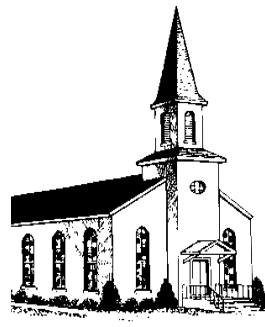


Attend Church Regularly

...and read your Bible daily



WEEKLY SERMONETTE

By Cody Shepherd, Youth Minister, Norton Christian Church

Lately, I've been spending some time looking back at Jesus' words in the Sermon on the Mount. One section continues to speak to me as I read those passages. "You are the salt of the earth" and "You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden."

How often, as Christians, do we look at ourselves as such. Do we look at ourselves as salt and light, or do we stand back trying to continue to blend into the world and our current surroundings?

Salt and light create a few very distinct things about them. Light always comes from a source, but can be reflected to normally dark places. The moon plays such a role for us. This creates a very interesting question. How can something that is in contact with the light fail to reflect that light to something else? There's only a couple reasons I can think of. Either the sole purpose of the object receiving the light is to selfishly absorb it all itself without respect to anything else around that might desire the light or the object begins to hide itself from the light source. Either way is a dangerous thing when applied to our spiritual lives. We may not always feel like we make a difference, but always keep in mind that even a small light makes a difference in a dark place.

There's a few interesting things I've found out about salt lately. David H. Johnson states that

"Sodium is an extremely active element found naturally only in combined form; it always links itself to another element. Chlorine, on the other hand, is the poisonous gas that gives bleach its offensive odor. When sodium and chlorine are combined, the result is sodium chloride—common table salt—the substance we use to preserve meat and bring out its flavor. Love and truth can be like sodium and chlorine. Love without truth is flighty, sometimes blind, willing to combine with whatever is comfortable at the time. On the other hand, truth by itself can be offensive, sometimes even poisonous. Spoken without love, it can turn people away from the gospel. When truth and love are combined in an individual or a church, however, then we have what Jesus called "the salt of the earth," and we're able to preserve and bring out the beauty of our faith."

How serious are you about your faith? If we have a true and genuine faith, there is nothing we can do to hide it because it is not just a part of us, it becomes the central part of us. It makes everything else in our life become "just a part of us". Christ has called us to be salt and light to the world around us. Either our faith is worth enough to us to follow that calling no matter the cost, or we do not truly understand the wonderful calling that we have. And always remember, "You are the salt of the earth and the light of the world".

GOD Will Provide



How far will you travel to eat at your favorite restaurant...two miles, ten, maybe even twenty for a special occasion providing the food is excellent? Our tiny friends, the hummingbirds, exceed your record by thousands of miles each year when the weather turns warm once more. Soaring on gossamer wings that operate faster than the eye can begin to comprehend, the tiny birds with their needle-like beaks and tongues miraculously remember and return to their providers' feeders from the previous year. Just as the Creator tells the flowers to bloom in the spring, He has programmed the hummingbirds' return.

The Lord will guide and provide for us, also. In Psalm 145, David praises the Creator... "The Lord is good to all, and His compassion is over all that He has made." [vs.9] "The eyes of all look to Thee, and Thou givest them their food in due season. Thou openest Thy hand, Thou satisfiest the desire of every living thing." [vs.15-16]

This week, won't you travel to your local house of worship to remember your Creator? He awaits to provide you with food for life.

SUNDAY John 12:23-50	MONDAY Revelation 1:1-20	TUESDAY Revelation 4:1-11	WEDNESDAY Revelation 5:1-14	THURSDAY Revelation 7:9-17	FRIDAY Jeremiah 29:1-14	SATURDAY Lamentations 3:1-33
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WHISPERING PINES

By CYNTHIA KINDALL

On St. Patrick's Day, Lucille Stackhouse's grandchildren, Shelley Wahlmeier and children, Yazzmin and Joaquin Wahlmeier came to visit. Those joining us for our St. Paddy's Day tea were guests: Lorraine Wolfe, John Vogt, Margaret Johnson and Carolyn Plotts. Residents attending were: Beth and Elton Bryant, Lucille Stackhouse, Evelyn Hall, Betty Reid, Dorothy Lundgren, Carrie Malcolm, Mable Malcolm, Violet Volgamore, Merle Applegate, Steve Albright, Ione Jordan and Alice Vogt.

Helping out on March 15 with "Robber Bingo" was Shantae Ebner. Those residents in attendance were Alice Vogt, Violet Volgamore, Carrie Malcolm, Dorothy Lundgren, Hazel Bates, Ione Jordan, Merle Applegate, Lucille Stackhouse and Doris Stump.

Kendra Anderson of St. Paul, Neb., visited Elton and Beth Bryant on Sunday afternoon, March 20

Mr. Hanson helped to brighten our dining room by hanging Easter bunnies, and chicks and flowers.

On March 24, residents stamped placemats for Easter Day, following painting Easter eggs for table decorations were Gail Rhoades, Alice Vogt, Elaine Tacha, Priscilla Johnson, Hazel Bates, Lucille Stackhouse and Dorothy Lundgren.

On March 25, our residents colored Easter Eggs for Easter breakfast, those helping were Dorothy Bernard, Hazel Bates and Violet Volgamore.

Easter weekend visitors of Dorothy Bernard were Tristina, Bryan and Alyssa Herl of Hutchinson; Ed and Rosie Bernard of Wellington; Greg and Ardie Grimes of Baldwin City; Jeff Grimes, Lynette Grimes, Charise and Nate Orr all of Lincoln, Neb.

Phileda Nelson's guests for Easter Dinner were Karen and Barney Cox. Later on that afternoon Lois Meyers came to visit.

Carrie Malcolm's dinner guests were Don and Linda Malcolm, Mable Malcolm and Bill and Carol Malcolm also joined them.

After lunch there was a bunny hop performance by staff and children. Those performing were Amber Young and sister Brooke, Shantae Ebner, Amber Simmons, Suzi White with daughters Haley, Zoi, and Amber and Piper Smith, niece of Bobby Smith.

Joan and Eddy Whitney had Priscilla Johnson as a supper guest on Easter evening.

Evelyn and Carroll Hall had six guests for Easter dinner; Connie and Ted Sanko, Joe Sanko, John and Spencer Sanko from Superior, Neb.

On April 5, Gilbert and Gretel Jansen of Bella Vista, Ark., were here to visit with Elfriede Kelly, Ione Jordan, Steve Albright and Priscilla Johnson. Gretel gave us many compliments following a tour of our facility.

A long time friend of Whispering Pines, Lorraine McCain, came to help us on April 10.

Margaret McElroy and Carol Wertenberger were here visiting from Sunday to Wednesday of this week visiting with their mother Carrie Malcolm and aunt Mabel Malcolm.

Brad Cox and his family, Jen Houser and her two girls were here to visit Phileda Nelson on April 10.

Lucille Stackhouse had a birthday party celebration on April 9, hosted by her family and we had a wonderful day for her party as she had lots of guests. She is our only birthday this month falling on April 11.

Kendra Anderson, St. Paul, Neb., along with Shane, Keri and Zari Aspegren from Paris, France visited Beth and Elton Bryant on April 10.

Some of the crafts and events that the residents will be doing the rest of the month are: on the 15th we will be going in the Senior Citizen Bus to see what spring has sprung in our town and surrounding area. Then on April, 19 the ladies will be making pies for supper, the 20th is Robber Bingo, the 22nd they will be making pizzas, the 25th we will make caramel popcorn, the 26th making cookies. For our monthly coffee which is on April 27 we will have a program called "What Was in Grandma's Attic". We invite you to join us at Whispering Pines for our monthly coffee at 2:45 p.m. Remember your dress hats? We are having a fashion show so come and enjoy fellowship along with coffee and cookies. The 29th we will make bread the new fangled way in the bread machine that Dorothy Lundgren's family donated to Whispering Pines and on April 30, May baskets.

We are also hoping to have Georgia Moser back again to help with light bulb decorations.

And just this week we planted cucumbers and radishes in planters so when weather permits we can set them out side. Won't they taste good when they have grown and can be used in our kitchen?

Also this past week we have been working on making hyacinths, we had a large turnout of crafters for this one. I wondered if they just were just curious as to what I had come up with, but they turned out quite pretty and will help to brighten our resident's apartments.

LYLE NEWS

By DEANNA SUMNER

April 4, Kathy Van Meter and Toots Magers played pinochle with the residents at the Good Samaritan in Oberlin and then visited with Marguerite Fullerton.

April 10, Andrew Esasias Trujillo was born to Nathan and Katrina Trujillo, Livermore, Calif. Grandparents are, Erlene Chavez, San Jose, Calif., and Norman Ogles, Paxico, Mo. Great-grandmother is Kathy Van Meter and the late Archie Nejd.

April 10, Rea and Dee Magers accompanied Toots Magers to Judy and Charlie Easton's for her birthday dinner.

April 13 was Liberty Star Club

held at Lyle. Hostess was Carolyn Plotts. Members attending were Toots Magers, Veda Wood, Cathy Anthony, Angie Wilson, Kathy Van Meter, and Deanna Sumner, Brooke and Brady.

Thursday, April 14, Kathy Van Meter had lunch in Kearney with Steve Van Meter, Gibbon, Neb., and Roger and Janice Pollat, Kearney. Afterwards she had a check-up on her shoulder with Dr. Crockett.

April 15, Toots, June Jolly and Kathy played cards in Norcatour.

April 16, Tim and Clinton Nejd came for a visit with Kathy Van Meter.

PRAIRIE VIEW

By VIVIAN JANSONIUS

The Gleaner's Circle of the Prairie View Reformed Church met April 7 at the church. Because Darline Brown was unable to attend, vice-chairman, Goldie Barker conducted the meeting. She read an "Easter Greeting" and the devotions. Hazel Jansonius gave a lesson called, "What Life Is All About". Six members and one guest, Erma Jean Nyland, were present. Mrs. Nyland joined the club that day. Hostess for the meeting was Vivian Jansonius. Others

attending were Wauneta Schemper, Linda Van Der Weele, Julianna Lasniewski.

Orlin and Wilma Hogan of Long Island visited at the home of Bob and Edna Earle De Boer after Sunday evening church services.

On April 5 several met at the Prairie View Reformed Church to discuss Vacation Bible School materials. They were: Kenny Pakkeber, Densmore; the Rev. Jeffrey Van Der Weele, Arlo Tien, Cher Greving and Vivian Jansonius, Prairie View.

