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WEEKLY SERMONETTE

"The Difference is Jesus", Pastor Rick Rostek, Immanuel Lutheran Church

Jesus says, "Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves." (Matthew 7:15). A false prophet is anyone who would lead people to put their eternal trust in anyone or anything but Jesus Christ. Some false prophets are easy to spot: those who deny the existence of God, those who worship the earth, and those who trust in money and wealth are all clearly false. More subtle are the prophets who can often quote from the Bible but whose message is devoid of Jesus Christ and His salvation. Instead, the Bible is often used as a front for promises of financial freedom, better relations with spouse and children, becoming a better executive, etc. The messages are seductive because they are couched in Biblical terms and may even be loosely Biblical. But ultimately they lead people to trust in themselves and their ability to make themselves better.

Not everyone who says to me, Lord, Lord, will enter the kingdom of heaven, says Jesus (Matthew 7:21). On

Judgment Day, everyone will come before the throne of Christ. Many will claim they did wonderful things in the name of Jesus, but find that what they really did was steer others away from Christ and His righteousness. Jesus will say to them, "I

never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!" (Matthew 7:23).

What, then, will make us righteous in the sight of God? Scripture says that we all sin and fall short of the glory of God. The answer is that Jesus makes

us righteous. He is the difference! The apostle Paul says that everyone who is baptized is clothed with Christ (Galatians 3:27). This means that in baptism, God clothes us with the righteousness of Jesus

Christ. He lived the perfect life and died the perfect death for the sins of the world. In the resurrection, he demonstrated His complete victory over sin and death. Putting our faith in Jesus Christ means that we have forgiveness of sins and the hope of everlasting life. It also means that we reject the things of this world as having any saving power in our lives. Salvation comes only through Jesus.

False prophets, no matter how smooth and eloquent, will always try to lead people away from Christ and His righteousness. Sadly, it is a way that leads to death. But true prophets will always lead others to put their full faith in Jesus Christ who was crucified for the sins of the world and raised in victory to new life. That is the way that leads to everlasting life!

- SUNDAY**
1 John 3:11-24
- MONDAY**
1 John 4:1-21
- TUESDAY**
1 John 5:1-21
- WEDNESDAY**
2 John
- THURSDAY**
3 John
- FRIDAY**
Psalm 23
- SATURDAY**
Psalm 32



You can tell it will be here soon. Fireworks stands suddenly appear from nowhere, springing up along the roadside, large and small, attracting lines of customers of all ages. The sale of flags skyrocket as tattered and faded ones give way to brightly colored rectangles of stars and stripes in red, white, and blue. Picnic and party foods are promoted at grocery stores while newspapers announce upcoming celebrations in the big cities and small towns as well.

The Fourth of July cannot be far away. Yet, amidst the excitement and busyness of preparations, may we pause and meditate upon the business of freedom. Going about the business of freedom usually consists not of food and fireworks, but of courage and sacrifice. For each individual who enjoys the benefits of his or her freedom today, many have suffered and died on the battlefield because of their passionate devotion to the freedom of our nation. Harry Emerson Fosdick said, "America is a passionate belief in freedom and in the worth and dignity of the human personality. We must not let the song die on our lips."

May God bless our ongoing struggle for freedom as we enjoy this Independence Day. Won't you remember those who have gone before as you worship this week?

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WILSONVILLE

By VELMA HOLTZE and LAURIE LAWS
The Jim Holtzes and Kenneth Holtzes attended the household sale of Elma Yunt in Norton. Elma has moved to a retirement home in Norton. Elma and her husband, the late Glen Yunt, lived on a farm south of Wilsonville in Kansas. They were neighbors of the Holtzes when Jim and Ken were small boys.

Baptist-Christian Women
Newly elected president, Margalee Ruf opened the Baptist-Christian Women's meeting June 2 at the church basement with a poem and prayer.

Margene Holtze gave members their new yearbooks.

The program was given by Becky Holtze. Father's Day was the theme of her lesson and worship. She shared several articles about fathers and also compared earthly fathers and the heavenly Father. The worship center correlated some of a father's hobbies with a spiritual emphasis. Items were brought for the McCook Crisis Center. Hostess, Avis Wolfe, served homemade cookies and ice cream floats.

Death
Lloyd Nicholson who celebrated his 99th birthday on May 23 died May 31 at the Good Samaritan Nursing Home in Arapahoe where he had lived for the past 10 years.

Lloyd was born, one of 10 children, in Sherman Precinct south of Wilsonville where he grew up. He graduated from Wilsonville High School in 1925. His first job was teaching school for eight years in Frontier County, later serving two terms as county clerk. In 1951, he opened a men's clothing store in Cambridge which he ran until his retirement in 1975.

He was preceded in death by his wives, Violet Hansen and Oneta Cecil, an infant son, Frank Joy, his

parents, Ben and Bertha Nicholson, all of his siblings but two, Orville Nicholson of Howe, Idaho, and Phyllis Phillips of Commerce City, Colo.

Others who survive him are his two daughters, Kathryn and Brad Huddleston, Lincoln, and Loyeen and Bill Woodruff, Woodridge, Ill.; three grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held in Cambridge.

The Wilsonville United Methodist Women met Thursday, June 16 at the church with six members, four guests, and the Reverend Malchow present for a brunch hosted by Nadeane and her daughter, Carole. The Reverend Malchow gave the opening prayer. Devotions were given by Lelia Land and Vice President Nadeane conducted a short business meeting. Mission corsages were presented to the oldest, youngest and the one traveling the greatest distance to attend.

The speaker, Ms. Irene Coe of Beaver City a District officer spoke on various mission projects in which each unit is to participate, and upcoming meetings and functions. Both interesting and informative, Irene closed with a prayer poem. Three short skits were enacted by Edith and Nadeane; "Say It With Stamps", "Hands Around the World" and "The Redemption Service", interspersed with the songs; The Voice of God is Calling; Here Am I Lord; Jesus Loves the Little Children, and Kum Ba Yah. The next meeting will be on July 21.

This past weekend Austin Anderson spent the weekend with his grandparents Ron and Dee Anderson. Shelly and Rick Anderson spent the weekend with Shelly's parents Delbert and Laurie Laws.

JENNINGS NEWS

By LOUISE CRESSLER
Many of the farmers in northwest Kansas are starting to cut their wheat. I have been told there is some good wheat being harvested. It has been several years since they have gotten enough rain to make a crop.

Have you ever attended a "Tastefully Simple" party? On Saturday, June 18, Dawn LaRue hosted a party in the school lunchroom. Those attending had a fun time sampling dips, breads, cakes and etc. Tammie Richmeier, Hays is the consultant.

Chris Giebler was chosen teacher of the year at Scranton Elementary Center. Chris is the son of Marlene and Tony Larue.

Approximately 40 people from the Jennings and Dresden

churches attended a farewell potluck dinner Sunday for Pastor Glenn and Betty Krebs. Glenn will be pastor at the Bird City Methodist Church starting July 3. We will miss them. Sunday July 3, we will welcome our new pastor, Carrie Buhler, Morland.

Wayne and Louise Cressler met Betty Hildebrand, Salina and Circe Cass, Hoxie at the Jennings cemetery Friday. Betty, second cousin of Wayne, came to locate the grave of her grandmother, Lavina V. Brown.

Jennings City council will meet July 7, 5 p.m. in the Sunflower Senior Center. If you have concerns or complaints, you are invited to attend any council meetings.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Dodd property suit

Published in The Norton Telegram on Friday, June 24, July 1, 8, 2005. (3T)
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS
RACHEL DODD,

vs.
GEORGE ELLIOTT, MAYNORD ELLIOTT, BETTY LOU BOGGS, LAREE KNIGHT, DOROTHY WALKER, JAMES A. ELLIOTT, LLOYD L. ELLIOTT, ROBERT R. ELLIOTT, and all of the unknown heirs, devisees, legatees, administrators, executors, guardians, conservators, trustees, successors, creditors and assigns of the above named defendant as may be deceased or dissolved; the unknown spouses of the defendants, the unknown executors, administrators, devisees, creditors, successors and assigns of the defendant or defendants as are or were partners or in partnership; the unknown guardians and trustees of the defendants as are minors or are in any way under legal disability,

The Petition further seeks an order holding the Plaintiff to be the owner of the above-described property, free of all right, title and interest of the above-named defendants, and all other persons who are or may be concerned, and that they and each of them be forever barred and foreclosed of and from all right, title, interest, lien, estate, or right of possession in or to the above-described property, or any part thereof.
YOU ARE HEREBY REQUIRED to plead to said Petition on or before the 8th day of August, 2005, in said Court at Norton, Norton County, Kansas. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said Petition.
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