

25th Year at Redeemer Lutheran Celebrated

This week the Rev. Theodore Wuggazer completes a quarter-century of service as pastor of the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer on Maple Road. It is the longest single ministry in the history of all Birmingham churches.

He was installed as minister of the local congregation on April 19, 1931, 25 years ago today.

The congregation at that time consisted of 14 families, totaling 29 communicants.

A PORTABLE CHAPEL, located at the corner of Lincoln and 4th, served as a house of worship. It continued to be used as such for the first twelve years of Mr. Wuggazer's ministry.

Birmingham at the time had a population of about 5000. During the 1930's and the early 1940's, it experienced very little population growth.

By 1941, the Church of the Redeemer had 130 members. It was at that time that the pastor and a number of members agreed that a change of sites and a new church were essential.

THE PRESENT LOCATION—a six and one-half acre plot of ground—was purchased early in 1941 at a cost of \$5500.

In keeping with the architecture of most of the homes of the area, it was resolved to build a church of colonial design. The present church building was dedicated in June of 1942.

By 1951 membership had increased to 400, with a Sunday school enrollment of 250.

TO TAKE CARE of the rapid growth of the Sunday school, plans for the Youth building were begun late in 1950, and the building was dedicated in June of 1952—ten years, to the day, after the dedication of the church.

Two Sunday morning sessions are conducted each week for the school of 560 children. In addition, 70 high school students meet for a Bible hour, each Sunday in the youth room.

In 1952 the spacious recreation area at the rear of the church was made possible through the generosity of four families of the parish. It contains a ball diamond, swings, slides, outdoor grill, and picnic area.

DURING HIS 25 year in Birmingham, Mr. Wuggazer has also been active in the life of the community, particularly in the direction of a recreational program for boys.

His wife, Myrtle, is director of the West Maple Nursery school, held daily at Redeemer Lutheran church. A graduate of the Detroit Conservatory of Music, she taught music before her marriage.

A son, Luane, 21, is following in the footsteps of his father and a grandfather who was also a minister. Duane is in his second year of study at Concordia university, St. Louis, Mo.

ANOTHER SON, Douglas, 17, is a senior at Birmingham high school.

Last October 9, the anniversary date of Mr. Wuggazer's 25th year in the ministry and his 25th year as pastor were celebrated jointly in evening services honoring him. Mr. Wuggazer says he doesn't

know what the future has in store for him, but if he may continue to serve Redeemer church and the people of the Birmingham area as he has in the past, he says he will be grateful for that opportunity.



PREPARATIONS GET underway for the annual retreat at Port Huron Methodist camp which First Methodist church's senior youth fellowship members are attending April 27 through 29. Getting ready for the big event are (from left) Dave Bahm, Norma Webb, Bob Brodeur, and Pat Ruhly. Eight counselors and 56 youths will participate in the weekend's activities which include discussion groups, Sunday communion service, a hot dog roast and a skit night.

The Birmingham Eccentric

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Plan Dinner Sunday
Roast beef dinner will be served from 1 to 5 p.m. at the K of C hall, Royal Oak, on Sunday afternoon, under the sponsorship of St. Columban's parish, Birmingham. Tickets will be available at the door.

Christ Church Rummage Sale Set Next Week
The big day is coming when members of the Woman's auxiliary of Christ Church Cranbrook take over the three floors of the church house just off Lone Pine road for their annual rummage sale.

Scheduled from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, April 26, the event this year will have a new feature in a special room set aside for teenagers' clothing.

Proceeds from the yearly sale are used in the auxiliary's social service activities in Oakland county. The group's community service work is carried out through established service agencies, and sale Yvonne contribute to the effectiveness of the work.

Also offered will be art objects, and a "Caledonia sale" in the inner court will feature unusual items.

MRS. DWIGHT C. ENSIGN is president of the auxiliary, and Mrs. Parbury Schmidt and Mrs. David Lee are co-chairmen of the spring rummage sale.

Even the ministers' offices will be turned over to the sale, to make room for all of the clothing for men, women and children, shoes, hats, silver, glass, linen, kitchenware, jewelry, furniture, lamps, toys and records.

MRS. J. J. NANCE and Mrs. Theodore Yntema are in charge of the "French room" which again this year will carry the extra nice coats, suits, dresses and hats, some even designer originals.

Extra parking facilities will be provided for this year's shoppers, and three checkrooms will be in operation.

Other features include handbills to be given at the door listing articles' locations, hostesses to greet shoppers, the sale of coffee and doughnuts, and a snack bar which will sell sandwiches and coffee.

Big Beaver Church Starts New Group
A new organization of Methodist men in the Big Beaver Methodist church, 3153 Rochester road, Birmingham, has been chartered by Methodism's general board of lay activities in Chicago.

Officers of the new group include: president, Bernard Haag of Royal Oak; vice president, Joseph Kilmer, 656 Vandorpool, Birmingham, and secretary, Victor Swelling, of Pontiac.

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Russell T. Berger
City Treasurer

April 12, 1956

CHURCH OF CHRIST
1152 Bennaville Birmingham, Michigan
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10:00 A.M. Sunday Bible Class
11:00 A.M. Sunday Worship
6:00 P.M. Sunday Evening Service
7:30 P.M. Wednesday Evening Bible Study

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26109 Gorman Mill Road
1 Block East of Franklin Rd.

IDENTICAL MORNING WORSHIP SERVICES
9:30 and 11:00 A.M.

9:30 a.m. Church School, Grades 4-8
11:00 a.m. Church School Nursery through 3rd Grade

Robert J. Searls, Minister

Northminster Presbyterian Church
Temporary Location — Poppleton School
Located on Big Beaver rd. at Crooks rd.

MACKAY TAYLOR — MINISTER

WORSHIP SERVICES & CHURCH SCHOOL 10:30 a.m.

Sermon Topic Sunday, April 22nd
"Christ or Chaos"
Matt. 28:19

NORTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
21600 West 10 1/2 Mile Road

11:00 A.M. MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE
CHURCH SCHOOL

7:30 P.M. PILGRIM FELLOWSHIP.
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Saturday Bake Sale

A bake sale and a showing of pictures of Mexico are on this week's agenda for the Agnes Ross guild at First Presbyterian church. The baked goods will be on sale Saturday from 9:30 to 3 p.m. on the lower level of Jacobson's Maple avenue store.

Dr. W. Glen Harris will show the Mexican scenes Tuesday at the guild's 7:45 p.m. meeting in the youth room of the church.

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