

Worship With Us

THIS SUNDAY

**The Almena Bible Church**  
Sunday - 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship

**Clayton United Methodist Church**  
**Pastor Gordon Pettibone**  
Sunday - 9:15 a.m. Worship Service

**Jennings United Methodist Church**  
**Pastor Gordon Pettibone**  
Sunday - 8:00 a.m. Sunday Worship; 9:00 a.m. Church School

**Lenora Church of God**  
**Guest Minister/785-567-4459**  
Sunday - 10:30 a.m. Church Services

**United Parish of Lenora**  
**140 E. Iowa, 785-567-4420**  
Sunday - 9:30 a.m. Rolls and Coffee; 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

**Long Island Community Church**  
**Pastor Ted Stapleton**  
**554 Washington, 620-770-6279**  
Sunday - 10:45 a.m. Fellowship Coffee  
11:00 a.m. Sunday Worship/Communion  
Children’s Sunday School during Worship Service  
Women’s Prayer and Share first Wednesday of each month at 1:30 p.m.  
Communion held every Sunday, Everyone Welcome

**Norcatur Community Church**  
Sunday - 10:00 a.m. Worship Service

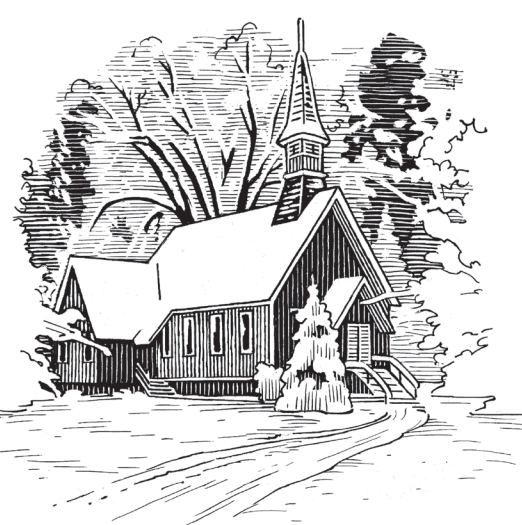
**St. Joseph Catholic Church, New Almelo**  
**stjosephcc@ruraltel.net**  
**Rev. Joshua Werth, Pastor**  
**Phone 785-567-4875**  
Sunday - 8:00 a.m. Mass  
Tuesday - 12:05 p.m. Mass

**Prairie View Reformed Church**  
**Pastor Lew VanDerWege**  
**410 Holland, Prairie View**  
**Phone 785-973-2794**  
Sunday - 9:00 a.m. Service Begins and Sunday School is at 10:30 a.m.  
Wednesday - 6:30 p.m. Bible Class

**Luctor Christian Reformed Church**  
**2 miles east and 3 miles north of Prairie View**  
**Pastor Shawn Richardson**  
Sunday - 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship  
7:00 p.m. Evening Service

**Cornerstone Church**  
**Pastor Damen Andrew**  
**313 West Lincoln Street**  
**Phone 785-877-2416**  
Sunday - 9:00 a.m. Sunday School; 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship  
Wednesday - 6:30 p.m. Bible Study

Friday - 10:00 a.m. Prayer Warriors  
**Crossroads Messages**  
**Preacher/Teacher**  
**Terry Laughlin**  
**603 Sunset Dr., Norton, KS 67654**  
**Phone (785) 877-7279**  
**e-mail -crossroads@ruraltel.net**  
**www.standatthecrossroads.com**



**First Church of God**  
**Pastor Chris Murphy**  
**christopherjmurphy1@gmail.com**  
**Phone 785-202-1119**  
**1010 Churchill Dr./877-2181**  
**cog@ruraltel.net**  
**www.firstchurchofgodks.com**  
Wednesday - 10:00 a.m., Adult Bible Study  
Sunday - 9:00 a.m. Morning Worship; 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship; 10:30 a.m. Orange Kids  
Monday - 10:00 a.m. Women’s Bible Study  
Tuesday, 7:00 p.m., Men’s Small Group; 7:00 p.m., Ladies Small Group

**First United Methodist Methodist Church,**  
**Reverend Darlene Sheffer**  
**Phone 785-874-8811**  
**805 W. Wilberforce, Norton**  
**Church Email:**  
**nfumc@ruraltel.net**  
**Church Office Phone**  
**785-877-2196**

Wednesday, July 2 - 4:00-6:00 p.m., Christmas in July Bake Sale, Fellowship Hall  
Sunday - 9:15 a.m. Adult Sunday School in Parlor; 10:30 a.m. Worship Service, Youth Sunday School  
Monday, July 7 - 12:15-12:45 p.m., Kid’s Cafe.

**Immanuel Lutheran Church**  
**14715 W. Washington Road**  
**Phone 785-877-2430**  
**Pastor Matthew Goehring**  
Sunday - 9:00 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Study; 10:30 a.m. Worship Service; After School Midweek Program for Grades K-6; Wednesdays at 3:45 p.m.; Bible Studies on Sundays at both 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.  
Our free after-school midweek program for elementary age kids is held on Wednesdays. Snacks, Bible stories, and fun. New students are welcome anytime! Contact the Church to

Register  
**Living Hope Fellowship**  
**One mile south of Norton at corner of PDRA Road**  
**Pastor Jerry Cummings**  
**Phone 785-877-2426**  
Sunday - 10 a.m. Worship and Praise Service

**Norton Christian Church**  
**Nate Hagen, Minister**  
**Garret Rolland, Connections and Family Coordinator**  
**HYPERLINK**  
**“http://www.nortoncc.com”**  
**www.nortoncc.com**  
**208 N. Kansas, 877-2871**  
Tuesday - 6:00 p.m., CR Step Study  
Wednesday - 6:30 a.m. Prayer Meeting  
Thursday - 7:00 p.m., Celebrate Recovery  
Sunday - 8:30 a.m., First Worship; 9:45 a.m. Sunday School; 10:45 a.m., Second Service  
Monday - 6:00 p.m., Prayer Hour

**Norton Ministerial Alliance**  
Andbe Home Services, 2 p.m.

**St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church**  
**Rev. Joshua Werth, Pastor**  
**Phone 785-877-2234**  
**stfranci@ruraltel.net**  
**website:**  
**http://stfrancisassisi.org**  
**108 S. Wabash, Norton**  
Saturday Mass, 5:30 p.m.  
Sunday Mass, 10:30 a.m.  
Monday, No Mass  
Tuesday Mass, 12:05 p.m. at New Almelo  
Wednesday Mass, 12:05 p.m.  
Thursday, No Mass  
Friday Mass, 12:05 p.m.

**Trinity Episcopal Church**  
**Corner State and Waverly, Norton**  
**Senior Warden, Georgia Briery**  
**102 E. Waverly, Norton**  
Sunday - 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
3:00-4:00 p.m. God’s Pantry

**Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran (WELS)**  
**805 West Holme Street**  
**West Hwy. 36, Norton**  
**Pastor Brian Weinkauff**  
3:00 p.m. Sunday Worship Service  
Bible Study and Fellowship Following  
Third Sunday of each month at 10:30 a.m. is Video Services

**Maple Grove Church Of the Brethren**  
**9 miles west 4 1/2 miles north of Norton/Guest Minister**  
Sunday - 11:00 a.m. Worship Service

**The Rock**  
Friday - 7:00-10:00 p.m. Seventh, Eighth, and Ninth Graders  
First Sunday Night of the Month Quarry, 6:30 p.m. Junior and Senior High Worship Event

Sermonette

By Pastor Matthew Goehring  
Immanuel Lutheran Church

The greatest desire you have in your heart is to believe that you are good. More than your desire to eat, more than your desire to feel comfortable, more than your desire to live, your greatest desire is to believe that you deserve to exist.

The problem comes when you realize that you are not good. We’ve all felt it – it’s what we call shame. Shame is the feeling that there’s something wrong with you, that you’re guilty of something, that you haven’t been good. You’re ashamed of those hurtful words you can’t take back. You’re ashamed when you waste time on yourself instead of spending it with your family. You’re ashamed when your thoughts wander away from your spouse onto someone else.

Our first parents, Adam and Eve, felt it first. They had a direct command from God not to eat the fruit, and they ate it. And after that, they knew that they were no longer good. They looked down and saw their nakedness. They were ashamed of what they did.

And they made a big mistake: they thought their shame was the problem. They thought that if they could just cover up their nakedness with fig leaves and hide from God and pretend that nothing happened, everything would be ok.

Our world teaches us to make the same mistake: to try and rid ourselves of shame, instead of the sin underlying the shame. “If it’s truly who you are, if it’s truly what you want to do, then you’re good – what you did is nothing to be ashamed of.” And so there are people who walk around naked in public. They’ve suppressed

their sense of shame and seared their conscience.

But shame isn’t the problem. Shame drives you to admit the underlying problem: that you are not good. Shame is actually a good thing, because it keeps you from pretending that what you’re doing isn’t shameful. It keeps you from walking around naked both physically and spiritually. And so shame is actually a good thing, because it drives us to the only one who can remove the sin that causes it.

The Bible says that when Jesus died on the cross, he “disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him” [Colossians 2:15].

Jesus has shamed the devil, and therefore has made you free. Through the cross, Jesus covered your shame and nakedness with his robe of righteousness. He’s freed you from every feeling of shame.

Now, you’re free to admit your sin. You don’t need to make excuses and rationalizations and self-justifications. God strips you of all of those fig leaves so you can see that your righteousness comes from Jesus, not from yourself. You are free to confess that what you did was evil, because you know that Jesus has made you good.

And so no matter what you’ve done, you don’t need to live in shame forever, because God has paid for it. You should never shame someone for sins that have been confessed and forgiven. As the Bible says, “whoever believes in Jesus will not be put to shame” [1 Peter 2:6].

# 150th Anniversary

## July 12-13 2025

**“I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth.”**  
**3 John 1:4**

Public Notices

# •PUBLIC NOTICE•

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**CITY OF ALMENA, KANSAS**  
**NOTICE OF HEARING**  
**ON NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION PLAN**  
The City Council of Almena, Kansas will consider the adoption of a Neighborhood Revitalization Plan pursuant to K.S.A. 12-17,114 et. seq. at a public hearing on July 7, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Building, 415 Main Street, Almena, Kansas.

The proposed Neighborhood Revitalization Plan and a description of the proposed Neighborhood Revitalization area are available for inspection during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 pm in the office of the City Clerk, Almena, Kansas.

At the conclusion of the hearing, the City Council will consider findings necessary for the adoption of the proposed Neighborhood Revitalization Plan and the establishment of the proposed Neighborhood Revitalization Area, all as provided for in K.S.A. 12-17,114 et. seq.  
Catherine Rivera, City Clerk  
City of Almena, Kansas

# •PUBLIC NOTICE•

## CITY OF NORTON ORDINANCE NO. 1776

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On June 18th 2025, the City of Norton, Kansas adopted Ordinance No. 1776, an Ordinance Approving adopting a neighborhood revitalization plan for the City of Norton, Kansas and all provisions, terms and conditions thereof, and authorizing the execution of certain agreement for interlocal cooperation with Norton County, Kansas and all participating public agencies for the purpose of providing program for neighborhood revitalization. A copy of the Ordinance may be obtained or viewed, free of charge, at the office of the City Clerk, 301 East Washington, Norton, Kansas 67654. A reproduction of the Ordinance is available for viewing at https://www.cityofnorton.com/DocumentCenter/View/869/Ordinance-1776-Neighborhood-Revitalization-Plan. This summary is certified by Abigail R. Horn, City Attorney

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<b>Whitney Construction and Farms</b> •Terracing •Dozer Work •Ponds 9499 Rd E3 - Norton - Phone 785-877-3745	<b>Engel’s Sales and Service</b> Complete Auto Repair Small Engines and Lawn Care Equipment •Toro •Lawnboy• Stihl Chain Saws 209 W. Lincoln - Norton - Phone 877-3391
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<b>Town and Country Kitchen</b> Daily Lunch Buffet and Evening Specials Party and Banquet Facilities Available Open 6:00 a.m.-8:30 p.m. BJ and Candice – Owners East Hwy 36 - 785-877-3511 - Norton, KS	<b>Pizza Hut</b> Come Join Us! Pizza, Pasta, Salads and Desserts W. Hwy. 36 - Norton, Kansas Phone 877-3359
<b>Norton Animal Health Center</b> Complete Large and Small Animal Service 801 W. Holme - Norton - Phone 877-2411 Aaron R. White, DVM Sarah Ketterl White, DVM Monday thru Friday: 8-5; Saturday: 9-11 a.m.	<b>Moffet Drug Store</b> “Prescription Specialists” Hallmark Cards and Russell Stover Candies 102 S. State - Norton, Kansas Phone 785-877-2721

**LODGE NOTICES**

**American Legion Auxiliary Unit No. 63****Harmonson Redd**  
Third Monday 7:00 p.m.  
Sarah Durham, President  
Wanda Braun, Treasurer

**American Legion Harmonson Redd Post No. 63**  
Second Monday 7:30 p.m.  
Steve Herredsberg, Commander  
Bruce Anderson, Adjutant

**Eagles Aerie 3288**  
First and Third Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.  
Jeremy Harding, President  
Patrick Cahill, Secretary

**Veterans of Foreign Wars**  
Post #9043 VFW  
Contact Ted Sanko

**Eagles Auxiliary 3288**  
Second and Fourth Wednesday Each Month at 6:30 p.m.  
Lee Ann Shearer, President  
Stacy Cahill, Secretary

**The American Legion Riders Post 63**  
Meet at 5:00 p.m. on the Second Sunday of Every Month  
website: www.alr63.org

**Sons of American Legion Post 63**  
Meet at 4:00 p.m. on the Second Sunday of Every Month  
Jimmy Railsback, Commander