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Ascension Church Plans Parsonage At Former Chapel

All bids have been received and work is expected to begin soon on conversion of the former Ascension Lutheran church worship center to a parsonage.

The building, adjacent to the new church at 14 Mile and Pierce, will replace the Bates street parsonage presently occupied by the Rev. and Mrs. Paul Shippert. Plans are to sell the Bates street property.

The former chapel was designed for future use as a home, with only room partitions, rewiring, residential plumbing fixtures and a garage necessary to complete the conversion.

WHEN READY for occupancy, the home will contain seven rooms, including three bedrooms and an activities room.

With erection of the new Lutheran Church of the Ascension, containing adequate facilities for education and social functions, the original structure has remained vacant and unused.

subject and there are two hours of rehearsal every day.

ADMISSION To the school is secured by personal audition. Requirements for acceptance are adequate musical ability, beauty of voice, above average scholarship and good character.

The festival service will consist of hymns and anthems for children's voices sung by the combined chorus of some 250 singers.



HERBERT HUFFMAN

Noted Choirleader To Direct Here

First Methodist church will host for a junior choir festival service on Sunday March 4, at 5 p.m., when choirs from Detroit, Grosse Pointe Woods, Pontiac and Birmingham sing under the direction of Herbert Huffman, noted Columbus Boy Choir director.

Huffman is well known through radio, television and concert appearances of the Boy Choir, which he founded.

Columbus Boychoir School located in Princeton, N. J., is an accredited institution, differing from other schools in only two respects; music is the major



THE DISCUSSION goes on as Mrs. Jervis McMechan (left) hosts, passes refreshments to Mrs. Waldemar H. Adams. Neighborhood group leader Jervis McMechan (right) conducts the series of Lenten studies for families in the area near their Pilgrim avenue home. The group's Wednesday night meetings are part of Christ Church Cranbrook's "Neighborhood Ministry" program.

Groups Meet in Homes For Lenten Studies

To achieve a friendly and close church tie for all members of their widespread parish, the congregation of Christ Church Cranbrook has adopted a "Neighborhood Ministry" functioning during Lent through small informal groups, and in other ways throughout the year.

The church's area, containing 1200 families and stretching from Berkeley to Pontiac, two years ago was divided into 50 neighborhoods. The approximately 25 families in each neighborhood group gather together, some for Lenten discussion groups such as the one pictured, some throughout the year for potluck suppers, singing hymns around the Hammond organ, or reading and discussing together a devotional book.

ROBERT F. GRINDLEY, Sudan Lake road, Bloomfield township, assumes responsibility for heading up the program in cooperation with the clergy and eight other couples.

"Many have discovered," Grindley says, "a new warmth and friendliness at regular church services as a result of neighborhood group contacts."

"Some have met other members for the first time in one another's homes," Grindley continued, "Some have brought their whole families together socially, just for fun. Others found meaning in calling on new members or the sick."

Neighborhood group discussion leaders, such as Jervis McMechan, gathered at the church as Lent began for briefing on the discussion themes they carried back to their neighbors.

For many of the Lenten discussion couples, Easter does not mean the end of the stimulating neighborhood meetings. They go on through the year, in answer to members' desires to continue their experience in Christian companionship.

Soloists in the program will be Ronald Odmark, oboe; Larry Teal, flute; and Kent McDonald, organ.

The trio will present a program of trio sonatas from the Baroque period, including the sonata in D Minor, Locatelli; Sonata in C Minor, Telemann; Trio in B Flat, C. P. E. Bach; Sonata in G, Arne.

THE TRIO SONATA represents one of the finest examples of chamber music in history, and reached its zenith of popularity during the 17th and early 18th centuries.

The music was composed for two stringed or wind instruments of equal pitch, with accompanying keyboard instrument such as harpsichord or organ.

This will be the second time St. James church has presented a program of the early chamber music that is almost totally neglected today.

United Churchwomen To Hear Discussion Of Migratory Worker

How can we improve conditions among Michigan's migratory workers?

The problem will be taken up Friday, March 2, when United Church Women of Birmingham meet at First Baptist church.

Mrs. John Graham, of Detroit, public relations chairman for the Michigan migrant ministry, will speak at the 10:30 a.m. meeting, to which guests are welcomed by the group.

Mrs. Graham will discuss a number of questions concerning the 55,000 transients who flock to the state every year. Among them are housing facilities, health and medical care, education of both adults and children, and recreational facilities.

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Hold Lent Studies For Franklin Women, Children

The fourth annual Lenten Study series for women of the Mission Commission of Franklin Community church, the studies are attended by an increasingly large group of women.

This year's study is on the American Indian. Mrs. G. G. Wright was first leader in the six-Tuesday activity. Her successors will be Mrs. Ralph Marston, Mrs. John Lackner, Mrs. Ralph Woodburn, Mrs. Volney Bohls and Mrs. Bert Johnston. Mrs. Vernon Fisher was hostess at the initial meeting, following Tuesdays will find gatherings at the homes of Mrs. Donald Tracy, Mrs. Lenwood Roberts, Mrs. Norman Kreider and Mrs. James Washburne.

THE COMMISSION chairman, Mrs. Oliver Garwood, will open her home for the final period. Following the pattern developed in previous years, the women start the day with coffee at 9 a.m. and follow the leader's presentation with a discussion period, adjourning at 10:30. Invited are all who desire to attend. Reservations are not required.

Mrs. Garwood's commission for the coming year is also sponsoring a weekly Lenten series for children of church school ages each Wednesday after school at the church.

Early copy for church activities makes it better for us and better for you. Don't wait until the deadline, please.

Family's Gift Sponsors Pageant Held in Turkey

The generosity of a Lathrup Village family made possible an Easter pageant in Turkey last year, and Community Congregational church members will view movies of the occasion during this year's Lenten season.

Mrs. and Mrs. Linn W. Hobbs,

presented the gift to Gladys and Lloyd Swift, missionaries in Turkey representing Community Congregational church. The Swifts used the Hobbs' contribution to purchase costumes and items necessary to enable their pageant aided their Christian teaching by presenting visually Easter's story and meaning, filmed the spectacle for viewing by the Lathrup church's congregation.

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

Sermon Topic Sunday, March 4th
"The Will of God"
Matt. 6:10

NORTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

21000 West 10 1/2 Mile Road
MARCH 4, 1956

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

The Sermon: "ESCAPE FROM GOD"
Minister: The Rev. Ralph H. Read

March 7, 1956 Midweek Evening Lenten Service
Guest Minister: The Rev. Robert D. Dewey

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