

Beginning Experience Weekend Planned In Irene

A Beginning Experience Weekend for widowed, divorced & separated is designed to allow people to work through the emotions of losing a spouse. Through this weekend, many are healed, transformed, and freed to love themselves, others and God.

The next weekend is planned for Nov. 30-Dec 2, 2012 at Broomtree Retreat Center, Irene.

For more info or an application, call Sue at 605-941-5867 or Lois at 605-332-1138.

Fish Fry Slated For Tyndall

TYNDALL — A fish fry has been slated for the Father Cronin Center in Tyndall on Friday, Nov. 30, running from 5-7 p.m.

This will be an all-you-can-eat Alaskan Pollock Fish Fry, served with salads, desserts and refreshments. The fish will be cooked in peanut oil.

For more information, contact Roger Hisek at 605-589-3736 or rshisek@hotmail.com, or visit www.stleotyndall.com.

Christmas Coffee And Bake Sale Set For Dec. 1

Yankton's United Church of Christ (Congregational) will hold its 19th annual Christmas Coffee and Bake sale at 1 p.m. Dec. 1, at the UCC, located at Fifth and Walnut.

Baked goods of every kind include kuchen, kolaches, breads, cakes, pies, candy, gourmet desserts, canned goods, snacks, home-made noodles and more will fill the bake sale tables. Enjoy home-made pies and coffee either before or after you shop the bake sale table.

Every guest will take home a Christmas Angel, the theme for the table decorations.

On Sunday, Dec. 9, the UCC Adult Choir will hold a "Candlelight Concert." Directed by Jennifer Powell and accompanied by Ted Powell, organist, the inspirational concert will be open to the public. More details will be announced.

MMC Vespers Marks Start Of Advent Season

The Benedictine Sisters of Sacred Heart Monastery and the Mount Marty College Music Department will present their annual Vespers performance on Sunday, Dec. 2. The free performances are at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. in Bishop Marty Chapel on the Mount Marty College campus.

This year's Vespers will feature music from Gregorian Chant to contemporary compositions. The performance will feature the choir of Mount Marty College, under the direction of new Director of Choral Activities Kenneth Tice. The central piece for this year's performance is Z. Randall Stroope's, "Hodie! (This Day)", accompanied by professional brass and percussion ensemble. The audience will be joining in on traditional holiday carols throughout the performance.

The Yankton Children's Choir will be the featured guest performers at both performances, and sing the prelude to the 7 p.m. concert.

Tickets to Vespers are free, but space is limited to 500 people per performance. Tickets can be picked up in advance at The Carpenter's Shop behind Walgreen's in Yankton or on the Mount Marty College campus in the Bookstore.

YOUR NEWS! THE
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Attending Religious Services Far From Home

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She was walking down the street in Monrovia, Liberia, feeling angry.

Then she and her friends heard singing.

And it was gospel music.

And they followed the sound right into a church.

"It sounded like a Baptist church choir, just like home," remembers Carolyn Stallworth, 65, of Rochester Hills, Mich., of that trip in 1988. She and her friends, all Spellman College alumni, were furious because they'd had to surrender their passports upon arrival in the African dictatorship. But when they heard the choir practicing at the Providence Baptist Church, their mood lightened.

"The next morning, we went to church there," she says. "Not only did they sing the gospel spirituals, but the United States Marine Band also played there, and the U.S. ambassador was there.

"Hearing those spirituals on the street that day, just standing outside, that was an amazing experience."

Some travelers take mission trips. Some take journeys of faith. Some take architecture tours of world churches.

But sometimes, regular people on vacation just happen to decide to attend a religious service — sometimes not even of their own faith — and it sticks with them forever.

"I think that when you travel, the very act of being taken out of your own environment opens you to new experiences. Somebody said, 'We go through life sightless among miracles.' And in part, that is because in the routine of our lives we stop seeing what is going on around us," says Stuart Matlins, editor of "How to Be a Perfect Stranger" (Sky Light Paths, Fifth Edition) a guide to navigating religious services of all types. "When you are in a foreign or different environment, suddenly all your senses are heightened. You see the unusualness of life. It's not unlike witnessing miracles."

Matlins is Jewish, but he has attended multiple services around the world, from cathedrals in Frankfurt and Barcelona to a mosque in Pakistan and a



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The Alto Vista Chapel in Aruba is perched on the island's windswept shoreline.

synagogue in Krakow.

"Sit in the back is really the best advice for anyone going to any religious service with which they are unfamiliar," he says. "In every circumstance, sit in the back, and you can't go wrong."

It takes a leap of faith to attend a religious service that is not your own. Even services of one's own faith can have twists.

But often, the experience is so vivid that it sticks with travelers.

Once, far from home and near Denali National Park in Alaska, Dennis Lakomy and his wife sought a church service — and ended up at a tiny Catholic chapel with 14 parishioners and no regular priest.

"It looked like a small home or a large living room, no pews, no anything," recalls Lakomy, 60, of Lake Orion, Mich.. "They had a visiting priest who would come every once in a while, but he wasn't available every Sunday, so the day we went, the parishioners held a service on their own and distributed communion. There was a guitar player, and we were able to stay after and just talk to the members. They recognized we were from out of town. That was in August 1990, but it stuck with me so much."

For Richard Shook of Bay City, Mich., the mass he went to in Xi'an, China — in Chinese — was as impressive as seeing Xi'an's famous terra cotta warriors.

The doors remained open during the February service "so everyone remained in their heavy coats — even the priests wore them under their vestments," says Shook, 70. "The

church seated maybe 250 people and was full a half-hour before mass started — and as people continued to arrive, they brought out little blue plastic stools to fill every available space."

And Pat Andrews of Trenton, 75, vividly remembers attending a church in London that was across the street from a pub.

"The service was interrupted multiple times by a woman carrying a small barking dog. It was obvious she had been imbibing most of that day. Down the aisle she would come, and out the door she would be escorted by the priest, only to return again and again," she says.

Why are these small details — a blue stool, a barking dog, a guitar — etched so clearly in travelers' memories? David Crumm, editor of ReadtheSpirit.com and a former religion writer for the *Detroit Free Press*, believes that attending religious services while on trips lets travelers connect with others at a more visceral level beneath the tourist veneer.

"People travel widely — then never actually engage with people," he says. "One way to authentically engage is to go to churches or religious services. I've done it throughout my life."

Suehaila Amen, 33, of Dearborn, Mich., believes the same thing. She recently was in Boca Raton, Fla., and attended services at two mosques.

"I attended two separate services, one conservative and one liberal," she says. "At the liberal mosque, I was welcomed, even though I walked in the wrong door, the men's entrance. Every-

body was extremely friendly. ... Then I went down the street to the very beautiful conservative mosque. It was more like, 'She's a new face; we don't know who she is.' They had people protesting outside the mosque." Once she was inside, "I found it to be a very warm experience."

Still, she fretted she might make a mistake in the prayers, that her arm placement might vary from what others practiced.

"I was worried that they might notice I did things differently than they did," she says. "My friend said, 'No, they won't even look at you.'" And nobody did — except later, when they recognized Amen as a former cast member of the "All-American Muslim" reality show on TLC.

Ann Langford of Howell, Mich., was humbled while visiting New York when she decided to attend Times Square Church, which has 8,000 members.

"Housed in a former Broadway theater, the congregation captured the true spirit of New York," she recalls. "The volume of the singing matched many rock concerts I've been to, and the Christian testimony made our eyes well up."

"It was literally the highlight of our weekend in the city."

PRACTICAL TIPS FOR SERVICES

The guidebook "How to be a Perfect Stranger," as editor Stuart Matlins puts it, "equips each of us to enter into the religious realm of our neighbors." The guide is not theological, but practical.

Divided into chapters for each religion — and including helpful information for attending a wedding, baptism or funeral in each faith — this guide is helpful for curious travelers who don't want to make a spectacle of themselves. Some of its advice:

—Where should guests sit in a Buddhist Temple? If there is seated meditation, a guest will be directed to a meditation cushion.

—Should non-Catholics take communion at a Catholic Church? No.

—What books are used during a Methodist service? The United Methodist hymnal and the Bible.

—What is a Sikh manji sahib? A platform covered by ornate cloths that hold the sacred writings at the front of the room.

CHURCH SCHEDULES

Abundant Life ABUNDANT LIFE MINISTRIES, Pastors Butch and Barbara Hladky, 517 Burleigh, Yankton. 665-0889. Open for prayer daily. FRI Shabbat Service 6pm Youth Service 7pm. SUN. 10am Worship.	Baptist 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.	Catholic ST. BENEDICT CATHOLIC CHURCH, 1500 St. Benedict Drive, Yankton, Father Ken Lulf, 664-6214 (church). Masses: SAT. 5pm. SUN. 8:30am&10:30am.	Church of Christ CHURCH OF CHRIST, 1114 West 12th, Yankton, 665-6379. SUN. 9:30am Bible study; classes for all ages. 10:30am Worship.	Lutheran Martinus Lutheran Church, Utica. Pastor Dean Schroeder Sunday Divine Service 10:30am (605)589-3195 www.StJohnsTyndallLCMS.org	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.	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.
Alliance of Renewal Churches LIVING WATER CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP, Sun. 10am Yankton Middle School (2000 Mulberry) Weds. 7pm Prayer. David Olson, pastor. (605)260-2138.	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.	ST. BONIFACE CATHOLIC CHURCH , Menominee, Neb., Rev. David Fulton, pastor. SUN. 8:30am Mass.	Church of Jesus Christ CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST LATTER-DAY SAINTS, 2300 Douglas, Yankton. Michael Maxwell (402)586-2645 Family History Ctr 665-0901. SUN. 10am Sacrament meeting.	OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN , rural Irene. 263-3724. SUN. 9am Worship.	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.	GAYVILLE-VOLIN UNITED METHODIST , Rick Pittenger, pastor. 624-2179. 9am Worship Service. 10:00am Sunday School.
Assembly of God First Assembly of God, 801 W 25th. (605)665-6362 (office). SUN. 10 am: Bible teaching sermons WED. 6:30pm Midweek service and Bible study for all ages. www.yanktonassembly.com	Bible Church GRACE BIBLE CHURCH, 10:30 am Sundays Call Pastor Joel Finck for more information. (605)760-4701.	ST. COLUMBA CHURCH , rural Irene/Mayfield. November WEEK-END Mass Time, Saturdays @ 4:30 pm.	Episcopal CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 517 Douglas, Yankton. Rev. James Pearson, (605)665-2456. Sunday 9:00am Serenity 10:15am Holy Eucharist Wednesday Noon Holy Eucharist.	OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN , LCMC/NALC, Menno. Pastor Theresa Jacobson Office 605-387-5241 Worship 9am, Brunch, SS 10:20am.	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.	WAKONDA, IRENE, VIBORG, UNITED METHODIST , Pastor Mark Gronseth. SUN. 8:30am Worship at Wakonda; 9:45am Worship at Irene; 11am Worship at Viborg.
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.	Catholic HOLY FAMILY CHURCH OF CEDAR COUNTY (Immaculate Conception), St. Helena, NE. Rev. Eric Olsen. (402)357-2400. Mass: Saturdays 5pm.	ST. GEORGE CHURCH , Scotland, SD. November WEEKEND Mass Sundays @9:30 am.	Evangelical Cornerstone Evangelical Church, Pastor Oliver Omanson, Stewart Elementary School; Morning Service 10 a.m. Wednesday College Bible Study 1306 Maple Street. Mike Stevens 665-8750.	OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN , LCMS, 12th and Elm, Springfield. Rev. Kenneth Johnson, pastor. SUN. 8am Worship. 9am SS. THUR. 7pm Adult Bible study.	Reformed RIVERVIEW REFORMED, 17th St. & Burleigh, Rev. Rodney Veldhuizen, pastor. 665-9204. SUN. 9:30am Worship, 10:15am SS. WED. Youth group & adult choir.	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
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.	HOLY FAMILY CHURCH OF CEDAR COUNTY (Sts. Peter & Paul), Bow Valley, NE. Rev. Eric Olsen (402)357-2400. Mass: Sundays, 11am.	ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC , Lesterville. SUN. 10:30am Mass. Father Daniel Moris.	Lutheran CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH NALC: 305 W. 25th, Yankton, 665-8848. Rev. Dani Jo Ninke. SUN: 8:30am & 10:45 Worship, 9:45 Sunday School.	Prince of Peace Lutheran Church , Wisconsin Synod, 201 E. 25th Street, Yankton. Pastor Christian Sulzle, (605)665-4793. Sunday 9:15 am Worship; 10:15 am Bible Study.1	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	WNAX 570 AM Radio 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.
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.	HOLY FAMILY CHURCH OF CEDAR COUNTY (Sacred Heart), Wynot, NE. Rev. Eric Olsen. (402)357-2400. Mass times, Sundays 9am.	ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH , Constance, Neb., Fr. David Fulton, pastor. SAT. Mass: 7:30pm.	EMMANUEL CHURCH Contact Pastor Dan (605)760-2052. YMS, 2000 Mulberry, Worship Service, Sunday 9:30am www.emmanuel-yankton.com (605)665-0404.	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.	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.	MIX 106 FM Radio CLASSIC HITS 106 KVHT FM Radio SUN.-THUR. 10:05PM "Family Radio Rosary" with Bishop Robert Carlson.
	MOUNT MARTY COLLEGE , Peace Chapel, MMC campus. SUN. 10am Mass with the Sisters in the Bishop Marty Chapel. Public is welcome to attend.	ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC , Wakonda, Rev. Scott Trayner, 624-2697. SUN. 8:30am Mass.	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	ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH (LCMS), 1009 Jackson. David Divine Service: 8:30am (605)589-3195. www.StJohnsTyndallLCMS.org	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.	ESPN Radio 1570 ESPN RADIO 1570 SUN. 10:30AM Trinity Lutheran Church, Vermillion, worship.
	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. 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.	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.	TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH , 403 Broadway, Yankton, 665-7410. Worship: Saturday-5:15. Sunday-8:15/10:45 a.m.; SS, classes, Coffee fellowship-9:30a.m.	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.	
	ST. AGNES PARISH: SIGEL , rural Utica. SAT. 4pm Mass, confessions 1/2 hour before Mass.Father Daniel Moris.	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	GAYVILLE-BERGEN LUTHERAN Pastor Ralph Egbert. (605)267-4342 (church) Church: 9:00am-GLC Worship, 10:15-SS, 9:15am-BLC SS, 10:30am-BLC Worship.	ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH (LUMS), 1009 Jackson. David Divine Service: 8:30am (605)589-3195. www.StJohnsTyndallLCMS.org	UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST , Crofton, Neb., 412 W. Main St., (402)388-4124, Pastor Les Parmenter. SUN. 10:00am Worship.	
	ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH , Bloomfield, NE. Fr. Michael Schmitz SUN. Mass: 10:30pm; TUE. Mass: 8am; THUR. Mass:7pm. Confessions: THUR. 6:30-6:55pm.		HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH , AFLC 200 South Wilson, Delmont. (605)935-6941. SUN 9am Worship. 10am Sunday school. firsthope@santel.net	TRONDHJEM LUTHERAN CHURCH (AFLC), rural Volin. 263-3841. SUN. 9:15am; 10:30am Worship.		
				VANGEN LUTHERAN CHURCH , Mission Hill. 665-5426. Worship 9:30am.		

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