

At the CHURCH DOOR

By JULIE CANDLER

The story of how Birmingham Presbyterians established the new Northminster church is well told in a lengthy article in the September 15 issue of "Presbyterian Life." Seven black and white photographs illustrate the article, titled "Churches Are Rising in Michigan . . . By Dreams Plus Work."

Sorry we received this too late to go into further detail this week. More later.

Add one more to the list of handsome Birmingham ministers. This morning we had a visit from the Rev. Robert A. Macoskey, Ph.D., who recently began his duties as assistant to the Rev. Dr. Emil Kuntz at First Baptist church. Those lucky Baptists!

Dr. and Mrs. Macoskey will soon be moving into an apartment at 288 Harmon, he says.

So far, 55 students are enrolled in the city's first Lutheran parochial school. There's still room for a few more first through sixth graders, according to the Rev. H. G. Allwardt, pastor of the sponsoring Our Shepherd Lutheran church.

Seminar Slated By Baptist Women

Sponsored by the Women's Mission union, a seminar for Christian leaders is scheduled at First Baptist church next Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Mrs. Robert Boltwood, vice president of Christian training, is in charge. Speakers will discuss phases of the subject, "Strength through Knowledge and Prayer." Mrs. Emil Kuntz will be in charge of the devotional period. Mrs. Louis Richardson, of Dearborn, will be morning moderator, with Mrs. Melvin Walter's talk slated for the afternoon. Seminar participants are asked to bring a sandwich for lunch, and dessert and coffee will be served by the Women's Mission union. Reservations should be telephoned by Monday to Mrs. Boltwood, of Red Leaf lane, Southfield.

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HOLDING AN enameled silver cross produced by Nevill Kirk in a workshop at Cranbrook, Andrew Williams discusses some of the many treasured items which receive his care at Christ Church Cranbrook.

Christ Church Verger Gives Expert Guidance

By JULIE CANDLER

There's a special reason why visitors to Christ Church Cranbrook are exceptionally well guided and informed about the beautiful church's history and art appointments.

The reason involves Andrew Williams, a soft-spoken gentleman whose energy and enthusiasm defines his 33 years. During his 30 years as a guide and verger at Christ Church, Andrew has become a beloved part of the church to its congregation. Though he also cares for the vessels and appointments used in the church's worship services, and sees that brides "get off on the right foot" at weddings, his ability as a guide is especially unique.

HIS SERVICES in that capacity are frequently called for. Andrew estimates that approximately 10,000 visitors come to see Christ church each year.

The visitors' excellent guidance stems from the fact that Andrew Williams moved into the small farmhouse near Christ church while the great church's foundations were being dug in December, 1928. From that time on he watched every stone, every wood carving and tapestry being put into place.

He learned about the frescoes, the intricate metal work and other beauties of the church from the many great craftsmen and artisans who created them.

MOST IMPORTANT of all, he knew intimately the late George Booth and saw him plan and supervise the creation of the church.

"Mr. Booth had more artistic ability in his little finger than most people will ever have," Andrew comments.

"Every picture and every work of art here is in the place that Mr. Booth himself picked for it." Andrew went on. "Mr. Booth often took off his coat and went to work and helped to put them up."

"I KNOW," he added, "because I saw him do it." As the works of old masters—tapestries, statuary, paintings—were added to heighten the reverent beauty of Christ church, Mr. Booth kept one goal in mind.

As the late Cranbrook founder told Andrew, "We're not making a museum here."

To emphasize how every art treasure was fitted into its appropriate place by Mr. Booth, Andrew pointed to a stone pillar between two small stained glass windows in the library.

"ON THE OPPOSITE side of this pillar is a figure carved in on Thursdays.

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CHURCH PAGE

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New Lutheran Parishes To Be Established Here

Two new Lutheran parishes in the Birmingham area were announced this week.

Rev. Ronald F. Fuller, missionary for the United Lutheran church in America, has been assigned to organize a new congregation in an area in Bloomfield township assigned by the regional committee of the National Lutheran council.

The Rev. H. J. Kuhlmann has begun holding services at the recently completed parsonage of a new parish to be established in North Adams road, near Whitmore.

The new North Adams parish of the American Lutheran church is a mission of Grace Lutheran church in Detroit. Worship services are being held at 9 a.m. at the parsonage, 1200 Whitmore. Sunday school for three-year-olds through adults follows services at 10:15 a.m.

The future Bloomfield township church will be located somewhere between Cranbrook and Telegraph and 14 Mile and 16 Mile roads, on a site which has not yet been selected.

Mr. Fuller and his bride of three months last week began their residence in the newly acquired parsonage at 2247 W. Lincoln avenue, Birmingham.

A canvas of the area west of Birmingham's city limits will be one of Mr. Fuller's tasks.

"A considerable number of families," he states, "have already indicated their interest in the work."

As soon as an adequate canvass has been conducted, worship services and Sunday school sessions will be held.

Mr. Fuller comes to Birmingham from Adrian, where he organized the new Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran church during the past year.

A native of East Detroit, he was graduated from Wittenberg college, Wittenberg, O., and received his theological training at the Chicago Lutheran seminary, from which he was graduated in 1955.

Mrs. Fuller is the former Jacqueline Brown of Flint.

The new congregation is sponsored by the board of American missions of the United Lutheran church, largest Lutheran body in America.

Once the new church here is established, Mr. Fuller says, a minister will be secured, and the Lutheran missionary will move on to organize a new congregation somewhere else.



REV. RONALD F. FULLER

Woman's Auxiliary Sets Open House

To welcome parish members, newcomers and friends, and give them an opportunity to become acquainted with the many activities of their organization, the Woman's auxiliary of Christ church Cranbrook will hold open house at the parish house next Tuesday.

Holy Communion will be celebrated at 11:30 a.m., with luncheon scheduled for 12:30 p.m. A tour of the auxiliary's work rooms and exhibits of the work in progress will follow at 1:30 p.m. There will be nursery care for two to five-year-olds from 10:30 to 1:30 p.m.

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