

Business Prayer Breakfast March 31

Mount Marty College, the Yankton Kiwanis Club and the Benedictine Institute of Leadership, Ethics and Social Justice are holding the 26th annual interdenominational Business Community Prayer Breakfast on Tuesday, March 31.
The event, entitled "Ethics in the Business World," is an opportunity for members of the Yankton business community to gather during Holy Week to discuss the importance of ethics in day-to-day business functions.

MVCA To Offer Preschool This Fall

Missouri Valley Christian Academy of Yankton announces the opening of a new preschool for the fall of 2015. The preschool will be non-denominational and open to children who live in and around Yankton.
Laurie Hanson will be the teacher and will bring 25 years of teaching experience to the classroom.

St. John's Lutheran Church

You are invited to join in the celebration of our Risen Savior, St. John's Lutheran Church, 1009 Jackson St. in Yankton.
Easter Egg Hunt children grades 5 or younger Saturday, March 28, 10a.m.
We will meet in the sanctuary to start the celebration.

Patron Saint Of Pawnshops?

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By now most of you understand that I have a slightly different approach to life, and this is no different.



REFLECTIONS

I realize we are quickly approaching Easter, but I want to stop for a moment and think about a saint whom we often associate with a winter celebration.

The saint I am referring to is Saint Nicholas, better known to us as Santa Claus, who was a real person who lived in Asia Minor, is the patron Saint of Pawn shops.

Many people don't realize that Santa Claus, based on the real historical person of Saint Nicholas, a leader in the early church from the city of Myra, also has another less-known title—the patron saint of pawnshops.

In the Middle Ages, "montes pietatis" were charities similar to urban food banks. They were created as an alternative to loan sharks.

Started by Franciscans, they became widespread throughout Europe. In a traditional story, which is probably based on real events, Saint Nicholas generously provided a poor man dowries for his three daughters, gold coins in three purses.

In the 1300s, people in poverty met caring friars when they entered the doors of pawnshops. The shops existed to help the poor get back on their feet.

interests in mind. I will leave the editorializing of the end of this story off, but I wonder what happened that Pawnshops which had been run by the religious orders soon became places that focused on profit rather than assistance?

Now I am not entirely advocating that the churches go back into the low interest loan business, or am I? I wonder what would happen if the Christian community of Yankton began to consider the poor and homeless population a Christian responsibility rather than a liability?

What would happen if instead of passing these folks from one social service agency to the next we started to open our buildings and our pocket-books, not to mention our expertise to make a difference in the lives of those who have been marginalized?

I don't know but I think I read somewhere in the Gospels these words: "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in...."

If I remember right there is something about being invited to join him in eternity. Now maybe I am wrong, maybe helping the poor and homeless has nothing to do with the mission of our local congregations.

Maybe we should consider paying more taxes, or giving more money to organizations like the United Way, after all they know what to do. But then again I don't recall anything about the Gospels giving us orders to subtly caring to someone else.

So I wonder, what would happen if the patron Saint of Pawnshops would pay us a visit, or maybe, the one who called Saint Nicolas into service himself might be interested in how we are following his commands would stop by.

What would he add his blessing to what we are doing, or might we be hearing these words: "Depart from me... For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me."

But then again what do I know about homeless and the poor, I am only a preacher.

But I wonder if the Christian community had at one time been active in serving those who need a leg up and not a hand out, maybe, just maybe the Yankton Christian community needs to give that focus a second, third, fourth, or as many looks as needed and then get our hands dirty in serving. Or maybe we can ignore it all and retreat to our stained glass buildings and shut the world out.

United Church Of Christ Rehearses For Palm Sunday Presentation

The 40-voice Adult Choir of the Yankton United Church of Christ (Congregational) is in the midst of rehearsals for its traditional Palm Sunday music presentation — this time of a new work, "Requiem," by contemporary composer Mark Hayes — scheduled for March 29 at 3 p.m. in the historic sanctuary at Fifth and Walnut Streets.

The choir will be accompanied by a 10-piece chamber ensemble, including woodwinds, organ, piano, and percussion, all under the leadership of Jennifer and Ted Powell, the church's directors of music.

The music includes classical and modern inspirations and uses both English and Latin to convey the traditional "mass for the dead" meaning so appropriate for the beginning of Holy Week. The public is invited; no admission will be charged, though a freewill offering to defray expenses will be gathered.

The church is fully accessible through its elevator entrance. For more information, contact Melissa Pratt, church administrative assistant (secretary@yanktonucc.org) or visit the Yankton UCC website (www.yanktonucc.org).

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 THU. 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 in Tabor at 10:30am Sundays. 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 9am.

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 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, Sundays 11:00am.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church 509 Capital, 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

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 times: Every 2nd, 4th Sunday at 10:30am in winter & 8:30am in summer. Confessions ½ 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 Lent: Mass & Stations of the Cross Friday's 7pm. 605-327-3438 www.stbonifacecd.parishesonline.com

St. Columbia Mayfield, rural Irene, SD. Saturday's at 5:30pm Holy Mass. Lent: Mass & Stations of the Cross: Tuesday's 7pm.

St. George Scotland, SD: Holy Mass Sundays 9a.m. Lent: Mass & Stations of the Cross: Thursdays 7p.m. March 22 @ 7p.m. Communal Penance Service. 605-583-4318. www.parishesonline.com/stgeorges-scotlandsd

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Catholic

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

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Lesterville. Mass time: Every 1st, 3rd, 5th Sunday 10:30am winter & 8:30am summer. Confessions ½ 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 10:30am Mass.

St. Vincent Catholic Church Springfield, SD. Sunday 10:30am Mass. Confessions ½ 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: Saturday 5pm.

The House of Mary Shrine, 6 miles West of Yankton, Hwy 52. Masses: Monday 8:30am - October. Masses Saturday's at 9:00am. Rosary Sunday's 4:00pm. 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 LATER-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. Wednesday Noon The Holy Eucharist. 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). Wwww.emmanuel-yankton.com (605)760-1143.

Evangelical

Kingsway Christian Church, 19th & Burleigh, Pastor Raymond Solberg 605-665-6317. 9am-SS; Worship 10:15am, 6pm Bible Study Videos, Wed-6:30pm Kids for Christ/Adult Bible Study. www.kingswaysd.org

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.

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

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 Christian Sulzle, 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; 8:30am; 10:00am Sunday School. 605-589-3195. www.StJohnsTyndallLCMS.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).

Lutheran

Trinity Lutheran Church, 403 Broadway Yankton, 665-7415. Contemporary Service SAT 5:30pm & Sun 8:15am. Sunday School/Coffee Sun 9:30am; Traditional Service SUN 10:45am; Classes Wed 6:30pm

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, 3:30pm Youth Group. WED: 6:30pm Discovery Zone for Kids. 6:45pm Adult Bible Study. www.discoverychurchofyanckton.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 (PCUSA), 206 E. 4th, 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, Newcastle, 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, 402-254-6563 or 664-5310, Rev. Gary Kimm, pastor. SUN. 8:15am Church school, 9am Worship.

United Church of Christ

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 (Congregational) 210 West 5th St. Yankton, SD 605-665-7320 Pastor Molly Carlson. SUN 8:45am and 11:00am Worship. 9:50am Fellowship, 10am Church School.

United Methodist

FIRST UNITED METHODIST, Yankton. Rev. Ron Johnson, Senior Pastor, 207 W. 11th St. 665-2991. Sunday worship times: Traditional 11am; Contemporary 8:30am; Sunday school 9:45am.

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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