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## WEEKLY SERMONETTE

**A Man of His Word — By Rick Rostek, Pastor, Immanuel Lutheran Church**

Thomas said, "I will not believe." That was his response to his fellow disciples. They had seen Jesus, in the flesh! Just days earlier, Jesus was dead on the cross and buried. But now the disciples had seen Him! It was true! Jesus was risen from the dead, just as He said. The problem was that Thomas was not with the other disciples when Jesus made that first appearance to them. Thomas was indignant. "Unless I see the nail marks in His hands," said Thomas. Unless Thomas had incontrovertible proof, he would not believe.

We often refer to Thomas as "Doubting Thomas". But he was more than doubting. He was unbelieving. For Thomas, Jesus was dead. Whatever hope Thomas had in Jesus died when Jesus hung from that cross. He no longer believed. The great thing, however, is that into Thomas, unbelief comes Jesus Himself.

The disciples gathered again on the Sunday following the resurrection. This time, Thomas

was with them. Again, Jesus appeared to the disciples. Then Jesus confronted Thomas: "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side." Then, as the King James Version puts it, Jesus

said, "be not faithless, but believing." And Thomas does just that, saying, "My Lord and My God!" In an instant, Thomas went from the depth and despair of unbelief to the joy of true faith. He had seen the Lord! All of

Jesus, teachings were true! Jesus was a man of His word!

Of course, today we do not see Jesus in the flesh. He has ascended to His Father in heaven and now rules from there.

Nevertheless, we can "see" Jesus through the eyes of those first witnesses of the resurrection. In fact, John the Evangelist tells us, "Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name" (John 20:30-31).

The witness of the Gospel writers is our proof that Jesus, who died on the cross for the sin of the world, also rose from the dead victorious over sin and death. By faith in what Jesus has done for us, we have forgiveness of sins, life, and eternal salvation. This is what came to Thomas when confronted by the risen Savior. It can come to you, too. Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you will have eternal life!

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How often we see this phrase when we buy consumer products. Polyurethane protects your floor...oil protects your engine...fabric guard protects your furniture. A car seat is required by law to protect your most precious new family member.

What helps us stand up under normal—and abnormal—wear and tear? We read about a myriad of products that promise protection, but none of them can protect our well being like a personal relationship with our Heavenly Father. In Joshua 24:17b we read, "He protected us on our entire journey and among all the nations through which we traveled."

God is available to protect and comfort you on your every journey. Get to know Him at your chosen house of worship.

- SUNDAY**  
1 Peter 1:1-25
- MONDAY**  
1 Peter 2:1-25
- TUESDAY**  
1 Peter 3:8-22
- WEDNESDAY**  
1 Peter 4:1-19
- THURSDAY**  
1 Peter 5:1-14
- FRIDAY**  
2 Peter 1:1-21
- SATURDAY**  
2 Peter 3:1-18

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## WILSONVILLE

By **VELMA HOLTZE and LAURIE LAWS**

Doug Palmer and Mary have been to Omaha three times this past week to spend a little time with his father, Darrel Palmer, who is still hospitalized and his mother, June, who is there with Darrel.

Velma and Margene Holtze met Ivalene Simmons in North Platte on Sunday for dinner. Velma went home with her daughter, Ivalene, to spend two weeks.

**Women's Club Music**

Fourteen members and eight guests arrived at the Baptist-Christian Church basement April 10 for their annual guest night and salad supper. Hostesses for the evening were Barb Baca and Sue Bethel who had decorated the tables in an Easter theme.

Following the flag salute, Adeline Ballou gave devotions and asked the blessing. Everyone enjoyed the salads brought by the members

Music chairman, Nadeane Haag, led in the singing of several appropriate songs for the month. President Mary Wilson introduced Teri Gower from Hendley who had the program. Teri, who is an accomplished musician, shared a bit about her childhood, as the daughter of missionary parents. Her mother's prayers had been that Teri would become a talented musician. She is also a music instructor giving private lessons to many students in a wide area. Teri favored the group with piano, guitar and violin selections, singing with some of them. Some of the numbers she had composed. The women enjoyed her program.

During the business meeting officers were elected which are: President Sue Bethel, Vice President Connie Wilson, Secretary

Maxine Parrish, and Treasurer Barb Baca. Final plans were made for the Easter egg hunt and a float for the rodeo parade was mentioned. It was also decided to sponsor a team for the "Relay for Life". Plans were made for the next meeting. Members will meet at the church at 7 p.m. to pool rides to go to the home of Shirley Becker at Beaver City. She will give a program on her dolls.

**Hendley United Methodist Women Guest Day**

Margaret Brown, Virginia Rice, Alice Kasson, Pat Yost and Velma Holtze joined women from Arapahoe, Beaver City and Hollinger at the Hendley Methodist Church Wednesday afternoon for their annual guest day. Doris Crosley gave the afternoon devotions while each of the other Hendley women shared a timely article.

**Egg Hunt**

The annual Easter egg hunt sponsored by the Women's Club drew a large number of children. Many of these youngsters look forward each year to coming to Grandma's for the Easter egg hunt. The hunt is held in three areas of the park, one for each age group. Three Witte children seemed to be the best or the "luckiest" hunters as they found the three golden eggs.

**Church Service**

Several out of town visitors added to the Baptist-Christian Church congregation Sunday morning. Shari Rice Anderson sang "Because He Lives".

Easter lilies adorned the front of the sanctuary along with the same cross being draped in white lace.

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## NEW ALMELO

By **BETTY OTTER**

Family coming for Easter dinner at the home of Marion and Lorraine Long were Floyd and Karen Long and their daughter, Sammy and her friend, of Kimball, Neb.; Gary and Carolyn Long, Hill City and their son, Adam Long, Hays; Leonard and Joan Long, Zach and Alaina, Logan; and Joe Long, Leawood. On Monday, Joe and Rose Ann Long, Leawood, stopped to visit on their way home. Rose Ann had spent the weekend with her mother, Clara Schieferecke, Leoville.

Easter dinner guests at the home of Roger and JoAnn Long, were their daughter, Joanie and Darin Winkel, Bethany and Brooklyn,

Norton.

The community was saddened to hear of the death of Marcia Aumiller's mother, Norma Tice, Hoxie. Her funeral was April 19 at 10 a.m. at Mickey-Leopold Funeral Home, Hoxie. The burial will be in the Hoxie Cemetery.

Family coming for Easter at the home of Alfred and Betty Otter were Will and Tina Ritter, Allyson and Carson, Olathe; Mark and Sheila Otter, Alisha, Anna and Marshall, Ulysses and Ashley Otter, Lenora; Jim and Jolene Moss, Cheyenne, Courtney, and Aaron, Jewell; and Karl Otter, Great Bend. Gary and Bertie Bruinekool, Lenora and Renee Bruinekool, Norton, joined them for Easter dinner.

Join us for a night of food, games, fun, and laughter at

### The 60's Diner

**Church of God, 1010 Churchill Drive**  
**Sunday, April 30 • 5-8 p.m.**

Food (Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, French Fries, Floats, and More!!) Carnival Games (Dunk Tank, Ring Toss, Bean Bag Toss and Loads More!!)

*Fun for all ages. Come inside and sit down for a 60's meal that is sure to take you back to the past, or order and enjoy a nice meal from your car or outside enjoying the spring weather.*

All proceeds will go to help pay for the Church of God's Youth Trip. They will be going to Arizona to help at an Indian Reservation and then on to Anaheim, California for an International Youth Convention

The Annual  
*National Day of Prayer*

**THURSDAY, MAY 4**  
**Pancake and Sausage Breakfast**  
**7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. at the Norton Senior Center**

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