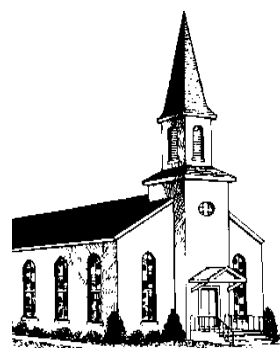


Attend Church Regularly

...and read your Bible daily



WEEKLY SERMONETTE

"Find Yourself in Church"

By Maurita Lymer, Pastor of Lenora Church of God

One Sunday morning, a pastor decided to take advantage of the good golfing weather, called one of his elders and asked if he could take over the service for him that day. He said that something had come up. So the elder agreed to preach the message that morning. And, the pastor went off to play golf.

St. Peter, seeing all this going on, looked at God and asked, "Are you going to let him get away with that?"

God's answer was, "No, I'll fix him." When the pastor arrived at the golf course, he set up on the first tee. St. Peter was waiting for a lightning bolt to strike the errant preacher. But, instead, the preacher hit the ball like he had never seen before. The ball went straight down the fairway, bounced and right into the cup it went. The preacher began to jump up and down. "A hole in one! A hole in one! I've never done that before!"

St. Peter, seeing this, thought to himself, well, maybe God wasn't ready that time but He'll get him the next time. The preacher teed up on the second hole, he lined up his shot, and hit another one straight down the fairway. It hooked a little to the right, and bounced right in the hole. The preacher says, "Oh my, two in a row!!" The next two shots were the same results. Now, St. Peter is really confused. He turned to God and said, "You said you were going to get him for playing golf on Sunday. Instead he keeps hitting holes in one. How's that going to teach him anything?"

God simply said, "Who is he going to tell?"

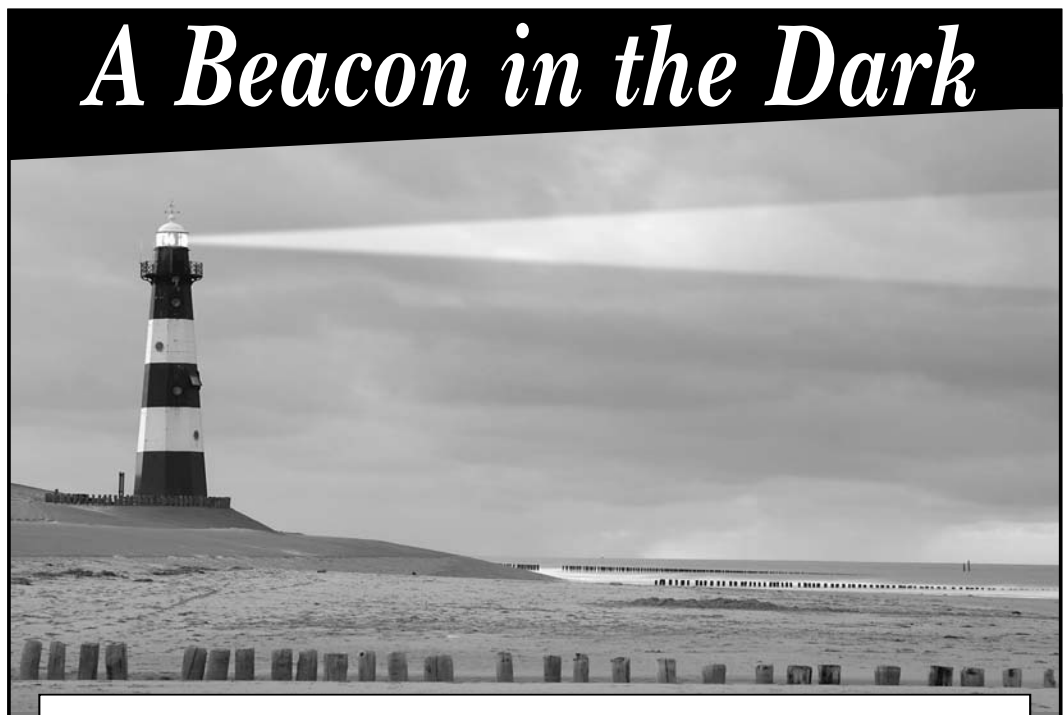
The Bible says this about

being in church on the Lord's day. Hebrews 10:25 (TLB) "Let us not neglect our church meetings, as some people do, but encourage

and warn each other, especially now that the day of His coming back again is drawing near."

The moral of the story is — find

yourself often in your church home. Your pastor needs you, your church needs you, and most of all, you need them.



A Beacon in the Dark

The sea is a treacherous beauty; her glistening waters disguise all manner of danger. In the darkness of night it can be difficult for a sailor to gauge the proximity of his ship to the shallow shoreline, where sandbars and rocks spell disaster. The lighthouse is a bright beacon...a signal in the dark.

God's house is also a beacon...a signal in the world. We all live in the twilight of temptation. Without God's guiding light, life in this beautiful world can be deceptively treacherous.

This week, search for a house of worship and enter the sanctuary within. You will learn of God's loving care as you study His Holy Word. "You are my lamp, O Lord; the Lord turns my darkness into light" (2 Samuel 22:29). Let God be your beacon in the world.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Acts	Acts	Acts	Acts	Acts	Acts	Acts
21.37-22.16	22.17-29	22.30-23.11	23.12-22	23.23-35	24.1-23	24.24-25.12

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ALMENA NEWS

By ESTHER MARBLE

Last Tuesday afternoon, Esther Marble's sister, Edna Nelson, and her daughter, Joyce Franz, Columbus, Neb., visited her.

Friday afternoon, Ronald Marble and daughter, Kathy, visited Esther Marble.

Ellis and June Fisher visited Esther Marble Monday afternoon.

Dorothea Jimenez arrived on Amtrak in Holdrege July 6. She was a house guest of Laura Craig, Alma. They met Dorothea's brother, Tom Garwood, and his son, John, in Norton for dinner Sunday. Monday evening Dottie

and Laura met Dottie's sister, Mary Vanover, her husband, Roger and daughter, Deidre Kramer, and Tom Garwood in Norton for supper. The ladies also visited Clara Oman and Dottie helped at the Prairie Dog Press during her visit. They enjoyed dinners at the Almena Senior Center.

Dottie Jimenez and Laura Craig met Roger and Mary Vanover and Deidre Kramer at Attitudes in Norton for supper Tuesday.

Wednesday, July 11 Laura took Dorothea to Holdrege to catch the Amtrak home.

PUBLIC NOTICES

Notice of Budget Hearing for the City of Clayton

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of the City of Clayton will meet on the 6th day of August, 2007 at 7:00 P.M. at City Hall for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of ad valorem tax.

Detailed budget information is available at City Hall and will be available at this hearing.

BUDGET SUMMARY

Proposed Budget 2008 Expenditures and Amount of 2007 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum Limits of the 2008 Budget. Estimated Tax Rate* is subject to change depending on final assessed valuation.

Fund	2006		2007		Proposed Budget 2008	
	Prior Year Actual Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Current Year Estimate of Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Amount of 2007 Ad Valorem Tax
General	5382	14.48	7000	14.55	3884	1589
Water Utility	8599		9751		15530	
Street & Hwy	724		8000		8000	
Refuse Collection	3228		4000		5000	
Bond & Interest	4674		4318		4250	
Bond Reserve	0		0		4182	
Totals	22307		33076		45852	
Less: Transfers	1304		4293		4230	
Net Expenditures	18003		28777		41622	
Total Tax Levied	1509		1589			
Assessed Valuation	104144		109222		108419	

G.O. Bonds	Revenue Bonds	No-Fund Warrants	Lease Purchase: Principal	Total
61200	60600	59700		61200
	60600	59700		60600

* Tax Rates are expressed in mills
Barbara Sawyer
Official Title: City Clerk

Notice of negotiations between Almena and Prairie Land Electric

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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Prairie Land Electric Cooperative, Inc. and the City of Almena, Kansas, will begin negotiations for the renewal of Prairie Land Electric's Franchise in the City. The franchise will grant Prairie Land Electric

the right to construct, maintain, operate and extend an electric distribution system in the streets, alleys, avenues, bridges and public places of the City.

Issues to be negotiated are:

The franchise fee
The term of the franchise
Prairie Land Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Notice of Norcaturn Burn Ban

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Ordinance #253

An ordinance amending Ordinance #238 concerning open burning. Be it ordained by the Governing Body of the City of Norcaturn, Kansas:

SECTION 1. Open burning within the corporate city limits of the City of Norcaturn is hereby prohibited, subject to the following exceptions:

SECTION 2. The City Fire Chief, or the Assistant Fire Chief in his absence, is empowered to issue permits for open burning in his discretion, based upon weather conditions, exposures, and other fire-safety related issues.

SECTION 3. The City Fire Chief, or the Assistant Fire Chief in his absence, is empowered to declare city-wide clean-up periods where open burning is allowable without a permit.

SECTION 4. Any person who is found guilty of violating the provisions of Section 1 shall be fined the sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) for each such offense.

SECTION 5. This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its publication in the official city newspaper.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR at Norcaturn, Kansas on this 16th day of July, 2007.

CITY COUNCIL

Carl W. Lyon
Linda Hunt
Jim Plotts

Jerry Hill
Wava J. Reames
Michael D. Helm,
Mayor

Attest:

Chris Dempewolf
City Clerk

Estate of Rita L. Bieber

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS

Case No. 2007-PR-23

In the Matter of the Estate of RITA L. BIEBER, deceased,

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED: You are hereby notified that on July 6, 2007, the Court appointed Barbara Wassinger executrix of the Last Will and Testament of Rita L. Bieber, deceased, without bond, and issued her Letters

Testamentary.

All creditors are notified to exhibit their demands against the estate within four months from the date of first publication of this notice, as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, the shall be forever barred.

Barbara Wassinger, Executrix

Submitted by:

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Estate of Dale O. Retke

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS

Case No. 2007-PR-7

In the Matter of the Estate of DALE O. RETKE, also known as DALE O. RETKE, Sr., deceased,

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION

FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT

THE STATE OF KANSAS FOR ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that a petition has been filed on July 10, 2007, in said Court by Lucile M. Retke, executrix of the estate of Dale O. Retke, deceased, also known as Dale O. Retke, Sr., praying for a final settlement of the estate, approval of her acts and proceedings as executrix, allowance for attorney's fees and expenses,

determination of the heirs, devisees and legatees entitled to the estate and assignment to them in accordance with the law, the will and orders of the Court.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before August 7, 2007, at 10:00 a.m., on said day, in said Court, in the City of Norton, Norton County, Kansas, at which time and place said petition will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said petition.

Lucile M. Retke, Executrix

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