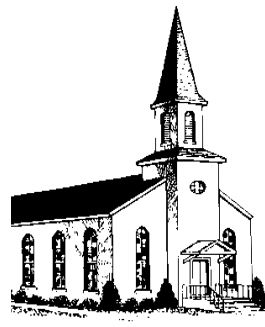


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WEEKLY SERMONETTE

Plain Talk — By Lew Van Der Wege, Norton United Methodist Church

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. (Acts 2:1-6)

One of the most amazing events of Pentecost was that everyone understood what was being said regardless of the language they spoke. The Holy Spirit empowered the Church to speak God's language so everyone could understand it. This captured the attention of a great many people and after Peter's address to the crowd about 3,000 people welcomed the message of Jesus Christ, repented and were baptized.

Sometimes in today's world I find

language about God to be a barrier to welcoming the message of Jesus Christ. We church people use words that are common to us but many of our neighbors feel turned off or turned away because of

the jargon we use. There is nothing wrong with the language we use. It just sometimes fails to capture the attention and can even alienate those who feel they have had a negative experience with

religion.

I'm as guilty of language abuse as anyone can be. I've been told that I have used words in my sermons that have never been written down let alone heard and understood. If you are part of the church and are reaching out to others with the message of Jesus Christ, I would challenge you to examine your language and dedicate yourself to plain talk. If you haven't responded to the message of Jesus Christ, I would challenge you to not let language be a barrier in your relationship with God.

I'm going to practice plain talk about the message. God loves you. God loves you so much he sent His Son Jesus Christ to die for you. God Loves you so much He accepts you as you are and promises to help you be all you can be as a human being. God brought Jesus back to life after He had died and God promises to bring us back to life in this world by helping us change our sinful ways and at our death by giving us life forever. Believe that God Loves you, find your place in Christ's Church with the rest of us who have started paying attention and God will help us find the way together.

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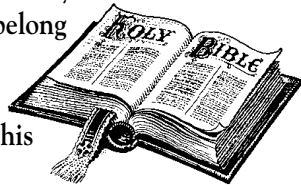
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NORCATUR NEWS

By NORCATUR NEWSLETTER VOLUNTEERS

Patty Stapp, Bill Brooks, Melissa Chamber, Charles Doeden, Mary Long and Dave Stapp won door prizes at the dinner and karaoke held at Momma Millie's on Saturday, Sept. 10.

Rodney Lechlitter and his mother, Lora Linn Lechlitter, returned from the Mayo Clinic Sept. 10, where Lora Linn had gone for a return checkup. She had the misfortune of having her hip go out of place again.

Laci Roe, who helped with the *Norcatur News* all summer, has gone off to school for another term. Marty Munson brought in Norcatur High School football team pictures from the early 1950s, which have been framed and put in the museum.

After much research, we finally have more information about the Norcatur Hospital. The hospital was completed in October of 1917. Dr. Knox was owner of the building, and a Dr. Spearing worked there. The hospital closed in September of 1921 when evidently Dr. Knox went bankrupt and moved from Norcatur. The hospital later became a hotel, a café, and later an apartment house.

Please send any information about the hospital or other Norcatur memorabilia to Chris Dempewolf, Box 89, Norcatur, Kan., 67653.

A children's Halloween party will be held at Momma Millie's from 3 to 4:30 p.m., on Oct. 29.

Winners of the pool tournament on Sept. 12 at the Cardinal Bar and Grill were Chad Keir, Clayton, first place; Lawrence Marshall, Oberlin, second place; and Tom Garrett, Norcatur, third place.

The first public viewing and open house for St. Mark's Lutheran Church will be during Mini Sapa, at 2 p.m. on Saturday. Bee Nelson will open the door and host the open house. An ice cream social in the Bohemian Hall with entertainment from Ron Temple's Gospel Group will follow. On Sunday, there will be the rededication service at 5 p.m. with Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseler in charge, followed by an old-fashioned potluck supper in the hall, with a drawing for a Bohemian quilt.

Birthdays: Shanna Long - Sept. 22; Marla West, Kelsey Jackson - Sept. 23; Carol Miller, Dwight Wentz - Sept. 24.

Maryllin Locy entered Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney, Neb., on Sept. 13, for hip surgery. She returned home Sept. 16.

Zach and Brenda Pomeroy of Lakewood, Colo., spent the weekend of Sept. 17 with his grandparents, Rea and Dee Magers. They spent a hot day fishing on Saturday at Norton Dam.

Virgil Price took Kenneth and Pansy Price to a doctor appointment at Grand Island, Neb., on Sept. 13. While waiting for the doctor, Kenneth met an old friend

he hadn't seen in 45 years. They reminisced and had a good visit. It happens they both answer to the name of Price, and had cattle buying experiences years ago.

Visitors of Francis and Arlene Hix, who came for funeral services for Arlene's sister, Freida Vanderwige, of Norton, included their children, Margorie Prince, Liberty, Mo.; and Lloyd and Sharon Stanton, Salina.; also a granddaughter Sheryl Mullberry, Conway, Ark. Funeral services were held at the Christian Church in Norton on Friday.

Senior Citizens had 21 players present on Sept. 16. Winners were June Jolly, Esther Miller and Gwynn Ward, and Oran Milner.

Wava Reames was in Norcatur from Sept. 11-14, visiting Frank and Velda Ward and Leslie and Lynn Ward. She was making preparations for her move to "the ol' home town" this fall. Wava also visited Marguerite Fullerton in Oberlin.

ECKHART REUNION

On Labor Day the Eckharts (progeny of Fay and Maxine Eckhart) descended on Denny Lechlitter's farm. This was our 25th year to gather since Grandpa Eck died. Thirty-seven enjoyed lots of eating, bowling in Norton (thanks, Beverly), riding 7 four-wheelers (thanks, neighbors!), eating, talking, games, eating, pictures (thanks Gene and Kristi), croquet and eating. Several trailers and tents covered the farm. Sunday morning started with church at Clayton. For the Lechliters, seven generations have attended that church since J.W.C. Lechlitter helped found it in 1848.

Attending from Nebraska were Cheir, Katy and Jessy Porter, Shawn Hart, Dejay and Dana, Deseray, David, Grace and Joseph Monson, Chris and Donna Eckhart, Craig Eckhart, Kevin and Judy Nathan Eckhart, Holly and Hannah Bussa.

Colorado attendees were Vene and Phyllis Lechlitter, Steve and Debbie Obrecht, Kyle, Kathleen and Maverick Obrecht, Terry and Darcy Robbins, Brooke Tamez and Jonis Deane, also Leann, Bobby and Jeremy.

Those from Kansas were Trish and Lela Brooks, Denny Lechlitter and Ruth Gill. Lonie Gene Brooks also attended from California.

Joining the group for homemade ice cream Sunday evening were Kenny and Pansy Price, Lee and Lora Arnold, Norm and Julie Gallentine, John Ray Arnold, Grace and Bill Eckhart, Gary and Tracy Gallentine, Tammy Shaw and Dante, Sharon Anderson, Beverly Morton of Texas, and Steve and Ethel Robinson of Ohio.

This reunion afforded the opportunity for descendants of five of the six generations of Rene Brooks to meet. Also gathered were the remaining family members of Nola and Zoe Goodman.

JENNINGS NEWS

By LOUISE CRESSLER

Recent visitors of Eugene and Dona Mrstik were Max and Charlotte Cox of Doyline, La. Charlotte and Dona are sisters. Other guests were Eldon (Sonny) and Cruz Mrstik of Fillmore, Calif. Eldon and Eugene are brothers. Thursday evening Lawrence and Lila Jennings joined the other guests of the Mrstik's for supper and an evening of reminiscing. Lawrence is a cousin to Eugene and Eldon Mrstik.

Bud and Helen Rhodes went to the home of Brian and Corey Grace, Noah and Ava in Wamego Saturday. They helped great-grandson Noah celebrate his second birthday. In the evening they attended the baptism of great-granddaughter Ava Danielle at St. Isadore Church in Manhattan. Ava is two months old.

Wayne and Louise Cressler received word of the birth of a new great-granddaughter Aubrey Dyann Harold. She was born Friday, Sept. 23 to Brian and Tammi Harold. Grandparents are Pat and Don Harold of Grand Junction, Colo. Thanks to granddaughter Britt the Cresslers already have pictures.

Galen and Meme Carper went to Goodland Saturday. Galen went to the Flatlanders Car Show and Meme attended a "Come and Go" baby shower for great-grandson Joel Topliff son of Jason and Alli

Topliff of Lawrence. The shower was at the home of Joel's grandparents Carol and John Topliff. Helping with the event were Charlene Mangus and Dani of Kanarado and Teresa Hopson and daughter, Rebecca.

Claudine Bennett went to McCook, Sunday for a birthday celebration of her great-grandchildren Ty and Ashley who were five-years old. They are the twins of Mr. and Mrs. Kent Bennett of McCook.

Bob and Neoma Tacha went to Hoxie Sunday to attend a bridal shower for granddaughter Ashley Tacha. Ashley and Jeffrey Brown will be married Oct. 29.

United Methodist Women will meet at 4 p.m. Oct. 5 for a "Brown Bag Bible Study" led by Pastor Carrie Buehler. Bring a brown bag supper and your Bible. Everyone is welcome to come.

Jennings City council will meet Oct. 6 at the Senior Citizens Center 7:30 p.m. The council is again reminding people not to bring wire, plastic, glass and etc. to the landfill. We accept tree limbs and unpainted boards.

Violet Foster returned home from the hospital Thursday and is staying at the home of her daughter Pat Hall.

Dena Gillespie is improving. She fell on Friday at Good Sam where she lives.