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WEEKLY SERMONETTE

Are You Worried?

By Lew Van Der Wege

I am. There are a great many things to be worried about. War, taxes, insurance, debt, things I want, things I need and things somewhere in between to name just a few. Today's world and our lifestyle are conducive to hurry and worry. Some worry is necessary but much of what we worry about reminds me of my dog when she chases her tail. She expends a lot of energy but doesn't accomplish much.

Too much hurry and worry can be harmful especially when we worry about things that haven't happened or may never happen. I usually worry about things for long periods of time before they don't happen. Doing so takes its toll on one's physical, mental and spiritual well being.

Jesus tells us not to worry about tomorrow for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. But instead to strive or use our energy to build a relationship with God (Matthew 6:33-34). A good place to begin is with prayer. Here is a prayer that I've been using to start out my day. I share it with you hoping that you will use it or one of your own to start the day reminded of what is worth your worry.

Lord, help me to relax. Take from me the tension that makes peace impossible. Take from me the fears that do not allow me to venture. Take from me the worries that blind my sight. Take from me the distress that hides your joy. Help me to know that I am with you, that I am in your care, that I am in your love, that you and I are one. Amen.

We Need Heroes



- SUNDAY
Psalm 40
- MONDAY
Psalm 41
- TUESDAY
Psalm 42
- WEDNESDAY
Psalm 43
- THURSDAY
Psalm 44
- FRIDAY
Psalm 121
- SATURDAY
Isaiah 42:1-20

For most of us, having someone to admire and look up to is important. We need heroes! Many of us still remember a teacher, a friend, a neighbor or a national figure whose actions influenced our lives in some way.

Today it seems as if there are fewer people we can look up to. When we are coping with our trials and tribulations, we need a hero we can trust who sets a steadfast and wise example. We need a dependable role model.

Jesus of Nazareth was a source of steadfast strength for His disciples and all those He encountered. He cared for this world and loved and forgave everyone, no matter what his or her actions.

Let Jesus be our hero! Worship only God and, as Exodus 20:6 tells us, He will show "...love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments".

Why not learn more about this hero at your chosen house of worship!



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WILSONVILLE

By VELMA HOLTZE

The weather has been quite nice this past week after the spring blizzard last Sunday and Monday. Wilsonville officially had 10 inches with over an inch of precipitation. Of course, the wind moved it around until there was some pretty deep places. There was no school Monday or Tuesday. Dixie Landreth was teaching her children the "Art of Helping Others" on Tuesday. She, Travis and Kelsey went about town scooping walks for many, especially older people.

Darlene Stanley has been moved from the McCook Hospital back to the care home in Oberlin.

It was great to be back in church after having it canceled last week. Pastor Keith brought another one of his timely sermons. So timely, in fact, that he had no idea how helpful it was to some in his congregation.

Calling on Sunday in the Joe Kasson home, was his cousin, Lois and her husband, Charley Payton of Boise, Idaho. Lois is a sister of Viva Hutchins, Hendley.

Hospital News

Laurie Laws had gall bladder surgery on March 20, in Norton. She had returned home, but on Saturday was taken back by ambulance with complications. As of this Monday, she is recuperating at home.

Darrell Palmer entered the McCook hospital. On Sunday, he was transferred to the Omaha hospital again.

Compliments to the Press

While the Wilsonville reporter was snow bound she found the time to go through lots of old papers. She found a poem called "My Brightest Star" printed in a 1976 Norton Telegram that had been taken from the Kansas City Star.

Other information in the paper included not only those who worked in the newspaper office, setting type and so on, but also the correspondents. "That's why," said Mrs. Holtze, "as a correspondent, it is always fun to get a letter or telephone call from out-of-state as we did from Jerry Colling who always expresses his appreciation for hometown news. We were blessed to also hear from (a reader) Arizona."

Haag Family News

Carole Gaunt of McCook, took her mother, Nadeane Haag, to Franklin on March 18, where she was met by her son, Gordon Haag, of Fairbury. That evening, Nadeane accompanied Gordon's family to a spring music program by the Fairbury Junior High. Nadeane's grandson, Jared Haag, a seventh grader, was in the band, the chorus and show choir.

Like all of Nebraska, the weather man changed plans for them. They awoke Sunday morning to blizzard conditions. By Tuesday, Gordon, who was on break between quarters from his teaching at Beatrice Community College was able to bring his mother home and stay until Thursday.

Nadeane's other son, Charles D. Haag, principal at Oberlin, was also on spring break, so he

spent some time in Wilsonville.

Together they assisted their mother with several things and were able to move their father, Charles, home from the Cambridge Nursing Home where he has spent the past several weeks.

Gordon returned home in order to take his son, Justin, to join several others who were flying to the east coast where they will be employed for a company who sets up golf tournaments in various cities from Rhode Island to Florida. Justin graduated from college in December.

Summing that all up, the best part is that Charles is able to be back in Wilsonville.

House Burns

The community was shocked Thursday night to hear the fire whistle blow around 11:30 p.m. It was the home of Ron and Dee Anderson. For out-of-state readers, it was the John Rice home in the 30s through the early 60s; later the Frank Lomax home in the 60's and 70s and the Nathan Seybold home until they left Wilsonville. The Andersons purchased it from the Seybolds in the mid 90s.

Wilsonville has been very fortunate there has not been many home fires when people were living in the house. As people reminisced, they have recalled six or seven house fires in the past 60 years. Two of those did claim lives; in one, two children died, in the other two adults.

The Anderson home is a total loss even though four area fire departments came to assist the Wilsonville Fire Department battle the flames. Cambridge sent several vehicles and men. Holbrook came with a few men and a water truck, Arapahoe sent six men and a water truck, and coming from Beaver City were two water trucks and men. Only a few personal things were salvaged.

Everyone is so thankful that the family was able to get out. They had gone to bed when Ron awoke and realized there was a fire in the living room area. He awakened his wife and three-year old granddaughter who was spending the night. They grabbed the phone as they fled from the house and called 911.

They went immediately to their good friends and neighbors, Richard and Dora Shaw, who own the former Methodist parsonage. As for now, that is where the Andersons are staying until they can make arrangements for housing. Everyone rejoices that they were able to save their greenhouses where they already have thousands of plants started. Their three sons, Rick of Minden, Jason of Gothenburg and Kevin of Bartley arrived by morning.

The community is offering help in many ways, including taking food to the Shaw home and donating personal items at this time. The important thing is that the Andersons know the community will support them and that many sincerely wish it could have been one of the empty houses that are an eyesore in the community.

JENNINGS NEWS

By LOUISE CRESSLER

Jennings community extends sympathy to Eugene and Dona Mrstik in the death of Eugene's brother, Bill Mrstik of Milwaukee, Wis. A memorial will be held in Jennings at a later date.

Harley Rowilson, daughter of Dawn LaRue and Jeff Rowilson, was released from the hospital Friday. She is recuperating at home from a viral stomach infection.

Dean Vacura had hip surgery at McCook, Community Hospital. He is home and doing well.

Family attending church with Kay and Doyle Brown were: Kara and Gordon Kuntz, Zachary and Katherine of Hays; McKencie and Jordan Brown children of Kent and Robin Brown of Estes Park, Colo.

Janeil Dilling, Goodland, visited her mother, Imogene Keenan, over the weekend.

William and Rachel Carter went to Topeka March 18 with their daughter Jane and Jim Wahlmeier and Amanda. They attended the

baptism on Sunday for the children of Mike Wahlmeier at the Christ the King Catholic Church. The children Keira, Emma, Karlee and Tony are just now being adopted by Mike and Joni. Mike is the son of Jane and Jim. About 60 people attended the reception and lunch at the Super 8 Hotel.

United Methodist Women will meet April 5, at 2 p.m., at the church. Kristi Smith, Oberlin, will be speaking on missionary work in Africa. Hostesses will be Kathy Nauer and Helen Rhodes. Everyone is welcome to come listen to Kristi.

Mary Wahlmeier and Ramona Shaw attended a bridal shower in Hoxie on Saturday for Andrea Shaw. Andrea and Chris Graham will be married May 27 in Hoxie.

Stan and Ramona Shaw visited Mark and Shelley Shaw, Ethan and Erin, rural Logan, on Sunday afternoon. On Monday, Stan and Ramona accompanied Francis and Leone Porch, Selden to Hays. They visited Mary Ann Dinkel.

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