

If you want to submit an item for the religion calendar, fax it to (248) 477-9722 or write: Religion Calendar, Farmington Observer, 33401 Grand River, Farmington, MI 48335. The deadline for an announcement to appear in the Thursday edition is noon Monday.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Church Blessing

Cardinal Malda will bless St. Clare of Assisi's new church at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 18. Light refreshments will be served following the blessing. The church is located at 29200 W. 10 Mile.

Healing Workshop

Nardin Park United Methodist Church will hold a free workshop to help people heal their unresolved grief 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 10. Dr. Jack Miller, host of the workshop, is a former Catholic priest who founded The Center for Education on Death and Dying, Inc. and Cook County Hospital's Palliative Care Program. For more information call (248) 476-8860.

CHURCH SERVICES

Antioch Lutheran Church

Summer Sunday service 9:30 a.m. through Labor Day weekend. Contemporary Praise service 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays through Aug. 28, preceded by 6:30 p.m. Bible study. The church is at 33360 W. 13 Mile Road, corner of Farmington Road. (248) 626-7906.

St. John Lutheran Church

Construction of St. John's new worship and fellowship center at 33225 Gill Road has begun. Summer Sunday services will be offered 8:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. through Sept. 1. The early service features traditional liturgy, communion and hymns. The late service alternates weekly between traditional and contemporary praise worship. The next contemporary service is July 28. Call (248) 474-0584.

ONGOING

Widow/Widower Support

New Hope Center for Grief Support, a Christian-based bereavement outreach center, offers support for widows and widowers with children on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. The group meets at 7 p.m. at St. Kenneth's Parish offices, 14951 Haggerty, Plymouth. New Hope for Kids meets at the same time and place and is aimed at ages 4-11. (248) 348-0105.

Marriage Encounter

Weekend experience for married couples to improve their communication skills and renew their love. Friday-Sunday, June 28-30 and Sept. 20-22 at St. John's Family Life Center, 44011 Five Mile Road, Plymouth. Registration \$50. Call Bill & Carol. (248) 528-2512 or Don & Debbie (616) 286-5524 or visit www.re4.net/detroit/wwwne

PRESCHOOL

Antioch Lutheran Church

Offers Christian-based preschool for children age 3 and 4 and is now accepting registrations. Credit-blended staff. Small class sizes are offered at the church on the corner of 13 Mile Road at Farmington Road in Farmington Hills. (248) 626-7906.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

First Presbyterian Church School

First Presbyterian Church of Farmington will hold Vacation Church School 9:30 a.m.-noon, Aug. 12-16 for children kindergarten-sixth grade. There will be music, Bible Stories, crafts, games and snack time. To register call (248) 474-6170.

North Farmington Community Church

North Farmington Community Church will host evening vacation Bible School 6:30-8:30 p.m. Aug. 12-16. The theme will be Son Country River Adventure. The church is located at 32500 W. 13 Mile Rd. in Farmington Hills. A Children's Service will be held at 10 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 18. Call (248) 626-6900 to register.



BILL BRISLER/OBSERVER

To the children

Kathleen Jenova's mural in Alameda's library is "Dedicated to the children of Alameda; May you travel the road to your dreams with courage and loving kindness".

Nardin Park members host homeless

Nardin Park United Methodist Church hosted adults and children from the South Oakland Shelter during the week of July 28-August 4.

Some drove guests from the shelter to the church. Volunteers provided a warm dinner, a safe shelter for the night, breakfast and a packed lunch for the next day. Morning

drivers took guests to their next day's work or back to the shelter.

Two hundred volunteers donated about 1,000 hours to the South Oakland Shelter. Personal contact with the guests gave volunteers a chance to learn about the causes of the homeless and their difficulties in finding suitable housing.

Nardin Parkers found that the guests were not so different from their own friends, families and neighbors.

Nardin Park United Methodist Church is located at 29887 W. Eleven Mile Rd., just west of Middlebelt Rd., in Farmington Hills. For more information, call (248) 476-8860.

REUNIONS

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St. Mary's of Wayne
Class of 1952
A 50-year reunion is planned 7 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 14, at St. Mary's Activities Center. Call Marcia Lawson (Keyes) at (734) 421-8477, e-mail: soomich23@aol.com; or Carol Yarey (Kurlak) at (734) 728-3032.
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