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## WEEKLY SERMONETTE

### The Passion

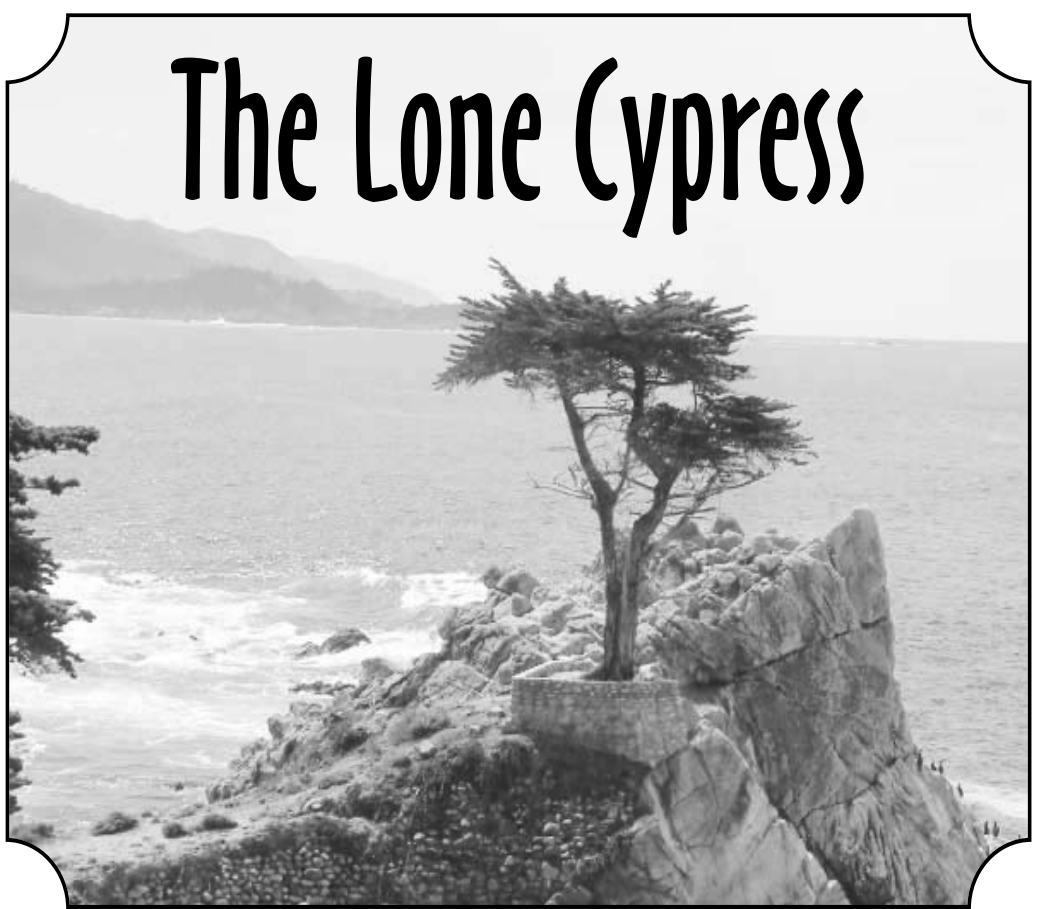
By Rev.

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The Mel Gibson movie about the Passion of The Christ has definitely stirred folks up. Some with praise, some with criticism and some with a little of each. I belong in the last category but I believe that the greatest thing about the movie is that it motivates us to be in conversation about The Christ and the way His Passion, Death and Resurrection has changed our lives or not.

We once were lost but now are found. We once were dead but now are alive. We once wandered about seeking out our own way but now we follow God's way. One could go on and on with talk about how The Christ has changed us but the greatest statement is in what we do not what we say.

The fruit of lives transformed by The Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus is actions of Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Generosity, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self-control (Galatians 5:22-23). A movie, a church, a book or anything that incites actions contrary to this is not from God.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Numbers	Numbers	Ezra	Nehemiah	Nehemiah	Nehemiah	Nehemiah
14:1-10	14:11-25	9:5-15	1:1-11	9:1-15	9:16-25	9:26-37

This cypress tree standing by the sea appears as a lone sentinel guarding the shore. Yet, if you look closely, someone has built a wall around her base protecting her roots from harm. Perhaps she is not so alone at all, but striking, majestic and sure, standing against the horizon.

At times, we all feel alone. Perhaps we experience the loss of a close friend or relative; or we feel that they do not understand us. A serious illness can isolate us from our healthy peers. Yet, a wall of support can surround our soul as well.

That support comes from our Heavenly Father. Rose Kennedy once said, "I have always believed that God never gives a cross to bear larger than we can carry. Birds sing after a storm. Why shouldn't we?" Certainly, she lived her belief, for so many tragedies have struck the Kennedy family through the years. Perhaps this sense of peace was the secret to her longevity.

Don't you want to possess the peace that comes from faith in God? 1 Corinthians 14:33 assures us, "For God is not a God of confusion, but of peace." Won't you seek God at your church or synagogue this week? The protection of God's peace will surround you and keep your soul rooted in Him.

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# WILSONVILLE

By VELMA HOLTZE

Margaret Ruf hosted the I.H.O. at her home on Wednesday afternoon, March 10. Vice President Carla Holtze presided at the business meeting. Roll call was answered by six members and two guests naming a Nebraska author. Devotions were given by Margaret who shared "The Trouble Tree" and "The Legend of the Daffodil". The Campus Crusade, Mrs. Ruf's project, was the recipient of the monetary gift given. She then introduced Maxine Bridgman Isackson of Brady who shared during the afternoon about her three books she has had published and various articles she has done for Nebraska publications. One of the books is family history but the other two are novels, which take place in Nebraska. Mrs. Isackson is the mother-in-law of Mrs. Ruf's sister, Deetta. The hostess served a St. Patrick's lunch. Mrs. Ruf's parents, Deelee and Odessa Treat, had accompanied Mrs. Isackson to Wilsonville. Deelee accompanied Dean Brown for an afternoon ride around the countryside. This proved to be a most interesting and enjoyable afternoon for both women and men.

### Art Show at Woman's Club

Sixteen members, (all but one member) and two guests met at the Baptist-Christian Church for the March 8 Woman's Club meeting. President Mary Wilson presided during the evening. Joanne McLaughlin led in the flag salute and the music leaders; Margaret Spence and Nadeane Haag led the group in some Irish songs. President Mary Wilson shared a Happiness article and also appointed the Easter egg hunt committees. The Easter Egg hunt will be at the park on Saturday, April 10. The grade school art, which was on display, was judged by Sondra Johnson of Cambridge. Members had also judged for fun and then told for roll call their favorite piece of work. Leila Lang gave devotions. The evening program was given by Ms. Johnson, who explained why she judged as she did which proved to very educational. She also told and explained much of her sculptor work after giving each member a small piece of clay to do a little sculpturing. Some women proved to be quite artistic. Wilsonville students who placed in the judging were Geri Bethel, blue, kindergarten; Kaden Huxoll, blue, third grade; Brooke Ballou, red, fifth grade. Joselyn Wilmot, granddaughter of Mary and Merlin Willmot of Lebanon, also received a purple in grade two. Mrs. Johnson, a professional artist, was very impressed with the students work.

Hostesses Maxine Parrish and Velma Holtze assisted by Mrs. Holtze's daughter-in-law, Carla Holtze, served a tasty salad in keeping with St Patrick's Day at tables decorated in the same theme.

Mrs. Holtze enjoyed Friday noon dinner with Adeline Ballou while they listened to the Cambridge-Ravenna state basketball game. Brad Ballou was also a dinner guest.

The latter part of the week was quite exciting for all those interested in the Cambridge school. With the boys basketball team headed for the state playoffs in Lincoln on Thursday, there was no school on Thursday or Friday. Many families headed for Lincoln on Thursday arriving in time for the 4:30 p.m. game. What an exciting game. Cambridge trailed by at least a point or two until the last few minutes of the game. They surged ahead and defeated Sutton. More families headed for Lincoln to watch their team play Ravenna at 11:30 a.m. on Friday. They led by at least a point or two throughout the game. The scary part was when in the third quarter all five of the starters had three fouls and two had four, but again they met the

challenge with none of them fouling out, and continued to keep their lead, thus winning another round. That afternoon saw more fans eastward bound for the 9:30 a.m. final game on Saturday. The Trojans met Louisville at 9 a.m. Again Cambridge boys played a tough team, but only once did they let their opponents get a one-point lead. So congratulations to a team who has had a terrific season. The only one on this team from Wilsonville was reserve, sophomore, Brian Ballou. However, Brian had his picture in the Omaha World Herald. It was a happy troupe that made their way home that afternoon. So for the eighth time in history, the same school was football and basketball state champions in the same year.

Russell and Michelle Simmons of Hays, Kan. arrived at the home of his grandmother, Velma Holtze, on Friday evening to spend the weekend. The three were cafe supper guests of Margene Holtze on Saturday. Joining them for dinner on Sunday at Velma's were Margene, Caroline Simmons and son Laden. Afternoon visitors were Jim and Becky Holtze, Brian Holtze and Ken and Carla Holtze.

Mr. and Mrs. Todd Palmer of Joplin, Mo., arrived at his parents, Doug and June Palmers on Saturday evening. They will be visiting relatives and friends for about a week.

Kendall Rice and Gary Brown furnished special music for the Baptist-Christian worship service on Sunday morning.

Velma Holtze visited Ilene Ruf in Cambridge on Tuesday.

### Ann Marie Shaw Honored

The Clarence Courtright's were kind enough to send an article from the Santa Fe, N.M., newspaper concerning a woman who was born, grew up here and graduated from Wilsonville High School in 1948. The United States Center for the International Association of Theater for Children and Young people has decided to name its annual fellowship for Ann Marie Shaw of Santa Fe. This will be awarded yearly to theater artists and scholars to provide scholarships and work in other related fields. Fellowships will range from \$500 to \$2,000. The first one will be awarded at a ceremony at Kennedy Center in Washington D.C. in May.

After high school graduation Ann Marie furthered her education by going to Colorado Woman's College in Denver and then to Northwestern University in Chicago where she majored in dramatics. Later she received her doctor's degree at Columbia University. She spent a number of years in New York City associated with theater work. She spent at least two summers in Central City, Colo., assisting with the operas, helping with the costuming and in other capacities. During the years she also did a great deal of world traveling in connection with her career. Upon her retirement in 1991, from the faculty of City University in New York City, she moved to Sante Fe, N. M.

Quoting the paper again, "Shaw was the United States representative to the International executive committee from 1978-87, was twice elected vice president and served as a voting delegate at eight International Association of Theater for Children and Young people congresses. In 2002, she was named an International member of honor". Those of us who remember Ann Marie or "Mimi" as she was often called, remember her growing up in the house last occupied by Marge Oakley in south Wilsonville. Her father died when she was a small girl and she was raised as an only child by her mother, Helen Shaw, the owner of Dryden Pharmacy for many years. So to Ann Marie, her Wilsonville friends say "Congratulations", we are so proud of you.

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