

## Trinity To Present 26th Season Of Bach's Lunch

Trinity Lutheran Church is presenting its twenty sixth season of Advent recitals — Bach's Lunch. The events are Thursday noons during the Advent season; they begin at 11:45 a.m. with a lunch of soup (several choices), crusty bread and beverage (served in the Friendship Room). The recitals begin at 12:15 p.m. in the sanctuary.

This year's recitals feature Trinity's new Young-Chang grand piano — as a solo instrument, in duet and as an accompanying instrument. The first recital, Dec. 3, features pianists Dr. Susanne Skyrum and Dr. Susan Keith Gray; their recital will include solos, duets and a number for two pianos — "The Catbird Seat" — by South Dakota composer Jeremy Hegg, commissioned for them and performed by them at the recent South Dakota Music Teacher's Association annual conference.

Dr. Keith Gray, a native of Bristol, Tenn., has been a member of the USD faculty and the Rawlins Piano Trio since 1995. She is also a member of the Kobayashi/Gray Duo (violin/piano). She has made five CDs with these groups. She is the 2005 recipient of USD's Belbas-Larson Award for Excellence in Teaching. Dr. Skyrum is a native of Idaho, has lived in Italy for seven years and has been at USD for 21 years. Her area of expertise is Spanish and Latin American music, an area she has lectured and recitalized in abroad and in the US. She is a founding member of the Dakota Baroque and Classic Company — a period instrument group.

Pianist Scott Arens will perform the Dec. 10 recital. Scott is a 2006 graduate of Yankton High School and is a senior piano performance major studying under Dr. Keith Gray. Scott has worked with a number of internationally renowned pianists and the for past two summers has served as a faculty collaborative pianist at the International Performing Arts Institute for Opera and Musical Theatre held in Kiefersfelden, Germany. Scott enjoys collaborating with opera students and playing for various musical theatre productions at USD and in Yankton. He will be joined in his recital by baritone Junior Darwin, a graduate vocal student at USD.

The final concert, Dec. 17, will be performed by trumpeter Matt Hoffner. Matt is a 2004 graduate of YHS and a 2008 graduate of the University of Minnesota, majoring in trumpet performance, studying primarily with Gary Bordner. Matt has attended music festivals in Aspen, Tennessee and Tanglewood. He presently plays with the South Dakota Symphony, the Bloomington (Minn.) Symphony and subs in the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra. He also teaches private lessons. In keeping with his chosen career path, his current focus is on orchestra auditions. His Bach's Lunch recital will feature music by J.S. Bach and also Christmas music. He will be accompanied by Marilyn Nyberg.

## 'The Spirit of Christmas' To Take Over Vermillion

VERMILLION — The Special Events Committee for the Vermillion Area Chamber and Development Company (VADC) is gearing up for its third annual "Parade of Lights" in Downtown Vermillion on Friday, Dec. 2. Vermillion area merchants, businesses, schools and organizations are encouraged to put together a float for the parade. This year's theme is "The Spirit of Christmas," so get your creativity flowing and enter. Entry forms can be found on the VADC website, www.vermillionchamber.com, or at the Chamber office at 116 Market St. A trophy and \$25 in Vermillion Bucks will be awarded to the winner. Deadline to enter is Nov. 29.

At the end of the parade, Santa and Mrs. Claus will light the community Christmas Tree at Ratingen Platz on Market and Main Streets. After the tree lighting, children and parents are invited to the Vermillion Public Library for "Stockings for Soldiers," an opportunity to make ornaments to take home, and to decorate a stocking for a soldier serving overseas.

## 18th Annual Christmas Coffee And Bake Sale Set

A "purr-fect" way to begin your Christmas season is with the annual coffee and bake sale held each year on the first Saturday of December at the United Church of Christ (Congregational), located at Fifth and Walnut in Yankton. The huge bake sale will feature cookies, candy, snacks, canned goods, jam, kuchen, kolaches, fancy desserts and more.

The fresh floral centerpieces from Pied Piper Flower Shop will also be for sale. There will be "purr-fect" kitten favors which mark each place setting for guests to take home. Doors will open at 1 p.m.

# Living A Disciplined Life

BY REV. LANCE LINDGREN

Vangen Lutheran Church, Mission Hill

*Authors Note: I sent this reflection out a few years ago to subscribers to my (almost) weekly e-mail devotionals. It was during the week of Thanksgiving at that time.*

*"Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, be steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen." 1 Peter 5:6-11*

When it comes to living a disciplined life there are several ideas in this text that are counter-intuitive to how we

normally think. First, we tend to think that self discipline is primarily an act of the will; that we set our mind to it and just do it.

But the phrase in Peter's letter, "humble yourselves," suggests something more along the lines of "letting go and letting God." (and during this Thanksgiving week, it suggests how we should approach God to give thanks). It has more to do with surrendering than attacking.

Second, whether it be eating better (especially at this time of year), exercising more, praying more regularly, reading more carefully, or quitting a long held habit, anxiety is waiting just around the corner. High anxiety! There too, we tend to think we can beat such anxiety with the power of positive thinking. However, just ignore it! Peter's admonishment, "Cast all your



anxiety on him," suggests that we just let it go! That we give it to God, literally, in prayer! And we're always invited to let God have all that troubles us!

Third, we tend to think that instilling discipline in our lives is all about us! We have to do it! We have to do it on our own, or somehow it doesn't count or doesn't get done! Again, another phrase in Peter's letter that, "Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around," suggests that our desires for healthy living come in the face of actual opposition. I know for me, it certainly feels like that at times!

But we need to remember that lions don't attack the herd — they lay back in the weeds looking for the old, the weak, and the ones falling behind. There is safety in numbers, which means

it's better for us to stay with others. Recruit some friends to join you, to encourage you, to guide you; which is why we also have churches — to pray together, to study God's Word together, to carry out the mission of the church together; and to support and encourage one another. And perhaps, through those friends, and sisters and brothers in Christ, God will be there to "restore, support, strengthen and establish you..."

A blessed Thanksgiving to all! Let us pray: Gracious Lord, how is it that we can be surprised at the idea that there are powerful forces at work that would draw us away from faithful, healthy lives? We pray you would remind us in the face of the struggles of our lives, that we are not alone. We ask that you would come to us; that we might let you take our anxieties, and that you might help us find some helpful friends to encourage us along the way. In Jesus' name. Amen.

## St. John's Preschool To Hold Open House

St. John's Preschool cordially invites you to our Preschool "Experience It" Open House Night on Monday, Nov. 28 from 5:30-7 p.m.

Come and experience preschool with us. We welcome children ages 2-4 to come and meet the teachers. You will also have the opportunity to see what preschool is all about in a Christ-centered environment. We have a wonderful program to offer.

Refreshments will be provided. Preschool registration for the 2012-2013 school year opens on Thursday, Dec. 1. All St. John's members receive a 25% tuition discount.

Call 665-7337 with any questions. St. John's Preschool is located at 1009 Jackson Street, Yankton. Information can also be found on our website: www.stjpreschool.org.

## MMC Tour Of Europe Trip Planned For May

"The Holocaust in Europe" is the title for a Mount Marty College Education First trip to Europe that will take place May 15-25, 2012. Destinations include the cities of Berlin, Warsaw, Krakow and Prague.

You are invited to go to the Facebook page entitled European Travel with Mount Marty College to learn about travel opportunities with MMC.

Information about this trip is also available under the tab Professor's Tour on the College's website at www.mtmc.edu. Contact S. Cynthia Binder at (605) 668-1463, cbinder@mtmc.edu or Dr. Rich Lofthus at (605) 668-1462, rlofthus@mtmc.edu for more information about the 2012 trip.

## Calvary Kids Preschool Plans Holiday Open House

Calvary Kids Preschool, located at 2407 Broadway, will host a Holiday Open House on Sunday, Dec. 4 from 2-4 p.m.

All are welcome as this will be a great opportunity to visit the classroom, meet our teacher, Laurie Hanson, see the new SmartBoard, and get additional information about the school.

Holiday treats will be served, children will have the opportunity to make a craft project and one free registration prize will be drawn from completed registrations turned in that afternoon.

Calvary Kids Preschool offers a quality education for 3 year olds, 4 year olds, and Junior Kindergarten in a caring Christian environment. We feature ABeka curriculum and many education field trips are taken each year.

For additional information, contact Laura Kotalik at (605) 665-5594 or check us out on the web at www.calvarykidspreschool.com.

## Missouri Valley Christian To Present Program

Missouri Valley Christian Academy will present its 2011 Christmas Program on Friday, Dec. 2 at Christ the King Lutheran Church (305 W. 25th Street).

The program will begin at 7 p.m. A time of fellowship with refreshments will follow.

Students and staff welcome everyone to attend. For more information you can visit their website at www.mvcamustangs.org.



# 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, Children's Min Dir Laura Kotalik. 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.

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## 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, 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 (Sacred Heart), Wynot, NE. Rev. Eric Olsen. (402)357-2400. Mass times: Saturdays at 8pm, Sundays at 11am.

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

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

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

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

## Catholic

ST. BONIFACE CHURCH, rural Freeman. NOVEMBER WEEKEND Mass Saturdays 6:15 p.m. or call Rev. Mathew Vazhappally. (605)583-4318.

ST. COLUMBA CHURCH, rural Irene. NOVEMBER WEEKEND Mass, Saturdays 4:30 p.m. or call Rev. Mathew Vazhappally, (605)583-4318.

ST. GEORGE CHURCH, Scotland, SD. Rev. Mathew Vazhappally. NOVEMBER WEEKEND Mass Sundays 9:30 a.m. or call (605)583-4318.

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. 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.-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 9:00 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.emmanuelnyankton.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 firstshope@santel.net

GAYVILLE-BERGEN LUTHERAN Pastor Ralph Egbert. (605)267-4342 (church) Sunday: Bergen SS-10:15am GLC SS- 9:15am, GLC Worship-10:30am.

HOLY LUTHERAN CHURCH, AFLC 200 South Wilson, Delmont. (605)935-6941. SUN 9am Worship. 10am Sunday school. firstshope@santel.net

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN, LCMS, 12th and Elm, Springfield. Rev. Kenneth Johnson, pastor. SUN. 8am Worship. 9am SS. THUR. 7pm Adult Bible study.

## Lutheran

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, LCMS/NALC, Menno. Interim Past 9:00am with brunch to follow; Sunday School 10:20a.m. Questions call (605)387-5256

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.StJohnsTyndallCMS.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 Wiense, interum pastor; (402)254-6606. SUN. 9am Worship (Hartington), 10am SS (Hartington), 11am Worship (Crofton).

TRONDHEIM 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.

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