

# Osage News

April, 2011

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Jack Weaver, founder of *Shaping Lives*, talks to the women and girls at the annual women's banquet on April 2.

## Shaping Lives

~by Sharon Leonard

The women's banquet kicked off the month at Osage on Saturday, April 2. About 50 women and girls gathered in the fellowship area to enjoy a catered dinner of chicken tetrazine, party potatoes, green salad, homemade rolls and many kinds of cheesecake, pie, and other goodies. Each one was given a potted pansy for her garden. Colleen Huff, president of the Willing Workers, hosted the banquet.

The program was given by Jack Weaver, Visual Art Instructor at Pittsburg Community Middle School, and founder of the community outreach program called

*Shaping Lives*. Briefly, it is about pairing a senior citizen in a retirement home with an underprivileged child in his ceramic class at the school. Applications for both are considered by a board which tries to match personalities.

The seniors visit the school twice a week to work on art projects with their student. Close ties are formed and both seniors and students benefit from the extra attention, and learn from the experience. The program has been widely acclaimed. Each one there felt enriched by the ideas presented. Ann Lee was in charge of the program.

Check out the Camp Dates at:  
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**April 10**  
Church Council  
Church-7:00 p.m.

**April 12**  
Study Group  
Church-7:00 p.m.

**April 17-Palm Sunday**  
Youth Choir Musical  
*A Banner Easter*  
Church-10:30 a.m.

**AREA I RALLY**  
Church-2:30 p.m.

**April 19**  
Prairie Gardeners  
Earl and Marsha Hartman  
Home-7:00 p.m.

**April 21**  
Love Feast & Communion  
Church - 6:30 p.m.

**April 24-EASTER**  
Sunrise service  
Church - 6:30 a.m.

**Every Tuesday**  
Community Lunch  
at the church  
11:30 a.m. -1:00 p.m.  
(or until the food is gone)

**Every Wednesday**  
Chime Choir - 6:00 p.m.  
Voice Choir - 7:00 p.m.

**Every Sunday**  
5:30 p.m. Women's Bible  
Study

## The First Spring Meeting

~by Marsha Hartman

Prairie Gardeners' President Martha Price give 15 members a warm welcome back to the first meeting of 2011 at the home of Paul and Carol Troop on March 15th. The joyful spirit of sharing returned as members answered roll call:

Roy Parsons had a 1919 book that showed bird houses to invite aviary acquaintances to your back yard while adding charming and inexpensive architecture to your garden.

Janice Kirby told that mothers-in-law tongues worked like an air filter in the home to clean the air.

Jerry said that he had been cleaning flower beds and had lots of mum starts in the garden, and, in the spirit of sharing joyfully, invited everyone to come and get some.

Doris Crumpacker told how to take care of geraniums and Martha Parsons said she had taken hers into the garage for the winter and they were doing well.

Martha Price and Diane Hiller both had tips on how to test your garden soil.

Betty Ledford read about which plants the best garden designers like, oakleaf hydrangea and sweet potato vine were two of them.

Louise Bronson had a book *Carrots Love Tomatoes* which told which plants like to be together in the garden, because happy plants make happy people.



Wanda Williams gave us information about dairy cows. Did you know that a cow would drink 50 gallons of water a day and eat 100 pounds of food?



-A "birding discussion" was enjoyed as we told of the birds we had seen which have returned to our area. We are happy to be together again and Paul kept the fun going.

I think you all know Paul and his love for math games. He challenged us to solve this sequence: if  $2+3=10$ ,  $7+2=63$ ,  $6+5=66$ ,  $8+4=96$  then  $9+7=$ \_\_\_\_\_.

He also had a mind teaser: A One Word Riddle. Name a common nine letter English word that you could remove one letter at a time to make a new word each time and it will still remain an English Word. You can not rearrange the letters. The word is startling. Now remove one letter each time and end up with a one letter word at the end.

Diane Hiller won the Gardening hand tools for the first game. There was a drawing for the second prize because we all had to have help on the riddle. That prize was won by Marsha Hartman.

Refreshments of a delightful cake and chocolates with drinks were served with smile-raising results. The time of sharing was not over. Paul played his steel guitar for our enjoyment. Thank you, Paul and Carol, for a fun first meeting of 2011.

 *You Are Invited To*

**Come – N – Dine**  
**Where?**  
**Osage Church of the Brethren**  
**896 S 80th St**  
**Phone 632-5248**

**When?**  
**Every Tuesday from 11:30 a.m.**  
**until 1:00 p.m.**  
**(or the food is gone)**

### Come - N-Dine Menu\*

**April 5**  
**Burritos**  
**Spanish Rice**  
**Chips & Salsa**

**April 26**  
**Burritos**  
**Spanish Rice**  
**Chips and Salsa**

**April 12**  
**Pork Loin**  
**Mashed Potatoes/Gravy**  
**Peas**  
**Salad**

**May 3**  
**Meat Loaf**  
**Mashed Potatoes**  
**Corn and Salad**  
**Rolls**

**April 19**  
**Southern Baked Chicken**  
**Baked Potatoes**  
**Green Beans**  
**Salad**  
**Rolls**

**May 10**  
**Chicken and Noodles**  
**Mashed Potatoes**  
**Peas**  
**Salad**  
**Rolls**

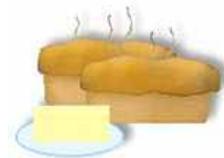
**Dessert included with meal.**  
**Freewill offering accepted.**  
**\*Menu subject to change.**

## Starter Yeast

~by Doris Crumpacker

One of my mother's daily chores was baking bread. I remember watching her as she stirred in flour until she had enough to turn it out on a board and knead it. Then, she placed it in a greased bowl with the smooth side up, and covered it with a cloth.

As the dough raised, so did the cloth until it was high and plump. Then she formed the dough into four loaves and placed it in pans and let it rise again. After this was accomplished it was baked to a golden brown. A slice of hot bread with melting butter (homemade) dripping from the sides was the best!



When I was small, we didn't have packaged yeast, but instead we used "starter yeast." After a little flour was added, some of the dough was set back in a container for the next day.

Sometimes the starter yeast would turn bad, so mom would send one of us kids down the road to Hillers with a pint jar to get some starter. Sometimes it was the other way around and a Hiller kid came down and got some from us. I know Leota Hiller baked every day, too. Her house always smelled like fresh baked bread.

Mothers baked bread to sustain our physical bodies. God sent manna to feed the Israelites in the desert. But Moses told the people, "Man shall not live by bread alone but man lives by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the Lord."

In John 6:47-51 we find Jesus's words, "Most assuredly, I say to you, He who believes in Me has everlasting life. I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and are dead. This is the bread which comes down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread he will live forever, and the bread that I shall give is My flesh which I shall give for the life of the world."

Again Jesus's words in John 6:53, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son and drink of His blood, you have no life in you."

Jesus is the Bread of heaven and God's word, like bread, is the spiritual staff of life. Christ is the true supplier of spiritual nourishment. Because of God's command we take the Bread and the Cup.



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### April Birthdays

Jody Crumpacker	7
Amanda Leonard	8
Ed Crumpacker	11
Galen Hiller	11
Adam Lee	11
Andrew Crumpacker	12
Tim Hartman	14
Betty Ledford	24
Matt Ernst	26
Gunner Reese Crumpacker	30

### April Anniversaries:

Frank & Sheila Crumpacker	4
Bill & Lois Stauffer	10
Mike & Connie Cheney	26

### May Birthdays:

Ann Lee	6
Morgan Michael	7
Jackie Hiller	16
Jade Peak	21
Kayla Crumpacker	24
David Wallace	27

### May Anniversaries

none

***DON'T BE LEFT OUT!***  
***Please give unlisted birthday***  
***and anniversary dates to***  
***Barbara Egbert or to Sharon***  
***Leonard.***

## Don't Miss Palm Sunday

April 17, during the worship hour, the children will bring in the palms as the congregation sings: "Tell Me the Stories of Jesus."

The Youth Choir will perform the musical,  
"A Banner Easter."

The music and lyrics are by Christy Long and based on the program by Gail Gaymer Martin. There are between 10 and 15 singers in the choir. The choir is under the direction of Cherlyn Ingram and Sandra Martinie aided by other youth sponsors.

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## Jesus Paid It All

~revised and submitted by Cindy Alexander

One day Jesus and Satan had a conversation. Jesus asked Satan, "What are you doing with the people here in the world?"



Satan responded, "They are entertaining me. I am teaching them to kill, to hate one another, to abuse children, showing the youth how to use drugs, to drink, to lie, and to do everything prohibited. I am amusing myself very much."

Jesus asked, "And after, what are you going to do with them?"

Satan said, "I am going to finish them all."

Jesus asked, "How much do you want for them?"

Satan replied, "Why are you going to love these people? They are treacherous, lying false, egotistic, and covetous. They will never really love you, they are going to blaspheme and spit in your face. They are going to despise you and they will not consider you at all!"

"How much do you want for them?"

Satan said, "I want all your tears and your blood."

Jesus said without hesitation, "Okay, deal."

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." JOHN 3:16



Jesus paid the price for our salvation. How do we forget Jesus? We believe everything the world shows us. But we question everything that comes from Him... everyone says they want to be with God one day. A lot of us say, "I believe in Jesus" but what do we do for him?

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## Jesus Forgives Us

~ by Paula Surridge

One day a while back, a man, his heart heavy with grief, was walking in the woods. As he thought about his life he knew many things were not right. He thought about those who had lied about him back when he had a job and about those who had stolen his things and cheated him. He remembered family that had passed on. His mind turned to the illness he had, that no one could cure. His very soul was filled with anger, resentment, and frustration.

Standing there, searching for answers he could not find, knowing all else had failed him, he knelt at the base of an old oak tree to seek the One he knew would always be there. And with tears in his eyes, he prayed:

'Lord- You have done wonderful things for me in this life. You have told me to do many things for you, and I happily obeyed. Today, you have told me to forgive. I am sad, Lord, because I cannot, I don't know how. It is not fair Lord, I didn't deserve these wrongs that were done against me and I shouldn't have to forgive. As perfect as your way is Lord, this one thing I cannot do. My anger is so deep Lord, I fear I may not hear you, but I pray you teach me to do the one thing I cannot do: Teach me to forgive.'

As he knelt there in the quiet shade of that old oak tree, he felt something fall onto his shoulder. He opened his eyes. Out of the corner of one eye, he saw something red on his shirt. He could not turn to see what it was because where the oak tree had been was a large square piece of wood in the ground. He raised his head and saw two feet held to the wood with a large spike through them. He raised his head more, and tears came to his eyes as he saw Jesus hanging on a cross. He saw spikes in His hands, a gash in His side, a torn and battered body, deep thorns sunk into His head. Finally he saw the suffering and pain on His precious face. As their eyes met, the man's tears turned to sobbing. Jesus began to speak.

'Have you ever told a lie?' He asked. The man answered - 'Yes, Lord.' 'Have you ever been given too much change and kept it?' The man answered 'Yes, Lord.' And the man sobbed more and more. 'Have you ever taken something from work that wasn't yours?' Jesus asked? And the man answered, 'Yes, Lord.' 'Have you ever sworn, using my Father's name in vain?' The man, crying now, answered - 'Yes, Lord.'

As Jesus asked many more times, 'Have you ever?' The man's crying became uncontrollable, for he could only answer - 'Yes, Lord'.

Then Jesus turned His head, and the man felt something fall on his shoulder He looked and saw that it was the blood of Jesus. He looked back up, into the eyes of Jesus, and saw more love there than he had ever seen or known before.

Jesus said, 'I didn't deserve this either, but I forgive you.'

## The Board of Christian Education

~by Ann Lee, chair

The year is off and running. We have developed schedules for covering the nursery and the children's story time each Sunday. Children's Church will be held twice a month on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month during the sermon time.

We are currently planning Vacation Bible School July 18-22. The theme is: *Son Surf Beach Bash*. We are looking for willing volunteers for snacks, art projects, activities, lessons, music, and/or general supervision. We are very excited at the opportunity that Vacation Bible School provides a chance for our kids to develop a closer relationship with the Lord! Please feel free to help out, you will grow as well!

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### Note of Interest

**Marsha Hartman's Come-N-Dine article has been printed in this month's edition, of the District Newsletter, *The Shepherd's Voice*. Congratulations, Marsha.**

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### Jesus Christ Is Lord

~by the Apostle Paul

Let the same mind be in you that was in  
Christ Jesus,  
who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,  
but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.  
And being found in human form,  
he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death--  
even death on a cross.  
Therefore, God also highly  
exalted him  
and gave him the name  
that is above every name,  
so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend  
in heaven and on earth and  
under the earth,  
and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord  
to the glory of God the Father.



Scenes at Osage

## Paul's Corner

~by Paul Troop

**Y**I have heard of a quite a few people who have had problems with various parts of their bodies and they would go to the “Y” for exercise. They said that exercising in the pool was so much easier as well as enjoyable. My shoulder had been giving me some trouble for some time and I did go to a therapist which seemed to help.

Carol approached me one day, I think she was just feeling me out, about joining the “Y” (she had been talking with a couple of our friends as to how much better they have been feeling since going to the “Y” several times a week.). I asked her if she was serious about joining and she said she was. So I told her “Why not” and she fainted!

So the next day we headed to the “Y” and asked the lady in charge many questions, and she took us on a tour of the facilities. It all looked fine to both of us, so we signed up, paid the fee and got ready to jump in the water. We had come prepared! We didn't rent any lockers, so we each put our clothes and other valuables in empty lockers which were available.

We carefully walked into the warm water and it felt good. None of that jumping in and getting wet all at once for us! The two friends of ours were already in the pool and they were quite surprised to see us. It seemed strange to see people in the pool wearing their glasses so I realized that everyone intended to be very careful. We swan (I use that word very loosely as we had those long tube things -I think they are called “noodles”? that



we used to keep us afloat) for nearly an hour and we finally crawled out. I said “crawled” as it seemed that each step I took out of that pool, I felt I was at least 100 pounds heavier. I finally got myself up on the “shore” and made it to the showers.

After I got dressed I went out in the lobby to wait for Carol. Then we talked about the “fun” we had and actually it was quite enjoyable. We decided to get serious about getting locks for the lockers to keep our valuables in while we were swimming. We went to Walmart and picked up two combination locks.

The next time we went to the “Y”, I got all ready to swim, shut the locker door, and took off for the pool. It was then I realized I still had my hearing aids stuck in my ears; not a good feeling! I went back to the locker, grabbed that



combination lock and tried to open it without my glasses. No luck whatsoever! I squinted my eyes and other tricks I've used to act as a magnifying glass, and no matter what I did I just could not get that lock to open.

I walked out to the pool anyway and luckily, Carol had a towel there so I put my hearing aids in that towel.

Later when we were discussing this in the pool, I found out that I was trying to open that lock by using the wrong combination! It never would have opened for me no matter how hard I would have tried. How embarrassing! You kinda wonder why you even bother to get out of bed in the mornings when you have days like that. But each day is a gift and I thank the Lord for every one of them.



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