

NORCATUR NEWS

Birthdays: Laci Leichter, Larry James - June 29; Betty Reid, Ronald Temple - July 1; Bee Nelson - July 4.

A ladies' wrist watch was found and turned in at The Bank in Norcatatur. Please identify to claim.

Rea and Dee Magers made a trip to Hays on Wednesday, June 20, to finish Rea's treatments. While there, they visited Dee's uncle and aunt, Marion and Lorraine Long. Marion is a resident of St. John's nursing home. Lorraine recently had a pacemaker put in and is doing well.

June Jolly is now out of the hospital and recovering at the home of her daughter, Linda McFarland, in McCook.

Rea Magers had a great Father's Day. His son, Jeff, from near Cedar Bluffs, came over and helped his folks cut down a large dead tree. Afterward they enjoyed a steak dinner and strawberry shortcake. Their daughter, Cheri Pomeroy, called later.

Wava Reames visited Frank and Velda Ward at Cedar Living Center in Oberlin on Tuesday, 19, when shortly after rainfall began a tornado warning was sounded. They as well as the residents and staff evacuated to the hall where they sang and swapped stories until the "all clear" came. Mr. Ward checked the rain gauge, which showed 0.7 inches, but when Wava reached home the rain gauge in Norcatatur showed absolutely zip.

Monday and Tuesday, June 18 and 19, was a perfect weekend for the Pickett reunion at Littleton, Colo., and afterward Alice Pickett's family came back to Norcatatur to visit, since it was the closest the reunion had been to Norcatatur in many years. Carolyn and Glenn Strevey had places enough for all the Picketts. All 19 family members, including Robert and Bonnie Pickett, Dallas, Ore.; Dale and Nancy Lingle, Adams, Ore.; Dick and Dixie, Roswell, N.M.; and local family members met at the Cardinal Bar and Grill for breakfast together and lots of visiting, then left for home.

Visitors of Kenneth and Pansy Price on Saturday evening, June 23, were their granddaughter, Kathy Jo McAllister and family of Grand Junction, Colo., and Estella Harold of Clayton. They all went out for

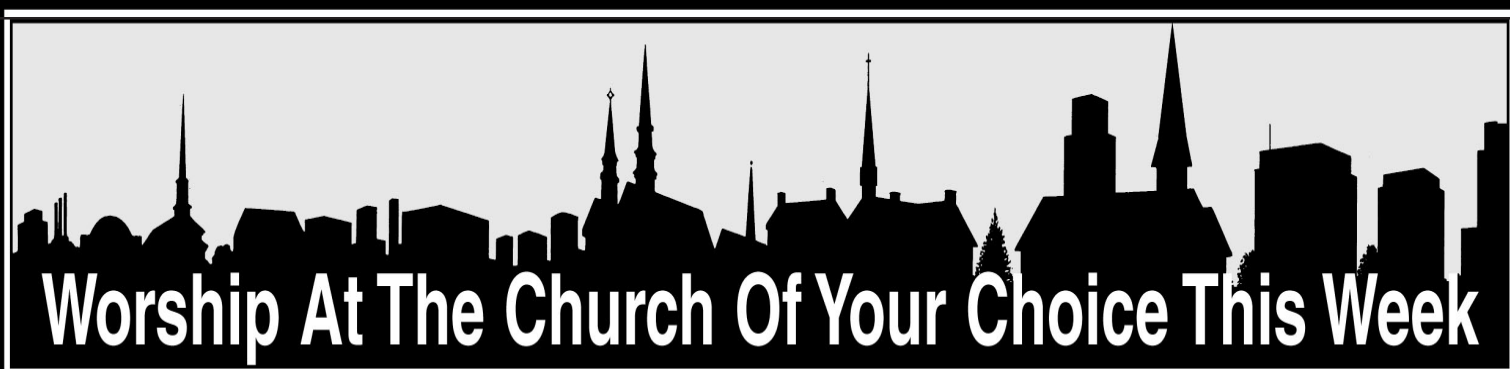
supper. On Sunday, June 24, Kenneth and Pansy Price drove to Alma, Neb., to view the Vietnam Moving Wall. It is one of two half-size replicas of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial located in Washington, D.C., which are on the move from April to November each year, with a weeklong stop at each site.

Derrick Bolliger, Oxford, Neb., spent Sunday, June 24, at the Stan Miller farm, helping out with harvest. Joel Miller, Hays, was to be back on Monday, June 25, to help. Veda Wood accompanied Bee Nelson and Laverne Milner to Hastings, Neb., on June 13 for Marguerite Clark's eye appointment. Veda had a good visit with her aunt, Alta May Van Gundy, and the others on the trip also stopped by. Alta told them stories of the past, some of which Veda had never heard before.

Sheryl Patterson, Carol Moye, Tielia High and Veda Wood went to Atwood on Thursday, June 21, to the home of Bonnie and Dena Klein. They visited and had lunch with Bonnie and her daughters, Dena Klein; Shelley Van Gundy, Cocoa, Fla.; Lori Gallentine, Placerville, Calif.; and Shelley's daughter, Marcie Williams, Lockridge, Fla. On Sunday, June 24, Tielia High, Wade, Emily, and Mariah, Garrett Bader, and Aubrey High visited Veda and Denny Wood.

Marylin Locy is taking chemo treatment for third-stage lymphoma cancer and is feeling weak and uncomfortable. Her next treatment is July 11. She said all they do is go to the grocery store and doctor appointments, as Jay hasn't been feeling very well, either. Their address is 1104 E. 56th Street, No. 20, Kearney, Neb.

Nickala O'Hare, daughter of Chris O'Hare, a former resident of Norcatatur now living in Oshkosh, Neb., participated in the Amerikids National Gymnastic Championship on June 17, in Kansas City, Kansas. Nickala competed in the 8 and under division, level 2, where she placed third in the balance beam, fifth in the uneven bars and vault, and sixth in the floor exercise, which earned her fourth place overall in her age group and level. She is the granddaughter of Rodney and Janice O'Hare of Norcatatur and Don and Jean Pharis of Norton.



NORTON FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
The Rev. Lew Van Der Wege, Pastor
804 W. Wilberforce, Norton
SUNDAY — 8 a.m. Early Service
9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
10:30 a.m. Worship Service
Family Fellowship
7 p.m. Bridge Service Showing "Love's Enduring Promise"
TUESDAY — 7 p.m. Al-Anon Serenity Group in Youth Room
WEDNESDAY — 8 a.m. Prayer Group
6 p.m. Education Work Area, Finance
6:30 p.m. Board of Trustees
THURSDAY — 10 a.m. Communion at Whispering Pines
1:30 p.m. United Methodist Women
FRIDAY — 10 a.m. Communion at Andbe Home

EDMOND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Lew Van Der Wege, Pastor
SUNDAY — 9 a.m. Worship Service

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Georgia Briery, Senior Warden
102 E. Waverly, Norton
SUNDAY — 9:30 a.m. Christian Education,
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Celebrant Fr. Dennis Gilhousen
11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour Hosts, Don and Elaine Mann
3-4 p.m. God's Pantry, Ron Briery

CROSSROADS CHURCH
313 West Lincoln Street
Pastor Terry Laughlin
Phone: 877-2416
e-mail: crossroads@ruraltel.net
www.standatthecrossroads.com
SATURDAY — 8 a.m. Men's Fellowship and Prayer
SUNDAY — 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service
WEDNESDAY — 6:45 p.m. Christian Fellowship
7:15 p.m. Adult Bible Study

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH
Father Vincent Thu Laing
877-2234
stfranci@ruraltel.net
108 S. Wabash, Norton
Mass Schedule
Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass
Monday 7:30 a.m.
Tuesday No Mass
Wednesday — 7:15 a.m. and 7:15 p.m.
Thursday 7:30 a.m.
Friday 7:30 a.m.
Saturday 7 p.m.
Sacrament of Reconciliation
4 p.m. Saturday, 30 minutes before Mass or by appointment
TUESDAY — 7 p.m. Bingo
WEDNESDAY — 7 p.m. SYF (K-8)
First Friday of the Month — Adoration following Morning Mass
First Saturday of the Month — 8 a.m. Marian Devotions
K of C Third Monday of Month at 7:30 p.m.

NORTON MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE
Hospital chaplain, Monday through Sunday, Kirk Kasson
Andbe Home and Norton Manor Services, Terry Laughlin
Ministerial Alliance Meeting, noon, Thursday, July 19 at Town and Country Kitchen

PRAIRIE VIEW REFORMED CHURCH
The Rev. Jeffrey Van Der Weele
410 Holland, Prairie View
973-2794
SUNDAY — 9 a.m. Morning Worship

LUCTOR CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
2 miles east and 3 miles north of Prairie View
The Rev. Jeffrey Van Der Weele
973-2794
SUNDAY — 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship

REDEEMER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Pastor Timm O. Meyer
e-mail: timmomeyer@ruraltel.net
805 W. Holme, Norton
SATURDAY — 1 p.m. Worship Service at Norton Correctional Facility
SUNDAY — 7 a.m. "Time of Grace" on FOX-TV
9:05 a.m. "Goodness From the Good Shepherd" Radio Broadcast, KQNK 106.7 FM & 1530 AM
9:30 a.m. Worship Services
10:45 a.m. Sunday School, Bible Study
12 p.m. Worship Service at Norton Correctional Facility
TUESDAY — 5:45 p.m. Bible Study at Norton Correctional Facility

NORTON CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Jeff Nielsen, Minister
e-mail: ncc_office@sbcglobal.net
208 N. Kansas, 877-2871
SUNDAY — 8 a.m. Early Worship
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:40 a.m. Worship Service
WEDNESDAY — 6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast
9 a.m. Prayer and Fellowship

FIRST CHURCH OF GOD
Pastor Terrill Worthington
1010 Churchill Dr.
877-2181
SUNDAY — 9:15 a.m. Time of Prayer (Adults)
9:30 a.m. Time of Prayer (Children in kitchen)
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Morning Worship
6 p.m. Choir Practice
7 p.m. Evening Service
WEDNESDAY — 6 p.m. 3D at Parsonage
7 p.m. Adult Bible Study, King's Kids, Jr. High and High School
Worship
8 p.m. Committee Meetings, Team Practice
2nd THURSDAY of each month — 7 p.m. Women of the Church of God
3rd SATURDAY of each month — 8 a.m. Men's Breakfast

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
The Rev. Rick Rostek
814 N. Second, Norton
877-2430
SUNDAY — 9 a.m. Sunday School, Bible Class
10:30 a.m. Worship
6:15 p.m. VBS begins "Quest For The Truth", ends 8:30 p.m.
MONDAY — 6:15 - 8:30 p.m. VBS
TUESDAY — 6:15 - 8:30 p.m. VBS
WEDNESDAY — 9:30 a.m. Bible Study
2 p.m. Andbe Home
6:15 - 8:30 p.m. VBS
THURSDAY — 6:15 p.m. Closing VBS Program followed by ice cream social

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, ALMENA
Kirk Kasson, Pastor
e-mail: congo@ruraltel.net
SUNDAY — 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Church Services
6 p.m. Bible Study at Kim and Kirk's
7 p.m. TFC
TUESDAY — 7:15 a.m. Teen Women's Discipleship
WEDNESDAY — 3:30 p.m. Good News Club
6 p.m. Bible Study in Church Basement
THURSDAY — 7:15 a.m. Teen Men's Discipleship

ST. JOHN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, LOGAN
Father Ben Saw
SUNDAY — 8:30 a.m. Mass

CLAYTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Pastor Ray Gilstrap
669-2554
raysumc@ruraltel.net
SUNDAY — 10 a.m. Church School
11 a.m. Worship Service, Choir Study

LENORA CHURCH OF GOD
Pastor Maurita Lymer
785-567-4459
SUNDAY — 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service
THURSDAY — 7 p.m. Evening Bible Study

NORTON SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
105 S. Case Street
Pastor Marion Miller
SATURDAY SERVICES — 9:45 a.m. Church Services
10:45 a.m. Sabbath School

LONG ISLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
The Rev. Dean Gilbert
554 Washington, 854-7626
SUNDAY — 11 a.m. Morning Worship
FIRST SUNDAY — 12 noon Fellowship Dinner
1 p.m. Administrative Council Meeting
FIRST WEDNESDAY — 2 p.m. United Methodist Women's Meeting in Fall, Winter and Spring

NORTON FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Pastor Charles Ross
112 S. Archer, 877-5214
SUNDAY — 11 a.m. Worship Service
6 p.m. Evening Service
WEDNESDAY — 7 p.m. Mid-Week Prayer Meeting and Bible Study

LIVING HOPE FELLOWSHIP
One mile south of Norton at corner of PDRA road
Pastor Jerry Cummings
877-2426
SUNDAY — 10 a.m. Worship and Praise Service
TUESDAY — 10 a.m. Prayer Meeting
WEDNESDAY — 7 p.m. Youth and Children's Programs
7 p.m. Adult Home Bible Study

MONDAY — 5:30 p.m. Mass

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF LOGAN
Pastor Troy Buss
SUNDAY — 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Church services
WEDNESDAY — 7 p.m. Bible Study

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THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS
Phillipsburg Ward
Tom Arnett, Bishop
SUNDAY — Regular services
TUESDAY — 7 p.m. Co-Ed Volleyball
WEDNESDAY — 7 p.m. Primary Activity Night. All children invited.

LOGAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Dean Gilbert
303 W. Church, 689-4350
SUNDAY — 9:15 a.m. Worship
10:30 a.m. Sunday School
9:15 a.m. Fifth Sunday song service
FIRST & THIRD WEDNES-

DAYS — 6:30 p.m. UMYF
SECOND WEDNESDAY — 1:30 p.m. United Methodist Women
THIRD WEDNESDAY — 7:30 p.m. Administrative Council Meeting

UNITED PARISH OF LENORA
The Rev. Jack Kersenbrock
140 E. Iowa, 567-4420
SUNDAY — 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service

LYLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
SUNDAY — 8 a.m. Worship Service

MAPLE GROVE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
9 miles west
4 1/2 miles north of Norton
SUNDAY — 10 a.m. Sunday School
11 a.m. Worship Service
4th Tuesday, Women's Fellowship
3rd Sunday, Noon, carry-in dinner

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH, NEW ALMELO
stjoseph@ruraltel.net
Father Vincent Thu Laing
SUNDAY — 8:30 a.m. Mass
FRIDAY and MONDAY — 8 a.m. Scripture Communion Service
Weekday Mass Tuesday 8:30 a.m.

ALMENA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Pastor Ray Gilstrap
669-2554
raysumc@ruraltel.net
SUNDAY — 8:30 a.m. Worship
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
WEDNESDAY — 7 p.m. Bible Study in Fellowship Hall
2ND SUNDAY — Noon Fellowship Dinner
1:00 p.m. Administrative Board Meeting
THURSDAY — 10 a.m. Vita Band Exercise Class, Everyone Welcome
7 p.m. Aerobics Class, Everyone Welcome
3RD THURSDAY — 1:30 p.m. United Methodist Women in Fellowship Hall

HENDLEY/WILSONVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCHES
The Rev. R.L. Malchow
10 a.m. Sunday Worship Hour
1st and 3rd Sundays, Hendley
2nd and 4th Sundays, Wilsonville
Coffee Fellowship after service
3rd Thursday U.M.W.

WILSONVILLE UNITED BAPTIST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Minister, Keith Theobald
SUNDAY — 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11 a.m. Worship and Communion
1st Thursday, B.C.W. 9 a.m.

NORCATUR UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Pastor Ray Gilstrap
693-4519
raysumc@ruraltel.net
SUNDAY — 10 a.m. Worship Service
11 a.m. Sunday School



"TO CHRISTIANS: ARE YOU FIREWORKS OR ETERNAL FLAMES?"

There's something magical about those brilliant colors exploding against the dark sky. But there's a problem with fireworks. They don't last. They go up, burst brightly, make some noise and disappear even as the "oohs and ahs" fade away. The same is true of many of the "fireworks" experiences in our lives. We fight and struggle for things that seem beautiful and alluring, but after we get them, their appeal disappears, just like fireworks. Maybe it's a shiny new car or speedboat. Maybe it's a big, impressive house. It might even be a promotion at work or a prestigious career.

So many of the things of this world are like fireworks. They promise happiness and fulfillment but can't deliver. TV commercials play on our emotions, making us believe that if we drive a certain kind of SUV or clean our floors with their super-efficient mop, we'll be happy at last. More often than not, all we feel is disillusioned.

If you've had enough of these "fireworks" experiences and the letdowns that follow, I challenge you to pursue the only thing in life that doesn't disappoint: a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. The astounding thing about loving God is that it actually gets better every day. Once you give your heart to Jesus, you'll have joy and contentment that lasts into eternity, and you'll never want to go back to "fireworks" experiences again. Pursue being an "eternal flame" Christian.

It was a torridly hot afternoon on July 3, 1938, when former Union and Confederate soldiers met to dedicate the "Peace Eternal in a Nation United" memorial on the Gettysburg, PA battlefield during the 76th Anniversary Celebration of the battle. President Franklin D. Roosevelt lit the eternal flame.

Probably the most well-known in the U.S., the eternal flame to commemorate President Kennedy in the United States lit in 1963, was the first time in the world that an individual person was given such an honor.

Eternal flames exist nature as well, as by-products of natural gas deposits leaking through the ground.

So, the question is raised: Are you a "fireworks" Christian, burning brightly, quickly, when emotions are high, but fizzling out as quickly when trials and temptations come? Or are you an "eternal flame" Christian that walks faithfully with God every day, all the days of your life as an authentic "light of the world?" (Matthew 5: 14)

"...the Father ... does not change like shifting shadows. He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created."
James 1: 17, 18

