

Lenten Devotions Home-Grown

"Wishing to know the Lord's face, we must come to know ourselves. Within each person is the means to approach Him—desire and will. He must choose to do right, then exert his will in that direction."

"We do not LOSE biases, urges and destructive emotions. We have to OVERCOME them."

"Sometimes God is my diary. Instead of writing down everything that happens to me, I tell God each night before I go to sleep. God is my confidant, and I am sure he's not a squealer."

With words like these, members of Newburg United Methodist Church in Livonia have put a personal touch into Lenten devotions.

Daily reading of the Bible, together with a devotional passage and a prayer, is a time-honored custom many Christians try to follow, especially during the church season of Lent.

Many church publications are available to list suggested biblical reading and make a commentary for each day of Lent.

But instead of these, many Newburg members are using this year a 28-page mimeographed booklet that contains their own thoughts and scripture suggestions for the season.

The booklet, "Chords and Echoes of Devotion," was compiled early this year as 44 Newburg members, ranging in age from teen years to more than 80, contributed

their ideas for a daily devotional reading.

The Rev. William A. Ritter, Newburg pastor, commented in an introduction that the church's booklet lacks the "consistency and evenness" to be found in the professionally-produced devotional guides.

"An editor of a formal devotional would not be able to sleep, worrying about how to organize the material into one coherent stream," he wrote.

"This is precisely what we have avoided doing. What follows reflects our congregation—itsself far from a coherent stream. Inside these pages we meet 44 people for whom the single unifying factor is that they all are part of the Newburg family."

The pages of "Chords and Echoes" definitely reflect a suburban congregation.

One busy couple, shared in the writing of a day's message.

"Why did we agree to be a part of this? We really don't have time. Working all day, taking classes, doing extra jobs at night to help pay the bills, taking the kids to the school functions or their social activities, driving them to music lessons, attending choir practice, planning activities for the scout meeting, and don't forget the civic meeting and must prepare our lessons for the Sunday School class."

"This is part of our schedule, but most of our friends have schedules that are just as busy."

"Our prayer, for all of us, is a simple one. Grant us the wisdom to make time in our busy schedule for the impor-



tant little things we have neglected in our lives. Help us make time to call a relative or a friend forgotten over the years or take time to mend a relationship with someone in the family who needs our attention.

"Give us strength to walk away from the television during prime time to the evening to stroll around the block and enjoy the fresh air and gaze at the stars. Move us to write that note we've been thinking about, because we know that person wants to hear from us."

"Now that we have finished, we're glad we took this time, because we're going to do these things and we hope you will too."

They recommended in the second chapter of the New Testament book of James, second to 10th verses.

"One woman writer told a shocking story and she recommended that the congregation think again about this."

"One afternoon during the winter, I was on my way home from church," she wrote, "and as I approached the intersection of Joy and Crown I heard the loud honking of an automobile horn. Thinking it must be a wedding party, I hurried toward the corner and saw

two cars speeding along Joy Road.

"In the first car there was a young black girl with a look of fright and terror on her face. In the second car—and it was this one which was blaring its horn—there were a group of men laughing as they sped along forcing her to go faster and faster, tormenting and frightening her more."

"They were not teen-agers, they looked like working men in their 20s or early 30s, and they were deliberately frightening the girl."

"I stood still in shock, my peaceful world crumbling as I thought of the fright of the young girl and the fact she might not be able to drive safely or carefully home."

"And I, thought of the men who would go home and laugh about it to their family and of their children who would be listening and learning."

"This writer's prayer began 'Oh God, we certify Thy son almighty each day,'"

One man in the congregation told in his contribution about starting a daily jogging schedule because a friend urged him to get back into shape. He then commented:

"My faith is the same as my running. I didn't come to believing or having faith by accident, but by the help of

others... Like running, my faith has grown stronger and has helped me physically and mentally by my love of Jesus... His scripture suggestion was Psalm 96.

One Newburg member of more than 50 years' standing recommended the Hebrews passage that "faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things unseen" and told in simple words of her faith in church, home, children and her church.

She added: "I believe in today. It is all that I have. The past is of value only as it can make the life of today better, and richer. There is no assurance of tomorrow. I must make the most of today."

A young mother recommended reading the 13th chapter of Corinthians II, saying she had found new meaning there when considering the best gifts she and her husband could give their daughter.

"So we are back to the beginning," she wrote. "The most meaningful and useful gift we can give," she wrote, "These three things last forever—faith, hope and love, but the greatest of these is love, for it brings the girls of faith and hope. What more precious gift can there be for our daughter?"



THE MUSICAL MURKS, Chicago's equivalent of the Von Trapp Singers, will give a concert Sunday, April 1, in Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Jys, Plymouth. The program will begin at 7 p.m. The Murks, blending strings and voices, have given more than 1,700 performances in 45 states and several foreign countries. They have eight LP recordings to their credit.

Area U-U Churches To Meet

Dr. Philip Randall Giles, Unitarian-Universalist Association vice president for development, will be keynote speaker for the denomination's Detroit area meeting April 7.

U-U congregation members will gather for an all-day workshop in the First Unitarian-Universalist Church, Cass at Forest, Detroit.

"The Individual U-U Church or Society" is the

theme for the day and the topic of Dr. Giles talk at 12:30 p.m., following 11 a.m. brunch.

Four simultaneous workshops, to be held at 1:45 and repeated at 3:15 p.m., will deal with interdependence between U-U churches, churchmanship, inner-city community programs and the UUA general assembly of delegates.

The Rev. Robert Marshall,

minister of the Birmingham Unitarian-Universalist Church, will be one of the leaders of the inner-city program workshop.

U-U members from Farmington, Birmingham and Southfield churches will join those from Flint, Grosse Pointe, Utica, Windsor, Sardinia/Port Huron, Troy, Trenton, Ann Arbor and Detroit.

Registrations should be telephoned to the Detroit Church. The cost is \$3.

Evangelist Visits From Brazil

The Rev. Bernard Johnson, sometimes called the Billy Graham of South America, will conduct a "Go Forward Crusade" from April 4 to 6 in the United Assembly of God, 42021 E. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth.

The church, recently renamed, comprises members of the Parkdale and Plymouth Assemblies of God.

Sessions will take place from Wednesday through Saturday, each beginning at 7:30 p.m.

"Go Forward in Prayer," "Go Forward in Missions," and "Go Forward in Evangelism" are the themes for the first three evenings.

On Saturday, Rev. Johnson will put emphasis on youth and the evening will end with a rap session.

Rev. Johnson is director of Good News Crusades with headquarters in Rio de Janeiro.

Raised by missionary parents in Brazil, he attended Gammon Institute there, later he studied at Central Bible College in Springfield, Mo., and served two churches in northern California.

Ward Has 3 Visitors April 1

A California pastor famed for his knowledge of the Bible and a couple from In. pan will visit Ward United Presbyterian Church of Livonia Sunday, April 1.

Guest preacher for the 9:30 and 11 a.m. services will be the Rev. Ray Stedman, who also is speaking Saturday evening for the Body Life conference scheduled in the First Church of the Nazarene, Detroit.

Ward is one of the churches participating in the two-day conference.

Rev. Stedman is pastor of the Peninsula Bible Church in Palo Alto, Calif. A graduate of Dallas Theological Seminary, he conducts conferences and conventions throughout the country.

The visitors for the 7 p.m. service at Ward are Andy and Yoneko Tahara. They will speak and present a film on Japanese life. Mrs. Tahara will be dressed in Japanese costume and her husband will provide music.

Ward church is located at Six Mile and Farmington Road.

Rabbi Wine Schedules 5 Reviews

Rabbi Sherwin Wine of the Birmingham Temple will conduct a series of five cinema and theater reviews on Mondays beginning April 2 at 8:30 p.m.

The series will involve commentary and discussion on four films and a stage presentation.

The rabbi will discuss "The Heartbreak Kid" on April 2, "Deliverance" on April 9, "Slaughterhouse 5" on April 23, "The Emigrants" on April 30 and "An Evening with Noel Coward" on May 7.

Admission for each review will be \$2, or series tickets are available for \$8. The church is located at 28611 W. 12 Mile, Farmington.

Exchanges Go On With Chorus Visit

A visit by the 59-voice men's chorus from the Russell Street Baptist Church to First Baptist Church of Plymouth on Sunday, April 1, will continue a two-year fellowship involving the two congregations.

The concert by the inner-city choral group is scheduled for 6 p.m. It is the third they have sung in the Plymouth church, the big sanctuary was packed on both occasions.

The exchange of visits and joint projects began after two laymen, one from each congregation, met on factory jobs.

Besides the visits by the Russell Street church, there has been a choir visit from First Baptist of Plymouth to the Detroit church, a picnic for both congregations in Hines Park and several other projects.

"The real friendship that has developed illustrates that black and white church people can worship together and find Christian unity," said the Rev. Paul Thompson, pastor of the Plymouth church.



REV. JAMES COLDIRON

Baptists To Have Crusade

The director of missions for the Baptist Churches of Oakland and Macomb Counties, the Rev. James Coldiron, is beginning Sunday, April 1, and continuing through April 8, at 7:30 each evening. Nursery service will be provided for all the meetings.

Rev. Coldiron was director jobs of missions in northwestern Ohio before coming to Michigan. He is a graduate of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

Special choir members and music groups will be heard each evening. The One-Way Singers of Detroit will be the featured group.

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<p style="text-align: center;">CHURCH OF CHRIST (Christian)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MEMORIAL CHURCH OF CHRIST (CHRISTIAN CHURCH)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">35475 Five Mile Livonia Nursery provided</p> <p>BIBLE SCHOOL 9:30 a.m. WORSHIP SERVICE 10:45 a.m. 8:30 a.m. Youth Meetings and Evening Worship Max. Capacity 1000 Mark McGivern, Associate Minister</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CHRISTIAN SCIENCE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CHRISTIAN SCIENCE</p> <p>Churches of the area cordially invite you to attend their services. Sunday School is conducted at the same hour as church, and care is provided for children of pre-Sunday School age.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Hours of Service</p> <p>FOURTH CHURCH, Detroit 11 a.m. 24400 W. Six Mile near Telegraph</p> <p>EIGHTH CHURCH, Detroit 10:30 a.m. 20011 Glenview at Evergreen Rd.</p> <p>FIRST CHURCH, Garden City 11 a.m. 35000 Garden City</p> <p>FIRST CHURCH, Plymouth 10:30 a.m. 1100 West Park Arbor Trail</p> <p>FIRST CHURCH, Farmington 11 a.m. 33825 Grand River Avenue</p> <p style="text-align: center;">WEDNESDAY TESTIMONIAL MEETINGS HELD AT 8 P.M.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">UNITED METHODIST</p> <p>NEWBURG UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 36500 Arbor Trail Rev. William Ritter, Minister Rev. Ben Bostick, Asst. Minister 422-0149 Worship and Church School Mondays 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</p> <p>6443 Meridian Road Phone: 421-8628</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MINISTERS: Rev. Glenn Kurlberg SUNDAY SCHOOL</p> <p>9:30 Sunday School Nursery through adults 10:45 Morning Worship 11:00 Sunday School 6:30 Senior and Senior High U.M.W.F.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH of Plymouth</p> <p>45201 North Tawantasi 463-5280</p> <p>Paul M. Carpenter, A. M. Klump 9:30 and 11 a.m. Worship Service 9:30 Sunday School 9:30 Nursery - Adults 11:00 Nursery - 5 year olds</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ORCHARD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</p> <p>30450 Farmington Road 422-8820 9:30 and 11 a.m. Worship and Church School Rev. Eugene C. Mearns Pastor</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CLARENCEVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</p> <p>22300 Michigan Ave. #3583 9:00 a.m. Morning Service 10:15 a.m. Church School 5:30 p.m. Young Men's Service 7:30 p.m. Women's Service 6:00 a.m. Senior Service Nursery provided at all services</p> <p style="text-align: center;">UNIVERSITY HILLS CHURCH</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">(CHRISTIAN REFORMED) Worship with us at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. at our New Church Farmington Road #1 899 Dr. J. H. Elms 477-1350</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">REFORMED CHURCH IN AMERICA</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CHURCH OF THE SAVIOR</p> <p style="text-align: center;">38100 Five Mile Rd. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Divine Worship 10:30 a.m. Evening Study Groups 7 p.m. Nursery Care is Provided After 4:00 p.m. Rev. Ronald Van DerVorst, Pastor Minister of Evangelism Rev. Moody Van</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CHRISTIAN CHURCH</p> <p style="text-align: center;">LIVONIA CHRISTIAN CHURCH</p> <p style="text-align: center;">36075 Five Mile 476-2075 Pastor Rev. Donald Moxley Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">BYZANTINE (GREEK) CATHOLIC</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sacred Heart Byzantine Catholic Church</p> <p style="text-align: center;">29125 W. E. Mile, Livonia 427-2100 Rev. Don G. Freude</p> <p>Sat 7:30 p.m. Vespers Sunday 8:30 a.m. Masses 9:00 and 11 a.m. Divine Liturgy</p> <p style="text-align: center;">LUTHERAN (MISSOURI SYNOD)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH</p> <p style="text-align: center;">30000 Five Mile Road Holy Communion Evening Worship Worship at 8:30 a.m. 421-7249</p> <p style="text-align: center;">HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH (Missouri Synod) 39020 Five Mile Rd. between Newburg and Haggerty Roads Office Phone 464-0211 The Rev. Fred Balke, Pastor Sunday Worship Service 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Nursery 9:00 Sunday School 10:30</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL</p> <p style="text-align: center;">5885 Venable N. of Ford Rd. 425-0260 Ralph Fischer, Pastor Divine Service at 8:11 AM Bible Class 8:55 - 9:30 AM 261-8600</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCHES</p> <p style="text-align: center;">LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA</p> <p style="text-align: center;">In Livonia CHRIST THE KING 3300 Farmington Road 422-0749 464-2905 The Rev. John A. Root 422-1414 464-2908 Worship Services 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Holy Cross 8:30 a.m. 30650 West Six Mile Pastor William C. Lindholm 422-1414 464-2908 Worship, Church School and Nursery 9:30 and 11 a.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">In Redford ST. JOHN'S 13542 Mercedes Pastor Kara Kelly 531-4182 Worship and Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m. Nursery provided both services</p> <p style="text-align: center;">LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE INCARNATION</p> <p style="text-align: center;">30233 W. 10 Mile Road Farmington Gary W. Cowart - Pastor 474-5218 476-3335 11:00 Sunday Worship 9:30 Sunday School 7:30 p.m. Wednesday</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CHRIST LUTHERAN</p> <p style="text-align: center;">14250 Warner Road, Redford Rev. Jerry Stroud Family Worship 10:00 a.m. Study for all ages 11:00 a.m. Nursery Provided</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ST. JOHN</p> <p style="text-align: center;">23228 Gill Road, Farmington Pastor Charles E. Fox 474-0584 or 474-4489 Worship 9:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday School 9:40 a.m. Nursery Provided</p> <p style="text-align: center;">St. Matthew's United Methodist Church</p> <p style="text-align: center;">William O. Richard, Pastor Jerome K. Smith, Associate Pastor 9:30 and 11 a.m. Worship Nursery Available 9:30 a.m. Church School (All Ages) St. High Fellowship Sunday 7 p.m. St. High Fellowship Tuesday 7:30</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SWORD OF THE SPIRIT</p> <p style="text-align: center;">34153 Seven Mile Road, Livonia Pastor William D. Wolfe Family Worship 10 a.m. Study for All Ages 11 a.m. Phone 476-3818 or 591-6555</p> <p style="text-align: center;">St. Michael Lutheran Church in America</p> <p style="text-align: center;">James Callahan School 8375 SHELDON ROAD 1/2 Mile South of Joy Road SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:00 a.m. WEDNESDAY (BUSSY) - 10:30 a.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">C. L. IRWIN, PASTOR 455-7427</p> <p style="text-align: center;">LUTHERAN WISCONSIN SYNOD</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Churches</p> <p style="text-align: center;">WISCONSIN LUTHERAN Radio Hour WIDW A.M. 10:00 Sunday 10:00 a.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">In Livonia - St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church 1810 Farmington Rd. Pastor Charles Fox 261-8959 Worship Services 9:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday School 9:45 and 11 a.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">In Plymouth - St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran Church 1343 Peninsula Avenue Pastor Leonard Krammer 453-2393 Worship Services 9:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday School 9:45 a.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">In Redford Township - Lola Park Ev. Lutheran Church 14760 Kamb Pastor Edward Lee 332-8855 Worship Services 9:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday School 9:45 a.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">In Westland - Our Savior Ev. Lutheran Church Wentworth Farmington Pastor Jack A. Rume 421-8119 Worship Services 9:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m.</p>
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