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WEEKLY SERMONETTE

Jesus, Our Only Hope — By Rick Rostek, Pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church

Officials sounded the warning, and many heeded it. They abandoned their homes and headed away from the coast. Others ignored the warnings figuring they could ride it out. Others with wicked intent stayed in order to loot and vandalize. Still others stayed because they simply couldn't leave. They were the elderly, the poor, the sick, the lame.

The result? Many lived because they heeded the warnings. But Katrina exacted a staggering toll upon those that stayed behind, especially in New Orleans. The dead are still being counted. Many who arrogantly thought they could ride out the storm wished they hadn't. Those with wicked intent struck with horrible and abominable force once the storm passed. And those on the margins of society? They are either dead, dying, or displaced to distant cities, their homes destroyed. Sadly, these folks in particular were simply left to die. America's shame in this matter is just beginning.

But the greatest tragedy from Katrina is that many died without saving faith in Jesus Christ. The reasons for lack

of faith are no doubt many, but it is possible that some never heard the message; some didn't hear the warning. Christ will return to judge both the living and dead.

God sent the prophet Ezekiel to the Israelites. Ezekiel was to warn the

people so that they might turn from their evil ways and live. The Church has that responsibility today: To proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ and to announce the coming judgment. The Good News is that Jesus Christ redeemed the world from sin and death

by dying on a cross in Jerusalem some 2000 years ago. He paid the price for our sins. In faith and repentance, all people, even the looters and those who abandoned the poor and elderly, can find forgiveness in Jesus Christ. For those who believe, the Day of Judgment will not be a day of fear or sorrow. Rather, it will be a day of great and unending joy. But for those who don't believe, it will be a day of unending torment.

Heed the warning! Believe in Jesus Christ. Believe that He loves you so much He died an innocent death on the cross. Believe that He rose from the dead and now rules at the right hand of His Father. Believe that He is preparing a place for all who would put their trust in Him. Believe in Jesus Christ so that when He returns you will be among the faithful who will enjoy the glory of paradise forever with Christ. Armed with such faith, nothing will separate you from the love of God. Katrina was temporary. Jesus Christ is eternal and He is our only hope!

Happiness is...



There's a great satisfaction in surf fishing at sunset. Why? Is it the beauty and immensity of the ocean, the stunning colors of the sky as the sun retreats, the solitude on the beach? Is it because happiness is found in the serenity of the evening, or the time spent in God's creation? Where does happiness come from?

Our moods, as well as our interests, determine what happiness is for each of us. And our emotions, our longings, and our appreciation of nature all play a part. What we believe makes a difference, too. There are countless individuals for whom happiness arises from faith, believing and trusting in God. And there are others who lack this spiritual ingredient, faith, and wonder why they aren't happy. This faith is elusive, "the faith and love that spring from the hope that is stored up for you in heaven..." (Colossians 1:5)

You don't have to search for this faith alone. At your chosen house of worship you can find a community of love and support, and hear this message of faith. Go and find faith this week.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 Timothy 3:10 - 4:8	Titus 1:1-16	Titus 2:1-15	Titus 3:1-15	Matthew 5:1-12	Matthew 5:13-26	Matthew 5:27-48

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JENNINGS NEWS

By LOUISE CRESSLER

Galen and Meme Carper went to Hays Saturday for a family reunion at the Holiday Inn. Family enjoying the day were; Dan and Charlene Mangus and family, Kanorado; Michael Mangus, Manhattan; Cecil and Annette Bailey and Katie, Tribune; Carol Topliff, Goodland; Les and Teresa Hopson and family, Bethune, Colo.; Beau and Tammy Moody and family, Baldwin City; Tim and Ann Bailey and girls, Broken Arrow, Okla. The group also celebrated Rachel Bailey's 16th birthday which was Saturday.

Agnes Wahlmeier attended the wedding of her grandson Jess, son of Brian Wahlmeier. Jess Wahlmeier and Karolyn Krouse were married Saturday evening in Great Bend. Other relatives attending were Carol and Lawrence Wahlmeier; Jeff and Mary Wahlmeier and Nick; Mike and Michelle Tompkins and boys, Grain Valley, Mo.; Mary Wahlmeier and Erin Terrell, Norton; Dennis and Marilyn Wahlmeier, Cambridge, Neb.; Shanna Werth, Andrea and Christopher, Johnson Lake, Neb.

Sunflower Senior Citizens Potluck supper will be held at 6 p.m., Sept. 13 in the senior center. John Juenemann will entertain the group at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come.

Jennings City Council met Sept.

1 in the Senior Center. Council members Bill Gawith, Stann Hartzog, Don Bolt and Louise Cressler were present. Abby Hissong, agent from Fredrickson Insurance Agency, Oberlin came to explain insurance renewal and claims tuned in for hail damage. Duro-Last has not looked at the Community Hall roof yet.

Citizens — remember the boys, Justin Meitl and Clint Krizek are reading the meters after getting out of school on the 25th and 26th of each month. Those who have meters inside please post your readings on your doors.

A list of yards to be sprayed by the county is being compiled. If you want your yard sprayed call city office at 678-2348. Anyone interested in the city maintenance job, should call the city office or drop by and fill out an application.

Wayne and Louise Cressler received word Thursday of the death of Louise's brother-in-law, Arlin Bohl, of Phillipsburg. They went to be with Leatha on Saturday. The funeral was Tuesday in First Lutheran Church, Phillipsburg.

Daryl and Marge Hartzog; Wayne and Louise Cressler attended the Mowry-Brewster Reunion in Hoxie Sunday.

Glenda Johnson has greatly appreciated all the concerns for her at the time of her surgery and since her return home.

PRAIRIE VIEW

By VIVIAN JANSONIUS

The Prairie Homemakers Family and Community Education Unit met Aug. 22 at the Long Island Community Center. President Judy VanDer Veen conducted the meeting with 18 members, one guest and a child present.

The group decided to hold a supper meeting next month at 6:30 at the center.

Jill Lively of Norton gave the lesson on the Big Brother Big Sister program.

Quarter prizes were won by Anissa Kats and Beverly Schemper. Others receiving gifts were: Belva Leydig and Sue Newlin for their birthdays, Wanda Schemper for her anniversary and Stenie Laubscher.

Others attending were Pat Hammond, Beth Ponstein, Belinda Thalheim, Long Island, and Gloria DeWitt, Diana Greving, Vivian Jansonius, Julia Schemper and Isabelle Prairie View.

On Aug. 23, Vivian Jansonius went to Phillipsburg to visit family.

She also attended a committee meeting for the Red Cross Blood Drive which will be from noon to 6 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 15, in

Phillipsburg. If anyone can donate, they are asked to call Mrs. Jansonius. Others attending were Kat Talkington of Hays and Irma Lee Gebhard of Long Island.

Burdett and Belva Leydig spent the weekend in Kearney at the homes of children and grandchildren.

The Sunshine City Library Board met Aug. 15 following the ice cream social. Present were Danny and Carol Short, Darline Brown, Dian Tien, Karen Anderson, Melissa Graham and Gloria DeWitt.

It was reported that more than 70 people attended the ice cream social with the proceeds going to purchase children's books and to help with Story Hour expenses.

A system grant was discussed to make sure the library is in compliance with all regulations and guidelines and outdated books were boxed up.

A scrapbooking workshop will be held in the Library on Saturday, Sept. 24, and Lone Prairie 4-H Club will have a display of their fair entries.

Liz Jansonius will be conducting the fall Story Hour and is to contact children's parents soon. It will be held on Friday mornings.

ALMENA NEWS

By ESTHER MARBLE

Blaine and Esther Marble attended the Marble Family Reunion Saturday at the Senior Center in Norton.

Neva Van De Wege Epard of Colby spent Tuesday visiting loved ones. She visited her brother Harlan in Prairie View. She made a surprise stop in Almena to visit a good friend, Alice Kuiper. When Neva was a small child, the Bert Van De Wege's family lived near the Kuipers. She remembered the fishing trips and a trip to Colorado and the mountains the families had made. It pleased Alice to have Neva stop for a visit. Neva then visited in the Dorothy Chandler home and had a good time visiting with Dorothy's sister, Deloris (Woodard) Lessor a friend from high school which completed her special day.

Marge Cate, Laura Craig and Jean Leuszler visited Reva Smith at the hospital Monday afternoon. Esther Marble called Reva

Smith on the telephone Monday afternoon and Reva said she was feeling better.

Donna Leuszler and Sue Jackson honored their mothers, Jean Leuszler and Joyce Eckhart, for their August 31 birthdays at the home of Jean Leuszler with a lovely evening dinner. Jay and Jan Leuszler who had spent the previous week visiting his mother, provided an ice cream cake, especially decorated to honor his mother's 80th.

Donna Leuszler returned to her home in Cortez, Colo., Sept. 3 after spending a week with her mother Jean Leuszler.

Barbara Wassinger of Ness City was a Labor Day weekend visitor of Rita Bieber of Calvert. She drove on Friday evening and returned home Sunday evening. She helped her mother do many things that seem to appear bigger all the time. She also visited her uncle Donald Moody at Whispering Pines while visiting for the weekend.

RCIA
(Right of Christian Initiation for Adults)

will begin Sunday, September 18 - 2:00 p.m. at the Parish Center of St. Francis Roman Catholic Church — this is an education in the Roman Catholic faith and doctrine - for any adult who wishes to learn more about the Roman Catholic Faith.

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