



WEEKLY SERMONETTE

By Jack Kersenbrock

Jesus said, "My peace I give unto you, not as the world gives." (John 14:27)

Too often people think of peace as the absence of war or any major problems. Peace to some people is happiness. This includes good health, economic security, relationship in good shape, and the absence of any real problems. This is the peace of the world.

The peace that Jesus was talking about does not depend upon outward circumstances. A person can have real problems and still have inward peace. The reason is that person knows God is in control. Therefore, there can be ill health, economic problems, and even

death of a loved one, and the person can have inward peace. The person will hurt and grieve, but can still be at peace. God raised Jesus from death after the crucifixion. However, the resurrection was not just for Christ's benefit. His followers will share in His glory. That is the peace Jesus talked about. This is the peace that passes understanding.

In this world of troubles, real peace is needed. However, before there can be international peace among the nations, there needs to be many people who have the inward peace that passes all understanding. These are the people who can help others find peace. These are the people who can lead a troubled world toward peace, because they have God in their hearts.



Love in Bloom

How often we hear this phrase when the subject turns to love and romance. The poets have compared love to ripened fruit and fragrant flowers. In the Song of Solomon 4:16, we read, "Let my beloved come into his garden, and eat its pleasant fruits."

As in a garden, a seed is planted... perhaps the first date. If the relationship is a well matched one the seed grows in fertile soil. The couple discovers each other's interests and points of view as the "garden" is tended and watered. Weeds may try to push through, but they are uprooted and thrown away and forgotten as the two learn to negotiate. As their relationship flowers, delicate buds give way to fragrant petals and mature love is born.

As Valentine Day approaches, may we remember that true love is strong and enduring. Yet, weeds will try to encroach. God is the Master Gardener. With Him our love will remain vital. Won't you reinforce that love in worship this week?

SUNDAY Hosea 11:1-11	MONDAY Hosea 14:1-9	TUESDAY Philippians 1:1-11	WEDNESDAY Colossians 3:1-17	THURSDAY Romans 8:31-39	FRIDAY Romans 12:9-21	SATURDAY 1 Corinthians 13:1-13
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NORCATUR NEWS

By the NORCATUR NEWSLETTER VOLUNTEERS

Birthdays and anniversaries: Chris O'Hare, Dennis and Judy Shirley, Jan. 29; Larry Dick - Jan. 31; Tracey Hartzog, Beth Johnson - Feb. 2; Edyth Mavity - Feb. 3; Francis and Arlene Hix - Feb. 4.

Beverly Morris visited Grandmother Esther Miller on Jan. 15 for supper and an overnight stay.

Glenn Alexander arrived home the week of Jan. 19. His grandson and family, Brooks and Mary Koble and children, brought him back to see Jay and daughter, Marylin Locy, and Glenn's sister, Ivah Alexander, who hasn't been well. Mr. Alexander plans to return to Indiana where he has been staying with his other daughter, Beverly Lintz.

Visitors of Esther Miller on Jan. 17 were Aimee, Chad and baby Eli Applebury of Colby, and Joel Miller of Norcatour.

Virgil and Joyce Price are happy to announce the birth of a new great-granddaughter, born Thursday, Jan. 22. Her name is Mackinze Louise Jurey and she weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces, and was 20 inches long. Her proud parents are Jason and Kathy Jurey, Kennard, Neb. She has a brother, Connor, who is 2 1/2 years old.

VALENTINE DANCE

The Norcatour Pre-school is sponsoring a Valentine Dance on Feb. 7 from 8-12 p.m. in the all-purpose room of the Educational Building. Music DJs will be Marvin and Scooter Matchett. Admission will be \$3 per person, or \$5 per couple, kids 12 and under free.

Pastor Kathy Aeillo brought Grace Reeves of Alma to visit with the quilters on Jan. 20. They plan to come again when they can

spend a little more time. Lowell Sebaugh also stopped in to chat with Grace.

On Jan. 23, three men from Yoder came to view some of the items to be included in Kenneth Price's upcoming sale.

Friday evening, Jan. 23, Marlene Wolf and family visited Kenneth and Pansy Price.

On Jan. 18, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Minkler and son from Phillipsburg visited Kenneth and Pansy Price.

Lee Eckhart visited the Prices the week of Jan. 19-25.

On Jan. 13 four friends, Pansy (Wiltfong) Price, Dorothy (Dick) Ward, Velda (Fullerton) Ward, and Norma (Sebaugh) Ward, met at the Ward home in Clayton for their annual get-together. This is a yearly occurrence since 1939, their first high school days at Norcatour Rural High School.

Norton County held their 4-H Favorite Food Show on Jan. 24. Participants from the area were Megan and Rebecca Wentz, Carissa Wentz, Wyatt Wentz and Dana Hillebrand. Rebecca received top blue in level 1 and Wyatt received a blue. Megan received a purple, and Carissa received top purple in level 2. Dana received top purple in level 3. Katrina Wentz also attended the Denver Stock Show. Way to go, Prairie Dog 4-H Club members.

Congratulations to Katrina Wentz, Carissa Wentz, Megan Wentz, Andrea Marshall, Anthony Marshall and Amanda Marshall. They made the honor roll at their respective Oberlin schools. Katrina is a freshman, Carissa is a fifth grader, Megan is a fourth grader, Andrea is a senior, Anthony is a junior and Amanda is a fourth grader.

LYLE NEWS

By HELEN HELM

The bitter cold weather caused Church services at Lyle to be postponed on Sunday and the group of ladies sewing for the missions on Tuesdays canceled for this week. The community had received a little snow Sunday morning and a storm Sunday night added another two or three inches. The ice under the snow made driving treacherous.

Rea and Dee Magers called on Margaret Magers Friday morning while enroute to McCook on business and Donna and Earnest Huff visited that evening. Mrs. Huff has been having severe problems breathing and their plans for an extended vacation had to be canceled. She is feeling a little better.

On Tuesday evening Mrs. Kathy Van Meter, Mrs. June Jolly, and Mrs. Magers visited Van Cozad at the Nursing Home in Beaver City. They were pleasantly surprised when the card players at the Senior Center came to the nursing home to play cards with them.

Mrs. Pat Schwab had a stroke at her home early Wednesday morning and is now a patient at the McCook Community Hospital. The last report neighbors have had from her is that she is paralyzed on her left side. We are hoping for a swift and complete recovery.

The Schwab's small grandchildren, Austin and Samatha, were spending the night with them and planning a day of playing with the

grandson of Lynn Scrivner and those plans had to be canceled. Mrs. Scrivner's grandson spent Friday with Margaret Magers.

John and Helen Helm drove into Lebanon, Neb., Wednesday to have a fried chicken dinner with Bob and Marie Daffer Wednesday noon. When Mrs. Helm saw the reading on the thermometer, six degrees, she wondered if they had good sense. The V.F.W. meeting scheduled for that evening was canceled.

To remind Mrs. Helm that she really was having a birthday, Ceanne Rinehart, Kathy Brashears, and Mike, Deb, Rebecca, Jacob, Matthew, and Timothy Helm brought pizza, birthday gifts, cards, and a decorated cake to the Helm home for supper Thursday evening. Mrs. Helm also received several phone calls from absent family members. Ceanne and Kathy spent the night and returned to their work early Friday morning.

Mrs. Magers, Mrs. Van Meter, and Mrs. Jolly attended the potluck supper in Norcatour with the Senior Citizens Friday evening and remained for the card party held afterwards.

Jim Helm took his father, John Helm to McCook Tuesday to take care of some business and get groceries. Jim took the time to put the groceries away before going home.

ALMENA NEWS

By ESTHER MARBLE

Visitors of Esther Marble Friday evening were Jarrod Davis, Anna Knipp and Kara Fay of Hill City; Mike Davis, Norton; Bill Godfrey, Long Island, and Brant Marble, Topeka. I babysat Jarrod, Jennie

and Wayne Davis when they were babies.

Margaret McElroy from Topeka came to her mother Carrie Malcolm's last Tuesday.

Esther Marble visited Reva Smith Friday afternoon.

JENNINGS NEWS

By SONYA GILLESPIE

The Jennings City Library has received a memorial in honor of Bertha Brock. The title is "Miss Julia Speaks Her Mind" by Ann B. Ross. Be sure to stop by and give this book a try. It is book one in a series and we will be adding the

other titles also. We have also added a printer with the abilities to fax and copy. We will begin offering these services to patrons for more details visit the library on Monday 3-6 p.m., Wednesday 9-11 a.m and Saturday 9-11 a.m.

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