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The Christian way of living

All things are from God, they exist through God, and therefore they exist for God. God is the loving maker of all things and giver of every good gift. The proper response is to thank God, praise God, serve God, and obey God.

Since all things are from God, through God, and for God, we wish to give God glory in all things. This is why St. Paul writes in chapter 12 of his letter to

the Romans of the offering of ourselves as a "living sacrifice." That is the fitting response to God's blessings.

Understood in the light of St. Paul's language, the Christian vocation may be defined in terms of response to the mercy of God with the offering of ourselves in thanksgiving, praise, service, and obedi-

ence to God, which gives glory to God. This means an offering of the entire self; mind, body, and soul, intellect, will, and emotions, to God.

Implied in the offering of ourselves to God is love of neighbor. This is summarized in the two tables of the Law: to love God with all one's being and to love one's neighbor as oneself. Thus, when St. Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 10:31 of doing whatever it is we do for the glory of God, this includes what is done in relationship

to other people.

Here we find a simple rule for Christian living. Ever mindful of the mercies of God, Christians are called to offer themselves entirely to God in order that whatever they do may be for the glory of God and the good of neighbor.

Furthermore, living for the glory of



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SIGN OF THE TIMES



God and the good of neighbor has both a negative and a positive sense. Negatively, the Christian will wish to be rid of anything that does not tend to the glory of God and the good of neighbor. Positively, the Christian will wish to think, say, and do only those things that tend to the glory of God and the good of neighbor.

Therefore, we ask questions of ourselves such as these: "Does this tend to the glory of God; does it aid me, or does it help my neighbor? Can my thoughts, words, and deeds be offered to God?"

To answer these types of questions, which is to grow in a way of life marked by thanks, praise, service, and obedience to God, is at the heart of Christian spirituality. This issue of ONE is dedicated to helpful suggestions about spiritual practices for Christians who want to grow in the Christian way of life.

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ON THE COVER



Children let go of their balloons bearing the names of their lost loved ones at the conclusion of the Healing Kids' Hearts Retreat last year at Sternberg Museum. Photo by Jolie Green, HDN.

The month of transitions is upon us

Greetings Bible plan friend! You are in for some great reading this March! March is the month of “transitions” here in Kansas. Spring is on the way, but winter doesn’t always want to loosen its grip. Plus, wind, wind, wind! You must have a firm grip on things when you are out in the Kansas wind! We will be transitioning in both the Old and New Testament this month.



Bible Reading Plan

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all writing around the same time (Amos & Hosea to the Northern Kingdom, and Micah and Isaiah to the Southern Kingdom, primarily Judah). Isaiah is a long book; 66 chapters (same as the number of books in the English Bible), and address in greater

detail the problems and anti-Covenant practices that the Jews were committing. The following statement could summarize Isaiah’s message, “God will use conquest

and exile to purify the people from complacency, idolatry, and injustice, and then bring them back to their homeland. They will become a light for the Gentiles, and the glory of the Lord will be seen throughout the earth” (Books of the Bible pg. 582, Biblica). As you read Isaiah, I would encourage you to underline the prophecies about Jesus

For our Old Testament readings, we will begin reading one of my favorite Prophetic books; the book of Isaiah. We will remain in this book all the way through May. Isaiah spoke to the Kingdom of Judah for 40 years, beginning during the end King Uzziah’s reign (740 BC). His messages were similar to Amos, Hosea, and Micah, who were

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that are made throughout Isaiah, there are amazing. God’s desire is a close relationship with His people, not just a passing practice. That’s a good reminder for us today too!

For our New Testament reading, we will be transitioning into to the Gospel of Mark. Many theologians identify this book as the “memoirs” of the Apostle Peter. The book is fast, and transitions quickly — just like Peter. It is written to a Roman audience, because of

the extra time the writer takes in explaining Jewish customs. Some say it is the earliest of the Gospels, and that others used it as a launching point for writing their books. Regardless, allow this book to stimulate your faith. Jesus is alive, and still doing the works testified to in this book. And “hold on” to the truths you read, don’t let the winds of March, or the winds of life, blow them away! Read on!



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Wrestling with how to live

The practice of keeping Sabbath when I was growing up seemed like an odd cultural hold over from a time long past. What possible difference should it make to God if I went to a movie or played cards or went swimming Sunday? After all, what does it even mean to “rest” to a 14 year old? The other nine commandments at least made concrete sense. And yet, in the decades since, I keep coming back to my need to practice Sabbath as gift and commandment, trusting in God who also rested.

Recently I picked up Walther Bruggemann’s *Sabbath As Resistance: Saying No To a Culture of Now*. He theologically grounds Sabbath in the first commandment: “I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land

of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.” Sabbath is a consistent reminder of our liberation and freedom from an endless cycle of making bricks, or whatever is the current insatiable demand to produce more and still more. In the 5th chapter of Exodus the people’s request for time to worship was met with cries of “You are lazy, lazy, lazy! Go back to work. Because you asked for time off, now even more will be demanded of you.”

One of Bruggemann’s observations that resonate with me is that U.S. Christians, regardless of our theological or political tendencies, are much habituated to Pharaoh’s system. Our motors are set

at brickmaking speed, and in response, Pharaoh will always demand more bricks.

In our success and prosperity culture, how can you ever really trust God if you are convinced that your true worth depends on your unceasing productivity? How can you ever deeply rest in God when rest is considered a weakness and moral failing? What will it take for you and for me to reclaim the gift and commandment of Sabbath?

I confess I am constantly wrestling with how to live in a spirit of Sabbath rest. Preaching and leading worship for me is work — holy work, but work neverthe-

less. Many of us work in ways that need to be done on Sunday so Sabbath requires some temporal flexibility. Intentionality, however, is critical. Sabbath requires some mental preparation, a commitment to not be diverted and sucked in by the next email, tweet, email, or notification.

Sabbath, in this season of my life, is taking shape as time to breathe deeply and unplug from Pharaoh’s economy. I am currently drawn to books that help me see the world through someone else’s eyes. Sabbath is time apart from technology, when my attention and clicks produce someone’s profit. Sabbath is space to quietly observe the clouds by day and stars by night, and wonder at the glory of God’s creation. Sabbath is time to give thanks that God rested and so may I.



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Chose whom you will serve

When it comes to life, there are always many options. What will I have for breakfast? What shoes will I wear? When will I go to bed? Whom will I marry? Where will I work? These questions are ones we all must make, some questions obviously more important than others. The most important question for anyone to answer, however, is the one that Joshua asked the Israelites: “...Choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve...” (Joshua 24:15, NIV).

The Israelites were a people who had just seen God deliver them into the Promised Land.

The Lord gave them all of the land that he promised them, and he drove out all of the evil, idol-following nations who were there. They had seen God’s provision close-up, but they still had to answer the question, “Whom will you serve?”

The people answered that they would serve the Lord, just as Joshua and his family had. Joshua told them that the next step was to “destroy the idols among you, and

turn your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel.” (Joshua 24:23, NLT).

Destroying idols may seem like a very “Old Testament” thing to do, but in reality we all have idols that we must destroy if we are truly going to be serving the Lord with our whole heart, mind, body, and soul.

Idols today don’t necessarily look like they did in Joshua’s day; we don’t often see or possess images carved into wood that we worship as gods. But we certainly, if we think about, have other things that we worship; our modern day idols.

One quick way to check on what you may be worshipping is to look at your “books.” Your appointment book and your checkbook. These two books show where you spend your time and your treasure. Those are often good indicators about what you are worshipping and focusing on. The priorities of your life are seen by the time and money you spend.

But beyond just seeing the idols of your time and treasure, it’s important to look beyond the surface and see what your true motives are. You need to look deep-

er into why you do what you do. Spending a lot of time at work shows that you value work and may be worshipping that idol, but what is the underlying spiritual condition? Are you looking for financial security? Power? Prestige? Wealth? What’s driving you to make work your idol? Until you can look at the root cause of your idolatry, you won’t fare well in trying to make a change.

Matthew 6:33 says to seek first the Kingdom of God. When we truly seek God’s Kingdom first, we will destroy the idols that are in our lives and put God’s will and way above our own. We will allow God to be our first priority — in all areas of our life — not just on Sunday morning.

I would encourage you to do a check of your books, and then pray for clarity about what your underlying idols are. Then seek out Scripture that speaks directly to the root causes, repent, and pray that God would free you from those sinful attitudes.

You cannot grow spiritually when you are not completely sold out to following Christ first. Jesus said that you can’t serve two masters; which master are you choosing to follow? Yourself or Jesus? Choose this day whom you will serve.



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Choose a Scripture Verse of the Year

The Bible is not a collection of stories, fables, myths, or merely human ideas about God; it is not a human book. Through the Holy Spirit, God revealed his person and plan to certain believers, who wrote down his message for his people.

As Christians, I believe the Bible is our standard for testing everything else that claims to be true. It is our safeguard against false teaching and our source of guidance for how we should live. It is our purest source of knowledge and



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God's purpose for our lives. For nearly 20 years we at Celebration Community Church have started each New Year by choosing a scripture verse of the year believing that the Bible is the foundation upon which we build our lives. We

ask our people to mediate, memorize and even write their verse on a wall on the way into our Worship Center. A couple of

years ago I chose as my verse 2 Timothy 3:16-17:

"All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our

lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work." (NLT)

Please focus on these three important points.

1. "All scripture is inspired (God breathed)
2. All scripture is useful to teach us what is right and wrong.
3. All scripture prepares and equips us to do God's will.

God wants us to put into practice what we learn. He gives us a message to not just to listen but to obey. The Bible is an intensely practical book. It tells us what to do, and it tells us how to do it. Remember it prepares and equips us. It

contains God's practical plan on how to build a successful life, on how to build a family that God can bless, how to be happy, how to live a life of significance. All of the messages that Pastor Brant or I deliver at Celebration Community Church are basically "how to" messages. Why? Because the goal of the Bible isn't to make us more knowledgeable. As 2 Timothy 3:17 says "It is God's way of preparing us in every way, fully equipped for every good thing God wants us to do."

I want to encourage you to choose a Scripture Verse of the Year. Pick one that will serve as a banner that goes before you and equips you for what God wants you to do.

BRIEFS

Hair stylist Kim Weigel of Hays will share tips for make-up and hair makeovers at the March 13 meeting of Hays After 5 Christian women's group.

Weigel, with the Color/Cut Salon in the Hadley Center, says her female

clients are always on the lookout for "simple, timeless hair and make-up solutions."

The dinner program runs from 7 to 8:30pm at the Rose Garden Banquet Hall, 2250 E. Eighth in Hays. Cost is \$12.50.

Also on the program is inspirational speaker Carol Newsome of Lincoln, Nebraska. Newsome survived years of physical, emotional, and sexual abuse and has dealt with cancer and a near-fatal car accident. She blends humor with words of

hope and encouragement in sharing her story of survival.

Reservations are due by March 9 to (785) 202-1036 or by e-mailing noheartnurse@yahoo.com. Hays After 5 is affiliated with Stonecroft ministry of Olathe.

The art of illumination: A modern Bible uses medieval techniques

By Jane Henderson
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ST. LOUIS — The image glows 30 feet away. Up close, its gold embellishment is meant to awe, and reflect, an onlooker.

Using techniques hundreds of years old, a handmade Bible brings an ancient artistic tradition into the 21st century. Although created with swan quills, vellum and soot ink, it also uses images of DNA, soundwaves and at least one photo taken by satellite.

Medieval illuminated manuscripts absorbed DNA from the anonymous monks and others who made them. Hundreds of

years ago, those scribes knew nothing of genetic codes. For the St. John's Bible, completed in 2011, a modern artist understands that his fingers and even spit have left a scientific mark. (What self-respecting artist doesn't use spit occasionally?)

Classic materials combine with modern imagery in the St. John's Bible, a 15-year project that involved 23 artists and an undisclosed amount of money.

"We'd never do it again," says Tim Ternes, who has the unique job of director of the Bible project. But all involved are proud of the Bible, which is more than 1,100 pages and kept in a climate-controlled space

at Hill Museum & Manuscript Library at St. John's University in Collegeville, Minn.

A fine art copy has come to St. Louis, on loan to the Archdiocese of St. Louis, which hopes to buy it. The price of the reproduction is better known: about \$150,000.

At least one hand-bound volume (not the whole Bible) will make its way around the city during the year. For instance, in May it will be at Mercy Hospital in Creve Coeur. In July, the Bible volume (Gospels & Acts) moves to the Cathedral Basilica, which will also sell more affordable books, cards and other mementos.

Ternes, here last week to introduce the Bible, spoke to archdiocesan staff at the Cardinal Rigali Center who eagerly took in the exquisite artwork and discussed images that evoked Scripture. And not just Scripture, but popular culture, as the director points out in connection to stories of creation and Adam and Eve.

Adam and Eve for the 21st century don't look anything like the blue-eyed blondes in Minnesota, Ternes says, getting a laugh. In this image, they appear African, with a coral-type snake in vivid attendance. For a Nativity scene, the shepherds are women and girls, which was

"probably the case at the time of Christ," accompanying information says. On a page depicting Christ's genealogy, the form of a menorah is used, with names in both English and Hebrew (the Egyptian Hagar is also written in Arabic, invoking all three Abrahamic religions).

Surprising many, Ternes told guests they could turn the pages as long as their hands were washed. Gloves are forbidden because wearers are more likely to bend pages trying to get a grip on the paper, he says.

He reinforces his main message about the Bible: "It is communal, meant to be used and shared."



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Mentors and children gather in a circle to play an icebreaker game at the Healing Kids' Hearts Retreat last year at Sternberg Museum of Natural History in Hays.

A way of "Healing Hearts"

Aaron Massey adds dinosaurs to his memory book during the 2016 Healing Kids' Heart Retreat at the Sternburg Museum. Courtesy Photo.



Karen Gates, Russell, vividly recalls the day her 8-year-old granddaughter came to her with questions about death. Gates' son, the child's uncle whom the girl adored, had recently died. A short time later the little girl's mother had suffered a miscarriage.

Gates, a soft-spoken woman, shakes her head as she recalls struggling for the right words to say.

"Grandma was dealing with her own losses, and I just didn't feel I was being adequate in helping her. And the same way, her mom was going through losses."

So Gates began to search for resources to help her help her grieving grandchild.

Gates' quest culminated in an experience that benefited not only her own grandchild, but other children too.

The first Healing Kids' Hearts Retreat, sponsored by the

Center for Life Experiences, was in April 2016 in Hays.

This year's retreat will take place from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 8 at Sternberg Museum of Natural History. Cost is \$10 per child, which includes a T-shirt, tote, lunch and snacks. The cost for families with two or more children attending is \$5. The event is designed for children ages 7 to 12.

"The purpose of the retreat is to provide children a safe and confidential place for them to learn about healthy grief and loss in responding to the death of a loved one, be it a family member or friend," said Ann Leiker, executive director of the center.

In searching for resources to help her grandchild, Gates discovered that a couple of other Kansas communities have similar events. But none were in northwest Kansas.

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Point-in-Time Count conducted in Hays

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The homeless. It's a subject that makes many people uncomfortable. To some Hays residents, there are no homeless individuals in Hays.

"What? Homeless people in Hays? I've never seen any." Linda Mills with the Hays Homeless Coalition shakes her head and smiles ruefully as she recalls how many times she has heard that comment.

The truth is, Hays does have a homeless population, and part of Mills' jobs is to track that number.

On January 26, she and others conducted the "Point-in-Time Count," an annual nationwide survey conducted by the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development. It is designed to count how many homeless adults there are across the United States on a particular night.

The HUD survey defines a homeless person as one who spent the previous night (this year, January 25) in one of the following locations because the person had nowhere else to go: in a car, on the street, under a bridge, in an abandoned building, in a public building, camping out, in some type of shelter, in a motel the person did not pay for himself or herself, in a half-way house, with family or friends, in a corrections facility of some type, or in a medical, psychiatric, or substance abuse treatment facility.

Teams of trained volunteers conducted the survey this year at the following Hays locations: the Hays Public Library; the Ellis County Health Department; First Care Clinic, a walk-in medical treatment facility in downtown Hays; Options domestic abuse shelter; the Salvation Army; the Western Kansas Association of Concerns for

the Disabled; and the Gamers Guild, a facility that offers a free store, food, and commodity distribution, located at Oak and Eighth Streets.

Mills said these places were chosen because they are facilities where homeless individuals are known to frequent. For example, the Hays Public Library is open to the public, it's heated in the winter, it's open until 8 most weeknights, and it offers computer and Internet access. It is a place in Hays where homeless people can come and feel safe—and not be noticed.

Out of 173 total surveys filled out this year, 19 individuals met the homeless criteria, Mills said. This compares to the 2015 results of seven homeless out of 53 surveys collected. 2015 was the last year the count was taken in Hays.

She said this is the first year the Options shelter has participated, and that added to the homeless number. Without the Options number, the count of homeless this year in Hays was 13. "Whatever the number of homeless (the survey shows), you have to remember that is just a sampling," Mills said.

The HUD survey is voluntary and does not ask for names, but it does have questions regarding age, gender, race, military service, and treatment for alcohol and drug abuse, HIV/AIDS, disabilities, mental illness, and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD).

After the survey is conducted, Mills, who is also the executive director of First Call for Help, a community assistance service, enters the results into a database. The Kansas Statewide Homeless Coalition then tabulates the results from across the state and reports them to HUD. "We can enter into the database only those people who are

The Hays Homeless Coalition

The Hays Homeless Coalition was formed in late 2013, primarily to build public awareness, said member Linda Mills.

The Rev. Lesley Radius, former pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church, was one of the driving forces behind the group and served as its first chair. "We just didn't feel there was an awareness of homelessness and housing issues in Hays," Mills said.

The first project the coalition undertook was the Point-in-Time Count

in 2014 (please see related story).

Since then, the group has also hosted the annual Poverty Simulation event, which this year was held on the campus of Fort Hays State University. It is designed to show students and other community members what it is like to live in poverty.

The coalition meets at 11:30 am the third Wednesday of every month in the first floor conference room in the Hadley Center, 205 E. Seventh. Anyone is welcome to attend, Mills said.

actually homeless, not those at risk of being homeless," Mills emphasized.

Mills took over as director of First Call for Help in August 2013, and this is the third time the Point-in-Time Count has been taken in Hays during her tenure.

There is no homeless shelter in Ellis County; the nearest one is in Great Bend. But there is no public transportation between Hays and Great Bend. That means if a homeless person desires to go to a shelter, First Call will normally purchase a bus ticket for the person to go to one of the homeless shelters in Salina, Mills said. The Salina Rescue Mission houses men. Ashby House is the facility that houses women, children, and families.

Chad Young, executive director of the Salina Rescue Mission, in a presentation to the Ellis County Ministerial Alliance (ECMA) on February 8, said the facility houses on average 60-80 men per night. It also provides free meals that are available to anyone. The mission is a 501(c)3 organization and accepts no state, federal, or local tax money. It is supported solely by dona-

tions. Last year its operating budget was \$1 million, Young said. ECMA supports the mission financially.

Unlike some homeless shelters, the Salina Rescue Mission "has no set number of days that a person can stay," Young said. One man has been there for four years. "We are focused on recovery," Young added.

Mills said she is often asked why Hays has no homeless shelter. One problem, she said, is who would build it and run it? Another issue is many shelters will not accept individuals who are currently on drugs or alcohol.

Often the first thing a facility will do when a person arrives seeking shelter is a drug screening, she said. If the test comes back positive, the person will be sent to a drug detoxification center first. Hays has no such facility. The nearest is in Salina.

Mills said another comment she has heard from officials in Hays is "well, if you build a homeless shelter, they will come."

"And that's true," Mills said, adding, "but they're already here."

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We are all beautiful

In the Gospels, and his interaction with people, Jesus always considered the whole person. In an incident of the Gospels, Jesus knew that the woman in front of him did not have a very good opinion of herself, no doubt because everyone knew that she was a “sinner,” and therefore someone of little importance. He asked Simon his Pharisee host whether he “saw” the woman. His answer would be that he did. But Jesus pointed out that he really did not. He thought of her only as a sinner, a person who had many sins, and besides that she was compounding her sinfulness by breaking the Jewish law, touching a man without his permission, letting her hair down in public and actually kissing a man’s feet.

Then Jesus turned to the woman and said to Simon, “Do you see this woman? When I entered your house, you did not give me water for my feet, but she has bathed them with her tears and wiped them with her hair. You did not give me a kiss, but she has not ceased kissing my feet since the time I entered. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she anointed my feet with ointment. So I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven; hence, she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little” (Luke 7:44-47).

The tragedy for the woman was that not only did the Pharisee look at her as a person who was not fit to interact favorably with society. Unfortunately she did not either--she thought little of herself and had to express her sinfulness in an external way, perhaps as a way to make herself feel better. Jesus treated her as a person, and she could go away

from the encounter feeling good about who she was.

Beauty could be defined as feeling good about who we are. The excellent song “Scars to Your Beautiful” expresses the thought perfectly. In the video to the song, Alessia Cara comments: “Oftentimes the world both directly and indirectly tells us that we shouldn’t be happy with ourselves if we don’t fit certain beauty standards. ‘Scars to Your Beautiful’ is a reminder that beauty isn’t only one look, shape, size or color. It

isn’t

even always tangible. It comes in an endless amount of forms, and we need to recognize that.”

“She just wants to be beautiful. She craves attention, she praises an image. She prays to be sculpted by

the sculptor. Oh, she don’t see the light that’s shining deeper than the eyes can find it. Maybe we have made her blind. She tries to cover her pain, and cut her woes away ‘cause covergirls don’t cry after their face is made. But there’s a hope that’s waiting for you in the dark. You should know you’re beautiful just the way you are. And you don’t have to change a thing; the world could change its heart. No scars to your beautiful; we’re stars and we’re beautiful.”

She correctly sings “You should know you’re beautiful just the way you are.”

We can improve ourselves, to be sure, but even before we make the improvement, indeed, perhaps the only way that we can make any personal improvement is to recognize that we are beautiful simply because God created us.

Message at The Top

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THE GOSPELS IN FATHER MIKE'S TOP 5

as of Feb. 19

- 1 – “Don’t Wanna Know” / Maroon 5 featuring Kendrick Lamar Mark 12:38-40
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Hearts, from 6

Gates went to her Healing Hearts support group, an organization for parents who have lost children, to see if members would be willing to help sponsor a similar event in Hays. The support group, which is run by the Center for Life Experiences, eagerly took on the project. It took a year and half of planning to get the first retreat off the ground in 2016.

Last year, 13 children from across Kansas attended. This year, the organizers are hoping for 20 children. Because space is limited, pre-registration is required by Feb. 24. Those wanting applications can contact Leiker at (785) 259-6859 or at ccfpc@ruraltel.net.

"Children are often the forgotten mourners in many situations," Leiker said. "When a child experiences death, adults can be so deeply overwhelmed

with not only their own grief, but also with paperwork, financial issues and just trying to survive.

"The retreat is designed to help children learn there is no right way to grieve and heal from loss," Leiker said.

Through carefully designed activities, children will learn positive ways to honor the person who died and create lasting memories that can provide comfort.

Each child will be matched with a trained adult "buddy" who will guide and support the child throughout the day. Retreat activities will include creating special keepsakes, a birdhouse project, nature walk and a balloon launch. Children who attended last year are welcome to return, provided they still fall into the 7 to 12 age group.

Adults who are interested in assist-



COURTESY PHOTO

Ennocence Barton shows off the keepsake she created to honor a loved one during the 2016 Healing Kids' Hearts Retreat in Hays. This year's retreat is April 8.

ing with the retreat must be willing to go through three hours of training Saturday morning, April 1, and must have

passed a recent background check.

While children are occupied with their own activities, adults who are caring for those children are invited to join in separate morning sessions.

There will be time for adults to have interactive discussion, questions and answers with professionals, parents and others present, Leiker said. Adult participants will also learn about available resources for families who are healing from loss. There is no additional charge for adults who attend.

Also included will be a time for parents who have moved forward in the healing process to share their stories of what has helped them and their children.

The retreat is being funded through a grant from the Heartland Community Foundation/Dane Hansen Community Fund.



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EASTER COLORING CONTEST

Easter is right around the corner, and once again ONE is hosting a coloring contest for children. The theme for this year's contest is "He has risen." The deadline for submission is March 7. The winner of the contest will have the artwork appear on the cover of the April issue of ONE. Participants should put their name, age, grade and church on the back of their submission. They can be dropped off at your church or at The Hays Daily News, 507 Main.

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