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There is a powerful question that is too often avoided by preachers and church attendees alike, "Who took the rough edges off the Cross?" Modern day Christianity and the world have generally turned the cross into a nice piece of harmless jewelry, all shiny and pretty. Wearing nice jewelry shaped in the form of a cross is not necessarily sinful unless it is worn without regard to what the Cross of Christ symbolizes. Here are some ways that the Biblical symbolism of the cross is abused today: 1.) Ladies wearing low cut blouses with a cross hanging in their cleavage; 2.) Young people wearing the cross on body piercings, earrings, necklaces or on their clothing while living lives that scream of the immorality and self-possession of this world; and 3.) Making merchandise out of the cross.

Jesus' word to His cross bearers is, "If anyone would come after Me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow Me" (Luke 9:23).

There is a symbolic meaning to taking up the cross. The cross is a symbol of death. When someone carried a cross down the road to the place of his execution, he did not return. Our sin is why Christ endured the agony and shame of the Cross. The first and utmost reason for bearing our cross is to die to sin. This involves death to ourselves, death to self-effort and death to our quest for earthly gain and recognition. These very things have destroyed even the most gifted men of God. This is why Luke included "daily"—because our sinful nature desires to dethrone God from our lives daily. Our flesh, the world and Satan are throwing something at us continually to tempt us to say yes to them and stop seeking the will and desire of God for us.

In writing about being dead to sin and alive in Christ, Paul set the matter straight in regard to what really should be the Christian's passion, "...Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? By no means! We died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? (Romans 6:1-2)... For we know that our old self was crucified with Him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin — because anyone who has died has been freed from sin" (Romans 6:6-7).

Have you died to self, to the world and Satan's lies? Have you repented of sin and asked Jesus Christ to come into your heart and life to be both Savior and Lord? If so, Paul's instructions are, "In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus. Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. Do not offer the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God... offer the parts of your body to Him as instruments of righteousness..." (Romans 6:11-13).

The apostle Paul makes this heart searching statement, "And if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit, who lives in you." (Romans 8:11)

Are you a cross bearer that reflects a life of Christ—a life that is dead to sin and alive to Christ? Do not live a life that disregards the price paid for you at Calvary.

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**THIS SUNDAY**



**CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, ALMENA**  
Kirk Kasson, Pastor  
e-mail: [congo@ruraltel.net](mailto: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 Discipleship  
THURSDAY — 7:15 a.m. Teen Men's Discipleship

**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

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

**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

**UNITED PARISH OF LENORA**  
The Rev. Gary Dudder  
140 E. Iowa, 567-4420  
SUNDAY — 9:30 a.m. Social Hour  
10:30 a.m. Worship Service  
United Parish is a Community Church, all are welcome

**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

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

**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

**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

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

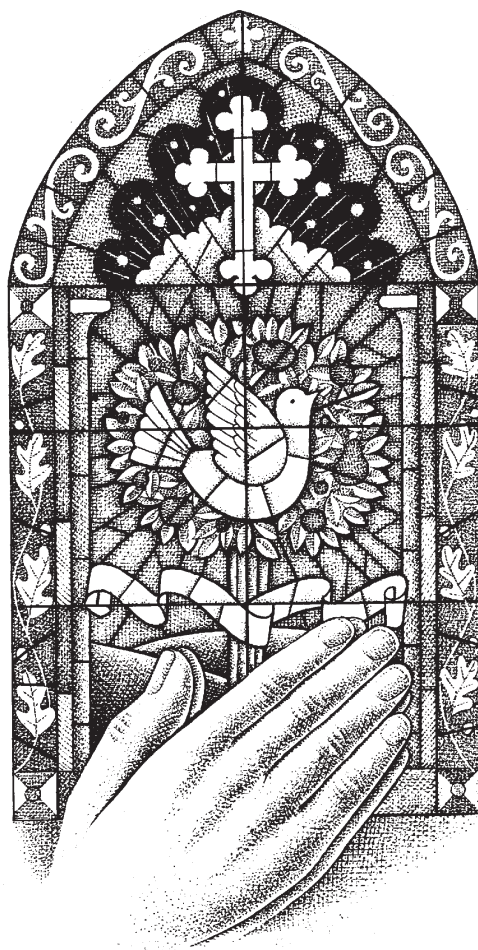
**NORCATUR UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
Larry Danforth  
693-4519  
SUNDAY — 10 a.m. Worship Service  
MONDAY — 7 p.m. Bible Study at Fellowship Hall

**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.

**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

**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**  
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SUNDAY — 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship

**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

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**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

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, NORTON**  
The Rev. Herman Lambrecht  
805 W. Wilberforce, Norton  
SUNDAY — Third Sunday of Easter  
8:00 a.m. Informal Worship in Fellowship Hall  
9:15 a.m. Bible Classes for All Ages  
10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship in Sanctuary  
4:30 p.m. Club Scouts  
6:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship with the Bridge  
7:00 p.m. Play Practice  
MONDAY — 6:00 p.m. TOPS  
6:30 p.m. Bible Study Babes  
6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts  
TUESDAY — 11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting  
Head Start Screening at the Church  
WEDNESDAY — 8:00 a.m. Prayer Warriors  
7:30 p.m. Here & There Circle  
8-9 p.m. Confirmation Class  
THURSDAY — 9:30 a.m. Morning Circle at Lynn Nelson's  
1:30 p.m. Priscilla Mary Circle at Kersenbrocks'  
7:00 p.m. Play Practice  
SATURDAY — 7:00 p.m. Dress Rehearsal for the Play  
SUNDAY, APRIL 25 — Fourth Sunday of Easter  
8:00 a.m. Informal Worship in Fellowship Hall  
9:15 a.m. Bible Classes for All Ages  
10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary  
2:30 and 7:30 p.m. Mystery Theater presenting "Murder Me Always" - No Admission Charge.  
5-7 p.m. Potato Bar, All the Fixin's, Free Will Donation; Silent Auction during this time for a queen sized quilt made by Cheryl Roberts

**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 — 6:30 p.m. Elders  
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

**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  
WEDNESDAY — 7 p.m. Youth and Children's Programs  
7 p.m. Adult Home Bible Study

**NORTON CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
Jeff Nielsen, Minister  
Mike Sander, Youth Minister  
Cody Petersen, Intern  
e-mail: [ncc\\_office@sbglobal.net](mailto:ncc_office@sbglobal.net)  
208 N. Kansas, 877-2871  
SUNDAY, APRIL 18 — Kevin Ingram  
8:00 a.m. Early Worship (President, Kevin Ingram from Manhattan Christian College speaking)  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School (President, Kevin Ingram from Manhattan Christian College speaking)  
10:40 a.m. Worship Service (President, Kevin Ingram from Manhattan Christian College speaking)  
2:00 p.m. Andbe Home Service (Barney Cox, John Hanlon)  
3:00 p.m. Manor Service  
6:00 p.m. "Ignite"  
MONDAY — 6:30 p.m. Ladies Bible Study  
TUESDAY — 8:00 p.m. Grief Support  
WEDNESDAY — 6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast at 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 25 — Andrew Stringer, Andes Christian Missionary  
8:00 a.m. Early Worship  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:40 a.m. Worship Service  
6:00 p.m. "Ignite"

**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

**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

**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. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
Father Vincent Thu Laing  
877-2234  
[stfranci@ruraltel.net](mailto:stfranci@ruraltel.net)  
108 S. Wabash, Norton  
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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**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, Ron and Geri Temple  
3:00-4:00 p.m. God's Pantry, Steve Horney

**REDEEMER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN (WELS)**  
805 West Holme Street  
West Hwy. 36, Norton  
877-3138/3824  
[timmomeyer@ruraltel.net](mailto:timmomeyer@ruraltel.net)  
Pastor Timm O. Meyer  
SATURDAY — 10:00 a.m. — LWMS Rally, Lincoln, NE  
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. Worship and Confirmation Service  
10:55 a.m. Fellowship/Potluck Dinner  
Noon — NCF Worship Service  
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  
WEDNESDAY — 8:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting  
SATURDAY — 1:00 p.m. NCF Worship Service  
SUNDAY, APRIL 25 — 10:55 a.m. Quarterly Voters' Meeting follows the Worship Service

**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