

### Barbecue At St. Columba Church Sunday

IRENE — St. Columba Church (Mayfield), Irene, will be having a barbecue on Sunday, Sept. 23, with serving from 4-7 p.m. The menu will include BBQ pork sandwiches, baked beans, salads and pies. There will be valet parking, country store, raffle, carry-outs and games.

### Church Having Cold-Weather Clothing Drive

Christ the King Lutheran Church of Yankton is having a coat, hat and mitten drive for the Lower Brule Reservation near Chamberlain. New and gently used warm coats, hats and mittens of all sizes are being collected. These items will be distributed through the Boys and Girls Club at Lower Brule. Items can be delivered to Christ the King Lutheran, 305 West 25th Street, between the hours of 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Deliver items by Sept. 28. If you have any questions or would like items picked up, call the church at 665-8848.

### ERTH Program To Begin In Yankton

ERTH (Ecumenical Religious Training for the Handicapped) classes will begin this year's program on Sept. 29 with a picnic at the South Shelter of Fantle Memorial Park, Yankton. Participants will gather at noon for lunch provided by Sacred Heart Monastery. Sister Margo Tschetter and members of the fifth-grade class of Sacred Heart School will host the event. ERTH classes will then begin at 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13, at St. Benedict Catholic Church, 1500 St. Benedict Drive. The group will then meet every Saturday through April at local churches for lessons of Christian faith and fellowship. The program is designed especially for developmentally handicapped adults living or working in the greater Yankton area. Churches which will host ERTH classes include St. Benedict and Sacred Heart Catholic, Peace Presbyterian, Calvary Baptist, United Church of Christ Congregational, Riverview Reformed, St. John's Lutheran and First United Methodist.

ERTH operates under the sponsorship of the Yankton Area Ministerial Association and is funded by contributions from the participating churches as well as Sacred Heart Monastery, the Marty Council of the Knights of Columbus, participants' contributions, and the VFW Auxiliary. Persons interested in participating in or helping with this year's program should attend the picnic or call 665-9914 for further information.

### 'Cup Of Faith' Event Set For Trinity Church

Trinity Lutheran Church of Yankton will be presenting "A Cup Of Faith: Your Escape from the Daily Grind" on Saturday, Sept 29, running from 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Participants will have a fun-filled day enjoying a delicious lunch, being entertained and having the opportunity to attend various hobby sessions of your choice. With topics as diverse as Dutch oven cooking, social networking, hunting, winter bird feeding, herb drying, scrap-booking, crafts, model airplane flying and more — you are sure to find something you like. Contact the Trinity Lutheran Church office at (605) 665-7415 or Jan at (402) 357-2102 with questions or to register.

### Pleasant Valley WELCA Soup Supper Oct. 3

VERMILLION — The Pleasant Valley WELCA will be holding its annual Soup Supper on Wednesday, Oct. 3 in the church basement, serving from 5-7:30 p.m. Pleasant Valley Church is located at 45918 308th St, rural Vermillion. The menu includes: chicken and dumpling soup, vegetable beef soup, chili, taverns, ham sandwiches, pie, ice cream and beverages for a free-will offering.

### Gayville-Volin Church Fall Supper Oct. 6

GAYVILLE — The Gayville-Volin United Methodist Church is holding its Fall Supper at the Gayville Community Center on Saturday, Oct. 6, running from 5-7:30 p.m. The menu includes Swiss steak, herbed potatoes, corn, dinner roll, pie and drink. There will also be a craft and food bazaar.

# Contemplation Of All Good Things

BY PASTOR TRACY HEADLEY  
Faith Alive Church

16: "So don't be misled, my dear brothers and sisters." 17: "WHATEVER is 'good and perfect' comes to us FROM God above, who created all heaven's lights. Unlike them, he never changes or casts shifting shadows." 18: "IN HIS GOODNESS He chose to make us His own children by giving us his true word. And WE, out of all creation, became his choice possession." James 1:16-18

IN CONTRAST TO THE VIEW that God sends evil, James points out that whatever is 'good and perfect' comes to us from God above. SO we can be assured that God always wills the best for us-not good things today and bad things tomorrow.

BECAUSE OF this truth we can trust GOD'S word and apply it to our daily lives.

28: "And we KNOW that God causes everything to work together\* for the good of those who love God and are called according to His purpose for them." Romans 8:28



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IN SPITE OF EVIL, GOD IS WORKING OUT HIS GOOD PURPOSES; and circumstances are never so bad that they are beyond God's help.

THE BIBLE TELLS US THE STORY OF A YOUNG MAN NAME JOSEPH, WHO WAS SOLD OFF BY HIS JEALOUS BROTHERS.

When Joseph became a slave, Jacob, his father was told he was dead and wept in despair.

BUT EVENTUALLY God's plan allowed Jacob to regain not only his son, but his grandchildren as well and he saw God's provision, in the midst of a great drought. (Genesis 37:30)

SO we need never despair, because we belong to a loving God.

We may not understand or know what good he will bring out of a seemingly hopeless situation — but we can know that He will, because he is good.

IN JOSEPH'S LIFE, God brought good from his brothers' evil deed, Potiphar's wife's false accusation, the cupbearer's neglect, and seven years of famine. Joseph's experiences taught him that God brings good from evil for those who trust him.

DO WE trust God enough to wait patiently for him to bring good out of bad situations? WE CAN — because, as Joseph learned, God can overrule people's evil intentions to bring about His good purpose.

AS CHRISTIANS, GOD IS INVOLVED IN ALL AREAS OF OUR LIFE TO BRING ABOUT HIS GOOD PURPOSE — but this does not mean, that all that happens to us — is good.

WHAT HAPPENS may not itself be "good," but God will cause everything to WORK TOGETHER for the good of his children, to meet His purpose and to bring us into greater maturity.

THE PSALMIST IN PSALMS 107; IS REMEMBERING ALL THE THINGS THAT GOD HAS AND WILL; REDEEM, DELIVER, AND SAVE THOSE — WHO LOVE HIM AND SEEK HIS GOODNESS.

# Religious Liberty Emerges As Sensitive Issue

BY MELISSA MAYNARD  
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Earlier this month, in nearly identical benedictions at the two national political conventions, Cardinal Timothy Dolan of New York talked about the importance of religious liberty. He called it "the first, most cherished freedom bequeathed upon us at our Founding."

Few delegates in Tampa or Charlotte had any reason to challenge this language. The concept of "religious liberty" is enjoying a resurgence among both liberals and conservatives, and is referenced in both party platforms as something to be protected and respected.

What provokes argument is the question of just what religious liberty means. Lurking below the surface agreement is a complex and highly charged conflict about the role of religion in public life.

The conflict began last spring as a heated national debate about whether faith-based organizations should be required to cover birth control in their health plans. It is quickly spreading to a wide range of policy questions, many of which will likely be resolved at the state level.

One issue is whether governments and courts are trying to relegate believers of varying creeds to private expressions of faith within the walls of their places of worship. Nathan Diamant, executive director of public policy for the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, says the correct definition of religious liberty includes "the protection and the valuing of individuals not just to believe what they want to believe but to act and live their lives in conformity and consistent with those beliefs." Critics of this understanding of religious liberty assert that faith should not be an excuse to be exempted from any public policy with which one disagrees.

The Ethics and Public Policy Center, a D.C. think tank, has formed an American Religious Freedom Program that is working to form bipartisan caucuses in all 50 state legislatures. One goal is to allow believers to opt out of providing professional services — such as photographing

same-sex weddings or dispensing contraceptives at pharmacies — based on their personal religious convictions. Another is to make sure that any same-sex marriage legislation includes provisions stating that religious institutions are not legally required to allow the use of their property for same-sex weddings.

"Most Americans are familiar with debates about religion being worked out in the courts," says Tim Schultz, the program's state legislative policy director. "Our view is that the courts should not be the only recourse for the protection of religious freedom and that legislatures have a role to play — particularly in the states."

These debates are already in full force in some states. In May, Tennessee Gov. Bill Haslam vetoed a religious liberty bill passed by the legislature that would have allowed student groups at Vanderbilt University to exclude from membership those whose religious beliefs were inconsistent with the group's values. Vanderbilt is a private university, but it receives significant state funding.

In his veto note, Haslam said that it was "counter-intuitive to make campus organizations open their membership and leadership positions to anyone and everyone, even when potential members philosophically disagree with the core values and beliefs of the organization." Still, he said, "as someone who strongly believes in limited government, I think it is inappropriate for government to mandate the policies of a private institution."

Ballot measures dealing with religious freedom protections have emerged in three states this election cycle, with more expected once the Religious Freedom Program's state-based efforts ramp up. North Dakota rejected and Missouri approved ballot measures earlier this year broadening state constitutional religious freedom provisions.

Missouri's measure passed overwhelmingly (82.8 percent) in August, but it has been controversial because of language not included on the actual ballot that says "no student shall be compelled to perform or participate in academic assignments or educational presentations that violate his or her religious beliefs." Critics say

that provision creates a loophole for students who simply wish to evade an unwanted assignment.

"Many of these measures are misleading and cast as a response to some mythical war on religion," says Daniel Mach, director of the American Civil Liberties Union Program on Freedom of Religion and Belief. "Religious liberty was alive and well in Missouri before this amendment. There was simply no need to change the state constitution and now the state has opened the door to official religious favoritism and the nearly boundless rights of students to refuse assignments on religious grounds."

In November, Florida will vote on a constitutional amendment that would prohibit discrimination against individuals and institutions on the basis of religious beliefs and remove a long-standing ban on public funding "in aid of any church, sect, or religious denomination or in aid of any sectarian institution."

Supporters argue that the amendment is necessary to ensure that social service organizations with religious affiliations can compete on an equal footing with other organizations providing similar services. They point to an on-going legal challenge to a faith-based prisoner re-entry program that they say serves an important purpose and is just one option among many for ex-convicts in need of support. "They are over in their faith and that's why they're doing the prisoner re-entry," Schultz says, "but they're not saying, 'if you want to go through our program, you have to go to Sunday school.' If they were, that would be a very, very different thing."

Opponents argue that the amendment is a misleading attempt to pave the legal groundwork for parochial school vouchers and is unnecessary because in practice faith-based organizations already receive government funding to provide public services. "This is just a starting point of a campaign to get more funding into private religious schools and religious social services," says Barry Lynn, executive director of Americans United for Separation of Church and State.

## 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, 10:45am 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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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 Finck for more information. (605)760-4701.

### Catholic

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 (Sacred Heart), Wyanot, NE. Rev. Eric Olsen. (402)357-2400. Mass times, Sundays 9am.

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

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.

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### Catholic

ST. BENEDICT CATHOLIC CHURCH, 1500 St. Benedict Drive, Yankton, Father Ken Luff, 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. September WEEKEND Mass Saturdays @ 4:30 pm  
www.Parishesonline.com/stbonifacecsd

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

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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 Morris.

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 Morris. SAT. 7pm Mass. SUN. 8:30am Mass.

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### 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 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

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### 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. 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.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. Worship: Saturday-5:30, Sunday-8:15/10:45 a.m.; SS, classes, Coffee fellowship-9:30a.m.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, Hartington/Crofton, NE, Amanda Jertson pastor; (402)254-6606. SUN. 9am Worship (Hartington), 10am SS (Hartington), 11am Worship (Crofton).

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

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