

Wycliffe Missionary Banquet Tonight

The Wycliffe Missionary Banquet will be tonight (Friday) at the Kelly Inn on Highway 50 beginning at 7 p.m. For reservations, contact Pastor Joe Mason at 661- 0937. Tickets are free. Guest speakers will be Kris and Kathy Russel, who have ministered in Papula, New Guinea, and the U. S.

Faith United Confirmation Students To Serve

VOLIN — Confirmation students at Faith United Lutheran, rural Volin, are bussing tables on Monday, Nov. 7, to raise money for the Gayville-Volin Food Pantry. Thrivent will match all funds raised during the hours of 5 p.m. and 8 p.m., so your generosity is welcomed and appreciated! Please stop by any Casey's General Stores to pick up a flyer and present it when paying for your meal.

World Community Day To Be Celebrated Today

Church Women United invites all women to World Community Day. This celebration of worship and fellowship will be held today (Friday, Nov. 4) at 1:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, located at Fifth and Capital Streets in Yankton.

“Living Our Faith, Unlocking Action” is the theme. Music, Scripture and meditation will be led by women of eight Yankton churches.

Annual Turkey Dinner Planned For Springfield

SPRINGFIELD — The Women’s Fellowship of the United Church of Christ in Springfield is holding its annual turkey dinner with all the trimmings from 5-7 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 9, at the Community Services Center at Springfield.

Bazaar items will also be available starting at 4 p.m., with baked goods, etc., at the Community Center. Raffle tickets may be purchased for numerous prize drawings. Yoy need not be present to win.

Yankton Community Feast Date Announced

The 16th annual Yankton Community Feast will be held Wednesday, Nov. 23, at Calvary Baptist Church, 2407 Broadway, Yankton. Serving time is 4:30-7 p.m.

Currently, volunteers and donations are being sought for the feast. Items being sought include turkey, dressing and pies. If you are interested, contact Donna Madson at 760-3170.

Also, cash donations for the feast are being accepted at First National Bank South Dakota, 332 Broadway.

Meals can be delivered only for shut-ins. If interested, call 760-3170 by 5 p.m. Nov. 18.

Menno Soup Kitchen To Be Held Sunday

MENNO — Our Savior’s Lutheran Church, 29219 431 Ave., rural Menno, is sponsoring a soup kitchen on Sunday, Nov. 6, running from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

The menu will include soups with sandwiches, desserts and beverages. There will also be a bake sale.

A free-will donation will be asked.

For more information, contact Barb Ulmer at 605-387-5256 or cbulmer@svtv.com.

House Of Mary Shrine To Hold Christmas Sales

Christmas Sale at the Gift Shop at The House of Mary Shrine on Saturday Nov. 5 from 9:45 a.m. (after Mass) until 4 p.m. On Sunday, Nov. 6 the shop will be open from 1-4 p.m.

Keep Christ in Christmas with religious books, games, puzzles and much more!

Healthy Thinking About The Almighty

BY WILLIAM MCKENZIE
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Feel like inner demons are driving you toward drugs? Anxious about your wayward child? Worried that the world is twisting off its moral hinges?

Those troubles might lead you to a church that draws bright lines between right and wrong, preaches fiercely against the powers of the world and stands angrily against sin.

A congregation like that could strengthen you to fight wickedness within your soul and the world. Just being in the pew shows you’re on the side of the right. And Way Up There, God is noting your presence.

But a new Baylor University survey suggests such a congregation may not provide a strong peace of mind, after all. The third installment of the Baylor Religion Survey shows believers in a judgmental God have more, not fewer, anxieties than believers in an engaged, loving God.

According to Baylor’s researchers, those who believe in a very judgmental God have 45 percent more concerns related to social anxiety. They have 37 percent more concerns related to paranoia. And they have 33 percent more concerns related to compulsions.

The degree of anxieties among such believers contrasts sharply to the lesser worries found among those who draw upon a loving, warm relationship with God and are more likely to attend churches that reflect those ideas. In those congregations, you won’t hear claims about God, say, sending

hurricanes to punish nations. Nor will you encounter many sermons about the Almighty separating the good from the bad. And you won’t get much about Judgment Day.

Instead, you’ll hear about God’s embrace of his creation. You’ll learn about his love for each of his children. And you’ll be reminded about God’s concern for those who are poor and outcast.

The results evidently pay off, at least in terms of mental health. Baylor’s team found:

- Respondents who strongly believe they have a warm relationship with God report 31 percent fewer mental issues, on average.
- Those who strongly believe God knows when they need support report 19 percent fewer mental health issues, on average.
- Those who strongly believe that God is responsive to them report 19 percent fewer mental health issues.
- Respondents who strongly believe God’s love never fails report 17 percent fewer mental health issues, on average.

These findings are fascinating because they seem so counterintuitive. Turning to an authoritarian God who will protect you against hostile forces may seem the way to control your anxieties. But preachers who pound the lectern about evil and God vanquishing opponents may heighten your worries.

The Baylor data are timely given that Americans’ fears are on the march. Look at the headlines, or listen to the political conversation. The economy’s going nowhere. Incomes are stagnant. Illegal immigrants, even their as-

piring children, are demons.

The latest manifestation of our frustration is the Occupy Wall Street movement. *The Economist* captured its spirit in the magazine’s latest cover story “Rage Against the Machine.”

America occasionally goes through anxious periods. Some then turn to religious leaders with a strict view of God. They draw clear contrasts and clarity is appealing.

This isn’t only an American phenomenon, either. The Psalms are full of slewing and slaying. And, coming from a long line of Scots, I can say my people have done fierce views of God quite well.

But maybe all that anger doesn’t help. Maybe we’re better off moving down the continuum toward what Baylor sociologists Paul Froese and Christopher Bader call “an overwhelmingly forgiving God.”

The pair has participated in their university’s surveys. In their 2010 book, “America’s Four Gods,” they report on a tug-of-war between Americans’ views of God. On one side, there is the severely judgmental God. On the other, is that loving, forgiving God.

Of course, churches that espouse a loving, warm God can turn him into a pal, not a majestic force behind the universe. They need to guard against watered-down theology.

But, surprisingly, they may best allay our worries.

William McKenzie is an editorial columnist for The Dallas Morning News. Readers may write to him at the Dallas Morning News, Communications Center, Dallas, Texas 75265; email: umckenzie@dallasnews.com.

Sacred Heart Parish Dinner And Bazaar Set

The Sacred Heart Parish Dinner & Bazaar will be held on Sunday, Nov. 6. Serving will be from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the new Sacred Heart Parish Center, Fifth and Capital Street, Yankton.

The dinner menu includes turkey and stuffing, mashed potatoes and gravy, cranberries, dinner roll, salad, dessert and beverage. There are special prices for sixth grade-adult, preschool-fifth grade, with free meals for children ages 2 and under.

The bazaar includes books, baked goods and games. Everyone is welcome to attend.

St. Helena Swiss Steak Dinner Nov. 6

ST. HELENA, Neb. — The St. Helena Catholic Order of Foresters’ annual Swiss Steak Dinner will be held at Immaculate Conception Hall in St. Helena, Neb., on Sunday, Nov. 6. Meals will be served from 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

The dinner features Swiss steak served with mashed potatoes, choice of vegetable, salads, dinner roll, and dessert.

Proceeds from the dinner will go towards new restrooms at the St. Helena Social Club Hall.

For more information, contact Victor Paltz at 402-357-2163 or full-house@gpcom.net.

‘Watch The Lamb’ To Be Presented In Nebraska

On Sunday, Nov. 20, First Trinity Lutheran Church, Bloomfield, Neb. and Golgotha Lutheran Church, Wausa, Neb. will present “Watch The Lamb” at 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. This event will be held at the Harm and Tulleys Event Center, located on the Knox County Fairgrounds in Bloomfield, Neb. “Watch The Lamb” will include a joint choir, soloist, duets and a trio, along with live animals and a cast of over 50 church members telling the story of the birth of Jesus Christ. “Watch The Lamb” will conclude with the singing of Christmas carols in a candle-light setting.

There will also be a gift for each family that attends. While this event takes place inside, there is no heat in the building so please dress accordingly. You may want to bring a blanket to set on, as the bleachers are still chilly, even though they are inside. Cookies, Hot Chocolate and Coffee will be served following each presentation, along with some great fellowship.

The Live Nativity Presentation is a free gift from First Trinity and Golgotha to all who attend. It is our privilege to share the love of Jesus with you. There will be no ticket cost or free will offering so just bring the family and enjoy a great afternoon of Christian fellowship and love.

For more information you may contact Pastor Duane Fahr of First Trinity at 373-4797, ftlc@gpcom.net or Pastor Adam Salinas at 586-2412, adaminas@yahoo.com.

CHURCH SCHEDULES

<p>Abundant Life</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Baptist</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Catholic</p> <p>ST. BONIFACE CHURCH, rural Freeman. NOVEMBER WEEKEND Mass Saturdays 6:15 p.m. or call Rev. Mathew Vazhappily. (605)583-4318.</p>	<p>Church of Jesus Christ</p> <p>CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST LATTER-DAY SAINTS, 2300 Douglas, Yankton. Randy Campbell, (605)565-2016. Family History Ctr 665-0901. SUN. 10am Sacrament meeting.</p>	<p>Lutheran</p> <p>Martinus Lutheran Church, Utica. Pastor Dean Schroeder Sunday Divine Service 10:30am (605)589-3195 www.MartinusLutheran.org</p>	<p>Presbyterian</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>United Methodist</p> <p>WAKONDA, IRENE, VIBORG, UNITED METHODIST, Pastor Mark Gronseth. SUN. 8:30am Worship at Wakonda; 9:45am Worship at Irene; 11am Worship at Viborg.</p>
<p>Alliance of Renewal Churches</p> <p>LIVING WATER CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP,Sun. 10am Yankton Middle School (2000 Mulberry) Weds. 7pm Prayer. David Olson, pastor. (605)260-2138.</p>	<p>Bible Church</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>ST. COLUMBA CHURCH, rural Irene. NOVEMBER WEEKEND Mass, Saturdays 4:30 p.m. or call Rev. Mathew Vazhappily, (605)583-4318.</p>	<p>Episcopal</p> <p>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 Thursday 3:30 Holy Communion at Majestic Bluffs.</p>	<p>OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN, rural Irene. 263-3724. SUN. 9am Worship.</p>	<p>Reformed</p> <p>RIVERVIEW REFORMED, 17th St. & Burleigh, Rev. Rodney Veldhuizen, pastor. 665-9204. SUN. 9:30am Worship, 10:15am SS. WED. Youth group & adult choir.</p>	<p>KYNT 1450 AM Radio</p> <p>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</p>
<p>Assembly of God</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Catholic</p> <p>HOLY FAMILY CHURCH OF CEDAR COUNTY (Sacred Heart), Wynot, NE. Rev. Eric Olsen. (402)357-2400. Mass times: Saturdays at 8pm, Sundays at 11am.</p>	<p>ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC, Lesterville. SUN. 10:30am Mass.</p>	<p>Evangelical</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>OUR SAVIOR’S LUTHERAN, LCMC/NALC, Menno. Interim Past 9:00am with brunch to follow; Sunday School 10:20a.m. Questions call (605)387-5256</p>	<p>Seventh-Day</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>WNAX 570 AM Radio</p> <p>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.</p>
<p>Baptist</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>HOLY FAMILY CHURCH OF CEDAR COUNTY (Immaculate Conception), St. Helena, NE. Rev. Eric Olsen. (402)357-2400. Mass: Saturdays 5pm.</p>	<p>ST. JOSEPH’S CATHOLIC CHURCH, Constance, Neb., Fr. David Fulton, pastor. SAT. Mass: 7:30pm.</p>	<p>St. Patrick’s Catholic Church, Pastor Oliver Omanson, Stewart Elementary School; Morning Service 10:30 a.m. Wednesday College Bible Study 1306 Maple Street. Mike Stevens 665-8750.</p>	<p>St. John Lutheran Church, Tyndall. Pastor Dean Schroeder. Sunday Divine Service: 8:30am (605)589-3195. www.StJohnsTyndallLCMS.org</p>	<p>United Church</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>MIX 106 FM Radio</p> <p>CLASSIC HITS 106 KVHT FM Radio SUN.-THUR. 10:05PM “Family Radio Rosary” with Bishop Robert Carlson.</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>MOUNT MARTY COLLEGE, Peace Chapel, MMC campus. SUN. 10am Mass with the Sisters in the Bishop Marty Chapel. Public is welcome to attend.</p>	<p>ST. PATRICK’S CATHOLIC, Wakonda, Rev. Scott Trayner, 624-2697. SUN. 8:30am Mass.</p>	<p>St. Michael Schmitz, 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.</p>	<p>St. John Lutheran Church, Tyndall. Pastor Dean Schroeder. Sunday Divine Service: 8:30am (605)589-3195. www.StJohnsTyndallLCMS.org</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>ESPN Radio 1570</p> <p>ESPN RADIO 1570 SUN. 10:30AM Trinity Lutheran Church, Vermillion, worship.</p>
<p>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, Children’s Min Dir Laura Kotalik. www.cbchurch.com 2407 Broadway, (605)665-5594.</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>St. Wenceslaus, Tabor, (605)463-2336. Rev. Joseph Puthenkulathil, SAT. 7pm Mass. SUN. 8:30am Mass.</p>	<p>St. John Lutheran Church, Tyndall. Pastor Dean Schroeder. Sunday Divine Service: 8:30am (605)589-3195. www.StJohnsTyndallLCMS.org</p>	<p>United Methodist</p> <p>TRINITY UNITED METHODIST, 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.</p>	<p>Knology</p> <p>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.</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>ST. BENEDICT CATHOLIC CHURCH, 1500 St. Benedict Drive, Yankton, Father Ken Lulf, 664-6214 (church). Masses: SAT. 5pm. SUN. 8:30am&10:30am.</p>	<p>Charismatic</p> <p>YAHWEH-SHALOM CHARI-MATIC, St. Benedict Catholic Church. MON. 7:30pm prayer meeting</p>	<p>Lutheran</p> <p>CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH: 305 W. 25th, Yankton, 665-8848. Rev. Dani Jo Ninke. SUN: 8:30am & 10am Worship, SS-9:45am.</p>	<p>St. John Lutheran Church, Tyndall. Pastor Dean Schroeder. Sunday Divine Service: 8:30am (605)589-3195. www.StJohnsTyndallLCMS.org</p>	<p>United Church of Christ, Crofton, Neb., 412 W. Main St., (402)388-4124, Pastor Les Parmenter. SUN. 10:00am Worship.</p>	
	<p>ST. BONIFACE CATHOLIC CHURCH, Menominee, Neb., Rev. David Fulton, pastor. SUN. 8:30am Mass.</p>	<p>Christian</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>St. John Lutheran Church, Tyndall. Pastor Dean Schroeder. Sunday Divine Service: 8:30am (605)589-3195. www.StJohnsTyndallLCMS.org</p>		
	<p>ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC, Fordyce, Neb. Rev. David Fulton. SUN. 10:30am Mass.</p>	<p>Church of Christ</p> <p>CHURCH OF CHRIST, 1114 West 12th, Yankton, 665-6379. SUN. 9:30am Bible study; classes for all ages. 10:30am Worship.</p>	<p>FIRST AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH, AFLC 300 S. Carpenter St., Tripp. (605)935-6941 9:30am Sunday School; SUN. 10:45 Worship firsthope@santel.net</p>	<p>Trondhjem Lutheran Church (AFLC), rural Volin. 263-3841. SUN. 9:15am; 10:30am Worship.</p>		
			<p>HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH, AFLC 200 South Wilson, Delmont. (605)935-6941. SUN 9am Worship. 10am Sunday school. firsthope@santel.net</p>	<p>Non-Denominational</p> <p>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.</p>		
			<p>OUR SAVIOR’S LUTHERAN, LCMs, 12th and Elm, Springfield. Rev. Kenneth Johnson, pastor. SUN. 8am Worship. 9am SS. THUR. 7pm Adult Bible study.</p>	<p>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.</p>		

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