

Brush with death enhances life

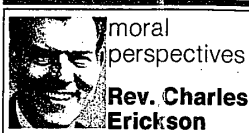
"I've been for my six-month check-up and passed with flying colors. I'm a survivor." Such words from someone who has been seriously ill bring a smile. Some deep pondering is unavoidable.

There are many implications of feeling like a survivor. The word has special meaning among people persecuted by the Nazis. It touches deep feelings for anyone who has had a narrow escape. It is amazing how many of us have memories of "beating the odds" in the statistics of life.

Some who have approached death's door without going through say, "I'm living on borrowed time." The feeling is that days and hours are meaningful because it is clear they might not have been. This view puts pressure on every event to avoid trivialization: one seeks significant relationships.

The simple facts of fragile life often are not noticed because we live in such ease and luxury. Royalty of another century did not live as well as the average American today in terms of comfortable clothing and housing, available diet and medicine or plentiful recreation and leisure time.

Anyone who has faced the limited length of life becomes an interesting person. They may be better or worse than others but they are always interesting. By contrast, boring people all have one thing in common — it hasn't dawned on them that life is a



moral perspectives
Rev. Charles Erickson

temporary condition. Life is fragile and each relationship is unique.

THE REASON a person seems special jumps out when we ponder the inner resources, the motivation, the choices among activities and the goals. New power, fresh energy and full vitality come from facing mortality. Everything is new and each effort is a joyful learning experience when we discover our finite nature.

Of course, feeling something special about one's continued existence can turn sour. Some survivors feel guilt because others who seem more worthy no longer live. Some who feel each day is borrowed time become driven to accomplish more than is humanly possible. Admitting mortality makes

some so intensely serious that every encounter becomes oppressively sober.

By choice, we can feel refreshed and renewed by awareness of the fragile nature of every relationship. Opportunity becomes challenge. Joyful experiences seem holy. Work becomes fun. Ordinary sights become surprises. Curiosity becomes a glowing flame of inquiry.

Pain may be severe and limitations may be obvious. Or inadequacies may be hidden from most observers. Either way, survivors are nudged toward serenity about shortcomings and a sense of humor about problems.

These many benefits are available to everyone. We are all survivors even if we have not had a dramatic encounter with mortality. There are only 24 hours a day for any of us and only today to find the meaning and joy of these hours.

CHOICES and decisions never come around again in exactly the same mix. History does not repeat itself. The sound of our nobility and dignity is that we are mortal and we know it. Long range goals become part of today's joys when we seek the highest potential in each event. New life begins with smiling at the fragile preciousness of each adventure.

Catholic health groups assemble

Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist George Will and author-attorney John Noonan Jr. are among the featured speakers for the ninth annual Catholic Health Assembly June 1-5 at the Detroit Plaza Hotel.

The meeting, conducted by the St. Louis-based Catholic Health Association of the United States, includes as speakers Bishop Walter Sullivan of Richmond, Va., Sister Theresa Kane, RSM president of the Leadership Conference of Women Religious and V.M. Zink of the General Motors Corp., Detroit.

The meeting's theme is "Family Health — The Spectrum of Life," in accordance with the Church's efforts to promote 1980 as the Year of the Family by Pope John Paul II and the International Synod of Bishops, as well as by the National Conference of Catholic Bishops and the White House Conference on Families.

More than 1,200 religious, priests and lay persons serve as hospital trustees, administrators, major supervisors, diocesan coordinators and pastoral care directors in 877 Catholic health care facilities.

On June 2, Bishop Sullivan will deliver the keynote address, which again will underscore the Catholic Church's

commitment to the family unit.

HE WILL emphasize also the mission and advocacy ministries of Catholic health care professionals and institutions in promoting and maintaining family health.

The seminars will take a look at such issues as Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement and its implications for Catholic facilities; religious in health care sponsorship; withholding extraordinary treatment; and an analysis of judicial and legislative decisions on abortion.

The Thursday session will feature Will, a contributing editor to Newsweek magazine, speaking on "Government: the disease for which it pretends to be cured."

Sabbath eve services set

Temple Emanuel-El will conduct Sabbath eve services at 8:15 p.m., May 30 in the temple at 14450 West 10 Mile, Oak Park.

The bat mitzvah of Jody Lynn Berger, daughter of Audrey and Seymour Berger of Southfield will be conducted.

Your Invitation to Worship

For Church Directory Information
Please Call 644-1100 Ext. 200

LIVONIA CHRISTIAN CHURCH
35075 Seven Mile Road
476-2075
Sunday School 9:45 am
Worship Service 11 am
Austin C. Denney

FIRST UNITED METHODIST
1589 West Maple at Pleasant
Ministers: James W. Wright • G. Bryn Evans
Douglas W. Vernon • Harold E. Weemhoff
Services: 8:30, 9:30
& 11 A.M.
School: 9:30 & 11 A.M.
Nursery Care Provided
Nursery School: Mon. thru Fri.
9:30 - 11:30 A.M.

WARD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF LIVONIA
Farmington and Six Mile Roads 422-1150
Worship & Sunday School 8:30, 10:00 & 11:30 A.M.
GENERAL ASSEMBLY SUNDAY
8:30—Message by Dr. Frank Kik, Eastminister United Presbyterian Church, Wichita, Kansas
10:00 & 11:30—Message by Rev. Howard Rice, Moderator of the 191st General Assembly
7:00 P.M.—Message by Dr. Jack Rogers, Member, Task Force on Biblical Authority and Interpretation
WEDNESDAY 7:30 P.M.—Second in five-part film series "Whatever Happened to the Human Race?"
Activities for All Ages
Sunday Service Broadcast
9:30 A.M., WUZZ-FM 103.5
Nursery Provided at All Services
Janet Rittler 422-1150

COVENANT BAPTIST
Covenant is a church with a fully graded Christian Education program for the entire family. Come and grow with us.
SUNDAYS
9:45 A.M.: Church School
11:00 A.M.: Gospel Song Fest
6:30 P.M.: Evening Service
Dr. William F. Keucher, Pastor; Rev. Edward A. Luby, Assoc. Rev. Justin A. Daniels, Minister of C.E.
5500 W. Maple Road • W. Bloomfield, MI 48303
* 1/2 mile west of Orchard Lake Rd. • 855-9191

First Baptist Church
Bates and West, Farmington, Mich.
Robert G. Macdonald, Minister
Home: 1 Armstrong, Eastland, Barbara Sinclair, Associate Minister
Church School 8:45 AM
Worship Service 11:00 AM
St. Andrew Lutheran Church
2525 Taylor Rd.
Dorothy H. N. of Maple
SUNDAY WORSHIP 8:30 AM
WEDNESDAY CHURCH SCHOOL 5:00 PM
The Rev. C.W. Rector, Pastor
546-2027

DETROIT FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
(NOW WORSHIPING AT)
30623 W. TWELVE MILE RD.
FARMINGTON HILLS, MICHIGAN
REV. JAMES D. CONNER
8:45 A.M. CHRISTIAN ED.
11:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE
6:30 P.M. PRAYERS & WORSHIP
WEDNESDAY
7:00 P.M. PRAYERS & WORSHIP
NURSERY FACILITIES AVAILABLE
CHURCH PHONE 477-2525

FRANKLIN COMMUNITY CHURCH
"On the Village Green"
Services
9:00 AM
11:15 AM
Frank B. Cowick
Minister

Ascension of Christ Lutheran Church
19255 W. 14 Mile
Birmingham
SUNDAY
Family Learning Hour 9:15 A.M.
Morning Worship 10:30 A.M.
644-8890

FARMINGTON HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH
28301 Middlebelt Road, 1/2 Mile N. of 12 Mile
A FULL-SERVICE CHURCH
GRADED BIBLE SCHOOL 9:45 AM
WORSHIP SERVICES 11 AM and 6 PM
SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 AM
WEDNESDAY FAMILY NIGHT 7:00 PM
Dorothy B. Brown, Pastor
Nursery provided at All Services
Ample Parking C.B.A. Affiliated No Steps

CENTRAL WOODWARD CHRISTIAN CHURCH
(Disciples of Christ)
3055 W. BIG BEAVER RD.,
TROY (at Adams)
CHURCH SCHOOL 9:30 AM
WORSHIP 11:00 AM
Minister
ROBERT H. BOYTE
844-8512

NORTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
28275 Northwestern Highway near Lanser
Southfield Mich. Phone 356-1660
United for the worship of God
and service to Humanity
Rev. Mark P. Jensen, Senior Minister
Rev. David W. Howell, Dir. of Christian Education
Dr. Harry Langford, Dir. of Music
Adult Study 10 A.M.
Youth Fellowship 10 A.M.
Sunday School 11 A.M.
Morning Worship 11 A.M.
Nursery Provided
No Steps
CIVIC CENTER DR.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
33112 Grand River
Farmington—474-6573
Worship 10:00 AM
Church School 10:00 AM
Nursery Provided
Minister—Charles B. Beynon

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF FARMINGTON
Richard Duncan Pastor • Phone 474-0350
SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 a.m.
MORNING WORSHIP 11:00 a.m.
EVENING SERVICE 7:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 7:00 p.m.

SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS
LUTHERAN CHURCH
2708 EVAN RD. SEVIE
FARMINGTON HILLS
(Cross & 58th Street)
Lance R. Jennings, Pastor
852-9236 379-5604

Orchard United Methodist
30350 FARMINGTON ROAD
between 13 and 14 Mile Road
626-1620
MORNING WORSHIP
9:30 am and 11 am
CHURCH SCHOOL & NURSERY
9:30 am and 11 am
NINETEEN
Robert L. Brown
James F. Thomas

FAITH COVENANT CHURCH
Sunday School 9:30 AM
Adult Study Groups 9:30 AM
Sunday Worship Service 10:45 AM

Birk in the Hills
PRESBYTERIAN
1340 W. Long Lake Rd.
MINISTERS
James F. Anderson
Robert L. Lindsey
Worship Services and Church School
SUNDAYS
9:30 and 11:30 AM

EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
2045 Latimer Road
940 N. of 14 Mile
Phone 337-1840
7:00 AM Church School
10:45 AM Church School
The Rev. L. Allen Erickson

Bloomfield Hills Christian Church
The Community House
380 South Bates, Birmingham
Sunday Service 8:30 AM
Sunday School 10:00 AM
1:00 A.M. Wake
6:00 P.M. Prayer Service
Wednesday 7:15 P.M.
Bible Study
645-1202

ST PAUL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
165 E. Square Lake Road
Bloomfield Hills
(2 mi. East of Woodstock)
338-8233
9:45 a.m.—Church School
9:45 a.m.—Pastor's Class
11:00 a.m.—Worship
Nursery Provided
Dr. David Truett, Pastor

GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH
2600 Pontiac Rd.
Pontiac Township
474-2126
Richard A. Chittum, Pastor
Worship 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Church Office 474-5222

Price of Peace Lutheran Church
Missouri Synod
12 Mile & Farmington Roads
Behind Crowley's
The Rev. R.A. St. Pierre - Pastor
Worship Service 8:00 & 10:15 AM
SUNDAY SCHOOL AND BIBLE CLASS 9 AM
Church Phone 553-3380

FAITH COVENANT CHURCH
Pastor
Michael A. Hallen
Minister to Youth
David A. Rose
35415 W. 14 Mile Road
661-9191

NORTHWEST BAPTIST CHURCH
21845 Michigan Road
Farmington Hills, MI 48224
474-2293
Sunday School 9:45 AM
Worship Service 11:00 AM
Evening Service 7:00 PM
Wednesday Service 7:00 PM
Pastor

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
35300 Eight Mile Road
Farmington, MI
Lowell Anderson, Pastor
478-6520
Sunday—Worship, 10:45 AM
School, 9:15 AM—Nursery Provided

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCHES
FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST BIRMINGHAM
191 Chester at Willets
SUNDAY SERVICES 10:30 A.M.
SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 A.M.
WEDNESDAY TESTIMONY MEETING 8:00 P.M.
READING ROOM - 355 East Maple - 644-7935
Mon., Tue. 9:30-5:30 and 7-9; Wed., Sat. 9:30-5:30; Thur., Fri. 9:30-9
FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST FRANKLIN-MEADOWLAKE
Maple at Inkster
SUNDAY SERVICES 10:30 A.M.
SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 A.M.
WEDNESDAY TESTIMONY MEETING 8:15 P.M.
READING ROOM - 4361 Orchard Lake Rd. - 851-7740
Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Sat.: 10-5:30; Friday 10-9
All are welcome at the above church services and Reading Rooms.
Child care facilities provided Sunday and Wednesday.

SAINT ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
16360 Hubbard Road Livonia, Michigan 48154
421-8451
8:00 A.M.—Holy Eucharist
9:00 A.M.—Family Service
10:00 A.M.—Christian Education Classes For All
11:00 A.M.—Family Service
Sunday Morning—Nursery Care Available
10:30 A.M.—Wednesday Eucharist Service
The Rev. Kenneth E. Derr The Rev. R. Scott Knight

CLARENCEVILLE UNITED METHODIST
20300 Woodcrest Ln. #4 474-3444
8 a.m. First Worship Service 8:30 a.m. Youth Meetings
10:15 a.m. Second Service of Worship 7:30 p.m. Wed. The Widows Service

Your local Evangelical Free Church
invites you to worship
Meeting at Bloomfield Hills Jr. High School
Quarion Rd., 2 blks. W. of Telegraph
The Evangelical Free Church is an association of nearly 700 churches in the U.S. and Canada which are "evangelical" in doctrine, and "free" in church government.
For more information, contact your local pastor.
332-3305

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCHES
FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST BIRMINGHAM
191 Chester at Willets
SUNDAY SERVICES 10:30 A.M.
SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 A.M.
WEDNESDAY TESTIMONY MEETING 8:00 P.M.
READING ROOM - 355 East Maple - 644-7935
Mon., Tue. 9:30-5:30 and 7-9; Wed., Sat. 9:30-5:30; Thur., Fri. 9:30-9
FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST FRANKLIN-MEADOWLAKE
Maple at Inkster
SUNDAY SERVICES 10:30 A.M.
SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 A.M.
WEDNESDAY TESTIMONY MEETING 8:15 P.M.
READING ROOM - 4361 Orchard Lake Rd. - 851-7740
Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Sat.: 10-5:30; Friday 10-9
All are welcome at the above church services and Reading Rooms.
Child care facilities provided Sunday and Wednesday.

LESSON-SERMON SUBJECTS FOR JUNE
June 1—ANCIENT AND MODERN NECRONOMANCY, alias MESMERISM AND HYPNOTISM, DENOUNCED
June 8—GOD, THE ONLY CAUSE AND CREATOR
June 15—GOD, THE PRESERVER OF MAN
June 22—IS THE UNIVERSE, INCLUDING MAN, EVOLVED BY ATOMIC FORCE?
June 29—CHRISTIAN SCIENCE