

Family

What does cross symbolize to you?

Easter is soon approaching, and as we prepare to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord, we see as a symbol of that resurrection, the cross. As I have repeatedly asked the members of Trinity Lutheran Church, I now ask you: What do you see when you see the cross? Is it a symbol attributed to Christianity? Is it a meaningless symbol? Or, perhaps, is there something more for us to consider?

Let's think about that for a moment. What do we see when we see the cross? That seems to me to be a pretty good question as we approach the festival of Easter, which is the celebration of the empty cross.

For many, the cross has taken on meanings that are probably not the intended one. You need only to look at the presence of the cross worn by people who have no connection whatsoever with the Christian faith to see how this sacred symbol has been misused by the world.

What do you see when you see a cross on a lapel or on a necklace chain? Is the person making a statement of faith, or is the use



Rev. John Schmidt

- From the Pulpit

something else? Is it just an adornment or "something pretty?" When a Christian chooses to wear a cross, hopefully it bears witness to our confidence in what God has done on that cross. There, in Christ's suffering and death, our sins were forgiven, and new life with God was given. Our life with God is assured.

The cross has been misunderstood for centuries, used in improper ways, and, in all probability, will continue to be misunderstood. Yet, for the Christian, the cross takes on meaning of hope. What was once a symbol of shame and suffering is now the greatest symbol of victory ever. In the cross, we have victory over sin, and we have victory over death. That victory is what we celebrate this Easter season.

May God raise us to new life, here as well as we live out our faith in Him.

Divide perennials soon

MANHATTAN – Often the best time to divide overcrowded perennial plantings is as soon as they emerge in spring and the soil gets dry enough to work.

"One of the most important factors in ensuring the success of new divisions here is to give them plenty of time to settle in before hot weather hits," said Ward Upham, horticulturist with Kansas State University Research and Extension. "In that case, they'll often go ahead and bloom during the same year."

Peonies and irises are the traditional exceptions. They prefer late summer or early fall divisions.

Three ways to know when perennials need to be divided, Upham said, are:

- 1. The plant's outgrown its allotted space.
- 2. The plant isn't flowering as well as it used to.
- 3. It has developed a doughnut look – dead in the middle with new growth on the edges.

With most perennials, gardeners can divide by either lifting the plant from the ground, or slicing off "starts" while the plant remains in the ground. In either case, saving as much of the root system as possible is important, Upham said. Gardeners can divide a lifted plant by removing excess soil and then either breaking it apart by hand or spading it into divisions, each of which has three to five growing

points or shoots.

"You'll also find no better time than early spring to improve your soil with compost, composted manure, peat moss, shredded leaves, dried grass clippings or some mixture of organic materials," he said.

How to add such organics depends on whether the site still contains plants.

"The best approach with new flowerbeds, total renovations and new planting holes is to roughly till in your amendments when soil is no more than moist," Upham said. "For existing flowerbeds, just cover the area with 3 inches of organic material – which also will serve as this year's mulch. Time will work the improvements into the soil."

He recommends that gardeners who plan on a combination of approaches start by mixing their organic materials together in a wheelbarrow, tub or child swimming pool before incorporating or spreading them out.

Markets

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| Wheat (bushel) | \$5.44 |
| Corn (bushel) | \$3.67 |
| Milo (hundredweight) | \$5.46 |
| Soybeans (bushel) | \$8.35 |

Thank You

For all the beautiful cards we received for our 50th Anniversary. Friendship is one of life's Greatest Pleasures!

Ivan & Pat Parker

Good Luck Brayclen and Kensey at Girls State Wrestling!

Take em' to the mat!

Love, Holly & Jerry Lynn and Grady & Lindsay Garrett

THANK YOU!

To everyone who supported our annual fundraiser "Bowl For Kids Sake 2009". Your generous support past, present and future enables us to continue mentoring our youth in Thomas County. Again thank you and remember our youth are the future of our County as well as our Country!

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Thomas County

Wired generation



CYNTHIA HAYNES/Colby Free Press
Mackenzie Dodson, 5, was working on a computer in the children's section at the Pioneer Memorial Library on Thursday with "help" from her little brother, Collin Dodson, 2. Their mom, Stephanie Dodson, waited nearby.

Senior Center

Activities for the coming week:

Monday: 10:30 a.m. - noon, Cindy England will be doing back massages. **Tuesday:** 10 a.m., exercise; popcorn day. **Wednesday:** 11 a.m., March birthday party. **Thursday:** 10 a.m. exercise; 11:30 a.m. family and consumer science program. **Friday:** 10 a.m. exercise; pool game.

Menus: **Monday:** sloppy joes, tater tots, peaches, bun, pudding.

Tuesday: ham, scalloped potatoes, apricots, bread, cookie.

Wednesday: shepherd's pie, applesauce.

green bean casserole, bread, strawberries and bananas.

Thursday: oven-baked chicken, cole slaw, baked beans, bread,

Friday: cook's choice entree

spinach salad, corn, bread, cherry crisp.

Corrections

A story on Page 1 of the Wednesday, March 18, edition of the *Colby Free Press* about the college board meeting incorrectly spelled Bob Renner's name. This was a reporting error.

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The Colby Free Press wants to maintain an accurate record of our town. Please report any error or lack of clarity in a news story to us at 462-3963.

Babies

Dayton Collett

Dayton Curtiss Collett, daughter of Tony and Dalene Collett, Parker Colo., was born Feb. 21, 2009, in Parker. She weighed 7 pounds and measured 20 inches. She was welcomed home by sister Carter and brother Brody.

Grandparents are Denis and Diana Wieland and Sharon Dunn, Colby, Carol McGill, Topeka, and Butch Collett, Centerville, Ind. Great grandparents are John and Lee Wieland. Colby, Pauline Issacs and Doris Wise, Richmond, Ind. and Betty Barrett, Jamestown.

Bridge Club

Meadow Lake Bridge Winners for Tuesday, were first, Katie Melvin; second, Mary Molstad; third, Barb Ulmer; fourth, Thelma Shalz; fifth, Sara Jane Barrett.

We want your local news: e-mail to colby.editor @ nwkansas.

Do you Scrapbook or make cards? We are selling stamps!

Come join us March 26th from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at The Country Club and Feb. 5th from 1:00 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Trinity Lutheran Church.



Worship in the church of your choice this weekend.



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH, (Disciples of Christ), Pastor Lyle Knebel, 385 W. 3rd - 460-2718, Sunday Morning Worship at 10:00 a.m.; Sunday School at 11:15 a.m. E-mail: fccolby@st-tel.net.

Schedule of church services

COLBY INDEPENDENT BAPTIST CHURCH, 730 E. 3rd (former Jaycee's building), Pastor Bernard Heinz, 460-0313, Sunday School 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.; Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.

ASCENSION-ON-THE-PRAIRIE EPISCOPAL, Rev. Don Martin, College Drive & Wheatridge Rd., 462-3041, Holy Eucharist, 9:00 a.m. every Sunday. Evening Prayer, 5:15 p.m. Wednesday, September through May. Christian Education for Youth, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, September through May.

COLLEGE DRIVE ASSEMBLY OF GOD, 245 W. College Dr., Colby, Interim Pastor, Sunday School 9 a.m. for all ages, Adults: choice of Fireproof, Crown Financial, or the Bible Class. 462-8234. cdag@st-tel.net.

BEREAN CHURCH, 1000 S. Franklin, 460-2763, www.colbyborean.com; Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m. Awana Clubs, Wednesday, 7 p.m., Middle & High School, Wednesday, 7 p.m. @ the Heartland Christian School Gym.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, (Affiliated with American Baptist Churches USA) Carroll H. Morony, Pastor, 615 W. Webster, 462-2867, Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.; Family Worship: 10:30 a.m.; Bible Study Wednesday at 3 and 7 p.m.; RC Club 2nd & 4th Sunday: 2 p.m.

COLLEGE VIEW BAPTIST CHURCH, 1185 Wheatridge Rd. at College Drive, 460-7144, Sunday Bible Study 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship services, 10:45 a.m.

MINGO BIBLE CHURCH, 420 Main Mingo, 785-462-2992: An independent community church served by Village Missions Intern Pastor Pat Colley. Sunday School: 9:30 AM - all ages. Sunday Services: 10:45 AM. Sunday Nights: 1st Sunday of the month: potluck following morning service - no evening service; 2nd Sunday: services at 6:30 PM; 3rd Sunday: informal fellowship - bring a snack to share!; 4th and 5th Sunday: services at 6:30 p.m.

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC, 462-2179, Father Dana Clark, Pastor, Saturday Eve. Mass 5:30 p.m., Sunday

Masses 8:00 & 10:00 a.m., Confessions will be heard Saturday 4:30-5:05 p.m. and from 7:30-7:45 a.m. and 9:25-9:40 a.m. on Sunday.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Rev. Carol Rahn, 515 W. 4th, 462-6342, Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.

WESLEYAN CHURCH, 320 W. Pine - 462-8391, Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship 10:40 a.m., Sunday Evening Cell groups at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday Youth Ministries, Kids Clubhouse 7 p.m.

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS, 1145 S. Franklin - 460-6605, President Gary Slavens, 460-2656; Jordan Barrett, 1st counselor, 460-1101; Tim Wilson, 2nd counselor, 785-846-7796. Sacrament meeting 10 a.m., Sunday School and Primary 11:20 a.m., Priesthood, Relief Society, YM/YW, 12:10 p.m.; Family History Center open to public, 7-9 p.m. Thursdays or by appointment. Call 785-462-3571.

COLBY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, Rev. James Mardock, pastor, 950 S. Franklin, 460-6521, Sunday Worship Services at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m., Fellowship coffee 9:30 a.m., Sunday School, 9:45 a.m., KXXX broadcasts 11:00 worship. www.colbyumc.org

REDEEMING LOVE MINISTRIES, INC., 345 N. Franklin, Dr. W.G. and Rev. Orvella Romine, Equipping Class, Sunday, 10 a.m., Sunday worship, 11 a.m., Wednesday, R.L.M Training Centers (Bible School), 5 p.m. Shop online at: www.rlmregionalchurch.com

CHURCH OF CHRIST, Minister, Jarrod Spencer. 510 E. 4th, Sunday Bible Study 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m., Interpretation for the deaf, Wednesday, Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

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OUR SAVIORS LUTHERAN CHURCH, Brewster, Sunday worship 9:00 a.m.; 2nd Sunday of the month at 8:00 a.m. **TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**, Rev. John L. Schmidt, East 5th & Country Club, 462-3497, Services, Sat., 5:30

p.m., Sunday; Sunday School and Adult Bible Class 9:15 a.m.; Services, 10:30 a.m. Visit us at www.trinitycolby.com

PLEASANT HOME CHURCH, Pastor, Perry Baird, 785-890-3375, 3190 Road 70, Edson, Worship, 9:00 a.m., Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

LEVANT COMMUNITY CHURCH, 205 1st St., Pastor Jerry Vincent, 586-2376, Sunday School (classes for 3 years & up and 3 adult classes) 9:30 a.m., Morning worship 10:30 a.m.

WINONA METHODIST CHURCH, Rev. Sheryl Johnson, Sunday School, 10:30 a.m., Morning Worship 9:15 a.m. (CDT)

BREWSTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, PO Box 250, Brewster. Pastor Dorine Chambers, 785-462-6044, Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:45 a.m.

THE SHEPHERD'S STAFF, REXFORD, Joan Dingwerth, Director, 687-2565

REXFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH, Rexford, Pastor Lane Purcell, 687-3305, Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

BREWSTER COMMUNITY CHURCH, Mike Pinkelman, Pastor, Brewster - 694-2720, Sunday School (all ages) 9:30 a.m., Worship Service 10:30 a.m., Bible Study 7:00 p.m., Wed. mornings 6:30 a.m. - Men's Bible Study, Wed. 7:00 p.m. - Children's Ministries (Royal Rangers/Missionettes), Wed. 7:15 p.m. - Interspersory & Prayer, Thurs. 4:00 p.m. - Women's Bible Study

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