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WEEKLY SERMONETTE

Christ, The Wisdom of God, Rick Rostek, Pastor, Immanuel Lutheran Church

"You shall have no other gods," says the One True God. Luther explains this by saying "We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things." It seems strange that he would say we should fear a source of love and trust. But God has demonstrated His awesome power by creating the universe and all that there is. And God has given the Ten Commandments and demands perfect obedience. God's power and His promise of judgment to evildoers is reason enough to fear God.

But we have other gods. What's the most important thing to you? If you could hang onto one thing while everything else was taken from you, what would it be? Your money, family, or friends? Your house, job, or health? Your car, sports, or purpose in life? Where would God and His love be? Too often we put the things of this world between us and God, causing harm to our relationship with Him. It brings us under judgment, and we fear God.

But here's a great irony. The book of Proverbs says, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." And God's wisdom is more

than just His law. God's wisdom includes grace and mercy. God looks down and sees the rampant sin in this world. He could respond in wrath, but instead He responds with grace. He says, "I will save them, I will redeem them, I will forgive them." The wisdom of God is

this: while we were still sinners, God sent His only Son, Jesus Christ, to pay the price for sin, to take the full wrath of God and be the perfect sacrifice for the sins of the world. St. Paul says that Jesus Christ is "the power of God and the wisdom of God."

Ultimately, the wisdom of God is Jesus Christ, and knowledge of Jesus reveals God's plan of salvation. Jesus Christ died on the cross for the sins of the world. Whoever believes in Jesus and His work of salvation has full forgiveness of sins and everlasting life. In Jesus Christ, we see that God truly is a source of love and trust.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom and the wisdom of God is Jesus Christ. Therefore, we can love and trust in God because He has made a promise that cannot be broken: Whoever believes in Jesus has everlasting life!

"To Thine Own Self Be True"



This famous quote from *Hamlet*, one of William Shakespeare's most popular plays, is as true today as it was centuries ago. In context, the wise father, Polonius, was giving this advice to his son, Laertes, who was about to embark on Denmark to France. Yet, how easily might a parent today give this same advice to a son or daughter about to leave home for the first time to go to college or to begin a new career.

How difficult it can be to stick to one's convictions in the face of diversity. Temptations await at every turn. Of course most of us falter at one time or another, but as we experience life, we realize our parents' advice to be unfaltering. How many times have their admonitions rung true? "What goes around comes around."

If we are untrue to our convictions, we are untrue to ourselves. The philosopher, Marcus Aurelius, said, "Never esteem anything as of advantage to thee that shall make thee break thy word or lose thy self-respect."

What is a source of strength for us as we strive to be true to our convictions? God's Word has been a pillar of strength for generations. In every location, a place of worship and new friends are not far away. Your truth lies with your Heavenly Father. He waits for you there.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
James 2:14-26	James 3:1-18	James 4:1-17	James 5:1-20	Proverbs 3:1-18	Proverbs 3:19-35	Proverbs 10:1-16

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NEW ALMELO

By BETTY OTTER

Aug. 29, Joe and Rose Ann Long, Leawood, visited with his parents, Marion and Lorraine Long. Family visiting over the Labor Day weekend were Irene Schieferecke, McPherson; Gerry Baalman, Grinnell; and Mandy Baalman, Kansas City.

Family coming to the home of Edwin and Miriam Slipke over the weekend were Ron and Linda Baumberger and Kendra of Salina; Darla Slipke, Lawrence; Bonita Slipke and children, Lenora; Michael and Kathy Slipke, Downs; Sarah Slipke, Hays; Cheryl Goheen, Pratt; William and Michelle Slipke and family, Hoxie; and Mary and Marvin Wudtke, Norton.

Joy and Hilaria Huff, Denver, Donna Roth and Steve Otter, Wichita, visited with Marion and Marilyn Otter on Sunday.

Mike Otter, Cimarron, spent the weekend with his parents, Alfred and Betty Otter.

Connie and Charlotte Otter, McPherson, spent the weekend in New Almelo. They visited his mother, Sophia Otter, at the Andbe Home and on Sunday evening they attended the Leoville Alumni Reunion in Leoville.

Allie and Ruth Vahling accompanied their son, Dick Vahling of

Dresden to Oakley for the funeral services for Rye Lippellmann. Rye was the husband of Dena Britton, a great-niece of Allie and Ruth. They spent the afternoon at the Richard Britton home with the Britton family of rural Colby. Mr. and Mrs. Ray Vahling, Tuetopolis, Ill., visited Allie and Ruth Vahling. The group visited with Agnes Marx. In the evening they visited with Dick and Betty Vahling and their son, Michael. Ray Vahling's grandfather helped build the house. Allie and Ruth live in that is over 100 years old.

The communities of New Almelo and Lenora were saddened by the death of Jacob Thomas James the infant son of Wes and Alice James, Ellis. The burial was Wednesday at Ellis. Grandparents are George and Vickie Gassmann of rural New Almelo and Tom and Gayle James, Lenora.

Gerry Baalman, Grinnell, and her mother Lorraine Long, made a trip to Hays this past week. Joe and Rose Ann Long, Leawood, visited with his parents, Marion and Lorraine Long on Sunday.

Sophia Otter of the Andbe Home, Norton, fell on Saturday breaking her hip. She had surgery at Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney and is recovering there.

LYLE NEWS

By DEANNA SUMNER

Monday Toots Magers and Kathy Van Meter went up to visit Helen and Mary Helm at the farm.

Tuesday, the Lyle ladies; Toots, Kathy Van Meter and Joyce Sumner, instead of sewing, cleaned up the Community Building for the hog roast that was held Saturday evening.

Wednesday evening Liberty Star Club was held at the home of Teresa Reves in McCook. Those present were; Angie Wilson, Kathy Anthony, Carolyn Plotts, Veda Wood, Kathy Van Meter and Margaret Magers.

Thursday, Kathy Van Meter and guest, Joyce Sumner, attended Kathy's bank party. They played Chocolate Bingo with chocolate kisses and they had a chocolate fountain.

Saturday evening was the Lyle Hog Roast. There were 73 guests signed in. Gene and Laurene VanOtterloo brought Marguerite Fullerton from the Good Samaritan Home in Oberlin.

Several community members helped at the Hog Roast on Saturday. They were: Dean and Rhonda Jolly, Virgil Price, June Jolly, Joyce Sumner, Veda Wood, Toots Magers, Joyce Price and Kathy Van Meter.

Thursday, J.T. Guy was in Colorado on an elk hunt and stayed with Toots that night. Friday J.T., Bill Flesher and son from Topeka, and

Judy Easton came for lunch at Toots' and looked at pictures from the elk hunt.

Friday evening, Toots and June Jolly went to Norcat to play cards.

Saturday, J.T.'s father, John Guy from Sydney, Neb., came in.

Sunday, J.T. came by Toots' and got his meat on his way back home to Abilene. That evening Toots and June Jolly played in the pitch tournament in Norton.

Friday evening Kathy Van Meter went to Park, for the wedding rehearsal for the Nejd and Jeardoe wedding at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Following was a barbecue at Tim and Jolene Nejd's home.

Saturday was the wedding. The reception, supper and dance was in Grainfield. A lot of family was there including Jack and Sylvia Lovin from Wichita; Maria Porter, Jim and Marg Hilburn, Hoxie; Keith and Karen Hilburn, Charlotte Wilson, Jewell; and Sam and Gladys Williams, Cimarron. Father Don Zimmerman, Manhattan, married the couple. He also married the bride's parents 28 years ago.

Sunday, Kathy Van Meter visited Jack and Sylvia Lovin and Maria at their home in WaKeeney. Tim and Clinton Nejd came later on their motorcycle to visit.

Ernest and Donna Huff went to see David at his home in Perryton, Texas, a couple weekends ago.

NORTON MANOR

By DORIS MIZELL

Saturday evening Georgia O'Neill went to daughter Deb Bowen's for dinner. Jason, Samatha, Katie and Georgia's new grandson were there to eat also.

Sunday, afternoon visitors of Doris Mizell were Arlene and Doyle Foss, Edmond.

Marie Delimont's daughter, Eileen Kuntz and a friend Jennifer Hartman of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, came Aug. 18 to spend a few days with Marie. They were by Marie's other daughters Leta and John Harpst, Wichita and Judy and Jay VanDerVeen rural Prairie View on Saturday. The Harpsts spent the nights with the VanDerVeens. They all attended church with Marie Sunday morning at the First Baptist Church. Stacie DeBoer, Alysses and Gage Fridal, Edmond came to be with them for lunch.

On Sept. 9 Anetta Knapp's daughter LeVonne Otter took her to McCook to see an eye doctor. On Sept. 28 she will have a cataract taken off at McCook. On that same

evening her grandson Joshua Otter came to say good-bye. He will be going to Great Bend to join a group then on to Ft. Sill, Okla., where he will have some refresher courses and then to Iraq. Her other grandson, Brandon Otter, is taking boot training in South Carolina. He is seeing what a hurricane can do.

Saturday Doris Mizell accompanied Roberta McAllister, Clayton; Connie Lillich, Atwood; Patty Foster, Jennings and Arlene Foss, Edmond to Milford State Park where they met Carolyn and Roger Linsenmeyr, Beatrice, Neb. They managed to surprise the family of Doris' Uncle Ernest who was having a get together. Some of his family that were there were Wilma Diebert, Mankato; Ruth Hyde, Hill City, Margaret Mallock, Hunter, Okla.; Linda Brown, Lawrence and spouses and children. It had been years since Mrs. Mizell had seen some of them. On the way home they stopped at Clyde to visit a cousin, Mildred Andrewson.

ALMENA NEWS

By ESTHER MARBLE

Esther Marble visited Alberta Geil last Thursday afternoon.

Bud and Lila Engelhardt and Dan and Tracy Engelhardt motored to Republican City, Neb. They enjoyed a meal at Little Mexico on the lake to help Dan and

Tracy celebrate their seventh anniversary.

Bill Godfrey ate dinner Sunday with Esther Marble and Harold Shearer. Later, Bill went out to Blaine's and trimmed some trees for them.

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