein, who lives three blocks from the Benjamin Franklin Parkway. "It would be nice if the powers that be could reassure us that our lives aren't going to be disrupted in an irreconcilable way."

City officials are blaming the Secret Service, which has declared Francis' Sept. 26-27 visit a National Special Security Event. The agency said it would release road closure and security checkpoint information about three weeks before he lands — leaving the city and visit organizers vulnerable to rumors.

"Security plans are fluid and continue to evolve," Secret Service spokesman Robert Hoback said Thursday. "As soon as the plans have

for residents to its website next month.

"We're all eager to put the rumors to rest and put the information out there," said World Meeting Executive Director Donna Crilly Farrell. "But as the mayor said, it has to be the correct information."

Officials have confirmed there will be some type of security fencing — commonly used at big events like presidential inaugurations and Philadelphia's annual Made in America concert — but the size and scope have not been disclosed.

They have also said there will certainly be street and highway closures, particularly when the pope is in transit, but would not confirm a planning consultant's claim that the Benjamin Franklin Bridge — a vital link to Philadelphia's New Jersey suburbs across the Delaware River — would close. The consultant, who also requested that Interstate 95 be closed for the duration of Francis' visit, has since been dismissed from the papal planning process.

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 Prayer. 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, SUNDAY: 9am Sunday School for all ages, 10:30am Worship Service. MONDAY: Service broadcast 7:30pm. Channels 3 & 98. WEDNESDAY 5:30pm Family Meal; 6:30pm AWANA, 7-8th Grade Youth Group 7pm 9-12th Youth Group, Adult Bible Study. Interim Pastor Ralph Porter, Associate Pastor Rick Slattery, Youth Pastor Adam Ansel. 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.

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: Sundays 11am. Through August.

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC 509 Capitol, Yankton, Rev. Mark Lichter. 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, Saturdays 5:00pm. Through August.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church 509 Capitol, Yankton, SD. Rev. Mark Lichter 605-665-3655 (office). SAT 4:30pm Mass. SUN 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am Mass. Thursday 12:30pm, 2:30pm and 7:30pm Confessions

Sacred Heart Monastery Sunday 10am Mass in the Bishop Marty Memorial Chapel. Public is welcome. Mount Marty College 4pm 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 Keiter, SUN 8:30am. 1st SAT of month 8:00am

St. Boniface Idlywilde, rural Freeman, SD: Sunday Mass 11:00am 605-327-3438 www.stbonifaced-parishesonline.com

St. Columba Mayfield, rural Irene, SD. Saturday's at 6:30pm Holy Mass.

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

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

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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

St. Josephs Catholic Church, Constance, NE. Rev. James Keiter. 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. Patrick's Catholic Church Wakonda, SD. Father David Roehrich, Sunday 8:30am Mass.

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: Sunday 9:00am. Through August.

The House of Mary Shrine, 6 miles West of Yankton, Hwy. 52 Masses: 9am. every Sat. & Mon. April-Sept. Divine Mercy Chaplet 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.emmanuelnyankton.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, Worship: 9:00am-GLC Worship, 10:15am GLC SS, 9:15am BLC SS, 10:30am-BLC Worship.

HOPÉ 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 8:30am 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. 9am 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; 10:30am; 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 (Hartington), 11am Worship (Crofton).

Trinity Lutheran Church, 403 Broadway Yankton, 665-7415. Contemporary Service SAT 5:30pm & Sun 8:15am. Traditional Service SUN 10:00am.

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, 7:00pm Youth Group. WED: 6:30pm Discovery Zone for Kids. 6:45pm Adult Bible Study. www.discoverychurchyankton.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 11:30am worship. Coffee 11am. Aired at 8pm Fri. 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, Newcalle, 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. 402-283-6563 or 664-5310, Rev. Gary Kimm, pastor. SUN. 8:15am Church school, 9am Worship.

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

United Church of Christ

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. Wednesday: 7pm - Contemporary Service Sunday: 10am - Traditional Worship Service. Through 9/6/15.

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

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