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WEEKLY SERMONETTE

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

The very end of Matthew's gospel is known as "The Great Commission". Jesus tells his disciples they have received all authority in heaven and on earth and then commands them to go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them and teaching them to obey God's commands.

Sometimes those words weigh heavily on my heart. It's true there are Christians in every part of the globe now and that's a wonderful thing. But it's also true there are folks down the street who don't know Jesus or think going to church is a waste of time.

Take a few minutes and think about a couple of things. First, if you're a Christian, how did you get that way? Did somebody lead you to Christ? Did somebody teach you about God? Second, when was the last time you talked to anyone about your faith? I don't mean your pastor or your spouse or your brother, but someone outside your circle.

If you can't re-

member the answer to the second question, you might need to read Matthew 28:16-20. Just like the Ten Commandments aren't the Ten Suggestions, the Great Commission isn't a job offer. Jesus didn't say, "Go when you get around to it." and he

didn't say, "Go if you feel like it." Jesus said, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations. . . ."

God's gift of grace to us is so abundant; we are so blessed. When we read the paper or watch television, it's so obvious that, in compari-

son to most of the people in this world, even the poor among us have much. All the good things we have are from God and that's the testimony we are to share with everyone - our friends and enemies, our families and strangers, people who look like us and people who don't.

Every one of us have gifts and graces from God and we are supposed to use them for God. Every one of us also has a story to tell about what God means to us and what God has done in our lives. It isn't easy to take that first step, to approach someone and talk about your faith. Prayer will help you be ready and praying for the one you'll approach will help them be ready.

Of course there's one more thing to remember. Jesus also said, "And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." The Holy Spirit will give you words and Jesus will give you courage so together you can reach out in Christian love and fulfill that Great Commission.

I Will Give You Rest

Are you feeling like you're in over your head? In today's society, it is not unusual to feel swept away by too many roles to play and a myriad of duties to perform with no relief or help in sight. Are there any practical solutions out there? Where do we begin to look for answers?

Perhaps our relief and our solutions are not "out there". They are "in here", in our soul, where God's spirit wants to live. In Matthew 11:28, our Heavenly Father reassures us... "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."

"That sounds like what I need so desperately", you say, "but how do I go about receiving this incredible gift?" It's easier than you might imagine. God waits for you in His House. He wants you to come into His presence, to sit and meditate upon His Word. During this time of calming strength, ask God to live within your heart and soul. He is waiting for your invitation. It is that easy. Won't you worship this week?



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Acts 2:1-21	Acts 2:22-47	Acts 3:1-10	Acts 3:11-26	Acts 4:1-22	Acts 5:12-42	Acts 8:4-25

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PRAIRIE VIEW

By VIVIAN JANSONIUS

The Gleaners of the Prairie View Reformed Church met May 5. Darline Brown conducted the meeting and devotions were given by Hazel Jansonius. The lesson was, "What's It Like To Experience God's Glory." Seven members were in attendance. Correspondence from LaVonne Ponstein was shared by everyone. Hostess was Goldie Barker. Others attending were Vivian Jansonius, Julianna Lasniewski, Linda Van Der Weele and Erma Nean Nyland.

Several from the community donated blood on May 3. They were Jerry DeWitt, Rodney Jansonius, Willard Jansonius, Derek Kats, Donna Kats, Harlan Van De Wege.

A planning committee for the alumni banquet recently gathered at the home of Vivian Jansonius to finalize plans for the event. They were John Jansonius, Phyllis Merklein, Bette Tien, Erma Jean Nyland and Gertrude Erickson.

The 44th annual alumni banquet for Prairie View High School will be held at 7 p.m., May 28, in the Prairie View Senior Citizen/Community Center. Honored classes will be 1935, 1945, 1955 and 1965. If you plan to attend call Vivian Jansonius.

Belva and Burdett Leydig attended a birthday party recently for Sydney Tillotson, 12, and Morgan Leydig, 8, at the home of Mike and Lisa Legdig and Courtney in Kearney. Others attending were Gene, Tammy and Colin Tillotson, and Gail and Doreen Harbers of Almena. Others were Raymond and Mildred Tillotson, Franklin. The group was joined by Charlie and Ann Day, Kearney for a Mother's Day dinner at the Leydig home.

Relatives from South Dakota, Iowa and Nebraska visited at the home of Glen and Linda Hultgren over a recent weekend. Richard Hultgren of Phillipsburg was also there.

For Mother's Day, John and Sallie Jansonius, Fairie Gaines and Opal Philbick of Phillipsburg and Vivian Jansonius of Prairie View had dinner together at the cafe in Phillipsburg.

The Lone Prairie 4-H Club met May 11 at the Community Center.

The junior officers presided over the meeting with President Brady calling the meeting to order. Sierra Tien led the flag salute and Charlie Becker led the 4-H Pledge. Roll call was answered by, "Would You Like to go on a Rocket Ride?" There were 15 members, five parents, four leaders and two visitors present.

Gloria gave the leader's report. Four club members plan to attend 4-H camp with the club paying \$20 of their fees. It was decided to sell greenery again this year. Gloria will send in the pre-booking agreement.

After the meeting was adjourned, acting vice-president Jordan turned the meeting over to his dad, Kirk, who is the rocket leader. He explained what was needed to build a rocket. The group began working on their rockets. A rocket launching is planned for a later date.

Some members of the club also prepared the ground by the basketball court for planting.

Vivian Jansonius, member of the Prairie View Reformed Church, went to Logan May 11 to attend the salad luncheon.

Guests at the Jerry DeWitt home on Mother's Day were Dick and Ila DeWitt, Roger and Roxie DeWitt, Dennis DeWitt, Gerald and June Van Loenen, Justin, Michelle, Austin and Adam Tien, Jared DeWitt and Kassy of Prairie View; Crystal DeWitt and Adam Hawley of Hays; Karen and Jerald Huiting of Kensington; Darrin, Trudi, Darian, and Tierney DeWitt of Syracuse; Glenn, Kristen, Sydney and Foster Brands of Almena. They also helped Darrin celebrate his 30th birthday and showered Trudi with baby gifts.

On the 14th, Gloria DeWitt traveled to Syracuse to attend the baby shower for Trudi DeWitt. Granddaughter, Darian, accompanied her to Las Animas, Colo., later in the day to the ranch home of Max, Vanessa and Alison Wilson. They returned to Syracuse the following day for Darian's dance recital. Gloria returned home Sunday.

Members of the Prairie Homemaker's Family and Community Education Unit plan to meet Monday for supper at the Long Island Center.

NEW ALMELO

By BETTY OTTER

Family visiting at the home of Marion and Lorraine Long on the first weekend in May was Irene Schieferecke, McPherson; on Thursday of that week another daughter, Rita Barker, Hays; and on Mother's Day weekend, Gerry and Mark Baalmann, Grinnell; and Leonard and Joan Long, Zach and Alaina of Logan visited.

Jeremy and Missy Rumback, Lenora, welcomed a daughter on May 5 at St. Anthony's Hospital, Hays. Jaelyn Marie weighed 6 pounds 13 ounces. She has a sister, Nicole, age five. Her grandparents are Ron and Paula Rumback, Oakley; Russ and Marcia Aumiller, and the late William Vahling, New Almelo.

Family visiting the Alfred and Betty Otter home Mother's Day weekend were Tom Otter, DeSoto; Will and Tina Ritter, Allyson and Carson, Olathe. The Ritters visited

Vince and Mary Ritter, Will's parents, Leoville on Saturday and helped Will's grandmother, Anna Reinert, Sequin, celebrate her 101st birthday on Saturday.

The New Almelo Council of Catholic Women hosted the Salina Diocesan Council of Catholic Women — West Central Vacarite meeting in New Almelo on Tuesday, May 10. Lunch was served after Mass.

During the program, Sr. Christella Buser spoke about "The Joy of Laughing". She is a past president of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Concordia. She founded the L'Arche Heartland Community in Overland Park. She has been a music teacher and retreat director. For the past 21 years she has lived and shared life with developmentally disabled persons in Canada and the United States. She is the author of, *Flowers From the Ark*, and lives in Concordia.

NORTON MANOR

By DORIS MIZELL

Mother's Day guests last weekend at Delpha Steinmetz were Diana and Sam Steinmetz, Oberlin; Diane Solko and Randy Roberts, Norton. Phone calls were received from Rod and Patty Steinmetz, Two Buttes, Colo.; Amanda Grafel, Oberlin; and Carrie Steinmetz, Nashville, Tenn. On Sunday evening Bill Steinmetz and Paula Steinmetz took supper in for her.

Doris Mizell attended the fifth and sixth grade band concert Thursday evening. Diedre Kramer spent Friday night with Grandma Rena Garwood so she could participate in the track meet Saturday. She received three winning medals.

Clara Shewey attended the graduation of her granddaughter, Cheri Anderson, at Fort Hays State University on May 14. She received a bachelor of Science Degree in Psychology. Her parents are Brian and Karen Anderson of

Prairie View. Clara also had a granddaughter graduating at Colby Community the same day. Sara L. Lentz received her nursing pin and also graduated from the college. Her husband is Shane Lentz and they live at Arapahoe, Neb.

Saturday Doris Mizell and Roberta McAllister, Clayton, accompanied Ray and Ruth Mizell, David and Jacob to Salina to attend the graveside service of Doris' sister, Irma Kellogg Wallace. Other family members attending were Doyle and Arlene Foss, Edmond, another sister, Patty and Jerry Foster, Jennings; Connie and Marlin Lillich, Atwood. Peggy Foster, Manhattan and Aaron Mizell and Priscilla VanDerWeele, Salina came too. We enjoyed meeting cousins we hadn't seen for some time.

Brock and Jennifer Miller, Emily and baby Erick of Texas visited great-grandmother Ethel Miller Monday afternoon.