

Northwest Baptist sharpens ministry

The Rev. Ed Lassley feels like he's found his niche.

He took over as pastor at Northwest Baptist Church of Farmington Hills in August. It's his first job pastoring his own church.

He had been an associate pastor at a church in Illinois where he had primarily worked with teenagers. Then, a couple years ago, he decided he'd like to take over a church.

When he took over at Northwest it had 16 members, now it's up to 30. The church dates back to 1961 when members started meeting at the American Legion Hall on Grand River as Faith Baptist Temple. Members have been meeting at the current building on Middlebelt since 1968.

Now that Lassley has taken over he is adjusting to the new feeling of being in charge. "The buck stops with you. That's a new feeling," he said. But he's feeling a bright new fellowship with the Lord. When there's pressure, "You have to trust the Lord with it," he said. But he's enjoying that feeling. "I feel like I've found my niche," he said.

In a sense it's like coming home for his wife, Karen, who grew up in Trenton. Ed Lassley is from Cincinnati, Ohio.

"There are a lot of neat things happening," Lassley said. He and his wife are sharpening the ministry at the church. For example, his wife is meeting with women once a month for crafts and Bible study. And, now the group is not just church people, but people bringing their friends, Lassley said.

Other projects include taking on new missionaries with monthly support. "The strength of a church is measured by its outreach," Lassley said.

He's working with a diverse group now and some of those members have been attending since the early '70s.

With a music ensemble and new youth ministry programs such as the Pioneer clubs, Lassley sees a chance to bring people into the church. The youth group also does things for senior citizens and that in turn makes them feel part of the church.

Northwest Baptist Church is at 23445 Middlebelt. Call 810-474-3353.



Now at Northwest: The Rev. Ed Lassley, pastor of Northwest Baptist Church, took over in August of 1994.

RELIGION CALENDAR

Items for the religion calendar should be submitted no later than noon Friday for the next Thursday's issue.

FARMINGTON HILLS BAPTIST

Farmington Hills Baptist Church, 23501 Middlebelt in Farmington Hills, has several Easter events planned. The Good Friday service, a presentation of the significance of the passover in relation to the crucifixion of Christ, will be 1-2 p.m. April 14. An Easter service will be 11 a.m. April 16.

CLARENCEVILLE UNITED METHODIST

Clarenceville United Methodist Church, will host Prayer Chain and special guest Starliner 69 in concert at Arnesman Hall, 20300 Middlebelt, at 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 14. Donation is \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door. For more information (810) 474-3444 or (313) 485-4636.

CONCERT

Jerry Williams and Harvest will perform in concert at Clarenceville High School Auditorium, at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 16. Call (810) 474-3444 or (313) 485-4636. The concert is sponsored by Clarenceville United Methodist Church and Sonlight Ministries.

FARMINGTON HILLS CHURCH

The Farmington Hills Church worships at 10 a.m. Sundays in a conference room at the Comfort Inn, at the corner of Orchard Lake Road, 12 Mile Road and I-696. This is an independent Baptist church. Worship services consist of congregational singing, testimonies, prayer and Bible preaching. For information call Paul Crosby at (810) 553-4994 or Roland Crosby at (810) 559-0616.

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN

St. John Lutheran Church, 23225 Gill Road, Farmington Hills, (between Grand River and Freedom) plans Holy Week worship services at 7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday, April 13; 7:30 p.m. Friday, Good Friday, April 14; and sunrise service 7 a.m. and festival worship at 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Easter, April 16. Easter breakfast is served at 9:40 a.m. Call (810) 474-0584.

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN

St. Paul Lutheran, Eight Mile and Middlebelt roads, Farmington Hills, plans its annual Tre-Ore Service. The service will be

from noon to 3 p.m. on Good Friday, April 14. It will be divided into seven 20-minute segments with a five-minute break between each, allowing time for those with tight work schedules to come and go. In addition to the meditations, special prayers, readings from scripture and Lenten hymns will be sung by those in attendance. At 7 p.m. on Maundy Thursday, April 13, a eucharistic service will be conducted followed by the annual "Stripping" of the altar, in preparation for the Good Friday observances. After the Tre-Ore service, a Tenabre Service of Darkness will be conducted at 7 p.m. Two morning services are scheduled for Easter Sunday, April 16, a sunrise service at 7 a.m. and a high service at 10:30 a.m. Between the sunrise and high services, an Easter Breakfast will be served in the Fellowship Hall. For information, call (810) 474-0675.

FAITH COVENANT

A Maundy Thursday brunch will be held at Faith Covenant Church, at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, April 13. Brunch includes a light breakfast and features husband and wife singing team, Randy and Marli Brown. Tickets are \$5 and need to be purchased in advance by contacting the church office at 681-9191.

NORTH FARMINGTON COMMUNITY CHURCH

North Farmington Community Church, 32500 West 13 Mile Road, Farmington Hills, is offering a "Building a Life Worth Living" series. The programs include: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 13, "Remembering the Lord Supper"; 10 a.m. Sunday, April 16, "God's Promise to You"; 11:30 a.m. Sunday, April 16, Easter egg hunt for children. (810) 626-6900.

CHURCH OF GOD

Church of God Church of God, 25717 Power Road (between 10 and 11 Mile roads), Farmington Hills. Sunday school is at 10 a.m. worship service is at 11 a.m. Nursery care is available. Call (810) 477-9144 for more information.

Starting April 16 Sunday services will be held at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. and will feature a talk series called "No Fear." April 16, "No

fear of crime, violence and tomorrow"; April 23, "No fear of ending a failure"; April 30, "No fear of facing our past wounds"; May 7, "No fear of a righteous, judging God"; May 14, "No fear of being a good enough parent"; May 21, "No fear of being rejected and alone"; and May 28, "No fear of becoming sick and facing death." A continental breakfast will be held at 10 a.m. on Easter Sunday, April 16. For information call (810) 477-9144.

HOPE LUTHERAN

Members of Hope Lutheran Church in Farmington Hills are participating in a 50-day spiritual adventure titled "Facing down our fears: finding courage when anxiety grips the heart." The series will be held at the church through Easter Sunday, April 16. It is sponsored by the Chapel of the Air Ministries. Hope Church is at 39200 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills, (810) 553-7170.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER

A charismatic prayer group meets at 6 p.m. Sundays in Patio Classroom 1 on the ground floor of the University Center at Madonna University, Schoolcraft and Levan roads, Livonia. For more information, call Shawn at (313) 464-9057 or Julie at (313) 464-4565.

POW HILL CONGREGATIONAL

Finis Hill Congregational Church, 4160 Middlebelt, West Bloomfield, has Sunday worship services at 10:30 a.m. Nursery care and Sunday school are provided during the service. For information, call (810) 626-2737.

TEMPLE ISRAEL

Temple Israel, 5725 Walnut Lake Road, will have services 7:30 a.m. weekdays, 10:30 a.m. Saturdays, (Rabbi's Tish at 9:30 a.m.), 9 a.m. Sundays and 8 p.m. Fridays. M. Robert Syme, rabbi, Harold S. Loeb, rabbi, Paul M. Yedwab, rabbi, Joshua Bennett, rabbi, and Harold Orbach, cantor.

Friday evening, Syme will deliver the sermon; Saturday morning, Yedwab will deliver the sermon.

WEST BLOOMFIELD BIBLE

West Bloomfield Bible Church, 4900 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield. Church: (810) 681-3467, Parsonage: (810) 738-6260. Sunday school, 10 a.m.; worship service, 11 a.m. Sunday (evening, 6 p.m.); Wednesday prayer meeting, 7 p.m.

HOLY SPIRIT LUTHERAN

Holy Spirit Lutheran Church, 4800 Orchard Lake Road, has services at 6 p.m. Saturday and 8:30 and 10:45 a.m. Sunday nursery provided at second service. Sunday school for toddlers through adults at 9:30 a.m.

CONGREGATION SHAAREY

CHEN B'NAI ISRAEL CENTER Congregation Shaarey Zedek, B'Nai Israel, 4200 Walnut Lake Road, will have services 9 a.m. Saturday and Sunday, and 7:15 a.m. weekdays. For more information, call (810) 681-5353.

CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR

Church of Our Saviour, Presbyterian (USA), 6658 Middlebelt, conducts 10 a.m. Sunday services. Church school classes for infants through high school and crib care are available during worship. For more information, call (810) 626-7606. Facilities are barrier-free. Weekday preschool program and child care are open to the community. Call (810) 655-6186 for more information.

CONGREGATION B'NAI MOSHE

Congregation B'Nai Moshe is at 6800 Drake in West Bloomfield. (810) 788-0600.

Services are: 6 p.m. Friday; 9 a.m. and 7:15 p.m. Saturday; 8:30 a.m. Sunday; and 7 a.m. daily. Elliot Pachter, rabbi; Louis Klein, hazzan; Shalom Ralph, sexton emeritus; Abram Rabinovitch, Torah reader; Joel Ungar will chant the Haftorah.

Shabbat Mincha at 6:30 p.m., followed by Se'udah Shalishit, and Rabbi's Mishna class. Ma'ariv and Havdalah. Kiddush will follow Shabbat services.

TEMPLE SHIR SHALOM

Temple Shir Shalom is at 5642 Maple, West Bloomfield. Friday service at 8 p.m. Saturday service 9:30 a.m. Tish: 11 a.m. Shabbat services. For more information, call the temple office at (810) 737-8700.

TEMPLE KOL AMI

Temple Kol Ami, 5085 Walnut Lake Road, West Bloomfield, (810) 661-0040.

FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD

The First Assembly of God Church of West Bloomfield is meeting in the facilities of Temple Kol Ami, 5085 Walnut Lake Road, and normally meets at 10 a.m. Sundays and 7 p.m. Wednesdays. (810) 624-6824.

CONGREGATION BETH ABRAHAM

Congregation Beth Abraham Hill-Moses, 5075 W. Maple, has morning services 8:30 a.m. Sundays and 7 a.m. Monday-Friday; evening services 6 p.m. Sundays and 7 p.m. Monday-Thursday. Rabbi A. Irving Schnipper and Aaron Bergman; Cantor Ben-Zion Lannner; Haftorah reader, Michal Herman. Rabbi's Class: 6:45 p.m.; Mincha: 7:15 p.m.

BIRMINGHAM TEMPLE

The Birmingham Temple is at 23611 W. 12 Mile, Farmington. For more information, call (810) 477-1410.

COVENANT BAPTIST CHURCH

Covenant Baptist Church, 5500 W. Maple, has worship services 11 a.m. Sundays. Sunday school for infants through adults begins at 9:30 a.m. Evening worship and youth fellowship are 6 p.m. Wednesday, activities include Bible study and youth activities. Adult choir, 7 p.m. For information, call (810) 855-9191.

YOT-SHABRAT

The Birmingham-Bloomfield Synagogue-Chabad has its Tot-

Shabbat; games, stories, songs and fun for children ages 4-11 every Saturday morning at the Masonic Temple on North Woodward. (810) 544-8039.

WEEKLY TORAH REVIEW

The study group combining Jewish history, tradition, philosophy and mysticism from the weekly Torah portion is at 8 p.m. Tuesdays at 380 N. Woodward, Suite 112. (810) 544-8039.

BIBLE STUDY

Margaret Hea will hold non-denominational community Bible classes 9:30-11 a.m. Thursdays at the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, 1800 W. Maple in Birmingham. Nursery is provided. Maggie, (810) 352-4430.

JEWISH SERVICES

Jewish services with the Birmingham-Bloomfield Hills Synagogue-Chabad at 10 a.m. Saturday mornings at the Masonic Temple. (810) 544-8039.

RUMMAGE SALES

Clarenceville United Methodist Church will have a rummage and bake sale 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, April 20, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, April 21, at the church, 20300 Middlebelt, Livonia.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church will have its annual spring rummage sale 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, April 20, at the church, 26701 Joy, between Inkster and Beech Daly. Coffee and doughnuts will be available during the sale.

The First United Methodist Church of Wayne will have its annual spring rummage sale with the Plus Room (antiques and collectibles) 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, April 21, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 22, at the church, 3739 Newberry, Wayne. It will be \$2.50 a bag day on Saturday. For more information, call (313) 721-4801.

Farmington area religious institutions should submit calendar items to the Farmington Observer, 33411 Grand River, Farmington 48335.

DP/MIS & ENGINEERING/DESIGN JOB FAIRS

April 24 Troy, MSU, Mgmt. Educ. Center 611 W. Square Lake Road, Troy
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Birmingham FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Monday, Thursday - 1:00 p.m. - Holy Communion and Fellowship of the Church
Good Friday - 1:30 a.m. - Holy Communion (by reservation) 12:00 to 1:30 - services on the half hour at First United Methodist Church
Easter - 8:00 p.m. - "The Lower Life Words of Our Redeemer" with the Choir with Orchestra and Solists
Holy Eucharist - 1:00 p.m. - Easter Egg Hunt on the lawn
Easter Vigil - 8:00 p.m. - Easter Vigil, featuring the Chancel Choir, with the Choir and Orchestra
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