

# 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**

Sunday - 9:15 a.m. Adult Sunday School in Parlor; 10:30 a.m. Worship Service, Youth Sunday School  
Monday, June 239 - 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**  
**Justin Brodie, Youth Minister**  
**Garret Rolland, Connections and Family Coordinator**  
**HYPERLINK**  
**"http://www.nortonccc.com"**  
**www.nortonccc.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 Weinkauf**  
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

## County Commissioners meeting

Chairman Marvin Matchett called the meeting of the Norton County Board of Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. on May 19, 2025, in the Commission Room. Those in attendance included: Chairman Marvin Matchett, Commissioner Garrett Beydler, Commissioner Richard Thompson, EMS Director Craig Sowards and County Clerk Craig Renner.

**General Discussion**  
Weekly correspondence, past minutes, letter of appreciation, 2026 funding requests and an invoice were distributed to the commissioners. Commissioner Matchett reported on the federal requirement that all websites be ADA compliant by January 1, 2026. The commissioners requested that the budgets be distributed to all department heads for review.

**EMS**  
Director Sowards wanted clarification on how the new sales tax revenue was being categorized and how it is to be spent. The commissioner's reinforced that the tax was to be used for equipment purchases for the department and to offset any shortfalls in the operating budget. Director Sowards presented a list of purchases that the department felt it had immediate needs for. The list totaled around \$48,000.00 in the discussion, Director Sowards let the commission know that a new ambulance, if ordered today would not be delivered until 2029, but that the price could be locked in with only a verbal commitment. The commission advised him to lock in the price. Director Sowards left at 9:21 a.m.

**County Health**  
Leslie Pfannenstiel, County Health Director, joined the meeting at 9:29 a.m. Ted White, Landfill Supervisor, joined the meeting at 9:30 a.m. Leslie was in to talk about the roof on her facility. There are several limbs down and a couple of limbs on the roof. In her research she found that the roof was new in 2010. The commissioner's advised Leslie to reach out to a couple of contractors to check on the condition of the roof. The commission informed her they would reach out to Terry Laughlin to schedule a time for the prison crew to come and clean up the limbs and branches. Leslie left the meeting at 9:36 a.m.

**Landfill**  
Ted presented a change order for the landfill project. Commissioner Beydler was aware of the change as it was presented at the pre-construction meeting. The change was for an increased cost of \$11,139.25. The change extends the size of the pit to accommodate large rain events.

Commissioner Beydler moved to pay the increased cost of \$11,139.25 to extend the pit on the phase 2 project at the landfill to mitigate the effects of a large rain event. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Ted inquired about getting help from the Road and Bridge Department to cross train on operating equipment in the event that his department runs short of help. The commission was in support and requested that he and Road and Bridge Supervisor Terry Laughlin work out the schedule. Ted reported that Big Iron sale representative never followed up for his items to put up for auction. Ted left the meeting at 9:52 a.m.

**Road and Bridge**  
Terry Laughlin, Road and Bridge Supervisor, joined the meeting at 9:59 a.m. He reported that he met with Penco and was quoted a price of \$15,000.00 to perform a survey to design a plan to stop the flooding in Almena. Terry is still meeting and progressing with the City of Almena and the landowners involved. He has identified the county's role and work that needs to be done. He reported on the results of the items that sold last week on Big Iron. Terry Laughlin left the meeting at 10:26 a.m.

**Chamber of Commerce**  
Dru Kasson and Natalie Eveleigh joined the meeting at 10:26 a.m. Dru presented the commission prices and brochures for the walk-through Christmas display to be held at Elmwood Park this coming December. After the presentation and discussion, Commissioner Beydler moved that the County purchase the Snowy Tree and Waving Santa displays totaling \$1,690.00 as the County's contribution to the event. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Dru and Natalie left the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

**Appraiser's Office**  
Mindy Harting joined the

meeting at 10:54 a.m. She reported on the retirement party for Alan Hale. The commission thanked her and her staff for their efforts. She clarified the recent event with her office and a patron. She explained that the appraisal process is basically two phases. The first phase is called Data Collection. The State Statute requires that each property be physically measured once every six years. Basically, 17% of the county is being physically inspected and measured each year. The other phase is called Final Review. Each year in the fall, the appraisal office inspects all the properties in Norton County to confirm any changes from the previous year. This process is a basic drive by inspection with limited interaction with patrons unless there was new construction. Mindy presented her proposed appraisers contract for the commissioners to review. Mindy left the meeting at 11:23 a.m. The EMS crew joined the meeting at 11:25 a.m.

**EMS**  
The EMS crew joined the meeting at 11:24 a.m. The EMS crew was represented by: Craig Sowards, Sandra Sowards, Matt Rushton, David Porter, Natalie Scofield, Gary Flannigan, and Valerie Geringer. Those not able to attend were Jessica Horton, Samantha Keenan, Kristina Herl, Haley Redeker, Jill Edgett, Melissa McClain, Bruce Rushton, Sierra Wahlmeier, Faith Smith and Tanya Guthrie. Bud Posson previous Norton County Commissioner was also in attendance. The EMS department asked that the Norton County Commission sign the EMS proclamation stating:

**EMS Week Proclamation**  
To designate the Week of May 18-24, 2025, as Emergency Medical Services Week (EMS Week).

WHEREAS, emergency medical services is a vital public service; and

WHEREAS, the members of emergency medical services teams are ready to provide lifesaving care to those in need 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and

WHEREAS, access to quality emergency care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury; and

WHEREAS, emergency medical services fills healthcare gaps by providing important out-of-hospital care, including preventative medicine, follow-up care, and access to telemedicine; and

WHEREAS, the emergency medical services system consists of first responders, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, emergency medical dispatchers, firefighters, police officers, educators, administrators, pre-hospital nurses, emergency nurses, emergency physicians, trained members of the public, and other out of hospital medical care providers; and

WHEREAS, the members of emergency medical services teams, whether career or volunteer, engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their lifesaving skills; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the value and the accomplishments of emergency medical services providers by designating the Emergency Medical Services Week; now

THEREFORE, We, the Norton County Commissioners in Norton, KS in recognition of this event do hereby proclaim the week of May 18-24, 2025, as  
**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK**

The 51st anniversary of EMS Week theme is EMS WEEK: We Care. For Everyone. We encourage the community to observe this week with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities in honor of the EMS profession and the essential service it provides.

The commissioned signed the proclamation as presented. The EMS crew left at 11:30 a.m.








**Patron Call**  
At 11:35 a.m. on the speaker phone, Chairman Matchett called Craig Knapp to relay his finding regarding the recent visit from the Appraisers office and his concerns about being singled out. Marvin explained how the process works, the yearly final review, the data collection once every 6 years, the appraisers office wear identifying clothing and name tags, the vehicle is marked and a letter was sent 30 days prior to each property owner in the section to be collected on. It was simply an anomaly that they were at his property in such a short time frame between inspections.

**Budget**  
The commission requested that County Clerk Renner schedule all of the department heads to come before the commission with their proposed 2026 budgets.

**Minutes**  
Commissioner Thompson moved to accept the minutes of the May 12, 2025, commissioners meeting. Commissioner Beydler seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**Adjournment**  
Commissioner Beydler moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. With no further business, Chairman Matchett adjourned the meeting.

<b>Nelson Bros. Construction, Inc.</b> <i>General Contractors</i> <i>Equipment Rental</i> 12862 Lower Dam Road - Norton, Kansas Phone (785) 877-2554	<b>First State Bank</b> <i>"Your Progressive Community Bank"</i> MEMBER FDIC 105 W. Main - Norton, Kansas Phone 785-877-3341
<b>Whitney Construction and Farms</b> •Terracing •Dozer Work •Ponds 9499 Rd E3 - Norton - Phone 785-877-3745	<b>Security Abstract Company</b> <i>Abstracters Title Insurance Agents</i> Prompt - Efficient - Confidential 214 E. Washington - Norton - PH 785-877-2141 <i>Jolene L. Weiser, Owner</i> <i>Amy Vacura, Office Assistant</i>
<b>Don's Floor Covering</b> <i>Residential and Commercial</i> •Carpet •Sheet Vinyl •Tile <i>Levolor Blinds - Panasonic Vacuums</i> 113 W. Washington - Norton, Kansas 877-3002 - Don Kaus - FREE ESTIMATES	<b>Engel's Sales and Service</b> <i>Complete Auto Repair</i> <i>Small Engines and Lawn Care Equipment</i> •Toro •Lawnboy •Stihl Chain Saws 209 W. Lincoln - Norton - Phone 877-3391
<b>Town and Country Kitchen</b> <i>Daily Lunch Buffet and Evening Specials</i> <i>Party and Banquet Facilities Available</i> Open 6:00 a.m.-8:30 p.m. BJ and Candice – Owners East Hwy 36 - 785-877-3511 - Norton, KS	<b>American Family Insurance</b> <i>Curt Wahlmeier, Agent</i> •Auto •Home •Health •Life •Commercial <i>"All Your Protection Under One Roof"</i> 111 W. Washington, Norton, Kansas Phone 785-877-5802
<b>Moffet Drug Store</b> "Prescription Specialists" <i>Hallmark Cards and Russell Stover Candies</i> 102 S. State - Norton, Kansas Phone 785-877-2721	<b>Pizza Hut</b> Come Join Us! <i>Pizza, Pasta, Salads and Desserts</i> 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 <i>Aaron R. White, DVM</i> <i>Sarah Ketterl White, DVM</i> Monday thru Friday: 8-5; Saturday: 9-11 a.m.	CELEBRATE RECOVERY is a Christ-based ministry for anyone struggling with past or current hurts, habits or hang-ups! We welcome everyone at the First Baptist Church, 720 W. Walnut, Hill City, KS 67642. Join us for praise, worship, healing lessons and testimonies. Starting May 31, 2025 at 7 p.m. and every Saturday after. <b>Contact 785-821-8136 with questions.</b>

<b>LODGE NOTICES</b>  <b>American Legion Auxiliary Unit No. 63</b> <b>Harmonson Redd</b> Third Monday 7:00 p.m. Sarah Durham, President Wanda Braun, Treasurer	 <b>American Legion Harmonson Redd Post No. 63</b> Second Monday 7:30 p.m. Steve Herredsberg, Commander Bruce Anderson, Adjutant	 <b>Eagles Aerie 3288</b> First and Third Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. Jeremy Harding, President John Milnes, Secretary	 <b>Veterans of Foreign Wars</b> Post #9043 VFW Contact Ted Sanko	 <b>Eagles Auxiliary 3288</b> Second and Fourth Wednesday Each Month at 6:30 p.m. Lee Ann Shearer, President	 <b>The American Legion Riders Post 63</b> Meet at 5:00 p.m. on the Second Sunday of Every Month website: www.alr63.org	 <b>Sons of American Legion Post 63</b> Meet at 4:00 p.m. on the Second Sunday of Every Month Jimmy Railsback, Commander
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