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WEEKLY SERMONETTE

Jesus is Risen! — Rick Rostek, Pastor, Immanuel Lutheran Church

St. Matthew tells us that several women went to Jesus' tomb on that Sunday after He died. They fully expected to find the dead Jesus there. What they saw instead frightened them: an angel sitting on top of the rolled-back stone. The angel's words to the women were even more shocking: "He is not here; He has arisen, just as He said!"

Resurrection is shocking because it is totally unexpected. No one rises from the dead. When we bury a loved one, we don't expect that person to join us for dinner on the following Sunday. Even though Jesus had predicted both His death and resurrection, His followers didn't understand, particularly those who saw Him hanging dead on the cross.

But resurrection is supremely important for Christianity. In the resurrection, Jesus fulfilled what the Old Testament prophets had said about Him. Jesus also fulfilled what He said about Himself. A lot of so-called "messiahs" have come and gone. The one, real Messiah has risen from the dead: Jesus.

Because of His resurrection, we can be sure that Jesus' death on the cross means forgiveness of sins. Those who believe in Jesus as the one, true, and only Savior of the world have the

hope of being raised from the dead to live with Him forever. His resurrection assures it. Those who do not put their trust in Jesus face a resurrection of a totally different kind: resurrection unto everlasting torment. The good news is that Jesus can save us from everlasting torment.

After their encounter with the angel, the women went running from the tomb only to meet Jesus Himself along the way.

When they saw Him, they fell to His feet and worshipped Him. Whatever unbelief they had on their way to the tomb was erased in the presence of Jesus as they left the tomb. Their witness of the resurrected Jesus is our witness. We see Jesus through these women and the others who encountered Jesus after the resurrection. And so we can put our faith in Jesus, fully trusting in the work of salvation that He has carried out.

The crucifixion of Jesus was the sacrifice that took away the sin of the world. The resurrection proved that Jesus' sacrifice was accepted by God. Therefore, like the women who encountered Jesus, we can worship Him as the true and living Savior of the world. Christ is risen, He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

...For Darkness is as Light



Some days we feel like life has us jumping through hoops...first one challenge, then another. Other days, the feeling is like being stuck in a foot of mud. You just can't seem to get anywhere, no matter how hard you try. Worst of all, however, are the more tragic times when you feel hopeless and alone...when it's no joking matter and the world looks very dark indeed.

We have often heard it said "it is darkest right before the dawn". Yet we have faith that the light of day will dawn. Why? - Because it never fails. There is always a new dawn. God never fails to recreate the dawn.

You will see a new dawn as well, no matter how hopeless life seems, when you have faith in the power of your Heavenly Father. Psalm 139:12 proclaims, "...even the darkness is not dark to Thee, the night is bright as the day; for darkness is as light with Thee."

Learn of God's limitless power over the darkness. Visit God's house this week. Pray and talk with Him, for then you will never be alone. He will go with you through the darkness and bring you into the light of His love.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Matthew 21:1-17	Matthew 21:33-46	Matthew 26:1-30	Matthew 26:36-56	Matthew 27:1-26	Matthew 27:27-56	Matthew 27:57-66

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NORCATUR NEWS

By NORCATUR NEWSLETTER VOLUNTEERS

Jerry Brinkley sent word that they plan to be at the alumni reunion in May.

Lois and Bob McPherson wrote that they are having great weather, and though it seems a little early they love it while it lasts.

Bill and Bee Nelson hosted a birthday supper Friday, March 18, for Bob Sawdon, a March 17 St. Patrick's lad, and a surprise for Norma McCallister whose special day was Saturday, March 19. (She thought she was going out for pizza, but got a ham and turkey dinner instead.) Marguerite Clark had planned to be there, but developed a bad cold.

Company at Rea and Dee Magers' the week of March 13 included their niece, Renata Kawcak of Craig, Colo. She visited several days. Later in the week, the Magers enjoyed a visit with Jim and Darlene Werlinger, Rapid City, S.D., and their daughter, Joy, from Cedar Bluffs.

On Sunday, April 3, there will be a potluck luncheon at the Lyle Community Building. Following the dinner, Sharleen Wurm plans to find the unmarked graves at the Lyle Cemetery. Everyone is welcome to stay and discover!

Birthdays: Quentin Wentz - March 24; Lee Arnold - March 26; Teresa Reves-Wood, Rex Knapp - March 27.

There were 22 at Senior Citizens on Friday, March 18. Winners were Bob Strevey, June Jolly, and Lula Hix and Oran Milner tied. The next meeting will be Friday, April 1, at 7 p.m. at the Educational Building.

Mike Helm underwent emergency appendectomy surgery on Thursday, March 17. He was in the Norton Hospital and hoped to be home last week.

Connie Chandler is in need of a liver transplant. She went to Kansas City this past week to a trans-

plant specialist. Her son, Justin, was recently diagnosed and hospitalized with juvenile diabetes. He was to see a specialist also, in Wichita, last week. Please keep the family in your prayers.

The highway coming into Norcatur will need to be resealed this year. Our share will be about \$7,000-10,000. Also, we will need to gravel a lot of streets in town this spring. If you would like to make a donation, please send it to Jay Locy, RR 1, Norcatur, Kan., 67653.

April is election time. There are two full-term council positions, one unexpired term council position, and a full-term mayor's position up for election.

The Norcatur Commercial Club and the Cardinal Bar and Grill have partnered together to offer three scholarships this year. Each will be for \$300. Anyone who is planning to attend college next year can apply. Applications may be picked up at The Bank or the Norcatur City Office, and must be returned by May 20.

The Norcatur Commercial Club will be tinning the flag building at the cemetery within the next month. Due to the expense, we will put up the tin ourselves. Donations can be sent to the Norcatur Commercial Club, c/o Linda Hunt, P.O. Box 102, Norcatur, Kan., 67653, or through the Citizen's Alliance. Please be sure to note that your donation is for the tinning of the flag building.

The Norcatur Commercial Club will be sponsoring the alumni dance on May 28 at the high school gym. The dance will be free. There will be donation jars at the doors for anyone that would like to make a donation to the scholarship fund.

On April 23, we will have a workday at Elden Auker Park. At this time we plan to separate the day lilies. If you would like some of these, please let Chris know at (785) 693-4461.

WILSONVILLE

By VELMA HOLTZE and LAURIE LAWS New Residents

Welcome to the community is very fitting for the ones who have purchased the home of Rick and Shelly Anderson, better known to many as the late Estel Macy home. Dana Sears and her daughter, Michaela and Jeff Sobbin come to Wilsonville from Elwood where Dana has taught in the public school the past three years. Jeff, who is a plumber, has been employed in Kearney, but began working for Voltz Plumbing in McCook on March 21. Dana is planning on doing substitute teaching this next year and being a stay-at-home mom. This home had been occupied by Delores Measel and her sister for the past two years. They have moved to Cambridge.

Good Friday

Friday evening was the first official Easter service which was the Good Friday service held at the Baptist-Christian Church. The service combined Maundy Thursday and Good Friday thoughts. Congregational singing and scripture led into an impressive communion service. This was followed by special music furnished by Connie Holliday and Mary Wilson. Pastor Keith Theobald then spoke on the seven last words on the cross, interspersed by scripture reading done by Pat Yost, Dean Brown, Jim Holtze, Alice Kasson, Warren Rice, Earnest tenBensel and

Connie Wilson. Aduet by Kendall Rice and Gary Brown also highlighted those last words on the cross as did the Litany which closed the service. The worship center, prepared by Magalee Ruf, enhanced the spirit of the service.

Easter Egg Hunt

The annual Easter egg hunt sponsored by the Woman's Club but helped financially by many Wilsonville citizens as well as some out of towners was held Saturday morning in the village park. A total of 38 children (19 preschool, 8 kindergarten and grade 1 and 11 grades 2 through 4) participated. The winners of the special eggs which gave them a special gift were preschool Dalton Yost, Beaver City, K-1st grade Tyler Witte, and Kayla Anderson, Gothenburg in the older group. Every child who participated, not only got plenty of candy eggs but a monetary gift as well.

Easter Sunrise Service

Six-thirty Sunday morning a number of people gathered in the Baptist-Christian sanctuary to once again celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Leading the service was Kendall Rice assisted by Joe Kasson, Margene Holtze, Andy Lewis, Alicia and Karen Brown and Janet Trospen with Virginia Rice at the piano. Following the worship service everyone went to the basement for breakfast served by Janet Trospen, Karen Brown, and Kathy Lewis and some good fellowship.

ALMENA NEWS

By ESTHER MARBLE

Alberta Geil spent Easter weekend visiting Mr. and Mrs. Sid Geil and daughter Carissa of Elkhorn, Neb. Carissa performed in a Mother's Day spring program in a Baptist church in Omaha. Alberta also got to baby-sit while Carissa's parents went to a wedding reception. They all visited the Henry Dolittle Zoo in Omaha.

Bill Godfrey stopped by Thursday afternoon to wish Esther Marble a happy birthday.

The Bob Jacksons of Logan hosted a family Easter dinner which Jean Leuszler attended.

Word has been received that Berneise Jakubowski of Gilbert, Ariz. has died. Our sympathy goes out to her family.

What a delightful weekend was enjoyed at the Rita Bieber home for Easter. Those coming were John and Chris Bieber of Wichita; Barb and Eddie Wassinger of Ness City; Jennifer Bieber, Kansas City and her friend Brandon Cook of Manhattan. They all visited their Uncle Don Moody several times at the Norton County Hospital and attended Easter Mass at Norton on Sunday morning. They all returned to their respective homes Sunday afternoon.

Kenneth and Darlene McClelland are both in the Holdrege Memorial Home, 1130 11th Ave., Holdrege, NE 68949. They would appreciate receiving cards.