

Christmas Program Set For Tonight

Missouri Valley Christian Academy will hold its Christmas Program at 7 p.m. tonight (Friday) at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 305 W. 25th St., Yankton. Fellowship will follow the program. Everyone is welcome.

Christmas Coffee And Bake Sale Saturday

The United Church of Christ (Congregational) of Yankton will hold its 19th annual Christmas coffee and bake sale starting at 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1.
Enjoy homemade pie and coffee or apple cider either before you shop or after.
“The assortment of pies and variety of items for sale just gets better every year,” stated chairwoman Katherine French.
The church is located at Fifth and Walnut.

First Catholic Slovak Ladies Christmas Party Set

TABOR — First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association WO93 (Catholic Workman) will have its annual Christmas party at noon on Dec. 2, at Bededa Hall, Tabor.
This event will include a potluck, cookies exchange (2 dozen), meeting and an honoring of 50-year members, followed by games and refreshments and a visit from St. Nicholas.
All members and families are welcome.

Association To Celebrate St. Lucia Tradition

VERMILLION — Dalesburg Scandinavian Association welcomes the public to its 35th Celebration of the St. Lucia Tradition at 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, at Dalesburg Lutheran Church, 30595 University Road, rural Vermillion.
This year’s celebration will feature a Lucia Court with one girl being crowned Lucia for the evening. There will be a program with a Scandinavian theme and a buffet of Scandinavian food.
A freewill collection will be received for area food pantries.
The celebration remembers the generosity and commitment of St. Lucia to those in need and to her faith.
For information or in case of inclement weather, call 605-253-2575.

Christmas Candlelight Concert Slated

The 40-voice adult choir of the United Church of Christ (Congregational), Yankton, will present its Christmas Candlelight Concert at 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9, at the church, located at Fifth and Walnut.
The choir is under the direction of Jennifer Powell. Accompaniment will feature Ted Powell on the organ, plus a brass quintet and oboe. A special guest appearance by the ensemble “Mirabile” is also scheduled.
The setting in the 100-year old church decorated for the holiday will add to the familiar music presented.

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 event is now sold out.

What’s Your Part In Life?

BY DAVID GUNDERSON
Pastor, St. John’s Lutheran Church

We are entering that time of year when many churches and schools have Christmas plays. Churches normally have plays centered on the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem. A few years ago our church secretary’s little grandson was visiting with her on the phone and proudly said, “Grandma I’m a leopard in the Christmas program” As she heard this news she tried to figure out what part a leopard would have in the story of Jesus birth, but before she could ask the little boy’s mother shouted out “You’re a shepherd! Not a Leopard!”
That little guy’s story reminded me of Billy who had his first speaking part in the Christmas program at the church. He was to be the innkeeper. His

only line was to tell Joseph and Mary that there was no room in the inn. But, Billy was very bothered by this. He didn’t want to turn away the holy family, but that was his line and if he didn’t say it, then someone else would have his part. So on the night of the program, the play went as planned right up to Billy’s part. Joseph came up and asked, “Is there any room in the inn?” Billy correctly answered, “There is no room in the Inn”...but then he quickly said, “But you can have my room!”
Most of us are not in a Christmas play this year but we do have roles to play. Maybe it is the role of a parent, a spouse, a grandparent, or a soldier serv-



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ing our nations needs. I suspect many of us wear more than one hat as we live our lives. We are neighbors, friends and coworkers. Some of those roles are tougher to handle than others. Pressures at work can cause pressure at home and vice versa. How we handle those challenges depends on our attitude and I pray that our attitude would be like Billy’s. Billy’s attitude reflects the spirit we should have this Christmas season and throughout the year.
Sadly we don’t always have that attitude because by nature we are selfish sinful people. But even though we fail to do the right thing, God still cares for us. He cares so much that He

sent his very best, His only Son, Jesus to be our Savior! Jesus had different roles here on earth. He was a teacher, a carpenter, a healer, but most of all a Savior. As Jesus said, “The son of man did not come to be served but to serve and to give His life as a ransom for many”. By his death and resurrection Jesus paid the full and complete price for us so we can be God’s people and that is who we are. In everything we do, we serve the Lord. As parents, spouses, soldiers, workers and neighbors we are God’s people and as we care for those people we are serving in the role of God’s people.
By the way, our church secretary’s grandson ended up not being a shepherd, but rather became a wise man. Like him we can be wise people by serving our Lord and Savior in everything we do!

Christian Radio Network Embodies Faith

BY HELEN T. GRAY
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KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Dick Bott started his first Christian radio station in the basement of the former Blue Ridge Mall, sandwiched between a barber shop and a child care center.
Fifty years later, the Bott Radio Network consists of 91 stations reaching into 15 states, with a combined audience of more than 50 million people.
Programs also can be heard worldwide by satellite, on the Internet and through mobile digital technology.
Ever since he was a little boy growing up in Minnesota, Bott had a love for radio.
It fascinated him that someone could speak into a microphone and be heard at other locations.
After marrying, he and wife, Sherley, went to San Francisco in 1952, where her dad had a radio station and a job for Bott, who began honing his radio skills.
In 1957, the couple bought a station in Monterey, Calif., that featured pop music and it was a success.
“But it just seemed less than

fulfilling,” Bott said. “My wife and I were both Christians. And it seemed that there would be a way we could serve the needs and interests of the Christian community.”
Bott said they wanted to encourage that community with Bible-based programs.
He said they chose Kansas City because Bott thought the city’s population was large enough to support a Christian station.
With that in mind, the couple moved to Kansas City in 1962 with their four children and a dog. Their dream, Kansas City’s Christian Voice (KCCV), 1510 AM, was born the same year. It featured some of the country’s top preachers and evangelists and call-in shows about current issues and events.
Today the network serves Kansas City at 760 AM and 92.3 FM.
In honor of its 50th anniversary this month and its beginnings in Kansas City, the Botts will add another local signal, 101.5 FM, in December.
“I had no idea I would end up with 91 stations,” said Bott, 79, who is chairman of the board.

“Size was not the goal,” but to give his life to something he believes in.
Bott’s son Rich Bott, 57, said he reviews each program that wants to join the network.
“They must be Bible-centered, of high ethics and professional quality,” he said.
Some detractors consider the network a wing of evangelical or conservative Christianity.
The elder Bott makes no excuses for the fact that although many denominations are represented, programs that do not fit the network’s format do not find a home there.
From its format comes strong teachings about “the sanctity of human life and the traditional definition of marriage to be between a man and a woman,” he said.
This is biblical, and he wouldn’t accept any program that went against those biblical interpretations, he said.
In 2008, Dick Bott was inducted into the National Religious Broadcasters Hall of Fame, which is the highest honor of the organization with 1,400 member ministries. He also is one of the longest-serving members of its board.
That same year he was

awarded an honorary doctorate of humane letters from Carver Baptist Bible College and Seminary in Kansas City.
As a teenager, Rich Bott learned about Christian radio by working at the station. He went to college and earned his master’s degree from Harvard Business School, then went to work at the network full time.
While the elder Bott remains chairman of the board, Rich Bott has moved from executive vice-president to president and chief executive officer .
He also serves as chairman of the National Religious Broadcasters and is on several other boards.
Both men believe that the network’s success is because God has blessed them for making it possible for God’s word to be proclaimed.
For the future, Rich Bott said the network will continue to take steps to help fulfill Jesus’ command to “go into all the world and preach the Gospel.”
The new media tools will make this even more possible, he said.
“What we have tried to do is to make the main thing the main thing,” Dick Bott said. “And the main thing is the word of God.”

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. 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 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 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. 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.	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. 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, 10:30 am Sundays Call Pastor Joel Fink for more information. (605)760-4701. Catholic HOLY FAMILY CHURCH OF CEDAR COUNTY (Sacred Heart), Wymot, NE. Rev. Eric Olsen. (402)357-2400. Mass times, Sundays 9am. HOLY FAMILY CHURCH OF CEDAR COUNTY (Sts. Peter & Paul), Bow Valley, NE. Rev. Eric Olsen (402)357-2400. Mass: Sundays, 11am. HOLY FAMILY CHURCH OF CEDAR COUNTY (Immaculate Conception), St. Helena, 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. SAT. 4pm Mass, confessions 1 1/2 hour before Mass.Father Daniel Moris. 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, 664-6214 (church). Masses: SAT. 5pm. SUN. 8:30am&10:30am. ST. BONIFACE CATHOLIC CHURCH, Menominee, Neb., Rev. David Fulton, pastor. SUN. 8:30am Mass. ST. BONIFACE CHURCH, rural Freeman/Idylwilde. November WEEKEND Mass Saturdays @ 6:15 pm. ST. COLUMBIA CHURCH, rural Irene/Mayfield. November WEEKEND Mass Time, Saturdays @ 4:30 pm. ST. GEORGE CHURCH, Scotland, SD. November WEEKEND Mass Sundays @9:30 am. ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC, Lesterville. SUN. 10:30am Mass. Father Daniel Moris. 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. Father Daniel Moris. 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.thehouseofmaryshrine.org	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. Michael Maxwell (402)586-2645 Family History Ctr 665-0901. SUN. 10am Sacrament meeting. 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. 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. EMMANUEL CHURCH Contact Pastor Dan (605)760-2052. YMS, 2000 Mulberry, Worship Service, Sunday 9:30am www.emmanuel-yankton.com (605)665-0404. 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. FAITH UNITED LUTHERAN, 44874 303rd St., Volin SD 57072, (605)267-2277. SUN. Worship Services 9:00am. Children’s Education 3:00am. 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 firstthope@santel.net 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. HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH, AFLC 200 South Wilson, Delmont. (605)935-6941. SUN 9am Worship. 10am Sunday school. firstthope@santel.net	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, LCMC/NALC., Menno. Pastor Theresa Jacobson Office 605-387-5241 Worship 9am, Brunch, SS 10:20am. 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 Sultzle, (605)665-4793. Sunday 9:15 am Worship; 10:15 am Bible Study.1 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. (CST) 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-5:30, Sunday-8:15./10:45 a.m.; SS, classes, fellowship-9:30a.m. Coffee TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, Hartington/Crofton, NE, Amanda Jertson 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. VANGEN LUTHERAN CHURCH, Mission Hill. 665-5426. Worship 9:30am.	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. 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. 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. Worship Services: Saturday 9:30am & 11am. Pastor Nick Osborn (605)760-7791. Yankton Fruit Program. yanktonfruitprogram.org 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 Dr. Richard W. Jensen, Pastor. SUN.-10am Worship, 11am-Fellowship, 11:05am Church School. 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 UM Hour, KYNT. GAYVILLE-VOLIN UNITED METHODIST, Rick Pittenger, pastor. 624-2179. 9am Worship Service. 10:00am Sunday School. 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 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 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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