



3 Churches Hear Rabbi

Rabbi Ernest Conrad of Birmingham will be the speaker at the combined Lenten program of area Episcopal Church, at St. John Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth, Wednesday, March 11, at 8 p.m.

Rabbi Conrad's topic will be "The Family and God." The public is invited to attend.

Parishes cooperating in this year's programs in addition to the Plymouth church are St. John Church of the Holy Spirit, Livonia, and St. Andrew Church, Livonia.

Holy Cross Hosts Bentley Choir

The Bentley High School concert choir will present a program of sacred music at 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 11, in the Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 30650 Six Mile, Livonia.

The concert is part of the church's Wednesday evening Lenten series. The public is invited and no offering will be taken.

Boise Elwell is choir director. The program will include Randall Thompson's "Alleluia," "The Heavens Are Telling" by Haydn, "Honor and Glory" by Bach and "Go Not Far From Me, O God."

A coffee hour will follow the concert.

Plans Bake Sale

The Rosary Altar Society of Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church is sponsoring a rummage and bake sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 21, in the parish hall, 23700 Joy Road, Dearborn Heights.

Shared Sanctuary--New Church Idea

Church buildings may be spacious or small, traditional or contemporary, ornate or simple. But they have one thing in common—they take a lot of money to build and maintain.

So four Overboarder congregations are finding ways to beat the high cost of church housing—and incidentally discovering the spirit of ecumenicity and cooperation.

Their system is one of sharing church buildings. Lutherans and Episcopalians worshipping in one of the double-duty sanctuaries and members of the United Church of Christ and the Disciples of Christ are in the other.

The FIRST MOVE in this direction, reported in this newspaper last summer, involved All Saints Lutheran Church, which had a fine new building at Newburgh and Joy Roads, Livonia, and the Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit, which started as a mission church of St. Andrew Episcopal, 1850 Hubbard.

Instead of making plans to build, the Church of the Holy Spirit, led by the Rev. Jack Savage, worked out hours for worship and activities so it could share the All-Saints building of the congregation led by the Rev. Dave B. Krueger.

Six months ago, a similar venture was initiated by the Pilgrim United Church of Christ (Congregational) and the Livonia Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) to share the use of the Pilgrim Meetinghouse at 36075 Seven Mile.

The MEETINGHOUSE had been erected in 1950 by Pilgrim United Church after the congregation had moved in 1957 from Detroit. It previously was known as Brewster Pilgrim Congregational Church, which in turn had been organized in 1925 through a merger of two congregations.

Thus former generations of church members had in large measure provided the Livonia Meetinghouse, so its present usefulness is minimal. The Rev. James W. Shafer now heads Pilgrim.

The LIVONIA CHRISTIAN CHURCH was started in 1965 and met at first in the Pierson elementary school.

Later the congregation acquired land on Newburgh Road near the Emily Dickinson Junior High School and moved its services to that school.



TWO CHURCHES, ONE MEETINGHOUSE - Representatives of Pilgrim United Church of Christ and Livonia Christian Church shake hands on six months successful sharing of this Livonia church building. From left are the Rev. James W. Shafer and Moderator Cornelius de Stigter of Pilgrim and Elder Austin Keathley and the Rev. Laird A. Thomson of Livonia Christian.

Then came the invitation of Pilgrim Church to share its facilities, and the decision of the Livonia Christian Church, headed by the Rev. Laird Thomson, to accept.

SINCE THE COOPERATIVE arrangement was worked out, Pilgrim Church has been holding its Sunday worship at 9:30 a.m. and church school classes at the same hour. Livonia Christian Church also has church school at the 9:30 hour and its worship service follows at 11 a.m. Pilgrim has youth classes and activities Thursday evenings.

In the other joint venture, All Saints holds services at 9:30 a.m. Sundays and the Church of the Holy Spirit worships at 11 a.m.

In both cases, the two congregations share the cost of maintaining the building and the salaries of the church staff. They also share office equipment.

THE TWO PLANS have evolved along somewhat different lines when it comes to the activities of the congregations.

Activities of Pilgrim and Livonia Christian remain autonomous. A joint committee was established to settle any problems that might arise. It has had only a few meetings, but it did take responsibility for erecting the large sign that bears the names of both congregations in front of the meetinghouse.

All Saints and Church of the Holy Spirit have followed a more cooperative course.

While keeping all services in separate buildings with the tenets of both churches, they are planning a combined Good Friday service, and there have been joint coffee hours and parties of the combined youth groups.

The two congregations also worked together to bring the religious vaudeville team of Norman and Sandra Dietz to Livonia at 7:30 p.m., March 7.

NEITHER Livonia Christian nor Church of the Holy Spirit has any immediate plans to build a new structure.

Said a statement issued by leaders of Livonia Christian and Pilgrim:

"A major reason for the sharing of one building is good stewardship in the efficient use of a church structure. So often church buildings are empty most of the week. Imaginative programming by both congregations increases the seven-day Meetinghouse schedule.

"Another reason for this joint experiment is the ecumenical movement in which both parent denominations are active participants.

"Churches are frequently burdened with mortgages and heavy bank payments sapping their time and money. The sharing of the Meetinghouse means that both these churches are free to turn their attention to the community and the primary concerns of Christians.

"Churches are established for love of God and neighbor; the sharing of a building means better allocation of resources and a release for Christian service in the community."

The Rev. Jack Savage of the Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit and the Rev. Dale Krueger of All Saints Episcopal are pleased with the progress of their building-sharing.

A STATEMENT FROM All Saints and Church of the Holy Spirit also emphasized the better-use-of-funds advantage.

"Members of these two congregations feel," the statement said, "that they are involved in an effort that not only promotes ecumenism at the grass roots level, where it is most effective, but further releases the financial stress of both bodies and thereby allows them to direct more of their time, energy and money toward the work of the church in the community in which they are located and to the mission-

ary work of the church at large."

Fr. Savage added: "The more we work and share together, the more we become aware of our similarities and strong points in the Body of Christ."

"We are, of course, still in the infancy of this particular experiment, but even at this early stage many of the wrinkles have been ironed out and we are looking forward to a productive and exciting future as we both seek to fulfill our Lord's will in ways that are open to us."

LUTHERAN

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WISCONSIN LUTHERAN RADIO HOUR WAXX 99.5 FM

In Livonia — St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church 5218 Farmington Rd. Pastor W. Fred Krueger 422-9814
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In Plymouth — St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran Ch. 243 Park Avenue Pastor Leonard Koeniger 432-2093
Worship Services: 8 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.

In Redford Township — Lola Park Ev. Lutheran Ch. 1750 E. 10th Pastor Edward Zall 522-8455
Worship Services: 8 and 11 a.m. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.

In Westland — Our Saviour Ev. Lutheran Ch. Warren at Farmington Pastor Jack A. DeBiller 421-8119
Worship Services: 10:30 a.m. Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.

LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

In Livonia — CHRIST THE KING Pastor Carl Kistner 421-0749
The Rev. John A. Boel
Worship Services: 8:30 and 11 a.m. Church School: 9:30 a.m.

HOLY CROSS 30650 West Six Mile Pastor William C. Lindholm OA 731-418 OA 5-4833
Worship, Church School and Nursery: 9:30 and 11 a.m.

In Farmington — ANTI-OCH 13 Mile and Farmington Rds. Pastor Carlo Kistner 432-2650
MA 6-7906 MA 6-5560
Worship Schools Sunday Church School 9:30 a.m.

In Redford — ST. JOHN'S 12542 Marquades Pastor Charles Fraz 538-2650 531-4182
Worship Services: 8:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.

GOOD SHEPHERD 26212 W. Six Mile Road Pastor Godfrey E. Albert 537-3778 537-4272
Worship Services: 8 and 11 a.m. Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.

PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH (Missouri Synod) 12 Mile at Farmington Rd. 474-0210
Rev. Victor H. Mesenbring
Worship Services: 8 and 10:45 a.m. (Nursery Provided)
Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL 30000 Five Mile Road Pastor Roger H. Schiefel
Worship: 8:15 and 11:15 a.m. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. 421-7249

For information please call: 422-3178

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE RISEN CHRIST 46150 Ave. Arthur Road 9616 City of Plymouth Rev. Kenneth E. Zielke 433-3332
Sunday School, Teen Age and Adult Bible Classes: 9 a.m.
Worship Service: 10:15 a.m. (Nursery Provided)

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

ASCENSION 34301 Five Mile Road, Uxala Pastor Fred Jahn
Worship: 9 and 11:15 a.m. Nursery Sunday Church School: 10
Phone: 422-4319 or 425-0081

CHRIST LUTHERAN 18000 Warren Road, Dearborn Pastor Donald W. Grandall
Worship: 8:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.

ST. JOHN 28223 Oak Road, Farmington Pastor Charles Fraz
Worship: 8:30 and 11 a.m. Nursery Sunday Church School: 9:45 a.m. Phone: GR 4-0554

SWORD OF THE SPIRIT 34843 Seven Mile Road, Livonia Pastor Donald W. Grandall
Family Worship: 10 a.m. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Phone: 474-2818 or 394-5565

TIMOTHY 808 Wayne Road, Uxala Pastor George Jahnke
Worship Services: 8:30 - 11 a.m. Sunday School: 10 a.m. Phone: 422-2290 or 423-3194
Nursery Provided

ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH (Missouri Synod) 5883 Vesper Road at Beachwood Pastor Paul Hagopian, Pastor Services: 8 and 11 a.m. Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH (Missouri Synod) 39020 Five Mile Rd. between Newburgh and Haggerty Roads
Sunday Worship Service: 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
Office Phone: 464-0211
The Rev. Fred Baite, Pastor

CHURCH OF CHRIST 1637 Middlebelt at Back Garden City - OA 2-8460 Minister: Hobart E. Ashby
Sunday Worship: 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sunday School: 10 a.m. Mid-Week & Wed.: 7:30 p.m.

KENWOOD CHURCH OF CHRIST 19461 Middlebelt Road, Livonia Phone: 474-0222
Sunday Bible School: 9:45 a.m. Worship Service: 11:00 a.m. Evening Service: 7:00 p.m. Youth Group: 5:00 p.m. Wed. Ev. Service: 7:00 p.m. Wed. Youth Group: 6:30 p.m. Pastor: John H. Miller, Pastor Phone: 474-7094
Parsonage Phone: 474-7094
Sunday: 1:45-5:15 P.M.

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SUNDAY
Bible School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service: 11 a.m.
Evening Service: 7:00 p.m.
Gospel Service: 7 p.m.
Family Night: 7:15 p.m.
Patrick J. Clifford
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Minister of Education

NEWBURG BAPTIST CHURCH 37055 JOY ROAD between Vesper and Newburgh Roads
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service: 7:00 p.m.
Mid-Week Prayer Service: 7:45 p.m.
When the devil takes out at every service
Worship: 7:30 p.m.
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Main Street Baptist Church Southern Baptist Convention 1431 Main Street, Plymouth 453-2793
The Rev. N. Thuyett, Pastor 733-7793
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship: 11 a.m.
Baptist Training Union: 6:30 p.m.
Baptist Fellowship: 7:00 p.m.
Evening Worship Hour: 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday Service: 7:00 p.m.

Westland Baptist Church 35375 Ann Arbor Trail (between Vesper and Newburgh) Edward H. Depalle, Pastor 474-6814
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening: 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday: 7:00 p.m.

Livonia Baptist Church Affiliated with Southern Baptist Convention 3790 Schoolcraft 422-3743
Rev. Ethel Clark, Pastor 424-1079
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Baptist Training Union: 6:30 p.m.
Evening Worship Hour: 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday Service: 7:00 p.m.

Berthany Baptist Church of Livonia 40451 Five Mile, 1/2 Mile West of Farmington Rd. 427-7796
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.
Nursery: 10:30 a.m.
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Sunday Service: 9:30 and 11 a.m.
Youth Education: 11 a.m.
Tuesday Class: 2 p.m.
How To Let God Help You
Wednesday Class: 1 p.m. and 8 p.m.
Prayer Can Change Your Life

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College Choir Sings Here

A series of concerts is planned in the Observer area next week by the Warren Wilson College Choir from Swannanoa, N.C.

The group of more than 40 young singers will appear first in the Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard, Livonia, at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 11.

The Church's music society will sponsor the program.

Concerts in both Farmington high schools and in the First Presbyterian Church of Farmington are planned for Friday, March 13, under the auspices of "The Group," senior high organization of the church.

There will be three morning concerts at North Farmington High and three in the afternoon of Farmington High. The church's appearance, in which the choir will sing a cappella, is scheduled at 6 p.m.

The singers also plan to give a late afternoon program for patients in the veterans' Hospital in Dearborn.

Directed by Schuyler W. Robinson, the choir represents 11 states and five foreign nations. It tours a different section of the United States each year.

A Plan That Works

God has a wonderful plan for you. When you follow it, your life will be complete. Apart from it, something is always missing.

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9:30 a.m. Bible Classes for All Ages
10:45 a.m. Morning Worship (Nursery Provided)
6 p.m. Youth Fellowship
7:30 p.m. Worship
Dr. Henry Holttoman, Guest Speaker

WEDNESDAY
7 p.m. Family Night for All Ages

GRAND RIVER BAPTIST CHURCH
4500 Six Mile Road (next to Stevenson High)

"Is Lent Obsolete?"

Dr. Dennis Papazian will ask the question "Is Lent Obsolete?" at the annual Lenten luncheon of the Women's Guild of St. John's Armenian Church of Southfield Tuesday, March 10.

Dr. Papazian is associate professor of history and chairman of the division of literature, science and the arts at the University of Michigan Dearborn campus.

Reservations for the luncheon, which will be at 12 noon in the Armenian Cultural Building, 23001 Northwestern Highway, Southfield, may be made by calling 545-2249 or the church office at 356-1910.

Committee members are Chairman Priscilla Sarkisian, Virginia Aginian, Margaret Bagdasarian, Lillian Hovsepian, Ann Jewarjian, Virginia Ostan, Rosalie Papazian, Victoria Reizian and Nina Sarkisian. Donation will be \$2.50 for adults and \$1.50 for children.

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The group will be under the direction of Leon Beckendorf.

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"The Passion" According to St. Matthew. by Schuetz, will be presented during the 9:15 and 11 a.m. services Sunday, March 15, in Hutson-Tabor Lutheran Church, 9600 Levee, Dearborn.