

R. JACK DEVOS
(Tenor)ROSEMARY F. DEVOS
(Contralto)

Couple To Sing Liturgy, Hymns

A program combining Gregorian, classical and modern music for liturgy and celebration will be combined with an old-fashioned hymn sing in University Hills Church, 26711 Farmington Road, Farmington.

The event will take place Sunday, Jan. 30, at 6 p.m. vespers service in the new sanctuary.

The music will be by R. Jack and Rosemary Devos, well-known oratorio soloists in Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo and Muskegon. Mrs. Devos was a scholarship student at Calvin College, where she was a soloist with the Oratorio Society.

Devos was also a soloist in the society. He is director of

the Backwith Hills Christian Reformed Church Choir. Both have been members of the "Back to God Hour" radio choir, as well as appearing as soloists at Bible conferences at Winona Lake and Cedar Lake for the Christian Reformed Church. They make their home, with their three children, in Grand Rapids.

The musical evening is also planned to give persons in Farmington an opportunity to see and enjoy the new sanctuary. Members of Christian Reformed Churches in Grosse Pointe, Dearborn, Inkster, Detroit, Troy and Roseville are also expected. The Rev. Tom Kastra of the Roseville Church helped arrange Mr. and Mrs. Devos' visit.

Church

CONGREGATIONAL
MT. HOPE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
30330 Schoolcraft Road — 425-7280
Sunday Service at 10:30 a.m. Worship and Church School

Minister
Rev. Richard Campbell
Helen and Jack Trudgen
Directors of Music

APOSTOLIC
SPECIAL SERVICES
Sunday Nights Only
APOSTOLIC FAITH
Clothing of Power Ministry
8:00 p.m.
American Legion Hall
31775 Grand River
Farmington 478-7284

CHRISTIAN CHURCH
(Disciples of Christ)
LIVONIA CHRISTIAN CHURCH
36075 W. Mile Rd. 522-7188
Pastor
Rev. Donald Moseley
Church School 9:30 a.m. (Sept. - June)
Morning Worship 11 a.m.

LUTHERAN
Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Churches
WISCONSIN LUTHERAN RADIO HOUR WDRQ 93.1 FM
Sunday 11 a.m.

In Livonia
St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church
17818 Farmington Rd.
Pastor James A. DeRue 427-5814
Sunday School 9:30 and 11 a.m.
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

In Plymouth
St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran Church
1442 Pioneer Avenue
Pastor Edward J. 522-5814
Sunday School 9:30 and 11 a.m.
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

In Redford Township
Lutheran Church of the Incarnation
30330 W. Mile Rd. Farmington
474-5317
Pastor
Rev. W. C. Cowell
Sunday School 9:30 and 11 a.m.
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

In Farmington
LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE INCARNATION
30330 W. Mile Rd. Farmington
474-5317
Pastor
Rev. W. C. Cowell
Sunday School 9:30 and 11 a.m.
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE RISEN CHRIST
Missouri Synod
48250 Ann Arbor Road
M-141 City of Plymouth
Rev. Kenneth E. Zietke
453-5252 453-1099

for information
call Kathy Porter
261-8600

St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School
(Missouri Synod)
Midbelle at 8 Mile Rd.
474-0875
J. W. Walker, President
W. R. Warkentin, Pastor
8:30 and 11 a.m. Worship Services
(Nursery Provided)
Bible Classes 9:40 a.m.

PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
(Missouri Synod)
12 Mile at Farmington Rd.
474-0210
Rev. Victor H. Measuring
Pastor
8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Worship Services
Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.
(Nursery Provided)

AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCHES
SAVED OF THE SPIRIT
34583 Seven Mile Road, Livonia
Pastor William D. Wolfe
Family Worship 10 a.m.
Study for All Ages 11 a.m.
Phone 478-3818 or 591-6555

CHRIST LUTHERAN
14350 Warner Road, Farmington
Rev. Jerry Stroud
Worship 10 a.m.
Sunday Church School 9 a.m.
534-3462

ST. JOHN'S
23325 Gile Road, Farmington
Pastor Charles F. Fischer
474-0884 or 474-4489
Worship 8:30 and 11 a.m.
Sunday Church School 9:40 a.m.
Nursery Provided

TIMOTHY
8820 Wayne Road, Livonia
Pastor George Fischer
Worship Services 8:30 and 11 a.m.
Sunday Church School 9:45 a.m.
422-2290 or 423-1184
Nursery Provided

Church Superintendent New St. Matthew Pastor

The Rev. William Rickard, a district superintendent in the United Methodist Church for the last six years, is taking over as senior minister of St. Matthew United Methodist church in Livonia.

In a mid-year change unusual in the Methodist organization, Rev. Rickard is succeeding the Rev. Paul T. Hart, who on Jan. 15 became pastor of the First United Methodist Church of Owosso. Rev. Rickard has served since 1966 as district superintendent of the Port Huron District of the Detroit Conference. During that time he was chairman of the conference cabinet and had the responsibility of overseeing the work of 104 Methodist churches in Michigan's Thumb area.

THE NEW MINISTERS take over his duties at St. Matthew the first week of February. The congregation plans a reception for the Rickard family at 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13.

Rev. Rickard met members of the congregation last year when he was one of the speakers in the St. Matthew Wednesday evening Lenten series.

A native of Mt. Clemens, he is a graduate of Albion College and the Garrett School of Theology at Northwestern University and was ordained in 1946.

He served a student appointment in the Wisconsin Methodist Conference and was assigned to a church in Midland for four years.

REV. WILLIAM
RICKARD

After that he was pastor of the State Street Methodist Church of Saginaw for 15 years, and during that time the church's membership grew from 80 to more than 900.

REV. RICKARD has served on varied boards and agencies

of the United Methodist Church in Michigan. He has been a trustee of Albion College, a member of the board of ministry, the camp commission, the board of education and the conference program council. At this time he is a member of the board of evangelism, the commission on town and country work and the camp commission.

He and his wife, Mary, both are certified leaders in the Methodist Church family worship department marriage enrichment program. Both also have been active in YMCA activities. Mrs. Rickard attended Albion College and earned a nursing arts degree from the University of Michigan.

The Rickards are parents of six children, two of whom, Steve, 15, and Lori, 10, are moving to Livonia with them. Ron, 21, is a senior in pre-law at Albion College and captain of the cross-country and track team there.

Peace Missionary Reports On China

A report from a recent peace missionary to North Vietnam and Mainland China and a series of special Quaker meetings are scheduled for Religious Society of Friends in Farmington and Livonia.

The speaker returned from Communist territory is Russell Johnson, staff member of the American

Friends Service Committee. Johnson will report on his recent travels at 8:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4, in the Birmingham Unitarian Church. Woodward at Lone Pine Bloomfield Hills. The talk will be illustrated with slides. The meeting is co-sponsored by the Farmington and Livonia Quaker group and the Oakland County Peace and Priorities Council.

CARL DAVIDSON of the Detroit Friends Meeting commented that Johnson is one of a number of Quakers who have made peace missions to China in recent months.

Several Quakers," he added, "have been on peace missions to China recently, and another peace mission is planned this year by a well-known Quaker, Richard Willhouse Nixon, a member of East Quaker Friends Church."

"Mr. Nixon will not show slides at the Birmingham Unitarian Church."

Davidson said Johnson, on his visit, had a personal interview with exiled Prince Norodom Sihanouk in Peking.

THE MONTHLY MEETINGS will begin 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 5, in the Universalist - Unitarian Church of Farmington, Halstead North of Grand River.

The first meeting will include traditional worship, followed by a talk on Quakerism and the Pentecostal Movement by ministers of the Evangelical Friends Society of Detroit.

Subsequent meetings will be held with Quaker insights into meditation, scripture and the practical work of creating peace and equity, individually and in society.

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Religion Update

Rev. Lester Kinsolving's

Should a newspaper require that its sportswriters all be athletes? — or that its religion editor be religious?

An editor has every right to inquire about a prospective religion writer's knowledge of the field. But the *Houston Chronicle's* managing editor, Don Pickels, recently hired a new religion editor after asking him whether or not he believes in the virgin birth.

Editor Pickels disclosed this rather unique form of holy inquisition to Dr. William Rivers, Stanford University's professor of communications.

Dr. Rivers was retained by the national Religion Writers Association to investigate The *Chronicle's* dismissal of its religion editor, Janice Law.

IT IS SAFE to presume that Mrs. Law's replacement, William Moore, answered the virgin birth question in the affirmative. For he is a student and a paid public relations man at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville.

While this may be a safe procedure for The *Chronicle*, as the most widely circulated daily newspaper in strongly Southern Baptist Texas, Pickels' religious test is a particularly insidious attack on the press, vis-a-vis the field of religion.

Dr. Rivers' report includes the observation: "I wondered whether Mr. Pickels would consider it in order to ask a prospective society reporter if she believes in 'The 400,' a prospective economics reporter his views on the gold

standard and a prospective political reporter whether he favors the Tenth Amendment."

Rabbi Michael LeBurkin of Houston's Congregation For Reform Judaism, who also investigated the dismissal of Mrs. Law, has commented: "Her job is to ferret out facts and report, not to win friends and influence people. I have the distinct impression that concern for public relations has overshadowed the *Chronicle's* attachment to the freedom of the press. Religion is in difficulty in America. Mrs. Law reported that 'difficulty.' Honest reporting will lead to a renewal of healthy religion in America."

MRS. LAW, whose writing has been published by The National Catholic Reporter and The New York Times, received the 1970 Religion Writers Award for the outstanding church page in the U.S. and Canada. But she has been unemployed since her dismissal in October.

Professor Rivers, who has written for four daily newspapers, NBC, Harper's and The Reporter, is a member of the Professional Freedom and Responsibility Committee of the Association For Education in Journalism. He reports that Mrs. Law was dismissed after newly appointed *Chronicle* City Editor Zarko Franks ordered her to write a correction of a story she had written on laicized Catholic priests — and subsequently took it upon himself to write the correction, which

later was proven to be inaccurate.

This correction by Franks was, Dr. Rivers reports, based upon a letter written by Msgr. Gantner, (Msgr. Bernard Gantner is the chancellor of the Catholic Diocese of Galveston-Houston).

"Should an editor accept as fact a correction offered by a news source who has a vested interest in seeing that his view of the truth prevails?" asked Dr. Rivers.

"In seeking information only from Msgr. Gantner and in failing later to challenge his view of the truth, *Chronicle* news executives invite the suspicion that their first concern was appeasing a critic," concludes Dr. Rivers.

The worst light in which to view this action is to suggest that Mr. Franks was in league with Msgr. Gantner to discredit one of his own reporters."

THERE WAS ONCE a time when religion reporters, if they dared to function as anything other than ecclesiastical press agents, could be discredited, censored or obliterated simply on the word of any highly placed church hierarchy.

But the public is no longer so willing to have its church news so filtered.

And in Houston, the closely competing Houston Post, which believes in freedom of religious reporting, is a "refreshing antidote to The *Chronicle*" in which in 1966 was the feature of an article in *Atlantic* magazine — Title: "Houston's Shackled Press."

'Jeremiah People' To Visit

The "Jeremiah People", a group of six young people who present a religious message in words and music, will appear in two area churches early in February.

Their program is scheduled in Evangelical Church of Christ, 24331 W. Eight Mile, Detroit, at 7:45 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 1, and in Ward United Presbyterian Church, Farmington Road and Six Mile, Livonia, at 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6.

The group has taken its name from the Old Testament prophet whose love for his people led him to speak words of God's judgment to them.

The six individuals of widely varying backgrounds are led by a former program director for Youth Television and Radio in Miami.

Sunday topics will be "Splitting Atoms — Splitting Mountains," at the 11 a.m.

The performances they give vary from dramatic sketches and comedies to short musical productions and include pantomime, monologues and other dramatic and music interpretations.

CSI Productions of Woodland Hills, Calif., sponsors the "Jeremiah People," currently on a 12-month tour throughout the U.S.

Atoms, Space Age Youth Topic

Atoms and the space age provide the theme for special Youth Week services in the Livonia Wesleyan Church this weekend.

The Rev. Raymond Thomas is speaker for the series of programs.

His topic for the opening service Friday evening was "The Moon, Man's Last Step In Space," and at 7 p.m. Saturday he will discuss "The Televised Return of the Lord."

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Murk Clan To Visit Northwest

The famed Murk family will sing a sacred concert in Northwest Church, Christian and Missionary Alliance, Farmington, at 11 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 30.

The Murks are a musical clan from Wheaton, Ill., who for several years have been giving instrumental and vocal programs for church and school groups and clubs across the nation for several years.

Jim and Donna Murk and their five children, a son and four daughters ranging in age from 17 to 11, travel in a specially-equipped bus to give their concerts of gospel and other sacred music.

Their accompanist is Betty Bowman, and she also does most of the arrangements for their music.

The Rev. Paul D. Borsche, pastor of Northwest Church, said the public is invited to hear the Murk family. The church is located at 28114 W. 10 Mile.

Area Deaths And Funerals

DALE PETER GULLA — Services for Mr. Gulla 33, of 38802 Heatherford, Farmington, were held in the Westwood Funeral Home with the Rev. James Stewart officiating. Burial was in the Rosedale Cemetery.

Mr. Gulla died Jan. 21 in the Northwest branch of Grace Hospital. He came to the community several years ago and was an engineer for Ford Motor Company.

Surviving are his wife, Judith, one son, Christopher, one daughter, Susan, and a brother, Rudolph.

AUDREY BEHNHART — Services for Mrs. Behnhart, 85, of Detroit, were held in the Healey-Sundquist Funeral Home with the Rev. Raymond Thomas officiating. Burial was in the Oakwood Cemetery.

Mrs. Behnhart died Jan. 21 in the Detroit Osteopathic Hospital. She was a member of the Binghamton Chapter of the Eastern Star.

Surviving are one son, Harold, three daughters, Mrs. Albert H. Salovey of Detroit, Mrs. Walter F. Winkler of Detroit, and Mrs. Anthony T. Deaton of Detroit. One granddaughter, Mrs. Gary Smith of Detroit, and one great-granddaughter, Diana Smith of Detroit.

JEREMIAH J. KENNEY — Services for Mr. Kenney, 71, of 14071 Shadsworth, Farmington, were held in the Schrader Funeral Home.

Mr. Kenney died Jan. 23 in Harper Hospital. He had been a longtime City of Detroit employee and for the past two years had been a resident of Plymouth.

Surviving are his wife, Josephine, two sons, John J. of Washington, D.C., and James J. of Plymouth, a brother, Walter J. Kenney of Farmington, and seven grandchildren.

VICTOR A. JOYCE — Services for Mr. Joyce, 70, of 33983 Glenview Dr., Farmington, were conducted by the Rev. James O. Rankin, the heavenly. Services were held in the Heavenly Funeral Home.

Mr. Joyce died Jan. 22 in St. Mary Hospital. He was a member of the Detroit Presbyterian Church and had been a salesman for Marshall Field & Co.

Survivors include his wife, Lilian, son, David V. Joyce of Farmington, and daughter, Mrs. J. G. Joyce of Farmington. Mrs. Joyce was born in Livonia and was a member of the Detroit Presbyterian Church.

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WILLIAM D. McDONOUGH — Services for Mr. McDonough, 42, of 9505 Woodstock, Livonia, were held in the Harry J. Wolf Funeral Home with the Rev. Richard D. Burdette officiating. Burial was in the Rosedale Cemetery.

Mr. McDonough died Jan. 16 in St. Mary Hospital. He was a self-employed insurance agent and affiliated with the Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church.

Surviving are his wife, Margaret, mother, Mrs. R. McDonough of Detroit, daughters Carol and Mary, and sons James and Thomas.

KATHERINE BODNAR — Services for Mrs. Bodnar, of Detroit, were held in the Harry J. Wolf Funeral Home and St. Robert's Catholic Church of Detroit. Burial was in the Glen Eden Cemetery.

Mrs. Bodnar died Jan. 17 in Providence Hospital. She was a retired mailman for the United States Postal Service.

Surviving are her daughter, Mrs. Phil Foley of Redford Township, a son, Michael, a granddaughter, and two great-grandchildren.

HENRY BLISS — Services for Mr. Bliss, 81, of 9424 Jerome, Redford Township, were held in the Harry J. Wolf Funeral Home with the Rev. Richard Johnson officiating. Burial was in the Glen Eden Cemetery.

Mr. Bliss died Jan. 17 in Providence Hospital. He was a retired mailman for the United States Postal Service.

Surviving are his wife, Bertha, daughter, Mrs. Violet Stachowicz of Detroit, brother, Richard Bliss of Detroit, one grandchild and one great-grandchild.

JANET L. HAWES — Services for Mrs. Hawes, 54, a former Plymouth resident and wife of Dr. Virgil E. Hawes, orthodontist, who practiced in the Livonia area, were held in the Livonia area.

Mrs. Hawes died Jan. 18 in a Glenview Hospital. She came to the community in 1954.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Fred Cordes of Farmington, Mrs. Thomas Stimpel of Farmington, a son, Harold Dick of Detroit, six grandchildren, and 24 great-grandchildren.

JOHN L. HAWES — Services for Mr. Hawes, 54, a former Plymouth resident and wife of Dr. Virgil E. Hawes, orthodontist, who practiced in the Livonia area, were held in the Livonia area.

ROYAL R. DENICO — Services for Mr. Denico, 53, of Romulus, Michigan, were held in the Schrader Funeral Home in Plymouth, with Rev. James Mackay officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery.

Mr. Denico died Jan. 17 at home. After coming to the community one year ago from New Hampshire, he was originally from Connecticut.