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## WEEKLY SERMONETTE

By Jane Sawyer Kersenbrock, Lay Speaker, member, United Parish of Lenora.

And there were in the same country children keeping watch over the catalogs arriving in the mail and the packages being placed under the tree, when suddenly, an angel appeared to them and asked, "Are you only concerned about yourselves? Have you not heard of the Christ Child who was born, and died for each of you?"

And the children replied, "Yes, we've heard."

And the angel said, "Fear not. I will be with you. Go and be with those who need your help and love."

And the children went with haste and they found Jesus, and they discovered that love and service do help those who are less fortunate; the hungry, ill-clothed, homeless, and those in prison. And it even helped the children realize how fortunate they are.

Have you found the Christ Child this Christmas season?

If you have, you're more concerned with the hungry, homeless and those with less. What about taking some of your Christmas money to help those in Florida

who lost their-homes in the hurricanes? What about volunteering at your child's school, or at the Andbe Home, or help a shut-in?

You see, that's what Christmas is all about; not what you get, but what you give. Someone once said that somehow, not

only at Christmas but all the long year through, the joy that you give to others is the joy that comes back to you! That's Christmas.

Every day you wake up and can thank God for another day, that's Christmas. Every day you have a warm house, that's Christmas. Every day you have food to eat and clothes to wear, that's Christmas. Every day you have friends who care for you, that's Christmas.

So go with haste and find the Christ Child. Find love and peace; joy and fulfillment in your life. Remember the Christ who gave His life for us all.

"And when they (the Wise Men) came into the house, they saw the young child with Mary, His mother, and fell down and worshipped Him." Matthew 2:11 (NKJV)

### Bathed in Glory

**SUNDAY**  
Micah  
5:2-9

**MONDAY**  
Isaiah  
7:1-9

**TUESDAY**  
Isaiah  
7:10-25

**WEDNESDAY**  
Matthew  
1:1-17

**THURSDAY**  
Matthew  
1:18-25

**FRIDAY**  
Luke  
2:1-20

**SATURDAY**  
John  
1:1-18



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It was clearly a perplexing scene. Who could understand it? There lay an infant on a bed of straw, His newborn cries drowned by the mooing of cows and the bleating of sheep. There were the honorable Wise Men from the East, dressed in rich fabrics, carrying jewels, the finest of their gifts of fragrance mingled with the animals' scent. In contrast, the weatherworn shepherds trembled in awe at the scene before them...still stunned from their encounter with angels. Mary and Joseph could not take their eyes from the true miracle God had entrusted to their care... a babe destined for perfection...born into a scene of confusion and imperfection...yet, bathed in glory.

Though we can never be perfect like Jesus, our Heavenly Father seeks that each of us be destined for glory to live forever with Him.

We are taught in God's Holy Word, "Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through Him, we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in our hope of sharing the glory of God." [Romans 5:1-2]

In this holy season, share in the glory of God like the Wise Men did by worshiping Him this week. In this way we can all remember that God wants to share His glory with us. May we all bathe in the glory of God's Son this Christmas and enjoy His blessing.

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## WILSONVILLE

By VELMA HOLTZE and LAURIE LAWS

Connie Holiday, Velma Holtze and Lillian Lemaster were Carla Holtze's guests at the Cambridge Methodist Women's guest night on Wednesday evening. Following a delicious meal the nearly 100 women enjoyed "Christmas at the White House" as Carolyn Plotts of Norcatour, related her experiences at one of the White House Christmas parties two years ago as a guest of her daughter, who was employed there. Carolyn relived some of those experiences in a most interesting manner and everyone agreed her experiences were not dull or boring as she drew many chuckles during the evening. Her pictures and souvenirs including Christmas ornaments, were also very interesting.

Thanksgiving dinner guests of the Carl tenBensels were their daughter, Ginger from Hastings, their son Jan, Earnest and Janet tenBensel, Jared Sayer and family and Alex Yeager. Callers that afternoon were the Chuck Huxol's and daughter and her two children.

Carl and Ella Rae tenBensel and Jan tenBensel and his friend drove to the Tri City Storm Arena in Kearney to watch the performances on Tuesday evening. Their daughter, Ginger opened the performance with the National Anthem and also emceed the portion of the program at half time. They enjoyed eating together late that evening.

Funeral services are being held Dec. 13 at Cambridge Methodist Church for 91-year-old Alfred Rikli who passed away Thursday evening. Alfred attended school and graduated in the Eastern part of the state. After attending college he was married to Edith Lee. They made their home in Oklahoma for many years where he operated a grocery store and also a Western Auto Store. The Rikli's returned to Nebraska in 1970, having bought a farm at Wilsonville. Their two youngest children attended and graduated from Wilsonville High. He retired from farming and they moved to Cambridge in 1994.

Alfred was an active Lions Club member both in Oklahoma and in

Wilsonville and also an active member of the United Methodist Church.

Family members who survive him are his wife, Edith; three sons, Roger and wife, Wanda, Beaver City; Stanley and wife, Roberta of Fullerton, Calif.; and Edgar and wife Jennifer of Lexington; two daughters, Roberta Rikli of Fullerton, and Debra Rikle of Placentia, Calif.; two brothers and their wives; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Kenneth and Carla Holtze attended their grandson, Jake Hoagland's daycare Christmas program on Thursday evening. Jake's mother, Kendra, is one of the teachers in this school, "The Ark", which cares for over 100 children five years of age and under. Jake came home with his grandparents and stayed until Saturday.

The Baptist-Christian church held a congregational meeting on Wednesday evening. It was decided that the Christmas program will be a candlelight worship service made up of music and reading will be at nine o'clock on Christmas eve, Friday, Dec. 24th. Everyone is more than welcome to attend this special service. Several other decisions were reached in regard to upcoming events. February 13 will be the annual pancake supper followed by a men's gospel quartet from McCook singing later that same evening. Also in the planning is some outreach work.

Connie Wilson led in the lighting of the second advent candle at the Baptist-Christian worship service Sunday morning. Special music was a duet by Connie Holliday and Mary Wilson.

Velma Holtze accompanied her daughter, Margene Holtze to Beaver City Sunday afternoon. Margene was singing with the Cambridge Community choir in presenting the Christmas Cantata, "Let There Be Peace" at the Manor. Jo Fuller who is the director of the choir is also the administrator at the manor.

Norma Jean Frandsen who has had surgery in Lincoln returned to her home on Saturday.

## ALMENA NEWS

By ESTHER MARBLE

Joyce Eckhart and Eva Dougherty, Logan, visited Jean Leuszler Thursday afternoon, Dec. 9.

Donelle Stewart visited Esther Marble awhile Saturday afternoon.

Alberta Geil called Dec. 13 and said her granddaughter, Carissa is getting better but still in the hospital.

Ellis Fisher called Dec. 14 and said June got her new knee Monday and they had her up walking on it the next day.

Our community was saddened by the death of Rex Montgomery this last week. Our sympathy goes out to the family.

Hunters here for the first week of deer season were Rita Bieber's son, John and Chris Bieber and

Troy Stephens, all of Wichita. They all went to Saturday evening mass together, then Rita was their guest at the Pizza Hut.

Alberta Geil drove to Elkhorn, Neb., Wednesday, Dec. 15 to help take care of her four year old granddaughter, Carissa Mattea, who has been sick for over a month with pneumonia and other complications. She was in Lakeside Hospital for several days and returned a few days later to the Children's Hospital with complications. Carissa got home Wednesday afternoon and still has a plicline. Her mom and dad will have to give her antibiotics two times a day for two to six weeks.

Ellis Fisher came down to my place today and he said June is home and doing real good with her new knee.

## NORTON MANOR

By DORIS MIZELL

Residents at The Manor have been enjoying the different groups that have come caroling.

The Silver and Gold dinner was held at the Manor on Dec. 7. Following the dinner, Christmas games were played and we had a gift exchange.

Dec. 9, Doris Mizell entertained the L.D. Club. She read articles about Christmas Memories and there was a grab bag gift exchange.

Sunday, Dec. 12 Doris Mizell accompanied the Ray Mizell fam-

ily to Salina where they attended the program "Christmas by Candlelight" which was put on by the Kansas Wesleyan Music Department. Aaron Mizell and Priscilla VanDerWeele were participants.

The Manor Christmas dinner was held on Thursday with beautifully set tables and plenty of good food. Lacy and Chris did the planning and carrying out of the dinner. Those attending were entertained by Jim Rowh following the dinner.

## JENNINGS NEWS

By LOUISE CRESSLER

Santa will be visiting Jennings at 1 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 18 at the Community Hall. All children are invited to come and visit him. Treats will be sponsored by Lions Club and City of Jennings. Jennings Lions Club will host a soup and pie lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Wayne and Louise Cressler visited their son Russell and Theresa

Cressler in Bison Sunday. Others enjoying the day were Nicole Schroter and Adalie; Amber and Johnny Klassen, Keith, Landon and Issac from Lacrosse; Robert Cressler and Mary Frye of Emporia and Preston Cressler of the home.

Jennings Housing Authority meeting will be held at 7 p.m., Thursday Dec. 16.