

Lutherans welcome Pastor McDermott

The people of Hope Lutheran Church announce the addition of Pastor Timothy P. McDermott to their pastoral staff. Pastor McDermott will serve as co-pastor in a team ministry with Pastor Victor H. Mesenbring who has served Hope Church since its founding in 1977.

McDermott, was ordained in July 1982, and has served in two previous ministries. He comes to Hope Lutheran Church from St. Luke Church in Temperance, Mich. He is a gifted and enthusiastic teacher and looks forward to beginning an extensive Bible study program at the church.

McDermott's primary focus will be in the areas of evangelism and youth. With the addition of a second ordained minister, the leaders of the church have set a firm goal to expand their service in the community through an aggressive evangelism program to reach the unchurched in the area. By developing an extensive youth program, the church hopes to expand upon its family focus, which has always been a priority.

The community is invited to join in the formal installation service of Pastor McDermott at 10:45 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 10.

The Rev. Fred Gross, assistant to the bishop of the Southeast Michigan



Pastor Timothy McDermott

Synod will preside at the installation ceremony and will deliver the sermon.

Both the Senior Choir of Hope, under the direction of Sharon Davis, and the Hand Bell Choir, under the direction of Sherri Hassel, will provide special music.

A reception will follow immediately after the service.

The church is at 39200 12 Mile Rd.

Take toddlers, infants on winter sports trips

If you enjoyed your last winter vacation in the B.C. (before children) era, don't despair!

There are many places to find in Michigan to vacation with infants and toddlers.

Most downhill areas in the northern lower peninsula have day care/nursery facilities.

For instance, Shanty Creek/Schuss Mountain, Nob's Nob, Crystal Mountain, Boyne Mountain, Sugar Loaf and the Homestead Resort all have child care.

CROSS COUNTRY skiing is also available at most locations.

Some resorts charge a flat fee of \$15 to \$25 per day (some are free if staying at the resort). Others charge an hourly rate.

However, if you have infants, let the lodge know, since some will only take them at age six months or older.

FOR TODDLERS and older children, some resorts have a combination

ski and child-care program, leaving you free to enjoy activities.

If you want to visit a smaller, out-of-the-way location for cross country skiing or snowmobiling, your task will be more difficult but not impossible.

Planning and the power of persuasion are two useful tools. Start checking at least a month ahead for accommodations with child care services.

Start with the local chamber of commerce. Although some may be reluctant to help, explain that you will only vacation in a town where you can find child care ahead of time.

Ask them to research the subject for you. If they spend a few hours producing a list of baby-sitters or child-care providers, they'll have the information available for the next caller.

THE SAULT ST. MARIE Chamber of Commerce will provide a list of sitters for those who call ahead.

Grayling will send information about day-care providers.

If the chamber of commerce will not help, ask for a list of hotels and motels in the area.

Many of them will know local people who baby-sit, and some of them have lists. The Ramada Inn in Marquette has a list of college students who provide baby-sitting all year.

Make baby-sitting a condition for booking your reservations with a specific motel. Have them mail you a list of sitters several weeks before your vacation. Then interview the prospective sitters by phone ahead of time.



child care
Marcie Walker

With a little effort and planning, you'll be able to bring your children and enjoy your favorite winter sport.

Marcie Walker, free lance writer, has researched the local child care situation.

'In a Holiday Mood' is theme for concert

The Farmington Community Band opens the holiday season with a concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10, in Harrison High School auditorium, 12 Mile Road east of Orchard Lake Road. Many favorite Christmas classics will be featured.

William Pace, a guest baritone soloist from Dayton, Ohio, will add to the Christmas theme with several fine holiday classics. He will also lead a fun audience sing-a-long.

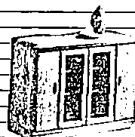
Pace is a graduate of Wilberforce University in Ohio with a degree in vocal performance. He has also studied voice and theatre at the Lincoln Arts Center in Dayton, as well as at

the College Conservatory of music at the University of Cincinnati. In 1975 Pace received a Madam Olga Ryss Scholarship to study at the Aspen School of Music in Colorado.

He brings to Farmington Hills a vast performance background. He sang the role of Normando in "Lucia di Lammermoor" with the Aspen Orchestra, he was a soloist in Handel's Messiah with the Dayton Choral and the Greenville Oratorio Society in 1987. He has performed with many concert bands throughout the country.

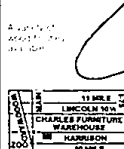
Pace is a frequent performer on radio and television throughout the United States.

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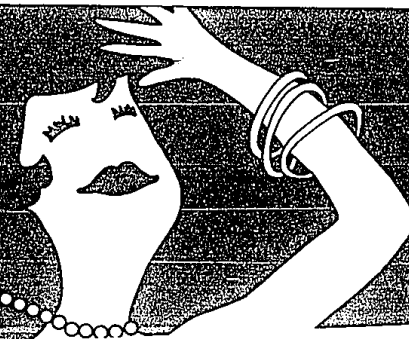
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