

Heavenly scents tempt church-goers

Tantalizing tendrils of temptation begin to drift up the stairs about the time Reverend K launches into the sermon full speed ahead. By the time we arrive at silent prayer the entire congregation is salivating with anticipation. It's a potluck Sunday at First Presbyterian and it's sure difficult to concentrate on heavenly concepts when earthly delights are beckoning from the basement. Dad is well prepared, wearing his gravy-colored tie, as he always does on potluck Sundays.

Gwen and I, along with the other high school girls, slip out of choir during the last verse of the final hymn and hurry down the back stairs to the kitchen where we start putting out the salads from the refrigerator and the hot casseroles from the oven. The upper grade Sunday School class girls have always poured coffee at church dinners and helped set up the buffet table. Who are we to instigate change?

A burst of organ postlude from above, orderly departure transforms into a stampede down the stairs. Services are over and here comes the congregation. Mama hustles in, tying her fancy ruffled organdy apron, and she and other elegantly aproned ladies sally forth to cut pies and cakes, slice meatloaves and carve glazed hams. The appetizing aromas of fresh bread, fried chicken and scalloped potatoes are overwhelming and as I pass by the table I see that Mrs. M has brought her olive-topped meatloaf again. Goodie! A quick sniff tells me someone has brought fresh sliced peaches. Double goodie! We scan the dishes to make sure there are big spoons in every single dish lest we end up with jello in the

Rock'N Roll Kid

Liza Deines



noodles and baked beans in the whipped cream salads.

Reverend K offers a heartfelt grace and the crowd starts through the line. Muted clinking and chinking ensues as everyone settles in with brimming plates. We start our rounds with coffee and iced tea. We must eat last and we used to get only the scrapings and leavings of casseroles, necks and backs of chicken, but last year a minor miracle occurred. Mrs. R, bless her loving heart, saw the situation and began bringing an extra lemon meringue pie and an extra fried chicken which she put in the kitchen corner cabinet with a big red sign that said "For Servers Only." Now that was a great change to instigate, in our eyes at least.

All too soon everyone is at the dessert table and another round of coffee and tea begins. Ladies are already rising to gather dishes and tuck their leftover food back in their baskets, so we dare not linger. We choose from almost empty dishes and retire to the kindergarten Sunday School room to eat. As the long tables are cleared for the congregational meeting, Mrs. R follows us in with our reserved yummys and we reward her with grateful hugs. Clara, the church secretary, has hurried through her meal and is now distributing stacks of purple mimeographed reports. From the kitchen comes laughter and conversation, a sure sign the

church ladies are participating in the "fellowship of the soapsuds."

The meeting opens with prayer, deteriorates quickly into endless reports, budget wrangling and arm-waving discussion. Running a church sure requires a lot of details that seem to have nothing to do with salvation. Dad says a church is not a building, but people united as a body of believers with but a single goal, which is the spreading of the Word. If that involves a budget to maintain a building, pay a shepherd for the flock and get missionaries and materials into hostile countries, then that's the means God gave us to achieve the goal. And it's certainly no sin to enjoy each other's company and some good cooking in the process.

MY MAMA SAID: I'll take up the chicken, you run get the basket and the jars of dilly tomatoes and beet pickles. It's potluck day at church and we don't want to be late.

It's a boy!



Jarrett Allen Pfannenstiel

Jarrett Allen Pfannenstiel was born at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney, Neb., on Aug. 1, 2008. He weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces and was 19 and a half inches long. His parents are Brian and Kate Pfannenstiel, Norton. Grandparents are Larry and the late Mary Smith, and Herman and Doris Pfannenstiel, all of Norton, and Felix Pfannenstiel is the great grandfather, also of Norton.

Duplicate Bridge, 3 tables. 1st, Sam and Bonnie Manning. Tied 2nd, Norman Walter and Claudia Bridges, Bob Jones and Carla Latiner.

The Material Girls Quilt Guild of Phillipsburg, has a special October program scheduled. Jeanne Poore, internationally known quilt teacher, designer, author and lecturer will present a program, "Celebrate the Seasons," on Friday, Oct. 3. There is a \$5 at-door admission charge.

(Items for this column to tom.d@nwkans.com, mail to 215 S. Kansas Ave. 67654, or bring to the office.)

Legion to meet, discuss benefits

The Norton Legion Post #63, Norton, will host a meeting for all veterans and their families who wish to learn more about their earned VA benefits. The meeting will take place Tuesday, Sept. 23 at 8:45 a.m. at the American Legion Post Home.

Veterans and their family members who have specific questions regarding VA benefits are urged to attend.

The country's largest veterans service organization, the American Legion assists more veterans and their dependents in filing for benefits through service in the Armed Forces than any other group or organization.

American Legion members authored the original GI Bill of Rights during World War II and have pioneered many veterans' programs, including compensation for veterans exposed to radiation and Agent Orange and investigating Gulf War Syndrome.

The Sept. 23 meeting is part of the Legion's annual American Legion Veterans Affairs Tour when state and district officers visit each of the more than 330 American Legion Posts in Kansas.

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— **Steak and Seafood night, Thursday, 6-9, American Legion. Members and guests.**



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Couple to celebrate fifty years

Gerald and Freda Weyand will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Sept. 20 with a family dinner.

Children of the couple are Carla Miller and husband Richard, Russell; Curt Weyand and wife Michelle, Manhattan; and Craig Weyand and wife Jeannie, Albuquerque, N.M. The couple has four grandchildren — Ryan and Rylee Miller, Corey and Connor Weyand, and one great-grandchild, Haley Weyand.

Gerald Weyand and Freda Duffey were married Sept. 20, 1958



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in Seattle, and they plan to revisit Seattle in the spring of 2009. Cards may be sent to them at 310 Ward Ave., Norton 67654.



Jolene Dunaway and Nathan Overlease

Wedding set for October

Jolene Dunaway and Nathan Overlease of Norton are engaged and have set their wedding date for Oct. 4 at 3 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, Norton.

Parents of Jolene are Gordon and Susan Greve of Ashland, Neb., and Nathan's parents are Greg and Annette Overlease of Norton.

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