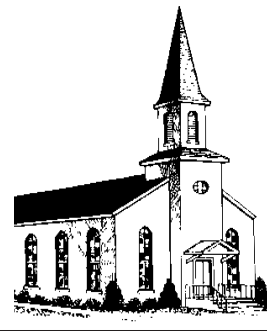


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WEEKLY SERMONETTE

The End is Near! By Rick Rostek, Pastor, Immanuel Lutheran Church

The end is near! Just about everyone has heard someone proclaim this message. People have been proclaiming "the end" for many years. Events in the past year have only increased the feelings among many that "the end" must be mere moments away. Consider the Indonesian tsunami, the devastating hurricane season, the powerful Pakistani earthquake, and the recent tornadoes in Kentucky, Indiana, and Iowa. Consider also the recent bombings in Jordan, the ongoing war in Iraq, Middle East tensions, and other political hot spots. Moreover, many false teachers have arisen in the Church who seek to minimize the authority of God's Holy Word and diminish the all-sufficient work of Jesus Christ on the cross. These are all evidence of the coming of the end of the world. So is the end near? It might be. We do not know the extent to

which all of these signs have been fulfilled. Certainly, the end is closer today than it was yesterday. Ironically, these signs of the end times can be of great benefit. They remind us that God is ultimately in control and one day He will declare an end to the world as we know it. At that time, Jesus will return to judge the world. Therefore, Jesus tells us, "Keep watch, because you do not know the

day or the hour." One might ask, "How do we keep watch?" The best way is to focus on what Jesus Christ has done for the people of the world. The bad things

that happen in this world are a result of the fall of mankind into sin. Jesus Christ came to reverse this curse by sacrificing His life on the cross for the sin of the world. By remembering Jesus, great sacrifice and placing our complete faith in Him, we need not worry about the coming of the end of the age. Those who believe will receive an inheritance reserved for the faithful-eternal communion with God in paradise. The end certainly gets nearer with each passing day. Now is the day of salvation. Put your trust in Jesus Christ and that day will be met with unspeakable joy as Christ receives believers into His eternal kingdom.

Old Idea... New Setting

When the Pilgrims held their first Thanksgiving celebration, it wasn't a new idea. The idea was as old as people's awareness of their dependence on God.



But it was a new setting. A group of people far from home, barely settled on a strange shore, surrounded by dangers real and imagined, facing their first New England winter. A remarkable time and place to say "thank you, God".

Whenever earnest men and women pause to express gratitude to God, it's an old idea. But the setting is always new. For wherever we are, whatever the circumstances surrounding our lives, our faith reaches to the Almighty...realizing anew His power, His love. "Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever."

(1 Chronicles 16:34)

Take time this week to say, "Thank you, God". Worship with your family and friends and remember that first Thanksgiving celebration.

SUNDAY Isaiah 55:1-13	MONDAY Isaiah 56:1-8	TUESDAY Psalm 113	WEDNESDAY Psalm 115	THURSDAY Psalm 65	FRIDAY Psalm 66	SATURDAY Psalm 67
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PRAIRIE VIEW

By VIVIAN JANSONIUS
The Gleaner's Circle of the Prairie View Reformed Church met Nov. 3 with Darline Brown conducting the meeting. She gave a reading, "Life". Vivian Jansonius had devotions and Wauneta Schemper gave the lesson, "Our Sacrifice of Praise".
A letter from LaVon Ponstein was shared with the membership. Seven members answered roll call. It was decided that the same officers will serve next year. They are Darline Brown, chairman; Goldie Barker, vice-chairman; and Wauneta Schemper, secretary-treasurer. Mrs. Barker was the hostess.
Others present were Linda Van Der Weele, Erma Jean Nyland, and Hazel Jansonius.
Julianna Lasniewski had surgery in Nebraska. She is already home and recuperating nicely.
Priscilla Mizell was inducted into the Kansas Delta Chapter of the Alpha Chi Honor Society at Kansas Wesleyan University in Salina on Nov. 6. Mrs. Mizell is the daughter of the Rev. Jeff and Linda Van Der Weele of Prairie View and the daughter-in-law of Ruth and Ray Mizell of Norton.
The Dispatch Christian Reformed Church celebrated its

125th anniversary through the weekend of Nov. 4 to 6. Participating in the evening service on Sunday night was the Luctor Christian Reformed Church choir, directed by Belinda Thalheim and accompanied by Helen Van Kooten and the Prairie View Reformed Church Men's ensemble, led by Kenny Schemper and accompanied by Cher Greving. Giving the congratulatory greeting on behalf of the Prairie View Churches was the Rev. Jeff Van Der Weele. Leading the worship was the Rev. Pat Hennen, the newly ordained pastor of the Dispatch congregation.
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JENNINGS NEWS

By LOUISE CRESSLER
Weekend visitors of Stan and Ramona Shaw were Jim Weaver, Brent Finley, Dr. John Sapp and Brandon Wagoner of Joplin Mo.; Kevin and Colleen Wagoner, Sharon Springs; Tom Neff and Chris Gillespie, Marion; Elliott Gillespie, Marion; Aaron Gillespie, Hays; Adam Wahlmeier, Dodge City; Jeff and Mary Wahlmeier, Clayton. The men enjoyed a successful weekend of pheasant hunting.
For the Nov. 17 meeting, the Tuesday Study Club toured the Coyote Country and Prairie radio station at McCook. Operations manager, Jesse Stevens guided the club on a tour of the station outlining the benefits of being live and local as well as the teamwork necessary among colleagues. The use of computers for communication was demonstrated and it was explained how technology allows local radio to continue financially. Roll call "Entertaining radio waves" was answered by Wilma Mader, Joan McKenna, Helen Muirhead, Helen Rhodes,

Vendla Tacha, Neoma Tacha and Kathy Nauer. Lunch was enjoyed at the Four Legs Up B-B-Q Restaurant.
The Sunflower Seniors Christmas dinner will be held Dec. 13 at 6 p.m. in the Center. Meryle Synder will cater the meal. Smoothed baked steak, twice baked potatoes, salad, roll, drink and apple turnovers are on the menu. If you plan to attend contact Louise Cressler or Ramona Shaw by Dec. 1.
Clint and Justin will be reading the water meters in Jennings Friday, Nov. 25. Those who have meters inside, please read your meters and post on your front door. New straw has been put in a lot of the barrels to keep the meters from freezing.
City council will not meet on Dec. 1, but will hold a meeting on Dec. 8.
Orders are still being taken for angels made from old hymnals. All the angels that were made up were sold at the Hunter's Supper. Contact Imogene Keenan if you would like to order some.

NORCATUR NEWS

By NORCATUR NEWSLETTER VOLUNTEERS
Oran and LaVerne Milner visited from Nov. 8-12 in Denver with Vera Bishop and Bruce Bishop and other relatives.
Birthdays and anniversaries include: Dewaine Stapp, Judy Shirley and Troy Marshall - Nov. 17; Pastor Kathy Aeillo - Nov. 18; Merle Shirley and Brandy Cook - Nov. 19; Joyce Anderson - Nov. 2; Marylyn Barnett - Nov. 21.
Exercise class is being held at 10 a.m. on Tuesdays in the Educational Building. Aerobics begin at 7 p.m. on Tuesdays.
Lynn (Sissy) McFarland, daughter of Keith Anthony, came Nov. 6 for a visit.
Dorothy Ward, Bee Nelson and Marguerite Clark were in Hays on Nov. 10 for medical appointments and a meeting with a spokesman for the Area on Aging to learn about the prescription drug program.
There were nearly 160 served at the annual pheasant hunter's feed prepared by the Norcatour United Methodist Church on Nov. 12. Hunters attending were from Wyoming, Colorado, Texas, South Carolina, Florida, Oklahoma and Kansas.
Many friends of Scott Harman helped him celebrate his birthday on Nov. 4.
Winners of the Cardinal Bar and Grill pool tournament on Nov. 7 were Jerald Leitner, Oberlin, first; Chad Kier, Clayton, second; Chuck Forbes, Norcatour, third.
Kortney Stapp and Jerrod Poire, Emporia; Dan Poire, Iola; and friend, Travis, Manhattan, were last weekend hunting guests of David and Patty Stapp, Kaitlyn and Sam.
Patty Stapp, Kortney and

Kaitlyn were lunch guests of R.D. and Marian Thornton in Oberlin on Saturday, Nov. 12. Other guests were Linda Schleip and Spencer, McCook; Lee Dempewolf, Topeka; Greg Dempewolf, Trenton, Neb.; and Bob Dempewolf, Oberlin.
Marguerite Clark and Dorothy Ward attended the craft fair in Norton and the pheasant supper at Norcatour last Saturday. They also attended the bazaar at Lyle on Sunday afternoon, along with Lula Hix.
The annual Norcatour Christmas drawing will be held at 4 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 17, in the City Building All-Purpose room. For details on donating items, contact Deb Marshall, Chris Dempewolf or Lois Wentz. Following the drawing, the Cardinal Kids Connection Pre-school will have a freewill donation chicken and noodle, baked potato and cinnamon roll supper.
MUSEUM NEWS
A small glass bathtub was donated by Randy Allen to the museum. Research is being done in the old Norcatour Dispatch newspapers from the 1930s. Everyone is encouraged to write stories of Norcatour's past to be placed in a book for others to enjoy at the museum. Donations are still being taken of Norcatour items. There is a plaque on display with names of those who have donated \$100 or more to the museum. Donations may be sent to Norcatour Museum, Box 89, Norcatour, Kan., 67653.

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