

BEAVER CITY



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
 TUESDAY — 7 p.m. Al-Anon Serenity Group in Youth Room
 WEDNESDAY — 8 a.m. Prayer Group
 THURSDAY — 9:30 a.m. Morning Circle
 1:30 p.m. Afternoon Circle

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, Ron and Georgia Briery
 3-4 p.m. God's Pantry, Georgia 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, Lew Van Der Wege
 Andbe Home and Norton Manor Services at 2 p.m. and 3 p.m.

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. and 7:30 p.m. Bible Study at Norton Correctional Facility

NORTON CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Jeff Nielsen, Minister
e-mail: ncc_office@sbeglobal.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 required to attend; \$25 deposit due)
 1:30 p.m. Christian Education Meeting
 July 24 to July 28, Volunteers needed for the fishing booth at Norton County Fair
 WEDNESDAY — 6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast
 9 a.m. Prayer and Fellowship

FIRST CHURCH OF GOD
Pastor Terrill Worthington
1010 Churchhill 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
 MONDAY — 5:15 p.m. LWML
 WEDNESDAY — 9:30 a.m. Bible Study

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
 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
 July 20-21 — Starts 5:30 p.m. Ward Camp-Out at Dennis Lamont home. Bring your own food for dinner barbeque and breakfast on Saturday. Drinks provided.
 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 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

JOY STALDER
 Wes and Kathy Wilmot surprised her aunt, Jewell Leedy, in Lebanon, Mo., and attended church with her. Following church services, Rex and Myla Rhoads, J.D. and Bonna Curry, and Wes and Kathy were dinner guests of Jewell.

After returning home, Rick Klooz explained to New York City for another business-related meeting. While there he visited the Empire State Building, Ground Zero and the nearby church where President George Washington delivered an address and where rescue workers rested and were fed in the days following the 9/11 attacks on our nation.

Kathy Wilmot was an overnight guest of Shawna and Christal Whetstone in Hastings on Friday. While there she enjoyed spending time with Madison and Kaiden.

On Sunday Wes and Kathy Wilmot were cafe' guests of George and Betty Robinson to celebrate the Wilmots' anniversary.

Milan and Diane Johnson went to Minneapolis, Minn., on July 6 to visit Vince and Dana Tuss and Alex. They went especially to help Alex celebrate his second birthday on July 9.

Phyllis Cass has spent the past two weeks in McDonald, helping the Hubbard family.

Joy Stalder attended the retirement party for Verna Stagemeyer held at the Good Samaritan Center in Arapahoe.

Steve and Peg Rice, Austin, Ryan and Spencer and Bob and Jean Gardner went camping at the Cambridge Lake.

Kristi Bose, Kade, Carter and Kamden visited the Children's Museum and Yanney Park in Kearney.

Sunday afternoon Kristi Bose, Kade, Carter and Kamden went tubing down the Republican River. Others who joined them were Gaynelle and Ashley Blickenstaff and Christine Lamb. Michael Bose was their guide.

Kristi Bose, Kade, Carter and Kamden spent Wednesday with Beth Grove, Brant, Gabe and Rian at the home of Gina Ellis.

Lawrence and Ruth Kentfield attended the Robinson reunion at the Community Building Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Harrison of Pendleton, Ore., were Sunday afternoon guests of Lawrence and Ruth Kentfield.

Irene Coe attended the funeral of a former student, David Kelley, at Hildreth.

Joy Horn, Linda Tomlinson and Irene Coe attended the United Methodist Women nominating district committee meeting Monday morning in Holdrege.

Clint and Vivian Schluntz and Rick Schluntz were among the invited friends and relatives of Judy Vaughn at the Methodist Church in Oxford at a dinner celebrating the 90th birthday of Opal Maybon

Alicia and Molly Lambert were weekend guests of their grandparents, Arlyn and Dorothy Lambert and Milt and Terry Slama.

Ervin and Shirley Volgamore attended the funeral of Irene Korthals, Colorado. Irene was the oldest sister of Shirley's dad, Harold Linner.

July 7 had special meaning for Marcia (Mrs. Ken) Mortensen of Junction City, as that was her birthday anniversary. Following weeks of come-and-go visits to the home of the late Dorothy Stepan, (Virginia Hunt's sister), at her Capitol Beach home preparing for an estate sale, then working on the home remodeling, re-doing and painting, the family decided to have a family-friend reunion there when it was convenient for all

Guests were instructed to bring their own chairs or deck chairs and finger foods were enjoyed by all.

Virginia was surprised to have her grandson's family, Jeff, Amy, Megan and Mason come from Herington, and later that evening as many family members met for dinner, Marcia was surprised to have her mother, Eva Felzien, of McCook and her sister, Marla Wilkinson, of Curtis join them also.

Guests also came from Pawnee City, Table Rock, Omaha, Waverly, York, Wahoo, Kansas and Lincoln. It was a great reunion for all.

The Mortensens were guests of Marcia's sister, Murleen and Dennis Ballinger of Waverly for the weekend. Virginia returned home on Tuesday evening.

Ethel Stagemeyer was a Sunday night supper guest of Carol and Bob Lee. Son Scott from Las Vegas was visiting the Lees.

Sandi and Gary Martin were Friday night callers of Harold and Ethel Stagemeyer.

Harold Stagemeyer entered the Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney Saturday night.



RECONCILIATION

"For if, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! Not only is this so, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation." Romans 8: 10, 11 NIV

Last week, we wrote on sacrifice. Freedom certainly isn't free. It comes at great cost. The United States found out just how high the physical price could be in the final days of World War II while trying to capture Pacific islands on their way to Japan. We also know that our freedom in Christ cost Jesus His very life's blood on the cruel Roman cross.

Apparently part of the reason that President Truman finally made the decision to use atomic bombs against the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in an attempt to end WW II was due to the incredible Allied casualties already sustained in the taking of Iwo Jima, Okinawa and other small Pacific islands and the understanding that perhaps millions more would be required in conventional warfare...so the bombs were dropped. Of course, and understandably so, the anger of Japan against the United States and vice versa, was great indeed. Nevertheless, as the old saying goes, "Time heals all wounds."

"On February 19, 1985, the 40th anniversary of the day that U.S. forces began the assault on Iwo Jima, veterans from both forces gathered for the Reunion of Honor just a few meters away from the spot where U.S. Marines had landed on the island. During the memorial service, a granite plaque was unveiled with the message:

On the 40th anniversary of the battle of Iwo Jima, American and Japanese veterans met again on these same sands, this time in peace and friendship. We commemorate our comrades, living and dead, who fought here with bravery and honor, and we pray together that our sacrifices on Iwo Jima will always be remembered and never be repeated.

It is inscribed on both sides of the plaque, with the English translation facing the beaches where U.S. forces landed and the Japanese translation facing inland, where Japanese troops defended their position. Sacrifice eventually brought reconciliation between enemies." (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Iwo_Jima)

The greater reconciliation is this: Until you receive Christ as Lord and Savior, God sees you as evil and as His enemy; but He is not yours. Colossians 1: 19-23 says, "For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in [Jesus], and through him to reconcile to himself all things... by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross. Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation-- if you continue in your faith, established and firm, not moved from the hope held out in the gospel."

