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**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

Editor the Journal:

The Nyssa Pep Band and Cheerleaders would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped make it possible for them to go to the State Tournament held last week in Eugene with cash donations.

We would like to thank, Robert R. Wilson; Dr. J.R. Cundall; Wilson's Market; Bracken's Department Store; Bette Hipp; Marion R. Tracy; The Merc; Lyle Miner's Barber Shop; Nyssa Insurance Agency; Schoen Studios; Mrs. E. Otis Smith; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Meyers; Nyssa Tavern; First National Bank; Nolon Field-Waldo Insurance; Firestone Store; Rieb's Market; Stunz Lumber Company; Johannesen-Adams Motors, Inc.; M & W Market; Howards Texaco; Bass Union 76; Jim Robinson; Bill Stout; Charles R. Michael; Nyssa Gate City Journal; George Leseburg; Nyssa Auto Parts; Ray's Food Fair; Dr. John W. Olsen; "Walt's" Shell Service; Elliott Tire Stores; Nyssa; Bauman's Inc.; Blaine Smith; Palmers Equipment Co., Inc.; A & W Drive In; Wilson Buick Co.; Farmers Feed & Seed; Fred Bennett; United States National Bank; Dessert Seed Co., Inc; Zimmerman Plumbing & Heating; El Tejano Cafe and Nyssa Co-op Supply.

Thanks to these individuals and businesses we were able to go to the tournament. Thanks again.

—Nyssa Pep Band and Cheerleaders, and Craig Northrup, instructor

**Easter Services**

**OWYHEE COMMUNITY CHURCH**

There will be a Good Friday service at 8 p.m. at the Church. The service will be an adaptation of the ancient Tenebrae Service. Tenebrae is the Latin word meaning "shadows". This will be a candlelight service with Communion following.

Easter Sunday morning at 6 a.m., our Church has been invited to the Park Community Church for the Sunrise Services again this year. Breakfast will be served following the Sunrise services there.

Sunday School at 10 a.m. for all ages. Easter Church services at 11 a.m. with an Easter message entitled, "The Offense of the Cross". All are invited to come and observe this Christian's Holy Day (holiday) with us.

—Fred Moxom, Pastor.

**COMMUNITY GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE**

The Nyssa Community Good Friday Service will be held this year at Faith Lutheran Church 5th and Park, at 8 p.m., with Rev. Bill Lewis as the host pastor.

Sponsored by the Nyssa Ministerial Association, the service gives the opportunity for combined worship at this significant season.

Ken Wright will be the organist for the service, with special music to be presented by Janean Schoen and Harriet Lewis, accompanied by Mrs. Ron Schoen.

Rev. Robert Simard, St. Bridget's Catholic Church, will be speaking in the service, with other local pastors participating.

"The offering received each year at the Good Friday service is used through the Ministerial Association to assist needy persons in our area," said Robert Manley, president. "People of the community are encouraged to share the uplift of this service as a part of their observance of Holy Week and the Easter season."

**ADRIAN PRESBYTERIAN COMMUNITY CHURCH**

Maundy Thursday - celebration of Holy Communion at 8 p.m.

Easter Sunday - Services start at 9:30 a.m. There will be special music presented by the combined choirs of the Adrian Presbyterian and Roswell Presbyterian Churches.

—Rev. Raymond Wilson

**FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Maundy Thursday--A communion service will be held at the church at 8 p.m. on the theme, "Jesus Our Saviour." Debra Fangen will sing.

Good Friday--Members of Faith will be having a prayer vigil all day beginning at 6 a.m., Community Good Friday worship service--this year being held at Faith at 8 p.m. Harriet Lewis and Janean Schoen will present a vocal duet.

Easter Sunday--Sunday School will be held at 9:45 a.m. Easter Festival Worship Service will be held at 11 a.m. with trumpeters--Terry Baker, Dustin Kassman, Clark Kido, and Danny Simantel. There will be special music by the children of our Sunday School plus a vocal selection by Debra Fangen.

There will be no Bible Study at the parsonage Sunday night.

Pastor Lewis will be attending the North Pacific District Pastoral Conference next Monday through Thursday at Sunriver Lodge near Bend. This is an annual gathering for study and fellowship when all the pastors from the American Lutheran Church's North Pacific District (Alaska, Oregon, Washington, and most of Idaho) come together.

The men and women of Faith have been working hard on remodeling projects in the last few weeks. The narthex was recently remodeled as a result of a memorial to Paul Baker. The Faith ALCW (women's group) and individual members purchased wall to wall carpeting for the narthex and stairway, which was installed this week.

The men of the church have been busy putting in new wall paneling and painting woodwork in the nave of the church. The project is nearly completed, and when completed the whole upstairs (main floor) of our building will have been given a new and beautiful look. The women have also held their spring cleaning of the church in preparation for Holy Week services.

We invite all who are interested to take part in our Holy Week services and our celebration of Easter. The church is located at the corner of 5th and Park, and the pastor is Bill Lewis.

**OBITUARIES**

**Arthur E. Sparks**

Services for Arthur Elmer Sparks, 64, of 502 N. 4th, Nyssa, who died Thursday, March 23 of natural causes at Malheur Memorial Hospital, were conducted Monday, March 27 at the Lienkaemper Chapel, Nyssa, by the Rev. J. D. Crego of the United Methodist Church. Interment was at the Nyssa cemetery.

Mr. Sparks was born September 19, 1907 at Woodward, Oklahoma. He came to Idaho in 1924. He married Erma Stockham March 22, 1930 at Payette, Idaho. He was a rancher in the Dixie, Big Bend and Kingman Kolony areas until his retirement to Nyssa four years ago. The deceased was a member of the Adrian United Presbyterian Church and had served on the board of trustees. He was a past member of the Kingman Kolony and Oregon Trail Granges.

He is survived by his wife, Erma of Nyssa; two sons, Guy Sparks, Nyssa and Richard Sparks, Idaho Falls; one daughter, Mrs. Kenneth (Shirley) Altig, Boise; his stepmother Mrs. Ellen Sparks, Boise; a brother, Earl Sparks, Portland; three sisters, Mrs. Clarence Mull of Boise, Mrs. Ronald Gridley of Boise and Mrs. Lawrence Leggett, Castle Rock, Colorado; seven grandsons and two grand-daughters.

He was preceded in death by his mother, father, two brothers and a sister.

Active pall bearers were Everett Pease, Lynn Hurst, Jack Elliott, Vernon Parker, Dewayne Bennett, George Cartwright.

Honorary pall bearers were Oscar Schafer, Cecil Evans, K. I. Peterson, Sam McConnell, Carl Begeman, Johnny Brown, Dale Ashcraft, Gene Honey, Virgil Viers and Dave Beers.

**Let Easter Happen To You**

Special observances during the springtime are natural responses to many seasonal influences. History has recorded varied patterns for these times of rejoicing and celebration. Traditions, nationalities, economic factors, as well as religion and other influences, affect the way people celebrate the coming of the springtime, and Spring itself may bring to bear the most potent influence of all.

Christianity has added another dimension to springtime festivals. No longer merely a time to celebrate nature's rebirth, and to enjoy the perennial optimism which calls a man to a fresh start, Easter opens a new arena of exploration and experience.

In Christianity, the continuing question of the ages, "If a man die, shall he live again?", finds its answer. The recorded teachings of Jesus clearly tell of eternal life and all its possibilities, as do the teachings of most religions. Include with the teachings of Jesus the actual fulfillment, also recorded in the Bible and history, and Easter adds the dimension of resurrection life to all that had previously been celebrated in the springtime.

Easter is robbed of its most valuable meanings if we pass through the season thinking only of nature with its fresh greenness and blossoms, only of eggs and their promise of life, only of new finery to mark the bursting forth of color and beauty. What lasting values are brought in the green and the blossom, the egg and the bunny, the new season of color and beauty? Add a little time and green becomes brown, blossom, leaf and even the fruit are gone, and where is the life and color and beauty that held such promise?

But add Easter's dimension. . . and live today in the light of Easter's tomorrows!

Indications are that many, and perhaps most, of us have not recently read the historical record . . . in the Bible and out of it . . . regarding the Resurrection. I challenge you to find a copy of the record in any of several fresh, exciting, modern language versions, and read even the last chapters of either of the Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke or John), and the early sections of the book of Acts, along with passages such as 1 Corinthians 15. Your appreciation of the Easter message will indeed be strengthened. This may be the best Easter of your life till now!

Christmas is wonderful . . . a little child born in miraculous circumstances, for a special purpose of redemption, of saving from sin. Good Friday with its shameful death demonstrates the long reach of sin and its involvements. But this birth and this death are to no avail, are of no lasting value, if the grave is the end.

The glad message of Easter is that Christ was born, did die, but is alive . . . and forevermore. Take away Easter and there would be no Christianity. Our whole conception of Christ is governed by the fact of the Resurrection. This truth was the major teaching of the early followers, the one outstanding question between Christians and their opponents.

The Resurrection is the central fact of the Christian faith. It begins with defeat, crucifixion and sorrow, but it ends in triumph. Sunshine religions will do for days without death, or grief, or sorrow, but it takes the love of God entering into our tragedies to convince us that in Him we too can have our Easter after our Good Friday.

—Rev. Robert W. Manley  
Church of the Nazarene

**SECOND WARD RELIEF SOCIETY**

The Nyssa II Ward Relief Society will meet April 4 at 9:30 a.m. with the visiting teacher's message, "Meeting Family Problems" given by Nora Larsson. At 10 a.m. the Spiritual Living lesson, "The Restoration of the Gospel of Jesus Christ" will be given by Amy Mitchell.

A baby sitter will be provided.

Phyllis Talbot will give the same lesson at the second session at 7 p.m. Iona Flinders conducting.

**BIBLE MISSIONARY CHURCH**

A special Easter program is planned for Easter Sunday at the Bible Missionary Church located at 728 N. 2nd Street. Every child of the Sunday School will have a part. Also this year the young people will be singing several choir numbers.

Mrs. Ralph Kellogg is in charge of the program and has worked very hard as have those who are participating. Our purpose is to present a program that will glorify God and be interesting to the public.

Services begin at 10:00 a.m. Everyone is invited to attend. For transportation call 372-3569.

—Rev. D. N. Hayford, pastor.

**NAZARENE CHURCH**

Easter Sunday will start with the teens attending a Sunrise Service followed by breakfast together at the parsonage.

The Sunday School program will be presented by the children's departments during the session which begins at 9:45. The program is under the direction of Mrs. Robert Manley and Mrs. Elvin Ballou. Practice time has been set for 1:00 o'clock Saturday, and an Easter egg hunt will follow practice for the program.

The service of worship will feature Easter music and the message by Pastor Manley. The annual Easter Offering, a special offering for the denominational missionary work, will be received during this service and the goal of at least \$1,000 is expected to be reached.

Easter Sunday evening is traditionally a time for music in our church. The choir, under the direction of Gary Condon, and other groups, will be singing the message of the Resurrection in the service which begins at 7:00 o'clock.

"Friends in the community will find a warm welcome and the lift of both fellowship and worship as they respond to the invitation to attend these services," says pastor Robert Manley.

**ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

Good Friday, March 31--Prayer and meditations, 12 noon to 1 p.m.

Holy Saturday, April 1--Lighting of Paschal Candle, 4 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 2--Holy Communion, 11:30. Solo by Mardi Cole.

**CONSERVATIVE BAPTIST CHURCH**

A sunrise service, a breakfast and the traditional Easter service will contribute to the recognition of the resurrection of the Lord, Jesus Christ, during the morning hours Sunday at the Conservative Baptist Church. An evening service will also center in the resurrection story but will include the memorial observance of the Lord's Supper.

The sunrise service will begin at 6:30 a.m. on the Buchtel farm. The farm is located 2 1/2 miles west of the Nyssa-Ontario highway on Columbia Blvd. The breakfast will be served at the church immediately after the service. No charge will be made for the breakfast.

Of special interest to all who attend the regular morning service will be the observance of the ordinance of baptism. This ordinance pictures the union of the believer to Jesus Christ in His death, burial and resurrection and is especially appropriate for the celebration of His resurrection. The candidates for baptism are adults. They will each tell how they recently accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Savior. This service will begin at 11 a.m.

"The death of Christ, i.e., the breaking of His body and the shedding of His blood, would not be remembered if He had not risen from the grave," Pastor Arthur Coats said in explaining why communion would be a part of the evening service at 6 p.m.

The resurrection will also be emphasized in a special Sunday School assembly at 9:45 a.m. A filmstrip entitled "The Easter Story" will be shown in the main auditorium of the church.

Pastor Coats emphasized the willingness of the church to include all who desire to observe the resurrection Sunday in any one or all of the services of the day as well as the breakfast.

There will be a baby sitter.

**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

Easter Sunday will be celebrated by the United Methodist Church of Nyssa with two identical morning services--8:30 and 11:00 a.m. The sermon topic will be "Your Life Everlasting." The choir will present two anthems--"The Angel Rolled the Stone Away," a spiritual, and "Easter Fanfare" by Ferguson. You are cordially invited to share the glory by attending the service of your choice.

J. D. Crego, Pastor

**FIRST WARD**

The Nyssa First Ward Relief Society will hold their visiting teachers report meeting April 5 at 9:30 a.m. The message will be presented by Violet Griffen entitled "Meeting Family Problems". The objective, to help acquire ways of meeting family problems. All visiting teachers are urged to attend.

The regular weekly meeting will start at 10 a.m. The Spiritual Living lesson entitled "The Restoration of the Gospel of Jesus Christ" will be presented by Margaret Engstrom. The objective: to review the events of the gospel of Jesus Christ in order that the Latter-day Saints woman may understand more fully the importance of these events.

There will be a baby sitter.

**OWYHEE LDS WARD**

Easter programs during the Sunday School hour will be part of the Easter services at the Owyhee LDS Church. The Junior and Senior Sunday School will hold programs starting at 10:30 a.m.

**NYSSA LDS FIRST WARD**

The Easter program for the Nyssa LDS First Ward will start at 9:45 a.m., during the regular Sunday School time. Separate programs will be presented by both the Sunday School children and the adults.

Sunday, April 9 the Ward Choir will present an Easter program at the LDS Chapel at 5 p.m.

**NYSSA LDS SECOND WARD**

Easter services for the Nyssa Second Ward will begin at 11:30 a.m. A special program "My Redeemer Lives", will be presented by the Senior Sunday School. A piano and organ duet "O Holy City", will be rendered by Lori Lewis and Lois Cottrell. The congregation will join in singing sacred music following the program.

**PARK AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH**

Sunday School, classes for all ages, 10 a.m.

Morning Worship, 11 a.m.

Sunday night services, 8 p.m.

The Sunday School class of Sharon Fowler sang for church services last Sunday.

Awards for perfect attendance and memorizing Bible verses were presented to many young people.

Revival will be held April 9-15 at the Baptist Church in Fruitland at 8 p.m.

Sunday, April 2 the primary and beginners classes will have an Easter egg hunt and party at the church at 3 p.m.

**ST. BRIDGET'S NEWS**

**HOLY WEEK**

Thursday, March 30 - 7:30 Mass of the Lord's Supper with entremont following to midnight. Confessions before Mass.

Friday, March 31 - Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and Death. Confessions before and after, 3 p.m.

Saturday, April 1 - Confession 3-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. No Mass.

Easter, Sunday - Vigil Sunrise Service, 5:30 a.m.

Mass for all the parish, 8 a.m.

Mass for all the parish, 11 a.m.

Mass in Spanish, 5 p.m.

No Mass at Adrian today

**ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH**

Easter Sunday services will start with Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.

The morning worship services begin at 11 a.m. with special singing by the children for the parents.

Immediately following the worship service at approximately 12:05 an Easter egg hunt is planned for the children. A potluck dinner for all members of the church will follow the egg hunt.

**CARD OF THANKS**

We wish to express our sincere appreciation to Dr. F. J. Sykes, Dr. K. E. Kerby, Dr. K. A. Danford and the very fine nursing staff of the Malheur Memorial Hospital for their kindness upon the death of our loved one, husband and father.

Our thanks to our many friends and neighbors for their concern.

—Mrs. Arthur Sparks, Guy Sparks, Richard Sparks and Kenneth Altig and families.

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