Pastors say healthier marriages bring about better communities

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'The Art of Marriage' series offered in Gothenburg.

Marriage has a profound effect on communities, according to two local pastors.

The Revs. Mark Borchardt and Bill Ivey of Gothenburg both believe that strong marriages bring good things to communities.

"In my opinion, healthy marriages are really good for communities, schools, churches and businesses," Ivey said.

Because of their belief that society is built on the foundation of marriage, the two spearheaded a community event using "The Art of Marriage" curriculum in Gothenburg Jan. 18-19.

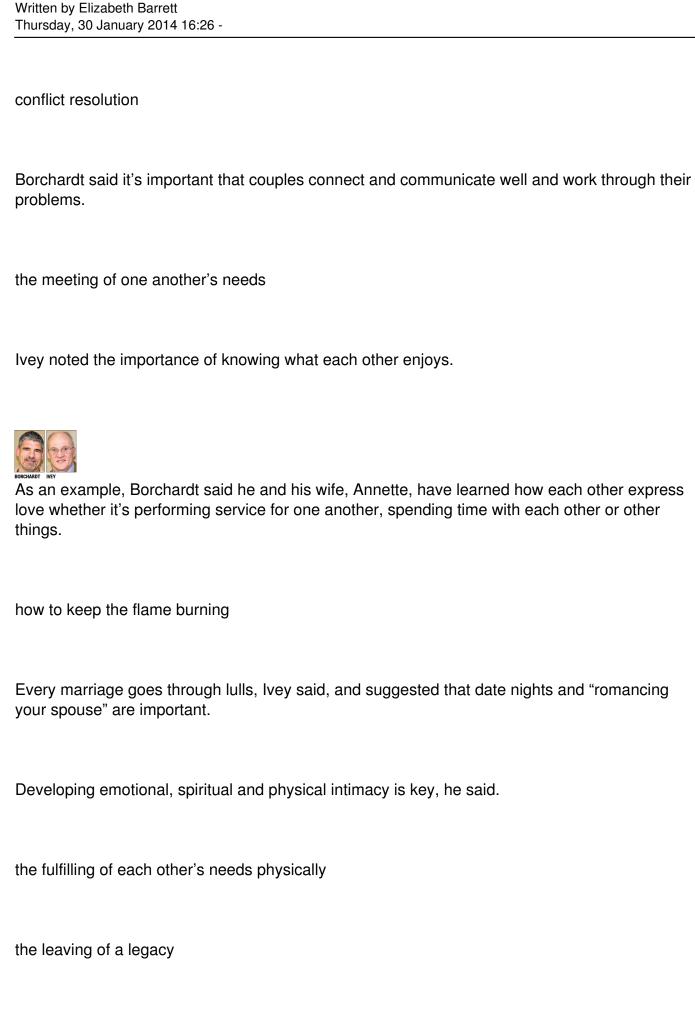
The series, designed by Family Life, is Christ-based and helps strengthen marriages through six videos that include experts talking about different aspects of marriage and the inclusion of real-life stories.

Hosted in the Gothenburg Public School's performing arts center, 32 couples from Gothenburg and the surrounding area participated in the series.

From the video, both said key elements to a good marriage include:

a shared faith in Christ

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