DivorceCare 4 Kids Continues At Calvary

DivorceCare 4 Kids, for children ages 5-12, meets at Calvary Baptist Church, 2407 Broadway, each Monday at 7 p.m. DivorceCare 4 Kids is a special group to help your children heal from the pain caused by a separation or divorce and provides your children with a safe and neutral place to share their feelings and begin to develop coping skills.

Each session in the 13 week program is filled with motivating and exciting activities which may include games, crafts, role play, discussion, or journaling to help your children process the divorce and move forward in their lives.

DivorceCare 4 Kids is the only peer support group in the area, under the supervision of trained adults, for children whose parents have experienced divorce.

Children may begin to attend at any time during the session. Please call the Calvary office at 605-665-5594 for further information or to register your children for our current session.

Pancake Breakfast Planned For Wynot, Neb.

WYNOT, Neb. — Sacred Heart Parish Hall in Wynot, Neb., is hosting a pancake-and-sausage breakfast on Sunday, March 25, running from 9 a.m.-noon.

For more information, contact Heather Heimes at 402-640-6473 or heatherheimes@hotmail.com, or visit ccholyfamily.org.

'Praying The Scriptures' Retreat Feb. 17-19

The Peace Center at Sacred Heart Monastery in Yankton is hosting a weekend retreat, entitled "Praying the Scriptures: The Ancient Art of Lectio Divina" on February 17-19. The retreat, led by Sisters Marietta Kerkvliet and Doris Oberembt, will begin at 7 p.m. on Friday and close at 1 p.m. on Sunday. Persons of all faiths are invited.

Lectio Divina is the ancient tradition of praying privately with the Scriptures, which differs from studying the Bible. This form of prayer will be taught and experienced. The retreat format will include reflective presentations, faith-sharing, and an opportunity for a one on one conference with a Sister. Participants will learn how to deepen their awareness of God after the retreat itself through incorporating this reflective tradition into their daily lives.

For more information or to register, contact joanne.dickinson@mtmc.edu, 605-668-6292. A brochure is available on line at www.yanktonbenedictines.org/Center.html

Congregational Church Plans Holy Week Events

Yankton's United Church of Christ (Congregational), located at Fifth and Walnut, will host a Holy Week Cantata, titled "We Were There," at 4 p.m. on Palm Sunday, April 1.

This year, the church's annual Holy Week cantata features a personal look at the life of Jesus presented in a choral/readers' theatre format, all accompanied by orchestra. Jennifer Powell is director.

The public is invited to this free presentation. A freewill offering will be collected.

For more information, contact Melissa Pratt at 605-665-7320 or melissapratt@iw.net .

Young To Make Perpetual Monastic Profession

Young

Sister Jill Young, OSB, is making (made) her Perpetual Monastic Profession as a member of Sacred Heart Monastery, Yankton, SD on Saturday, February 11, 2012 in the presence of her family, friends and monastic community.

Sister Jill is the daughter of James and Karen Young of Sioux Falls, SD. Born in Mitchell, she grew up in Sioux Falls where she attended St. Lambert's parish and school. She graduated from Lincoln High School in Sioux Falls in 1990 and worked in the areas of child care and business as a cashier and supervisor.

In August of 2003 she entered the Benedictine Sisters and made her First Profession on February 11, 2006. Since entering, Sister Jill has worked at Sacred Heart Monastery in the areas of Hospitality and Housekeeping. She also teaches a religious education class at St. Benedict's Parish.

Compassion International Gives Kids A Hand Up

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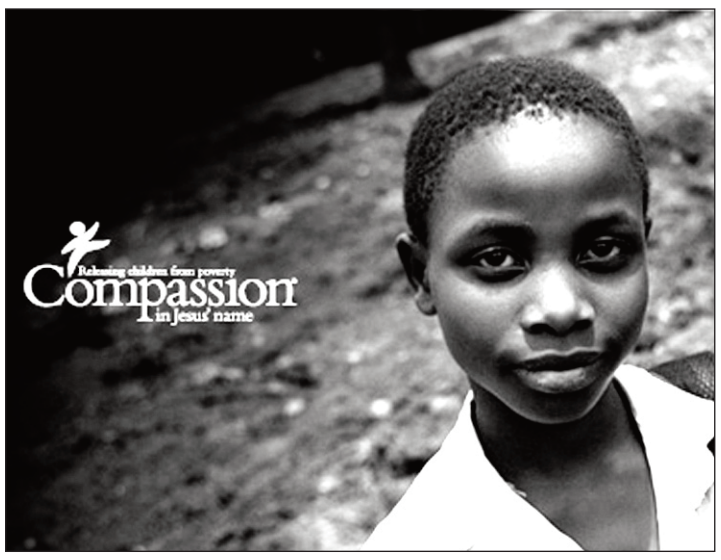

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The refrigerator door is where parents often show off their children's artwork and other achievements.

But it looks different in the apartment of Sarah and Eric Fox-Linton.

Theirs is filled with photos and letters from children in Uganda and Mexico, children the Atchison, Kan., couple sponsor through Compassion International.

Compassion is one of several organizations, such as World Vision, that sponsors children overseas.

Married in 2008, the Fox-Lintons have no children. Eric is a physics professor at Benedictine College in Atchison, and Sarah is working on her masters in higher education administration.

But the pride they have in a little boy from Uganda and two girls from Mexico is almost equal to that of parents with biological children. Under a living room end table is a folder for each child, filled with letters and photos that show each one's progress.

The couple's conversation reflects their pride.

"Abraham is such a special little guy to us," Sarah said.

The couple started sponsoring him soon after they were married, when he was 5 years old. He lives with his parents and six siblings.

"We wanted a child from Uganda because of the war and the kidnapping of kids there," Sarah said.

"It's been wonderful to see his progress," she said. "In the first picture he was barefoot, his clothes were too big for him, and he was not smiling.

"Then in his next picture, he looked like a completely different child. He was wearing shoes and clothes that fit him, and he had a happy smile. In the third photo, he was wearing a vest and shorts, shoes and socks. It was a world of difference from the first picture."

They send him money for Christmas, and he spends most of it to buy farm animals and food for his family and to make donations to his church, Eric said.

Compassion International requires sponsors to contribute $38 a month for each child and to write to them. The organization partners with churches in 26 countries. Along with Compassion personnel, who are natives of the countries, the churches provide Christian training, education and health care.

"We believe that as God changes the life of a child, he or she can change their community and country and the world," said Amy Tumpes, the Southwest regional ministry manager for Compassion.

Shirley Greenlee of Mission is the Compassion church team leader at the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kan., which has one of the largest programs in the area, with more than 1,000 sponsors.

She has sponsored a girl from Honduras for seven years, and when that girl graduates from school, she will have learned a trade, Greenlee said. She likes that the program offers a hand up and not just a hand out.

"Helping these kids get an education and to know Jesus Christ helps them to help their country," she said. "One young lady who had been a sponsored child got her education and now is in the Parliament in Uganda."

Sarah Fox-Linton said it is great to see the children grow and learn. For instance, at first people from Compassion helped Abraham write letters. Now he writes them himself.

"He is always saying, 'Thank you,' and he prays for us a lot and wants to know about where we live," Sarah said, adding that one day the couple would like to visit him.

They did get to visit the two girls they sponsor in Mexico. They started sponsoring Daniela, who was 9, and Anayeli, who was 7, in March of last year, and in July of 2011 they went to Mexico to see them. First was Daniela, who lives with an aunt in far southern Mexico. Her mother moved to another city to work and visits when she can.

"All the people from Compassion were excited to see us," Sarah said. "We were overwhelmed."

The church had a big dinner for them, and the couple distributed gifts to the children, including books for Daniela, who likes to read.

Sarah said they had sent Daniela a picture from their wedding, and her aunt had hung it on the porch.

"That was a surprise, to come to their house and see our wedding photo," she said.

The next day they visited Anayeli, who lives with a grandmother in another part of Mexico. All the children at the church that runs the Compassion project ran out to greet them. The couple looked at the crowd, trying to pick out Anayeli. There was a ceremony first, and then Anayeli was brought out.

"She was just so precious and excited to meet us," Sarah said. "She was kind of shy, but as the day went on she warmed up to us.

"We gave her a book, a backpack with school supplies and paper dolls. She had never seen paper dolls, and then said, 'How pretty.'

"We also brought presents for both girls to give to their friends and cousins. And each of them surprised us with gifts they had made for us. We thought we would come back home with lighter suitcases."

They later went with Anayeli and her grandmother to a river where they wash their clothes.

Eric said that visiting the girls let them see the impact the program has on the children.

"Poverty is not just a lack of material goods, but also a lack of hope," he said. "You have to give them a sense that they are loved by others, and they are given hope through this program. Through the Bible teaching they learn that they are important in God's eyes, and this really increases their self-worth."

He said that when he reads about the lives of children in the program and about those waiting for a sponsor, it gives him perspective on his own worries."It makes my everyday problems seem small."

Eric said some people may want to help children in the United States, and that is good, "as long as you are doing something."

"But I feel the need is greater overseas for a lot of kids," he said. "For instance, even the poorest people here can get clean drinking water, whereas that is a challenge for a lot of kids overseas."

The couple said they enjoy sponsoring the children and writing and praying for them together.

"It's the highlight of our day when we get a new letter in the mail from one of them," Sarah said.

She has learned that it's easy to spend money on yourself, but generosity is more rewarding.

"I would so much rather have Abraham than an extra $38 a month to eat out or have a better cellphone plan."

CHURCH SCHEDULES

Abundant Life

ABUNDANT LIFE MINISTRIES, 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.

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

ASSEMBLY OF GOD, 801 W. 25th, Jeff Mantz, pastor. 665-6362 (office). SUN. 10am Worship Celebration. WED. 6:30pm Midweek service and Bible study for all ages.

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.

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.

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.

Baptist

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, Call Pastor Joel Finck for meeting times an locations. Regular meetings: Sunday morning 10:30am; Wednesday Bible Study 7pm. (605)760-4701.

Catholic

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

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), Wynot, NE. Rev. Eric Olsen. (402)357-2400. Mass times, Sundays at 9am.

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. SUN. 9am Mass, confessions 1/2 hour before Mass.

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.

ST. BENEDICT CATHOLIC CHURCH, 1500 St. Benedict Drive, Yankton, Father Ken Lulf, 664-6214 (church). Masses: SAT. 5pm. SUN. 8:30am&10:30am.

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

Catholic

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

ST. BONIFACE CHURCH, rural Freeman. FEBRUARY WEEKEND Mass Sundays 10:30am or call Rev. Mathew Vazhappily. (605)583-4318.

ST. COLUMBA CHURCH, rural Irene. FEBRUARY WEEKEND Mass, Sunday 9am or call Rev. Mathew Vazhappily, (605)583-4318. Christmas Eve Mass: Dec. 24th 7pm.

ST. GEORGE CHURCH, Scotland, SD. Rev. Mathew Vazhappily. FEBRUARY WEEKEND Mass Saturday 4:30pm or call (605)583-4318.

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

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. Rev. Joseph Puthenkulathil, SAT. 6pm 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

Charismatic

YAHWEH-SHALOM CHARISMATIC, St. Benedict Catholic Church. MON. 7:30pm prayer meeting

Christian

KINGSWAY CHRISTIAN CHURCH, 19th & Burleigh, 665-6317. Joseph Mason, Pastor. 9am-SS; Worship 10:15am. Wed.-6pm-Kids games; 7pm Kids for Christ & Adult Bible Study.

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. Randy Campbell, (605)565-2016. Family History Ctr 665-0901. SUN. 10am Sacrament meeting.

Episcopal

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 517 Douglas, Yankton. Rev. James Pearson, (605)665-2456. Sunday 9:00 am Serenity 10:15 The Holy Eucharist and Sunday School Wednesday noon The Holy Eucharist.

Evangelical

Cornerstone Evangelical Church, Pastor Oliver Omanson, Stewart Elementary School; Morning Service 10:30 a.m. Wednesday College Bible Study 1306 Maple Street. Mike Stevens 665-8750.

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www.emmanuelyankton.com
(605)665-0404.

Lutheran

CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH: 305 W. 25th, Yankton, 665-8848. Rev. Dani Jo Ninke. SUN: 8:30am & 10am Worship, SS-9:45am.

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 firsthope@santel.net

GAYVILLE-BERGEN LUTHERAN Pastor Ralph Egbert. (605)267-4342 (church) Sunday: Bergen Worship-9:00am, SS-10:15am GLC SS- 9:15am, GLC Worship-10:30am.

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

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. 9am Worship.

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN, LCMC/NALC, Menno. Interim Past 9:00am with brunch to follow; Sunday School 10:20a.m. Questions call (605)387-5256

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, Wisconsin Synod, 201 East 25th St., Pastor Werre, 665-4793. Sat. 6pm Worship.

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: 8:30am (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. Saturday-5:30p.m. Worship; Sunday-8:15a.m./10:45a.m. Worship; 9 a.m.-Breakfast; Classes-9:30a.m.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, Hartington/Crofton, NE, Justin Wiese, 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.

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.

Non-Denominational

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. 665-4496, 665-4881. Pastor George Shaver Home phone (605)369-5496.

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

GAYVILLE-VOLIN UNITED METHODIST, Rick Pittenger, pastor. 624-2179. 9am Worship Service. 10:00am Sunday School.

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.

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

KYNT 1450 AM Radio SAT. 10:30am "Saturday Morning Live." SUN. 8:30am United Methodist Hour. 9:05am "God's Good News." 9:30am St. John's Lutheran Church

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MIX 106 FM Radio

CLASSIC HITS 106 KVHT FM Radio SUN.-THUR. 10:05PM "Family Radio Rosary" with Bishop Robert Carlson.

ESPN Radio 1570

ESPN RADIO 1570 SUN. 10:30AM Trinity Lutheran Church, Vermillion, worship.

Knology

KNOLOGY. MON. 6:30pm St. John's Lutheran; 7:30pm Calvary Baptist. TUE. 6:30pm Trinity Lutheran. WED. 6:30pm Antioch Baptist; 7:30pm Grace Bible. THUR. 8pm Assembly of God. FRI. 7pm United Church of Christ; 8pm Peace Presbyterian.

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