

Bike For Life Bike Ride Slated For Armour

ARMOUR — The 15th annual Bike For Life bike ride will be held in Armour Sept. 8.

The ride will begin with registration at 6:30 a.m. at Redeemer Lutheran Church, Armour, with riding beginning at 7 a.m. Entrants can ride all or just a portion of the 100-mile course.

Donations are also welcome.

Proceeds go toward South Eastern South Dakota Lutherans For Life.

For more information and to register, visit www.bikeforlifed.org. You can also donate online through a secure means.

Kingsway Christian Hosting Simulcasted Event

Kingsway Christian Church of Yankton will host the "iPledge Sunday Simulcast: A Call to Faith, Family, and Freedom," at 6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 9.

The "iPledge Sunday: A Call to Faith, Family, and Freedom Simulcast" will gather Christians across the country for a nationwide, live simulcast co-hosted by Family Research Council and American Family Association.

The event features Tony Perkins, Sen. Rick Santorum, Franklin Graham, Bishop Harry Jackson, Kirk Cameron and other key Christian leaders for a 90-minute event celebrating Christian citizenship and exhorting Christians to make their voices heard on Election Day. You will be informed, equipped, and challenged to advance faith, family and freedom in your community. Speakers will address the major issues we face as a nation: religious liberty, life, marriage and the economy.

Kingsway Christian Church is located on the corner of 19th and Burleigh in Yankton.

For more information about iPledge Sunday, go to www.ipledgesunday.org.

St. George Catholic Holding Annual Fall Supper

SCOTLAND — St. George Catholic Church of Scotland will host its annual fall supper at 4-7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 9, at the church, located at 930 Third St., Scotland.

The menu will include broasted chicken, baked ham, cheesy potatoes, green beans, salads, pie, buns and beverages.

For more information, contact Teresa Bartlett at 605-583-2598 or teresab@gwtc.net.

Tailgate Party Planned For Hartington

HARTINGTON, Neb. — Hartington Cedar Catholic High School and Caring Catholic Families of Yankton invite families to a tailgate party on Friday, Sept. 21, prior to the 7 p.m. football game between Cedar Catholic and Crofton.

The tailgate party/supper begins at approximately 6:15 p.m.

You can attend the tailgate party with Caring Catholic Families of Yankton by riding the new Cedar Catholic charter bus to the game, which will leave from the Mount Marty College parking lot west of Laddie E. Cimpl Arena at 5:45 p.m. Anyone interested in attending may also drive on their own.

If interested, you are asked to RSVP by Sept. 18 by calling 260-0318 and ask for Jill.

Divorce Care Meetings Start Monday

DivorceCare, a divorce recovery seminar and support group meets in the Chapel of Calvary Baptist Church, 2407 Broadway in Yankton each Monday at 7 p.m. A new 13-week session begins on Monday, Sept. 10.

If you are divorced or separated, you are invited to attend. DivorceCare provides the opportunity to experience healing, learn important life skills following divorce and do so in a safe context of strong support with others who do understand.

DivorceCare features nationally recognized experts on divorce and recovery topics. Seminar sessions include "Facing My Anger," "Facing My Loneliness," "Depression," "New Relationships," "KidCare" and "Forgiveness."

Contact Keith or Denise DeJong at 605-664-5252 if you have any questions.

If you have children ages 5-12, a DivorceCare 4 Kids (DC4K) program is also offered on Monday nights at Calvary in the preschool area at 7 p.m. beginning Sept. 10. You can call the church at 605-665-5594 for further information or to register your children. DivorceCare4Kids is the only peer support group, under the supervision of trained adults, in the area for children whose parents have experienced divorce.

Instilling Spirituality In Children Matters

BY WILLIAM HAGEMAN

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CHICAGO — We are a nation of believers. Mostly. A Gallup poll last year found that 91 percent of Americans believed in God or some universal spirit. Yet a more recent poll by WIN-Gallup International and published by Religion News Service found that the number of Americans who say they are "religious" dropped from 73 percent in 2005 to 60 percent today. And in that poll, 5 percent of Americans said they are atheists, up from 1 percent in 2005.

Believing in God doesn't necessarily translate to belonging to an organized religion. And parents who do not belong to a religious institution, as well as those who don't believe in a higher power, are faced with a difficult question: How do they instill spirituality and faith in the children?

Kara E. Powell, assistant professor of youth and family ministry at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, Calif., says parents need to make themselves available to talk about spirituality and religion at home. They should be extra diligent in making faith a topic that can be discussed so that children won't be confused or ashamed about any observations or questions they might have. Even if there is no organized religion in the home, she says, religious holidays such as Easter and Hanukkah and their rituals can be one of the entry points into the discussion.

"(Another) thing we've seen that's powerful is using current events," says Powell, whose book "Sticky Faith: Everyday Ideas to Build Lasting Faith in Your Kids" (Zondervan), offers parents ways to develop long-term faith in teenagers. "Why would God allow X amount of people to be killed in a hurricane or earthquake? Use it as a springboard to talk to kids."

Indeed, getting the ideas of spirituality, faith and respect for faith across to our kids is an

uphill climb with or without organized religion.

Wendy Mogel, a clinical psychologist and author of the best-selling parenting book "The Blessing of a Skinned Knee" (Penguin), says that society is awash in irony and cynicism. Couple that with a world that seems to be melting down around us, and parents without organized religion face a deeper challenge.

"We have gloom and doom, a cynical, mocking culture," she says, "and that will be your family's religion if parents don't actively balance that by showing examples and other counter-cultural ways. That means not being cynical, not being apathetic, and not being extremely prejudiced in your beliefs."

That also means letting kids see your values: how you treat others, what your priorities are, how you spend your time.

"Children, absolutely, from birth are theologians and philosophers," she says. If we're not careful, she says, "we can kind of burn it out of them."

There are endless opportunities to instill spirituality. Start with meals. Mogel points to the Jewish tradition of the leisurely meal of Shabbat, and says the idea works for any family, any religion (or nonreligion).

"It's an opportunity to slow down our speedy lives and appreciate what we've been given rather than what we want to go shopping for tomorrow," she says.

That principle can be applied elsewhere: Make sure in your family schedule there's time for music, time for being outdoors, and time to talk and listen to each other.

Dale McGowan, editor and co-author of "Parenting Beyond Belief: On Raising Ethical, Caring Kids Without Religion" (AMACOM), is an atheist. He gets his kids to think about the implications of evolution. "One of the fun things is to chase it as far as you can," he says. "Tell them it's nice to take a walk in the woods, but it's a different experience when you realize you're related to those trees. We're

related to our dog, we're related to our front lawn. Most of these are spiritual realizations."

Raising a child outside religion has other hurdles. They'll hear about God from their friends and will have questions for you. And neighbors or other family members may object to your parenting. Mogel says to explain to relatives your reasons, and "they can then take it or leave it."

She says that she encourages children who are not being raised in a home where there's religion to go to religious services with friends. The parents can treat this as "cultural anthropology," an opportunity to learn and not be prejudiced about religion.

"Even if the kids go to visit their grandparents and the grandparents drag them to church or the synagogue, I would hope parents would be OK with that, in the spirit of, 'Let's look at the whole wide world and see what's happening in it.'"

McGowan, too, sees family playing a role, if the relatives can be trusted not to frighten the children or scare them into beliefs, talking about hell, about making God angry and such. "We have a couple of very religious relatives on my wife's side. They're entirely trustworthy and welcomed the opportunity to talk about their faith to our children. Her mother, I think, assumed I wouldn't be OK with that. She wanted as a grandmother to share her faith with her grandkids. And when I told her that was OK, she was very happy. What you end up with are some real highlights in kids' religious literacy."

The best course a parent can take is to show their character through their actions.

"Absolutely," Powell says. "Kids ... pick up far more from what we do than what we say. Who we are makes more of an impression than what we say. For parents who don't come from a particular faith persuasion, who don't have a religion that is motivating them, when they show character, they should explain what motivates them."

Muslim Groups Reject Germany's Anti-Terror Posters

BY JEAN-BAPTISTE PIGGIN

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COLOGNE, Germany — Four Muslim groups in Germany rejected Friday a controversial poster campaign that urges families to report their children to the authorities if they adopt Islamist ideologies.

The groups said they were pulling out of a security partnership with the Interior Ministry, which had asked mosques to help detect homegrown Islamist terrorism.

Each poster shows a youth with the headline "Missing" with text urging families to contact a government counseling service if a son becomes strangely devout and secretive.

"This is our son. We miss him, because he isn't the same any more. We are scared we'll completely lose him to the religious fanatics and terrorist groups," says the text on one poster.

The faces on the posters are apparently of photographic models of Turkish, Arab, North African or Bosnian extraction.

The Central Council of Mus-

lims in Germany, the Turkish-Islamic Union for Religious Affairs, the Federation of Islamic Culture Centers and the Islamic Association of Bosnians in Germany jointly complained.

They said the posters amounted to "collective incrimination" of Germany's estimated 4 million Muslims.

The poster campaign is the brainchild of Interior Minister Hans-Peter Friedrich, who has had a strained relationship with Muslim leaders.

The government's own anti-discrimination office also has de-

nounced the posters, which are to be hung in shopping malls and on streets from September. It said people of generic Muslim appearance were being shown in a format that suggested a police "wanted poster."

"The message is that every Muslim is a potential terrorist," said Miguel Vicente, an integration ombudsman. "It's insulting."

The four groups also said Friedrich's security partnership had failed to seek constructive solutions and had been dominated by the minister.

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.

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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 Finck for more information. (605)760-4701.

Catholic

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH OF CEDAR COUNTY (Immaculate Conception), St. Helena, NE. Rev. Eric Olsen. (402)357-2400. Mass: Saturdays 5pm.

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH OF CEDAR COUNTY (Sacred Heart), Wynot, 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.

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. 5pm Mass, confessions 1/2 hour before Mass. Father Daniel Morris.

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.



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

ST. BONIFACE CHURCH, rural Freeman/Idylwilde. September WEEKEND Mass Saturdays @ 4:30 pm www.Parishesonline.com/stbonifaced

ST. COLUMBA CHURCH, rural Irene/Mayfield. WEEKEND Mass Time, Saturdays @ 6:15 a.m.

ST. GEORGE CHURCH, Scotland, SD. WEEKEND Mass Time Sundays @ 9:30am.

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ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC, Fordyce, Neb. Rev. David Fulton. SUN. 10:30am Mass.

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

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. Masses: 8:30am. WED/FRI. Masses: 8:15am. Confessions: WED. 11am-11:30am, SAT. 5-5:20pm.

ST. WENCESLAUS, Tabor, (605)463-2336. Father Daniel Morris. 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

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

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 9:30am. 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 firststope@santel.net

GAYVILLE-BERGEN LUTHERAN Pastor Ralph Egbert. (605)267-4342 (church) Church: 9:00am-GLC Worship, 10:15-SS, 9:15am-BLC SS, 10:15am-BLC Worship.

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

Lutheran

Martinus Lutheran Church, Utica. Pastor Dean Schroeder Sunday Divine Service 8:30am (605)589-3195 www.MartinusLutheran.org

OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN,

rural Irene. 263-3724. SUN. 11am Worship.

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

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 Sulzle, (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. (MST) on KKRA-PAX.

St. John Lutheran Church, Tyndall. Pastor Dean Schroeder. Sunday Divine Service: 10:30am (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.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, Hartington/Crofton, NE, Justin Wiase, interum 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 (PCUSA), 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.

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