

ALMENA NEWS

By ESTHER MARBLE

The Lord showed us Sunday night, about 11 p.m., that His fireworks are more powerful than anything we have. Lots of lightening, thunder and wind. We also got some rain out of it. Brant Marble came home July 4 to visit his mother, Esther

Marble, brother, Blaine Marble and family, and his uncle, Harold Shearer. He had a long telephone conversation with Bill Godfrey that night. Brant had to go back after dinner on July 5, as he had to be at work early Friday morning. Esther Marble visited Alberta Geil Sunday afternoon.

JENNINGS NEWS

By LOUISE CRESSLER

Jennings City Library started its summer reading program Wednesday, July 4. It will be held each Wednesday in July from 9 to 10 a.m. in the Community Hall. There were eight children attending the first session.

John and Mickey Jones, Lawrence, came bringing lunch with them for the Fourth of July at Vendla Tacha's. Other guests were Cheryl Roberts, Norton; Warren and Lynn Tacha.

Eleanor Basgall, Lawrence; Greg and Stacey Basgall, Alec and Gracie from Japan came to visit Galen and Meme Carper. Greg, Stacey, Alec and Gracie then went on to Utah to visit Stacey's brother and family. They will return July 14.

Eleanor is spending the week with Galen and Meme; Paul and Mildred Welter, Dresden. The ladies are sisters. All of their families will gather at Goodland to visit this coming weekend.

Stan and Ramona Shaw; Zach and Katie Golemboski, Colby, and

Logan and Bowen Black traveled to Dumas, Texas, Saturday to meet Cindy and Danny Black. Logan and Bowen returned with their parents to Carlsbad, Texas, after spending three weeks with their grandparents.

Kent Brown, Jordan and McKencie, Estes Park, Colo., were recent visitors at the Kay and Doyle Brown home. Sunday Kay and Doyle Brown and Jordan; Kara Kuntz, Katie and Zach, Hays, attended the Kansas National Guard Area Medicinal Detachment program in Salina, Col. Gordon Kuntz was appointed the new Commander. Others attending were Gordon's children; Gary and Andrea Boles, Junction City; Chad and Kim Kuntz, Madison and Jacob of Olathe.

Men from Norton Correctional Facility worked in Jennings Monday. On Friday we were pleasantly surprised when they came to finish painting and put on the lock at the Senior Center. They have also been doing a lot of the mowing for the city.

LYLE NEWS

By DEANNA SUMNER

In June, Kathy VanMeter and Joyce Sumner traveled to New Mexico. Meeting there was Joyce's sister, Geraldine Everest. They went sight-seeing in Albuquerque, Santa Fe and Taos.

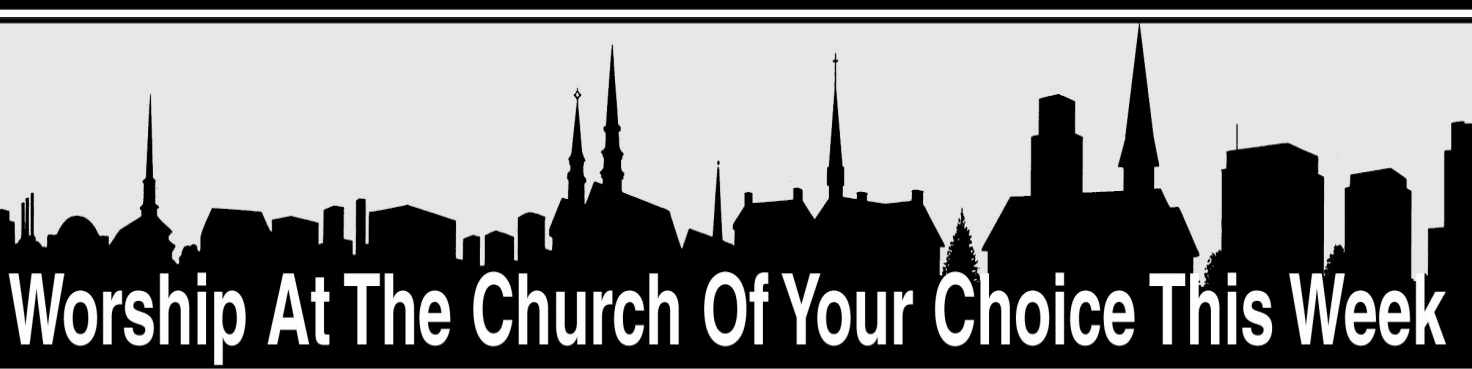
There was a swimming/baby shower given for Sumner Joe Homolka at Grandma Von's house given by Aunt Amy Archer and Aunt Deanna Sumner. Guests were Patty Uhelin, Gavin Uhelin, Becky Smith, Koby and Jaxson, Mandy Gosselin, Karen Carter and Jack, Brooke and Brady Sumner, Gracie Archer, Von

Sumner and Michelle Homolka. Fredrick Farr stopped by Toots Magers for a nice visit.

Sunday, July 1, DeWayne Jackson was the speaker at the Lyle Church. Following was the potluck lunch.

Monday, Toots, Kathy and Colleen Rippe played cards at the Good Samaritan Center in Oberlin.

Tuesday the Lyle ladies sewed. Toots went to Rea and Dee Magers for the Fourth of July for supper. Later they went to watch the beautiful fireworks display in Norton. They were joined by Charlie and Judy Easton.



Worship At The Church Of Your Choice This Week

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
7 p.m. Bridge Service
MONDAY — 6:30 to 9 p.m., Vacation Bible School
TUESDAY — 6:30 to 9 p.m., Vacation Bible School
7 p.m. AI-Anon Serenity Group in Youth Room
WEDNESDAY — 8 a.m. Prayer Group
6:30 to 9 p.m., Vacation Bible School
THURSDAY — 6:30 to 9 p.m., Vacation Bible School
FRIDAY — 6:30 to 9 p.m., Vacation Bible School
SATURDAY — 7 a.m. United Methodist Men

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. Morning Prayer
11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour
Hosts, Ron and Geri Temple
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
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NORTON MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE

Hospital chaplain, Monday through Sunday, Rick Rostek
Andbe Home and Norton Manor Services, Kirk Kasson
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
11:55 a.m. Potluck/Fellowship Meal
12 p.m. Worship Service at Norton Correctional Facility
1:30 p.m. Quarterly Voters Meeting
1:30 p.m. Ladies Mission Society Meeting
TUESDAY — 5:45 p.m. and 7:30 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
12 p.m. High School Mission Trip Meeting after church (youth and parents)
WEDNESDAY — 6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast
9 a.m. Prayer and Fellowship

FIRST CHURCH OF GOD

Pastor Terrill Worthington
1010 Church Hill 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
Youth Barbecue
TUESDAY — 9:30 a.m. LWML
7 p.m. Church Council
WEDNESDAY — 9:30 a.m. Bible Study

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, ALMENA

Kirk Kasson, Pastor
e-mail: cngo@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
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

CLAYTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

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

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS

Phillipsburg Ward
Tom Arnett, Bishop
SUNDAY — Regular services
July 15, 5 to 7 p.m. Stake Young Adult Activity/North Platte Ages: 19 to 30
TUESDAY — 7 p.m. Co-Ed Volleyball
July 16 to 19 — Stake Girls Camp (all girls 12-18 years)
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 WEDNESDAYS — 6:30 p.m. UMYF
SECOND WEDNESDAY — 1:30 p.m. United Methodist Women
THIRD WEDNESDAY — 7:30 p.m. Administrative Coun-

cil 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

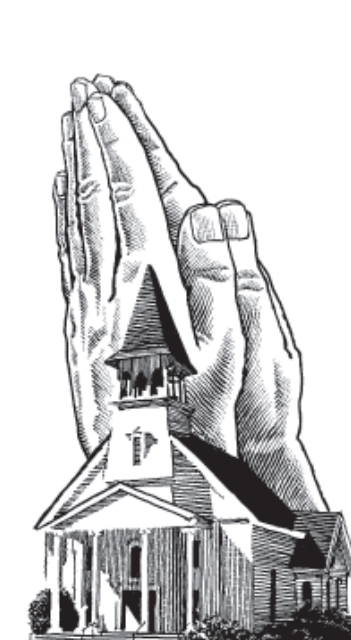
The Rev. R.L. Malchow
10 a.m. Sunday Worship Hour
1st and 3rd Sundays, Hendley
2nd and 4th Sundays, Wilsonville
Coffee Fellowship after service
3rd Thursday U.M.W.

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



CrossRoads

FREEDOM ISN'T FREE

"It is for freedom that Christ has set us free."
Galatians 5: 1

No, freedom isn't free. It comes at great cost for those "buying it." The United States found out just how high the price could be in the final days of World War II when trying to capture a Pacific island from the Japanese to use as a refueling base for our B-29 bombers.

The strategy of "no Japanese survivors" touched at the heart of the Japanese sense of sacrifice of the individual for the greater good. No foreign army in Japan's 5,000 year history had trod on Japanese soil and, if it were in their power in early 1945, none ever would. Of the 22,000 Japanese soldiers present at the beginning of the battle of Iwo Jima, the ferocious fighting left 20,000 dead, and only 216 taken prisoner. The Allied forces suffered 27,809 casualties, with 6,825 killed in action. All for one tiny Pacific island. The number of American casualties there was greater than the total Allied casualties on D-Day.

Nearly all of you would recognize the famous photograph of the American flag being raised on the island of Iwo Jima. Taken by journalist Joe Rosenthal, it is said to be the most widely copied photo in American history. It has become a symbol of our effort to secure our nation's freedoms and the struggle to protect them. At least two of the men pictured were killed in action within days of the photograph. They had paid the supreme sacrifice for our freedoms.

But, there is One who sacrificed even more to give us our freedoms: Jesus Christ. "And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death—even death on a cross!" (Philippians 2:8)

Jesus voluntarily sacrificed His own life on the cruel, Roman cross for sin, but not for His own! It was for yours and mine! Scripture says in Hebrews 4:15 "...but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet was without sin." He came to set us free—to give us our freedom from the sins that blind us and "come to [our] senses and escape from the devil who takes [men] captive to do his will." (2 Timothy 2:26) Your freedom from eternal death and hell came at a huge price. Jesus Christ, God the Son, the second person of the Trinity, left his place of honor in heaven, put on the garment of humanity, lived a perfect life so that He might qualify to die in our place.

Never scorn the sacrifice of the Americans who gave their lives for your freedoms. More importantly, do not disrespect the Lord Jesus and the sacrifice He made. Repent, believe, and receive His merciful forgiveness today.

Don't allow the blood of Jesus to be wasted in your life. Receive Him into your heart by asking forgiveness of your sins. His sacrifice covers them ALL! He will set you FREE!

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