

at the CHURCH DOOR

By JULIE CANDLER



Friend of ours wants to drop a plumb line on the tower of the new church of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, the temple under construction at Woodward and Chesterfield, Bloomfield Hills.

This friend prides the church on Sunday morning, May 25, convinced the tower leans slightly to the north, instead of heading straight toward heaven as a church tower should.

Knowing that George W. Romney, head of American Motors, is also head of the Detroit stake (region) of the church, this man reasons that the tower leans northward purposely — away from the direction of Solidarity House, Walter Reuther's headquarters.

Because his hobby is printing and multilithing, the Rev. Elbert W. Nuelken makes up unusual, attractive and popular weekly bulletins at Lutheran Church of the Ascension.

Mr. Nuelken brought his own multilith machine to the church office when he came here last March. With it he produces easy-to-read, attractive bulletins, livened up with photographs.

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Q. How important is heredity in health and disease?

A. More important than most people realize. Good health seems to run in families and so do certain diseases and conditions that lead to illness. For example, in about 5 out of 100 people a special type of strep infection will set off a chain of reactions that lead to rheumatic fever. This special sensitivity to strep infection seems to be handed down from one generation to the next. A leading American physician recently urged families to record the family tree, as they did in days gone by, with ages and causes of death of all members of the family. With good ancestral records, doctors would have a better chance of starting preventive measures in time to ward off certain diseases in young members of the family.

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ington Universalist church this summer. While their minister is vacationing, the members of the church have scheduled a special program of cultural lectures.

Last week an amateur theatre enthusiast spoke on "The Theatrical Movement."

Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Charles Neubrecht will speak on "Architecture and Its Relation to Living." The following Sunday comes a lecture on music.

OUR "VERY own" Alice Hurlingame, the glamorous gardening redhead who writes "Down to Earth" for the Birmingham Eclectic, gave the sermon recently at Unity Center in Detroit.

She spoke on "Being a Great Person." A great person, she says, is one who can become the ultimate that we all hope to be—someone who can tap his inner resources, to become an extraordinary person.

"Each person can be great," Alice claims, if he knows how to tap those inner resources.

OFFICIAL bulletin photographers at Charles E. Hildendorf, 16981 Birmwood, Westwood. He has also taken beautiful photographs of the church interior and exterior, and made them into half-tones for Mr. Nuelken to reproduce in the bulletin.

The multilith does an offset type of printing, similar to the process used by Birmingham high school's publications.

Jehovah's Witnesses Attending Meet

About 50 of Jehovah's Witnesses from the Birmingham area are attending the denomination's international convention in New York city this week.

Kenneth Puleifer, presiding minister of the local congregation, said all local meetings had been cancelled through Aug. 5, due to many being away for the assembly.

Puleifer said delegates will benefit from "rich spiritual provision" and from Christian association with Witnesses from foreign lands.

Most of those from the local congregation will stay in private homes in New York city. All hotel accommodations will be fixed, according to the Watchtower rooming committee. Delegates in 1953 came from the church interior and exterior, and made them into half-tones for Mr. Nuelken to reproduce in the bulletin.

Soundings like an interesting series they're having at the Farmington Universalist church.

Now thoroughly acquainted with his new pastor of the church at 14 Mile and handsome study at Lutheran Church of the Pierce, Westwood. Ascension is the Rev. Elbert W. Nuelken.

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St. James Church Has First Vacation School

Beginning with a brief service in the chapel each day, the first vacation church school at St. James Episcopal church is meeting daily this week for children in grades one, two, and three as of fall, '58.

Next week the vacation church school begins a two-week session for children in grades four, five and six, as of this fall. The school meets from 9:30 to 12 daily at the church, Aug. 4-15.

The Rev. Thomas Phillips is director, assisted by a staff of young members of the church.

SAYS MR. Phillips, "Children who attend a summer church school come back to regular church school far more interested and well advanced than those who do not attend."

The program includes picnics and field trips, as well as worship, creative activities and study.

"In a church the size of St. James," Mr. Phillips said, "there are too many children, and too little regular time for the boys and girls to establish close contact with the clergy and teachers and with one another. An intense two week program will provide this opportunity."

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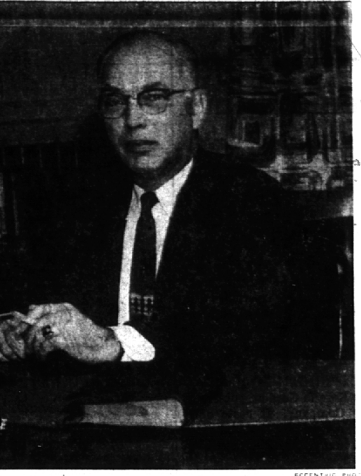
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Rev. Elbert W. Nuelken, pastor of Lutheran Church of the Ascension, 14 Mile and Westwood.

'Getting to Know You' Is Important, New Pastor Says

By JULIE CANDLER Church Editor

Getting acquainted is a goal for members of churches, and for their ministers, too, says the Rev. Elbert W. Nuelken, pastor of Lutheran Church of the Ascension, 14 Mile and Westwood.

Right now he's getting acquainted with the congregation he came to serve in March of this year. And always, he points out, there are new people coming into congregations. They seek fellowship as well as spiritual well-being from their church.

Without de-emphasizing the importance of the church's spiritual life, Mr. Nuelken thinks fellowship among a church's members is more important than it used to be. Particularly in a mobile community like Birmingham.

"IN A LITTLE town, for instance, you can walk back and forth to church. They got to know each other as they talked along the way."

Or a congregation's members seek each other because they were all neighbors living in the church's immediate area. Or they had worked together on community projects.

New churches attract people from wide areas and many communities. Ascension church's congregation has members from Detroit, Troy, Berkeley, Royal Oak and Westwood, as well as Birmingham.

"So often nowadays," Mr. Nuelken added, "the people sitting in the last few are out in their cars and on their way home after church without exchanging a greeting with anyone."

ASKED if he thought a worshiper could derive more spiritual benefit from church services if he knew the family sitting beside him, Mr. Nuelken said, "Yes."

People feel uncomfortable, dubious, and even a little fearful, he said, when they go into a new group where everyone is a stranger.

"In a community like Birmingham," he said, "people are being transferred away and new people are moving in constantly."

"IT'S RATHER difficult for new people to get acquainted, unless some kind of provision is made by the church for social get-togethers and fellowship," he said.

As for mobility goes, Mr. Nuelken and his family have done some moving, too. They came to Birmingham from Battle Creek, where Mr. Nuelken had organized a new congregation in 1954, shepherding it to a large and thriving congregation and established a new mission on the town's outskirts.

Before that, from 1937 to 1953, he was pastor of Redemption Lutheran church on E. 7 Mile road near Grant, Detroit. During that time he became friends with the Rev. H. G. Allward, pastor of Our Nativity Episcopal Church.

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