

Lutherans To Observe Lent



INTERIOR VIEW OF REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

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The season of Lent is annually observed by the Lutheran Church. In the Christian and Lutheran sense Lent is that season of the church-year which has been set apart for the special consideration of the sufferings and death of Jesus Christ for the sins of the world. It is the time in which the church calls her members to a heartfelt and earnest meditation upon the passion of our Lord in order that they may be weaned away from the cares and pleasures and interests of the world, and learn more thoroughly won for the Kingdom of God. Lenten time is a repenting time, and is a constant reminder to us of the greatest tragedy of the ages. No sadder thing happened, nor will ever occur, than the crucifixion of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

The death of Christ is, however, the greatest blessing that has ever been bestowed upon fallen mankind. In that which transpired on Calvary's hill on that memorable Good Friday, about 1926 years ago, one can see both the depth of human sin, which demanded such a sacrifice for its expiation, and the height of divine love. For the suffering and death of Christ, having come about in accord with the eternal decree and foreknowledge of God, took place in order that all who believe might be saved. This purpose of Christ's atoning self-sacrifice is nowhere so beautifully stated as in John 3, 16: "For God so loved the world that

He gave His only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish, but have eternal life."

The season of Lent brings these overwhelming truths to our attention in a special way. And, truly, a tremendous price as that paid by our Savior for our souls, deserves more than a passing consideration now and then. No one will permit Lent to go by unobserved, unless he be little concerned about his sins and their terrible consequence, unless he be totally bereft of all love towards the Savior.

Lent is a time when the repentant soul, like the Prodigal Son, arises and goes home to his Father and says, "I have sinned," and feels the joy of forgiveness in his embrace and kiss. It is a time for spiritual refreshment for honest souls seeking God. It is the preparation for the great Feast of Easter—the festival of victory over sin and death, and every one who keeps Lent well, can rejoice in the victories that have secured to him "a risen life."

Redeemer Ev. Lutheran church, the first Lutheran church in Birmingham, was established as a Mission in November, 1924, and organized into a congregation in April, 1925. The present church building on Lincoln avenue was dedicated May 10, 1925. Since its beginning Redeemer Lutheran church has experienced a steady growth. The total number of members is approximately 150 souls. The prospects for continued development is promising.

During Lent the regular dances at the Community House for young people are to be postponed.

J. E. Torrence of Yorkshire road is living at the Hotel Stevenson in Detroit during the absence of his wife and son in Phoenix, Arizona.

Mrs. Hoover Holton of North Woodward avenue entertained at a "work party" at her home Wednesday afternoon for Mrs. Fenton R. Matthews of Walpole Lake. Her guests included Mrs. C. G. Eddings of Birmingham, Mrs. E. R. Boye of Pine Lake, Mrs. E. Setz of Buffalo, N. Y., Mrs. Leslie Jensen, Paul W. Baldwin, the man, Mrs. E. F. Light, Mrs. J. Davis, Mrs. Ira Henry, all of Detroit, and Mrs. Helena Lockwood of Birmingham.

After a six weeks' visit at the home of Mrs. Emil W. Reutter of Lincoln road Mrs. Gilbert Abrams has returned to her home in Brighton. During

her stay she was the honor guest at many delightful affairs.

Harrison T. Watson of Detroit, a student at the Detroit College of Law, was a guest over the weekend of Mortimer Neff of West Maple avenue.

J. A. Ferrier has returned to the home of his son, J. A. Ferrier, in Troy, after a visit of two weeks with his daughter, Mrs. L. D. Ellis, at her home in Meadville, Pa.

John B. Howarth of Pierce street is spending this week in Chicago with the guests of relatives.

Members of the Oakland County Weekly Press Association will hold a meeting in Ferndale Saturday afternoon, February 20. George Williams, publisher of the Ferndale Enterprise, will act as host to the 12 visiting publishers who comprise the Association.

GIRLS ALLEGED TO HAVE DAMAGED STOLEN AUTO

The Ford roadster that collided with a telegraph pole at the corner of Southfield and Lincoln avenues last Thursday night and was abandoned was found to belong to Sam Hassin of Hazelwood avenue, Detroit. Mr. Hassin, who attends Central high school, had reported to the police several days previously the theft of his car parked in front of the school. Clark Green, local officer, got in touch with them and discovered that it was Hassin's car that was in Birmingham.

A clue to the identity of the driver was given the local police when they were notified Friday by Baldwin High School students that the car had been in possession of two girls who said they went to Central and who asked them to go for a ride. Mr. Hassin has the names of the girls and says that if they refuse to pay for the damage done his car he is going to get a warrant for them.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Neff of Watkins street last Friday night attended the Shipmasters' Ball at Algonac.

MORE OPINIONS ARE EXPRESSED ON PLAN FOR WOODWARD AVE.

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inch. It is satisfactory for our needs now and will continue so indefinitely.

Almoner Whitehead, President First National Bank: "The present pavement through the business section of Birmingham must be improved shortly. Despite a wide boulevard around Birmingham where the Grand Trunk tracks are now located, it is possible that Woodward avenue through Birmingham should be slightly wider to expedite traffic conditions locally. Authorities on highway construction say that ten feet can be taken from the east side of the street and the small strip on the west side can be cut off without moving any buildings. This work could be done in the course of laying new paving. I do not feel that the village should go to the expense of moving the buildings should the highway be widened any more than ten or twelve feet, and I do not believe the state would finance this work."

George Blackmer, 114 South Woodward: "While I own Woodward avenue property in Birmingham, I think that a boulevard around the center of the village would be greatly preferable to widening Woodward through the business section and would increase the Woodward business frontage value rather than lower it."

J. H. McBride, 108 North Woodward, merchant: "A piece of highway problem will show that the narrower streets, with a concentrated business district is a combination that nets the merchant the most success in a retail business. A one hundred foot Woodward avenue through Birmingham is all we need."

Robert Peck, Birmingham Boulevard: "A one hundred and fifty foot highway through our business section in Birmingham would be of no harm and might result in increased business for our merchants. Traffic and business are closely affiliated and it would not be wise to detour transients around the village."

W. D. Blackmer, merchant: "Don't divide a town with a future such as Birmingham facing, with any 200 foot highway. Men with business experience will warn against widening Woodward avenue through Birmingham, and their warnings should be heeded ahead of the centennials ofered by persons who imagine that reality values will shoot skyward with their alleged 'ribbon of commerce' through the village. Said 'ribbon' would prove a bugaboo."

Arthur Tuggey, realty agent: "Birmingham needs a 150 foot street through its business district and if there is any chance of the state aiding in financing the widening of Woodward avenue through the village we should not hesitate in accepting their services. If we do not, within a period of a few years the village will have to widen the highway at its own expense. I know persons living elsewhere who are reluctant to drive through Birmingham today because of the congestion in traffic near Maple Avenue. Business men cannot afford to see traffic detoured around any boulevard running on the outskirts of the village. To boom business transient traffic must pass through the heart of the town, and to do this Birmingham must have Woodward avenue 150 feet wide."

LOCAL MAN INJURED SIX PEOPLE SATURDAY

Lee M. Farr, of Brookside Drive, was released Sunday by Highland Park police after he was taken into custody the night before for running down six people in a safety zone at Woodward avenue and the Detroit Terminal railroad, near Ford's factory. Two of the six persons were taken to the Highland Park hospital in a serious condition, while the others were treated for cuts and bruises.

According to Mr. Farr's statement to the police, he was driving north when his automobile tires became locked in the street car tracks; while trying to swerve over to the pavement, he said his car skidded into the six people who were waiting for a street car.

STATE OF MICHIGAN—The Probate Court for the County of Oakland.

At a session of said Court held at the Probate Office in the City of Pontiac, A. D. 1925, on the 11th day of February, A. D. 1925, Hon. BEN. ROCKWELL, Judge of Probate, the Matter of the Estate of Adelle Lake, Deceased, Administrator of said estate, having filed in said Court a petition praying that the time for the presentation of claims against said estate be limited and that a time and place be appointed to receive, examine, and adjust all claims and demands against said deceased by and before said Court.

It is Ordered, that four months from this date be allowed for creditors to present claims against said estate; that the 15th day of July, 1925, at eight o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office, be and is hereby appointed for the examination and adjustment of all claims against said deceased, and for the examination and allowance of his final account; determination of his indebtedness of said estate and the discharge of said Administrator.

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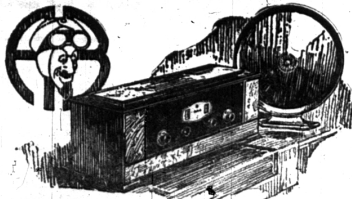
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