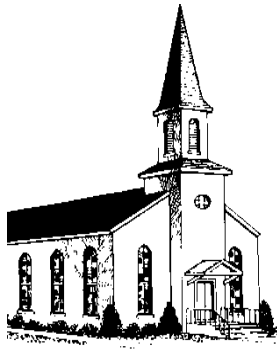


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## WEEKLY SERMONETTE

### Love — Unexpected and Unpredictable

By Jeff Nielsen, Norton Christian Church

I just did a web search for the most romantic movies. Of the top 10 I have seen nine. Number one was Casablanca. I own the colorized version. There is a truth that underlies every single one of those stories that has value. The surprising, experiential, multi-faceted, ever-repeating reality — about love and all genuine love stories is...

Love does the unexpected. There you have it. That's it. That's a truth you can bank on!

Love is full of surprises. Love is new—even in the face of mind-numbing monotony. Love twists when rationality says go straight. Love forges ahead when logic says make a major change. Love doesn't budge when conventional wisdom says run. Love moves like the wind when common sense says "Be still and hide!" Love does the unexpected!

Oh, I know that is not the exact definition of love in Scripture. I can't quote a verse as a proof text that really summarizes what I'm saying ... at least not one verse that says it exactly. But, I can

get you proof. God! God is love. He shows it instead of just saying it. Or better yet, he says it by doing it. He can be tough or tender. He can be patient or pushy. He can rage and he can whisper. He can show his

power and he can hide in the quietness of his creation. He can thunder and he can weep for a dead friend and his sisters. He can demand allegiance, but he can also risk everything to win our hearts. God is not unpredictable. He is the same yesterday, to-

day, and forever. Yet his actions will always appear a bit unexpected and surprising if we do not humbly recognize that he is driven by one truth that trumps all others ... his love for us ... his gracious, undeserved, and unexpected love for us.

That's not to be confused with sappy emotions without gut-wrenching sacrifice. It should not be mistaken for spoken intentions without follow through. This love should never be reduced to politically correct sounding speech with hollow character. We've let today's sappiness and TV driven sentimentality replace the real grit and authenticity of true love ... unexpected, undeserved, sacrificial love. God will do the unexpected to reach the underserving ... to reach us. He always has. He always will. That's what the Bible is about. Even more, that is what his ultimate message, Jesus is about. And, that is what he is at work doing in your life and mine.

Love, Jeff

## Limitless Love



Isn't it wonderful that love is limitless! It seems that the more we give, the more we are able to give.

1 John 4:8 tells us, "God is love." This is the way God manifests Himself on earth. Because God's love for us is boundless, our love for others can be abundant. When we learn to love unconditionally, our heart becomes full of joy, for then God dwells within our soul.

If we love those whose lives we touch each day, they will know love and they will pass it on. Love has a way of ever increasing. Once the cycle begins, it will continue, spilling endlessly on our lives like sunlight from the sky.

Give yourself a valentine this year. Worship God each week. You will learn to give love...and you will receive love that knows no bounds.

Sunday 3 John	Monday Romans 8.31-39	Tuesday Romans 12.1-21	Wednesday 1 Corinthians 13.1-13	Thursday John 15.1-17	Friday John 15.18—16.4a	Saturday Psalm 36
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# WILSONVILLE

**By JOY STALDER**  
Adeline Ballou and Marlene Witte attended Busy Bee Club at the Town Talk in Cambridge for lunch on Monday. After lunch they went to the home of Norma Smith for their business meeting and spent the afternoon together. The members brought along their sewing, crocheting and embroidering to work on during the afternoon.  
Marvin and Marlene Witte went to the Youth Basketball game Sunday afternoon in Holdrege to watch grandson, Jake Witte, play. Other grandparents, Dallas and Sheryl Wymore of Kearney and grandfather Dick Shoemaker and uncle Tom Shoemaker of Cambridge were also there to watch Jake play.  
Jim and Becky Holtze, Janene Holtze, Peg Rice and Ryan and Spencer attended the Knights of Columbus District Free Throw Contest in McCook where Ryan Rice and Braxton Miller of Cambridge participated.  
Ryan placed second in the 9-year old division and Braxton placed first in the 10-year old division. Braxton's family, the Justin Millers, also were in McCook for the contest.  
Carla Holtze and Laurie Laws attended the Women's Winter Conference in McCook on Friday evening and Saturday. Becky Holtze and Margene Holtze attended on Friday evening.

# NORCATUR NEWS

**By NEWSLETTER VOLUNTEERS**  
Patty Stapp attended the funeral service for her aunt, Pauline Ritter, at Leoville on Feb. 5. She was a sister of Patty's father. Marian Thornton and Bob Dempewolf accompanied her to Leoville.  
On Saturday, the County Plus, consisting of Delbert Jackson, Dallas Jackson and Harlan Palmer, performed at the Cardinal Bar and Grill.  
On Sunday, Feb. 4, Rea and Dee Magers took pizza over to Jeff's place north of Cedar Bluffs and enjoyed a visit with him. Jeff lost two shed roofs from the ice and snow overload.  
Rea and Dee Magers attended Neal Warner's 80th birthday party in the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall in Lebanon, Neb., on Jan. 25. The theme of the evening meal was baseball, and each inning was either another dinner course, a special poem for Neal, or a couple of songs, with prime rib for the eighth inning, and a radio broadcast for the ninth inning of Neal playing for the New York Yankees and hitting a home run. Frances and Neal's daughter, Susan, was the hostess and she did a fantastic job. About 80 people attended.  
**Museum Tidbits**  
Arnold Jackson's children donated a number of Norcatdur Odd Fellows items to the museum, including the red velvet collar worn by Arnold when he was president of the lodge.  
If you have any memorial obituaries of people buried in the Norcatdur or Lyle cemeteries we would love to add them to our collection. We also have a section for people from the area who were not buried locally.

# NORTON MANOR

**By DORIS MIZELL**  
Visitors of Dale and Katherine Severns recently have been Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bird, Glenda Hahn and Alice Field.  
Bozie and Deloros Bozarth have two new great-grandbabies. Gaige Michael Smith, son of Michaela Waggoner and Shawn Smith of Plainville, was born Jan. 15 and has a 10 year old sister, Madison. Ella Marie Normandin, daughter of Dena and Chris Normandin, was born on Jan. 30. Ella has two brothers, Nate, 5 years old and Logan, 3 years old. Gaige's grandparents are Mike and Sharon Waggoner and Dave and Patty Basgall, both of Plainville. Ella's grandparents are the Normandins of Plainville and Dave and Patty Basgall. Her great-grandmother is Eleanor Basgall of Russell.  
Charlene Watson from Barnard, came Wednesday to interview Katherine Severns about her gospel CD. It is out and getting lots of play. Watch the next copies of the Senior Paper as her interview will be in it.  
Saturday, Feb. 10, Mary Keith's grandchildren joined her in the reception room to do scrap booking. Those attending were Nichole Nesvaras, Jacob and Jaxon; Amy Slavik, Wendy Schmidt, Sheena Bruce and Diana Greving. Linda Keith brought Riley and Tegan and visited awhile at noon.

# PUBLIC NOTICES

**Estate of Jerry S. Minchew**  
Published in The Norton Telegram on Friday, February 2, 9, 16, 2007. (3T)  
**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS**  
**PROBATE DIVISION**  
Case No. 2007-PR-1  
In the Matter of the Estate of Jerry S. Minchew, Deceased (Petition Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)  
**NOTICE OF HEARING AND FOR NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:  
You are hereby notified that on January 4, 2007 a petition was filed in this Court by Charles E. Worden, the named executor of the Last Will and Testament of Jerry Minchew dated December 26, 2006, praying that the will filed with the petition, be admitted to probate and record, that he be appointed as executor without bond, and that he be granted Letters Testamentary.  
You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before February 22, 2007 at 9:30 a.m., with this Court, in the City of Norton, in Norton, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.  
All creditors are notified to exhibit their demands against the estate within four months from the date of first publication of this Notice, as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.  
Charles E. Worden  
Petitioner  
Submitted by:  
Charles E. Worden #7417  
WORDEN LAW OFFICE  
213 S. Kansas, P.O. Box 427  
Norton, Kansas 67654  
(785) 877-3086

# Estate of Alois J. Ryan

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**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS**  
Case No. 07-PR-04  
In the Matter of the Estate of Alois J. Ryan, A.K.A. Alois Ryan, Deceased  
**NOTICE OF HEARING**  
THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED: You are notified a Petition was filed in the above named Court by William J. Ryan as one of Decedent's Heirs praying determination of descent of all stocks, securities and other property interest owned by Decedent at the time of her death and you must file your written defenses thereto on or before March 1, 2007 at 4:00 p.m. in the above named court at the Courthouse in the City of Norton, Norton County, Kansas at which time said cause will be heard and should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said Petition.  
WILLIAM J. RYAN  
Petitioner