

Children Without Homes Council Holds New Hope For Adoptable Children

There are children of every age, race, color and physical and mental condition waiting to be adopted. This is the first of a four-part series by Nancy Robinson, Ann Arbor writer, on the problems of finding homes for them.

"Tragically often, the fears and hostilities of childless couples about adoption are based on information that is limited and out of date. The fact is, adoption has been undergoing a quiet but total revolution."

So says LIFE magazine (June 21, 1968) in the second of a series on adoption.

It is true the revolution is quiet, but it is by no means total. The personal story of an unwed mother giving up her baby and his adoption by an infertile couple took place in California, where progressive agencies have thoroughly revolutionized their adoption procedures.

What LIFE generalizes as adoption service today is an ideal perhaps reached in California, but in most states, this ideal is far from being fulfilled and is often vigorously resisted.

Couples are still denied adoptive parenthood, as thousands of children wait for homes, because they are fertile, do not match the child's race or religion, are too old, too young, married too short a period of time, the mother works or because of other individual agency reasons.

Agencies need the help of not only citizens but each other. Agencies must unite their services to get children and families together. Adoptable children are often the victims of geography because they are born in a city where there are few parents available when in the next town there may be many parents eager to adopt them.

The recently established AGENA (Adoption Resource Exchange of North America) provides a clearing house of information to agencies on parents and children available in every state. Still agencies continue to limit their services to a local area even though they may be part of a group of statewide agencies under the same name.

Departments of Social Service usually restrict placement at county boundaries. An applicant who lives over the county line may not be allowed to adopt a child in another county, yet his taxes are collected here or he is child in a foster home or institution.

ONE NEWLY founded Michigan agency dedicated to progressive ideals of adoption service is Spaulding for Children in Chelsea, Michigan.

It plans to focus particular attention on finding homes for children whom other agencies have been unable to place. This agency has no church membership requirements and is open to couples from all over Michigan.

Many other agencies in our area have developed more flexible policies and are working hard to recruit families for children in their care.

If you are interested in forming a citizens group or desire more information about COAC, write to: Council on Adoptable Children, 1205 Olivia, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48104.

Those students wishing to obtain an elementary or secondary teaching certificate as well as the B.S. degree in Religious Education will be required to pursue a teaching major and teaching minor and specified professional education courses.

Madonna College is also offering a reading specialist program now in its second year. Successful completion of this program and three years of teaching experience enable the student to qualify for state approval for auxiliary services as a remedial reading teacher, clinician or consultant.

TO QUALIFY for a reading specialist certificate awarded by the college, the student must earn 12 semester credit hours in the area of reading instruction, six semester hours of which are in courses whose content includes diagnosis of reading disability and methods of remediation.



JOE IS ADOPTABLE—This lively youngster, now 17 months old, is one of many in need of a new family. Now in a foster home, he has recently learned to walk and is described by his foster mother as responsive, cheerful and very inquisitive. The Lutheran Social Services Agency, 568-0333, 484 E. Grand Blvd., Detroit, has more information about Joe.

Each community must question the policies of its local agencies and help remove any obstacles that delay children's placement in loving families and homes of their own.

In the spring of 1966 the Council on Adoptable Children was formed in Ann Arbor, Michigan by five couples who had adopted children and were concerned about other waiting children.

1) PUBLICIZE the need for adoptive homes and progressive agency policy.

2) URGE REVISION of state adoption laws (no major changes since 1939) and standardize criteria for judges granting adoptions, and

3) DISCUSS with each other and prospective adoptive parents the problems and rewards of adoptive parenthood.

MONTHLY MEETINGS and newsletters keep COAC members (including laymen and professionals) abreast of activities and progress in helping place children.

Members speak to civic and religious groups, on radio and TV, and write newspaper and magazine articles on the needs of adoptable children. They are not a placement agency, but they do refer families to agencies that have let COAC know of particular children who need homes.

Trust and communication between parents and agencies are being built. Yet it all began with a few concerned families who gathered in a private living room to discuss the problem of unplaced children.

Carnival To Be Held At Church

St. Bernard's Catholic Church, Westland, will hold a weekend carnival Sept. 13 to 15.

A smorgasbord will be served Thursday, Sept. 12, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. The public is invited to attend all activities of the weekend.

REGISTRATIONS FOR UNITED HEBREW SCHOOL CLASSES

are now being taken at Maly and Samuel Cohn Branch 31840 West 7 Mile, Livonia

SCHOOL RE-OPENS - Wednesday, September 4, 1968

Bus and car pool service will be their 28th birthday on Sept. 15. For complete information, contact the Branch Manager, Mrs. Josephine M. Cohn, 31840 West 7 Mile, Livonia. For further information call 476-4222 or DL 7-3402.

LIVONIA JEWISH CONGREGATION

29475 Six Mile Road

HIGH HOLY DAYS SERVICES

Rosh Hashanah September 22, 23 & 24

Yom Kippur October 1 & 2

Services Conducted by Rabbi Martin D. Gordon Liturgy Chanted by Cantor Morris Kaminsky

Tickets available at building

September 15 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
September 18 from 8 p.m. - 10 p.m.

or call 425-9370 427-1167

Madonna Sets New RE Course

Sister Mary Laurina, dean of Madonna College, has announced introduction of a Religious Education program at the college this fall.

The undergraduate course of studies in religious education leading to a B.S. degree was initiated in order to meet the increased demand for professional competence and creative leadership in the home, the school, the parish and the CCD class.

The religious education major will require 24 hours in theology and 12 hours of designated courses in psychology, sociology and education.

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Two Plymouth Residents Join Baptist Meet

V. Charles Churella, of Plymouth, and his son, Charles, were among nearly 500 persons who attended the 1968 National conference of American Baptist Men last week at Green Bay, Wis.

The session was part of the national American Baptist Assembly. The Churellas are members of the First Baptist Church of Plymouth.

The 1968 theme, climax to a four-year series understanding the call of the Gospel to each man, "Church Men in Personal Witness."

It called for personal action in articulating ways of witness. The prior conferences dealt with what the faith is and personal experience. This year the men from all across the nation learned to translate this faith into action.

The meeting marked the 25th anniversary of the American Baptist Assembly and the Conference of American Baptist Men.

Part of the celebration was held Aug. 4 with dedication of another new building at the assembly, the Trotter Arts and Crafts Building.

St. Paul Youth Set Paper Drive, Ice Cream Social

The Young People's Society of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia, will collect old newspapers Friday, Aug. 23 through Sunday, Aug. 25, in a trailer parked at the rear of the church just off the Five Mile entrance.

The Youth Society also plans an ice cream social on the church lawn Sunday, Aug. 25.

'Mind' Is Topic

Congregations in Christian Science churches around the world will hear a Lesson-Sermon this Sunday on "Mind."

TEMPLE BETH AM

Grandview School 1981a Livonia

PRE-KINDERGARTEN TO HIGH SCHOOL

REGISTRATION DATE **SEPTEMBER 15**

9:30 a.m. to 12 Noon

MEMBERSHIP NOW OPEN

Calvary Opens Bible School

A week of daily vacation Bible school will begin Monday, Aug. 26, in Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Road, Plymouth.

Classes will be conducted from 8:30 to 11:45 a.m.

Pre-school classes will have lessons on "God's Loving Care," a vacation school course produced by the Gospel Light Press. Superintendent of this department will be Mrs. Donna Houghaling.

Grades one through eight will have a Bible course entitled "This is the Life" and will be under the direction of The Rev. Stephen Howells, minister of Christian Education, All-

Bethany Hosts Missionary

The Rev. Arthur Glass, a Hebrew Christian who has served as a missionary in the Argentine, will speak at two services in Bethany Baptist Church, 34541 Five Mile, Livonia, on Sunday, Aug. 25.

The public is invited to hear him at 11 a.m. or 7 p.m.

Rev. Glass is presently serving the Druid Park Bible Church, Augusta Ga., formerly was associated with the Christian Testimony to the Jews movement in the Detroit area and was pastor of a Hebrew Christian congregation in Detroit for several years.

Attend Church This Sunday with your family at the Church of your choice

PRESBYTERIAN

ST. TIMOTHY
Presbyterian Church
16700 Newburg Road
Worship and Church School 9:30 a.m.
Rev. Carl A. Dundas 261-4844 4441354

LIVONIA CHAPEL
WARD MEMORIAL
Presbyterian Church
Worship Services 9 & 11:30 a.m.

"The Barren Fig Tree"
MESSAGE: MR. HANG MORSHIK
VESPER SERVICE - 7:00 p.m.
"YES AND NO"
MESSAGE: MR. HANG MORSHIK

Nursery Provided for All Activities
DR. BARTLETT L. HESS, PH.D.
422-1150

ROSEDALE GARDENS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Hubbard at West Chicago
Worship and Church School 10:00 a.m.
Richard C. Dunkelberger, Pastor
Arthur Beumler, Jr., Associate Pastor
William T. Lovick, Associate Pastor
Garfield 2-0494

UNITED METHODIST

NARDIN PARK
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
476-8500
2927 West 11 Mile Road
William D. Marzer, Pastor
Rev. Paul J. Smith, Minister
Rev. J. H. Smith, Minister
Rev. J. H. Smith, Minister
SUMMER SCHEDULE
Service 10 a.m.
TOPIC
"WHAT GOD CAN DO"
Mr. Sider, preaching
Sunday School - 9:30 thru 11:00 a.m.
Other children encouraged to attend Church with their parents.
Air Conditioned

Newburg Methodist
34500 Ann Arbor Trail at Levan
Rev. Paul J. Smith, Pastor
Church: GA 2049, Sec. 425-2972
9:30 a.m. Worship Service
11:00 a.m. Church School
thru 9th Grade

A cordial invitation to visit the

ST. LUKE'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Five Mile at Haggerty
Ernest L. Otter, Minister
11 a.m. Morning Worship and Church School
Nursery Provided
Phone 453-9497

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH of Farmington
23112 Grand River OR 44473
Worship, Church School and Nursery
10:00 a.m.
Dr. W. Mike Williams
Rev. Bruce Swiler

WESLEYAN

PLYMOUTH WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH
42390 Five Mile Road
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship Hour 11:00 a.m.
Evening 7:00 p.m.
Rev. Keith Somers
453-0279 453-1572

CHURCH OF GOD

Riverside Park Church of God
11721 NEWBURGH ROAD AT LIVONIA ROAD

Rev. J. Clifford Thor, Pastor
9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
8:00 p.m. Evening Service
Listen to the "CHRISTIAN BROTHERS 3D HOUR"
Sundays - 8 a.m. - WYNE, 1520 on, sur dial

DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

LIVONIA CHRISTIAN CHURCH
(Disciples of Christ) Regular Hours: Sunday School - 9:30 Church Service - 10:30 in the Morning

Pison Elementary School, 22913 Seven Mile, Livonia
Contact: Rev. Laird Allan Thompson, 423-7611

EASTERN ORTHODOX
Amen. Orthodox Church of St. Innocent
23300 W. Chicago - 538-1700
Sunday Catechism 9:00 a.m.
Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

NON-AFFILIATED

CITY OF WEST SUBURBIA
3009 Curtis Road (West Middlebelt) LIVONIA 421-1760
Sunday Ser. 9:30 & 11 a.m.
Sunday School each Service
V. C. 11 a.m.
DIAL-A-PRAYER - 261-2440

Attend the Church of Your Choice

FOR INFORMATION ON YOUR CHURCH LISTING APPEARING IN THE COLUMN CALL GA 2-3179

Church Page

PRINCIPLE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
(Missouri Synod)
12 Mile at Farmington Road 47-0210

Worship Service 8 and 10:45 a.m. (Nursery Provided)
Sunday School 9:15 a.m.

LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

CHRIST THE KING
9200 Farmington Road
431-0749 431-2729
Worship Services: 8:15 and 11 a.m.
Church School: 9:30 a.m.

HOLY CROSS
26650 West Six Mile
Pastor: Wm. M. Mollman
GA 54433
Worship, Church School and Nursery 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

In Farmington:

ANTIOCH
12 Mile and Farmington Roads
Pastor Carl Keltola
MA 4-7906 MA 6-3560
Worship Services: 8:15 and 11 a.m.
Church School 9:30 a.m.

ST. JOHN'S
11342 Mercedes
Pastor: Eric Kelo
538-2840 531-1821
WORSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 and 11 a.m.
Finnish Service 8:30 a.m.

ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH
5885 Vancay Road at Beachwood
Phone 427-9200, Farmington 425-0260, Church
Rev. Paul Hagstrom, pastor
Services 8 and 11 a.m.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

St. John Lutheran Church
22723 Gilt Road Farmington
SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:40 a.m.
Nursery - Pastor 474-0354

TIMOTHY LUTHERAN
8820 WAYNE RD, LIVONIA
Thomas E. Rahl, Pastor
Worship 8:00 - 11:00; Nursery: Sunday Church School 9:30
Church - 427-2280

AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
(MISSOURI SYNOD)
39020 Five Mile
Just East of Eckles Road
Office Phone 464-0211

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL
30000 Five Mile Road, west of Middlebelt
GA 1-7249
GA 1-7359

PASTORS: The Rev. Ronald C. Stronaker, The Rev. Roger H. Schieff
SUMMER SCHEDULE: Worship Services 8 & 10:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Nursery Available at Both Services

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

"Welcome" Pastor Michael DeKonty invites you to the tremendous, fast growing . . .

LIVONIA ASSEMBLY OF GOD

33015 West Seven Mile Road

474-5405, Church Sunday School 10 a.m. Wednesday Evening Family Night - 7:30 p.m.

261-5208, Parsonage Morning Worship 11 a.m. Sunday Evening Evangelistic Services - 7 p.m.

WELCOME TO FAITH TEMPLE ASSEMBLY OF GOD

18513 Lahser Road (South of 7 Mile, Detroit)
Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening 7:00 p.m. Wednesday Family Night 7:30 p.m.
NEXT SUNDAY TRY OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL - IT'S WONDERFUL!
James V. Shaffer - Pastor
Steve Barby - Assistant Pastor
538-1818 Air Conditioned 537-8019

Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Churches

In Livonia - St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church 1222 Farmington Rd. Pastor Wilfred Kolin 422-9814
Worship Services: 8:00 & 11 a.m. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.

In Plymouth - St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran Church 1343 Pennington Avenue Pastor Leonard Koelker 453-3103
Worship Services: 8 & 10:15 a.m. Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.

In Redford Township - La Park Ev. Lutheran Church 14750 Kinloch Pastor Edward Zell 522-8555
Worship Services: 8 & 11 a.m. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.

In Westland - Our Saviour Ev. Lutheran Ch. Warren at Farmington Rd. Pastor Jack A. Gubler 427-8119
Worship Services: 10 a.m. Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.

WISCONSIN LUTHERAN RADIO HOUR WABX 99.5FM

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
14350 WORMER
Looking for a friendly Church?
8:30 - Worship
9:45 - Sunday School
11:00 - Worship
Nursery for all pre-school children

St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School
(Missouri Synod)
Middlebelt at 8 Mile Rd.
474-0675
W. F. Rutkowski, Pastor
J. Wilber, Principal
Services - 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. (Nursery Provided)
Sunday School and Bible Classes 9:45 a.m.

SWORD OF THE SPIRIT LUTHERAN CHURCH
34541 West 7 Mile, Livonia
"A New Word" Farmington Road
William D. Wolff, Pastor
474-2788 Farmington 951-5545
Family Worship - 8 a.m.
Study for all ages - 10:10 a.m.
American Lutheran Church

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE RISEN CHRIST
46250 Ann Arbor Road
1M-143 City of Plymouth
Pastor: Donald Tomberg 453-3332
Sunday School, Teen Age and Adult Bible Classes
The Worship Service 10:15 a.m. (Nursery provided)