

# at the CHURCH DOOR

By JULIE CANDLER

If I weren't sure the Rev. Robert J. Searls had written this, I wouldn't publish it. This quote comes from "The Franklin Friend", bulletin of Franklin Community church:

"Thanks to Mr. George Ross of Ross Jewelers who recently repaired the pulpit clock. We are all grateful because we are all despondently interested in seeing the clock register the right quitting time for the sermon."

Incidentally, "Professor" Searls spent three mornings lecturing to minor sociology students at Birmingham high school recently. He was invited as guest of church members in the classes. Anyone going to request equal time?

My spies tell me they hope to move into the new Kirk in the Hills cathedral sometime around Thanksgiving.

Please forgive the Church Door. Fred Stanton McDonald, (He's the one-month-old son of Kent McDonald, St. James Episcopal church, Birmingham) has written to me. Fred, we called you Stanton McDonald. We wrote "Fred" on the copy, but it got lost somewhere between the Church Door's typewriter and the printing press. We won't let it happen again, pal.

Since they learned that a lot of the members of their congregation prefer not to take the communion wine from a common cup, they're now giving members of Ascension Lutheran church a choice.

They'll have a traditional communion cup service at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday, with the individual cup service introduced at 41 a.m. On the last Sunday of each month, in the order of the two services will be reversed.

Without pay, four young people from an American Lutheran church college will spend the summer working in various congregations in the country. They will arrive in the Birmingham area tomorrow for ten days. During that time they'll conduct a religious census and assist members of the Peace Lutheran church congregation in their evangelism program. The work will be done in the neighborhood of the church on 13 Mile road near Pence.

The young people are called the "parish mission builders," and the program is a project of the Luther League of the American Lutheran church.

Keep forgetting to write up the happy ending to the story of the Warren Winklers and the Congregational church of Birmingham. The handsome young medical missionaries and their wife visited the church on a recent Sunday.

# Vacation Bible Schools Announced By Area Churches

Vacation Bible school begins in a number of Birmingham area churches soon.

Peace Lutheran church, 17023 W. 13 Mile road near Pierce, and Grace Baptist church, Lincoln and Edgewood, Birmingham, have announced plans for daily sessions. Grace Baptist will hold their Bible school July 7 through 11 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Transmittal will be provided daily, and a fourth of July parade will inaugurate the week. Long street, the Rev. Charles Whitfield extends a welcome to all interested children in the Birmingham area.

A program Friday, July 11, will show parents what the children have learned about the Bible during the week.

PEACE LUTHERAN church's daily vacation Bible school begins June 23, and will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. Monday through Friday, for children five to 12 years old.

Teachers Mrs. Michael Glass, Mrs. John Prichard and Miss Alice Robinson will supervise handwork, games and songs, in addition to the Bible.

Women of the church can take their pick. They can join a Christian literature guild, a garden guild, a nursery guild, an office guild, and altar, hospitality, mission or a music guild. All they have to do is call the Rev. Karl A. Boehnke for further information. The new congregation is meeting temporarily at Eagle school, 14 Mile and Middlebelt.

Since their congregation is growing by leaps and bounds (they recently welcomed 20 new members), Lutheran Church of the Shepherd-King's Women's league is completely reorganizing for the fall.

Disc the light of truth presented in the Bible brings liberation from discord and disease will be the topic of a public lecture to be given on Friday, June 20, at 8:15 p.m.

The church Wood of Vancouver, British Columbia, will host in the church auditorium at Chester and Willis, under the auspices of First Church of Christ, Scientist, Birmingham, Mich. The lecture is free, and local members have invited the public to attend.

There will be communion at all three morning worship services Sunday at First Presbyterian church. New members will be received. The services are preceded on Friday evening by a service of preparation.

This is the last Sunday for three services as the following Sunday, June 22, the summer schedule of one preaching service and one church school at 9:45 a.m. begins.

Church news deadline is 5 p.m. Thursdays.



They surprised the returning doctor of divinity, newly acclaimed, when he walked into his study at St. James Episcopal church last week. Heralding this doctor, Rev. Dr. Kenneth L. Gass, with the blare of trumpets and the Rev. Thomas Phillips (left) and the Rev. Eugene Snoxell, assistant rectors at the church. Also welcoming the returning scholar were the Rev. Dr. Robert Macoskey and the Rev. Dr. Emil Kontz, both appropriately clad in their clerical robes for the ceremony. As the trumpeting ceased, the gathered staff sang in Latin the "Student's Song of the Ages." Dr. Macoskey read an original ode to the new doctor, and women on the church's staff presented him with roses. The honorary degree was bestowed upon Dr. Gass on Monday last week at Kenyon college.

# First Baptist Stewardship Class Plans Smorgasbord

The stewardship class of First Baptist church is having its annual smorgasbord at the church tomorrow at 7 p.m.

Speaker of the evening will be Dr. John H. McLaughlin, Birmingham surgeon.

Mrs. Ralph DeMorchant will be in charge of devotions. A new slate of officers will be installed. Assisting new President, Duncan Hudson and his wife with arrangements are Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Erikson. Mrs. Stewart Smith is in charge of music.

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# Doctorate Bestowed Upon Rev. Gass

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This honor was bestowed by Kenyon college, Gambier, O., during the college's 130th commencement.

The college's citation to Dr. Gass read:

"You have served parishes in Michigan, Ohio and Minnesota, and in each of these areas your fellow churchmen—recognizing your boundless energy, clear and in-

discerning mind, and forthright leadership—have called you to responsible diocesan offices.

"AS CHAPLAIN to the late Bishop Keeler, you were one of the two Americans present at the historic consecration of Bishop Santos Molina of the Spanish reformed church in Madrid.

"You are one of the few who have been invited to preach at Queen Elizabeth and the royal family at the Chapel Royal in Windsor Great Park.

"A graduate of both departments of Kenyon college, you have proven a loyal alumnus and a distinguished representative of those standards of Christian dedication and continuing scholarship which this institution seeks to instill in her sons."

Dr. Gass, who became rector of St. James church last fall, is a graduate of Kenyon college and of the Kenyon divinity school. He was one of seven distinguished men honored at the Kenyon college with honorary degrees.

Dr. Gass preached the baccalaureate sermon at services held the day previous to the commencement.

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It's The Berries!

Offering you a strawberry dish that's hard to resist are these feminine members of Northminster Presbyterian church. Mrs. Robert Dickinson (left) chairman of the church's strawberry festival, and Mrs. Frank Fisher, chairman of Tabitha guild, are busy seeing that strawberries, ice cream, homemade cake, cookies, coffee and pop are ready for the festival. They'll be serving from 2 to 8 p.m. Saturday at the church on Big Beaver road just east of Adams. Proceeds will be divided between the church's building fund and Presbyterian missions such as Dodge Community House in Detroit.

# You Are Invited to Attend A Free Lecture On CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

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# Mothers to Honor Mother Praexides

A special mass will be said for the intentions of Mother Praexides, sister in the order of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Saturday at 8 a.m. at Holy Name church.

Mother Praexides, principal of Holy Name school, is ending her six-year assignment at the school and will return to the mother house for re-assignment.

Attending the special mass will be mothers of the school's P.T.A. A coffee follows in St. Anne's hall.

# Blood Bank Slated

The Birmingham community blood bank will be held at the Congregational church of Birmingham Tuesday from 2:45 to 8:45 p.m. The general chairman is Mrs. Wil-

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Northwestern Baptist Church 1921 West Ten Mile (Near Evergreen) Sunday Worship Services . . . 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Sunday Church School . . . 11:15 a.m. Youth Groups . . . 5:30 p.m. Rev. James Macpherson, Minister. EL 4-1717

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NORTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH Northwestern Highway and Labors Road 11:00 a.m. Morning Service of Worship Ministers: Rev. Ralph H. Read, Rev. John W. Metler 11:00 a.m. Church School Nursery through Senior High ALL ARE WELCOME!

CHURCH OF CHRIST 1152 Bannville Birmingham, Michigan G. Wheeler Utley, Minister LI 2-0855 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 "THE HERALD OF TRUTH" WXYZ—Each Sunday 6:00-5:30 P.M.

GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH Lincoln at Edgewood (2 Blocks West of Woodward) Sunday School 10:00 A.M. Morning Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening Worship 7:00 P.M. Thurs. Bible Study 7:30 P.M. MI 6-2002 Ch. MI 6-8167 Charles J. Whitfield, Pastor

ST. BEDE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH 12 Mile Road at Southfield Road Elgin 6-5452 Rev. Cyril J. Keating, Pastor SUNDAY MASSES 7:00 A.M., 8:00 A.M., 9:30 A.M., 11:00 A.M., 12:15 P.M. Daily Mass—7:00 A.M. Holy Day of Obligation Masses 7:00 A.M., 9:30 A.M., 7:00 P.M. Confessions—Saturday 3:30 P.M., 7:30 P.M.

"CHURCH GOING FAMILIES ARE HAPPIER FAMILIES" Lutheran Church of the Ascension (Missouri Synod) 16935 W. 14 Mile Rd. at Pierce Ave. (½ mile West of Woodward) The Rev. Elbert W. Nuelken, Pastor Sunday Worship Hour—11:00 A.M. Family Worship and Sunday School—9:30 A.M.

St. James Episcopal Church 355 W. Maple — Birmingham, Mich. Sunday Services 8:00 A.M. 9:15 A.M. 11:00 A.M. Church School and Nursery 9:15 and 11:30 Young Peoples Fellowship 5-7 P.M. Midweek—Holy Communion—Wednesday 11:00 A.M. Clergy—K. H. Gass—W. E. Snoxell—T. G. Phillips Mus. Dir.—Kent McDonald

Franklin Community Church On Franklin's Village Green 1 block west of Franklin Rd. at Wellington and Normandy. MORNING WORSHIP SERVICES AND CHURCH SCHOOL 10 A.M. Robert J. Searls, Minister Assistant to the Minister, Constance D. Koch

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