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## WEEKLY SERMONETTE

### Twelve Seconds of Proof — Rick Rostek, Pastor, Immanuel Lutheran Church

In The Passion of the Christ, Mel Gibson accomplished his goal of showing the horrible suffering and death of Jesus Christ. For Christians, experiencing the depth of this horror serves to deepen our understanding of God's love for all humans that He would send His Son to suffer in our place so that we might have forgiveness of sins. But the best part of the movie, the most important part, I dare say, was almost an afterthought.

That Jesus of Nazareth was an extraordinary person is beyond question. The bookshelves can hardly hold all that has been written about him. From the circumstances of His conception and birth, to the teachings and miracles, and yes, to his death, the life of Jesus was truly remarkable. But His life and death would have meant nothing without the Resurrection. Jesus Christ really did rise from the dead, proving that He is the very Son of God, sent into the world to save

people from their sins.

If not for the Resurrection, I and all other Christians would still be dead in our sins and without hope. But with the Resurrection, we are assured of forgiveness, life, and salvation. And Jesus offers this same forgiveness, life, and salvation to all people freely, at no cost. Jesus says, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live." All that matters is Jesus Christ and faith in Him.

Mel Gibson spent two hours showing, in great detail, the suffering of the Christ. But it was the last twelve seconds of the movie that made it all worthwhile. Jesus, who was dead, is alive! As the angel said to the women who had come to Jesus' tomb, "Why are you looking for the living among the dead? He is not here, He has risen!" He has risen, indeed. Hallelujah!

## Thy Will Be Done

"And going a little farther, He fell on His face and prayed, 'My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as Thou wilt.'" (Matthew 26:42)

Yes, even Jesus, God's only Son, was subject to human emotion while He lived and preached upon the earth. Yet, He had total faith in His Father, even unto His agonizing death on the Cross of Calvary, knowing that He would rise from the dead. Jesus accepted the will of God, without asking "why me, Father?" He wasn't sure yet He was sure. Had Jesus not died, had He not paid for our sins on the Cross, humanity could not have realized the concept of God's unconditional mercy and our acceptance of God's will for our lives. What a tragedy that would have been for humankind!

This Easter, as you worship, won't you meditate upon God's gift as He works in our lives; and in all circumstances, have faith in the will of our Heavenly Father? Have a blessed Easter.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Luke 24:1-12	Luke 24:13-35	Luke 24:36-53	John 14:1-14	John 14:15-31	2 Thessalonians 1:1-12	2 Thessalonians 2:1-17

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## PRAIRIE VIEW

By VIVIAN JANSONIUS

Six members of the Gleaner's Circle of the Prairie View Reformed Church met April 1. Vice-President Goldie Barker opened the meeting by reading "Righteousness" and Linda Van Der Weele presented the Bible study, "Why Did Paul Write This Letter". Goldie Barker was hostess. Others attending were Wauneta Schemper, Linda Hultgren, Hazel Jansonius and Vivian Jansonius.

Dale and Lois Leydig of St. Francis came Sunday and picked up Burdett and Belva Leydig and Darline Brown and met Norman and Queenie Leydig of Kirwin.

The John Jansonius farm was the site of a dinner last Sunday. Attending were Neil and Arlis Schild and Kyle and Darrian Schild, Sacramento, Calif.; Idris Shannon of Miltonvale; Al and Sheila Gaines, Smith Center; Kurtis and Jodie Wolfe, Zach, Aaron and Skyler of Hays; Jim and Kayla Kreller, Morgan and Jordan, Jim Gaines, Opal Philbrick, Phillipsburg; and Vivian Jansonius of Prairie View.

James and Connie Engelsman and Brandon Engelsman of Denver came Friday to spend the weekend at the home of Mrs. Clazine Engelsman.

A good crowd attended the "Three Days" musical cantata held Sunday in the Prairie View Reformed Church. The Director was Beverly Stutterheim; the narrator was Rev. Ron Lowry. Belinda Thalheim was the pianist. Helen Van Kooten played the keyboard; Krista Van Diest, the flute; and Greg Koelseh on percussion.

Alvin and Cornie Keunen, Orange City, Iowa, visited last Tuesday at the Dick Jansonius home on their way home from wintering in Mesa, Ariz.

Wednesday Bernie and Hazel Nibbelink, Sioux Center, Iowa, also visited Dick and Anne Jansonius Wednesday evening on their way home from Mesa.

The Phillips County Historical Society, Inc., met April 6 at the home of Chet and Darlene

Rumbaugh. Attending were Eva Marie Hansen, Virgil Whitsitt, Lyle Rose and Margaret Lemon, all of Phillipsburg; Lucille Hofaker of Logan; and Vivian Jansonius of Prairie View. A report on progress at Fort Bissell Museum was given by Ms. Hansen.

Jeff and Nicki Nesvara of North Platte, Neb., are visiting at the home of her parents, Bill and Diana Greving.

Priscilla Van Der Weele, a student at Northwestern College in Orange City, Iowa, spent Easter vacation at the home of her parents, the Rev. Jeffrey and Lind Van Der Weele and Philip.

Beau Van Loenen who attends Kansas State University, Manhattan, spent Easter vacation with his parents, Rodger and Shirley Van Loenen, Lee and Shaley.

Jill Erickson of Orange City, came to spend Easter with her parents, Keith and Delores Erickson.

John and Sallie Jansonius, Jordan Kreller, Fairie Gaines and Opal Philbrick all of Phillipsburg and Vivian Jansonius of Prairie View, shared Easter dinner at the Pizza Hut in Phillipsburg. Later they visited at the home of Ms. Philbrick.

Burdett and Belva Leydig hosted a carry-in dinner on Easter Sunday at the Prairie View Senior/Community Center in Prairie View. Attending were: Gene, Tammy, Sydney and Collin Tillotson; Mike, Lisa, Courtney and Megan Leydig; Brandon Jacques and Betty Wieck of Kearney; Harley Jerby, Logan; Tom and Lela Morgan; Carla, Dennis and Jacob McClelland, Glade; Brian and Brenda Chance; Alice Chance; Curtis Chance; Gladys Pfoest all of Phillipsburg; Jeff, Diana, Lexi and D.J. Gross of McCook; Gail and Doreen Harbers; Bob and Donna McClelland of Almena; Rhonda and Blake Jacques, Norton; McKenzie Becker, Plainville; and Darline Brown of Prairie View.

Coming later for the Easter egg hunt were Eric, Susan, Malorie, Kyle and Macey Witmer.

## NORCATUR NEWS

### By NORCATUR NEWSLETTER VOLUNTEERS

Goldie Brewer, and LaVerne and Oran Milner visited Betty Reid at Whispering Pines in Norton on Sunday afternoon, April 4.

Visitors of Esther Miller last Saturday were Chad, Aimee, and Eli Applebury, Colby. Beverly Morris, Hoxie; Gary and Annette Miller, Oberlin; and Joel and Carol Miller, Norcat, also visited. All went to the County Line Café for supper. A recent visitor of Esther Miller was Steve Miller, Hays.

There were 21 at Senior Citizens on Friday, April 2. Winners were Esther Miller and Arnold Jackson, Gwynn Ward, and Leona Schoenrad. The next meeting will be on Friday.

Visitors at the Lee Arnold home the week of March 28 were daughter Susan and Frank Bolek, and Sarah, Valparaiso, Ind.

Barbara (Alexander) and Butch Marvin picked up Arnold Jackson at Norton, and played cards with the Senior Citizens on Friday evening, April 2.

On Saturday, April 3, Gerald and Judy Jackson went to Alma, Neb., to visit Barb and Butch Marvin. While there they attended "The Passion", and later played dominoes.

Birthdays and anniversaries: Dennis Shirley - April 10; Gerry Temple - April 12; Frank and Velda Ward - April 14.

Melissa (Miller) DeDonder, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stan Miller, is a member of the America Zoo and Aquarium Association. She was asked to give a presentation at the Regional Zoo Conference recently held in Santa Barbara, Calif. Her mother and sister, Justine, accompanied her to Los Angeles on April 4, to see the sights including the Los Angeles Zoo, Ripley's Believe It or Not, the Hollywood Wax Museum, Walk of Fame and other places in Hollywood and enjoyed other points of interest. They were joined by the girls' aunt, Kathy (Miller) Moyer of Salinas, Calif., for two days, and a great-aunt and great-uncle, Don and Laverne (Thornton) Allmer of Madera,

Calif., for a day.

Participating in the Regional Music Festival in various instrumental and vocal efforts were: Anthony Marshall, Destrý Jackson, Marvin Matchett Jr., Kaitlyn Stapp, Andrea Marshall, Katrina Wentz, Marci Matchett, and Sharee Dempewolf. Those receiving I ratings will go on to State Music Festival in April.

Mark and Carla Ogorsolka, and his mother, Velma, visited Rea and Dee Magers on April 3. Carla is Lorretta Carter's daughter, and reports her mother is doing well.

Anthony Marshall had several pieces of artwork on exhibit at the Northwest Kansas League Art Show held in St. Francis March 31-April 2. Four pieces received first place ratings. Deb Marshall also attended the show.

The Decatur Community High School all-school plays were held Friday and Saturday nights, April 2 and 3. Local students in the cast were: "Ovation", a one-act play, Destrý Jackson and Kaitlyn Stapp; "Noises Off", a 3-act play-within-a-play farce, Andrea and Anthony Marshall. Congratulations, kids, for a job well done.

On Saturday, April 3, Doug, Chris, Sharee and M.J. Dempewolf, Dave, Patty and Kaitlyn Stapp, Kortney Stapp and friend Jarred of Iola, Bob Dempewolf and Rose Riffle, Marian Dempewolf, Amber Dempewolf of Colby, Greg Dempewolf, and other friends and relatives attended a wedding reception for Dave and Linda Schliep in McCook. Dave and Linda were married last month in Las Vegas.

Northwest Kansas League speech competition was held at Decatur Community High School on March 26. Oberlin won, making them back-to-back champions. Anthony Marshall placed as league champion with a humorous solo, and Andrea Marshall received fourth place with an informative solo. State competition will take place on May 1.

Ivah Alexander celebrated her "90-something" birthday on April 4. Cards will reach her at: 108 E. Ash, Oberlin, Kan., 67749.

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