

# NORCATUR NEWS

## By NORCATUR NEWSLETTER VOLUNTEERS

Birthdays: Mike Helm - Feb. 25; David Hare, Andrea Marshall, Robert Schoenrad - Feb. 26; Bill Nelson - Feb. 28; Lucas Bailey - March 2.

The Norcaturn United Methodist Church will have a pancake supper on Saturday, March 6, in the Educational Building from 5-7 p.m. The new pastor, Kathy Aeillo, will be there to meet and greet everyone. She serves the Norcaturn, Clayton and Almema Methodist churches. Everyone is welcome.

John and Mary Rubendall celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Feb. 23. Their address is: 1002 15th Ave., Franklin, Neb. 68939.

Sunday, Feb. 22, visitors of Francis and Arlene Hix were Veryl and Freida Van Der Wege, Norton, and Gail and Mark Bailey.

Oran and LaVerne Milner met Ralph and Evelyn Strayer at the Cardinal Cafe Wednesday morning, Feb. 18, for breakfast. The Strayers then went on to Norton to do business.

There were sixteen at Senior Citizens Friday, Feb. 20. Winners were Clent Hatfield, Esther Miller and Dorothy Lawn. The next meeting will be Friday, March 5, beginning at 6 p.m. for a soup and pie supper, as guests of the Norcaturn Royal Neighbor Lodge. Cards will follow at 7 p.m. at the Educational Building.

Tuesday, Feb. 17, visitors of Virgil and Joyce Price were Sue Crockett of Aurora, Colo., and Ruby Cook and Kenneth and Pansy Price, Clayton. The following Sunday afternoon, Bob and Leona Schoenrad of Norcaturn were visitors.

The weekend of Feb. 21, Frank and Velda Ward were visited by their daughter, Wava Reames of Kingfisher, Okla. As usual, cards were a'flyin'. Friday evening, Feb. 20, Leslie and Lynn Ward and daughter, Kaley, were guests for a delicious "Firefighter's Pizza".

Sunday noon, Feb. 22, guests of Frank and Velda Ward were Wava Reames, Keith and Kaley Ward. Sunday evening guests were Marguerite Clark, and David and Kathy Ankenman from California for an evening of flying cards—literally! A crazy variety of Uno Attack has a device that throws cards at the unlucky person who pushes the button. If laughter is good medicine, the group decided they'll all be healthy for a long time.

The children of Ivan Leroy Auker request a prayer and card shower for their father, who was to be admitted to Ketchikan Memorial Hospital on Wednesday, Feb. 25, to undergo surgery for colon cancer. His address is Ivan L. Auker, P.O. Box 375, Craig, Ala., 99921.

John and Mary Rubendall wish to announce the birth of their first great-grandson, Solomon Aldon Lang, weighing in at a mighty 5 pounds, 3 ounces. Parents are Libby and Kevin Lang of

Wymore, Neb., and grandparents are Jan and David Beck.

Mail can be sent to Pat Schwab in care of Susan Boultinghouse, 1125 Centennial Boulevard, Hays, Kan., 67601. She is recuperating from a stroke and would appreciate hearing from friends.

Esther Miller went to Monday Bridge Club, Feb. 16, at the Merle Shirley residence in Oberlin. She later had supper with Gary and Annette Miller in Oberlin.

Beverly Morris had supper and spent the night with Esther Miller on Thursday night, Feb. 19.

Does anyone have an extra copy of the "blue" history book of Norcaturn, which you would like to donate to the library or city office? If you have an extra one, please contact Chris at 693-4461.

Sharee Dempewolf was a weekend guest at Lynn and Ralph Striet's in Larned. While there she helped Aunt Lynn make new curtains for their dining room, and went to Hutchinson. Sharee stopped by to see Ray, Jen and Bryce Thornton in Hays.

Andrea Marshall's 18th birthday was celebrated at Troy and Deb Marshall's home on Sunday evening, Feb. 22. Those attending besides her family were grandparents Forrest and Inez Jackson, and Neil Marshall, Kathy Almquist and Adam Spanier.

Congratulations to Andrea and Anthony Marshall for taking firsts at the Wheatland speech tournament on Saturday, Feb. 21. Andrea took first with her informative speech, and Anthony with his humorous solo.

The Three Prairie FCE met Thursday, Feb. 13, with five members present. Roll call was "Something about Valentines." Vice-president Lula Hix called the meeting to order. The "Crock Pot Cookery" lesson was discussed, and pamphlets were handed out. After a Valentine exchange, a delicious luncheon was served by Norma McCallister.

Do you throw away your old greeting cards? Please save them. The Youthville organization in Newton is recycling old greeting cards into new ones. Just cut off the fronts of the cards (making sure no message is on them), and bring them to the Methodist Church or Educational Building, where there is a box for them. All kinds of cards can be used—birthday, Christmas, sympathy, etc.

The Kansas West United Methodist Women will be sponsoring a Mission Education Tour June 6-16, departing from Wichita to Oklahoma, Texas and New Mexico this year. Young women, ages 15-22, may apply by April 1. Information and applications can be picked up from Marla West. The total cost for this year's METour is \$300.

Please change your calendars to show that the Preschool Spring Program/Graduation will be on May 12 at 7 p.m. in the All-Purpose Room.

## LYLE NEWS

### By KATHY VANMETER

Kathy VanMeter is substituting for Helen Helm while Mrs. Helm is with her husband, John, who had a heart attack Feb. 17. Mr. Helm is improving and recovering at Colby Medical Center.

Ladies working on more quilts for American Mexican Missions were Joyce Sumner, Margaret Magers, June Jolly and Kathy VanMeter.

Mary Margaret Helm came from her home in Arizona to be with her parents while her father recuperates from his recent heart attack.

Pam Engelhardt along with her children Tyler and Brittany Hawk, all of Aurora, Colo., took her grandmother, Margaret Magers, to the funeral for Merle Berry last Wednesday. The funeral was at St. John's Lutheran Church, northwest of Danbury with burial at Hamburg Cemetery, northwest of Lebanon. Mr. Berry was a brother-in-law of Richard Engelhardt. Jane and Richard Engelhardt visited Mrs. Magers that evening.

Veda Wood, Dwight Wood and Teresa Reves went to Florida for a 10-day visit with their son and brother, Merlin Wood.

Margaret Magers and Kathy VanMeter attended Friday night pitch at Norcaturn.

Kearney, Neb., last Friday to shop, sight-see and attend a hockey game. Present were the Dean Jolly family, the Dennis McFarland of McCook, the Carroll Jolly family from Omaha and friends, the Ron Weich family of Omaha.

Kathy VanMeter and Margaret Magers helped distribute Heartland SHARES last Saturday. They delivered SHARES to the John Helm home, to June Jolly and to Veda Wood.

Sunday Mrs. Magers, Mrs. Jolly and Mrs. VanMeter attended the Norcaturn Commercial Club Pancake Supper and then went on to Party Pitch at the Norton American Legion.

Feb. 23 June Jolly and Karen Brown played pitch in McCook. Margaret Magers, Kathy VanMeter and June Jolly all played pinochle recently at the County Line Cafe in Norcaturn. Joyce Sumner and Eleanor Jenson from Norton joined them. They all stayed for the fried chicken dinner.

Feb. 25 Mrs. Magers and Mrs. VanMeter visited Marguerite Fullerton at the Good Samaritan Home in Oberlin.

June Jolly played Bingo at WalMart in McCook last week. Later, she joined the McCook National Bank's Freedom Fifty Club for a card party.

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## WEEKLY SERMONETTE

### After Surrender ..What? By LIVING HOPE

I once heard the great preacher Adrian Rogers tell of a time when he was visiting with a missionary from overseas. Adrian asked the missionary, "What do you notice about Christianity here in American?"

Reluctantly, the missionary replied, "I noticed that many churches are speaking a lot about commitment to the local church, friends and family. But I have heard very little about surrendering of our will to the will of God." All of us have made commitments only to see our self-will preventing us from completing those commitments wholeheartedly.

Jesus was able to complete the work that His Father gave Him to do and brought glory to God because He surrendered His will to His Father in heaven. Jesus prayed in Gethsemane "yet not as I will, but as you will."

How can we bring glory to God's will surrendering to bring deliverance from sin and devotion to God?

God's will is that "all should come to repentance" and receive Jesus Christ as their personal Savior and Lord. Jesus said, "Come unto Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." For everyone who will repent and accept Christ, there is the promise of sins being forgiven and never being remembered against him or her again. There is a fresh clean start in the sight of God. God's grace goes beyond forgiveness, it also includes giving us the

strength and the ability we need to fulfill those commitments we long to complete, commitments made to each other or to the work to which God has called us to do.

With our hearts surrendered unto Christ for salvation and to His Lordship. God delivers us from self-centeredness and sin-centeredness which enables us to give true devotion to God. Devotion is "strong affection" and devoted is "being loyal." Jesus gave this description of devotion, "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me." In John 2:15 we see what devotion to God is, "Do not love the world (this present world system) or anything in the world."

After surrender... what? Surrender for deliverance from sin, puts us under the saving grace of God found only through God's Son, Jesus Christ. All burden of sin is put to rest and the bondage it has on us is broken. Wholehearted devotion to God then brings aspiration for unbroken communion with Him.

Our prayer should be, "Lord, help us to be totally surrendered to you. Help us to be wholly devoted to you. We have been preoccupied in the things of this world. Forgive us, and draw us near to you always that we may have rare communion with you. Amen."



### "Have I Forgotten Anything?"

**"Well, I think I am ready to head out the door now. I had better check and see if I have forgotten anything. Let's see...here are my keys, my credit cards, my laptop, my cell phone, that new pager I'm supposed to try. Is there anything else? Goodness, I nearly forgot the most important item...my Bible!"**

**In our busy world, it is difficult, if not impossible, to remember everything. Our brains are usually in overload mode and just simply short circuit! That is why we must keep the most important things...those that we cannot do without... first and foremost in our consciousness.**

**We must remember God first, for all of the success in the world cannot bring you happiness without God's peace within you. Mark 8:36 points out, "For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?"**

**Won't you carry God with you? Worship Him each week and learn about the important place your Heavenly Father occupies in your life. You will be glad that you didn't forget God.**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Psalm 122	Psalm 51	Habakkuk 1:1-17	Habakkuk 2:1-20	Habakkuk 3:1-19	Luke 11:1-13	Luke 18:1-14

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