



Friday is the first  
day of winter

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## Worship services in the area will celebrate Christmas

"It came without ribbons, it came without tags. It came without packages, boxes or bags. Then the Grinch thought of something he hadn't before. Maybe Christmas doesn't come from a store, maybe Christmas perhaps means a little bit more."

This is the narration of the Grinch cartoon at the very end when the mean Grinch has a change of his heart and turns his actions for the better.

At Christmas as we celebrate this birth of Jesus Christ, let's keep in mind the truth of Christmas Day.

Celebrate our Saviors birth with others, singing praises in song and joining in fellowship with others at the church of your choice.

Worship services in our area include:

In Clark, at the Plymouth Congregational (UCC) Church, a Christmas Eve Candlelight worship will be held at 7:00 p.m. on December 24 with Pastor Fawn Lamb.

In Raymond, commissioned ruling elders will lead the Christmas Eve Candlelight service with communion at the First Presbyterian Church at 5:30 p.m. on December 24.

Also in Raymond at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Pastor Randy Bader will lead the Tri-Parish Christmas Day Festival service at 9:00 a.m. in the Raymond church on Tuesday, December 25.

At St. Paul Lutheran, the Christmas Eve Candlelight worship service with communion will be held at

6:00 p.m. The service will be led by Pastor Mindy Ehrke.

At the United Methodist Church in Clark, Pastors Mark and Joy Tracy invite all to the Christmas Eve Candlelight service held on the 24th at 3:00 p.m.

At St. Michael Church in Clark, a Nativity of the Lord Vigil Christmas Mass will begin at 4:00 p.m. on December 24 led by Father Dan Smith.



In Garden City at the United Methodist Church, Pastor Joy Tracy and members of the congregation will celebrate Christmas with an evening Christmas Eve service to be held at 5:00 p.m.

In Carpenter, the United Methodist Church will have the Christmas Eve Candlelight service and Sunday School program at 6:00 p.m. on December 24.

At the Lake Gospel Church in Willow Lake, Pastor Steven John-

son will host a Christmas Eve candlelight service at 6:00 p.m. on December 24 with a bell choir to perform during the service.

Pastor Randy Bader invites members to the Willow Lake Evangelical Lutheran Church for the Christmas Eve children's service at 6:00 p.m.

At Grace Lutheran Church, Pastor Bryan Taffe will lead the Christmas Eve service that day at 5:30 p.m. Pastor Bryan will also lead the Christmas Eve service at 2:30 p.m. at the Good Hope Church.

In Bryant, at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Father Richard Baumberger will officiate at a 10:30 a.m. Christmas Day Mass on December 25.

Also in Bryant at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Pastor Bryan Taffe will officiate at the 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve worship.

In Vienna Pastor Taffe will also host the 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service at Bethlehem Lutheran Church on December 24.

In Henry, at St. Henry Catholic Church, the Nativity of the Lord Christmas Mass will be held on Tuesday, December 25 at 9:00 a.m. led by Father Dan Smith.

In the Crocker and Bradley area, the Crocker Lutheran Church will be hosting the Christmas Eve Candlelight service with communion at 4:00 p.m. with the choir singing and Minister Marion Grimes officiating.

Enjoy the holiday with those you love this Christmas.



## Christmas music concert was Thursday

The Clark School students in grades fifth through twelfth presented the Christmas music concert on Thursday, Dec. 13 in the high school gym.

"Sounds of the Season", with "Do You Hear What I Hear", was the music program theme.

The fifth grade band, sixth grade band, seventh

and eighth grade choir, high school choir, fifth and sixth grade choir and concert band all performed.

Pictured are two trumpet players in the sixth grade band, Randy Robles-Torres, left and Christopher Venjohn. Amy Nelson is the vocal instructor and Lola Bartels is the instrumental instructor.

## Colin Beveridge is student pastor at the Prairie Star Lutheran Parish

Colin Beveridge has recently accepted the position of student pastor at the Prairie Star Lutheran Parish.

With a lifetime of Christian education under his belt attending Capistrano Christian School up through graduation in San Clemente, Calif. in 2011 and then Providence Christian College in Pasadena, Calif., he felt the time was right recently for him to continue his Christian education.

Beveridge's goal is to become the associate pastor along with Pastor Bryan Taffe at the Prairie Star Lutheran Parish in the Willow Lake/Bryant area.

"I don't plan on moving anywhere else," confided Beveridge. "I love the country life on our farm and being able to raise our boys on the farm with the country life. This is where I'm supposed to be I believe."

Colin married Britta Stadem of Sioux Falls who he met in Sioux City, Iowa. She was visiting her sister at Dordt College in Sioux Center, Iowa while Beveridge was working at a coffee shop at the college where he attended one semester.

The couple married in May of

**Beveridge**  
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Colin Beveridge has recently accepted the position of a Synodically Authorized Minister at the Prairie Star Lutheran Parish. He is currently in a Masters of Divinity program taking online classes as well as working in a church context, helping out where needed. He is working alongside Pastor Bryan Taffe in the four point parish.

Colin is shown with his family - wife Britta and sons two-year-old Leif and eight-month-old Mills. The couple resides on a farm near Bryant.



## Chamber Open House is well attended

December weather to this point has been very nice. Last Saturday was the Clark Chamber of Commerce Christmas Open House and sometimes the weather has been a factor in the turnout.

That was not the case this year as over 100 people, of all ages, came to the Clark American Legion Hall to play bingo.

Above, left to right, are Chamber board of directors Clay Yeoman and Nichole DesLauriers, then \$150 Clark Bucks winner Gail Temple and \$50 Clark Bucks winner Sandy Altfillisch. Dan Duenwald, not pictured, won the \$100 Clark Bucks. On the right is Terry Schlagel, who called bingo for the attendees.

## Shannon (Schlagel) Huber in 2019 SD high school basketball HOF class

This is the South Dakota High School Basketball Hall of Fame's 10th class and Shannon (Schlagel) Huber of Clark is one of the chosen 15 new members.

Shannon (Schlagel) Huber, Clark (Clark 2001) reads: "Clark had a runner-up and third-place finish in the Class A State Tournament as Huber scored 1,518 career points on teams that went 71-16. She was a four-year starter at South Dakota State University and she totaled 1,887 points at SDSU. Huber and the Jackrabbits won the NCAA Division II national title in 2003."

The Class of 2019 will be honored during the Hall of Fame induction banquet at 1:00 p.m. on March 23 at the Ramkota Hotel in Sioux Falls. The Watertown Arrows of 1959

will be recognized during the banquet as the Team of Excellence for 2019. Jim Marking coached the Arrows to the Class A state title and a 20-2 record.

Members of the Class of 2019 along with Huber include:

Jodi (Pipes) Altenburg, Harrisburg (Armour 1988); Scott Beckstrand, Sioux Falls (Lincoln 1989); Mike Begeman, Sioux Falls (Parker 1975); LeRoy "Lefty" Engebretson (Webster 1946); Dave Fischer, Hartford (Wall 1961); Rolland Furois (Deadwood 1940); Freddie Knife (Cheyenne Agency 1959); Megan Mahoney, Black Hawk (Sturgis 2001); Alan Nissen, Lincoln, Neb.

**Huber**  
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## December has been mild!

Winter officially begins this Friday, Dec. 21. Meteorological winter began Dec. 1. Winter in northeast South Dakota in December has been almost non-existent in 2018 and no one is complaining.

In December 2018, the average temperature for the first 18 days of the month is 25°, a good 10° warmer than the average December to this point.

Twelve of the first 18 days of December this year, the high temperature for the day has been in the 30's or 40's. "Unheard of", say most long-time residents. Plus, the high temperature for the last eight days has been above freezing.

The high temperature this month was 49°, recorded this past Sunday, Dec. 16. The low temperature was found on Saturday, Dec. 8, it was 7°. Therefore, no -0 temperatures have

occurred this December.

December usually is a fairly wet month in northeastern South Dakota, having white Christmas' more often than not, but this December on four occasions, .01 amounts of precipitation were recorded and .02 once.

The mild December weather is newsworthy and will make the winter seem shorter, but Mother Nature has her way of evening things out.

The forecast through this week is above average with the temperatures but snow could make an appearance for Christmas Eve into Christmas day. A 40 percent chance of moisture exists for that time frame.

**December**  
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## A Tuesday Christmas throws off publishing days

Next week's paper will be the Christmas Greeting edition. This week's *Clark County Courier* comes out on the normal day, Wednesday, Dec. 19, but then we turn around and get out the next issue before Christmas.

With Christmas falling on a Tuesday in 2018, the *Courier* will be out and in mailboxes on Monday, Dec. 24, Christmas Eve day.

In order to make this possible, the *Courier* office needs all news and advertising by Friday, Dec. 21. Saturday, Dec. 22, will be like our normal Tuesday, the day we put the paper together and Monday, Dec. 24 is the day it will be out for publication.

The following week, the same

thing will happen. The New Year's paper will be in mailboxes on Monday, Dec. 31, 2018. The first paper of 2019 will be out Wednesday, Jan. 9.

### WEATHER

Robert Cole - Official  
Weather Observer

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|----------------------------|-------|----|-----|
| Dec. 11.....               | 37    | 14 | 0   |
| Dec. 12.....               | 34    | 16 | .01 |
| Dec. 13.....               | 32    | 14 | .02 |
| Dec. 14.....               | 39    | 24 | 0   |
| Dec. 15.....               | 44    | 28 | 0   |
| Dec. 16.....               | 49    | 27 | 0   |
| Dec. 17.....               | 43    | 22 | 0   |
| 2018 precipitation to date | 18.00 |    |     |
| 2017 precipitation to date | 23.08 |    |     |