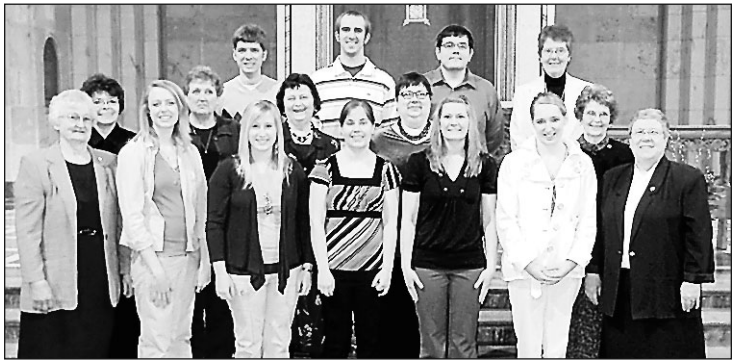


2011 OBLATION CEREMONY



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Front Row: Oblate Director S. Joelle Bauer OSB, Raelyn Coldwell, Emily Jo Bronemann, Ashley Soulek, Kim Kokesh, Megan Wortman, and S. Jennifer Kehrwald OSB, prioress. Middle Row: Mount Marty College Oblate Director S. Eileen O'Connor OSB; Oblate Novices Bev Pietz, Janene Cabalka, Diane Nicholson, and Oblate Carol Kurtzhals. Back Row: Oblates Gary Thury, Joey Stahl, Matthew Kammer, and On-Line Oblate Director, S. Bonita Gacnik OSB.

Incorporating The Rule Of St. Benedict

The reception of Oblate Novices and Final Oblation were part of a ceremony at Sacred Heart Monastery on April 17. Those becoming Oblate Novices were: Raelyn Coldwell, Emily Jo Bronemann, Ashley Soulek, Kim Kokesh, Megan Wortman, Bev Pietz, Janene Cabalka and Diane Nicholson. Making their Final Oblation were Matthew Kammer, Carol Kurtzhals, Gary Thury, and Joey Stahl. S. Jennifer Kehrwald, prioress of Sacred Heart Monastery, presided at the ceremony assisted by Oblate Director, S. Joelle Bauer, and Associate Directors S. Eileen O'Connor and Bonita Gacnik.

In addition to those present for the ceremony, seven persons became Oblate Novices as part of the on-line oblation program, and

three on-line oblates made their Final Oblation.

The Oblate Program is for lay men and women who wish to incorporate the Rule of St. Benedict into their daily lives to their extent possible and be affiliated with a particular monastery or abbey. The novices will spend the coming year studying the Rule, learning more about living as a Benedictine Oblate, and discerning their call to live as an Oblate.

For more information about the Oblate Program at Sacred Heart Monastery, contact S. Joelle Bauer at 605-668-6009 or email jbauer@mtmc.edu. Information can also be found on the monastery website: www.yanktonbenedictines.org.

Easter: A Present Reality

BY TERRY PORT
Calvary Baptist Church

As a church family we had the very special privilege this year of providing an Easter gift to our community in the form of a pageant entitled "Behold Your King." Based on a book written in the 1940s, the play written by one of our church members, Deb Stevens, depicted the journey of a young man, Jonathan, in his journey to faith as he observed the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. He came to believe that Jesus was in fact his Messiah.

In your journey of faith where you come to know Jesus, the

Christ (Messiah), as your Savior, the one who died on the cross for your sin? Someone has said, "Until we understand that we are the reason for the cross, we will never be able to benefit from what Jesus did on the cross." In other words, if I only see the crucifixion as an historical event, without owning the fact that my sin put him there, I will never see the need for the forgiveness that his death provides. Although I believe the historical event took place, I will still be dead in my



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to receive forgiveness for my sin, I also have the opportunity to have a personal relationship with God with the Spirit of the resurrected Christ dwelling within me.

As Paul writes to the believers in Ephesus the goal is "that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith." My question to you is very simply, "Does Christ dwell in your heart through faith?" That is a radically different question than "Do you believe that Jesus died on the cross and was raised from the dead on Resurrection Sunday?" One is history. The other is a life transforming present reality! Easter is about present reality, not simply past history. May you experience, by faith, the reality of Jesus within you each day of your life as you daily experience the resurrection power of Jesus Christ who dwells in your heart through faith.

Voices Of Faith: Is Technology Pleasing To God?

MEANS TO AN END

The marvels of "high-tech" society are visible in the achievements in medical science to the destructive power of warfare. In our daily lives, the overwhelming use of high-tech tools is hard to miss. However, these tools are only a means to an end.

Therefore, one must recognize that with progress in technology, only the means have changed, while the ends are still rooted in material values. Consequently, the same greed, violence, environmental degradation and economic disparity persist in society because the human mind has failed to keep pace in its spiritual growth.

Also, these high-tech tools, if not used wisely, can create a distorted view of reality. Therefore, a high-tech society in itself cannot be pleasing or displeasing to God. What is pleasing to God

are the endearing qualities of the human mind that come from spiritual wisdom.

EVIL SPREADS MORE EASILY

The technological developments of the last few decades, such as computers, the Internet, email and cellphones can be used to increase knowledge, development and progress, leading us closer to God, or used for corruption and mischief, leading us farther away from him. This all depends upon our own sincerity, commitment and intentions.

The Internet can be used to participate in helpful classes, to discover useful and true information about the world and people in it, and as a place to exchange ideas that can make our lives better and more productive. We can learn about the needs of others and find ways to help.

All these are things religion should encourage and would be pleasing to God.

But these tools and devices can also be used to distribute misinformation and pornography, to abuse and deceive others, and to commit on-line scams. Evil behavior and influences can be spread farther and faster and more anonymously through the new technology. These are all things disgusting to decent and honest people and, needless to say, would be displeasing to God.

It is God's mercy that we exist on this Earth. And it is God's mercy that we have brains that can be used to reason, invent and improve our lives. We need to use God's gifts to believe in and obey God and to do our best to do what is good and right in this world. But this is true with or without technology.

RELIGION DIGEST

Sacred Heart Seeks Historical Items Of Church

Sacred Heart Parish of Yankton was established in 1871 and is the 2nd oldest parish in Dakota Territory. For a time it served as the Pro Cathedral when Yankton was home to Bishop Martin Marty. Thousands have received Sacraments in the three church buildings that have stood at the corner of 5th and Capital. The parish is currently seeking items relating to the 140 year history of the parish. Old photos, items relating to the Sacraments, pieces from the old church, and any other mementos will be archived and used for display purposes. Please contact the Development Office at 665-4585 or drop items at the parish offices at 6th and Capital.

Luncheon Fund-Raiser For Church Women May 6

Church Women United in Yankton is sponsoring a May Friendship Day event on Friday, May 6. A feature of the day will be fund-raising

luncheons in homes of church members.

Hostesses for the 11:30 luncheons are: Ann Hudson, Bonnie Mattison, Pat Michels, Nancy Sternquist, Rita Wentworth and Anne Withrow.

A worship celebration will follow the luncheons at United Church of Christ, 5th and Walnut at 1:30 p.m.

Reservations will be accepted at Sacred Heart Monastery, 605-668-6000, through May 3.

Church Women United is an Ecumenical Christian organization celebrating 70 years of prayer and service this year. Currently, there are eight member congregations in Yankton.

Assembly Of God Offers A Mother's Day Event

The First Assembly of God church in Yankton invite you to join them for a special Mother's Day event of encouragement and beautiful music. Liz Hanson is a young Mom who loves God, and works hard

to balance a family and a career. Her love for God and her family were TRANSFORMED by the birth of a very special daughter. Come hear her story of motherhood, trial, hope, love ... and Grace.

A light brunch will be held at 10 a.m., Saturday, May 7. Call (605) 665-6362 to reserve tickets

'Cook Simply, Eat Smart' Planned For Gayville

GAYVILLE — Gayville Lutheran Church will host a "Cook Simply, Eat Smart" at 6:30-9 p.m. Thursday, May 12, at the church, located at 307 Washington St., Gayville.

"Cook Simply Eat Smart" will teach participants about different food safety techniques while preparing recipes, and leave with 6 single servings.

For more information, call 356-2321 by May 9 to secure your place. Spaces are limited to 10 individuals.

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. 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, 10:45am 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.

Baptist

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH, 2407 Broadway, Yankton. (605)665-5594. Rev. Jon Cooke, Pastor Jeremy Nelson, and Laura Kotalik. www.cbchurch.com SAT-URDAY May 7 1:30 PM Navah Holdahl Bridal Shower SUNDAY May 8:30 AM Intercessory Prayer Time

9:00 AM & 10:45 AM Worship Services Message "One Thing You Can Be Certain Of" MONDAY May 9 9:00 AM Ladies Prayer Time 7:00 PM Men's Bible Study 7:30 PM Service broadcast on Channels 3 & 98 TUESDAY May 10 7:00 PM Board Meeting WEDNESDAY May 11 6:45 AM Men's Prayer Time 6:00 PM Intercessory Prayer 6:30 PM 7th-8th Grade Youth 7:00 PM 9th-12th Grade Youth 7:00 PM Adult Bible Study THURSDAY May 12 10:00 AM Preschool Storytime 4:30 PM Senior Connection "Mystery Lunch" 6:00 PM Kids Hope Picnic 7:00 PM Celebrate Recovery FRIDAY May 13 6:00 PM Calvary Kids Preschool Picnic 7:00 PM Youth Movie & Theology Night 7:00 PM "Cruisin'" 247.

Bible Church

GRACE BIBLE CHURCH, Meeting in Home Fellowship groups for Spring of 2011. Call Pastor Joel Finck for times & locations. (605)760-4701.

Catholic

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH OF CEDAR COUNTY (Immaculate Conception), St. Helena, NE. Rev. Eric Olsen. (402)357-2400. Mass: Saturdays 5pm

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH OF CEDAR COUNTY (Sts. Peter & Paul), Bow Valley, NE. Rev. Eric Olsen (402)357-2400. Mass: Sat. 8pm & Sun. 11am.

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH OF CEDAR COUNTY (Sacred Heart), Wyanot, NE. Rev. Eric Olsen. (402)357-2400. Mass times: 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.

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.

Catholic

ST. BENEDICT CATHOLIC CHURCH, 1500 St. Benedict Drive, Yankton, Father Ken Lulf, 664-8214 (church). Masses: SAT. 5pm. SUN. 8:30am & 10:30am.

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

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

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

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

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

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST 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; 7pm-Kids for Christ & Adult Bible Study.

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 May 8 9:00 Services 10:15 The Holy Eucharist and Sunday School Wednesday May 11 Noon The Holy Eucharist Thursday May 12 The Holy Communion Majestic Bluffs.

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 9:30, Worship Service 10:45, www.emmanuel-yankton.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 KING LUTHERAN CHURCH: 305 W. 25th, Yankton, 665-8848. Rev. Dani Jo Ninke. SUN: 8:30am & 10:45am 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. 9am Worship 9:30am Sunday School. firsthope@santel.net

Lutheran

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, 200 South Wilson, Delmont. (605)935-6941. SUN. 10:45am Worship. 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. 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 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. Worship Saturday, 5:30pm, Sunday, 8:15am & 10:45am. 9:30 coffee fellowship.

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

Lutheran

VANGEN LUTHERAN CHURCH, Mission Hill, 665-5426. Rev. Lance Lindgren, Pastor. Worship 10am; Coffee Fellowship 11am; Sunday School 9am; Wednesday Evening Worship 6:30pm; Quilters each Wed. 9am; WELCA 3rd Thurs. 1:30pm; Senior Dinner first Thurs. 12pm.

Non-Denominational

FAITH ALIVE, 501 Cedar St., Yankton. 665-4797. Contemporary Worship & Family Values. SUN: 10am service. WED. 7pm 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.

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. 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.

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 Rev. Joe Schulte, Pastor. SUN.-10am Worship, 11am-Fellowship, 11:05am Church Schl. Nursery Provided.

United Church

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 AM Hour, KYNT.

GAYVILLE-VOLIN UNITED METHODIST, Brook McBride, pastor. 624-2179. 9am Worship Service. 10:00am Sunday School.

VERMILLION FIRST UNITED METHODIST, 16 N. Dakota, 624-2179. SUN. 10:30am Worship service.

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

KYNT 1450 AM Radio SAT. 10:30am "Saturday Morning Live." SUN. 8:30am United Methodist Hour. 9:05am "God's Good News." 9:30am St. John's Lutheran Church

WNAX 570 AM Radio. Lutheran Shows-6:30am, 8am, 11am. Wings of Healing-7:30am. Words of Hope 8:30am. Prov. Ref. Church-8:45am. Voice of Prop.-9:30am. Hr. of Hope 10am.ChristianCrusaders-10:30am.

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.

Knology

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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