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WEEKLY SERMONETTE

"Is Religious Diversity Good or Bad?"

By Rev. Lew Van Der Wege, First United Methodist Church, Norton

The Simple Truth



Today's world is confusing; our moral standards are more elastic than a rubber band. Concepts of right and wrong are stretched in convenient directions until they snap and we are lost to the insensitivity of indifference. How can we survive confusing trends and conflicting philosophies as our culture spins us in a glamorized circle of revolving door values? What is the simple truth for today? The simple truth for today is God's truth! His Word is unchanging and can guide us through today and a maze of tomorrows. At our house of worship we can study God's Word and learn how to apply it to our lives. "Continue in what you have learned...the holy Scriptures which are able to make you wise" (2 Timothy 3:14-15). Remember the simple truth!

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God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good. (Genesis 1:25)

Have you ever wondered why God created so many different kinds of so many different things? Creating many different kinds of beautiful birds is understandable, but why create so many different kinds of flies? Why create even one kind of mosquito? Why create humans in so many different shapes, colors, sizes, personalities and beliefs? It seems that God enjoys diversity.

Religion has a difficult time tolerating human diversity. Many times it demands conformity of belief and action. Much of the killing and oppression in the world that has happened, and is still happening, is a result of religious intolerance. Even within one faith such as Christianity there is a great deal of strife because of different understandings and practices.

Is religious diversity a bad thing or is it a good thing gone bad? Different people have different answers to that question. I pray that no one gets too upset in the discussion because I'm certain that the violence that comes from religious intolerance is not a good thing.

By NEWSLETTER VOLUNTEERS

Sympathy is extended to the family of Ernest L. (Pete) Hoppes, 83, who died March 6, 2008. He is survived by Lee, Randy and Mitchell; grandchildren; great-grandchildren; and a sister, Katherine Severns of Norton. He was preceded in death by his wife, Frankie; his parents; three brothers; and two sisters. Services were held at Aspen Mortuary in Lakewood, Colo. Memorial services and burial were at Norcatur Cemetery.

Dave and Patty Stapp and Sam, Norcatur, and Dewaine Stapp, Oberlin, went to Omaha, Friday night and stayed with Matt and Kimberly Tetric. The group went to the home of Dave and Linda Schliep and Spencer of rural McCook for Easter dinner. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Duane Schliep, Denise Powell and family, Marian Thornton and Bob Dempewolf.

Raelynn and Lyndsay James spent Easter with Terri and Larry James. They all went to church and then Jamie and Matt joined them at the Cardinal Bar and Grill for Easter dinner.

Terry and Mark Cross, Olathe, have a new grandson, Dylan Lowell Cross. Dylan's parents are Ryan and Sara Cross of St. Louis, Mo. He was born March 18 and weighed 6 pounds, 7 ounces. Dylan's great-grandparents were the late Lowell and Evelyn Sebaugh.

Mick Miller and Nancy Schmidt met their mother, Ethel Miller on the flight from Los Angeles to the Denver airport in March. She had been visiting her daughter, Sherry Pope in Orange, Calif., since September.

Senior Citizens met March 21 for cards. Winners were: Eleanor Jensen, first; Marguerite Clark, second; Gwynn Ward, third. The next meeting will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday. Come and join us!

Rea and Dee Magers were in Denver recently for the funeral of her brother, Bill. After returning home, they attended Lee Arnold's funeral on Wednesday in Norcatur; went to Harry Eiler's funeral in McCook on Thursday and also attended the funeral of Jerry Goscha, who was a brother-in-law of her brother, Bill.

John and Carol Cook of Washington State but formerly of Norcatur, visited Rea and Dee Magers on March 30.

The third annual city-wide garage sale will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 10, in Norcatur. There are sign-up sheets at the post office, bank, and city building. For questions call: Twila (785) 693-4203 or Sherrie (720) 838-0430.

Happy Birthday to: Sherrie Regal and Terry Gade on April 7.

Connie Menges, Colby, daughter-in-law of Judy Rogers Menges, suffered a stroke on Feb. 14. She has been hospitalized at Swedish Medical Center in Denver. She is improving slowly. Brent and family expect her to return home soon, where she will continue with therapy for some time.

Stan and Carol Miller left to Topeka, on March 28, to visit Mr. and Mrs. Curt DeDonders. Curt's father, Bob DeDonder, of St. Mary's, died on March 26. Rosary and services were held in St. Mary's. The Millers returned home March 31.

Lloyd and Sharon Stanton, Salina, have been visiting his mother, Arlene Hix.

Bee Nelson, Veda Woods and Dorothy Ward attended funeral services for Alice (Rohnke) Bowman on March 31, at Faith Lutheran Church in Oberlin. Dewaine Stapp also attended. Inurnment was in Norcatur Cemetery.

Results of the Pool Tournament at the Cardinal Bar and Grill on March 26 were: Stan Miller, first; Rusty Montgomery, second; Eric Bell, third; and JR Roe, fourth.

Results of the Darts 301 Tournament at the Cardinal Bar and Grill on March 26 were: Rusty Montgomery, first; Kristi Gallentine, second; and Stan Miller, third.

Results of the Cricket Tournament at the Cardinal Bar & Grill on March 26 were: Patty Stapp; first; Renee Harman, second; and Alice Barnett, third.

Dorothy Ward, Bee Nelson and Marguerite Clark attended the Prairie Land dinner and meeting on March 25. They were

privileged to hear Stanton Nelson entertain with his beautiful violin music.

Among relatives who attended funeral services for Lee Arnold included: Lora Arnold, John and Brenda Arnold, JuliAnna, Mark, Nathan, Marissa, Jordan and Noah Baker, Clayton; Susan and Frank Bolek, Sarah Bolek, T.J. DeNormandie, Heather Lucas, Valparaiso, Ind.; Tiffany Wheeler, Walpalo, Iowa; Trase and Julie DeNormandie, Preston and Riley, Yuba City, Calif.; Kathryn and John Weiser, Tristan and Jacob, Eagle Nest, N.M.; Kenneth R. Anderson, Janet Dailey, Oklahoma City; Dennis Leichter, Ruth Gill, Bill LaSalle, Gene and Kristi Gallentine, John and Ann Gallentine, Jerry and Shirley Gallentine, Clayton; Dianna and Mikey Ayles, Olive Arnold, Colorado Springs; Lee and John Mapes, Robbie, Megan and Morgan Mapes, Norton; Jeanifer Atkins, Norman and Julie Gallentine, Tami Shaw, Oberlin; Dale and Emily Waldo, Salina; Vene and Phyllis Leichter, Steve and Debbie Obrecht, Darcy and Terry Robbins, Denver; Dorothy Ward, Norcatur; Dennis Doris Fae Jackson, Karen and David Cozad, Merrice and Weldon Brooks, Norton.

Easter weekend at the Gerald Jackson residence, guests were Shawn Fisher, Ken Fisher, Beverly and Andy Huerta and grandchildren, Tyler, Danny, Micaela; Brian Jackson and Thad. Other guests were Patty Ames, Hudson, Colo.; and John and Carol Cook, Wash. Additional weekend guests were Patsy Ames, Hudson, Colo. John and Carol Cook were afternoon visitors.

John and Carol Cook returned to spend the week at the Jackson residence. The Jacksons went to Hollinger, Neb., to visit their niece, Shanna and Don Nitzel, then on to Holdrege to visit Thad's Aunt Rachel.

The Jacksons stopped at the Hays Hospital to visit Gary and DeVonna New. They will be staying there for Gary's treatments and to check on Lora Linn Leichter, who is still in the intensive care unit, but improving.

John and Carol Cook went to Oberlin to visit with cousin, Jamie Wray and Carol's Aunt Sis.

John and Carol New spent the night with Gary and Nita Drawbridge in Morland, Okla., on their return home from Texas.

The tornado whistle will be tested on Mondays at noon, year round. The whistle is alternating blast. The siren will not be tested if there is threatening weather.

Only trees and tree limbs can be dumped in the burn pit. No grass clippings can be put in the pit. There is a \$350 fine for any illegal dumping. The pit is open for Norcatur residents.

There is no open burning within the city limits. In order to burn, you must get a burn permit from Carl Lyon or Scott Hartzog. There is a fine for illegal burning.

Thanks to all that attended the Royal Neighbors of America matching fund benefit. We appreciate all the community support. A special thanks to the Royal Neighbors for having the soup and pie supper and to everyone that brought pies.

MUSEUM TIDBITS

Thanks to the following for the items that were donated: Ron and Gerry Temple for the Cornerstone Theater sweatshirt; Bev Miller DeLano for the pictures of the EE Club (these pictures were from Ethel Miller's photo albums).

Send us your family history information! Don't forget the museum when making your donations. Your donations help bring Norcatur items home.

Rex Cozad wrote a great article in the Newsheet. If you have stories that you would like to share please be sure to send to the museum. I will be putting the articles in a binder for people to read. What happened to you growing up that would make a good story? Help share some history.

Something new in the museum is family history. If you have any of your family's history and would like it accessible, please send it to the museum. I always have people in looking for genealogy. It doesn't matter if you're from Norcatur, Lyle or Clayton. Don't forget the museum when making your donations. Your donations help bring Norcatur items home.

Sunday 2 Peter 2.1-22	Monday 2 Peter 3.1-18	Tuesday John 6.1-21	Wednesday John 6.22-59	Thursday John 6.60—7.9	Friday John 7.10-31	Saturday John 7.32-52
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