

Special Camp for Youth Affected by Flooding

SIOUX FALLS — Lutherans Outdoors in South Dakota, in partnership with the South Dakota Synod of the ELCA and Lutheran Social Services of South Dakota is offering a special week of camp, Fort Courage for Flood Survivors July 31-Aug. 5 at Atlantic Mountain Ranch. This week is open to youth having completed grades 5-10 who have been affected by the 2011 flooding in South Dakota.

Fort Courage for Flood Survivors will be held at Atlantic Mountain Ranch, a camp of Lutherans Outdoors, near Custer, SD. Cost for this special week of camp is simply what you are able to afford (\$50, \$100, nothing, etc.). Lutherans Outdoors is accepting donations to help cover operating costs for this week.

Flooding is a major issue facing many South Dakotans right now. "One way that we can help is to reach out to our young people and show them God's hope and presence in the midst of chaos" says Rev. Layne Nelson, Executive Director of Lutherans Outdoors. "We are truly blessed to have the support and resources of SD Synod of the ELCA and Lutheran Social Services of SD working with us to make this special week possible."

Fort Courage for Flood Survivors is designed to help young people who have been impacted by disaster cope with stressors and process their experience. Counselors trained in Disaster Response will be on-site providing consultation. In addition, camp staff will lead youth in programmatic activities such as horseback riding, hiking, outdoor cooking, games, challenge course, Bible Study, and much more.

"We want our young people to know that in the midst of all this devastation they are not alone. This is an opportunity to come to camp and just be kids, while finding joy in community with others and talking openly about the issues they are facing," says Rev. Molly Sasser-Goehner, Director of Atlantic Mountain Ranch and Outlaw Ranch.

For more information on this special week of camp visit www.LOSD.org and click on the Fort Courage for Flood Survivor's link. To register call 800-888-1464 or look for the link at www.LOSD.org

Glad Tidings Bible Camp Gears Up For Season

CROFTON, Neb. — Glad Tidings Bible Camp is gearing up for another fascinating season. You are the missing piece in our puzzle. Pictures, registration, medical release and rate information are available at our website: gladtidingsbiblecamp.org. You may call for rates and other information at 402-373-4433 or 402-373-2797.

The camp is located 7 miles west of Crofton, NE, on Hwy 12 and 2 miles north on 544 Ave. From Bloomfield, Neb. take 543 Ave north 9 miles to Hwy 12, go 1 mile east on Hwy 12 then 2 miles north on 544 Ave.

- Middle School Camp — June 27-July 2: Grades 7-8
- Junior II Camp — July 11-16: Grades 5-6
- Junior I Camp — July 18-23: Grades 3-4
- Wilderness Camp — July 25-31: Grades 7-12 (full week-goes to the Black Hills and Even's Plunge)
- Fall Youth Retreat — September 9-11: Grades 7-12 (Begins 8 p.m. Friday and Ends 12:30 p.m. Sunday)

Big Apple Adventure VBS Starts Next Week

Grab a cab and get ready for fun around every corner - it's time for "Big Apple Adventure"! Join us at Vacation Bible School at Calvary Baptist Church, June 26-30 from 7-9 p.m. As kids explore the big city, they'll learn how to step out in faith and connect with Jesus—sharing the message of Christ with their world!

Enjoy upbeat songs, exciting games, fun crafts, and tasty snacks, too! Each evening at 8:40 p.m., parents are invited to join the kids at the Worship Rally closing program. On Thursday night, Worship Rally will feature a slide show of the week's activities so don't miss the fun!

Children ages 3-6th Grade are welcome to attend. To register, please call 665-5594.

Get ready! Get Set! BIKE for Life 2011!

It is time to start training as Saturday, Sept. 10 is the official date for the annual Lutherans For Life Bike for Life. Leaving from Armour at 7 a.m. If you would like to participate contact Rev. Nabil Nour at Redeemer Lutheran Church, P. O. Box, 158, Armour, SD 57313-0158, For more information call (605) 724-2489, (605) 724-2722 or email — redemearmour@untelsd.com.

Chaplain Assistant Helps Soldiers Of All Faiths

BY KATHLEEN KRELLER
McClatchy Newspapers

BOISE, Idaho — In an office deep inside Baghdad's international zone, Staff Sgt. Keith Millar of Caldwell likes to look over pictures of his wife and two small children.

It's a way of ministering to himself, of staying connected to what is waiting for him at home. Then it's back to work, helping minister to a diverse group of soldiers and civilians at Forward Operating Base Prosperity.

Though he is not ordained, Millar, 39, is a chaplain's assistant. He protects the chaplain whenever they are out and about. He facilitates whatever programs the chaplain is running. He runs the huge marble chapel, which was converted from one of Saddam Hussein's large pool houses.

"I make sure that people can get their religious needs met in any way I can," Millar said. "A lot of my job is checking on the morale of the soldiers on the (base)." Millar is one of about 2,700 soldiers from Idaho, Oregon and Montana in Iraq for a year with the 116th Cavalry Brigade Combat Team based out of Boise's Gowen Field. The soldiers left Idaho in September and are expected to return this summer.

Back at home, Millar works full time for the Idaho National Guard, but not as chaplain. Still, Millar said he is a religious man. He and his wife belong to a small Anglican church in Boise.

"In some ways this is not a



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stretch," Millar said. "I do have a degree in ministry, but I haven't worked that in a long time." Millar said his friendship with an Iraqi national named Malik, who works at the laundry drop-off on the base, has left the biggest impression on him.

The two men talk about their sons, parenting, their home and religious lives. "We talk about bragging on our kids and how he is raising them and trying to figure out the similarities and differences," Millar said. "There is a lot more similarities in the way we think than differences. That's the cool thing," a multicultural base Millar and the chaplain have provided services for people from Sierra Leone and Uganda and adherents of religions from

Christianity to Hinduism. Exposure to different faiths has strengthened his own, Millar said.

"Having a chance to be able to worship the way you want to worship, it affects your morale, it takes time from their everyday life to do what they would at home," Millar said. "Here on the (base) we are able to do something that reminds them of back home." When the 116th trained at Camp Shelby last year before heading to Iraq, it was a tense time. One soldier was struggling with financial issues and leadership, Millar said.

"He was just very overwhelmed," Millar said. "We helped him as we could and said, 'This is what you need to do.'" Though the soldier seemed

to want to fight the spiritual and practical advice from the chaplains, eventually he relented.

About a month into Iraq, Millar came across the man.

"He was all smiles and said his life was going so much better," Millar said. "That makes it important when you stop and talk to people that actually need someone."

Forward Operating Base Prosperity essentially runs like a large city. While some of it feels foreign — like the climate and architecture — the rest just feels like a normal urban area, Millar said. That includes the standard American (and Mexican) fare in the base's cafeteria.

Reminders of home, like the green rice cereal treats his wife, Robyn, sent for St. Patrick's Day, are a respite.

Still, when he goes home to Caldwell, he plans on taking a bit of Iraqi culture with him.

"They move a bit slower than what we do in Idaho and America," Millar said. "That's something I'm going to try. They stop and have tea a little more often and make personal connections."

Robyn, 36, is working to grow her own Mary Kay makeup business and to reassure her children that their dad is OK.

"We just talk a lot about it. We send care packages and color pictures and things like that," Robyn Millar said. "At the very beginning I had to really just reassure my 10-year-old that Daddy was in a safe place." And Millar has a message for his family in Caldwell.

"I'll be home soon," he said.

Clayton Lutheran Planning 125th Anniversary

St Peter's Missouri Lutheran Church of Clayton, SD is planning to celebrate its 125th Anniversary on Aug. 14, 2011. The celebration will start with a morning worship service with a meal to follow. More information will follow in this paper when details are finalized. Please plan on joining us for this special event.

Choir Of The American Prairie To Present Concert

The 40-voice choir, directed by Jennifer Powell, will be rehearsing this weekend in Yankton in preparation for their upcoming European tour. They will render several selections during worship service on Sunday at the United Church of Christ (Congregational), 5th & Walnut, at 10:00 a.m. The choir will be touring Europe July 21-30, and sing concerts in Salzburg, Melk and Vienna, Austria, and also in Krakow, Poland. The choir tour is the second organized by Vi Ranney of Yankton. Ranney is a tour designer and escort for Rupiper Travel in Yankton. The choir will present its home concert on Sunday afternoon, July 10th at 2:00 p.m. at the church. Mark your calendar now and plan to attend.

Women of Faith Conference 2011 Dates Set

Women of Faith is a faith-based women's organization encouraging women of all ages and stages in life to grow in faith and spiritual maturity through a relationship with Jesus Christ and an understanding of God's love and grace. A motor coach bus will be leaving the parking lot of Calvary Baptist Church (2407 Broadway) at 6:30 a.m. Friday, Aug. 12 and returning around 8:30 PM on Saturday, Aug. 13th to transport anyone who would like to have an OVER THE TOP experience with us!! All accommodations were secured last December, so you will be very pleased with your stay. The package deal covers your ticket to the conference, motel, bus ride, 2 noon lunches at the conference, and Friday night's supper. The speakers this year are Patsy Clairmont, Marilyn Meberg, Sandi Patty, Lisa Wheelchel, Andy Andrews, and Nicole Johnson. Musical guests are Amy Grant, Mandisa, and Selah.

Call Diane Meyer at 605-660-7004 for cost details and any other questions you might have. Share this information with ladies in your churches and put the date on your calendar.

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 CHRISTIANFELLOWSHIP, 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. 7pm 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, 2407 Broadway, Yankton. (605)665-5594. Rev. Jon Cooke, Pastor Jeremy Nelson, and Laura Kotalik. www.cbchurch.com SUNDAY June 26 8:30 AM Intercessory Prayer Time 9:00 AM Adult ENCORE Community 9:00 AM & 10:45 AM Worship Services "A Marriage in Crisis" 10:45 AM Sunday School for all ages 7:00 PM Vacation Bible School Begins MONDAY June 27:00 AM Ladies Prayer Time 7:30 PM Service broadcast on Channels 3 & 98 7:00 PM Vacation Bible School TUESDAY June 28:00 PM Human Services Center Service 7:00 PM Vacation Bible School WEDNESDAY June 29 6:45 AM Men's Prayer Time 11:30 AM Mid-Day Meal Bible Study 6:00 PM Intercessory Prayer 7:00 PM Vacation Bible School THURSDAY June 30:7:00 PM Vacation Bible School FRIDAY July 1.

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.

Baptist

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, 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, Meeting at Pierson Ranch recreation area 10:30am Sundays. From Memorial Day through Labor Day. Call Pastor Joel Finck for more information. (605)760-4701.

Catholic

HOLY FAMILYCHURCH OF CEDAR COUNTY (Immaculate Conception), St. Helena, NE. Rev. Eric Olsen. (402)357-2400. Mass: Saturdays 8pm Sundays at 11am.

HOLY FAMILYCHURCH OF CEDAR COUNTY (Sacred Heart), Wyanot, NE. Rev. Eric Olsen. (402)357-2400. Mass times: Saturdays at 5pm

HOLY FAMILYCHURCH OF CEDAR COUNTY (Sts. Peter & Paul), Bow Valley, NE. Rev. Eric Olsen. (402)357-2400. Mass: Sundays at 9am

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

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

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ST. BONIFACE CHURCH, rural Freeman. For weekend Mass info see church bulletin or Rev. Mathew Vazhappily. (605)583-4318.

ST. COLUMBA CHURCH, rural Irene. For weekend Mass info see church bulletin or Rev. Mathew Vazhappily. (605)583-4318.

ST. GEORGE CHURCH, Scotland, SD. Rev. Mathew Vazhappily. For weekend Mass info see church bulletin or call (605)583-4318.

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

ST. JOHN THEBAPTIST CATHOLIC, Lesterville. 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. 7pm 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. Join us as we celebrate the 30th annual Easter Sunrise at the House of Mary Shrine starting at 6:05am Deacon Christopher Cowles will be the guest homilist. 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; 7pmKids for Christ & Adult Bible Study.

CHURCH OF CHRIST, 1114 West 12th, Yankton, 665-6379. SUN. 9:30am Bible study; classes for all ages. 10:30am Worship.

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Church of Jesus Christ

CHURCH OF JESUSCHRIST 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 June 26 8:30 Serenity 10:30 The Holy Eucharist and Anniversary Service with Bishop John Tarrant Wednesday June 29 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, Worship Service 10:00 am www.emmanuelankton.com (605)665-0404.

Jehovah's Witnesses

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES, 2215 Douglas, 664-2249. SUN. 10am Public Bible lecture, 10:35am Watchtower. WED. 7:30pm Bible Study, 8pm Ministry School, 8:35pm Service meeting.

Lutheran

CHRIST THE KINGLUTHERAN 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 SUN. 10:45 Worship 9:30am Sunday School. firsthope@santel.net

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

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

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Lutheran

Martinus Lutheran Church, Utica. Pastor Dean Schroeder Sunday Divine Service 8am (605)589-3195 www.MartinusLutheran.org

OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN, rural Irene. 263-3724. SUN. 9am Worship.

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN, 29219 431st Ave., Menno. Rev. Bradley Danielson. SAT. 7am Men's prayer breakfast. SUN. 9am Worship. 10:30am SS.

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, Tyndall. Pastor Dean Schroeder. Sunday Divine Service: 10:00am (605)589-3195. www.StJohnsTyndallCMS.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. Worship Saturday worship-5:30 p.m. Sunday worship-8:15 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship-9:30 a.m.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, Hartington/Crofton, NE. Bob Ryan, 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.

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 (PCUSA), 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.

RIVERVIEW REFORMED, 17th St. & Burleigh, Rev. Rodney Veldhuizen, pastor. 665-9204. SUN. 9:30am Worship, 10:15am SS. WED. Youth group & adult choir.

Reformed

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST, 722 Locust St., Yankton, 665-1032, SAT. 9:30am Sabbath School, 11am Worship. 665-4496, 665-4881. Pastor George Shaver Home phone (605)369-5496.

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.