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WEEKLY SERMONETTE

“THE OLDEST PROFESSION”, BY THE REV. LEW VAN DER WEGE

So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. Genesis 1:27-30

Stewardship of the creation is the God given work of humankind. I like to think that farming and ranching are the ultimate expressions of this work in our part of the country. Farmers and ranchers have faithfully tended the crops and the creatures with little monetary return for their efforts.

The past few years have been hard years because of the drought. We’ve received some rain recently but it will only last for a short time. We need some rain that will soak deep down into the earth and create “sub-soil moisture.” It is that deep moisture that brings crops to fruition even when it doesn’t rain for a time.

I pray a prayer of thanksgiving for farmers and ranchers. I give thanks that their commitment to the land runs deep and sustains them and us even when it doesn’t

rain for time. I pray that their efforts will bear fruit in the years ahead.

Thank you friends for producing the food we eat.

A Summons from the Sea

In the oppressive heat of midsummer, how we anticipate traveling to the beach. The suntan lotion is packed. Our umbrella is ready to pierce the sand, joining the myriad of colorful “polka dots” lining the silver strand. What draws us in droves for the journey toward the sea?



Of course, we crave the cooling breeze as it estates the sun’s heat. The sounds of the surf can excite and soothe as well...so strong, yet reassuringly rhythmic. In some cases, three or four generations travel and fellowship together...a bonding opportunity for young and old alike. Perhaps the fresh seafood beckons. Nowhere is it more delectable.

Finally, when we stare out at that endless expanse of God’s Creation, it calls to mind His power and the infinity of His love. It refreshes our knowledge of the Creator’s greatness and how small our problems can be when we have faith in His timeless wisdom. Our Lord says in Matthew 21:21, “If you have faith, and never doubt...even if you say to this mountain, ‘Be taken up and cast into the sea,’ it will be done.”

As you worship this week, reflect upon the mightiness of our Heavenly Father and His boundless love for us, His children.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Genesis 25:1-18	Genesis 25:19-34	Genesis 27:1-29	Genesis 27:30-46	Genesis 28:1-22	Genesis 37:1-11	Genesis 37:12-36

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NORCATUR NEWS

By NORCATUR NEWSLETTER VOLUNTEERS

The Cardinal Bar and Grill is now open in Norcatgur. Hours are Monday through Thursday from 6:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.; and Friday and Saturday from 6:30 a.m. to 12 midnight.

A.W. and Evelyn Lyon will be celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary on Thursday, Aug. 19. They live at the Andbe Home, 201 West Crane, Norton, Kan., 67654.

Word was received of the death of Marilyn Hutchinson on July 12. She was a daughter of the late Percy and Elta (Shick) Wilmore and granddaughter of the late Preston and Cora Shick.

Survivors include her husband, Jacob; a daughter, Cindy Lee Hutchinson; a son, J. Scott and Andrea Huchinson; four grandchildren; a sister, Dr. Jean M. McDill; and a brother, Richard and April Willmore. Memorial services were held July 20 at St. Matthew’s Lutheran Church in Jacksonville, Fla.

Michael Sedlmayer wrote to say that his parents, Albert and Mary Sedlmayer of Norcatgur will be celebrating their 34th wedding anniversary on Aug. 21. Their family plans to be with them for the month of August. His father will be celebrating his 63rd birthday on Sept. 2.

Saturday overnight guests on Aug. 7 of Virgil and Joyce Price were their grandson and family, Jason, Kathy, Connor and MacKinze Jurey, of Kennard, Neb. They were en route home from a vacation in Colorado.

Weekend guests Aug. 7 and 8 of Frank and Velda Ward, and Leslie and Lynn Ward were Wava Reames, son-in-law Johnny Crum, and grandson, James. They came for the Decatur County Fair, the Ankenman reunion in Norton, and most importantly, to pick up granddaughter Shawnda. Shawnda had spent two weeks with Leslie and Lynn and Frank and Velda.

Many participated in the surprise birthday party for Marguerite Clark at the Educational Building on Saturday evening. Johnnie enjoyed the Demolition Derby at the Oberlin fair so much that he thought he’d give it a try. Sunday night, on the way home to Les and Lynn Ward’s, he got his first deer! The deer and car both died in the accident, but Johnnie is fine, just bruised. Wava, Johnnie, Shawnda, and James headed home Monday morning, borrowing a car from Frank and Velda. Celebrating August birthdays and belated July birthdays at the Frank and Velda Ward home were Johnnie and James, Leslie, Wava and Velda.

Recent visitors of Lowell Sebaugh were Mary Lou, Tyler, and Kayla Waugh, who also attended the fair in Oberlin.

Don’t forget you can drop off your computer ink and toner cartridges and hand-held cell phones at the Norcatgur City Office. These will be for the Decatur Community High School Journalism Department.

Jesse Streit of Larned visited from Aug. 4-7 with his Grandpa Thornton and enjoyed the Decatur County Fair.

Doug, Chris, Sharee and M.J. Dempewolf, R.D. Thornton, Ralph, Lynn, Jesse and Jacob Streit attended the wedding of Misti Beachel and Nathan Budig on Aug. 7, in Hill City. M.J. was a candlelighter in the wedding.

Birthdays and anniversaries: Troy and Deb Marshall - Aug. 11; Jay Locy - Aug. 13; Frank Hillebrand - Aug. 15; Andrea Marshall, Gene and Kristi Gallentine - Aug. 16.

Megan and Rebecca Wentz entered bucket calves at the Norton County Fair. Megan and Cassie got Reserve Grand Champion in the 9-year-old division. Rebecca and Clover got Grand Champion in the 7-year-old division. Megan constructed a hooded sweatshirt and was awarded best-constructed garment and Reserve Grand Champion. Megan was also awarded first place in life-skill judging, and received Best Bread Award. Megan and Rebecca entered crafts, foods, clothing, a rocket and came home with lots of ribbons. This was Megan’s third and Rebecca’s, first year as members of Prairie Dog 4-H Club. Way to go, girls!

Dave and Patty Stapp took Sam Stapp to Iola on Aug. 3 to spend a few days with his sister, Kortney

Stapp. Dave and Patty returned home Wednesday. Sam and Kortney and Jared Piore returned to Norcatgur on Aug. 6. Jared returned home Monday, and Kortney will return Saturday, Aug. 14. She will be a sophomore at Allen County College and is a member of the Allen County Red Devil basketball team.

Dave, Patty, Kortney, Kaitlyn, and Sam Stapp attended a barbecue at the home of Marian Dempewolf on Saturday, Aug. 7. Other guests were Jared Piore, Iola; Dave and Linda Sheilp, McCook; Mr. and Mrs. Duane Sheilp, Kearney, Neb.; Amber Dempewolf, Topeka; Greg Dempewolf, Culbertson, Neb.; Bob Dempewolf and Rose Riffle, Dewaine Stapp and Leone Purton, and Marian Dempewolf, Oberlin.

Virgil and Joyce Price attended her family reunion at the Barnett Park in McCook on Aug. 7. There were 44 present to enjoy eating, visiting, and picture taking. The picnic dinner at noon was catered by their niece, Pam Messinger.

The following day, Virgil and Joyce Price attended the Lyle community picnic dinner hosted by the Library Star Club. Fourteen were present and had a nice day at the Powell picnic grounds. A few even took a ride on the rope swing.

Evelyn and Ralph Strayer of Atwood visited Oran and LaVerne Milner on Aug. 7. They had attended the Skrdland family reunion in Norton.

Martha (Dick) Scheiwe writes that their daughter will be living in Minneapolis, Minn., for a few months and will be working at a home for the disabled as their activities coordinator.

Pansy Price had knee replacement surgery on July 6 at Kearney, Neb., and came home on July 10 to recuperate and have physical therapy at Norton. Their daughter, Marlene Wolf and grandchildren took turns staying with the Prices to help out. On three different weekends the entire Wolf family came to do mowing and yard work. The Prices enjoyed the cards, calls and visits from everyone.

Janet Rippe of Indianola, Neb., and Cathy Ankenman of Yucaipa, Calif., planned a surprise carry-in dinner at the Educational building in Norcatgur on Saturday, Aug. 7, in honor of Marguerite Clark’s 90th birthday. Those attending were: Janet’s husband, Gail, and daughter, Allison; Cathy’s husband, Dave; Wava Reams of Oklahoma; Betty Reid of Norton; and Frank and Velda Ward, Oran and Laverne Milner, Bill Craig, Rea and Dee Magers, all of Norcatgur. After enjoying lots of good food and a beautiful birthday cake, the group played games and cards.

There were 22 present at Senior Citizens Friday, Aug. 6. Winners were Virgil Price, Clent Hatfield, and Margaret Magers. The next meeting will be at 7 p.m. on Friday.

Overnight guests of Oran and LaVerne Milner on Aug. 3 were Mary Beard and Josh, of San Diego, Calif. That evening they joined Marguerite Clark, Norton, for pizza. Marguerite is Mary’s aunt. Another of Marguerite’s nieces, Anete Whilesede, her daughter Jessica, and Jessica’s friend, Luke from Saskatoon, Canada, also arrived in Norton on Aug. 3. On Wednesday, the group met at Marguerite’s home and all went out for breakfast. After a good visit at Marguerite’s, Mary and Josh went on to Clay Center to visit her mother, Barbara Clark.

Anita, Jessica, and Luke drove to Hays for a stop with Anita’s aunt, Roberta Williams. They drove on to Greensburg to visit Anita’s parents. Margaret and Harold Clark and brother, Jon, will later visit Jim and other friends. Anita plans to spend about a month there. Jessica and Luke plan to return to Canada after a few days’ visit.

Don Ankenman, Aurora, Ind., and Claudia Barbier, Forback, France, visited at the Oran Milner home on Thursday, Aug. 5. Claudia is visiting the Don Ankenman’s in Indeova for a few weeks. She is an Ankenman relative.

Recent visitors of Esther Miller were Michael Miller of Prairie Village and Beverly Morris of Hoxie.

