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The Sense of Humor

Mark Twain declared, "Humor is mankind's greatest blessing." Humans are unique in that our Creator has gifted only mankind with laughter. Though we often think of laughter in frivolous terms, it is indispensable to our physical and emotional health.

Lord Byron said, "Always laugh when you can; it is cheap medicine." It has been proven that laughter maintains

the immune system; persons suffering from depression are more subject to ill health. "Laughter therapy" is documented in ill patients. Because of our free will and our human capacity to suffer from such a depth of emotions, God must have known we would need humor as a daily part of our lives.

Laughter can draw us outside ourselves to see an embarrassing situation as humorous. A common sense of humor is vital to most lasting relationships as well. Speakers use humor to get and to keep the attention of their audience. No wonder there is a lot of sense in humor.

As you worship this week, give God special thanks for laughter, for it fortifies the human condition and gives us hope for the future.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Psalm 111	Psalm 112	Psalm 113	Psalm 116	Psalm 118:1-18	Psalm 118:19-29	Psalm 126

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Weekly Sermonette

The Radical Solution
By Rick Rostek, Pastor
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In Mark's Gospel, Jesus says, "If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life maimed than with two hands to go into hell." He says similar things about feet and eyes. In these brief sentences, Jesus emphasizes the utter seriousness of sin in our lives and the devastating, eternal consequences of sin. And his solution is indeed radical. The things that cause us to sin and violate God's commands are to be removed from our lives because they separate us from God. Still, it's generally true that when we humans remove one cause of sin in our lives, we find another to take its place. Such is our human nature.

God understands our inability to be completely sinless. God understands that we are, by nature, susceptible to the evil forces of this world. Therefore, he gave us another radical solution: Jesus Christ. As God's Son, Jesus came into the world to live the perfect life that we cannot live. Jesus then became the perfect sacrifice to God for our sins. How radical is that? Jesus died on a cross so that we could be forgiven! Now, by faith in Jesus, we claim the forgiveness won for us on the cross. Armed with faith in Jesus, we are strengthened to live our lives for God, putting off the things that cause us to sin, and running to the cross when we fall into sin. At the foot of the cross there is complete pardon and forgiveness. Faith in Jesus brings wonderful, eternal consequences: life forever with God in heaven.

In a perfect world we would live perfect lives dedicated to God. We know that the world is not perfect and neither are we. If this is your struggle, put your faith in Jesus Christ. He promises to forgive, renew, and give hope that the struggles in this world will one day be replaced with the perfect joy that comes from being God's child in heaven.

WILSONVILLE

By VELMA HOLTZE

Sunday dinner guests in the Charles A. Haag home were Dan Shahof of Malcolm, Neb., Mr. Stahof's friends Corey Jensen of North Platte, Les Stutzman of Ovid, Colo., and Klindt Nelson of Fort Collins and Nick Haag of Lincoln, Charles D. Haag of Oberlin. All were pheasants hunters.

Ivalene Simmons of Oshkosh, Neb., arrived at the home of her mother, Velma Holtze, on Wednesday evening. Thursday morning Velma and Carla Holtze accompanied her to Hastings where Mrs. Holtze had cataract surgery. Carla Holtze was an overnight guest of her daughter, Kendra Hoagland and family. They returned to their respective homes on Friday. One of the women having surgery ahead of Velma that morning was the former Effa Dale McFarland who grew up in the Wilsonville area. Her family home, over 60 years ago, was where Doug Palmer now resides.

Many from this area attended the musical at the Cambridge School on Friday evening and the dinner theater production on Saturday evening. The young people are to be commended on their delightful presentation. Great talent in both music and acting was shown. Taking part from the Wilsonville community were Chelsea Ruf who the lead female part, Ashley Rice and Alica Brown who both had leading roles and Brittany Brown and Janene Holtze who had supportive roles.

As usual the weekend brought many hunters from far and near to enjoy the first weekend of pheasant season. Some of these hunters come every year like Clinton Murphee and son, Kevin of Duncan, Okla., and Howard Anderson from York and his sons. The Murphee's have adopted this as their second home after coming here for around 40 years while Mr. Anderson grew up on a farm east of town and graduated from Wilsonville High School in 1941.

Moisture, what a blessing. A light mist began falling Saturday evening and has continued through Sunday and still this Monday morning. It doesn't add up too fast but is so appreciated.

Keith Theobald's message Sunday morning at the Baptism Christian church challenged his listeners, "How do you treat new people at your church? Are they made to feel welcome? Do you judge them? God doesn't ask you to judge. He merely asks you to plant the seed and water it."

That evening was the realization of the church reaching out to others in the community. Young adults, ages 19 through 40 had been invited to the church for an evening meal and fellowship. Around a dozen accepted the invitation and gathered at the church along with a few of the younger board members and their spouses and Keith and Pat Theobald who acted as hosts. After eating and much visiting and laughter, Mr. Theobald led a thought-provoking meditation. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves and it is hoped that this group can enjoy more such get togethers.

Phone conversations this past

week from two classmates; Beth Overbaler Dahlkoetter and Eileen Lomax Luhman in California share their reactions to the California fires. Though they are not right in the area, they are close enough to get the terrible smoke and ash deposits. Ms. Luhman says it is a constant battle to keep it cleaned off your driveways and walks and you don't dare have your windows open. She is 25 miles away. Darrel and June Palmer's son, Dennis is only six miles away. Several others in this area have relatives who have evacuated their homes.

Haunted School House

On Saturday morning, Nov. 1, a hard working crew of, Aaron Bethel, JoAnn McLaughlin, Delbert and Laurie Laws, Nancy Knutson, Connie Wilson, and Pat Yost put together the Haunted House decorations and setup up for the free cookies and cider along with the Bake Sale. The crew finished at 3 p.m. and were back by 5 p.m. in costumes and ready to scare. There was quite a cast of spooky school spirits. "The Bleeding Screamer" was Austin Anderson; "The Corpse" played by Aaron Bethel; "The Class Clown" was Dora Shaw; "Cafeteria Lady" was Nancy Knutson; "Career Counselor" was Laurie Laws; "Crazed Principal" was Delbert Laws; "Radiation Ralph" was JoAnn McLaughlin; "Frightening Werewolf" was Terry Mowry; "Old Dead Prom Queen" was Rilee Park; and "That little Devil" was Pat Yost. Of course, there were some very strange non-humans involved too. The Haunted School House had approximately 75 people go through it. In total there were about 150 people in attendance. The event raised \$618 and The Royal Neighbors are doing matching funds for the Wilsonville Public Library. The expenses were very low for this event due to the donation of the building by Larry Palmer and Barnett's Do-It-Center in McCook donated the black plastic for the haunted house to the Library.

Bake Sale items filled three long tables and were gone in no time. Merna Harper brought lots of bake sale items from the Royal Neighbors. Connie Holiday dressed as "The Bake Sale Lady" along with Nadeane Haag handled the sale of all the baked goodies. Connie Wilson, dressed as the "Old dead Cheer Leader", kept visitors in free cookies and cider.

Gaunt Makes Team

Wednesday's Omaha World Herald brought the news to Michelle Gaunt's grandparents, Charles & Nadeane Haag, with Michelle's picture on the front page of the Sports Section that she made the all Nebraska All State First Team Honor Softball Team. Four other players from Class B schools also made the team. Gaunt received praise from coaches in all three classes. Miss Gaunt hit .573 this season crossing home plate 41 times. She ended her career with three school records — her batting average .573, hits 144 and stolen bases 83. Her grandparents missed the three games at the Columbus tournament but were able to attend 30 of her games. (Maybe a record for grandparents!)

NORCATUR NEWS

By NORCATUR NEWSLETTER VOLUNTEERS

Larry Hix spent time with his parents, Wilbur and Lula Hix, recently. He arrived Oct. 11, then took his parents out for dinner the next day for their anniversary and Wilbur's birthday. On Oct. 16, he went to Conifer, Colo., to visit Linda and Bill Young, as well as Terry, Debbie, and Sarah New, Jordan Potter, Wesley and Lisa New, Lyndsay and Nathen, and friend Jesus. Larry came back to Norcatatur on Oct. 19, and took pictures of family and the Norcatatur area. Larry, Wilbur and Lula visited Betty Reid, Wanda and Minh Nguyen, and Larry and Lula visited Arlene and Frances Hix. Larry helped with the Norcatatur News since they were short of help, which was a new experience. He left for Pasadena, Md., on Oct. 23.

Oct. 26 dinner guests of Donna Warren, Oberlin, were Fern Mapes, Goldie Brewer, Mike Mapes and Paul Foth. Kenneth Price went to Kingman the weekend of Oct. 25 for a horse

sale. Over the weekend Mrs. Price attended the soup supper and bazaar at Norcatatur, attended Jennings Methodist Church Sunday, where students of Southwestern College presented morning worship in message and music. Later on Sunday, Kenneth and Pansy Price drove to Hays on a pleasure trip.

The next Senior Citizen's meeting will be Friday, Nov. 7, at 7 p.m. Dorothy Breiner accompanied by Alice Barnett, spent Oct. 12 and 13, in Great Bend for postal meetings.

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