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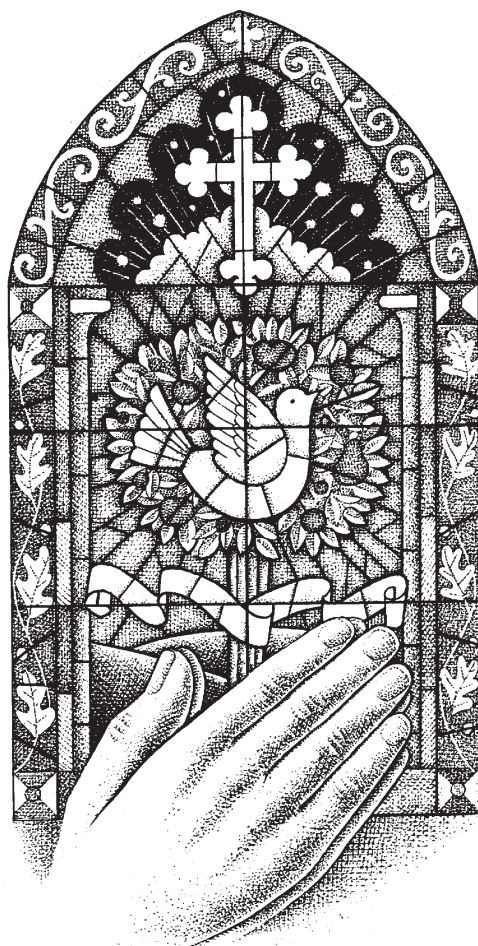
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Worship With Us THIS SUNDAY



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. Teens For Christ
 TUESDAY — 7:15 a.m. Teen Women's Disciple-ship
 THURSDAY — 7:15 a.m. Teen Men's Disciple-ship



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

ALMENA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Larry Danforth
 669-2554
 SUNDAY — 8:30 a.m. Worship
 WEDNESDAY — 7 p.m. Bible Study in Fellowship Hall
 TUESDAY and THURSDAY — 9 a.m. Vita Band Exercise Class, Everyone Welcome
 7 p.m. Bible Study at Grace Reeves

NORTON CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Jeff Nielsen, Minister
Mike Sander, Youth Minister
Cody Petersen, Intern
 e-mail: ncc_office@sbcglobal.net
 208 N. Kansas, 877-2871

CLAYTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Larry Danforth
 669-2554
 SUNDAY — 10 a.m. Church School
 11 a.m. Worship Service, Choir

FRIDAY, APRIL 9 AND SATURDAY, APRIL 10 — Leadership Retreat at Camp Lakeview, Ben Merold Speaking
 SUNDAY, APRIL 11 — Camp Promotion Sunday
 8:00 a.m. Youth Service
 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
 10:40 a.m. Worship Service
 Noon, Fellowship Dinner
 1:00 p.m. Board Meeting
 6:00 p.m. "Ignite"
 MONDAY — 6:30 p.m. Ladies Bible Study
 WEDNESDAY — 6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast a Pure Prairie
 9:00 a.m. Prayer and Fellowship
 6:15 p.m. AWANA and TREK
 8:00 p.m. Ladies' Bible Study
 SUNDAY, APRIL 18 — Kevin Ingraham (MCC) Speaking
 8:00 a.m. Early Worship
 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
 10:40 a.m. Worship Service
 2:00 p.m. Andbe Home Service (Barney Cox, John Hanlon)
 3:00 p.m. Manor Service
 6:00 p.m. "Ignite"

EDMOND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
The Rev. Herman Lambrecht
 SUNDAY — 9 a.m. Worship Service

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

CROSSROADS CHURCH
 313 West Lincoln Street
Pastor, Ron Scheimo
 Phone: 877-2416

SATURDAY — 8:00 a.m. Men's Prayer
 SUNDAY — 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
 10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hall Coffee
 10:00 a.m. Prayer Time/Sanctuary
 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
 WEDNESDAY — 7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study

NORTON FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Pastor Charles Ross
 112 S. Archer, 877-5214
 SUNDAY — 9 a.m. Worship Service
 WEDNESDAY — 7 p.m. Mid-Week Prayer Meeting and Bible Study

UNITED PARISH OF LENORA
The Rev. Gary Dudder
 140 E. Iowa, 567-4420
 Maundy Thursday Communion Service, Thursday, April 1 at 7:00 p.m.
 SUNDAY — 9:30 a.m. Social Hour
 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
 United Parish is a Community Church, all are welcome

CROSSROADS MINISTRIES
Preacher/Teacher Terry L. Laughlin
 603 Sunset Dr., Norton, KS 67654
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NORTON MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE
 Andbe Home Services, 2 p.m. and Norton Manor Services 3 p.m.
 There is no meeting of the alliance during the summer months

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

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

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

ST. JOHN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, LOGAN
Father Ben Saw
 SUNDAY — 8:30 a.m. Mass
 MONDAY — 5:30 p.m. Mass

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, NORTON
The Rev. Herman Lambrecht
 805 W. Wilberforce, Norton

SUNDAY — Second Sunday of Easter - Youth Sunday
 8:00 a.m. Informal Worship
 9:15 a.m. Bible Classes for all Ages
 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship in Sanctuary - Children's Story by Glenda Maurer
 Noon, All God's people are invited: Family Fellowship Dinner after Church. Join us for food, fellowship and love. "Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." Matt 18:20. Come and feast with the Lord and fellow believers. Mel and Judy Luft, hosts
 1:15 p.m. Mission Meeting in Odds and Ins Classroom
 4:30 p.m. Boy Scouts
 6:00 p.m. Community Hymn Sing in Fellowship Hall
 7:00 p.m. Play Rehearsal
 MONDAY — 6:00 p.m. TOPS
 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts
 6:30 p.m. Bible Study Babes
 TUESDAY — 11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
 7:00 p.m. Play Rehearsal
 WEDNESDAY — 8:00 a.m. Prayer Warriors
 6:00 p.m. Education Work Area, Worship Committee Meetings
 6:30 p.m. Trustees Meeting
 THURSDAY — Noon, Ministerial Alliance at Town and Country Kitchen
 7:00 p.m. Play Rehearsal
 FRIDAY, APRIL 16 AND SATURDAY, APRIL 17 — United Methodist Women's Spiritual Growth Retreat at Camp Lakeside
 SUNDAY, APRIL 18 — Third Sunday of Easter
 8:00 a.m. Informal Worship
 9:15 a.m. Bible Classes for all ages
 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH
Father Vincent Thu Laing
 877-2234
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 108 S. Wabash, Norton

LOGAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
The Rev. 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

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
The Rev. Rick Rostek
 814 N. Second, Norton
 877-2430

SUNDAY — 9:00 a.m. Bible Class and Sunday School
 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
 TUESDAY — 9:30 a.m. Circuit Pastors, Oberlin
 6:30 p.m. Dedication Committees 7:00 p.m. Church Council
 WEDNESDAY — 9:30 a.m. Bible Study
 2:00 p.m. Andbe Home
 3:45 p.m. Christ for Kids
 5:15 p.m. Choir
 7:00 p.m. Confirmation
 SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, APRIL 17-18 — LWML District Convention, Junction City

Mass Schedule
 Sunday 10:30 a.m. 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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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

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS
Phillipsburg Ward
Vern Kendell, Bishop

SUNDAY — 10:00 a.m. Sacrament meeting
 11:15 a.m. Sunday School
 12:10 - Priesthood and Relief Society
 MONDAY — Family Home Evening
 WEDNESDAY — 7:00 a.m. Young Men/Young Women, Ages 12-18; 5-9 p.m. Family History Center Open

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Alberta Slaby, 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 Host, Don and Elaine Mann
 11:45 a.m. Bishops Committee
 3:00-4:00 p.m. God's Pantry, Don Johnson

LYLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Guest Speakers Each Sunday
 SUNDAY — 8 a.m. Worship Service
 TUESDAY — Sewing at the Community Building

NORCATUR UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Larry Danforth
 693-4519
 SUNDAY — 10 a.m. Worship Service
 MONDAY — 7 p.m. Bible Study at Fellowship Hall

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH, NEW ALMELO
stjosephcc@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.

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 12:10 - Priesthood and Relief Society
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 WEDNESDAY — 7:00 a.m. Young Men/Young Women, Ages 12-18; 5-9 p.m. Family History Center Open

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 (WELS)
805 West Holme Street
West Hwy. 36, Norton
 877-3138/3824
timmomeyer@ruraltel.net
Pastor Timm O. Meyer
 SATURDAY — 1:00 p.m. — NCF Worship Service
 SUNDAY — 7:00 a.m. Time of Grace on Fox TV
 9:05 a.m. Goodness from the Good Shepherd Radio Broadcast, KQNK, 106.7FM/1530AM
 9:30 a.m. Communion Service
 10:45 a.m. Sunday School
 10:55 a.m. Adult Bible Study
 Noon — NCF Worship Service
 4:15 p.m. Communion at Russell Hospital
 7:00 p.m. Worship, Living Savior at Hays
 TUESDAY — 3:40 p.m. and 4:00 p.m., Group Home Devotions
 6:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., NCF Bible Studies
 SATURDAY — 10:00 p.m. LWMS Spring Rally, Lincoln, NE

MAPLE GROVE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
Lee Preston, Pastor
 9 miles west 4 1/2 miles north of Norton
 SUNDAY — 10 a.m. Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. Worship Service
 4th Tuesday, Women's Fellowship
 3rd Sunday, Noon, carry-in dinner

THE ROCK
 FRIDAY — 7:00-10:00 p.m. Seventh, Eighth, and Ninth Graders
 First Sunday Night of the Month — Quarry, 6:30 p.m. Junior and Senior High Worship Event

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Jesus said, "If anyone would come after Me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow Me" (Luke 9:23). We have just passed Easter—celebrating what Christ did for us on Calvary and the victory He won over sin and death.

The Bible holds many accurate descriptions of men and women of God who grasped the truths of the cross and Christianity. One such man was the apostle Paul who wrote, "I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me" (Galatians 2:20).

"Take up your cross" (Greek *stauros*) means that portion of affliction which is endured by faithful men and women of God who are willing to allow their trials of life to grow their faith and mold them into the image of Jesus Christ. In his exposition of Luke 9:23-26 D. M. Spence summed up a powerful truth of what Christ was teaching. He said, "No cross, no crown." It must be remembered that the only way of coming to Christ is at the foot of the cross. That message of truth is no more popular today than it was in the times of the early church.

Jesus warned about how the world will respond to those who serve Him in "spirit and truth." He said, "If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated Me first. If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you. Remember the words I spoke to you: 'No servant is greater than his master. If they persecuted Me, they will persecute you also. They will treat you this way because of My Name, for they do not know the One who sent Me'" (John 15:18-20).

The Apostle Paul paid dearly for his passion for the Lord and His work. He suffered beatings, imprisonment, shipwrecks and riots. He discovered that the servant of the Lord embraces hard work, persecutions, sleepless nights and hunger (2 Corinthians 6:4-5). Paul said, "I die daily..." (1 Corinthians 15:31) meaning he had to die to himself and keep going in the Lord's work no matter what his circumstances were. To take up your cross daily was also well understood by men such as Dietrich Bonhoeffer who said, "When Christ calls a man, He bids him to come and die." This means death to self and to become obedient to God's calling. Martyred for Christ in the 1950's, the late Jim Elliot said, "He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose."

The world will tolerate a church that conducts its meetings and has its programs, but a church that vibrantly loves Jesus Christ, teaches His Word and reaches out in love to address the sins that are destroying our nation, our families and people's relationship with the Lord will not be popular. When abortion, greed, drunkenness, unbiblical divorce, sex outside of marriage and homosexuality are handled in a true Biblical manner there will be complaints against and criticisms of that church Body.

Are you seen as one like the Apostle Paul, living a crucified life, regardless of the cost in the Lord's work?

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