



Grace Univ. Singers To Perform In Yankton

The Grace Choral, Chamber Singers and Women's Choir from Grace University in Omaha, Neb., will be appearing in concert at Calvary Baptist Church, 2407 Broadway, Yankton, at 7 p.m. Monday, March 26. The Chorale and Chamber Singers are under the direction of Dr. Greg Zielke. The Women's Choir is under the direction of Jason St. Claire.

These groups strive for choral excellence and ministry through music while exploring the vast scope of sacred choral literature.

Grace University exists to develop servant leaders for the home, the church and the world through excellence in biblically-integrated education and through life change in a personal, discipling environment, all for the glory of God. Grace University has served the local church and community for over half a century. Grace is a not-for-profit, Christian, educational institution with an "interdenominational" identity and is not affiliated with any specific church or denomination.

The concert is free and open to the public. An offering will be received for the University.

Salad Luncheon Set For Parkston Monday

PARKSTON — The Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court No. 280 Sacred Heart of Parkston will present its March Madness Salad Luncheon on Monday, March 12, running from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Sacred Heart Parish Center in Parkston.

The menu will include a large assortment of salads, chicken salad or ham sandwiches.

'Fermenting Faith' Holiday Dinner March 16

"Fermenting Faith" will be have its annual St. Patrick's Dinner on Friday, March 16 (St. Patrick's Eve). Serving for this traditional Irish meal will be 5-7 p.m. at Christ Episcopal Church, Yankton.

Call 665-2456 to reserve your ticket(s).

Bethel Choir To Perform In Yankton March 18

The Bethel Choir of Bethel University, St. Paul, Minn., will present a program of sacred choral music in Yankton on Sunday, March 18, as part of the ensemble's tour through Minnesota, Nebraska, South Dakota, and Colorado.

The choir will perform at Calvary Baptist Church, 2407 Broadway, at 4 p.m. It will also take part in the 10:30 a.m. service.

UCC Adult Choir To Present Cantata April 1

The Adult Choir of the Yankton United Church of Christ (Congregational) is in the midst of rehearsals for its sixth annual Palm Sunday music presentation, the cantata "We Were There" by Pepper Choplin, scheduled for 4 p.m. Sunday, April 1.

The cantata will be performed in a choral/readers' theatre format, all accompanied by orchestra.

Director Jennifer Powell said, "Most years our cantatas have followed the events of Holy Week, but, this time, the music and readings will tell a more personal story of Jesus, in the words of those who were with him throughout his life, and at the end."

The public is invited to this opportunity to experience the Passion story in an especially meaningful way. A freewill offering will be collected.

For more information, contact Melissa Pratt at the church office (melissapratt@iw.net; 605-665-7320).

The Search For Compassion

BY FATHER JIM PEARSON

Recently, some friends and I listened to two programs from Krista Tippett's engaging "on Being" public radio program. These programs featured the teaching and wisdom of author Karen Armstrong and author and Buddhist monk, Thich Nhat Hanh. A common theme for both of these wise teachers is the gift and practice of "compassion." Compassion is defined in a number of ways that include: to bear and to suffer with ... mercy ... pity ... empathy ... sympathetic consciousness of the other's distress with a desire to alleviate it. Jesus taught and lived compassion by these words, "Do unto others as you would have done unto you."

Karen Armstrong builds on the words of Jesus (and other religious teaching) about compassion by saying, "Compassion ... makes

us dethrone ourselves from the center of our world and put another there." She reminds us that our "ego" can be a hindrance to a compassionate life. Thich Nhat Hanh sees compassion unfolding in a "mindful" way of living through the order of "awakening, understanding, compassion, and reconciliation." "Awakening", attention, or awareness is that first step in living compassionately. "Understanding" or to see life more deeply nourishes our compassionate heart. As our compassionate relationships grow, the gifts of "reconciliation", newness and abundant life unfold.

Karen challenges religious persons such as us to read their holy scriptures with the goal of "look-



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ing for the compassion within them." What a marvelous and yet simple approach to our biblical passages and stories! Reading scripture as well as other good books, poetry, and more with a compassionate eye and heart will not only be meaningful but perhaps life changing as well! With some of our reading, the compassionate

God, or Christ, or person will leap from the pages but at other times we will be greatly challenged to find the compassionate.

The holy season of Lent is a wonderful time to take up the challenge of looking for the compassionate (or in other words, "Do unto others as you would have done unto you") in our reading and in our way of being. So

let's look at an example. In the gospel reading from the Second Sunday in Lent, Jesus is telling the crowd and his disciples:

"If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me." (Mark 8: 34).

What or where is the compassion to you in this passage? What I hear from Jesus at this moment is to be aware of the ego, and dethrone myself from the center of my world. I hear as well the gift of his call to conform our lives to his by denying selfish aims. In other words I hear, "Do unto others (and to God's creatures and creation) as you would have done to you."

May the gracious spirit of compassion guide us into "awakening, understanding, compassion, and reconciliation" during this Holy Season and beyond.

Ministry Aims To Turn Despair Into Hope

BY COLETTE M. JENKINS

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AKRON, Ohio — Linda Coleman Isaiah believes God delivered her from agony so that she can reach out and help pull other women out of distress.

"I believe that all women have a destiny that is bigger than any one role that they play, whether it is mother, wife, sister — whatever," Isaiah said. "We get so busy in our lives, trying to take care of everybody else, that we are just worn out. My vision is to give women hope so they can fulfill the call to help build God's kingdom."

To help give women the hope they need, the Akron, Ohio, woman is launching LCI Ministries with a women's conference, called Unleashed Hope, later this month in Ohio.

"One of the first things that we need as women is rest. Not only will we be giving women tools to empower them and inspire them, we will give them an opportunity to relax — to get into the pool, sit by the fireplace and just enjoy some solitude," said Isaiah, 55. "I believe that when we rest, we can see a vision and dream dreams."

Isaiah, who experienced physical, emotional and sexual abuse as a child and a series of difficulties in her life, including marital problems and caring for a seriously ill parent, said she felt God tugging at her heart to use her life as an example to help others. About a year ago, she was compelled to organize a conference to share with other women that no matter what their struggles, they are not alone.

"I pull back the curtains on my life and share with women that even when we feel hopeless and burdened with pain, God is able to bring us out," Isaiah said. "God is a restorer and he lives in us. He can take every wrong and make it right. God



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Linda Isaiah, right, executive director of Kandy Kay Christian Day Care, holds one-year-old Kimora Johnson, one of the children attending the day care in Akron, Ohio. Isaiah shares how God delivered her from the scars of her traumatic and abusive childhood.

took my misery and turned it into ministry."

Isaiah, who has been married 31 years and has worked in the day-care field for 35 years, is executive director of Kandy Kane Christian Day Care Center in West Akron. She also is coordinator of the church nursery at Akron's House of the Lord, where she has helped organize women's conferences for up to 800 participants.

"The last thing I wanted to do was have a conference because I know it takes a lot of work, but I woke up in the middle of the night last March and

began to pray. I got up off my knees crying and told my husband, 'We're going to have a conference.'" Isaiah said. "When God gives you something to do, you do it. I'm walking by faith. I don't know exactly where this ministry is going to take me, but I believe I'm called to speak the word of God."

Isaiah said the title of the conference — Unleashed Hope — comes from a God-inspired vision that depicted how many women go through life chained by their circumstances and that Satan pulls the chain, jerking them around, keeping them distracted from living the life God intends for them.

The logo for her ministry — chains breaking and a dove, a symbol of peace, flying overhead — also reflects her revelation. She said the goal of her ministry is to reach out to all women, regardless of race or social or economic status.

"I want to help women break those chains and unleash them so they can go through life with hope, knowing that God can open doors that no man can shut," Isaiah said. "I know it can happen because it happened to me. I was hard and bitter. I didn't have compassion. I was so judgmental."

"But God changed me. God changed my heart."

Bishop F. Josephus Johnson II, senior pastor at the House of the Lord, said Isaiah has been a tremendous asset to the church and he expects her ministry to touch the lives of women who are hurting.

"Sister Isaiah is a very faithful person who is trying to do what God wants her to do. I have a lot of respect for her," Johnson said. "She has been through a lot in her life and shares her story to touch women who have been abused and women who find themselves without hope."

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.

Calvary Baptist Church, 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, Youth Pastor Jeremy Nelson. www.cbchurch.com 2407 Broadway. (605)665-5594.

Harvest United 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.

Baptist
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, Call Pastor Joel Finck for meeting times an locations. Regular meetings: Sunday morning 10:30am; Wednesday Bible Study 7pm. (605)760-4701.

Catholic
HOLY FAMILY CHURCH OF CEDAR COUNTY (Sts. Peter & Paul), Bow Valley, NE. Rev. Eric Olsen (402)357-2400. Mass: Saturdays 5pm.

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH OF CEDAR COUNTY (Immaculate Conception), St. Helena, NE. Rev. Eric Olsen. (402)357-2400. Mass: Sundays 9am.

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH OF CEDAR COUNTY (Sacred Heart), Wyo., NE. Rev. Eric Olsen. (402)357-2400. Mass times, Sundays at 11am.

MOUNT MARTY COLLEGE, Peace Chapel, MMC campus. SUN. 10am Mass with the Sisters in the Bishop Marty Chapel. Public is welcome to attend.

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.

Catholic
ST. BONIFACE CHURCH, rural Freeman. MARCH WEEKEND Mass Saturdays 4:30pm or call Rev. Mathew Vazhappilly. (605)583-4318.

ST. COLUMBA CHURCH, rural Irene. MARCH WEEKEND Mass, Saturdays 6:15pm or call Rev. Mathew Vazhappilly. (605)583-4318.

ST. GEORGE CHURCH, Scotland, SD. Rev. Mathew Vazhappilly. MARCH WEEKEND Mass Sunday 9:30am or call (605)583-4318.

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

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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. 6pm 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

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.- 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.

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 9:00 am Serenity 10:15 The Holy Eucharist and Sunday School Wednesday 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, Sunday School at 9:30am Worship Service 10:45 am www.emmanuelyankton.com (605)665-0404.

Lutheran
CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN 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 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 10:30am (605)589-3195 www.MartinusLutheran.org

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

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN, LCMC/NALC, Menno. Pastor Theresa Jacobson Office 605-387-5241 Worship 9am, Brunch, SS 10:20am Wednesday Lenten Services at Grace, 7:30pm

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN, LCMCS, 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: 8:30am (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./10:45a.m. Worship; 9 a.m.-Breakfast; Classes-9:30a.m.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, Hartington/Crofton, NE. Justin Wise, interim 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 (PC/USA), 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.

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 METHODIST, Rick Pittenger, pastor. 624-2179. 9am Worship Service. 10:00am Sunday School.

United Methodist
WAKONDA, IRENE, VIBORG, UNITED METHODIST, Pastor Mark Gronseth. SUN. 8:30am Worship at Wakonda; 9:45am Worship at Irene; 11am Worship at Viborg.

KYNT 1450 AM Radio
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WNAX 570 AM Radio
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MIX 106 FM Radio
CLASSIC HITS 106 KVHT FM Radio SUN.-THUR. 10:05PM "Family Radio Rosary" with Bishop Robert Carlson.

ESPN Radio 1570
ESPN RADIO 1570 SUN, 10:30AM Trinity Lutheran Church, Vermillion, worship.

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KNOLOGY. MON. 6:30pm St. John's Lutheran; 7:30pm Calvary Baptist. TUE. 6:30pm Trinity Lutheran. WED. 6:30pm Antioch Baptist; 7:30pm Grace Bible. THUR. 8pm Assembly of God. FRI. 7pm United Church of Christ; 8pm Peace Presbyterian.

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