

SUNDAY SERMON TOPICS

SUNDAY, SEPT. 28
Redeemer Lutheran

Taking his text from Revelations, 3:8, "I know thy works; behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou has a little strength, and has kept my word, and hast not denied my name," the Rev. Theodore Wiggazer will preach on "An Open Door for Little Strength."

Christ Church Cranbrook Holy Communion will be administered at the 8:30 a. m. service. A family service and the opening of the church school session is scheduled for 9:30, which at 11:15 the 24th anniversary service of the Festival of Dedication will be held.

Unity Center "Obedience" will be the topic on which Frank Glabach, Unity director, will speak.

United Brethren
"His face did shine as the sun." (Matthew 17:2) is the text of the Rev. L. J. Grifly, as he continues his series of sermons on "The Face of Our Lord." His topic this week will be "The Dazzling Face." Stanley Currie will speak to the young people at 6:30 p. m. on "God's Plan for the Ages."
"Bible Facts Concerning Russia" will be Mr. Grifly's topic at the regular evening service.

Christian Science
"Thin, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty; for all that is in heaven and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O Lord; and thou art exalted as head above all." (I Chronicles 29:11) is the Golden Text for this service Sunday morning.

First Baptist
"Strength by Spiritual Exercise" is the topic on which the Rev. Emil Kontz will speak. His text, I Timothy 4:7, is "But refuse profane and old wives' fables, and exercise thyself rather unto godliness."

The Sunday morning service will mark the annual Rally Day observance when the consecration ceremony of the entire church school staff will be held. Promotions and awards will also be made at this time.



THESE DOLLS, shown by Mrs. Harvey Bushnell, Mrs. Edward Jacobi and Mrs. William Bird, are only a few of those which will be featured at the doll booth which the women of the First Presbyterian church will sponsor this fall. The booth will be in charge of Mrs. Booth. The bazaar will be the first attempt of this kind by the Presbyterian societies and plans for it are nearing completion. The various booths will be handled by members of the several church groups.

Pastor's Assistant Has Varied Career

By ALICE E. MORGAN

Musician, artist, public speaker, author, aviator, engineer, foundry expert and with it all an ordained priest in the Episcopal church. That is the varied career of the Rev. Ralph L. Lee, 938 Lakeside, who Sunday began his duties as full time, senior assistant to the Rev. Harold E. Towne at St. James church.

Mr. Lee's interest in church work began when, at the age of 12, he started singing in church choirs. Never, since that time has his interest waned and through his years in commerce and industry he was constantly associated with church work.

Four years of night study under church-approved tutors while continuing his professional career, trained Mr. Lee for the ministry. Into this busy schedule he managed to get a brief term at Kenyon college, and was ordained to the diaconate.

As a deacon he assisted in church work and served in Ohio parishes. As an Episcopal priest he worked through the Diocese of Detroit.

His professional career started with National Cash Register's invention and engineering divisions. After eight years here he joined DeLo Light and while with this firm and Frigidaire, did his theological studying.

HE HAS ALSO been associated with the Jam Handy Organizations and General Motors.

It was while he was with GM's public relations department that he wrote "Man to Man on the Job" and gained national recognition as an authority on employee relations.

As an aviator he has piloted his own plane for more than 1,000 hours. In addition to flying and owning two planes, he is a veteran glider pilot and has invented several navigation instruments. He is a member of the Sportman Pilots association.

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Foreign Bishops Visit Episcopal Churches in Area

Members of Christ Church Cranbrook and St. James Episcopal church will join other Episcopal churches of the area for the Northside Convocation at Romeo on Sept. 29. The convocation is served by the Rev. Francis Hoeflinger, former assistant at St. James.

Mrs. Colin Campbell, chairman, announced this week that the Rt. Rev. William J. Gordon, Jr., missionary bishop of Alaska, will be the guest speaker. He has charge of St. Thomas' mission at Point Hope, Alaska, and will speak of his work among the Eskimos there.

Mr. Gordon, a native of Spry, N. C. was consecrated for that jurisdiction on May 19, 1948, 12 days after his 30th birthday.

ORDAINED A deacon in 1943, to the charge of St. Peter's, Seward, in March and agreed to take the Point Hope assignment. He was ordained priest that year, presented his finances for confirmation, was married and flew to Alaska to assume his duties.

Like Bishop Bravid W. Harris, who will speak in Birmingham on Oct. 1, Bishop Gordon is returning home from the general convention just ended in Boston.

Bishop Harris, second negro missionary bishop to serve in Liberia, will speak before the Woman's auxiliary of St. James church.

He served in the army and after demobilization worked at Berkeley divinity school at Yale, prior to going to Liberia in 1945.

tiful etchings of scenes made while he was doing missionary work in Guatemala.

Now "retired," Mr. Lee has started a new career—full time work in the field of religion.

What's Being Planned By BIRMINGHAM CHURCHES

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First Presbyterian

Because of extensive membership, the Sarah Hunter guild has formed two divisions. Division A will meet at the home of Mrs. John Werner, 638 Pleasant, while Mrs. Jack Stiff will be hostess for Division B. Both will be held at 8 p. m. on Sept. 25.

First Methodist

A meeting of the W.S.C.S. executive board will be held at 10 a. m. Wednesday, Oct. 1, at the church. Members of the Mary Utter group will be in charge of the luncheon at 12:45 p. m.

The afternoon will feature a general business meeting and a devotional period under the direction of Mrs. Newell Allen.

Mrs. Karl Bronson will speak on the state conference of the Council of Church Women.

The guest speaker, Jean B. Chamberlain, will be introduced by Mrs. Robert Gray. The topic for the afternoon will be "Youth and Narcotics."

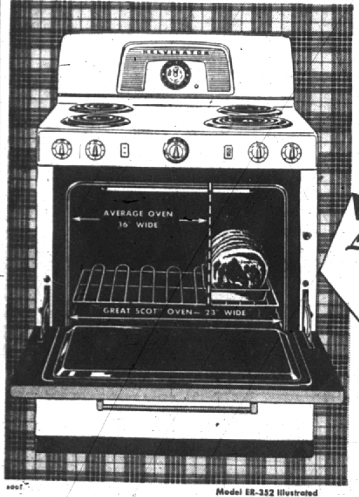
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