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## WEEKLY SERMONETTE

"Evil Is Crafty", by Rev. Lew Van Der Wege

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate.

Genesis 3:1-6  
Evil is crafty in the way it works in our lives. It misrepresents the truth. It tries to make good look bad and bad look good. It manipulates what we think and how we think. Evil asks questions that mislead and then uses the answers to promote its own

agenda. One can see evil at work in all of these ways in the Genesis story of the fall of humankind. Eve and Adam were manipulated by the serpent's craftiness to rebel against God.

Evil is still at work today. The best defenses against it are an educated mind and a pure heart. Evil acts like it wants one to know the facts but it really wants to pervert the facts to achieve its own end. Evil tries to corrupt the heart by introducing some kind of incentive. It may be a reward such as was the case in the Genesis story or it may be the avoidance of something negative.

Sorting through right and wrong and good and bad gets more difficult everyday with the increasing amount of information available to us and the communicative technology that bombards us with ideas and opinions. I sometimes wish there was a "quick and easy" answer but then I realize that that is exactly what evil would like to offer.

The answer always requires hard work and discipline. We must work hard at discerning the truth and pray for pure hearts that will follow and proclaim it.



## In the Paths of Righteousness

As the Thanksgiving holiday approaches, our children might study about the Pilgrims and our country's first Thanksgiving at Plymouth, Massachusetts. According to Webster's Dictionary, a pilgrim is a wayfarer or one on a journey, especially a journey to a religious place. A pilgrimage can also mean our journey through life...the paths we travel to find God in our lives.

The Pilgrims of Plymouth, Massachusetts, risked their lives crossing the treacherous Atlantic Ocean on the *Mayflower*, suffering disease and death on their long journey in search of a place where they could worship without being persecuted for their religious beliefs. Psalm 23:3-4 must have comforted them on their arduous journey... "He [God] leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil; for Thou art with me;..."

Because those brave men and women paved the way for our religious freedom, we need only walk down the street or drive across town to worship. This week, won't you travel the "paths of righteousness" to worship in God's House? May you have a blessed Thanksgiving.

SUNDAY Psalm 138	MONDAY Psalm 135	TUESDAY Psalm 132	WEDNESDAY Deuteronomy 26:1-15	THURSDAY Psalm 126	FRIDAY Psalm 127	SATURDAY Psalm 128
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## WILSONVILLE

By VELMA HOLTZE and LAURIE LAWS

What a wonderful rain the community received on Wednesday and Thursday which amounted to between 1 1/2 to 2 inches.

Jim and Becky Holtze attended their grandson, Braxton Miller's eighth birthday supper on Friday evening at the home of his parents, Jolene and Justin Miller in Cambridge. His birthday gifts, sports or hunting related, suited him perfectly.

Thanksgiving memories including favorite Thanksgiving foods and special blessings were enjoyed Wednesday afternoon when Velma Holtze spent time with the assisted living women at Beaver City. Thelma Simmons, mother of Johnny Simmons, was especially thankful at the age of 97, she had just taken her first airplane ride. This has been on of her dreams for some time.

Several visited with Pete and Paulette Dillan at Cambridge on Friday. After attending the Mowry funeral they were taking Pete's mother, Neva Stanley and heading for Lincoln where they would watch Neva's grandson, Austin Stanley son of the late Bill Staley, play football with the Lincoln Plus X team who incidentally was the team that defeated the McCook Bison. Unique as it is Bill played for Wilsonville High and playing for McCook Bison were Jeremy Young and Brendon Leiss whose grandfathers, the late Leroy Orvis and Lewis Palmer also played for Wilsonville High.

### Deaths

Sympathy is extended to the families of the following two people who spent their childhood days in Wilsonville and had many friends here.

Funeral services were held on Friday for Keith Mowry, 69, at Cambridge. Keith, who moved to Wilsonville with his parents and siblings as a boy attended Wilsonville schools, graduating in 1952. He spent most of his life as a truck driver. He is survived by his two daughters, Sue and Husband, Kevin Orvis of Hebron and Marcia Holliday of McCook; three sons, Dan and wife, Cambridge, Darren and wife, Eustis and Dave and wife, Lincoln; 12 grandchildren and three great grand children; one brother, Jake and wife, two sisters, Shirley Herrman and husband and Lynette Housh and Husband.

Ninety-year-old Lydia Ruf died on Wednesday, Nov. 17 in McCook. Lydia was born in Tyrone precinct northwest of Wilsonville where she graduated from Tyrone rural school. Lydia will always be remembered as a caregiver, caring for the sick and elderly and then working in the maternity ward at St Catherine's Hospital in McCook for 32 years. After her retirement she worked crocheting and handwork and was the maker of many beautiful gifts of love. She is survived by five sis-

ters, Katherine Atterberry, Ramona Fisher and husband, North Platte, and Margaret Hunter and Husband of McCook; brother, Manuel Ruf and wife of Wilsonville and many other relatives and friends.

Sympathy is also extended to a former Wilsonville resident, Verla Chambers of Norton and her family. Verla's mother 97-year-old Mabel Coomes died on Thursday, Nov. 11. Funeral services were held on Tuesday afternoon. Verla was an only child. However, Mrs. Coomes was grandmother to Tammy Rice and husband, Terry and daughters and also Curtis Chambers and wife, Kim and son.

### Double Eight Club

Kristi Witte hosted the Double Eight Club in her home Wednesday evening, Nov. 17. New member, Pat Yost and her friend Karen Martie of Saris, Ohio were welcomed. President Adeline Ballou presided at the business meeting. The Christmas party will be at 5:30 p.m. at the Heritage Plaza on Wednesday, Dec. 1. Members gave Becky Holtze, yearbook chairman, their choice of month they wanted to be hostess and have the program. Peg Rice was in charge of the program that led the group in a fall craft project. Each one decorated a miniature pail as a scarecrow using fall colors. A delicious lunch was served by the hostess assisted by Peg Rice.

### Church Thanksgiving Service

Pat Yost greeted between 40 and 50 people as they arrived at the Baptist-Christian church for the Sunday morning Thanksgiving worship service followed by a fellowship dinner at the noon hour. Margalee Ruf, who also decorated the fellowship hall, very appropriately decorated the worship and communion tables for the service. Worship leader, Bill Lewis opened the service by asking for the sharing of blessings. Several lay persons, including Alice Kasson, Becky Holtze, Connie Holliday, Kendall Rice, Doug Palmer, Connie Wilson, Earnest and Jan TenBensel, Nick Brown and Brian Holtze as well as the deacons, Warren Rice and Gary Brown assisted with the service.

Keith Theobald brought the Thanksgiving sermon "Developing an Attitude of Gratitude: which was a challenge to all present. The service closed with a very inspirational communion service led by Connie Wilson as she related the blessing of the five kernels of corn as we gathered around the Lord's Table. As worshipers took communion at the table each one received a bag containing five kernels of corn to be used in their home Thanksgiving Day to remind them of special blessings. All enjoyed the delicious noon meal and fellowship under the guidance of Kathy Lewis.

A few Wilsonville people enjoyed the good soups at the V.F.W. hall on Saturday evening.

## ALMENA NEWS

By ESTHER MARBLE

On November 14 a pre-birthday dinner was held for Bill Eckhart at the home of his mother, Grace Reeves. Other guests were Christy and Aaron Taylor and grandchildren, Brett, Hayley and Andrea of Grainfield.

Carrie Malcolm is a resident of Whispering Pines in Norton. On Thursday, November 18,

Gerry New and his wife Devonne of Denver, Colo., and Harold Curran of Norton called at the home of Grace Reeves. Gerry is a nephew of Grace's. It was a chance to catch up on family news.

I called my daughter Roxie last night and she said my youngest granddaughter Emily had a badly sprained ankle and can't play basketball.

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