

Vatican Exhibit In Its Final Weekend

The Vatican International Exhibition of the Eucharistic Miracles of the World is on display in Yankton through Sunday, June 17. The exhibition is available for viewing from 8 a.m.-8 p.m. at Sacred Heart Parish Gathering Center, 509 Capital Street.

Everyone is welcome to view this exhibit to experience Eucharistic Miracles for a free will offering.

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

Trinity Lutheran Church Recital This Weekend

Trinity Lutheran Church of Yankton presents its second annual recital series "Rivercity Musicale," set for 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 15, and 2 p.m. Sunday, June 17.

Composers featured in Friday's recital include Anton Dvorak, Vaughn Williams, Johannes Brahms and Benjamin Britten.

Sunday's recital includes compositions by Franz Schubert, Robert Schumann, Emmanuel Chabrier, Arnold Schoenberg, Kenneth Fuchs and Madeline Dring.

Oboist Mark Ackerman, principle oboe with the San Antonio Symphony, active chamber music player and artistic director of the Olmos Ensemble, will be playing his third recital at Trinity, having played a recital in 2009 and in last year's musical. He will be joined by oboist/English hornist Mason Tran and bassoonist Mindy Braithwaite.

A native of Canton, Tran has spent this past year in San Antonio where he was guest principle oboe with The Heart of Texas Concert Band and the University of Texas at San Antonio's Symphony Orchestra; he is an active freelance artist and a voice actor, specializing in audiobook narration.

Braithwaite is a Sioux Falls resident, a member of the South Dakota Symphony, The Northwest Iowa Symphony, the Augustana Community Orchestra and the Dakota Wind Ensemble.

Vocalist for the two recitals is Yankton native Solveig Nyberg of Portland, Ore. Solveig teaches voice and is choir director at Mount Hood Community College in Portland; she has sung with the Dale Warland Singers in Minneapolis and the Bach Festival in Eugene, Oregon.

Solveig's parents, Dr. James and Marilyn Nyberg, are the pianists for the festival. Jim is a retired dentist and avid amateur pianist; Marilyn has been organist at Trinity since 1966; both are active piano teachers.

Trinity is located at 403 Broadway and, because of construction, must be entered from the west, north or east entrances. Parking is in the lot west of the church and in the lot across Broadway. The recitals are free, but donations will be gratefully accepted. A reception follows Sunday's performance.

Calvary Baptist Vacation Bible School Dates Set

Calvary Baptist Church in Yankton invite kids to come and earn their wings at "Amazing Wonders Aviation" Vacation Bible School set for 7-9 p.m. June 24-28.

Encounter God's awesome power as we fly to some of the world's most marvelous natural wonders. Along the way, kids will learn to trust and recognize God and come to understand that God wants to give us everything we need through His power and to His glory! Bible stories, music, crafts, recreation and snacks are all combined to provide kids with an adventure-filled week designed especially for them.

Children ages 3 through sixth grade are welcome to attend this free event. Registration is now in progress; call 665-5594 to register.

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Young Preacher Makes Family Proud

BY MANYA A. BRACHEAR

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CHICAGO — The teen preacher addressed each person in the pew: the grandmother, the teenage usher, the unemployed father, the single mom.

"You are only blessed because you can be a blessing to others," he implored, and the faithful of Greater New Mount Eagle Missionary Baptist Church rose to their feet in praise that could be heard outside on 123rd Street.

Some hollered "Amen!" Others applauded. One woman slipped out to cry, moved as much by the message as its messenger: the Rev. Donald Abram, age 17.

On Friday, Abram graduated from Chicago Military Academy in Bronzeville. In the fall he will leave behind the tough neighborhood of Roseland and head for the lush green campus of Pomona College in sunny Claremont, Calif., where he earned a full scholarship.

In some ways, Abram has followed in the footsteps of his father, now a preacher in Port Arthur, Texas. But he has managed to avoid the mistakes of his father, who did time on death row before winning his release and becoming an ordained pastor.

Abram has shown the congregation what can be accomplished when a community invests in its young people — and when they give back.

"God has given me the ability to reach many, and he's been speaking through me and allowed me to be dynamic," he said, sitting on the front porch of his Roseland home, facing the church. "It's not me bragging on myself. I'm astonished and amazed by the things God has done for me. Whether it's praying for someone and the power of God overcomes me or whether it's just preaching the word of God and so many people getting happy and encouraged because of it."

Preaching has brought Abram closer to his father, he says. It also has given him a way to escape the dangers that surround him in Roseland. Although he rose to the rank of captain at the military academy, worked for the high school newspaper and graduated salutatorian Friday, the church gave Abram a place to belong in a way high school never did.

"It's a rough time for me," Abram said, referring to high school. "The place I really fit in is church because I serve a purpose. I serve a role. Preaching is a part of who I am."

In 1982, Abram Sr., then 21, was convicted of capital murder for his role in the robbery of a convenience store where a teenage store clerk and customer were fatally shot. He got the death sentence, though someone else was convicted of pulling the trigger. He served 10 years, most of it on death row. But the murder conviction was thrown out, and he was released after agreeing to plead guilty to armed robbery.

Having heeded the call to ministry while behind bars, he joined his sister in Chicago and accompanied her to church at Greater New Mount Eagle. There, he served as youth pastor and became ordained. That's when he met Paulette Cameron. Their relationship



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Rev. Donald Abram, 17, a senior in high school, preaches a sermon at Greater New Mount Eagle Baptist Church in Chicago on May 27. Abram, a senior at Chicago Military Academy in Bronzeville, is a top-notch student and preacher. Next year, Abram will attend Pomona College in Claremont, Calif., where he earned a full scholarship.

eventually ended, but they maintained a bond: their son Donald Jr.

The father moved on to several churches, eventually joining a church in Port Arthur, Texas, which he left in a dispute with congregants. He launched his own ministry: God 1st Missionary Baptist Church, where he now serves.

Cameron has raised Donald and his three siblings as a single mom. After her relationship with Abram Sr. ended, she never went back to church, until it was time to support her son.

Instead, Abram's grandmother Muriel Lawrence took him and his siblings to church every Sunday. Abram, a quiet child, preferred spending his time with the adults instead of other children. He became an usher and joined the choir.

"My grandmother kept me in church. She made it mandatory," Abram said. "There came a point in my life where she wasn't making me go. I wanted to go because I had developed a relationship with Christ myself."

When Abram was 14, he started having a dream. In the dream, he saw himself at church. But instead of sitting in the pews, he was standing in the pulpit.

"I don't know how the Lord will come to you, Donald," his grandmother told him. "But when he does, you will know."

Abram interpreted the dream as a call to preach and delivered his first sermon in December 2008.

The Rev. Fredrick Wilson, senior pastor at Greater New Mount Eagle, keeps his eye on report cards and praises straight A's from the pulpit. So he already knew Abram as one of Lawrence's studious grandchildren when the teen came in one Sunday morning to tell him

he wanted to preach.

"We tell our children here ... 'You've got to start early getting your grades up,'" Wilson said. "If you do that, you'll write your own ticket. They'll call for you." And that's what he's done.

Established African-American preachers often don't give young aspiring ministers the spotlight, Wilson said, because they lack the life experience necessary to relate to people in the pews. But when he needs someone to put "a spark in things," he turns to Abram.

"I took the position here that I'm going to put him up as many times as I possibly can because I think you learn by doing," he said. "I'll take him anywhere."

The lack of life experience hasn't seemed to matter, Wilson said. More than once after Abram has preached, the pastor has watched people answer the call and approach the altar.

"He gives them a reason for accepting Christ," he said.

Abram said Wilson has been one of his harshest critics, and Wilson acknowledges that. He considers Abram his "spiritual son."

"His presence with me is only temporary," Wilson said. "Therefore I'm preparing him for when I'm no longer around and he's no longer around, as all parents try to do for their children."

Likewise, Cameron has made sure she instilled values and lessons to steer her son in the right direction once he lands in college on the West Coast.

"Donald has so much to offer to other people, I have to sit back and accept that I have to share my son with the world," she said.

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.

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.

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

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH OF CEDAR COUNTY (Immaculate Conception), St. Helena, 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, Saturdays 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.

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

ST. BONIFACE CHURCH, rural Freeman. June WEEKEND Mass Sundays @10a.m. or call Rev. Mathew Vazhappilly. (605)327-3438 www.Parishesonline.com/stbonifacecd

ST. COLUMBA CHURCH, rural Irene. June WEEKEND Mass. Sundays @ 8:30am or call Rev. Mathew Vazhappilly. (605)583-4318.

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

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. Masses: 8:00am & 5:30pm. SUN. Masses: 8:30am. WED/FRI Masses: 8:15am. Confessions: WED. 8:15am-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. thehouseofmaryshrine.org

Christian

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

Church of Christ

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 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 8:30am Serenity 9:30am Holy Eucharist Wednesday Noon 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 9:30 am www.emmanuelnyankton.com (605)665-0404.

Lutheran

CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH NALC: 305 W. 25th, Yankton, 665-8848. Rev. Dani Jo Ninke. SUN: 8:30am & 10am Worship, no Sunday School.

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

Martinus Lutheran Church, Utica. Pastor Dean Schroeder Sunday Divine Service 8:30am (605)589-3195 www.MartinusLutheran.org

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

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Lutheran

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OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN, LCMC, 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: 10:30am (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./10:00a.m. Worship; -Coffee fellowship-9:30a.m.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, Hartington/Crofton, NE, Justin Wiess, interum 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.

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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 Osborn (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.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, (Congregational) 210 West 5th St., Yankton. (605)665-7320 Dr. Richard W. Jensen, Pastor. SUN. 10am Worship, 11am Fellowship, 11:05am Church School.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, Crofton, Neb., 412 W. Main St., (402)388-4124, Pastor Les Parmenter. SUN. 10:00am Worship.

United Methodist

FIRST UNITED METHODIST, Yankton. Rev. Ron Johnson Pastor. 665-2991. Sunday, Contemporary Worship 9:00; Trad. 10:30. Childcare 8:45-11:45. 8:30 UM Hour, KYNT.

GAYVILLE-VOLIN UNITED METHOD. ODIST, Rick Pittenger, pastor. 624-2179. 9am Worship Service. 10:00am Sunday School.

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