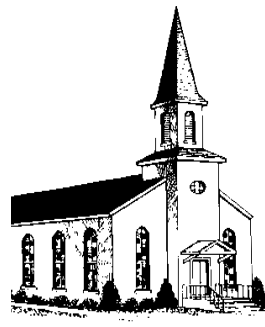


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WEEKLY SERMONETTE

The Land of In-between — By Jeff Nielsen, Minister, Norton Christian Church

We usually don't like being in between anything — not big trucks on the highway, not a rock and a hard place, not jobs, not a hammer and nail, and not feuding neighbors. However, that's precisely where we'll spend much of our time "The Land of In-between" without ever realizing that is where we are.

While there are many highs and lows in our walk with Jesus, we'll actually spend most of our time somewhere in between the highest highs and the lowest lows. Those long passages through "The Land of In-between" intensify our highs and prepare us to survive the lows.

As much as we would like to always fly like eagles or run and never faint, we will spend most of our lives walking with Jesus. We will remember those flights of spiritual ecstasy and power. We will replay those hard races against our enemy. However, our souls will be nourished and our spirits will be fed in "The Land of In-between" or we will never reach our highs or survive our lows.

Unless I'm mistaken, you're prob-

ably in "The Land of In-between" right this moment. After awhile, it gets to be a comfortable place. We take it for granted since it is so familiar. That's what makes our stay here so important - we will live so much of our lives here, ingraining habits and settling

into routines. However, when the times of trial come, when moments of great accomplishment for God's Kingdom are presented to us, what we've done to grow in "The Land of In-between" will determine where we come out in the end.

When in "The Land of In-

between" I encourage you to follow a spiritual regimen that prepares you for the heights and valleys that will follow:

Be obedient to the clear word of God — if you find a scriptural principle, put it into practice. James 1:22

Avoid every form of immorality — it is Spirit sapping 1st Thessalonians 4:1-8

Take care to guard your speech and attitude. Ephesians 4:25-32 & 5:1 & 2

Do what releases the power of the Holy Spirit in your life. Ephesians 5:17-31 and 6:17 & 18

Get together with other Christians for Spiritual worship and fellowship. Hebrews 10:19-25.

While I'd love to always be on the mountain tops with God or soaring on the wings of eagles, experience has taught me that much of my time will be spent in The Land of In-between. If you find yourself there with me, then why not make your time here useful so that when the times for peaks and valleys come, you're ready to live for God. See ya in church.

Love - Jeff



Can Do All Things

As shorter days lead into cooler nights and summer vacations are behind us, it is back to work...business as usual...with one exception, Labor Day. It's recognized as a holiday, a chance to honor all who "labor".

In our country, we labor in many different ways. In stores and offices, inside homes and outside, using minds, muscles or machines, we all contribute our talents toward getting the job done. Some work for pay, some for nothing. Our "labor force" is all around us, giving of strength and intellect, compassion and courage.

Reward yourselves on Labor Day for the tasks you perform and the services you render. Likewise, remember to give thanks to God as you worship Him on His day, for our Heavenly Father has blessed us with those resources with which we labor throughout the year.

Each day, as you work hard to give of your best, may your strength remain constant as you affirm, "I can do all things through Him who strengthens me." (Philippians 4:14)

SUNDAY Matthew † 6:19-34	MONDAY Matthew † 7:1-14	TUESDAY Matthew † 7:15-29	WEDNESDAY Matthew † 13:1-23	THURSDAY Matthew † 13:24-43	FRIDAY Matthew † 13:44-58	SATURDAY Matthew † 25:1-13
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WHISPERING PINES

By CYNTHIA KINDALL

Hymn singing at the end of July was led by the director, Cynthia Collins. A joyful noise was made as Doris Stump accompanied the singers on the piano. Taking part were Mabel Malcolm, Carrie Malcolm, Elma Yunt, Betty Reid, Lucille Stackhouse and Hazel Bates. The evening was dedicated to the memory of Ione Jordan.

Elton Bryant's family was in to spend his birthday with him and Beth. Jean Ann Wilson and Kim Wilson and children called on them to wish Elton a Happy Birthday on July 30. On July 30 Dave and Kendra Anderson of St. Paul, Neb., Kennis, Nancy and Ann McClelland from Beaver City, and Cody Quinn of Oxford, Kaylene, Jeff, Karissa and Justin Bell of Holdrege, and Bob and Donna McClelland surprised Elton on his 89th birthday. Amber and Diane Simmons and Gavin Becker surprised Elton with pizza and cavatini on his birthday, July 30.

Those playing bingo were Phileda Nelson, Doris Stump, Hazel Bates, John and Aggie Vehige, Priscilla Johnson, Alice Vogt, Dorothy Bernard, Beth Bryant, Betty Reid, and Elma Yunt. Hot items were toilet paper, figurines, pop, and knickknacks.

Kennis McClelland visited Aug. 5 with Beth and Elton Bryant.

Dan and Sara Applegate, Oakley, called on Merle Applegate.

Kennis and Nancy McClelland visited Beth and Elton Bryant on Aug. 13.

Andbe Home residents: Gweneth Cranmer, Wava Hickert, Julia Cutting, Ellen Anderson and Agnes Bengston brought doughnuts to go with our coffee for a Thursday morning of fellowship with friends. Whispering Pines residents attending were John and

Aggie Vehige, Phileda Nelson, Alice Vogt, Priscilla Johnson, Elfriede Kelly, Elton Bryant, Marie Ritter, Mabel Malcolm, Violet Volgamore, Margaret Richards, Doris Stump, Don Moody, Merle Applegate, Hazel Bates, Elma Yunt and Lucille Stackhouse. Many residents got to see old friends and nothing is better than coffee and doughnuts with old friends.

Greg and Ardie Grimes picked up Dorothy Bernard on Aug. 13 and took her to Lincoln, for granddaughter, Lynette Grimes' graduation from the University of Nebraska. They went on to Baldwin City and on Aug. 15, Dorothy and Ardie flew to Boise, Idaho, to spend a week with cousins, Harold Roeder and Jim and Jacqueline (Van Patten) Classen. They flew back to Kansas City on Tuesday, Aug. 23 and returned to Norton.

Those with birthdays this month were: Nancy Carlton Aug. 2, Alice Vogt Aug. 23, Violet Volgamore Aug. 24, Carroll Hall Aug. 26, Sue Jacobs Aug. 28. Happy Birthday one and all.

Some of the activities scheduled for September are — Sept. 5, making granny's snack'n cake; Sept. 6, pies for supper; Sept. 9, regular bingo; Sept. 13 board games; cards on Sept. 17-18; Sept. 20 we are making banana split "Supremes with Sue"; Sept. 21 is the monthly coffee; Sept. 22, 23 residents will be working on quilt blocks; Sept. 24 we will be making cinnamon rolls; Sept. 25 the Red Hat Society is coming out for a tea from 2 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.; Sept. 26 is garden bingo and banana splits for supper on Sept. 30.

If you would like to share a craft idea with the residents at Whispering Pines please call at 874-5500. We would love to have some new ideas.

JENNINGS NEWS

By LOUISE CRESSLER

Brian Jennings and Westley, Solomon, were weekend guests of Lawrence and Lila Jennings. Westley won a trophy in the tractor pull of 7 and 8 year-olds at Fireman's Funday Saturday.

A good-sized crowd attended Funday. The drawing at the Czech Museum was a 50 pound beef bundle, won by Jay Kump. The prize at the Legion drawing was a Henry, 44-magnum, lever-action rifle. It was won by Kenneth Krizek. All the kolaches were sold. Many donated items were sold at the auction in the evening.

Threatening weather didn't stop the dance crowd from enjoying the band.

During Sunday services at the United Methodist Church, Allison

Grace Hartzog, daughter of Stacy and Jocelyn Hartzog, Olathe, was baptized by her grandfather, the Reverend Keith Schadel. Pastor Carrie Buhler assisted. Grandparents are Marge and Daryl Hartzog; the Rev. and Mrs. Keith Schadel; great-grandmother Dena Gillespie; lots of aunts, uncles and cousins. The congregation witnessed the event.

The Jennings City Council meeting was held Thursday evening.

The United Methodist Women will meet at 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, Sept. 7.

A general cleaning of the church will be done. Everyone should bring a sack lunch.

Vendla Tacha will have "Quiet Moments".

PRAIRIE VIEW

By VIVIAN JANSONIUS

Aug. 16, several people went to Logan to the Manor. Making the trip were: Norman and Rose Erickson, Bart and Erma Soodsma, Grace and Dean Dillion and Virgil and Marilyn Whitsitt, all from Phillipsburg; Wauneta Schemper, Long Island; and Hazel Jansonius, Irma Jean Nyland, Vivian Jansonius, Rodney Jansonius and Tom and Berta Van Diest, Prairie View.

A carry-in dinner was held at noon Wednesday at the Prairie

View Senior Citizen Center. Those attending were: Burdett and Belva Leydig, Wilmer and Marie Hogan, Stanley and Maxine Harbers, Marvin Harbers, Glen Hultgren, Rodney Jansonius, Faith Van Diest, Goldie Barker, Julianna Lasniewski, Clazine Engelsman, Vivian Jansonius, Hazel Jansonius, Gertrude Erickson and Erma Jean Nyland.

The Rev. and Linda Van Der Weele and Philip returned home from a week-long vacation. They were in church Sunday.

ALMENA NEWS

By ESTHER MARBLE

Sandy and Barbara Sandell visited her mother, Evlynn Sanborn, Saturday. She, along with Sandra Anderson and Mary Lou Stegeman, were at the Almena celebration so they saw some other friends also.

Visitors of Reva Smith have been Esther Marble, Laura Craig, Jim Bird, Almena; Beth Heikes, Nina and Tom Melroy and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Severns, Norton, and Bille Riner, Protection, Kan.

The Engelhardt family reunion is held yearly on the Saturday before Labor Day. This year it will be held on September 3 in the Almena Community Center. John and Sharion Butts and Curtis and

Kathy Hanlon will be the hostesses. They represent the Howard Engelhardt family. During the evening a picnic will be held in the Pool Park or Elmwood Park at Norton. All family and friends are encouraged to attend the carry-in dinner on Saturday at 12:30 p.m. or the picnic at 6:30 p.m.

Ellis and June Fisher visited Esther Marble Sunday afternoon.

Jay and Jan Leuszler, Ashville, N.C., spent August 23-29 with Jean Leuszler. Donna Leuszler came August 22 to spend a few days with mother.

Wilma Pearson, Smith Center, visited at the Jean Leuszler home Wednesday.



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