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...and read your Bible daily

WEEKLY SERMONETTE

By Kathy Aeillo, Pastor, Almena, Clayton and Norcatur United Methodist Churches

Sunday is Mother's Day or, some say, a Festival of the Christian Home. Either way, it's a day on which we celebrate our families and, particularly, our mothers.

Thursday of this past week was the National Day of Prayer, another day on which we come together, hopefully. I guess, the two days work well together in my mind because my mother and prayer were always good friends.

My mom prayed in the morning when she woke up, she prayed before meals, she prayed before she went to sleep. She went to church at every given opportunity and there she got down on her knees and prayed. For my mother prayer was talking to God in friendly conversation and it was devotion, and it was adoration and praise, and it was also repentance. My mom was a true prayer warrior. Boy! Do I miss her!

I believe in the power of prayer and I believe God always hears our prayers. We all know the answers to our prayers are not always what we hope or expect but, since God knows better than we do, we accept God's answer — as best we can.

When I first became a Christian, I heard other people praying out loud and thought, "I'll never be able to do that." Now, anyone who knows me knows I rarely have trouble finding words so, of course, I've learned to pray out loud and found that it's not one bit different than praying privately. There are cer-

tainly things I say only to God but what I know now is that talking with God is simply a conversation — we talk, God listens; God talks, we listen. At least that's the way it's supposed to work. Learning to listen for the voice of God may be the most difficult part of praying but it's essential if prayer is going to be a conversation.

You know how you could always hear your mother's voice when you were out playing? Every kid on the block could be outside, and every kid's mom might step out the door at the same time to say dinner was ready, but each kid could tell if his/her

mom's voice was among them. That's because each of us "tunes in" to our parents' voices. We know the tone of their voices and we know the inflection when they say our names so it's easy to recognize when they're calling us.

A few weeks ago, on Easter, we read that Mary Magdalene didn't recognize Jesus while she was sitting outside the empty tomb - didn't recognize Jesus until she heard him say her name. She'd listened to Jesus a lot so she knew his voice. That's the way it is with God too, you know. We have to get used to listening to the voice of God if we're going to recognize it when God calls us to do God's Will. If all we do in prayer is ask for blessings and help, even if we add in thanks and praise, if we don't listen for God to speak to us, how would we ever know Whose voice we were hearing?

My mom knew the voice of God — and God knew her voice too.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!



Thanks Mom

The letting go is unthinkable now. Yet, one day this young boy will become a man with adventure and aspiration on his mind. You, however, are making the difference today. You are teaching your youngster to be courageous, yet cautious...to smile and have dreams for the future. You encourage him with faith and support. You strengthen him with your presence. It has been said "a picture is worth a thousand words." So, it is.

Have you taught your child about his Heavenly Father? In the book, Words of Wisdom, there is a quote by Frank Clark, "The most important thing that parents can teach their children is how to get along without them." One day you and your youngster will be apart, yet you can still make a difference today in a spiritual way as you resolve to worship as a family this week. It will give your child the courage he will need to make a difference in the world. One day he will say, "Thanks Mom."

Have a blessed Mother's Day.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Ezekiel 33:10-20	Ezekiel 34:1-16	Ezekiel 34:17-31	Ezekiel 36:1-15	Ezekiel 36:16-38	Micah 7:8-20	Job 42:1-17

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PRAIRIE VIEW

By VIVIAN JANSONIUS

Laurie Hultgren of Omaha and Cynthia Larson, Jade and Lonnie of Logan, Iowa, came April 8 to visit at the home of their parents, Glen and Linda Hultgren. On Easter Sunday, Richard Hultgren of Phillipsburg joined them as they went to Minden, Neb., for Easter dinner. They also visited at the home of Merle Beahms in Minden.

Tom and Marcia Heersink of Alamosa, Colo., arrived April 9 to spend Easter with her mother, Clazine Engelsman, and other relatives in Phillipsburg and Agra.

Easter dinner guests at the home of Mrs. Engelsman besides the Heersinks were Rod, Shawne and Rachael Engelsman of Norton and Robert and Harriet Young of Long Island. Afternoon guests Michelle Jacob, Seth and Meredith, Bill and Melanie Molzahn, of Agra; and Joey and Jack and Kelli Schemper and Nicholas.

Dana and Ryan Grammon of Blue Hill, Neb., are the parents of a son, Anthony Jacob. He was born April 9 at the Mary Lanning Hospital, Hastings. He weighed 7 pounds 2 ounces and was 20 inches long. Grandparents are Dennis and Cathy DeWitt and Paul and Deb Grammon of Logan. Great-grandparents are Warren and Hazel Sidman of Prairie View; Keith and Velda Grammon of Logan; Dick and Ila DeWitt of Prairie View; Clayton and Chris Kuck of Phillipsburg; and Carol Kuck of Belleville. Baby Anthony also has two great-great-grandmothers.

The Lone Prairie 4-H Club met April 12 at the Prairie View Senior Citizen Community Center for their Annual Parent's Night. Phil and Liz Jansonius and Rodger and Shirley Van Loenene planned the meal. Acting President was Dee Yocum. Cher Greving led the Pledge of Allegiance and Scott Tien let the 4-H Pledge. Roll call was answered by "My Parent's Wedding Colors". Eleven members, six leaders, eight parents and three guests were present. Acting

Secretary, Dian Tien read the March meeting minutes and acting treasurer, Deb Thompson reported the club's account balance. Members were reminded that the Red Wheel pickup will be April 24. The Club voted to participate in greenery sales as a fund raiser. It was also decided to sponsor the Best Quick Bread Prize at the fair.

Any changes in projects, livestock tags and identification papers are due in the Extension Office by May 15.

Shirley Van Loenen introduced the program Sherry Woodside showed how to make a piña colada coconut cake; Cher Greving demonstrated how to direct a choir. Phil Jansonius and Scott Tien gave project talks and Kirk Girard gave a talk on ATV safety. Basketball was played for recreation.

A planning meeting for Vacation Bible School was held April 15 at the Luctor Church. Present were the Rev. Jeffrey Van Der Weele, Arlo Tien, Dian Tien, Cher Greving and Vivian Jansonius. The date and time will be announced later.

EvaLee Hall of Pine, Ariz., came by AmTrak to Dodge City and was met by her father and brother, William D. Jansonius and Cleo. EvaLee came to visit her mother, Grada Jansonius, in the Norton Hospital.

Darrell and Phyllis Delimont of Denver spent the weekend with Stanley and Donna Kats.

Orlin and Wilma Hogan of Long Island visited at the home of Robert and Edna Earle De Boer after church services Sunday.

Burdett Leydig went to Kearney recently to visit and help Gene and Tammy Tillotson, Sydney and Colin and Mike and Lisa Leydig, Courtney and Megan. He remained to help with some work at their homes.

Sunday Belva Leydig and Goldie Barker went to Kearney. Mrs. Leydig visited Burdett and at the home of her family. Mrs. Barker visited at the home of her son, Steve and Suzanne Barker.

NORTON MANOR

By DORIS MIZELL

Donna Severns' piano students were in a recital at the Community Room on April 10.

Doris Mizell's family had their Easter dinner on April 10 at the home of Ray and Ruth Mizell. Those attending were Roberta and Dennis McAllister, Clayton; Connie and Marlin Lillich, Atwood; Patty and Jerry Foster, Jared and Peggy, Jennings; Brian Volgamore, Doris Mizell and Ray's boys Aaron, Stephen, David and Jacob, Norton.

Florence Lambert of Norton and daughter, Doris Garton, of Valley Center called on Rex and Eva Wendel Thursday afternoon.

The Manor dinner was held Thursday in the Community Room. There was a very small turnout. We miss you when you don't come. Those having birthdays this month are: Maxine Brooks, Doris Mizell, Idah Hoover, Clara Shewey, Arthur Wudtke, Mary Lou Archibald.

We want to welcome a new resident. Ken Berry moved here from north of Long Island.

Doris Mizell had dinner with her daughter's family, Patty Foster, on Easter Sunday. Peggy and Jared returned to Manhattan that after-

noon where they attend Kansas State University.

Barbara Stutz came to Velva McClain's Saturday to take her to supper at Barbara's folks. She also spent time with Velva on Sunday before returning to her home in Columbus, Neb.

Doris Mizell has been visiting her daughter and husband, Carolyn and Roger Linsenmeyer, in Beatrice, Neb., for over a week. Sunday they took Mrs. Mizell to Olathe to visit her granddaughter and family, Annette and Doug Jensby and Josh. Another granddaughter and her daughter, Judy Brynds and Julie, Lawrence joined them there. It was good to get everybody together because some hadn't seen each other for six years.

Visitors of Delphia Steinmetz the weekend of April 23 were all her sisters and brothers who came to visit their mother, Viola Roeder, who is at the hospital. She had just moved into the Andbe Home when she broke her leg. The children here were: Margaret Donnelly, Sterling, Colo.; Judy Kimball, Manhattan; Floyd Roeder, Hutchinson; Etta Bergeron, Cartersville, Ga.; and Jerry Roeder, Norton.

PUBLIC NOTICE

County Primary Election Notice

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NOTICE OF PRIMARY ELECTION

A Primary Election will be held August 3, 2004. Candidates for the following offices will be nominated by each political party which has qualified to participate in the Primary Election:

One candidate for United States Senate
One candidate for United States Representative 1st District
One candidate for State Senate 40th District
One candidate for State Representative 120th District
One candidate for District Court Judge, 17th District
One candidate for County Commissioner 2nd & 3rd District.
One candidate for County Clerk
One candidate for County Treasurer
One candidate for County Register of Deeds
One candidate for County Attorney
One candidate for County Sheriff
One candidate for Township Trustee, Almena-Harrison-Center-Highland-Solomon Townships
One candidate for Township Treasurer, Almena-Harrison-Center-Highland-Solomon Townships

The following officers will be elected in each political party which has qualified to participate in the Primary Election:

One Precinct Committeeman in each Precinct
One Precinct Committeewoman in each Precinct

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereto set my hand and cause to be affixed my official seal. Done at the City of Norton this 21st day of April, A.D. 2004.

Robert D. Wyatt, Norton County Election Officer