

First Christian Church of Spencer's 3rd Annual
Spiritual Formation Retreat
Praying the Monastic Way

July 29-30, 2011

**Blue Cloud Abbey
Marvin, SD**

Blue Cloud Abbey is a Benedictine Monastery located in Marvin, SD. The Abbey was founded in 1950 and was named after an Elder of the Yankton tribe, Mahpiya To, which means "Blue Cloud." Like all Benedictine monasteries, the community lives according to the rule of Saint Benedict, in which hospitality is a primary focus. Therefore, the Abbey welcomes many guests in their retreat center, camp, and Native American cultural center. Guests are invited to participate in the worship life of the monks, as they pray together the daily office.

At this retreat you'll:

- Learn some of the basics about Monasticism, particularly the Benedictine Order
- Participate in worship with the monks
- Learn how to pray the daily office
- Be surrounded by the beautiful hill country and private lakes
- Have opportunities to explore, hike, read, pray, meditate, rest, relax

Departure: Friday, July 29th, 9:00 am

Return: Saturday, July 30th, 6:00 pm

Lodging

All participants will stay in the retreat center at the Abbey. Each participant will have their own room, complete with private bathroom and shower. Married couples may request to share a room if desired, however, quiet, personal space is highly recommended. Shared rooms will either have 2 twin beds or 1 double bed. There is no discount for sharing a room.

Registration (Early-bird Deadline is July 3)

Early-bird Registration is \$65 per person which includes transportation, lodging, dinner on Friday, Breakfast and Lunch on Saturday, and all materials.

After the early-bird deadline add an additional \$5 per person.

Name(s) _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Food Allergies or Dietary Concerns: _____