

* Church held services in German

(Continued from Page 1B) bers, placed an ad in a prominent German-American newspaper encouraging people to move to western Kansas.

Under his leadership, the St. John's Lutheran Church congregation was organized in a meeting on Oct. 10, 1886, with its official address being "Traer, Kansas."

A constitution, drawn up by Pastor Meyers, was adopted by seven charter members.

The congregation continued meeting in homes and the schoolhouse until January 1889, when a sod church was built on five acres donated by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Meyer in Logan Township.

Lutherans living in the Herndon area formally organized a church in February 1902 with 13 members signing the constitution.

The Herndon congregation built a new frame building in 1916. A merger of the two congregations was completed in 1925 and the church was relocated on land donated by Mr. and Mrs. Albert Lueke in Logan Township.

An entire new plant consisting of a frame church, school building and two-story parsonage was decided in October 1925.

However, six years later on Jan. 1, 1931, the frame church burned. A new brick building replaced it at a cost of \$12,000 and was dedicated on Aug. 9, 1931. A new Wurlitzer organ was installed in the church then.

Change of times, modes of living and the automobile brought about a decision on March 11, 1954, to relocate the church in Oberlin at a total cost of some \$122,000.

The school and parsonage were moved to the present location at 510 N. Wilson, which now also includes an educational building.

The last year of school in the parochial building was in 1960. The



A SOD CHURCH was built for the congregation of St. John's Lutheran Church in 1889 in Logan Township, northwest of Oberlin.

school building was later sold to the Ralph Unger family, who remodeled it into a home near its original site.

Pastors over the years have been C. Meyers, H. Krantz, H. Grefe, Student Schwagemyer, J. M. Maisch, G. Storm, C. Landgraf, Student A. W. Cordes, F. Schoppe, C. P. Pebler, C. W. Tedrahn, A. Habekost, F. Schoppe, F. A. Wegener, E. C. Schmidt, William Schultz, Ed Licht, Walter Stoepelwerth, Elton Temme, Kenneth Kaufmann, Morris Kirchhof, Paul Kahldahl, Chad Eckels and the present pastor, Richard Langness.

Sons of the congregation who have become pastors include Hubert and Wilbur May, Don Frerichs and Scott Goltl.

Kids in Christ Kingdom (KICK)

began in 1994. This Wednesday-evening program serves any child, not just Lutherans.

The children are treated to a snack, music and craft time, a Bible-based learning time and monthly homemade dinners.

The anniversary Sunday included worship services, a potluck dinner, a historical slide presentation, softball game and a picnic.

A tour of the three cemeteries at old church sites had to be canceled at the first location due to rain.

Former pastors and their wives who joined them for the celebration included Ken and Kathie Kaufmann and Kimberly, Cheney, and Elton Temme, Hastings, Neb.

When the brick church in the country was dismantled, the stained transit window was saved and stored

for years at the Martin May farm. It was brought to town in time for the celebration and now hangs in the narthex of the church.

Members of the church council today include Martin May, president; John Bremer, vice president; Dianne Bremer, secretary; Pat Brown, treasurer; Todd Tompkins, Richard May, Gary Sanden, elders; Paul Shields, Melvin Waterman, Sarah Fredrickson, trustees; Chris Bailey, Dan Nedland, Judy Marietta, finance; Joanne Wendelin, Kim Langness, Wendy Scott, board of education;

Pam May, Sunday School Superintendent; and Colleen Rittmann, Lutheran Youth Fellowship sponsor. Norma Unger has served as church secretary for more than 35 years.

Jennings News

By Louise Cressker

Tuesday evening, Aug. 22, an informational meeting with the Oberlin Pool Committee was held in the Jennings Community Hall. Over 40 people attended. There were a lot of questions asked and a lengthy discussion on where the money should come from to build a new swimming pool at Oberlin. General consensus was the Jennings residents do not want this on their taxes. Other issues not related to the pool were also brought up. Cookies and tea were served by Jennings City Council.

In less than half an hour Sunday evening Jennings received 2 inches of rain and small hail. We are always thankful for the moisture.

A special service Sunday, Aug. 27, at the United Methodist Church in Jennings was the baptism of Dashiell Brown, son of Kurt and Valerie Brown, Quinter. Sunday dinner guests of Doyle and Kay Brown were the Rev. Omer Tittle, who officiated at the baptism, and

his wife, Koleta, of Tonganoxie; Galen and Eleanor Augustine and Ben, Lenora; Kara Kuntz, Katy and Zach, Hays; Kurt and Valerie Brown, Millicent and Dashiell, Quinter; Ken and Julie Carter; Frances Bader and Mildred Tacha.

A beautiful, cool day was enjoyed Saturday by the large crowd who attended the Firemen's Fun Day. The food was good and there were lots of fun things to do during the day.

There were many entries in the parade held at 1:30 p.m. The event ended with a dance in the evening.

Naomi Carter is residing at Cedar Living Center in Oberlin and doing well after breaking her hip in a fall at her home.

Thursday and Friday the Norton Correctional Men worked in Jennings cutting and trimming trees. We are so fortunate to have these men come to our community to work.

Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, U.A.C. (Unaltered Augsburg Confession) 1886-2006, celebrated its 120th anniversary on Sunday.

Past ministers present were Elton Temme, Hastings, Neb., and Ken and Kathie Kaufmann and Kimberly, Cheney.

Special music was enjoyed by the congregation during morning worship services. Gary Fredrickson on the organ and Dianne Bremer on the Roland keyboard accompanied the congregational hymns as a duet, vocal solos were provided by Cassidy Shields, Karli Fredrickson, and Andrea Bailey, Jessica Bremer played a piano solo, and Kelly Shields, Joanne Wendelin, and

Chenaniah Langness, on trumpets, accompanied Gary and Dianne on some of the hymns. Other activities during the day included a noon heritage potluck, a slide show of pictures during the church's history, games for children, a softball game on the church hill, a tour of the three rural Lutheran cemeteries, and an evening barbecue.

Mildred (Miller) Holmdahl, Janeil Jensen, and John and Dianne Bremer and Jessica were supper guests of Max and Marlene Miller, Gold Canyon, Ariz., at the Land-Mark Inn on Saturday.

David May, McCook, attended St. John's Lutheran 120th anniversary on Sunday and enjoyed visiting with family and friends.

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Decatur County Community Calendar

(Call Decatur County Area Chamber of Commerce to have your organization's meeting updated and listed in next month's calendar.)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>THE OBERLIN HERALD NOW IN OUR 128th YEAR OF SERVICE</p>					<p>Oberlin High School 1 Football vs St. Francis, here, 7 p.m.</p>	
<p>3 Attend the Church of Your Choice</p> <p>Sprint Car Races Oberlin Speedway 7 p.m.</p>	<p>4 LABOR DAY Norcatour Rebekahs; Lions, Medical Arts Bldg.; Oberlin High School, JV football at St. Francis, 6 p.m.</p>	<p>5 Dr. McGowan, cardiology, Decatur Health Systems; Dr. Doolittle, Decatur Health Systems; Ro- tary, The Gateway, noon; Masons, Masonic Temple, 6:30 p.m.; Oberlin High School Volleyball at Colby, 4 p.m.</p>	<p>Dr. Eskildsen, Decatur 6 Health Systems; OBA, LandMark Inn, noon; East- ern Star fun night; Jaycees, 8:30 p.m.; Blood pressure clinic, Golden Age Center, 11- 11:30 a.m.; Compassionate Butterflies, Medical Arts Bldg., 7 p.m.; AA, Ambu- lance Barn, 8 p.m.</p>	<p>Volunteer Network 7 Action Team, location pending, 1:30 p.m.; Junior High football at Oakley, 5:30 p.m.; Junior High vol- leyball at Oakley, 5:30 p.m.; High School Cross Country at Quinter, 4:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Oberlin Royal 8 Neighbors, Golden Age Center, 4 p.m.; High School football at Hoxie, 7 p.m.</p>	<p>JV Volleyball 9 Tournament at Quinter, 9 .m.; 1/2 Price Day, Bargain Box Plus</p>
<p>10 Community Worship Service, City Park, 10 a.m., picnic to follow</p> <p>Antique Engine Club Potluck, Sappa Manor, 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>11 Board of Education, 7:30 p.m.; Student Late Start Day, 10 a.m.; High School JV football vs Hoxie, home, 5:30 p.m.; Gifted Seminar, Gr. 10-12</p>	<p>12 Dr. Doolittle, Decatur Health Systems; Coffee Hour, Decatur Courthouse, 2nd floor, 9-11 a.m.; Rotary, The Gateway, noon; High School Volleyball at Hill City, 4:30 p.m.</p>	<p>13 Dr. Eskildsen, Decatur Health Systems; DPW, The Gateway, noon; Norcatour Royal Neighbors; Legion Auxiliary mtg., 7:30 p.m.; AA, Ambulance Barn, 8 p.m.</p>	<p>14 Chamber Board meeting, Chamber office, noon; SOS, Oberlin Elementary library, 6 p.m.; Junior High Football vs Quinter, 5:30 p.m.; Junior High Volleyball vs Quinter, 4:30 p.m.; High School Cross Country at McCook, 5:30 p.m.</p>	<p>15 Highway 36 Treasure Hunt, 400 miles of treasures; Oberlin Business Alliance Tailgate at football game, 5:30 p.m.; High School football vs Oakley, 7 p.m., home</p>	<p>16 High 26 Treasure Hunt 400 miles of Treasures</p> <p>High School Volleyball at McCook tourney, 11 a.m.</p>
<p>17 Attend the Church of Your Choice</p> <p>Highway 36 Treasure Hunt 400 miles of treasures</p>	<p>18 Lions, Medical Arts Bldg.; Norcatour Rebekahs; Hospital board meeting, 7 p.m.; Dr. McDonald, cataracts, Decatur Health Systems, High School JV Football at Oakley, 5:30 p.m.</p>	<p>19 Dr. Denny, cardiology, Decatur Health Systems; Dr. Doolittle, Decatur Health Systems; Rotary, The Gate- way, noon</p>	<p>Dr. Eskildsen, 20 Decatur Health Systems; AA, Ambulance Barn; Jaycees, 8:30 p.m.; OES- body walk; Mike Danner/ Balfdour meet w /seniors</p>	<p>21 CVB, LandMark Inn, noon; Junior High School Football, vs Hoxie, Home, 5:30 p.m.; Junior High School Volleyball vs Hoxie, home, 5:30 p.m.</p>	<p>22 DCHS Football, at Quinter, 7 p.m.</p>	<p>23 Beaver Creek Black Muzzleloaders Powder Shoot, Sappa park; Junior High School Volleyball at Hoxie, tour- ney, 9 a.m.; "C" Team, vol- leyball Tourney, home, 9 a.m.</p>
<p>24 Attend the Church of Your Choice</p> <p>Beaver Creek Black Muzzleloaders Powder Shoot, Sappa Park</p>	<p>25 Dr. Rubinowitz, Decatur Health Systems; High School JV football vs Quinter, home, 5:30 p.m.</p>	<p>26 Dr. Doolittle, Decatur Health Systems; Rotary, Gateway, noon; American Legion members meeting; OES picture day; High School Volleyball w. St Francis/Cheylin, home, 4 p.m.; High School Cross Country, home, 5 p.m.</p>	<p>27 Dr. Eskildsen, Decatur Health Systems; AA, Ambulance Barn, 8 p.m.; Oberlin High School and Junior High Picture Day; Gifted Semi- nars, Gr. 9-12</p>	<p>Junior High School 28 Football, at Atwood, 5:30 p.m.; Junior High School Volleyball, Atwood, 5:30 p.m.</p>	<p>29 OBA Fall Festival, Courthouse, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Home Coming Parade, 2:30 p.m.; Cham- ber Tailgate, Football park- ing lot, 5:30 p.m.; High School Homecoming vs Atwood, 7 p.m.</p>	<p>30 \$3 Bag Day, Bargain Box Plus; High School Volleyball, Oberlin Invitational, 9 a.m.; Homecoming Dance</p>

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