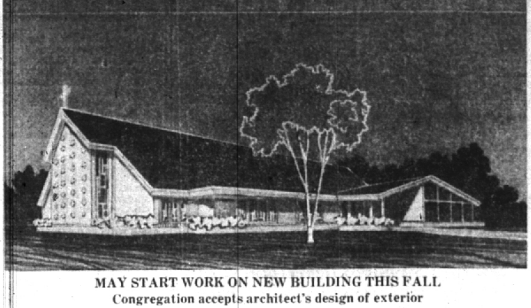


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## Long Range Plan Starts Rolling

According to the Rev. Paul Shippert, the long-awaited church building for Ascension Lutheran church, Pierce at 14 Mile, is rapidly becoming a reality.

Members of the congregation have met to accept the building design and final plans are being brought to completion. Charles Stadel, Chicago architect, expects to present the plans to the congregation within the next few weeks and added that construction on the building may start this fall.

THE BUILDING will comfortably seat 260 people for worship and will include a sanctuary, chapel, and room for an additional 250.

There will be ample Sunday school rooms to permit small classes and complete departmentalizing of them.

Fairish social activities and programs will have the use of one large room and a smaller one adjacent to the church office and pastor's study will also be housed in the new building.

THE ASCENSION parish was formed here in 1950, with Mr. Shippert being appointed to serve it in July of that year.

A little over a year later services were held in the temporary building, a ranch-type structure adapted to become the parsonage after the church building is completed.

The chapel was capable of providing space for about 100 persons but was soon overcrowded.

### Sunday Service Guests At Community Church

The 9:45 a. m. service on Aug. 23 at Townsite Community church, Congregational, will be conducted by Carl W. Hempstead, community secretary of the Pontiac YMCA.

A specialist in the field of young adult work, he will soon leave his post in Pontiac to accept a similar assignment at Benton Harbor.

John Grey, baritone of Brewster Elmer Congregational church, will be the guest soloist for the service.

### SUNDAY SERMON TOPICS

SUNDAY, AUG. 23

Ascension Lutheran  
"The Christian's Priestly Calling"  
The Rev. Paul Shippert will speak Sunday morning. He has taken his text from 1 Peter, the first through the tenth verses of the second chapter.

Christian Science  
The Bible has much to say about Mind. The understanding of God as the real source of all intelligence is explained in the lesson-sermon on "Mind," I Samuel, 2:3, "The Lord is a God of knowledge, and by His actions are weighed," is the text.

### Vacation School Ends; Baptists Start Weekly Sunday School Program

With the closing last week of the vacation Bible school at the Beverly Hills Baptist chapel, plans were announced for weekly church school sessions for all ages beginning with the four-year-olds.

Mr. and Mrs. Herschell G. Martin, who have conducted the vacation school, will remain in charge. Classes will be held each Sunday morning from 9:45 to 11, planned specifically for residents of the Greenfield-13 Mile area although all are welcome.

The vacation school held a closing program Aug. 13 at 11 a. m., based on work done during classroom sessions. On Friday a picnic was held for the school enrollees, following the regular morning studies.

The summer program was sponsored by the Detroit Baptist Missionary society in cooperation with the American Baptist convention.

## Baptist Records Show Busy Summer Schedule

By ALICE E. MORGAN

As an active summer draws to a close several interesting facts are revealed from the records of the First Baptist church.

To maintain this summer schedule, the pastor, the Rev. Emil Kontz, remains in the city during the "vacation" season, taking his annual rest in the winter months.

The reason that our morning service shows little or no decline, Mr. Kontz said, "is due to the many visitors we have each week."

A recent Sunday morning survey of the church register showed guests from South Bend, Ind.; Pittsburgh, Pa.; Birmingham, Ala.; Vero Beach, Fla.; Corpus Christi, Tex., and Sydney, Nova Scotia.

VISITING clergy were registered as the Rev. Von Ogden Vogt from Florida and the Rev. Donald Purge from Nova Scotia.

"The worship center has been kept comfortable during these hot days through the use of huge fans. These were placed in the left above the sanctuary and we have not been bothered with the heat at all," Mr. Kontz said.

"Our choir has continued its work in an adequate musical interlude which we consider interlude to every service."

During worship services, the cribroom, nursery and kindergarten are being continued, providing proper care for little tots who might become restless during the service.

CHURCH SCHOOL classes, held in another section of the church, have maintained their full program, too. This year an extra schedule, the two weeks of Bible Vacation school, proved to be an

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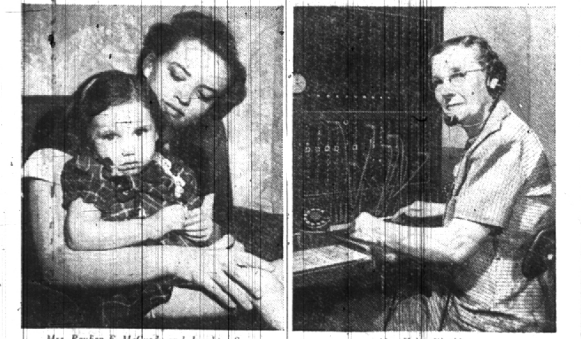
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### Have You Met . . .

Mr. and Mrs. John R. Leonard, formerly of Media, Pa., who moved to 378 Henrietta street in July, Leonard says, "Mrs. Kleckler is assistant technical service manager for the Nash-Kelvinator Sales Corporation. Leonard is active in Masonic organizations, and is a member of the Nash-Kelvinator Square Club. Mrs. Leonard is affiliated with the Eastern Star chapter in Media and the Media Women's Club."

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