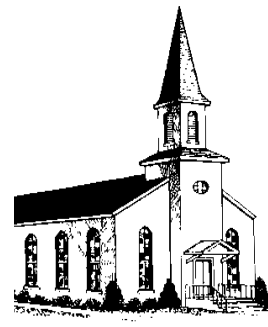


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## WEEKLY SERMONETTE

By Jack J. Kersnbrock

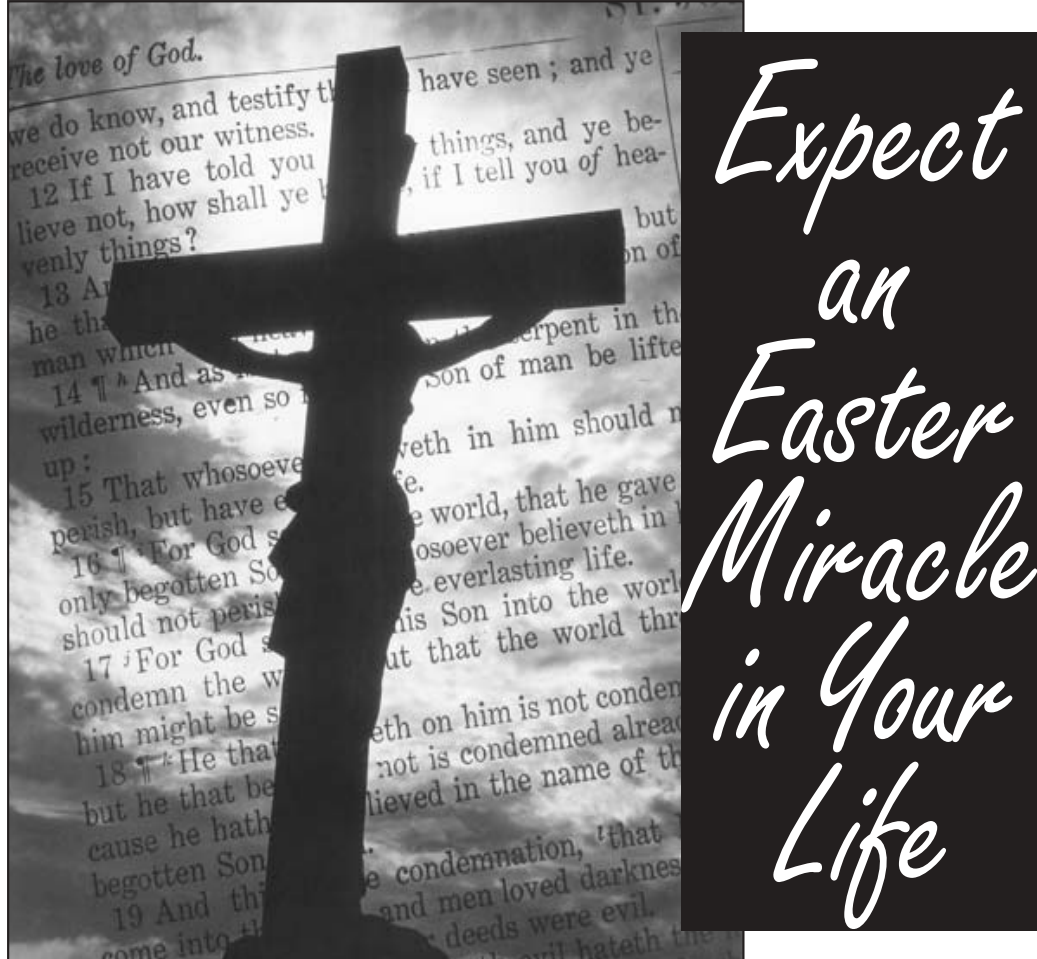
Easter is this Sunday. This is the happiest day of the year for Christians. Easter is the resurrection of Jesus Christ. This is the reason for hope of life beyond the grave. The resurrection of Jesus means many different truths for Christians.

Easter is the final seal of approval on everything that Jesus said and did. Therefore, a person can trust the life and teaching of Jesus as directly from God.

Easter is the hope of life eternal. Jesus said to the thief on this cross, "This day you will be with me in paradise." He raised Lazarus from the grave. Jesus' resurrection was not just for his glory, but that his followers can share in his glory.

Easter means that God is ultimately in control. God is not defeated even by death. This gives hope that the ills of the world will ultimately be changed. God is in control. We as human beings can cooperate with his will and way, and help make this world as it should be.

HAPPY EASTER.



This week we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, from the tomb, following His crucifixion on the Cross of Calvary. Why did God sacrifice His only begotten Son? The Bible tells us He sacrificed Jesus that we might experience a more joyful and abundant life. Jesus said in John 7:37-38, "If a man is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him."

By the words "living water", Jesus Christ referred to the comfort of the Holy Spirit flowing through our hearts. When we believe in Jesus' death and resurrection, the weight of our sins is lifted and our spiritual strength is renewed. Though we may struggle with earthly events, we still must trust that God knows what is best for our spiritual growth. Based on this, there is every reason to expect abundance in our lives.

As you worship, why not welcome the return of joy to your attitude? This Easter, won't you thank God for the miracle of the resurrection of His Son by expecting a miracle in your life? Happy Easter.

| SUNDAY             | MONDAY              | TUESDAY           | WEDNESDAY         | THURSDAY                | FRIDAY                 | SATURDAY           |
|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| Matthew<br>28:1-10 | Matthew<br>28:11-20 | Hebrews<br>8:1-13 | Hebrews<br>9:1-22 | Hebrews<br>9:23 - 10:18 | Hebrews<br>6:13 - 7:10 | Hebrews<br>7:11-28 |

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## JENNINGS NEWS

By LOUISE CRESSLER

A baby shower was held for Stacey and Jocelyn Hartzog's baby and for Yazzmin, 3, and Joaquin, almost 2, the children of Dan and Shelley Wahlmeier.

The Sunflower Senior Potluck Supper March 8 was enjoyed by Ruth and Merl Chance, Jim and Wilma Mader, William and Rachel Carter, Arch Harman, Vendla Tacha; Edith Foster, June Vavroch, Emma Sanford, Stan and Ramona Shaw, Mary Votopka, Jay Kump, Pastor Glenn Krebs, Agnes Wahlmeier, Elmo and Marguerite Bailey, Keith and Helen Muirhead, Bob and Neoma Tacha and Louise Cressler. Ramona brought the door prize which was won by June. Everyone enjoyed Mike and Vicki Bailey singing several songs and Mike playing his "bones".

Playing cards Saturday evening at the Center were Vendla Tacha, Mary Votopka, Arch Harman, Agnes Wahlmeier and Louise Cressler. Mary won high.

The Jennings Housing Authority Board met March 17 in the Freindship Village Day Room.

John Tacha, Lawrence, came Monday to visit a few days with his mother, Mildred Tacha. Mildred came home from the hospital Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Jennings attended a 50th birthday party for their daughter, Shelley Whitefield, in Trout Lake, Wash., March 5. The 1950s party was hosted by her sisters, Marcia Casey and Marlene Houshell, Denver, and Vicki Cook, Ft. Morgan, Colo., and Shelley's husband and family, Bob and Alex Whitefield, Trout Lake; Cecile and Madeleine Anders, Carrollton, Texas and Megan Synder, Medford, Ore. Tracy Snyder joined them on Sunday. Monday evening March 7, the Jennings had dinner in Denver with Alissa Zubko, Victoria and Mitchell; Marcia Casey, Milt Sherwin, Steve and Vicki Cook, Derek Cook and friend Jackie.

Lila Jennings and Nadean Stoney of Oberlin attended the

funeral of a cousin, Keith Jennings Tupper, at Bloomington, Neb.

Brian and Westley Jennings, Solomon were weekend guests of Lawrence and Lila Jennings. Lee and Judy Ploussard, Oberlin were afternoon visitors on Saturday.

Wayne and Louise Cressler went to Hoxie Thursday. Walt Cressler, Long Term Care, Hoxie, Wayne and Louise ate dinner at the meal site at Ridgewood Manor.

Jennings received rain and strong winds Sunday night and more rain on Monday.

A large crowd attended the baby shower for Steve and Jocelyn Hartzog's baby and Dan and Shelley Wahlmeier's children Saturday at the church. Many nice and useful gifts were received.

Ann Carter DuBois, Madison and Abigail of Hiawatha; Blake and Crystal Vacura, Zachary and Ashley of Omaha, Neb., Steve and Jocelyn Hartzog, Olathe attended services at the United Methodist Church Sunday in Jennings. It was so nice to have children at church.

Address changes for the Jennings Alumni Directory should be sent to Mary Votopka or Norine Bailey. The banquet is May 28.

Dena Gillespie is in the Oberlin hospital with pneumonia.

Eleanor Morel had surgery Tuesday at the Oberlin hospital. She returned home Saturday.

Mildred Tacha is feeling much better and she is home after having a third procedure done on her back.

Jane and Jim Wahlmeier and Amanda of Phillipsburg; Margaret Stanley, Colby and Naomi Carter were Sunday dinner guests of William and Rachel Carter.

Ann and Wes DuBois and girls, Hiawatha, are visiting her parents, Ken and Julie Carter during spring break. Others visiting Sunday were Max and Norma Ward, Dave Ward, Clayton and Becky Carter.

Wes DuBois went to Denver Saturday to watch his brother, Clay play in his Conference All-Star game. They won their game.

## PRAIRIE VIEW

By VIVIAN JANSONIUS

Prairie Homemakers Family and Community Education Unit met Feb. 28 at the Prairie View Senior Citizen/Community Center. In the absence of President Judy Van Der Veen, Bev Schemper and Wanda Schemper were in charge of the meeting. Thirteen members were in attendance with "Childhood memories" as the roll call. Karen Huiting and Isabelle Schemper were guests. Ms. Huiting was the guest speaker and demonstrated how to decorate cup cakes. Each member was able to take a cup cake home. Quarter prize gifts were won by Stenie Laubscher and Ms. Huiting. Receiving gifts from their Secret Pals were Linda Hultgren, LaVon Kats, Stenie Laubscher, Julia Schemper, Sue Newlan and Judy Van Der Veen. Hostesses were Diana Greving and Pat Hammond.

March 2 several women met at the Prairie View Reformed Church to prepare for World Day

of Prayer. They were Wauneta Schemper, Evelyn Griffiths and Wilma Vahle, Long Island; Diana Greving, Darline Brown and Vivian Jansonius of Prairie View; and Torea Slavik, Long Island.

Visitors at the home of the Rev. Jeffrey Van Der Weele to make Vacation Bible School plans were Kenny Pakkebier, Lenora, Arlo Tien, Diane Tien and Vivian Jansonius, Prairie View.

The community received word of the deaths of June Harbers and Minnie Newth.

Several members of Prairie Homemakers attended a recent meeting in Prairie View. They were Pat Hammond, LaVon Kats, Beth Ponstein, Steinie Laubscher, Long Island; Gloria DeWitt, Diana Greving, Linda Hultgren, Vivian Jansonius, Anissa Kats, Belva Leydig, Julia Schemper, Wanda Schemper and Bev Schemper, all of Prairie View.

Wilmer and Marie Hogan returned from a vacation in the southwest United States.

## ALMENA NEWS

By ESTHER MARBLE

Blaine and Susie Marble and Bryce and Esther Marble went to Beaver City on Sunday to Barbara Bates' home for dinner and to celebrate Barbara and Esther's birthdays.

Another one of our friends, Don Oman, died this last week. Our sympathy goes out to his family.

Francis Morford is home from the hospital and doing real well. Dorothy said he is going back to the doctor to have his eye checked.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Geil and

sons of Garden City were Saturday lunch guests of his mom, Alberta Geil. Johnnie and sons stayed at Alberta's in the afternoon while Stacy went back to her parents for a party. It had been Thanksgiving since Alberta had seen them.

Aaron is on spring break from college at Kansas University in Lawrence and Abbott's high school is also on spring break. They arrived at her folks, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Shearer's, Friday evening and returned to their home late Sunday afternoon.

## LYLE NEWS

Sunday, March 13, Kathy Van Meter and Veda Wood went to the Gateway in Oberlin to listen to the "Sweet Adelines". Veda's daughter, Sondra McNames from Grinnell is a member. Afterwards they all got together at John and Carol Moye's house.

Easter Sunrise Services will be at 6:30 a.m., March 27, followed

by a pancake-sausage breakfast at the Community Building.

April 3, there will be a potluck luncheon at the Community Building. Following that, Charlene Wurm, Director of Decatur County Museum, plans to find the unmarked graves at the Lyle Cemetery. Everyone is welcome.

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