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WEEKLY SERMONETTE

BY JEFF NIELSEN—NORTON CHRISTIAN CHURCH

As they started the final round, Matt Emmons was a few points behind the leader in the Olympic 50 meter three position shooting final. Emmons wasn't worried. After all, even at his young age, he is a seasoned and skilled shooter. He had already won one gold medal in this year's Olympics. As the final round progressed, he was shooting very well, gradually overtaking the leader. He needed only to be fairly close on his final shot to win the victory because of his 3-point lead.

On his final shot, Matt steadied himself, working on staying calm. When the time came to fire, he gently squeezed the trigger and sent the shot toward the center of the target. Only his shot didn't register on the correct target. He looked bewildered. Then the grim news

was given to him. He had shot at the target one lane over from his own. He shot the wrong target. His final shot was ruled a complete miss and he dropped from a certain gold medal to 8th place.

You should have seen the look of bewilderment when Matt fired and his shot didn't register. Then there was the look of hapless resignation as the judges informed him of what had happened. So much work, so much skill, and then have it all slip away with such a costly and horrible mistake — a huge, public error.

I now have a whole new image when I think of the word "sin" that is used in the New Testament. This word (harmartano) means to "miss the mark." Matt Emmons knows about that. Even though he is recognized at a young age as a premier target shooter, he missed the mark in an embarrassing and humiliating way.

How determined are you? How much faith do you have in your beliefs? Would

jeers and humiliation, spending your meager savings and journeying miles upon miles to attain your goal? Would you keep returning to beg to be heard... or just give up? If Christopher Columbus had given up, we might not be living in this land of opportunity. He was a most determined individual - he was looking for riches to honor Queen Isabella and King Ferdinand of Spain. But beyond riches,

Columbus wanted to fulfill a religious

quest and bring Christianity to unknown

parts of the world. Though Columbus did

not realize either goal, he ultimately

found "riches" beyond measure when he

landed on our shores. God had different

you try for seventeen long years, amid

plans for Columbus. God has plans for us as well when we have faith in Him and seek to discover His will for our lives. We must not become discouraged when we do not meet our goals, for our Creator guides us to greater rewards when we follow Him. We read in Hebrews 10:35-36... "Therefore, do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward. For you have need of endurance, so that you may do the will of

Won't you worship this week? When you discover your faith in God, your rewards will be priceless.

MONDAY

Exodus

23:1-13

SUNDAY

Corinthians

11:17-34

God and receive what is promised."

Many of us know about missing the mark as well. While we will occasionally find ourselves trapped in a sin because of willful rebellion, most seasoned Christians stumble most frequently when they misjudge a situation, put themselves in a vulnerable position when facing temptation, or cut themselves loose from the support and accountability that helps reinforce good moral judgment. Their intent isn't outright rebellion, but weakness or carelessness gets the better of them and they "miss the mark."

Sometimes that sin, their "missing the mark," is publicly embarrassing themselves and those they love. Often it is a private sin. Either way, it must be dealt with appropriately so they don't lose their way and become entrapped in a slow spiral that leads to total rebellion. Thankfully, God has given us grace to not only have our sin forgiven,

> but to purify us and restore us to a holy relationship with him. We may not be able to control the public revelation of our sin, but with God, we can have another shot at the target. Matt Emmons wasn't so fortunate. My hope is that his miss won't deter him from being all he can be in the future. Iknow that is what our Heavenly Father hopes for us as well!

If we say we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and refusing to accept the truth. But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us and to cleanse us from every wrong. If we claim we have not sinned, we are calling God a liar and showing that his word has no place in our hearts. My dear children, I am writing this to you so that you will not sin. But if you do sin, there is someone to plead for you before the Father. He is Jesus Christ, the one who pleases God completely. He is the sacrifice for our sins. He takes away not only our sins but the sins of all the world. $\sim 1st$



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<u>PRATRIE VIEW</u>

By VIVIAN JANSONIUS

The Prairie Homemakers Fam-

ily and Community Education Unit met Sept. 27 at the Prairie View Senior Citizen Community Center. Everyone brought a dish for the potluck supper. Anissa Kats conducted the meeting and called reciting the unit's creed. It was reported that there will be a breast cancer meeting at 10 a.m., Nov. 12 in Phillipsburg; a bake sale on Oct. 23 at the 4-H building in Phillipsburg; and a Heartland meeting at 5:30 p.m., Nov. 13 at the fair building. Door prizes were won by LaVon Kats and Gloria DeWitt. Those receiving gifts from their Secret Pals were Diana Greving, Belinda Thalheim, Bev Schemper, LaVon Kats and Diane Others attending were Pat Hammond, Sara Nelson, Bev Leydig, Vivian Jansonius and children Isabelle and Deacon Schemper.

Wege and Vivian Jansonius went lesson, Linda Hultgren had devoto Hays. They had supper with tions and Goldie Barker was the some of Mrs. Jansonius' family.

They were Mark and Lisa Grieve, Kaiden and Megan, Jennifer De Boer, Kelsee and Taylor, Heath and Lori Bogart, Alex and Kimbri Jade, all of Hays. Later Mrs. Jansonius went to the High Plains

Mental Health meeting. Jacob Jansonius of Golden, the roll with the 15 in attendance Colo., and Jennifer Jansonius and a friend from Overland Park came last week to spend the weekend with Rodney Jansonius and their grandmother, Hazel Jansonius.

Oct. 3 was 4-H Sunday. The Lone Prairie 4-H Club met at the Community Center. Tim Jansonius conducted the business meeting and discussed selling groceries. Installation of officers will be held during the November meeting. The meal for the group was furnished by Jerry and Gloria Tien. Hostesses were Diana DeWitt, Kirk and Tammy Girard Greving and Wanda Schemper. and Phil and Liz Jansonius. Later several club members went to 4-H Sunday services at the Saints Ponstein, Linda Hultgren, Belva Philip and James Catholic Church in Phillipsburg.

The Gleaners met Oct. 7 at the Prairie View Reformed Church. On Sept. 30 Harlan Van De Wauneta Schemper previewed the

By DORIS MIZELL

held at the Manor on Oct. 5. Roberta and Richard Martin were the hosts. After the carry-in dinner mother, Doris Mizell and attended Roberta told us about the different houses they had lived in. They noon Arlene and Doyle Foss vishave done a lot of traveling in their lifetime.

from Ft. Sill, Lawton, Okla., just home for the weekend. He is hoping training.

Carolyn and Roger Linsen-The Silver and Gold dinner was meyer, Beatrice, Neb., parked their camper at the lake for the weekend and spent time with her the Clayton bazaar. Sunday afterited with them at Doris'. That evening they were guests at the On Oct. 8 Anetta Knapp had an home of Patty and Jerry Foster, unexpected visitor. Her grandson Jennings. They also got to see Jared who was home for the weekend from K State. Of course, he ing to be home Thanksgiving if not wasn't very happy how the game called to go on across. He is tak- came out Saturday morning to re-

tance to Oberlin for the assembly.

Chris gave a very impressive

speech. He currently lives in

Balwin City, but will be moving to

the Kansas City area for a new job.

pel group made up of singers from

Marjorie Prince of Liberty, Mo.,

guests were Marjorie's son, Scott

Spencer; grandson, Dakota Spen-

guests were Arlene's son, Lloyd

Visitors of Francis Hix on

and Lamonate Einspahr of Mesa,

all were here to attend a wedding

in Logan the following Saturday.

Lora Arnold and son, John

NORCATUR NEWS

By NORCATUR **NEWSLETTER VOLUNTEERS**

Birthdays and anniversaries: Ona VanGundy, Eldon and Marilou Long - Oct. 6; Larry Lyon, Rebecca Wentz, Jim and Carolyn Plotts - Oct. 8; Lee and Lora Arnold, attended the "Founder's Arnold - Oct. 10; Robert Dickey - Day" potluck supper at the Good Oct. 11; Wilbur Hix, Melissa Samaritan Center on Wednesday, Miller, Wilbur and Lula Hix - Oct. Sept. 29. For entertainment, a gos-12; Larry Sumner - Oct. 13.

Having dinner together Sunday around the area performed. noon, Oct. 3, at the Town & Country in Norton were Pastor Leon and daughter of Arlene Hix, arrived on Lou Nehr, Goldie Brewer, Oran Friday, Oct. 1, to spend a few days and La Verne Milner. Goldie, Oran with Arlene and Francis. Weekend and LaVerne visited with Vi and Joy Gallentine afterwards.

Bonnie and Bob Rapp started cer; and a friend, Tiffany Overton calling for Elden and Mildred of Kearney, Mo. Other weekend Auker, who live in Florida on Sunday, Sept. 26, and only got a busy and Sharon Stanton, of Salina. signal until Sept. 30 when the They all attended the Cochran-Aukers' son, Jim, answered the Bailey wedding on Saturday. phone. Elden came to the phone and said he and Mildred had Thursday, Sept. 30, were Ray and moved into an apartment complex Wanda Kent and daughter Connie and were able to save most of their belongings. He said their house Ariz. Wanda is Arlene's niece, and was practically demolished. His new phone number is (772) 299-

There were 17 in attendance at Senior Citizens on Friday, Oct. 1. Winners were Oran Milner, Twila Henry, and Beth Johnson. Next

meeting will be Friday at 7 p.m. Beth Johnson attended the Oberlin Red Devils Homecoming assembly on Friday afternoon, Oct. 1. The ten-year queen was Jessie (Long) Luck. Also honored was athlete of the past, Chris Claussen. Chris is the grandson of Beth Johnson. Fiancee Angie Johnson accompanied Chris, and they had traveled the farthest dis-

By ESTHER MARBLE

day, October 8 to her home at

Cortez, Co., after assisting her

mother Jean Leuszler for a few

June and Ellis Fisher visited

Joyce Eckhart and Sue Jackson

visited Jean Leuszler on Saturday

and the ladies had lunch in Norton.

nips to Esther Marble Sunday

evening to take to the Senior Cen-

ter and other people in town. I de-

livered them on Monday morning.

Bill Godfrey brought some tur-

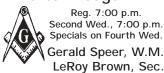
Esther Marble Saturday after-

weeks.

Donna Leuszler returned Fri-

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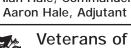
Second and Fourth Monday Jake Durham, Commander



Wednesday, 8 p.m. John Mann, President Bill Nelson, Secretary









Jerry Bruinekool, Commander Joe Ballinger, Quartermaster

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Numbers

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