

Rosary Rally For Religious Freedom Set

A Rosary rally for religious freedom will be held at noon on Saturday, Oct. 13, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 2700 Broadway Ave. in Yankton.

This coincides with the anniversary of the "Miracle of the Sun" at Fatima that occurred on Oct. 13, 1917, and is sponsored by the Yankton Catholic Respect Life.

A Rosary will be prayed together followed by refreshments. All people wanting to pray for religious freedom are invited to attend.

Bluegrass Gospel Concert Planned For Tabor

TABOR — The Joel Finch family of Tabor invites the public to a Bluegrass Gospel Concert and Sing at Tabor's Opsahl-Kostel Chapel, located at 147 N. Ludice, on Sunday, Oct. 14. The event begins at 10:30 a.m.

Swiss Steak Dinner Slated For St. Helena

ST. HELENA, Neb. — The St. Helena Catholic Order of Foresters is holding its annual Swiss Steak Dinner on Sunday, Oct. 14, at Immaculate Conception Hall, St. Helena, Neb. Dinner will be served from 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

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

Proceeds from the dinner will go towards replacing the siren in St. Helena.

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

Sigel Parish Soup Kitchen Set For Sunday

The Sigel Parish Soup Kitchen will be held Sunday, Oct. 14, at Sigel Church on the Lesterville Road north of Yankton. Serving runs from 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

The menu includes assorted soups, pies and desserts. There will also be a bake walk and raffles.

This event is sponsored by the Sigel Altar Society.

First United Methodist Hosting Soup Kitchen

The First United Methodist Church of Yankton is having a Soup Kitchen and Country Store event on Wednesday, Oct. 17, running from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. The event is being held at 207 West 11th Street (11th and Cedar) in Yankton.

They will be serving homemade taverns, soups and pies. They will also have homemade baked goods, jams, jellies, canned goods, fresh vegetables, crafts, and home sewn items that will be available in the country store.

Dan Burke To Speak At Sacred Heart Parish

One man's 20 year journey from Judaism to Catholicism is coming to Sacred Heart parish in Yankton on Wednesday, Oct 17. Dan Burke, executive director of the National Catholic Register, will share his conversion story at 6 p.m. in the church at 509 Capitol St. Come and hear how the Holy Spirit led Dan on his quest for Truth. There will be a meal provided beginning at 5 p.m. — free will offerings appreciated. Childcare will be offered. Contact the parish office at 665-3655 for more information.

Benjamin Franklin Event Planned In Vermillion

VERMILLION — "Benjamin Franklin — The Original American," a first-person interactive program inspiring laughter & learning, is set for Vermillion's St. Paul's Episcopal Church at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 25.

This program will also be available for school and business visits during its residency (through Oct. 29).

For more information, contact GregRobin Smith at 814-713-1776 or Ben@Ben-Franklin.org, or visit www.IndieGogo.com/Ben-Franklin-LIVE-in-Vermillion-SD.

Some Churches Holding Shorter Services

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FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — Some churches struggling with shrinking attendance are shortening their traditional Sunday services, promising to get a generation with limited attention spans out the door in as little as 30 minutes.

These abbreviated ceremonies are an innovation that leaders hope will lure back the enormous numbers of young people who avoid Sundays at church. With distractions such as the Internet and a weak connection to the faith of their childhoods, many are steering clear, to the dismay of religious leaders who desperately want them back.

"We are increasingly aware of the time pressures on families, and they have been telling us that the traditional service is too long for them," said the Rev. Chip Stokes of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Delray Beach, Fla. "We recognize that things are changing and we have to be more adaptive without losing our core."

St. Paul's recently introduced Family Eucharist, a 30-minute service designed for children up to fourth grade and their parents, as an alternative to the church's 90-minute traditional service. Stokes said he is thrilled with attendance: About 40 parents and kids have attended each week since the service started last month, and participants even include some people who don't have children but seek a shorter worship session.

This trend reaches across denominations: Trinity Lutheran Church in Pembroke Pines, Fla., has a service of about 50 minutes targeted at young people on Sunday mornings.

Roman Catholics have long accommodated hurried worshippers at daily Mass. Recognizing they are often on the way to work or taking a lunch break, priests keep some Masses to less than 45 minutes.

"When you don't give a daily homily, it cuts 10 minutes," said the Rev. Gabriel O'Reilly of St. David's Catholic Church in Davie, Fla.

But not everyone supports the trend toward briefer worship sessions.

"The Lord gives us 24 hours a day, seven days a week," said Karen Turnbull, a lay leader at St. Vincent Ferrer Catholic Church in Delray Beach. "And he's asking us for only one hour to come to church."

Turnbull said she attends Sunday Mass with her son and daughter-in-law, plus two young granddaughters.

"It's hard for them to sit still. But you have to start teaching a little discipline at a young age," she said.

Eastern Orthodox churches also have no plans to abbreviate their services, which can top more than two hours each Sunday.

"Services are meant to be spiritual; they're meant to be sensory; that takes time," said James Carras, a member of St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. "When I go to church, it takes a while to get into the zone, to let go of business or how the Dolphins are doing. The liturgy helps guide you into that zone."

But leaders of churches trying the shortened approach hope these condensed ceremonies present over-scheduled families and time-deprived adults with an incentive to return to religion.

The 2012 Millennial Values Survey found a quarter of 18-to-24-year-olds identify them-

selves as religiously unaffiliated, even though only 11 percent were raised without a faith. Catholics and mainline Protestants, including Episcopalians, are seeing the largest number of young people leaving the faiths they grew up with.

Parishioners at St. Paul's hope innovations that meet the needs of the younger set stem further departures and even attract new members. Over the summer, the church started a new group called SEEK(ers), or Spiritual Exploration and Evolving Knowledge, for 20- and 30-somethings looking for a religious home.

They also hope the half-hour Family Eucharist on Sundays, accompanied by a mid-week video to be shown at home, shows their commitment to the young. The service is informal, with piano instead of organ for instrumentation and folk-type music instead of traditional hymns. The words for the prayers and songs are displayed on an electronic screen. And kids are welcome to make noise, cry or be jittery.

Parishioner Jacqueline Barker said she always sits in the back during the adult service at St. Paul's, ready to make a quick exit if her 3-year-old and 5-year-old get noisy. She said the Family Eucharist allows her boys to pay attention for the whole service and also participate.

Parent Mary Whittemore said she loves having a choice between taking her 10-year-old daughter to the traditional 10 a.m. service or Family Eucharist at 10:45 a.m.

"It's a great gateway for children to be exposed to church in a more casual way," Whittemore said. "If a kid starts screaming, it's fine. The church I grew up in was not like that."

Stand Up For Religious Freedom Rally Planned In Yankton

Yankton joins 3rd Coast-to-Coast Rally against the Obama-mandate HHS Mandate.

On Saturday, Oct. 20, concerned citizens of Yankton and the surrounding area will take to the streets to voice public opposition to the Obama administration's Health and Human Services Mandate. The HHS Mandate forces all employers - including religious schools and hospitals — to provide free contraceptives, surgical sterilizations and abortion-inducing drugs through their health plans, regardless of religious or moral convictions.

The Yankton Stand Up for Religious Freedom Rally will begin

at noon-1 p.m. at the corner of Fourth Street and Broadway Avenue, Yankton, joining more than a hundred other cities and towns from Maine to Hawaii that are participating in this national event. A complete list of rally sites and other details are available at StandUP.Rally.com.

The Oct. 20 Stand Up Rally builds on the tremendous momentum created by the first two rallies held earlier this year in March and June, with more than 125,000 citizens of all faiths attending local rallies at 300 sites coast to coast. With the Supreme Court's Obamacare ruling leaving this issue in voters' hands and Election Day only weeks away,

the nationwide Oct. 20 Stand Up Rally is expected to draw larger crowds.

The Yankton Stand Up for Religious Freedom Rally has been organized by Jan Everson and Jean Weller.

The date for the Stand Up Rally was chosen to keep this crucial issue in the public eye as voters decide which candidates best represent their values.

"Jobs, the economy and foreign policy are all important issues, but something far more important is at stake in this election," explained Darold Adamson. "If the federal government can force employers to choose between violating their deeply held

religious and moral convictions or going out of business, then the founding American principle of religious freedom has been forfeited."

"We've been appealing to President Obama all year to rescind the HHS Mandate," said Adamson, "but our words have fallen on deaf ears. Now we're calling on the voters of Yankton and the surrounding area to defend their religious freedom in the voting booth on Election Day."

For more information, contact: Jan Everson 605-689-2100 janneverson@gmail.com.

CHURCH SCHEDULES

Abundant Life	Baptist	Catholic	Church of Christ	Lutheran	Non-Denominational	United Methodist
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.	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.	ST. BENEDICT CATHOLIC CHURCH, 1500 St. Benedict Drive, Yankton, Father Ken Luf, 664-6214 (church). Masses: SAT. 5pm. SUN. 8:30am&10:30am.	CHURCH OF CHRIST, 1114 West 12th, Yankton, 665-6379. SUN. 9:30am Bible study; classes for all ages. 10:30am Worship.	Martinus Lutheran Church, Utica. Pastor Dean Schroeder Sunday Divine Service 10:30am (605)589-3195 www.MartinusLutheran.org	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.	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.
Alliance of Renewal Churches	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	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 METHODODIST, Rick Pittenger, pastor. 624-2179. 9am Worship Service. 10:00am Sunday School.
Assembly of God	GRACE BIBLE CHURCH, 10:30 am Sundays Call Pastor Joel Finck for more information. (605)760-4701.	ST. BONIFACE CHURCH, rural Freeman/dylewildie. September WEEKEND Mass Sundays @ 10:30 am www.stbonifacecd.parishesonline.com	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 Wednesday Lenten Services at Grace, 7:30pm	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	Bible Church	ST. COLUMBA CHURCH, rural Irene/Mayfield. WEEKEND Mass Time, Sundays @ 9:00 a.m.	Episcopal	OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN, LCMCS, 12th and Elm, Springfield. Rev. Kenneth Johnson, pastor. SUN. 8am Worship, 9am SS. THUR. 7pm Adult Bible study.	Presbyterian	KYNT 1450 AM Radio
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.	GRACE BIBLE CHURCH, 10:30 am Sundays Call Pastor Joel Finck for more information. (605)760-4701.	ST. GEORGE CHURCH, Scotland, SD. WEEKEND Mass Time Saturdays @5:00 pm. www.Parishesonline.com/stgeorgescoltsand	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.	Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Wisconsin Synod, 201 E. 25th Street, Yankton. Pastor Christian Sultz, (605) 665-4793. Sunday 9:15 am Worship; 10:15 am Bible Study.1	Reformed	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 (Sacred Heart), Wyo., NE. Rev. Eric Olsen. (402)357-2400. Mass times, Sundays 9am.	ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC, Lesterville. SUN. 10:30am Mass. Father Daniel Morris.	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.	Seventh-Day	WAXONDA, IRENE, VIBORG, UNITED METHODIST, Pastor Mark Gronseth. SUN. 8:30am Worship at Wakonda; 9:45am Worship at Irene; 11am Worship at Viborg.
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 (Sts. Peter & Paul), Bow Valley, NE. Rev. Eric Olsen (402)357-2400. Mass: Sundays, 11am.	ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC, Fordyce, Neb. Rev. David Fulton. SUN. 10:30am Mass.	Lutheran	TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, 403 Broadway, Yankton, 665-7415. Worship: Saturday-5:30, Sunday-8:15/10:45 a.m.; SS, classes, Coffee fellowship-9:30a.m.	United Church	MIX 106 FM Radio
Read & Recycle!	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.	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.	ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH (LCMS), 1009 Jackson. David Gunderson, Pastor. SUN. 8am Worship, 9:15am Education Hour, 10:30am Worship.	Seventh-Day Adventist	CLASSIC HITS 106 KVHT FM Radio SUN.-THUR. 10:05PM "Family Radio Rosary" with Bishop Robert Carlson.
Harry Lane Electrical Contractor 1600 E. 39th St., Yankton *Commercial *Residential *Farm Wiring *Prompt Service *Quality Work *Competitive Prices New Construction or Remodeling Home: 665-6612 • Mobile: 661-1040	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, Hartington/Crofton, NE. Amanda Jertson pastor; (402)254-6606. SUN. 9am Worship (Hartington), 10am SS (Hartington), 11am Worship (Crofton).	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.	ESPAN Radio 1570
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