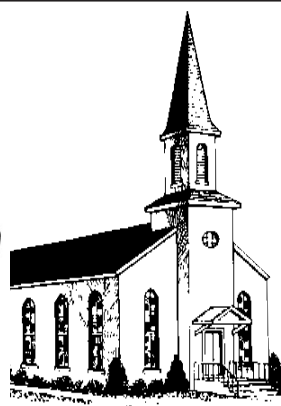


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...and read your Bible daily



## WEEKLY SERMONETTE

By Jerry Cummings, Pastor of Living Hope Fellowship in Norton

In Luke chapter five we read a familiar story of a miracle done by Jesus. He was in a home crowded with people and as it says, "the power of the Lord was present to heal them." At some point a group of four men came with a stretcher, carrying a man who could not walk. Because of the crowded home, they went to the roof, broke a hole in it, and let down the disabled man by ropes right in front of Jesus. Of course we know that Jesus healed the man. But we see something interesting in vs. 20. It says, "When Jesus saw their faith, He said to him, 'Man, your sins are forgiven you.'"

The Bible teaches that it is with the heart that man believes. Faith is really an invisible matter of the heart. But it says that Jesus saw their faith. Indeed the faith of these men had become visible by their actions. It was because of their faith that they knew that if they got their friend in front of Jesus, he would be healed. Indeed it is visible faith that God is looking for. Jesus commended the faith of others in scripture for becoming visible.

There was the woman who said in her heart, "If only I can touch the hem of his garment, I will be made whole. And so it was, when she pressed through the crowd and touched his hem, she was instantly healed. Blind Bartimaeus made his faith visible by crying out to Jesus

in spite of people trying to shut him up. And when Jesus called him out he even threw off his cloak and went to Jesus, knowing in a moment he would be able to pick it up with his own vision. Another Canaanite woman came seeking help for her demonized daughter and kept pressing

toward Jesus even when turned away three times. She knew that even the "crumbs" from under Jesus table was enough to deliver her daughter. There were many other such people, whose faith became visible by their words and actions.

How did these people come to this place of visible faith? First they had a hope inspired by the scriptures about the coming Messiah. Secondly, they had strong desire based upon their great need. Thirdly, they believed the testimonies of others about what Jesus could do. Fourthly, they began to reason according to this belief instead of their natural reasoning. They thought such things as "If only I can touch the hem of His garment, I will be made whole." Fifthly, they put words and actions to their faith and Jesus did not disappoint them. So I ask you today, is your faith showing? Allow your hope to be stirred into faith by the encouragement of scripture and the testimony of what God has done for others. God responds to a faith that can be seen.

## A Light in the Darkness



- SUNDAY**  
Mark  
10:17-34
- MONDAY**  
Mark  
10:35-52
- TUESDAY**  
Galatians  
1:1-24
- WEDNESDAY**  
Acts  
9:1-25
- THURSDAY**  
Acts  
9:26-43
- FRIDAY**  
Acts  
21:17-36
- SATURDAY**  
Acts  
21:37 - 22:21

**The full moon is a beautiful object, especially on a clear night when it's mirrored in the vastness of the ocean. As the moon passes through it's phases, it reflects the light of the sun. Like the moon, we too can be a reflection... a reflection of the warmth of God's love. So, "In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven." (Matthew 5:16).**

**His love strengthens our spirit and lights our path through times of darkness and doubt. Visit your house of worship this week and discover the light of His love. Then you can pass it on!**

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## JENNINGS NEWS

By LOUISE CRESSLER  
Saturday dinner guests at the home of Mark and Shelly Shaw, Ethan and Erin, rural Logan to honor Erin on her sixth birthday were her grandparents Stan and Ramona Shaw and Jim and Wilma Mader.

Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Mrstik, Filmore, Colo., visited his brother Eugene and Dona Mrstik last week. All attended the funeral of Clifford Fiala, cousin of Eldon and Eugene.

Thursday, Jan. 19 was the 60th wedding anniversary of Eugene and Dona Mrstik. They shared turnovers with the coffee group at the bar and grill that morning. They very much enjoyed all the cards sent to them from Jennings, Oberlin and McCook area and their classmates from the class of 1945.

Jennings Lions will hold their meeting at 6:30 p.m., Mon., Jan. 30 at the Broken Wheel Bar and Grill. The District Governor will be a guest.

Frances Bader has completed Association for Adult Retired Persons (AARP) training for tax preparation. She will be doing tax returns for low income and 60 and older free of charge. Phone: 785-678-2659.

A joint meeting of Jennings City Council and the Heritage Associates was held Jan. 18 to discuss school assets to be di-

vided between the city and the museum.

Those attending were Bob Jones, Mayor; Stan Hartzog, Bill Gawith, Rick Foster, Don Bolt and Louise Cressler, council members; Sue Long, City Clerk. Neoma Tacha, Chairman; Bob Tacha, Roger Shimek, Jay Kump, Lila Jennings, Dean Gawith and Larry Mizer, Heritage board members and Lawrence Jennings. A committee was appointed to inquire about an auctioneer for the sale of school items to be sold in June. Dean Gawith, Rick Foster, Bob Tacha and Louise Cressler were appointed. Bob Jones and Neoma Tacha were given authority to accept or reject bids received from neighboring schools on school items.

Reminder: Heritage Associates and Czech Museum annual meeting will be held at 1:30 p.m., Jan. 27 at the school house. The public is invited.

Board members to be voted on are Steve Hirsch, Lila Jennings, Jay Kump and Bob Tacha.

The school children's Kansas Day Program will be at 2:30 p.m., Jan. 27 in the school lunchroom. Everyone is invited to attend.

Jennings city water meters will be read Saturday, Jan. 28. If your meter is inside please post the meter reading on your door.

## NORTON MANOR

By DORIS MIZELL  
Jim Johnson, Aurora, Neb., and Vera Schra of McPherson visited Saturday with their aunt, Marie Engelhardt.

Last Thursday afternoon, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Schulze; Mrs. Evalene Hall, Pine, Ariz.; Mr. and Mrs. George Durham, Craig, Colo.; Jess Gray; Tonya Bohrer and Art Wudtke came to visit Alma Schulze. They had a nice visit.

Lucille Miller visited Marie Engelhardt last Thursday.

Bozie and Deloros Bozarth's daughter, Denise Whisman, granddaughter, Miki Waggoner, and her daughter, Madison, from Plainville, visited for the weekend. Also on Sunday were grandchildren, Matthew Waggoner, Salina; Mark Waggoner and fiancée, Daniellee Moose,

Plainville; Mr. and Mrs. Corey Dobson and son Cael, Plainville; and son Curtis Bozarth and children Hayli and Eli, Norton.

Shirley and Jerry Gallentine, Rapid City, S. D., visited her mother, Maxine Brooks, over the weekend.

Jan. 12 Carolyn and Roger Linsenmeyer, Beatrice, Neb., stopped at Doris Mizell's on their way to Colorado. Joining them for lunch at the Town and Country were Roberta McAllister, Clayton and Ray Mizell. Visiting in the afternoon were Patty Foster, Jennings and Lester Mizell. The Linsenmeyers went on to spend the night in Colby.

Thursday the Manor had their regular monthly dinner with 19 in attendance. Mildred Schwab and Doris Mizell were hosts.

There was a good turn-out for the monthly coffee. The only business discussed was the timeframe of the car ports.

## LYLE NEWS

By DEANNA SUMNER  
Monday, Kathy Van Meter and Joyce Sumner went to Garden City with a carload of clothing goods for the Mexican-American Mission.

Tuesday the Lyle ladies sewed. Wednesday, Toots Magers went to visit Pat Schwab in the Andbe Home in Norton.

Thursday, Veda Wood, Toots and Kathy attended a dance at the Bohemian Hall in Oberlin.

Friday, June Jolly, Veda Wood,

Toots and Kathy played cards in Norcatour.

Sunday, June, Kathy and Toots played party pitch in Norton.

Kathy VanMeter announced the birth of a great-grandson born Jan. 2. Parker Daniel, weighed 8 pounds 8 ounces. His parents are Jesse and Daniel Westerbeck from Kaukauna, Wisc.

Grandparents are Marlow and Mary Westerbeck from Wellsville.

Great-grandfather is the late Dale VanMeter.

## ALMENA NEWS

By ESTHER MARBLE  
Dale, Quentin and Zach Stiffler of Meriden came to hunt pheasants with Blaine, Chance and Bryce Marble over the weekend. The Stifflers went home Sunday afternoon.

Jean Leuszler accompanied Dorothy Chandler to the Andbe Home and visited Elda Schalansky, Laverne Shields and Ila Zellmer. Jean said that Gladys Colip is in the Hays Hospital for surgery for a broken hip.

Bill Godfrey came Sunday afternoon and trimmed some trees for Harold Shearer and Esther Marble and also cut up some trees in Esther's yard.

Pauline Poage visited Esther Marble Sunday afternoon.

Harold Mayo of Arvada, Colo., died Monday, Jan. 23. He is a brother-in-law of Esther Marble. He will be buried at the Beaver City, Neb., Cemetery on Friday at 1:30 p.m.

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