

Churches and Church Groups List Programs



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Christmas program feature (Eccentric Photo)

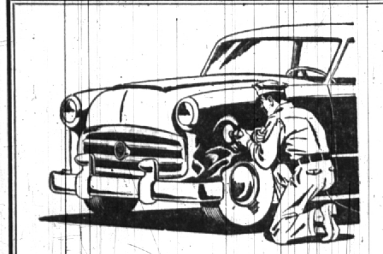
Christmas Cantata At Lutheran Church

"The Carols of Christmas", a choral cantata for mixed voices, will be presented by Our Shepherd Lutheran church choir at 7:30 p.m. Christmas Eve.

The 25-voice choir under the direction of Armin Zant, will sing the 64-page carol fantasia in two parts.

A Christmas meditation read by the Rev. H. G. Allwardt and a tenor solo "Mary's Lullaby" will break the program at its midpoint. Tenor Ralph Frank will be accompanied by his wife, Katherine, on the cello.

Soloists in the cantata will include Shirley Mandlin, alto; Carl Zehnder, tenor; Ray Stief, tenor; Eleanor Paech, alto; Eugene Lochner, bass; Vera Schroeder, soprano; Rose Marie Herweg, alto; and Robert Pfeuffer, tenor.



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SUNDAY SERMON TOPICS SUNDAY, DEC. 26

First Methodist
Saint Recognition Day will be observed Dec. 26 with several young people taking part in the morning worship. The Rev. Arnold F. Baikel, D.D., will speak at the 11 a.m. service, his topic being "The Best Is None Too Good." The Rev. Harry O. Martin is officiating at the 9:30 service and has elected to speak on "Dreaming of a Better Year and World."

Unity Center
Conducting services in the Center's reading room, Birmingham Theater building, Frank Glabach will speak on "What's New?"

Franklin Community
In observance of Student Recognition Day, the Rev. Robert J. Searls will speak on "The Compelling Christ." With several college youths taking part in the service, special tribute will be paid to young members of the congregation.

First Presbyterian
The Rev. W. Glen Harris has announced his topic to be "God's Prelude to the Future" as he preaches the final sermon of 1954.

"Preludes" are outlines, "are very significant. They are introductory and suggest the nature of what is expected to follow. So it is with the last of the year in a prelude to the new. It is suggested in the text recorded in Acts 17:26, 'And he made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation.' His sermon will be duplicated at both the 9:30 and 11:15 a.m. services.

Congregational
Let's have been selected by the Rev. Robert D. Dewey for his 11 a.m. sermon topic. For his text he will use, "Let your light so shine before men that they will see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."

Baptism of children will be a part of the service. Junior and senior high groups will not meet this Sunday.

First Baptist
At the 11 a.m. service the Rev. Emil Kuntz will speak on "When Christmas Comes to Stay." His Sunday evening service at 7:30 will see the rite of baptism administered. The sermon topic for this hour will be "Your Best Gift to God."

The mid-week service, Dec. 23, will be the closing of the current year. This service is scheduled for 7:45 p.m.

Christian Science
The ever-present power of God which brings courage, joy and healing to men of all ages, wherever it is understood, will be emphasized in the sermon on "Christian Science." The Bible selection will be from Matthew 2:1-12, "Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the King, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the east and are come to worship him."

Church News Deadline 17:5 p.m. on Thursday

Solemn Observances to Note Christmas Eve

"Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will toward men" (Luke 2:14)
Although Dec. 19 marked most of the special Christmas sermons in Birmingham churches, several have announced plans for Christmas Eve observances.

Again this year new congregations will be joined together for their first Christmas services.

ST. BEDD, new Catholic parish in the Lathrup area, will hold a midnight mass in the Annie Lathrup school. Doors will be open a half hour before the service. Mrs. Richard Anderson will preside at the organ.

John J. Olszewski, president of the Uehlers' club will be in charge of seating and arranged that no reserved seats would be provided. Christmas Day masses will be at 9:30, 11 a.m. and noon. The Rev. Cyril J. Keating will officiate.

PEACE LUTHERAN church, under the leadership of the Rev. Paul Witzke, will not only hold its first Advent service, but also meet for the first time as a unit in a formally organized church building.

They are planning a 7:30 p.m. candlelight service for Christmas Eve at St. James Lutheran church on Southchapel in Uehlers in Detroit. Members of their own newly organized choir will present a program of Christmas music.

PEMBROKE Presbyterian is the first newcomer to the community church circle. The Rev. Mac Taylor



REV. ROY A. PITTS

Beverly Baptists Plan Expansion

After slightly more than a year of his pastorate at the Beverly Hills Baptist church, the Rev. Roy A. Pitts and his congregation are giving serious thought to their proposed expansion program.

"We must face it," Mr. Pitts said. "Our church is already overtaxed to care for our people. We have the site and cannot delay much longer in getting the new building started."

He added that work would probably get under way in early spring.

MR. PITTS received his formal training in McMaster university, Hamilton, Ontario. He served as captain in the Canadian army for two years.

He spent nine years in the Glenhour Baptist church before coming to the First Baptist church in Dearborn.

On Nov. 1, 1953, Mr. Pitts received an appointment by the American Baptist convention to begin the new church for the Beverly Hills district.

in St. Paul's chapel. There is also an opportunity to hear an organ recital of Christmas music, see the Christmas decorations, and say a prayer with their parents before going home to bed.

The rite of baptism will be from 5:45 p.m.

At 7 p.m., a 45-minute carol service, an additional ceremony held this year for the first time.

The service is planned to give older children an opportunity to worship with their parents, families who would otherwise find it difficult to attend earlier or later worship hours.

In addition to familiar Christmas carols, the service will include special scriptural readings.

At 8 p.m. the parish festival communion and sermon will be the highlight. This, and the 11:30 service will be identical. The full choir will be presented in several Christmas numbers.

FRANKLIN Community church is scheduling a Christmas Eve candlelight service of family worship and music at 7 p.m. The highest number of families are expected to attend.

REDEEMER Lutheran church has scheduled two Christmas Eve services and one on Christmas Day.

A service for children of the church will begin at 7:30 p.m. The Christmas Eve service will be held at 7:30 p.m. and the Christmas Day service at 10:30 a.m.

The traditional "Hallelujah and Carols" service will begin at 11:30 p.m. a service of midnight prayer and gifts of carols and cookies.

The combined music of the organ and piano will be featured in the prelude and in accompanying several choral anthems. Most of the music will be presented in several Christmas numbers.

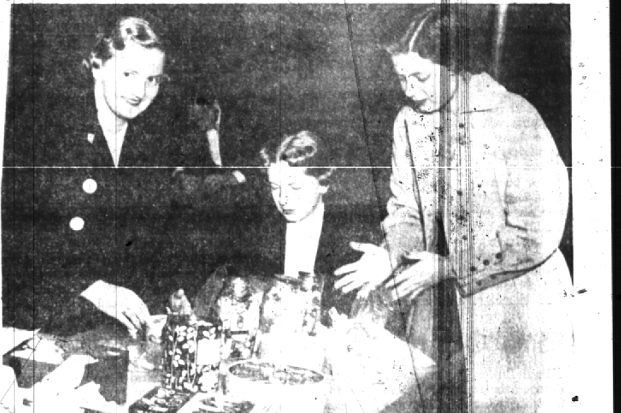
The Rev. Theodore Waggazer will speak on "The Simplicity of Christmas." Christmas Day, special music will be provided by the children's choir.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN is another congregation which will stress special music at its Christmas Eve service.

At 10:30 p.m. a musical prelude by the church's string quartet and organ. The quartet will be made up of Cynthia Bernat and Jean Holmeyer, first and second violins; Marie Gustafson Bernat, cellist; and Sally Bernat, violist.

Miss Phyllis Gardner will direct the organ choir, singing in the balcony in a series of Christmas carols.

From 11:30 p.m. until midnight, a candlelight service will be held, with the meditation by the Rev. W. Glen Harris, pastor.



YOUNG PEOPLE at the First Baptist church took on the role of Santa Claus assistants Sunday morning. Mary Giffin, Cathie Couch and Marilyn Pratt were among the 25 who gathered in the social hall to wrap Christmas presents for the men and women at Erlise. Gifts included toilet articles, games, candies, stockings and other small items to bring a touch of cheer on Christmas morning. (Eccentric Photo)

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE
CHRISTIAN SERVICES
Sunday Morning 9:45 & 11:30
Wednesday Evening 8:15
Sunday School 9:45 & 11:30
Infants Room in Reading Room 9:30-11:15
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Robert J. Searls, Minister

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Lutheran Church of The Redeemer
WEST MAPLE NEAR CHESTERFIELD
Christmas Services
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21:—
Children's Service 7 P.M.
Midnight Service of Lights and Carols 11:30 P.M.
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25:—
Christmas Day Service 10:15 A.M.
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26:—
Worship Services at 9:30 and 10:15 A.M.



EXTENDING CHRISTMAS greetings throughout the Lathrup area, Community Church congregational, has erected this large scroll of the well known Christmas hymn, O Come All Ye Faithful, facing Southfield road. Spotlighted at night, the scroll and several figures from the Nativity scene which are nearby, make up one of the most attractive Christmas scenes in the area. (Eccentric Photo)