

Norcatour News

By the Norcatour News Committee

Senior Citizens met Nov. 20 with 18 present. Winners were Bob Streyve, Joyce Price and Bee Nelson. The next meeting will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday at the Educational Building.

Results of the pool tournament at the Cardinal Bar and Grill on Nov. 18 were Loyal Springer, first; Larry Lively, second; Rusty Montgomery, third.

Results of the dart tournament there on Nov. 18 were: Game 1 - Delores Gallentine, first; Patty Stapp, second; Alice Barnett, third. Game 2 - Patty Stapp, first; Brandi Springer, second; Alice Barnett, third.

Mr. and Mrs. Stan Miller went to Topeka on Nov. 17 to visit Mr. and Mrs. Curt DeDonder and Sophia.

On Nov. 21, more than 100 friends of Bob Beachel gathered at the Cardinal Bar and Grill for a pig roast, hosted by Herb Shirley and Robbie Henningson.

The event was given to recognize and thank Bob for 40 years of service at the Shirley farm and now at the Henningson farm. Special guests were Alice Shirley and

Juanita Shirley Eckhart. The pig was roasted by Carl Lyon and Scott Hartzog.

Happy birthday and anniversary to Lance and Mindy Braun, Nov. 25; Bailey Lange, Nov. 26; Timothy Helm, Nov. 29; Troy Wentz, Dec. 1.

Dorothy Ward, Bee Nelson and Beth Sebaugh had Sunday dinner, together at the Cardinal Bar and Grill on Nov. 22.

On Saturday afternoon Stefan, Elsa Schott's son, helped Cathy Anthony with some outdoor chores, which were much appreciated.

Cathy Anthony and Keith Anthony joined Gary Anthony for dinner at Hillcrest in McCook on Sunday, Nov. 22. Other visitors were Mrs. Elsie Lang, Cambridge, Neb.; Mrs. Joan Larue, and Windy and Chris Kuhlman, Tony and Dillon, Oberlin. Gary is working hard to regain his strength, and we are all hoping that sometime in December he'll be back home.

After putting the paper together, Wava Reames, Veda Wood, and Deb Combs met for lunch at the café, then went to McCook, where

they visited Dwight Wood and Gary Anthony.

Wava Reames attended a birthday supper on Sunday for Kaley Ward and Denise Schmitz at the home of Les and Lynn Ward. Also attending were Robert Daniel, Steve McMurry, Ruby Pflieger, Frank Ward and Keith Ward. Lynn had 'everyday' boxes for Kaley and Denise to open. This is a tradition started at Christmas by Kaley's great-great-grandmother, Susan Nelson, and was continued by daughter Alta Ward, granddaughter-in-law Veda Ward, who in later years switched it to birthdays, as everyone had so much at Christmas, and now by great-granddaughter-in-law Lynn Ward.

Bee Nelson and Dorothy Ward attended the monthly tea party at Whispering Pines on Nov. 18. There are many Norcatourites who live there and they enjoyed visiting with each of them.

R.D. Thornton was admitted to the hospital on Friday of last week. Visitors have been Chris Dempewolf, Sheree Dempewolf and Lynn Streit.

The United Methodist Women of Norton are again sponsoring a Cookie and Candy Walk from 9:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 2, at the Norton Senior Center at 208 W. Main Street, in Norton.

The cookies will be sold for \$4.50 a pound and candy for \$5.50 a pound. The proceeds will go to mission projects. You can also purchase your morning coffee and a homemade cinnamon roll at the center.

Prairie Land Food pack order deadline is Monday, Dec. 7, with pick-up day being Saturday, Dec. 19, at the Methodist Church Educational Building. For more information, contact Bee Nelson, 693-4569, or Patty Stapp at The Bank.

Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Nolan May arrived Tuesday night at the Dan Nedland home and left Friday for Lawrence to enjoy Thanksgiving dinner with his parents, Richard and Delayne and family.

Cameron Nedland and Cole May, Manhattan, and Jessica Bremer, Topeka, came home Tuesday and Jennifer Shaw, Emporia, arrived Wednesday to spend Thanksgiving break with their parents. They returned to campus Sunday afternoon.

Rory Wendelin, a student at Concordia University, returned to Seward, Neb., over the weekend after spending the past week with her parents, Norman and Joanne Wendelin, over Thanksgiving break.

Brandon May, Salina, arrived Wednesday to spend Thanksgiving with his parents, Elwood and Jeanie May, and returned home Monday.

Casey O'Donnell, Lawrence, was a Thursday - Saturday Thanksgiving guest at the home of Jay and Becky Tate, Dakota, Mollie, and Grace.

Thanksgiving Day dinner guests of Craig and Karen Larson were her parents, Zane and Gladys Geis; sister, Connie Green, Williamsburg, Va.; brother, Keith and Marie Geis, Wheatland, Wyo.; niece, Havelly and Tom Holt, Lucy, Lilli, and Lane, Douglas, Wyo.; and Colby Larson.

Gaylord and Shirley Shields, Paul and Kelly Shields, Tyler, Cassidy, and Caitlin, and Bret and Ali Shields and Sam, Harlan, Iowa, enjoyed Thanksgiving Day dinner with Mike and Nancy Shields and Corinne, Omaha. The Shields families returned home on Sunday.

Joe and Chris Mines, Cori and Jared, McPherson, arrived Thanksgiving Day at the home of his parents, Don and Ann Mines, and returned

home Friday afternoon after enjoying their Thanksgiving together.

Jay and Suzanne Cooper, Wichita; Bill and Bonnie Condit, Winfield; Greta Wendelin, Lawrence; Ladd Wendelin, Lincoln, Neb.; Rory Wendelin, Seward, Neb.; Wayne and Lois Larson, Brad Larson, and Kathy Almqvist enjoyed Thanksgiving Day dinner at the home of Norman and Joanne Wendelin.

Thanksgiving Day dinner guests of Jerry and Connie Olson were Evelyn Olson; Wilma May; David May, McCook; Kelly Olson, Manhattan; and Stean Olson, Hays.

Thanksgiving Day dinner guests of Rhonda May and Dan Nedland, Cameron, Hunter, and Elizabeth were Walter and Betty, Robert and Sally May and Cole; Roland and Pam May, Zach and Hannah; Roger and Susan May, Ryan and Erin; Shannon and Carie Schurr, Dustin, Tyler, Haylee, and Colton, and Nolan May, Lawrence.

Thanksgiving Day dinner guests of Ralph and Violet Shaw were Joel Shaw, Richard and Anna Shaw, and Jennifer Shaw, Emporia. Tami Shaw and Dante were in Colorado Springs, where they enjoyed their Gallentine family Thanksgiving and visiting with extended family.

Ron and Jennifer Seeber, Michaela, Olivia, and Elise, Shawnee, were Friday - Sunday guests of his

sister and family, Richard and Anna Shaw and Jennifer, and enjoyed their family Thanksgiving dinner at the Shaw home Friday evening.

Kristen Bremer, Colby, Jessica Bremer, Topeka, and John and Dianne Bremer enjoyed Thanksgiving Day dinner with Alice May, Helen Derby and Lois Carlson.

Sunday noon dinner guests of Ralph and Norma Unger celebrating their family Thanksgiving were Ryan and Darci Unger, St. Francis; Duane and Lois Unger, Colby; and Butch and Colleen Rittmann, Christian and Rielly, Shawnee, who were also weekend guests at the Unger home.

Joanne Wendelin was one of 12 musicians from McCook, Danbury, Oberlin, Omaha, and the New York City metropolitan area who combined their talents Saturday evening to present "The Sounds of Thanksgiving," a program of classical and semi-classical selections at the historic Fox Theatre in McCook.

Calvin Anderson, Bismarck, North Dakota, was a Thursday afternoon visitor of John Bremer. Since Calvin and his daughter, Abby, were Thanksgiving guests of his mother Enid Anderson, Jessica Bremer visited Abby later that afternoon at the Anderson home.

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Practice for the Christmas Sunday School program will begin at 6 p.m. Sunday at the Herndon Covenant Church. Supper will be served and all children are encouraged to attend and parents are also welcome. The program will be given at the church at 7 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 20.

Congratulations to Roger and Tracy Doty on the birth of a son, Jax John Doty, on Nov. 11, 2009, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby. He weighed 8 pounds, 5 ounces and was 20 inches long. He has a sister, Dana 10; and two brothers, Matthew, 6 and Jay, 2. Grandparents are Sylvester and Lynda Hurst, Achilles, and Danny and Charla Dawson, Atwood. Great-grandparents are Francis and Florine Hurst, Achilles, and Ted and Gertie Kastens, Atwood.

J.R. and Carrol Ginther were among those who enjoyed a Ginther family Thanksgiving Day dinner at the home of Blaine and Erin Ginther and family in Atwood.

Thanksgiving Day dinner guests at the home of Eulaine Benda were Losson and Leanne Pike, Ashland; Gerald and Patti Benda, Ludell; Daryl and Shirley Maresch, Nathan, Jenna and Tim, Nekoma; Bev Messerly, Paul and Anna, Sublette; Mark and Barbara Olson, Kurt and Mary, and Fern Wenger, Oberlin; Brandon and Sarah White, Olathe; and Ron and Linda Wenger, Dayton, Tenn.

Sister Helene Gutchewsky of St. Louis, Mo., and Jack and Mary Gutchewsky were Thanksgiving Day dinner guests of Kendal and Tammy Neal, Katrina and James, Oberlin; Brian and Krista Gutchewsky and Gavin, Kearney, Neb.; Joel and Sarah Uerling, Addyson and Hayden, McCook; and Sister Helene Gutchewsky. Jack and Mary Gutchewsky took Sister Helene to Omaha on Sunday and she left from there for her home in St. Louis.

spent two weeks recuperating from surgery at the home of Bob and Annette Frenzl in Salina. The Frenzls spent Thanksgiving with their daughters, Lacey and Whitney, in Dallas, Texas.

Thanksgiving Day dinner guests of Steve and Arian Arnold were Mike and Nione Rhodin, Loveland, Colo., who spent the weekend, and Edla Olson.

Tyler and Tiffany Witt visited last Tuesday evening with his grandparents, Keith and Mary Lou Olson.

Dick and Donna Kelley spent from Wednesday to Sunday with Sheldon and Brenda Kelley, Kendra and Jessica in Fredricksburg, Colo. Dr. Kirk Kelley of Davenport, Iowa, was an additional guest from Monday to Friday at their home.

Rex, Sam and Abbie Olson of Boulder, Colo., were Thanksgiving weekend guests of Keith and Mary Lou Olson. They joined Maxine Peebles and Sheri Steinemann and Lia, Denver; Karen Peebles, Guam; Rennie and Jeaneen Olson, Celina, Texas; David Olson, Stites, Md.; Jon and Scott Olson, St. Louis, Mo.; Deb Marks and Amber, Mulvane; Bob and Sally Olson, Ludell; Mark and Barbara Olson, Kurt and Mary, Oberlin; and Brandon and Sarah White, Olathe, for a cooperative Thanksgiving Day dinner at the Oberlin Covenant Church on Saturday.

Thanksgiving dinner guests of Jack and Mary Gutchewsky on Friday were Kendal and Tammy Neal, Katrina and James, Oberlin; Brian and Krista Gutchewsky and Gavin, Kearney, Neb.; Joel and Sarah Uerling, Addyson and Hayden, McCook; and Sister Helene Gutchewsky. Jack and Mary Gutchewsky took Sister Helene to Omaha on Sunday and she left from there for her home in St. Louis.

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

By Pastor Sharon Nelson

Evangelical Covenant Church, Oberlin

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" is one of my favorite hymns for this time of year. The lyrics are very old; they were written in Latin in the twelfth century. The music was written to sound like plainsong, which was popular in the Middle Ages. Many of our hymnals only include four verses, but there are seven total. Each verse starts with a request that Jesus come soon. But he is not called Jesus; He is called by seven of his other names. Throughout Advent, we will look at the rich imagery in the words. Sing along in the eerie minor key, and imagine yourself in a stone cathedral in Europe!

"O, come, o, come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appears."

Under Kings David and Solomon, Israel enjoyed relative peace and prosperity. The kingdom expanded and the kings grew richer. However, this would not last forever. The prophets Isaiah and Jeremiah foretold a day when God's people would be taken away from the land He had given them. It seemed impossible that God would allow such a thing, but it happened. The

land was conquered and the people were taken away to Babylon. While in Babylon, the people mourned their losses. They mourned the loss of the Temple and their ability to worship God the way he had instructed them, they mourned the loss of the land, and they mourned their own sin and disobedience. They waited in exile in a foreign land, wondering if they could still call themselves the people of God.

In some ways, we are also in exile. As God had already established a covenant with the people of Israel; He also has already won the victory for our salvation. But we're still waiting for that victory to be fully realized in our world. We're still in the mess, in lonely exile, waiting for the Son of God. Jesus told his disciples that he would come again. Ever since, his disciples have cried out, "Come, Lord Jesus!" In this first verse, Jesus is called Emmanuel, which means God-with-us. God came to be with us in the form of a baby. But we also look forward to him coming again in glory.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel!



Schedule of Oberlin and area church services:

OBERLIN SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH
785-475-3103
Fr. Mark Berland,
MASS: 10:30 a.m., Sunday

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC, LEVILLE
Fr. Mark Berland,
MASS: 8 a.m., Sunday.

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC, SELDEN
Fr. Mark Berland,
MASS: 5:30 p.m., Saturday

OBERLIN SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
Jerry Nowack
120 South East, Oberlin
SATURDAY: Sabbath School, 9:15 a.m.; Saturday Worship, 11 a.m.

JENNINGS-DRESDEN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH JENNINGS
Carrie Buhler, pastor
SUNDAY: Church School, 10 a.m. Morning Worship, 11 a.m.
DRESDEN
SUNDAY: Morning Worship, 9:30 a.m.

PRAIRIE CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST
The Rev. Doug Hasty
SUNDAY: Church Services, 9 a.m.; Sunday School, 8:30 a.m.

HERNDON IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Pastor: Dennis Brown
SUNDAY: Morning Worship, 9 a.m.

UNITED CHURCH OF OBERLIN
Pastor: Judi Stricker
109 North Griffith-American Baptist, Disciples of Christ, Presbyterian USA
SUNDAY: Adult Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Coffee: 10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. Worship Service, 11 a.m. Choir practice every Sun. at 9:45 a.m. Holy Communion, 1st & 3rd Sundays. United Church Women, 2nd Wed at 2 p.m. Parish Council, 2nd Sun. following Worship

OBERLIN COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP (Southern Baptist)
Pastor: Gene Gee
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m., WEDNESDAY: Service, 7 p.m.,

OBERLIN UNITED METHODIST 102 North Cass — 785-475-3067
The Rev. Doug Hasty
SUNDAY: Church School, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m. (Nursery provided.) WEDNESDAY: Choir practice, 7:30 p.m.

CLAYTON UNITED METHODIST
Pastor: Larry Danforth
Almena
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.

OBERLIN ASSEMBLY OF GOD
The Rev. Royce Leitner
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Evening Worship, 7 p.m. WEDNESDAY: Adult Bible study, 7 p.m.

OBERLIN CHURCH OF CHRIST
South Beaver Street - Oberlin
Bill Duncan — Phone 785-475-3259
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship Hour, 10:45 a.m. WEDNESDAY: Ladies Home Bible Study, 9 a.m.

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC, HERNDON
The Fr. Stephen Folorunso
Phone 785-322-5560
MASS: SUNDAY and THURSDAY 8:30 a.m.

HERNDON COVENANT CHURCH
Keith Reuther, Pastor
Phone 785-322-5316
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Youth Group, 4 p.m.

NORCATOUR UNITED METHODIST
Pastor: Larry Danforth
Almena
SUNDAY: Worship Service, 10 a.m.; Church School, 10:30 a.m.

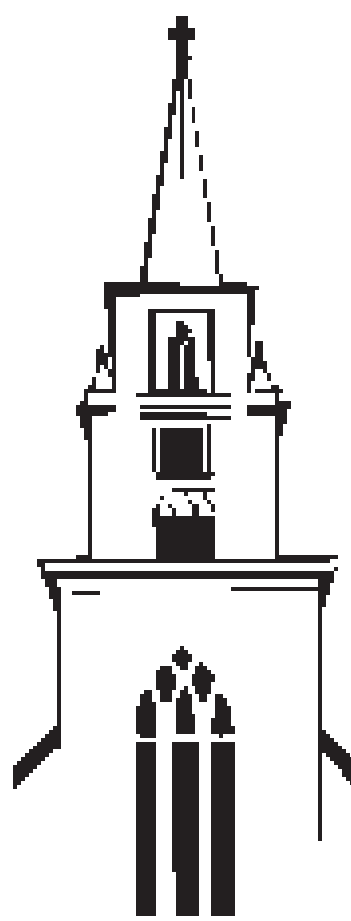
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SUNDAY: Morning Worship 9 a.m.

EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH OF OBERLIN
Pastors: Chris and Sharon Nelson
810 West Cedar, Oberlin
Office Phone 785-475-2769
SUNDAY: Worship Service, 9:30 a.m.; Fellowship Time, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday School, 11 a.m. WEDNESDAY: Bible Study, 7 p.m.

LUND COVENANT CHURCH
Pastor: Doug Mason
10 miles south, 4 miles west of Oberlin
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m.; WEDNESDAY: Bible Study and prayer, 7:30 p.m.

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
510 North Wilson
Interim Pastor: Kevin Schnakenberg
SUNDAY: Sunday School and Bible class, 9:15 a.m.; Divine Worship Service, 8 a.m.; Holy Communion: 1st and 3rd Sundays..

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
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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