

Norcatour News

By the Norcatour News Committee

Senior Citizens met Jan. 30 in the Educational Building with a covered dish dinner at noon and cards following the dinner.

There were 11 card players present. Winners were Eleanor Jensen, Dorothy Ward and Beth Johnson.

Happy Birthday to Patty Stapp, Karen Bailey, Feb. 6; Brad Long, Feb. 7; Eric Milnes, Meagan Rhodes, Feb. 8; Cathy Anthony, Feb. 9.

Happy Anniversary to Von and Joy Johnson, Feb. 6, and Don and Joy Hill, Feb. 8.

Dorothy Ward accompanied Bee Nelson to Norton, Sunday after church, to eat Chinese food.

Results of the pool tournament on Jan. 28 at the Cardinal Bar and Grill

were Stan Miller, first place; Larry Lively, second.

Bee Nelson took Oran and LaVerne Milner to Oberlin on Jan. 31, to visit Marguerite Clark at the Good Samaritan Center. They also had a nice visit with R.D. Thornton.

Amanda Marshall, daughter of Troy and Debra Marshall, was nominated for student of the week at Decatur Community High School.

Cathy Claussen visited Mr. and Mrs. Chris Claussen and Annika at Olathe, from Thursday to Monday. Beth Johnson spent the weekend in Lenexa with the David Johnsons.

Additional guests Saturday were Mrs. Roger Daniels and Jacob of Erie. Dennis Molzahn of Independ-

dence, Mo., called on Sunday.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Phyllis E. (Betts) Lohofener, 83, who was born in Norcatour. She died Jan. 29.

Sympathy is also extended to the family of Dora Lee Michel, 79, a former resident of Norcatour, who died Jan. 25.

The city elections will be held in April. If you are interested in serving on the council or as mayor, it's not too late.

You can still run as a write-in candidate. We have two council positions up and the mayor's position.

Now is your chance to serve your community!

Appreciation dinner Friday

Chamber News

By Tina Watson

Congratulations to Steve Stacy, winner of the Oberlin Business Association Super Bowl Drawing!

Thanks again to all the participating businesses that donated prizes for the drawing.

We are gearing up for the Farmer-Rancher Appreciation Dinner on Friday.

It is a great way to let all of our farmer and rancher friends know that we appreciate them.

Everyone is welcome to come join us for an evening of good food,

great entertainment, fun and prizes. in Oberlin. It will be at 7 p.m. at The Gateway We will see you there!

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Herndon News

By Julie Hafner

The Immanuel United Church of Christ will hold its annual pancake meal on Sunday, March 1, at the Herndon Senior Center, serving from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. All are welcome. They do a great job with this yearly function.

Robert and Julie Hafner traveled to Lincoln, Neb., with Jason Hafner and Raquel Frerichs, Lexington, Neb., on Thursday. Jason had his appointment with the cardiologist, Dr. Ameeta Martin at the Medical Center. They stopped at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney to let the Jonita Sattler Green family know that relatives' thoughts and prayers are with them. Jason, Julie and Bob visited Mrs. Velma McCammon Friday morning at the Plum Creek Care Center in Lexington.

Asurprise party was held for Voni Sattler at Roger's Bar and Grill in Herndon, on Saturday evening. Those attending were her children and grandchildren Danny, Roma, Levi, Desi, Ben and Mikey Sattler, Wellington, Colo.; Danielle Daher, Fort Collins, Colo.; Melodie, Madison and Jamison Sattler, Aurora, Colo.; Patti, Breanna and Nicolas Park and Alex Johnson, Hays; Zach Williams, Ludell; Kathy, Sami, Joey and Braden Leitner, Atwood; and Brad, Deanna, Chelsey, Brandi and Kassi Williams, Herndon.

Danny, Roma and Levi Sattler, Danielle Daher, and Patti Park and family returned home Sunday while the remaining Sattler families gathered at the Brad Williams farm home, enjoying dinner to finish out the celebration.

Don and Joan Grafel traveled to Utica, and were weekend guests of Kurt and Kris Grafel. They attended the basketball games of Kortney and Kayla at Healy High School. It was basketball homecoming Friday evening and Kayla was one of the candidates and was selected homecoming queen.

Local junior high wrestlers, Jake

Williams and Bob Reuther, spent Friday night with teammate, John Solko and met their team at Midway early Saturday morning to participate in the Norton Junior High Invitational Wrestling Meet. All the grapplers did well. John placed first in his weight class by pinning all three opponents.

Edie Pettera and Julie Hafner chatted with Chris Dean while eating out this week in Oberlin. Janice Sattler, Atwood, was a recent visitor of her Aunt Edie also this past week at Cedar Living Center. Also visiting Joan Noble at Cedar Living Center were Esther Pennington, Alan Solko, and Julie and Bob Hafner.

Father Dan Scheetz met with Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion at St. Mary's following mass on Sunday. Proper guidelines and instructions to be followed were discussed. Sacred Heart and St. John ministers will also meet with Father Dan.

St. Mary's Catholic Youth Organization is having a Schwan's Truckload fundraiser. Contact Deb Pertsch, 322-5212 or any member on purchasing any items before Feb. 15. Delivery will be Sunday, Feb. 22 at St. Mary's from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Forms can be picked up or returned to Deb Pertsch or Lexi Basgall.

Happy Valentine's Day to all!
Julie's Memory Jogger's Herndon Nonpareil Feb. 13, 1919

Mrs. Baylor, the aged mother of Mrs. W. R. Scott, met with a very painful and serious accident Wednesday. In some way, she swallowed her false teeth and lodging in her throat was choking her to death rapidly. The prompt service of Dr. Graves and Dr. Nichols in removing the obstruction saved the old lady's life.

Max Kaden, who has had a long and tedious tussle with the gripe and for several days took the count. He is now able to come down town a

short time each day, but his faithful wife, who watched over him and kept the demon from taking unfair advantage of Max, is now suffering from a severe case of this winter ailment.

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Looking for a Sign?

By Rev. Kevin Schnakenberg, Interim Pastor, St. John's Lutheran Church, Oberlin

I read the story of a Presbyterian pastor, the Rev. Rick Lemburg of First Presbyterian Church in Casa Grande, Ariz., who tells how his family became Presbyterian. It's a very intriguing little tale, so much so, that he describes himself as "a Presbyterian by earthquake." Hmmm ... has it sparked your interest?

He explains his grandmother, a Baptist, moved the family from its residence in Iowa to California many years ago. Upon arrival at their new location, a Presbyterian pastor came to visit with the recent additions to their town. He graciously invited them to join the congregation. His grandmother staunchly balked at the idea, "I'm a Baptist," she said, "and it will take an act of God to get me to change!" Well, as they were visiting, what should happen? An earthquake! Not being a native Californian, she wasn't exactly sure what was taking place, but when the tremor stopped, she told the pastor, "I'll join!"

When we face major decisions, or are faced with trying times, occasionally we don't have the slightest inkling which way to turn. We hope God will give us some kind of unmistakable sign, something that shows us, beyond a shadow of a doubt, which direction to go. Much like the grandmother in the story above, she wasn't going to do anything unless she received some kind of clear sign in her mind from God!

Or how about when doubts squarely confront us? Do we wish for a sign, or even demand a sign, so that our doubts are chased away?

The Apostle Thomas is well known for his doubting after being told by the others Jesus had risen from the dead. Thomas demanded a sign, didn't he? He desired Jesus Himself to show up personally so he could see and touch Jesus' wounds. Otherwise, he refused to believe!

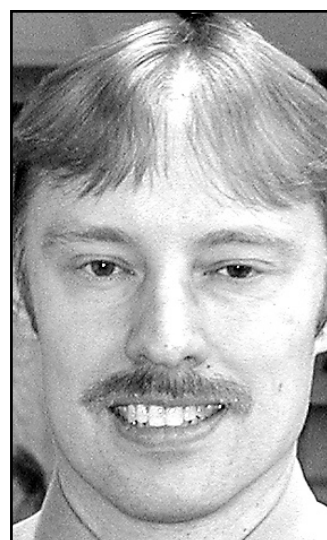
Jesus did appear to "doubting" Thomas and he believed because he saw. But what did Jesus tell His followers after Thomas' doubts vanished? "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

(John 20:29) Jesus is saying faith will not be given through earthquakes, signs in the sky, or other occurrences, or even by His appearing to people; although, there was one notable exception, the Apostle Paul on the road to Damascus. Faith comes through His Word and Sacraments.

What great news this is for us. We, who have not seen, receive the gift of faith without sight through the Sacraments and Scripture. But even with these precious faith-bearing gifts, doubts, unfortunately, can rise in our hearts and minds. Doubts such as: that one sin I committed is so bad, how can God ever forgive me; or, I've committed that sin so many times, how can God keep forgiving me; or, things are going so badly for me, does God really love me, is He still present in my life? These are but a few of the many typical doubts that plague us.

But even as faith comes through the Word of God and the Sacraments, God has left behind a sign we hear of in His Word that shows us we need not doubt, that shows His love for us. When doubts of any kind arise, look to the sign that dismisses all doubts — the cross! God, in His Word, assures us that Jesus' sacrifice on the cross is sufficient for all sin, "... the blood of Jesus, His Son, purifies us from all sin." (1 John 1:7, emphasis added) No matter what we've done, or how often, Christ's shedding of His blood on the cross washes away all transgressions. No other sign better exhibits the love God outpours to us than the cross! And if God loves us that much, to give His own Son upon that horrible instrument of death, won't He stay with us and see us through to the end? Jesus states this is the case as He ascends into heaven, "... I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (Matthew 28:20)

God's blessings to you as you trust in the blessings of the cross, that great and wonderful sign of God's love, grace, and mercy to you in Jesus Christ — beyond a shadow of a doubt!



Schedule of Oberlin and area church services:

OBERLIN SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH
785-475-3103
Fr. Henry Saw Lone, MASS: 10:30 a.m., Sunday

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC, LEVILLIE
Fr. Henry Saw Lone
MASS: 8 a.m., Sunday.

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC, SELDEN
Fr. Henry Saw Lone
MASS: 5:30 p.m., Saturday

OBERLIN SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
Mike Larson
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: 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.

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 Rev. Galen Long
Phone 785-322-5560
MASS: SUNDAY, 8 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.

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

LYLE UNITED METHODIST
Guest Speakers every Sunday
SUNDAY: Morning Worship 8 a.m.

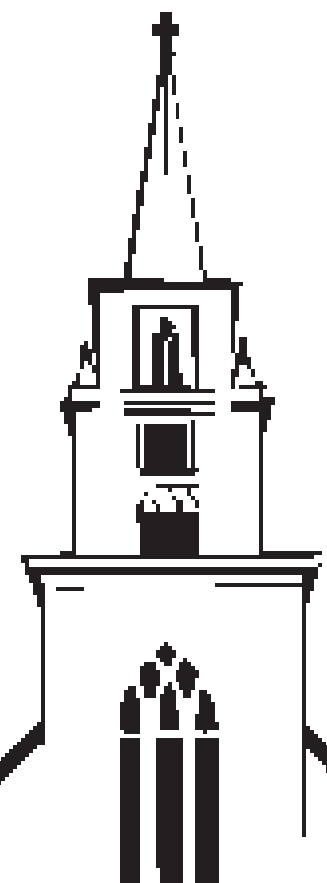
EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH OF OBERLIN
Pastor Tom Smith
Interim Pastor
810 West Cedar, Oberlin
Office Phone 785-475-2769
SUNDAY: Worship Service, 9:30 a.m.; Fellowship Time, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday School, 11 a.m. WEDNESDAY: Bible Study, 7 p.m.

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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Pastor John Paulson
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Selden News

By Jacque Boultinghouse

Birthdays and Anniversaries - Feb. 13 - Joe Trembley, Sherry Carman, Harold Sulzman, Thayne Spresser, Olga Vargas, Robert Ritter, Carol Lobato. Feb. 14 - Bernie Ritter, Shirley Niermeier, Angel Lobato, Dorothy Stacey, Holly Schrock, Nick Stacey, Tressie Rogers, Alan Spresser, Dan and Miriam Shaw, Marge Miller, Daryl Juenemann, Steve and Leah Sewell. Feb. 15 - Dave Wachendorfer, Mikayla Lobato. Feb. 17 - Samantha Juenemann, Don and Helen Juenemann. Feb. 18 - Joe Kennedy, Renee Wilson. Feb. 19 - Myrtle Shaw, Anogene Rogers.

School Calendar - Feb. 13 - High School Basketball at Weskan. Feb. 14 - State Scholars Bowl, High School Sweetheart Dance. Feb. 16 - Junior High Basketball (Freedom League) Tournament at Sharon Springs. School Board meeting at 7

p.m. Feb. 17 - High School Basketball in Rexford with Oberlin. Feb. 18 - 8:30 a.m. Spring pictures (start in Selden).

Feb. 19-20 - Junior High Basketball (Freedom League) Tournament at Sharon Springs.

On Thursday at Senior Citizens, Jeanie Spresser won high, Paulie Neff took second, Anna Albers got low and had the most Queens. Other members present were Betty James, Janice Kruse, Lola Cook, Royce Cook, Alfred Albers, Edna Schiltz, Lois Neff, Bernita Aumiller, Carol Shaw and Helen Karls.

On Saturday, Feb. 21, the public is invited to attend a reception from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Parish Hall honoring Dr. Michele Goscha on her accomplishments of acquiring her Doctor of Chiropractic Degree and purchasing a Practice in Smith Center.

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