

REIDSVILLE CHURCH

Due to the frigid weather conditions there was no church service at the Reamsville Church Sunday. Church members, Brent Garretson, a Smith Center citizen, attended the Methodist Church. Jim and Donna Garretson attended the Smith Center Nazarene Church. The three Garretsons met at the Pizza Hut for dinner together after the

church services.

The Holiday season is not over yet! Colene and Terry Kirkendall's son, Troy, and daughter, Caitlyn Kirkendall arrived last Thursday to celebrate Christmas. They returned to their Gentry, Arkansas home Monday morning. Joe Kirkendall joined the family for supper and visiting Sunday evening.

Starr Jacobs is spending her knee surgery recovery period 'working'--catching up on her grandchildren's scrapbooks. She reports that she has two more to finish. Great job, the grandchildren will really appreciate them and the memories that they will bring!

No school for the students, but teacher, Monica Wagner, has Inservice

today, Monday.

It was a cold Saturday evening, and it was Bret Tuxhorn's turn to cook. They had supper at Petes in Smith Center!

Bart and Cindy Wagner were in Cawker City Thursday afternoon to watch granddaughter, Keiran Shulda play ball. Saturday morning, they traveled to Mankato to watch Emelyn

and Kannon Shulda play basketball.

Coleen and Terry Kirkendall will be busy next Sunday as they help their Smith Center Christian Church with the Ministerial Association benefit soup and pie dinner. They will start serving at 11:00/11:30. (not too sure about the start time!)

Kaley Wagner returned

to Manhattan Sunday to start the second semester at Kansas State University. She has been spending her 'at home' time working at the Alma Vet clinic.

I think that my phone is out of commission...no scam phone calls for two days!! The highest number for one day was thirty!

Submitted by
Norma Garretson

DISPATCH CURCH

Welcome to the Weekly Summary of our church service and events.

Lynn Koops presented a Children's Message this week. She talked to the kids about the difference between a Rolex and a Knock-off. She tied this in with how Jesus is the "one and only Son" and he is of high value. He paid a high cost, and he is the real thing. If we put our faith in a knock-off, it might satisfy us for a little while, but we will be disappointed. It might be okay to get a knock-off in a watch, but not in our salvation!

Weekly Scriptures: Psalm 34:1-3; 2 Corinthians 13:14; Psalm 51:1-7;

Proverbs 3:5-6; John 3:1-21; Matthew 28:18-20

Pastor Will continues to delve deeper into our Mission statement of Believe, Glorify, Disciple. Using the Apostle's Creed, this week we continue to look at "Believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord."

In this week's scripture, Nicodemus recognizes Jesus' authority but does not acknowledge him as LORD. As we see Nicodemus struggle with his belief, that he has been misguided into believing that if he obeys the law and the laws that were made to protect the law, he will be saved.

Yet, Jesus tells him, in v

3, "I tell you; no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again."

This brings us to our problem: we do NOT believe in Jesus Christ as our LORD. Just like Nicodemus, we can acknowledge He is a great teacher, He comes from God, we can even believe He is God's only Son; but we struggle with Authority. People have struggled with authority going all the way back to Genesis. We don't like the idea of anyone having complete control over us.

To be born again gives the strong image of surrender, something that is done to us that we have no control over. There is no baby

on earth that can choose "Now I want to be born." "I want my birth to go fast/slow." "My birth will be easy, with no complications."

The thought that a baby could control how they were born is ridiculous. And so is the idea that we can control our salvation. We surrender all when we answer God's call to come to Him.

Our belief in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our LORD gives Him all the authority. It impacts & touches every part of our life; shows us who we are as members of His kingdom; forms how we move and act in this world - not

as rulers of our own world but as members of His kingdom; reveals that Jesus is the LORD of our lives, yielding to Him which is better than what we have allowed ourselves to be captivated by; and frees us from the lies we have allowed ourselves to believe.

Is Jesus your LORD?
Weekly Songs:
"Jesus, All for Jesus"
"There is a Redeemer"
"Not What My Hands Have Done"
"In Christ Alone"
"Open Our Eyes, Lord"
"He is Lord"
"My Friends, May You Grow in Grace"
January Ushers: Bob Koops & Ellie Herredsberg

Next Week: Greeters west - Russell & Linda Groenendyk east - Bob & Lynn Koops; Nursery - Jessa Herredsberg; Coffee - Roy DeBey; Children's Message - George Eakin (Feb 2)

Celebrations: Happy Birthday to Jonny Schlatter, Melanie Schlatter, Mike Nyhoff, and Liam Christians this week!

Services can be viewed on Facebook or our website dispatchcerc.org.

Submitted by
Melanie Schlatter

HOME ON THE RANGE

Home on the Range Unit met Wednesday, the 15th of January, at the Athol Coop conf. room.

There were six members present.

Linda Rice was hostess. She served a delicious dessert of Jello and a topping of cool whip and cream cheese and crushed pretzels crust.

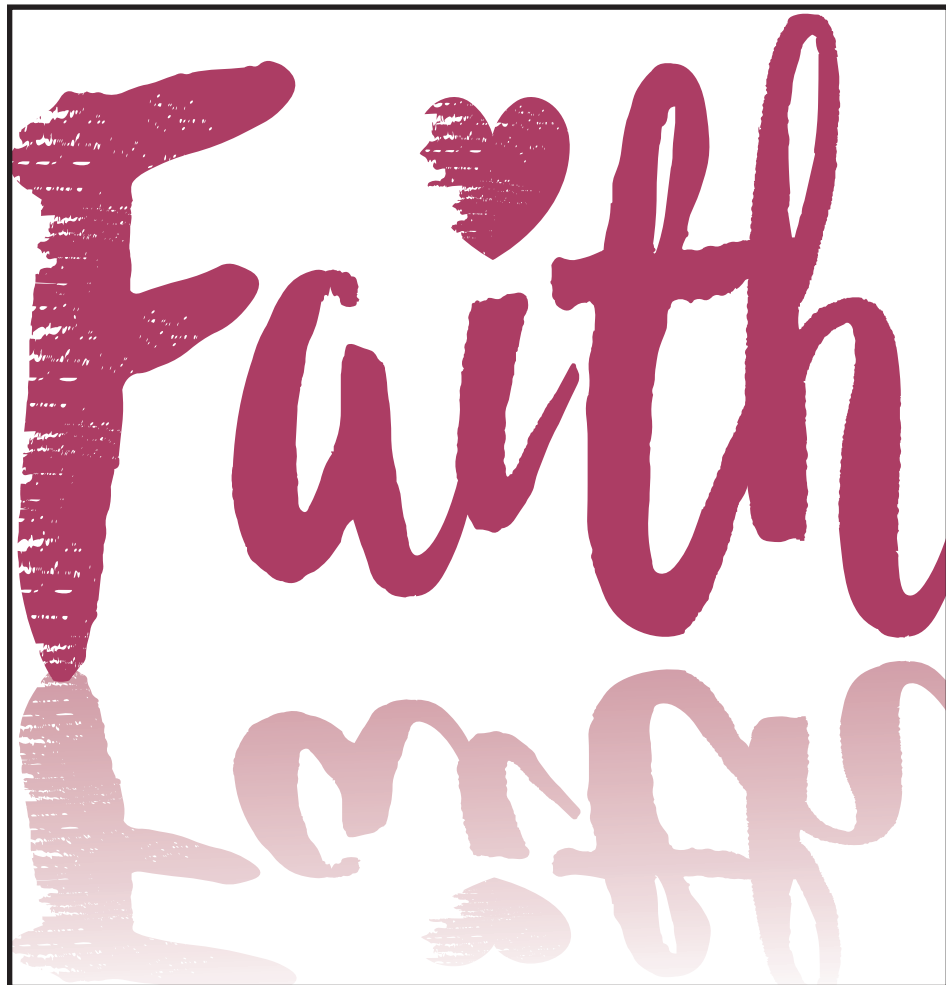
President Linda Warner opened the meeting by having everyone recite the Club collect together.

Minutes were read and approved. Club dues were collected. Treasurer's report was given. Old And new business was covered. Our guest speaker, Eldean Holthus, was introduced and the meeting was turned

over to him. He gave a very interesting talk on dementia. Demetria is not a disease. It is not a natural part of aging. It is a loss of convertibilities, memory and thinking that usually get worse over time due to a brain disease such as Alzheimers. Alzheimers is a brain disorder which may cause dementia.

There are no tests that can determine if you may get dementia, Eldean feels most people should request these tests. It was a very interesting and enlightening presentation. Out next meeting will be February 19th at 1:15 p.m. You are welcome to attend.

Submitted by: Armi Mcpherson



**Obits & Legals
Deadline
Fridays by noon.
News and photos
Deadline
Monday by noon.
pioneer@rural-
tel.net**

Matthew 20-28 KJV

Even as the Son of man not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

Hebrews 2-3 KJV

How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them, that heard him.

Grief Support Group

Help and encouragement after the loss of a loved one. GriefShare is a weekly seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life. We know it hurts, and we want to help.
February 3, 2025
Mondays 5:00 - 7:00 pm
First Saint John Lutheran Church 332, North Adams, Kensington, Ks. 66951 Contact lhomon@hotmail.com
Linda Hommon 785-282-0260

American Lutheran Church,
415 W. New York Smith Center 785-282-6373
Sunday Worship
10:30 annual meeting 11:30
Wednesday,
All Day Quilting
1 p.m. Bulletin Deadline
5:30 Confirmation at St. John

New Covenant Church
117 W. Kansas 785-686-4212
Sunday: 10 a.m. Services; Nursery and KIDZ Church each service (6th grade and under); Jr./Sr. High youth 6 p.m.

Central Community Church
201 S. Washington
Sunday: 10 a.m. Adult Sunday School; 11 a.m. Worship Service-When a month has a Fifth Sunday, Communion is celebrated

Evangelical Free Church
1107 N. Main Smith Center, 785-282-3924
Sunday School: 9:45 am
Morning Worship: 11:00 am
Sunday Evening: 6:00pm

First Christian Church at Cedar
Sunday: Worship Service from 10:45-11:30 a.m.

First Christian Church (Disciples for Christ)
400 W. Hwy. 36 785-282-3783
Sunday
10:25 a.m. Worship Service

Gaylord Church of the Nazarene
Sunday: Sunday School at 10 a.m.; Morning Worship at 11 a.m.; Missionary Meeting on the last Sunday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

First St. John Lutheran Church
785-476-2246
Sunday School 9 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.

Gaylord Community United Church of Christ
Sunday: Worship Service at 9 a.m.
Thursday: Women's fellowship the second Thursday at 1:30 p.m.

Grace Brethren Church-Portis
Sunday: Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.; Worship at 10:30 a.m.; Keepers of the Faith at 5:30 p.m.; Evening service
Wednesday: Prayer Meeting at 7p.m.

Lebanon Christian Church
Sunday: Sunday School at 10 a.m.; Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.

Lebanon United Methodist Church
Sunday: Sunday School at 10 a.m.; Church Service at 11 a.m.

Heartland Worship Center
785-638-2801
Sunday: Sunday School at 10 a.m.; Morning Worship Service at 10:50 a.m.; Evening Worship Service at 7 p.m.
Wednesday: Bible Study at 7 p.m.

Smith Center Church of the Nazarene
785-282-3883
Sunday: Sunday School for all ages at 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship at 10:30 am
Wednesday: Women's Bible Study at 9:30 a.m.; Inside Out at 7 p.m.

Smith Center United Methodist Church
301 E. Kansas
Pastor Jim Rice
785-282-3728
Sunday: Worship @ 11:00
Communion First Sunday of Every Month

St John Lutheran E.L.C.A. Kensington
Sunday: Sunday Worship at 9 a.m. with Sunday School to follow.

SONshine Christian Church
Sunday: Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service at

10:30 a.m.; Congregation Dinner
First Sunday of each month following church services

Thornburg Church
785-389-8641
Sunday: 10 a.m. Sunday School for all ages; 11 a.m. Worship; 5 p.m. Bible Study
Fourth Sunday: Birthday and Anniversary Supper
Second Wednesday: 1:30 p.m. Thornburg Women

St John Lutheran Church, LCMC Athol
P. 785-695-2323
Sunday
9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship and Sunday School 4 p.m. Adult bible study

St. Mary's Catholic Church
785-738-2851
Sunday 11 a.m.
Wed. 6 p.m.

United Church of Kensington
785-476-2486
Sunday: Sunday School for all ages, 9:15 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:25 a.m.
Wednesday: Women's Bible Study, 4:00 p.m.

Athol Congregational Church
Sunday: Worship at 8:45 a.m.; Coffee and Fellowship on the first Sunday of the month following worship hour
First Wednesday of the Month: 2 p.m. Women's Fellowship

Sponsored by:
John & the late Joan
Overmiller & family