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Lutheran Youth Group Lists 65 In Bible Class

One of Birmingham's largest Bible classes is the teenage group at Redeemer Lutheran church. Under the leadership of Henry G. Gassaway, these 45 young people meet weekly for study and discussion. The current theme is the "Life of St. Paul."

Sunday they will observe their annual Youth Sunday service at 10:45 a.m. The Rev. Theodore Waggazer will speak on "The Source of Strength." A special communion service also is scheduled.

Courses of study are prepared for the young people by their pastor, the Rev. Gassaway, and their youth leader, the Rev. Fred Sanders and Mrs. J. J. Nance assisting. Mrs. W. Lloyd Kemp has charge of the church page a valuable instrument.

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Annual Sale Needs Annex

Opening this morning at 9, the spring "Bummage with a Future" sale under the sponsorship of Christ Church Cranbrook's Women's auxiliary, has overflowed into an annex.

Pressed into service for the occasion, St. Dunstan's Playhouse will be headquarters for the supply of accessories and shoes.

The major part of the sale will, as customary, be held in the church house, directly across the street from St. Dunstan's.

That the sale has entered the realm of "big business" is brought out in statistical figures.

THERE ARE 165 women working in the 22 rooms devoted to the sale. The 16 selling departments have 10 handling clothing only, with 6 devoted to miscellaneous items. A team of 28 cashiers operate 14 adding machines while another 40 women stand by to give help and directions to shoppers.

Coffee and doughnuts were made available to shoppers as they lined up outside the buildings by young or Auxiliary members. The group, known as the ABC's, is headed by Mrs. Hugh Balston.

Another outdoor feature is the Caledonian Market of many unusual items.

The sale is headed by Mrs. William B. Hove, Auxiliary president, with Mrs. Fred Sanders and Mrs. W. Lloyd Kemp has charge of the church page a valuable instrument.

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Family Institute Program Planned At Baptist Church

With a view to a meaningful observance of National Family Week, May 1-8, a "Family Institute" will be conducted at the First Baptist church, according to Mrs. Robert Boltwood, chairman of Family Life for Baptist church of the Detroit area.

The Institute gets under way on Sunday with family worship service at 11 a.m. The pastor, the Rev. Emur Kontz, will preach on "The Church Family—A Sacred Priority." Communion will be administered and new members received.

At 6:30 p.m. the first of two "Family at Church" meetings will be held. Classes will be conducted for children and youth. There will be a forum and discussion period for adults with the Rev. Donald Schneider, director of Family Life for the Detroit Council of Churches, speaking.

On Wednesday, May 4, at 8 p.m., a family meeting for Bible study will be held. "Let's Look at Our Family." An important feature will be a review by Mr. Kontz of the Trueblood book "Recovery of Family Life."

Church Women Set Future Schedules

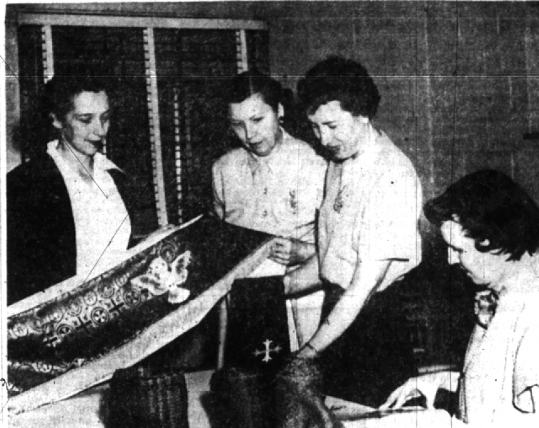
Two features occupy women of the Congregational Church of Birmingham during the coming week.

The first will be the April 29 tea which Circle II will host. Highlight of this will be the illustration by Betty Roberts on "Garden Glories." The 1:15 program is open to the public.

The second event is the May 3 annual meeting of the Women's Fellowship, scheduled for a 3-p.m. Annual reports and the election of officers will be on the agenda.

Mrs. Donald Olson, president of the Fellowship of the Michigan conference of Congregational churches, will install the newly elected slate.

Hostess for the after-meeting social will be Mrs. E. E. Bird, assisted by Mesdames Harrison Goodhue, Douglas Doane, Kirby White and Jack Worth.



MRS. EDGAR H. JONES MRS. CLIFFORD HUNT MRS. PETER VERMIERE MRS. PAUL SHIPPERT Prepare church linen designs (Eccentric Photo)

New Lutheran Church Plans May Opening

By ALICE E. MORGAN

With Mother's Day, May 8, set for the opening of the new Ascension Lutheran church, final arrangements are being made to complete church furnishings.

Mrs. Peter Vermiere is directing women in the preparation of hand-painted articles used in the religious programs of the church.

Desiring to use the best and most suitable material, and those which would enhance the dignity and devotional beauty of the church, much time has gone into the selection of cloth-types and colors.

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Represent Church At Spring Session

Two young people from the Westminster Fellowship of the First Presbyterian church have been selected to represent their group at the Westminster Fellowship Spring assembly of the Synod of Michigan at Kalamazoo, April 28-May 1.

Douge Austin, the moderator of the local church's youth session and Barbara Hoover, the stated clerk, will join other Presbyterian young people from across the state in the three-day meeting.

In addition, Sarah Hogan, also a member of the local youth session, will attend. She goes as a representative of the Westminster Fellowship of Detroit, Presbytery.

On April 17 she was elected Christian service chairman and representative of the 83 churches in Detroit Presbytery. As one of the officers of the group she will help direct youth activities for Presbyterian young people of the Detroit area.

Children's Day At 1st Methodist

Children's Day plans are nearing completion at the First Methodist church under the direction of Mrs. Donald Kiker. The program is set for 1:15 p.m. in Fellowship hall, May 1.

The theme selected is that of Christian growth of a child. It will show the progress made throughout church school's closely graded program. All children will take part with special demonstrations slated from each department.

ALTA LINENS are being made and embroidered by ladies of the church under the direction of Mrs. Clifford Hunt, Mrs. Edgar Jones and Mrs. Vermiere.

In announcing the opening of the new building, the Rev. Paul Shippert, pastor, said "Considering that the primary work of a church is its spiritual program, we have given precedence to the worship area of the church over and above auxiliary areas."

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"The METALWARE is designed and is being executed by Richard Thomas, silversmith at Cranbrook. Among the things he is making are the altar candlesticks, sanctuary lamp, baptismal font and altar medalions."

"These will be in use at our dedication rites with such things as communion vessels to be completed later."

Recognizing the importance of music in worship a pipe organ has been purchased based on its quality of being suited for congregational singing.

BUILT IN Cleveland by the Holtkamp company, it has been specifically designed for the acoustical qualities of the building. It will be the first of its kind in the city.

Describing the organ, Mr. Shippert said all pipes are in the open so the full tone will be hampered.

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Congregational Churches Meet In Birmingham

Birmingham's Congregational church will be host to the 27 church members of the Congregational Association of Detroit on May 1.

A worship service will assist at the conference at 3:30 p.m. with the Rev. Gene McCornack, vicar of the Mayflower Congregational, presiding.

Besides the business meeting, the agenda includes a film on "Evangelical and Reformed Church," to present a panel discussion on "What Will It Should—The United Church Be?"

PANEL CHAIRMAN is to be the Rev. Paul H. Clark from Brewster Pilgrim Congregational. Panel members are T. G. Long, recently named "Haymaker of the Year" by Detroit Council of Churches; Mrs. J. E. Olson, Birmingham; the Rev. P. W. Palmer, Mt. Hope, and Dr. F. W. Barles, Mayflower.

The 1:15 p.m. dinner will be followed by a devotional service in charge of the host, the Rev. Robert H. Dewey, Dr. Sheldon E. Mackey, administrative assistant to the president of the Evangelical and Reformed church, will speak. The offering will go to Olivet college.

Several Activities For Catholic Women

"Homing in Children in this Modern World" was Sister Mary's subject when she spoke for members of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Altar society last Monday.

Other society activities include the mother-daughter breakfast announced by Mrs. Allen Fredericks, with men of the parish as hosts.

The program has been scheduled for Sunday, May 15 in the social hall, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Tickets are being sold by guild heads.

The final "pick and play" week of card games has been set for May 27. This is sponsored by St. Thomas guild. Mrs. Harry Agnew, 1674 Lauderdale, has charge of tickets.

Guild Will Meet

Hostess to the May 5 meeting of Eastminster guild, First Presbyterian church, will be Mrs. E. John Mitchell 18184 Kinross. Mrs. George Finch will present the 1 p.m. program on "The Church in the City."

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