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## WEEKLY SERMONETTE

### "Jesus' Way"

By Lew Van Der Wege

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." (John 14:6-7)

Jesus' way has never been very popular in our world even among Christians. Following Him is not an easy matter.

Jesus said: "You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' But I say to you, Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also;" (Matthew 5:38-39), but the world says: "we'll get even."

Jesus said: "Do to others as you would have them do to you." (Luke 6:31), but the world says: "get them before they get you."

Jesus said: "Put your sword back into its place; for all who take the sword will perish by the sword." (Matthew 26:52), but the world says: "the sword rules."

Will Jesus' Way work? I have a difficult time seeing how it will work. But to tell you truth, I've never really tried it.

# Even as the Snow Falls



SUNDAY  
Matthew  
12:33-50

MONDAY  
Romans  
10:5-17

TUESDAY  
Acts 9:1-25

WEDNESDAY  
Acts 9:26-43

THURSDAY  
Acts 10:1-33

FRIDAY  
Acts 10:34-48

SATURDAY  
Acts 6:1-15

It's a quiet evening. The prime time movie is about to begin in the family room. Suddenly... "Stay tuned to this station for a special announcement. The national weather service is predicting ten to twelve inches of snow within the next twenty-four hours. Cancellations will be announced as they are received."

The children cheer as their parents groan. Though some of us look forward to the snow, it is a source of inconvenience for many. A loss of electricity, fender-benders, that frantic search for child-care when the schools close...snowy weather can add to our stress. Yet, when we are all "snowed in", we have the opportunity for togetherness that we otherwise wouldn't. This is a good time to drink hot chocolate and to share our thoughts and our dreams and to reflect upon God's role in our lives.

Finally, remember that the warmth of God's house waits. Worship Him each week. Even as the snow falls, church bells chime.

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# NORCATUR NEWS

## By NORCATUR NEWSLETTER VOLUNTEERS

Alta Mae VanGundy will celebrate her 100th birthday Monday, Jan. 31. Mail will reach her at 721 S. 1st Ave., Apt. 216, Hastings, Neb., 68901.

Todd and Denise Nelson and Garrett of Wichita were houseguests of Bill and Bee Nelson on Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 15 and 16. Sunday dinner guests were Todd, Denise and Garrett Nelson, Wayne and Norma McCallister, Bob Sawdon and Lee Eckhart.

Veda Wood received a phone call from her son, David, that he is now a grandfather. An eight-pound son, Landon Brock Jirak, was born on Jan. 10 to Israel and Hannah Jirak of Fort Collins, Colo.

The Cardinal Bar and Grill will have a Valentine Supper Party on Monday, Feb. 14. All the women attending will receive something special.

Marvin and Millie Matchett went to Hays and Ellis to visit their daughter and son-in-law, Martina and Rafael Ruiz, of Ellis. Marvin announced the basketball tournament in Hays for Norton on Saturday, Jan. 15.

Winners of the Cardinal Bar and Grill's second pool tournament were: first place, Stan Miller ("The Hustler"); second place, Fred Molzahn; and third place, John Cook. The next tournament will be Monday, Feb. 7, due to Valentine's Day being the second Monday of the month.

Birthdays and anniversaries: Jason Gallentine - Jan. 20; Rebecca Helm, K.G. Ward - Jan. 21; David and Retta Hare - Jan. 23.

The Norcatour Commercial Club will sponsor a Free Will Fund Raiser on Sunday, Feb. 13, in the All-purpose Room at the Norcatour City Building from 5 to 7 p.m. Proceeds will be used to assist the Decatur County Museum in moving St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

Coming up this summer will be re-sealing the highway coming

into Norcatour. Our cost will be approximately \$7,000-10,000. Also, we will need to put more gravel on the city streets before Alumni/Memorial Day. Donations will be needed to complete these projects. These may be sent to the Highway Fund, c/o Jay Locy, RR 1 Box 93A, Norcatour, Kan., 67653, or you may go through the Citizen's Alliance.

Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Barnett met their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Darren Barnett, in Salina Jan. 15, at Alice's sister, Tom and Mary Wright. Darren and family came up from Haysville. The group also visited with Tom's sister and husband, and Tom's brother and wife. It was Tom's birthday, and the group celebrated with games of Texas Hold 'Em and pitch. Darrel and family returned home Sunday evening.

**ALUMNI BANQUET 2005**  
The Norcatour Rural High School Alumni Banquet will be held Saturday, May 28, at 7 p.m. A dance will follow the banquet, with a \$5 admission fee.

All alumni and spouses or friends of deceased alumni, as well as attendees, are invited. This includes those who attended but didn't graduate from the grade school or high school. Contact Von Johnson, treasurer of the Norcatour Alumni Association, at 117 West Legend Drive, Pueblo West, Colo., 81007-1714 for tickets. These need to be purchased by May 1.

Lunch will be served on Sunday, Memorial Day, at noon at the Norcatour Grade School All-purpose room, for \$5. Please let us know if you will be attending.

## COUPLE CELEBRATES 65 YEARS TOGETHER

Donald and Goldie Stapp were married Jan. 21, 1940. Their children, Rodney and Delores Stapp, Norton; Garry and Barb Stapp, Ord, Neb.; and Larry and Marcia Stapp, Holcomb, would like to honor them with a card shower. Greetings will reach them at 416 N. Martin, Oberlin, Kan., 67749.

# NEW ALMELO

The family of Marion and Marilyn Otter gathered at their home on Christmas Eve. Those present were Frank and Lavonne Otter, Brandon Otter, Ft. Eustis, Va.; Gabrielle, Greg and Tammy Otter, Alissa and Seth, Steve Otter, Wichita; Bridgett Otter and Zack, Dustin and Joni Shellito and Lexus, Winona; Emily and Gary Kessler, Robert and Alan, Lakin.

Family gathering at the home of Alfred and Betty Otter on Christmas Eve were Mike Otter, Cimarron; Tina Ritter, Allyson and Carson, Olathe; Tom Otter, DeSoto; Mark and Shelia Otter and family, Ulysses; Karl Otter, Great Bend; Gary and Bertie Bruinekool, Lenora; and Renee Bruinekool, Norton. Charles Otter, Saige and Cury, Salina, were home the weekend before. Jolene and Jim Moss and family, Jewell, stopped on their way to Woodland Park, Colo., where they celebrated Christmas with the Moss family.

Jared and Stacey Scheetz and Haile spent Christmas Day in LaCrosse with her father, Donnie Schuckman. On Dec. 31, they joined other family members at the home of Michelle and Alan Goldsby and their children Tyler, Rachele and Heather in Hillsboro.

Others present were their parents, Ray and Ardith Scheetz, Calhoun, Ga.; Chris and Julie and Kayla, Steve Scheetz and friend, Janice, Troy and Sara Collins and Darrien, Norton. On Saturday, they all formed a convoy to Kansas City to the home of Mike and Jeanene Thibault and family. Ida Thibault, Smith Center, and Sharon Thibault, Phillipsburg, joined them to celebrate the Thibault Christmas.

On Dec. 26, Russ and Marcia Aumiller and Josh Vahling had their Christmas with Jeff and Kathleen Vahling and family, Hays; and Jeremy and Missy Rumback and Nicole.

Family coming to spend a week with Gary and Bertie Bruinekool were Frank and Ceena Owens, Alyssa, Franklin and Joseph Owens, Galveston, Texas. LaRae Yeager, Larned, spent Sunday night with the group. Renee Bruinekool visited during the week. Friday evening Father Vincent Thu Laing and Alfred and Betty Otter ate supper with them.

On Dec. 28, Alfred and Betty Otter attended the ordination of the Most Reverend Paul Coakley as the bishop of the Salina Diocese at the Sacred Heart Cathedral in Salina.

# LYLE NEWS

## By DEANNA SUMNER

Tuesday, Toots Magers, Veda Wood, June Jolly and Kathy Van Meter took lunch to Marguerite Fullerton in the Good Samaritan in Oberlin for her birthday!

Friday evening, Toots, June and Kathy played cards in Norcatour.

Sunday, Toots received word that Rex Cozad from Hutchinson has been in the hospital for pneumonia.

Pat Schwab had another stroke and now has lost the use of her right leg.

The mother of Carol Woodmansee, lay speaker at the Lyle Church, had a stroke. We pray for all.

Fairy Faye (Wickham) Young, died in September. Her parents were Claude and Blanche (VanGundy) Wickham. She was

born in Colorado, in 1917. She was a Decatur Community High School graduate in 1935. She married Dick Young in 1942. They had three daughters.

# ALMENA

## By ESTHER MARBLE

My brother, Irvin Shearer, stopped a short while Thursday morning to visit me on his way home to Salina from McCook, Neb.

Betty Baker has been in the hospital in Holdrege, Neb., for several days and returned home Monday evening.

Another one of our older citizens, Maxine Sebelius, died this week. Our sympathy goes out to the family.

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