

Norcatur United Methodist Church will hold a one-day Vacation Bible School for area children from 4 years of age through sixth grade from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, at the Educational Building. Lunch and snacks will be provided. They will have stories, songs, games and crafts. Any parents or other adults who can help are encouraged to contact Pastor Ray Gilstrap at (785) 669-2236 or Alice Barnett at (785) 693-4231 as soon as possible. Please call if your children will be there so they know how many to prepare for.

**Birthdays and anniversaries:** Jeannie Pelkey, Janice O'Hare, M.J. Dempewolf, May 18; Virgil and Joyce Price - May 19; Kenneth Price - May 21.

Rea and Dee Magers were guests of Gary and Linda Matson of Norton for dinner at the Attitudes Restaurant on May 4. Visitors at the Magers home on May 6 were Tara Nelson and Anita Volsky of Independence, Mo., and Bee Nelson.

Bee Nelson and Marguerite Clark attended the Healthy Congregations in Action Regional Training meeting on May 11, at the First United Methodist Church in Hays.

The Norcatur United Methodist Church will open up the Educational Building for coffee, tea and cookies after Memorial Day services at the Norcatur Cemetery on Sunday. The museum will be open on Sunday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dorothy Ward, Marguerite Clark and Bee Nelson drove to McCook

for dinner on Mother's Day. On Mother's Day, Wava Reames had dinner with Frank and Velda Ward at Cedar Living Center. She delivered a beautiful bouquet of flowers for Velda for Mother's Day that Lynn had sent from her shop, Garden Gate Florals Etc.

### Norcatur Memorial Day

This will be the 118th year for the observance of Memorial Day in Norcatur and the 35th consecutive year that the Avenue of Flags will be on display. As in the past, all veterans (in uniform if possible), Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts and school children are requested to meet at the bank corner on Sunday at 1 p.m. to form the parade for the march to the cemetery. There will be chairs available at the cemetery Memorial Day for veterans.

The parade will start from the bank corner at 1:30 p.m. with the order of business at the cemetery as follows: 2 p.m., formation at Tomb of Unknown Soldier, "The Star-Spangled Banner," opening prayer by Rev. Ray Gilstrap, special Memorial Day address by Lt. Col. David Johnson, decorate Tomb of Unknown Soldier, "Taps" and "Echo," salute over last-buried veterans.

The Avenue of Flags was first flown in 1972 and has been a beautiful addition to the color and ceremony always displayed at the Norcatur observance, which is one of the longest continuous observances in the nation. In the case of

inclement weather, the Memorial Day service will be held in the Norcatur High School gymnasium.

The Avenue of Flags will be put up at 7 a.m. on Sunday. All volunteers need to be at the cemetery at that time.

Memorial Day lunch will be served by the Cardinal Bar and Grill from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Norcatur City Building.

Cathy Claussen of Oberlin, Chris Claussen of Olathe, and Cale Claussen of Baldwin City visited Beth Johnson on Saturday evening, May 12.

Congratulations to area seniors who graduated on May 20, including Aaron Helm and Katrina Wentz, Decatur Community High School, and Luke Bailey and Lacey Roe, Norton Community High School.

### Summer Reading Program

Fun Days will be held May 29-June 1, 10 to 11 a.m., for ages 4 through completion of eighth grade. Children will be able to read books for the program until Aug. 6. Prizes will be awarded for top readers.

# Have children help with meals



## Home Time

By Tranda Watts  
Multi-county Extension Agent

One of the best ways to get a child to try new foods or a new recipe is to get them involved in growing or purchasing the food, preparing it, and cleaning up afterwards. Helping in the kitchen will also improve self-confidence.

Since a young child has limited skills, some tasks may not be suitable. The following list shows what kids at different ages typically can do (with maybe a few spills!) after you have shown them how.

Two-year-olds are learning to use the large muscles in their arms. Have them try:

- scrubbing vegetables and fruits
- wiping table tops
- dipping foods
- washing lettuce and salad greens

Three-year-olds are learning to use their hands. Have them try:

- pouring pre-measured liquids into batter
- spreading peanut butter, jelly, and similar foods
- mixing ingredients
- clearing unbreakable items from the table for a meal

• putting unwanted items in the trash after cooking or after a meal  
Four- and five-year-olds are learning to control small muscles in their hands. Have them try:

- peeling foods, such as bananas, oranges, and hard-boiled eggs
- mashing soft fruits and vegetables with a fork
- kneading dough
- unloading the dishwasher
- setting the table
- measuring dry ingredients
- cracking eggs into a bowl
- beating eggs or batter
- cutting soft foods, such as hard-boiled eggs, with a plastic knife

Teach kids to always wash their hands before they start cooking. For

safety reasons, have a child stand at or above the level of the activity. Use bowls and other supplies that won't break. Offer them blunt knives and soft foods for cutting.

Always supervise, especially when they're using knives, stove tops, ovens or electrical appliances. Enjoy sharing time and cooking experiences with your child!  
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## 'Why Should YOU Get into Heaven?'

By Pastor Carrie Buhler of Jennings and Dresden United Methodist churches

What would you do if this situation happened to you?

You're standing in line at the pearly gates of heaven, waiting to get in. St. Peter is going down the line getting everyone's information.

God comes out through the gates to take a look at today's newest members of heaven. He walks down the line and stops in front of you. God looks you squarely in the eye. You sort of squirm under His scrutiny and silence.

Finally, God asks you one simple question: "Why should I let YOU into heaven?"

How would you answer that? What's YOUR answer? Are you going to read off your resumé of personal characteristics? I'm a good person. I'm generous. I'm honest. I've never cheated on my spouse.

Or will you rattle off all of the good deeds you've done in your life? I tithe to my church. I volunteer in the community. I come to church every Sunday. I read the Bible and pray every day. I didn't kick my neighbor's dog when he took a dump on my front lawn.

Do you say to yourself, I've been building my stairway to Heaven, one step at a time? These good deeds will get me into heaven. I've EARNED my place here.

We all have different ideas on how we'd answer a question like that. Five people will give you five different answers. But no matter what the differences are in our theologies and our answers, there is a truth that we can ALWAYS rely on.

God loves us. We are His children and He wants us to come home. Our Heavenly Father misses His children and He wants us to come home.

There is a saying that God only cries for the living; we are the farthest from home, for the dead are already there.

Now, this love for us caused a problem. Only those without sin can enter through the gates of heaven. How can we cleanse ourselves of the sins we have committed, as well as the original sin we are all born with? The Bible tells us the wages of

sin is death. How are we going to pay a price that steep?

We can't. But Jesus can and He did. Jesus paid the entry fee for us to get into heaven. He did it with His body and His blood, which washed us all and made our souls as clean as new fallen snow. He knew what He was doing and why He was doing it for us, for each and every one of us.

You see, Jesus loves us, too. Jesus tells us in John 14:2, "In my Father's house there are many dwelling places, and I go to prepare a place for you." Jesus is up in heaven making me a place. He's making you a place.

He loves us so much that He built our homes right next to His up in heaven. Right up there on the heavenly family farm! That's incredible, isn't it? We are all heirs to that treasure. We've got our place in His will.

And until that time in which we receive our inheritance, God has a plan for each one of us. This is so cool! We have it good in the next life and we have it good in this life, when we allow God to take over our lives. When we turn over the reins of our lives to our heavenly father, our lives will grow in abundance.

The God who created the universe in all its mystery and magnificence is crazy about us. We are His beloved children. God built us a bridge to cross from this life to the next, across that grand canyon of the spirit world.

And we can cross it whether we're in great shape, overweight, old or in a wheelchair. It's always there for us to use. That bridge is His word, the Holy Bible. From that Holy Book we are given the gift of faith to guide our way across that bridge.

So someday when you are standing in that line at the pearly gates of heaven, St. Peter is going down the line getting everyone's information, and God comes out and looks you in the eye and asks you, "Why should I let YOU into heaven," you can answer Him with unswerving faith, "Because you love me, and your love has made me pure."

I can just see our heavenly Father looking at you with a tender, loving look in His eye, and He will answer, "You're right. I do love you, my beloved child. Welcome home."

Amen.



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<b>IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC, LEOVILLE</b> Fr. Henry Saw Lone MASS: 8 a.m., Sunday.	<b>OBERLIN COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP (Southern Baptist)</b> Pastor: Fred Dycus SUNDAY: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m., AWANA Club 4-6 p.m. WEDNESDAY: Service, 7 p.m.	<b>ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC, HERNDON</b> The Rev. Damian Richards Phone 785-322-5560 MASS: SUNDAY, 8 a.m.	<b>ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH</b> 510 North Wilson Pastor: Rev. Rick Langness Secretary: Norma Unger 785-475-2333 SATURDAY: Worship, 7 p.m.; SUNDAY: Sunday School and Bible class, 9:15 a.m.; Divine Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.; Holy Communion: 1st and 3rd Sundays; KICK, 3:45-5:30 p.m. each Wednesday. Foundations Bible Class, Thursday, 7-9 p.m.
<b>SACRED HEART CATHOLIC, SELDEN</b> Fr. Henry Saw Lone MASS: 10 a.m., Sunday	<b>OBERLIN SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH</b> Jim Martin 120 South East, Oberlin SATURDAY: Sabbath School, 9:15 a.m.; Saturday Worship, 11 a.m.	<b>HERNDON COVENANT CHURCH</b> Keith Reuther, Pastor Phone 785-322-5316 SUNDAY: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.	<b>FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH</b> 404 North York Avenue Oberlin, Kansas Rev. Charlotte Strecker-Baseler Church Office Phone: 785-475-2053 SUNDAY: Worship, 9:30 a.m.; Fellowship and Educational Hour, 10:45 a.m. Holy Communion first and third Sundays. THURSDAY: Women's Bible Study second Thursday at 9:30 a.m.
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