

## RELIGION DIGEST

## Calvary Baptist To Hold Lake Service

The congregation of Calvary Baptist will be holding their annual lake service Sunday, Aug. 8, at 10:30 a.m. at the Midway Beach picnic shelter. Baptism will be a part of the service. All are welcome to attend and should bring lawn chairs. Following the service there will be a potluck dinner with chicken and beverages provided. No Sunday School or other activities will take place at the church on August 8th.

Calvary Baptist is also planning a service schedule change later this month. Starting on Sunday, Aug. 22, the church will begin holding two Sunday morning worship services, with the first starting at 9 a.m. and the second service at 10:45 a.m. There will be a fellowship time between the two services and Sunday School will be held during the 10:45 a.m. service.

## 'Drop By' Days Slated For MVCA In August

Missouri Valley Christian Academy, a non-denominational Christian school in Yankton, will be hosting a series of "Drop By" Days starting next month. Interested families will have the chance to tour the school, view the curriculum and what MVCA has to offer.

"Drop By" Days will be 1-5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 8; and 4-8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 10.

All will be held at the school located at 305 W. 25th St. Watch for signs. For more information, visit the school's website at [www.mvcamustangs.org](http://www.mvcamustangs.org).

## Interfaith Unions A Reality For One-Third Of United States

BY CATHY LYNN GROSSMAN

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Chelsea Clinton, a Methodist, and Marc Mezvinsky, a conservative Jew, had their very private wedding on Saturday. But the public may not be done peering through the shrubbery at their lives.

Like it or not, the famous bride and groom will continue to be the focus of scrutiny for their religiously mixed marriage — a category that's growing rapidly among U.S. couples.

Two decades ago, 25 percent of U.S. couples didn't share the same faith. That was up to 31 percent by 2006 to 2008, according to the General Social Survey by the National Opinion Research Center at the University of Chicago. The number was even higher, 37 percent, in the 2008 U.S. Religious Landscape Survey by the Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life. Both surveys included people who crossed major traditions, such as Jewish-Protestant, believers married to the unaffiliated, and Protestants of different denominations, such as former president Bill Clinton, a Baptist, and Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, a Methodist.

For those of nominal faith, this is no big deal. "Everybody party" is a popular way to avoid doctrinal conflicts, however thin on theology. But for those who hold deep but different faiths, life-cycle decisions will loom, from baptism (No? Yes? Whose church?) to burial (Can you rest in sacred ground of another faith?).

Every rite of passage, sacred ritual and major holy day will require negotiation: First Communion? Bar or bat mitzva? Passover Seder, Easter vigil or Eid Al-Fitr feast to break Islam's Ramadan fast? Looking on: Parents and clergy who fear that distinctive beliefs, sacred rituals and centuries-old cultural traditions will be diluted or discarded.

Saqib Ali, who is Muslim, and his Christian wife, Susan, eloped to a nearby mosque for their Muslim wedding 11 years ago, since "neither set of parents was interested in our getting married," Ali says.

A few months later, when everyone settled down, we had a Christian ceremony and a big reception," says Ali, of Gaithersburg, Md. They are rearing their two young daughters in Islam, while still going to Susan's Presbyterian USA church on Christmas and Easter.

"I don't try to force my religion on her and she doesn't force hers on me," he says.

"You have to be a pretty flexible person. If one of you is more rigidly religious, no matter what the religion is, it's a whole lot harder," says Cathy Dee of Fort Wayne, Ind., a Methodist who married a committed Catholic 35 years ago. Although their two children grew up Catholic, both now attend Protestant church with Dee's grandchildren.

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zine, The Christian Index, defines "interfaith" unions very sharply: Believers who have accepted Jesus as their personal savior and anyone — Christian or any other religion — who has not. As a pastor he declined to wed Christians to unbelievers. At funerals for unbelievers, Harris would gently tell mourners that true comfort was with Christ.

But, he says, "it is going to be increasingly difficult for people who hold to their faith firmly and strongly. The idea of absolute truth is what is at stake here."

When retired United Methodist Bishop Kenneth Carder did premarital counseling, he found "many religious folks don't know their own tradition — Methodist or Catholic or Baptist."

That makes it hard to foresee if your faith will meld or conflict with your partner's, says Carder, who teaches at Duke Divinity School. His goal was to "help Methodists be Methodists, Christians be Christians and both partners live with integrity for both traditions."

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**Voices of Faith: Is violence ever justified, even in defense of others?**

## ONLY AS A LAST RESORT

The Rev. Duke Tufty, Unity Temple on the Plaza, Kansas City, Mo.: If an innocent person's life were being threatened, and I had the means to prevent death or injury, albeit through violence, I would do so as a last resort.

That course of action is in line with the Iron Rule, predecessor to the Golden Rule. The Iron Rule states: "Like begets like. I will give to you what you give to me. Violence returns violence. Love returns love. If you threaten, you will be threatened."

With that being said, I must confess the Iron Rule falls woefully

short of the ideal moral standard of the Golden Rule, which states do to others what you want done to you.

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## VIOLENCE IS OVERTONE

The Rev. Pat Rush, pastor, Visitation Catholic Church, Kansas City: The Catholic approach to this question is best seen in the church's attitude toward war. Early Christians were pacifists and viewed deliberately shedding another person's blood as completely contrary to the gospel. The later church developed positions that allowed for justifiable exceptions to this non-violence stance.

In the fourth century, St. Augustine articulated the just war theory. While still favoring non-violence, Augustine nevertheless maintained that the state had a responsibility in justice and charity to its citizens to take up arms if necessary, under certain conditions, to protect innocent people from aggression.

With the wars and weaponry of the 20th century, however, the

church has become increasingly skeptical of the appropriateness of the just war theory today. The violence is so disproportionate even to the importance of protecting innocent lives.

Similarly with capital punishment. Again, the church has taught that the state has a responsibility to protect innocent lives, even if it means executing a violent person. John Paul II, however, again valuing the non-violence of the gospels, questioned the necessity of the death penalty today when less violent means, such as life imprisonment, can provide that protection.

So the Catholic Church does hold that legitimate authority can rightly utilize violence to protect the innocent if that violence is justified, necessary, proportionate and a last resort. It is, however, increasingly skeptical that these conditions can be met today.

"To be meaningful, compassionate, generous, loving, is what young couples want in a marriage, and increasingly Americans are getting what they need for support outside of religious institutions," the rabbi says.

"There will always be Jews who call themselves Jews and practice what they consider Judaism, but (for some) religion will no longer be something that identifies them in a significant way," Kula says.

"They will have multiple identities in multiple groups."

When Jess Levy of Emmitsburg, Ohio, who grew up Jewish, marries his Chinese Buddhist fiancée next year, he expects "we'll have somebody neutral officiate, maybe a family friend. Personally, I don't feel the need for a religious ceremony."

"The couple was agreed that when they have children, Levy says, "we will keep up culturally — light the candles at Hanukkah and celebrate Chinese New Year. We'll give them a mix of both backgrounds."

The website InterfaithFamily.com offers DVDs for a "Love and Religion" course created by Marion Usher, a marriage and family counselor who has run workshops for interfaith couples for 16 years at the Jewish Community Center in Washington, D.C. DVD sales soared after Usher began offering advice online timed to the Clinton-Mezvinsky wedding.

She suggests couples pick a "lead religion" and respect the other one for its cultural heritage. No matter which path they take, Usher says, "they must realize they face losses, acceptances and compromises."

## CHURCH SCHEDULES

Abundant Life	Baptist	Catholic	Church of Jesus Christ	Lutheran	Non-Denominational	United Methodist	
<b>ABUNDANT LIFE MINISTRIES</b> , 517 Burleigh, Lawrence and Barbara Hladky, pastors, 665-0889. SAT 7pm Praise and worship celebration, SUN. 10am Worship. WED. 7pm Worship. Teens prayer daily 10am.	<b>BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH</b> , 303 Ohio St., Wakonda. Mike Lindsay, pastor, (605)759-5020. SUNDAY Worship, 11:00a.m., evening 6:00pm WEDNESDAY Bible Study 12Noon.	<b>ST. BENEDICT CATHOLIC CHURCH</b> , 1500 St. Benedict Drive, Yankton, Father Paul Josten, 664-6214 (church), Masses: SAT. 5pm. SUN. 8:30am & 10:30am.	<b>CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST LATTER-DAY SAINTS</b> , 2300 Douglas, Yankton. Randy Campbell, (605)565-2016. Family History Ctr 665-0901. SUN. 10am Sacrament meeting.	<b>HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH</b> , 200 South Wilson, Delmont. (605)935-6941. SUN. 10:45am Worship. firsthope@santel.net	<b>GLORY CHRISTIAN CENTER</b> , 901 E 11th St., Yankton. Gail Ryken, pastor, 665-2369. SUN. 10am Service. WED. 6pm Prayer. GC School, call (605)665-1988.	<b>FIRST UNITED METHODIST</b> , Yankton. Rev. Ron Johnson Pastor. 665-2991. Sunday, Contemporary Worship 9:30; Trad. 10:30. Childcare 8:45-11:45. 8:30 UM Hour, KYNT.	
<b>Alliance of Renewal Churches</b>	<b>HARVEST INDEPENDENT BAPTIST</b> , 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.	<b>ST. BONIFACE CATHOLIC CHURCH</b> , Menominee, Neb. Rev. David Fulton, pastor. SUN. 8:30am Mass.	<b>CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH</b> , 517 Douglas, Yankton. Rev. James Pearson, (605)665-2456. Sunday 8:30am Serenity Sunday School & Morning Prayer 9:30am. Here are the listings for Sunday, August 8th. 8:30 Serenity, 9:30 Sunday School, 9:30 Holy Eucharist, Wednesday noon Eucharist.	<b>OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN</b> , rural Irene. 263-3724. SUN. 11am Worship.	<b>PRESBYTERIAN</b>	<b>GAYVILLE-VOLUN UNITED METHODIST</b> , Brook McBride, pastor. 624-2179. 9am Worship Service. 10:00am Sunday School.	
<b>LIVING WATER CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP</b> , Sun. 10am Yankton Middle School (2000 Mulberry) Weds. 7pm Prayer. David Olson, pastor. (605)260-2138.	<b>YANKTON BAPTIST CHURCH</b> , SBC, Pastor Matt Green, 607 East 15th St., Yankton, 665-7587. SUN. 9:30am Bible study, SS; 10:45am Worship. WED. 7pm Midweek service.	<b>ST. COLUMBA CHURCH</b> , rural Irene. For weekend Mass info see church bulletin or Rev. Matthew Vazhappily, (605)583-4318.	<b>EMMANUEL CHURCH</b> Yankton HS Theater, 1801 Summit, Sunday Worship @ 10am. Pastors Dan Freng & Jeremy Mulder, www.emmanuelyankton.com (605)665-0404.	<b>OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN</b> , 29219 431st Ave., Menno. Rev. Bradley Danielson. SAT. 7am Men's prayer breakfast. SUN. 9am Worship. 10:30am SS.	<b>PEACE PRESBYTERIAN (PCAUSA)</b> , 206 E. 31st. 665-0448. Rev. Dr. Nelson Stone & Rev. Marilyn Stone. Sun-9:30am worship. Coffee & SS for kids & adults to follow. Aired at 8pm Fri. on Ch. 3 & 98	<b>VERMILLION FIRST UNITED METHODIST</b> , 16 N. Dakota, 624-2179. SUN. 10:30am Worship service.	
<b>Assembly of God</b>	<b>GRACE BIBLE CHURCH</b> , 31102 Walleys Drive (Corner of Hwy. 52 and Walleys Drive, just east of Gavin's Point Dam road), Yankton. Joel Finck, pastor, 463-2070. SUN. 10am Worship.	<b>ST. GEORGE CHURCH</b> , Scotland, SD. Rev. Matthew Vazhappily. For weekend Mass info see church bulletin or call (605)583-4318.	<b>FAITH ALIVE</b> , 501 Cedar St., Yankton. 665-4797. Contemporary Worship & Family Values. SUN: 10:30am service. WED. 7pm CareCells "Small Groups For Building Relationships" Various Locations.	<b>OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN</b> , LCMS, 12th and Elm, Springfield, Rev. Kenneth Johnson, pastor. SUN. 8am Worship. 9am SS. THUR. 7pm Adult Bible study.	<b>RIVERVIEW REFORMED</b> , 17th St. & Burleigh, Rev. Rodney Veldhuizen, pastor. 665-9204. SUN. 9:30am Worship, 10:15am SS. WED. Youth group & adult choir.	<b>KYNT 1450 AM Radio</b>	
<b>Assembly of God, 801 W. 25th, Jeff Martz, pastor. 665-6362 (office). SUN. 10am Worship Celebration. WED. 7pm Midweek service and Bible study for all ages.</b>	<b>HOLY FAMILY CHURCH OF CEDAR COUNTY</b> (Immaculate Conception), St. Helena, NE. Rev. Eric Olsen. (402)357-2400. Sat 5pm	<b>ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC</b> , Lesterville, SUN. 10:30am Mass.	<b>PRINCE OF PEACE</b> , Wisconsin Synod, 201 East 25th St., Pastor Werre, 665-4793. Sat. 6pm Worship.	<b>SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST</b> , 722 Locust St., Yankton, 665-1032. SAT. 9:30am Sabbath School, 11am Worship. 665-4496, 665-4881. Pastor George Shaver Home phone (605)369-5496.	<b>WAKONDA, IRENE, VIBORG, UNITED METHODIST</b> , Pastor Mark Gronseth. SUN. 8:30am Worship at Wakonda; 9:45am Worship at Irene; 11am Worship at Viborg.	<b>KYNT 1450 AM Radio SAT.</b> 10:30am "Saturday Morning Live." SUN. 8:30am United Methodist Hour. 9:05am "God's Good News." 9:30am St. John's Lutheran Church	
<b>Baptist</b>	<b>HOLY FAMILY CHURCH OF CEDAR COUNTY</b> (Sts. Peter & Paul), Bow Valley, NE. Rev. Eric Olsen. (402)357-2400. Sat. 8pm & Sun. 11am.	<b>ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH</b> , Constance, Neb., Fr. David Fulton, pastor. SAT. Mass: 7:30pm.	<b>South Dakota Lutheran Church</b> 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.	<b>SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST</b> , 722 Locust St., Yankton, 665-1032. SAT. 9:30am Sabbath School, 11am Worship. 665-4496, 665-4881. Pastor George Shaver Home phone (605)369-5496.	<b>WNAX 570 AM Radio</b>	<b>MIX 106 FM Radio</b>	
<b>*CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH</b> , 2407 Broadway, Yankton. (605)665-5594. Rev. Jon Cooke, Pastor Jeremy Nelson, and Pastor Terry Port. Laura Kotalk. SUNDAY August 8 8:30 AM Intercessory Prayer Time NO Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Service (with baptism) at Midway Beach "The Good in the Good News" 5:00 & 6:00 PM Softball Game -Sertoma Park MONDAY August 9 7:30 PM Service broadcast on Channels 3 & 98 TUESDAY August 10 7:00 PM Board Meetings WEDNESDAY August 11 6:45 AM Men's Prayer Time 9:00 AM Children's Leadership Team 6:00 PM Intercessory Prayer Time 6:30 PM Incoming 7th Grade Event 7:00 PM "Snatched from the Fire" Prayer Time NO Adult Bible Study THURSDAY August 12 4:30 PM Senior Connection 7:00 PM Celebrate Recovery FRIDAY August 13 5:30 PM Parents' Time Out NO Cruisin' 24/7.	<b>HOLY FAMILY CHURCH OF CEDAR COUNTY</b> (Sacred Heart), Wynot, NE. Rev. Eric Olsen. (402)357-2400. Sun 9am Mass.	<b>THE HOUSE OF MARY SHRINE</b> , 6-mi. W. Yankton, Hwy.52. Masses: 1st Saturday 9:00am, Monday 8:30am, Rosary: 4:00 Sunday. Open 7 days a week for prayer. thehouseofmaryshrine.org	<b>ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH</b> , Tyndall. Pastor Dean Schroeder. Sunday Divine Service 10am (605)589-3195. www.StJohnsTyndallLCMS.org	<b>FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST</b> , 301 W. Franklin, Hartington, NE, (402) 254-6563 or 664-5310. Rev. Gary Kimm, pastor. SUN. 8:15am Church school, 9am Worship.	<b>WNAX 570 AM Radio</b> . Lutheran Shows 6:30am, 8am, 11am. Wings of Healing-7:30am. Words of Hope 8:30am. Prov. Ref. Church-8:45am. Voice of Prop.-9:30am. Hr. of Hope 10am. ChristianCrusaders-10:30am.	<b>CLASS HITS 106 KVHT FM Radio</b> SUN-THUR. 10:05PM "Family Radio Rosary" with Bishop Robert Carlson.	
<b>ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH</b> , 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.	<b>SACRED HEART</b> , 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.	<b>CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH</b> , 305 W. 25th, Yankton, 665-8848. Rev. Dani Jo Ninke. SUN. 9am Worship, SS-9:45am.	<b>ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH</b> (LCMS), 1009 Jackson. David Gunderson, Pastor. SUN. 8am Worship, 9:15am Education Hour, 10:30am Worship.	<b>TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH</b> , 403 Broadway, Yankton, 665-7415. Worship Saturday, 5:30pm, Sunday, 8:15am & 10:00am. Coffee fellowship, 9:30am.	<b>TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH</b> , Hartington/Crofton, NE. Bob Bryan, pastor; (402)254-6606. SUN. 9am Worship (Hartington), 10am SS (Crofton).	<b>TRONDHJEM LUTHERAN CHURCH</b> (AFLC), rural Volin. 263-3841. SUN. 9:15am; 10:30am Worship.	<b>UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST</b> , (Congregational) 210 West 5th St., Yankton. (605)665-7320 Rev. Joe Schulte, Pastor. SUN-10am Worship, 11am Fellowship, 11:05am Church Sch. Nursery Provided.
<b>Yankton Media Inc.</b> 319 Walnut • Yankton, SD 665-7811	<b>ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH</b> , Bloomfield, NE. Fr. Michael Schmitz SUN. Mass: 10:30am; TUE. Mass: 8am; THUR. Mass: 7pm. Confessions: THUR. 6:30-6:55pm.	<b>FAITH UNITED LUTHERAN</b> , 44874 303rd St., Volin SD 57072, (605)267-2277. SUN. Worship Services 9:30am. Children's Education WED. Evening (WOW) 6:30-7:30pm.	<b>VANGEN LUTHERAN CHURCH</b> , Mission Hill. 665-5426. Rev. Lance Lindgren, Pastor. Worship 9:30am; Coffee Fellowship 10:30am; Quilters each Wed. 9am; WELCA 3rd Thurs. 1:30pm; Senior Dinner first Thurs. 12pm.	<b>UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST</b> , Crofton, Neb., 412 W. Main St., (402)368-4124. Pastor Les Parmenter. SUN. 10:00am Worship.	<b>UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST</b> , 306 2nd St. (Congregational) Pastor Elaine Miller, Minister, Wakonda. Winter worship in the Parish Hall, 10am Coffee Fellowship.	<b>UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST</b> , Crofton, Neb., 412 W. Main St., (402)368-4124. Pastor Les Parmenter. SUN. 10:00am Worship.	
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