

Osage News

May, 2011

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In Remembrance of Him - Scenes of Easter



Gloria Price from Independence bakes "Empty Tomb Cookies" at the Rally. top l-r: Youth choir members sing "A Banner Easter." Flowers, candles, and communion cups at the Love Feast. Youth Choir with banners.

The Celebration

~by Sharon Leonard

It began on Palm Sunday. After the children brought in the palms as the congregation sang, *Tell Me The Stories of Jesus*, the Youth Choir presented the musical, *A Banner Easter*.

In the afternoon, the churches of Area I met at Osage for the

spring rally. The Osage Chime Choir played *Jesus Loves Me*.

On the following Thursday, several people attended the *Love Feast and Communion* in the tradition of the Last Supper.

On Friday evening members, friends and neighbors attended the dedication of the cross at 126 Hwy and 80th St.

Early Sunday morning people made their way to the church to celebrate the risen Savior at the annual sunrise service.

Later there was Sunday School followed by Worship, at which The Adult Voice Choir sang *He Is Lord*. Glenn Wilkerson preached the Easter message of hope.

May 6
Graduate's Recognition
Basket Dinner
At the Church
Noon

May 10
Study Group
Church-7:00 p.m.

May 15
Service at the
Heritage Nursing Home
Girard 2:30 p.m.

May 18
Prairie Gardeners
Gary & Betty Ledford
Home-7:00 p.m.

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

Every Sunday
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
(for all ages)
10:30 a.m. Worship
(a staffed nursery for ages
3 and younger is provided)
5:30 p.m. Women's Bible

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Dates at:
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Inspiration

~by Marsha Hartman



Prairie Gardeners meet on a cool April 19th evening at the home of Earl and Marsha Hartman. Marsha is a proud "trash picker" who likes yard sales and thrills when she finds treasures that others people trash. She uses garden magazines for inspiration and her found treasures --from old work boots to antique china-- in her garden and home. This was the program at the meeting.

Twelve members answered roll call. Colleen Huff informed us that onions and asparagus are members of the lily family.

Jerry Kirby had cone flowers to give away and Janice told about growing Swiss Chard.

Doris Crumpacker had a picture of a park transformed from a elevated train track in one of the larger cities. It portrayed a great way to go green.

Betty Ledford asked about angel wing begonias, and how to start new plants.

Louise Bronson had a picture of a mystery plant and she wanted to know if any one knew what it was.

Martha Price showed a picture of a tree and asked if we could find the hawk in the picture. She told About birding as you drive, but agreed it was best to have a driver so you can look for the birds.



The door prize--an angel bell--was won by Jerry Kirby. Refreshments were stuffed strawberries, chocolate chips cookies and ice cream.

Next month's meeting will be at the home of Gary and Betty Ledford on May 18th. We gardeners have to force ourselves to do housework during gardening season. We love being out in nature; love the earth and sun and seeing a flower bloom. Happy gardening until next month.



In Memorial

The Osage Church extends sympathy to the Mike and Linda Sand family on the death of Mike's mother, Zola Sand. Zola's funeral was held at Ottawa, KS, on Saturday, April 23. Our hearts and prayers continue to be with the Sand family through the days and weeks ahead.



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*

May 3
Meat Loaf/gravey
Mashed Potatoes
Corn and Salad
Roll

May 24
Lasagna
Green Beans
Salad
French Bread

May 10
Chicken and Noodles
Mashed Potatoes
Peas
Salad
Roll

May 31
Ham
Mac & Cheese
Salad
Roll

May 17
Polynesian Pork
Rice
Peas
Salad
Roll

June 7
Brisket
Mashed Potatoes
Corn
Salad
Roll

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

Lawns

~by Doris Crumpacker

What is a lawn? The dictionary says “land covered with grass kept closely cut, especially near or around a house.” Second definition: “a thin sheer linen or cotton cloth used for sleeves of Anglican Bishop dress.” I was looking for the first definition and never heard of the second, so I learned something new.



To me a lawn is more than just a piece of mowed grassland around my house. It's a small area where I live. It's my territory. There are some things I would invite to share my lawn like birds in the trees, pets, children, and maybe a rabbit or squirrel. Things I don't like to share it with are snakes, ticks, cows, digging dogs, deer in the garden, turkeys that eat my berries, coons and coyotes.

Lawns are more than grass. We add trees, flowers and shrubs to accent our lawns with beauty and shade.

Spring is the beginning of lawn care. lawn mower maintenance is required; blades sharpened, oil changed, tires checked and sometimes, major overhauls. Trimmers are the same. Round Up is good for getting rid of growth near foundations, fence rows, and sidewalks. There are pellets for grubs and tick control.

I have two Deere mowers; one for home and one for the crumpacker homestead. There are hazards in mowing. Our yard at home is a hill. If the brakes don't work, you don't want to press on the clutch going down, or you'll get the ride of your life. At the other lawn, the ditches are always full of water in the spring. Sometimes water snakes or snapping turtles come crawling out. It makes me want to raise my feet! For the most part, I enjoy mowing.



Keeping a spiritual lawn in our life needs up keep just as our grass lawns. Our words and thoughts need clipped before we speak or act. Pretty flowers of love and caring will bless people around us. A little “Round Up” of God's word will destroy weeds of hate and evil acts.

God gives us the sun and the rain for our grass lawns. He gave us His Son, Jesus, for our spiritual lawns to keep us in His kingdom forever.

A man who meditates in God's law day and night “shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water that brings forth its fruit in its season.” Psalms 1:3 “To him who overcomes I will give to eat of the Tree of Life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.” Rev 3:7.

May Birthdays:

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

May Anniversaries

none

June Birthdays:

Elizabeth Crumpacker	2
Wilbur Brubaker	6
Merle Clawson	8
Trenton Hartman	10
Vernon Egbert	13
Miranda Hartman	14
Linda Sand	24
Jerry Alexander	24
Wayne Barr	24
Bill Stauffer	28
Glen Crumpacker	29
David Ingram	29
Clint McCole	30

June Anniversaries:

Alan & Brenda Egbert	1
Wilbur & Edna Brubaker	8
Bradley & Evelyn Platt	8
Darrell & Carolyn Barr	10
Jerry & Cindy Alexander	11
Bob & Monica Collins	14
Ed & Shawna Crumpacker	17

DON'T BE LEFT OUT!

Please give unlisted birthday and anniversary dates to Barbara Egbert or to Sharon Leonard.

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Mother's Day

~by Betty Ledford

This being the month for Mother's Day, I looked up passages in the Bible pertaining to women. Some were good, and some not so good. It made me think: was there any really good women besides Mary? Then I remembered Ruth, who stayed with her mother-in-law, and eventually was in the lineage of Jesus; Esther, the good queen; Elizabeth, cousin to Mary; and Mary and Martha, friends of Jesus.

I think most of us remember our mothers as the good women they were. I remember my mom as hard-working and patient (with five kids she had to be). She taught more by example than anything. She always had a garden and most of the time had chickens. Besides cooking and cleaning for a husband five children she cared for her own mother who came to live with us when I was six and often kept a clerk that worked in my dad's store.

When my dad became disabled with gouty arthritis,

my mother bought two cows and practically supported my dad, my sister and me by selling milk and butter to the neighbors. Dad recovered in a year and eventually became the sheriff for two terms.

I couldn't write this article without giving a tribute to my mother-in-law, Gertrude Ledford, Gary's mom. I can truthfully say we never had a harsh word between us. She lived her life as close to the Christian ideal as anyone I know. She always thought the best of people, even when they didn't deserve it, and was quick to forgive. Her sister-in-law, who never married, lived with them from the time the children were small until she died. They shared the same house with never a word.

I'll close with a Bible verse that only praises: "Charm is deceitful and beauty is passing, but a woman who fears the Lord, she shall be praised. Give her the fruit of her hands and let her own works praise her in the gates. Proverbs 31: 30-31.

Perspective - Am I Rich or Poor??

~submitted by Lillian Bowin

One day, the father of a very wealthy family took his son on a trip to the country with the express purpose of showing him how poor people live.

They spent a couple of days and nights on the farm of what would be considered a very poor family.

On their return, the father asked his son, 'How was the trip?'

'It was great, Dad.'

'Did you see how poor people live?' the father asked.

'Oh yeah,' said the son.

'So, tell me, what did you learn from the trip?' asked the father.

The son answered: 'I saw that we have one dog and they had four. We have a pool that reaches to the middle of our garden and they have a creek that has no end.

We have imported lanterns in our garden and they have the stars at night. Our patio reaches to the front yard and they have the whole horizon. We have a small piece of land to live on and they have fields that go beyond our sight.

We have servants who serve us, but they serve others.

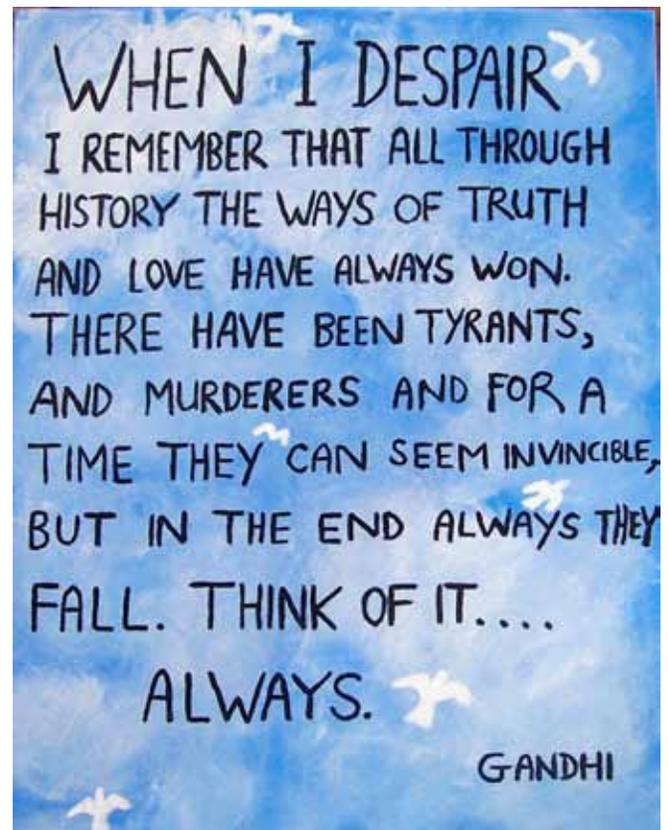
We buy our food, but they grow theirs.

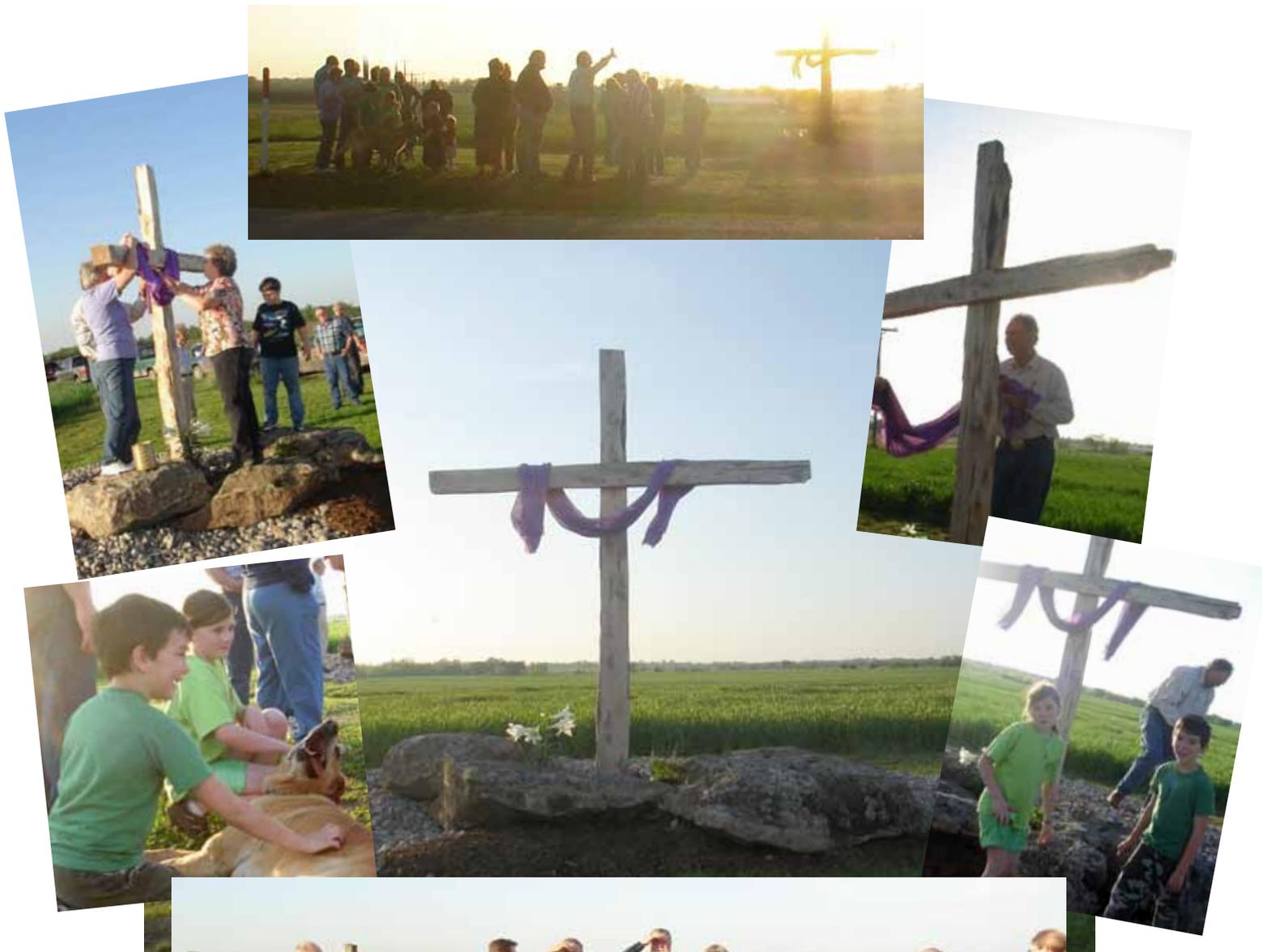
We have walls around our property to protect us, they have friends to protect them.'

The boy's father was speechless.

Then his son added, 'Thanks Dad for showing me how poor we are.'

Isn't perspective a wonderful thing? Makes you wonder what would happen if we all gave thanks for everything we have, instead of worrying about what we don't have.





The Way of the Cross

~by Sharon Leonard

On Good Friday evening, several people met at the corner of 126 hwy and 90th across from the church sign. They came by car, truck, bicycle, and one walked over a mile. Earlier in the week, Galen Hiller and Tim Davidson had set the nine foot tall cross on the edge of Tim's farm. They along with David Ingram had built it out of cedar.

To begin the dedication, the cross was draped in purple and firmly anchored against the wind. Easter lilies and

other plants were placed at the base. After the brief service of prayer, thanksgiving and testimony, everyone stayed to visit with church family, friends and neighbors. A golden lab joined the ceremony to represent all God's creatures.

As the sun set across the background of the Kansas wheatfield one could almost imagine paradise.

Thank you to all who worked to add this meaningful moment to the season, and as a permanent tribute to our Risen Saviour.

Paul's Corner

~by Paul Troop

Every now and then, one of our neighbors has to be gone on a job for upwards to a month or more on what I would call a "working vacation". She has to travel back east to the New England area to "house sit" and "doggie sit" in a beautiful house for a family who will then go on a very nice vacation of their own.



She must really enjoy it as she always returns home with a big smile on her face. You ask, "Isn't that very expensive to fly back and forth for this particular job"? Not really for her, as in this case, these people pay for all of her expenses that are involved. Now that is the kind of job I would love to have.

But really, all of us have a wonderful trip that is already planned, and the price has already been paid for all of us. It is a beautiful place that is beyond description! I am told that this place has streets of gold, and beautiful mansions to live in.

I can imagine there will be beautiful trees to sit under, maybe streams flowing down the mountain sides and in the valleys below for us to enjoy as well as so much more. All of this and it won't cost us an arm and a leg to take advantage of this offer. What kind of a place is this that is already prepared for each and everyone of us? And who would have that kind of money to take care of all of the expenses?

Jesus has already paid the price and no amount of money was involved as money cannot buy this place that is reserved for each one of us, if we so choose, and all we have to do is accept it!

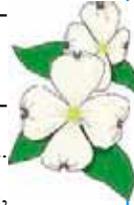
No one knows when that last breath will be taken; that reservation has to be made before that happens.

The Legend Of the Stained Blossoms Of the Dogwood Tree

~submitted by Juanita Clawson

When Christ was crucified, so the legend goes, the dogwood tree attained the size of the oak and hickory, with huge crowns and stately trunks. It was strong and rugged, so strong that it was used to fashion the cross that Christ carried on the crucifixion route.

To be used in degradation distressed the dogwood. Jesus, later nailed to the cross, sensed the dogwood's humiliation. In His gentle pity for all sorrows, He said, "Because of your regret and pity for my suffering, I make you this promise. Never again will the dogwood tree grow large enough, or straight enough, to be fashioned into a cross. Henceforth it shall be tender and crooked, and its blossoms



shall be in the form of a cross, two long and two short. And, in the center of each petal there shall be nail prints, its color brown as dried blood. In this center there will be a crown of thorns, so that all who see the blossoms will remember that it was upon a cross of dogwood that I was crucified.

Twin tornados tore through Pulaski County, Virginia, on April 8, 2011 destroying approximately 69 residences, causing major damage to 183 homes and minor damage to another 171, primarily in the county seat town of Pulaski.

Ten Brethren volunteers from Virgina District worked with chainsaws on April 12, cutting up fallen trees and clearing debris. The crew was organized by Jim Kropff, disaster coordinator for the district.

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