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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR/PRESIDENT

Have you ever stopped to think about what it would be like to lose someone you love? Of course you have. And many of us have already experienced such a tragedy.

At this past reunion, at a mass attended by at least 55 people, we honored those we have loved and lost through the years. It was a beautiful service, as Father Norm's services tend to be...even if you aren't catholic.

Father Norm's gospel talked about separating the wheat from the weeds and whether or not those tending the fields should pull the weeds so the wheat could grow. But Jesus told those folks, "Hey, leave the weeds be and in the end, when it's absolutely necessary, we'll burn the weeds."

Father Norm allowed for some discussion of this separation of weed from wheat and we opened our ears and mouths and listened and spoke.

What we said was, some of us are weeds and some of us may be wheat. We need to avoid judging however, who is what. I may be able to tell in the field a weed from wheat but when it comes to people, Father Norm said only God can see into the hearts of the people. Only He can know the weeds from the wheat. We may think we know because of someone's behavior that he or she is a weed but who really knows a person fully enough to make that judgment?

It seems fair enough to say that a

criminal may, in fact, be a weed. It also seems fair enough to say that a Saint is the wheat. But who are we to judge the criminals and the Saints? Who are we to label such characters and condemn them to a life of bad behavior or to assume a Saint has no faults?

In honoring those that have passed before us, I think we tend to exaggerate their status and say they were always wheat. But of course, we know better. Each of those who have passed had a little weed in them because probably, *everyone* does. But we like to think they were wheat because it makes the grieving process a little easier. If we can remember them as wheat, we don't have to face the fact that they had faults as do we all.

So I'd like to thank Father Norm and all the folks who made comments about the wheat and the weeds and our loved ones who have recently passed. It is a lesson sometimes hard to learn that we all have inherent worth and dignity, we sometimes just lose sight of that worth. We lose sight of the idea of growing as wheat and instead grow as weeds. But it doesn't mean we haven't the dignity bestowed upon us at birth.

I suppose the lesson I'm taking away from that gospel is that I need to appreciate each and every one of my family members no matter weed or wheat. Because in the end, it's between you and your God.

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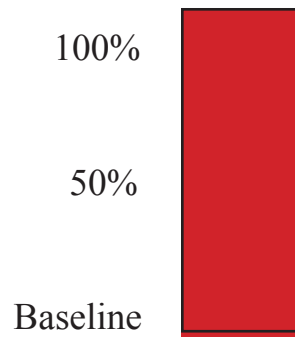
Thank You One and All!

I would like to extend a personal thank-you to all of you who helped with this year's reunion. It is difficult to name all of you but I would especially like to thank the elders who keep this reunion going. It is your spirit and appreciation of family that made it all possible. Thanks also to all of you who donated time, funds, and all the great food. You made it all possible and I hope you will continue to pass on the value of our reunions to your children and grandchildren.

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Please note: donations made to the Henry and Lauretta Huth Foundation are considered charitable and are tax deductible. Donations made to the reunion efforts are not. We would like to thank each and every one of you for your donations big and small, monetary and service-related. We couldn't have pulled this most awesome reunion off without you. By the way, to the right is the thermometer that tells you how much of our goal we reached. Remember, we had a goal of \$1610.00 to meet our budget requirements. WE DID IT!

If you'd still like to donate funds to the reunion efforts, you can do so at the same address listed for the Henry and Lauretta Huth Foundation. Please be sure to make your check out to "Huth Family Reunion."



How to Make a Braided Rug

I recently found a recipe for braided rugs, just the kind Lauretta Huth use to make. See February, 2011 Acorn for a picture of one of Lauretta's rugs. **Materials:** For a 34" rug, you'll need about 14 yards of fabric in varying sizes and colors. For example, use a yard and a half of this, a yard of that, etc. You'll also need twine (thin, strong cotton or linen for lacing), a yardstick, pencil, scissors, large blunt needle, 2 spring clips or safety pins. **Directions:** 1) Mark fabric in 3" wide bias strips and cut (bias is on the diagonal of the fabric). 2) Clip or pin 3 of the strips together and braid them like a pigtail, holding the strips so they fold with the right side of the fabric facing out. 3) When the braid is about 18" long, begin lacing it into a circle. Pin or clip the end of the braid so it doesn't unravel. Tie and end of a 1 yd. length of twine tightly around the beginning of the braid. Thread the needle with the other end of the twine. Working on a flat surface, coil the braid into a flat spiral, lacing the twine in and out of the braid to hold it together. Pull the twine tight enough so the edges of the braid are firmly joined. Continue lacing until you're within a few inches of the end of the braid. 4) Alternate braiding and lacing to form a rug any size desired. Change colors by lapping the new strip on the old strip and braiding them together for a few inches. Tie on a new piece of twine as needed. As the rug gets larger, be careful to ease the braid around the edge. If it's pulled too tight, you'll have a skull-cap instead of a rug. HAVE FUN!