

# Church 'Is Servant Of People'

By ELIZABETH WISSMAN  
Staff Writer  
A conversation with the Rev.  
Peter Larsen, of the Lutheran

Church of the Incarnation (on  
10 Mile Rd.) is an exercise in  
enlightened modern day thinking  
touched with traditional Christ-

ian precepts.  
The pastor is very much a  
man of today, knowledgeable  
about social ills and the role  
of the church in combating these

ills.  
"THE CHURCH TODAY  
seems to be, at times, the  
most conservative body in the  
community and the most unable  
to make changes," he says.  
"If we (the church) realize  
we are only the servant of the  
people then we can adjust with  
eternal truths."

"The church has been called  
forth in many different  
forms," he goes on, "from  
olden times when it was the  
center of the community to to-  
day's congregational form."  
"In the future, its form may  
differ from the congregational.  
The essential part of the min-  
istry of the future will be to  
be what the people are."

"Today there are many situa-  
tions where the church is over-  
pastorized," he says.  
THE CHURCH of the In-  
carnation is the pastor's sec-  
ond church. He was born in  
Audubon, Ia., attended the  
Lutheran School of Theology  
and during his undergraduate  
days at the University of Iowa  
was a pre-med student.  
He came close to choosing  
a career in medicine and would  
have been following a family  
tradition if he had. His brother  
and brother-in-law are  
doctors and two brothers are  
doctors in botany.  
The pastor has a keen in-  
terest in mental health and



THE REV. PETER LARSEN

helped organize a mental health  
clinic in Waterloo, Ia. While  
in Iowa, he also worked closely  
with the Office of Economic  
Opportunity.

Commenting on his work with  
the less privileged, he says,  
"A man can take any kind of  
struggle as long as he has some  
hope for the future. People  
are looking for hope."

HE LEADS a mission church  
of 158 members at the Church  
of the Incarnation. A mission  
is right up the pastor's alley

because he defines it as "a  
place where people are asking  
questions."  
"They're asking what is jus-  
tice--what is life--what is out  
beyond ourselves. They're  
growing tired of being preached  
at. They want answers."

## Attend Church this Sunday

at the Church of your choice  
with your family ...

*Faith grows as it is nourished. To  
seek and strengthen the spiritual values  
that can enrich your life, attend and  
support the church of your choice, regularly.*

## Lutherans Mark Fifth Anniversary

The Rev. Howard Christiansen, assistant to the president of the Michigan Synod of the Lutheran Church, will be guest speaker at the Lutheran Church of the Incarnation for its fifth anniversary celebration today (Oct. 29), at the 11 a.m. service.

The congregation will also celebrate the occasion at a congregational dinner with former pastors of the congregation, Pastor George Stigmer and Pastor Robert Zoeller, as guests.

Lutheran Church of the Incarnation was organized Oct. 29 when meetings were held in East Junior High School. Present pastor is the Rev. Peter C. Larsen.

## Four From Area Placed At Fort

Four area residents have been assigned to Company A, 17 Battalion, 5 Brigade, at the United States Army Training Center, Armor, at Fort Knox, Ky.

They are: Privates Philip W. Ingram, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter H. Ingram, 23161 Tulane; Edward B. Hammond, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward B. Hammond, 22100 Gora; Keith S. Hitch, son of Mr. and Mrs. C.E. Hitch, 7000 N. Pebble Creek, Birmingham; and Phillip S. Wood, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur P. Wood, 23208 Violet.

## community calendar

**HALLOWEEN TEEN DANCE**  
Oct. 31 from 8 to 11 p.m. Farmington Jaycees will sponsor a Halloween teen dance, featuring "The Lids," in Farmington High School. Admission is \$1.

**FARMINGTON WOMAN'S CLUB**  
Nov. 1 at 1:30 p.m. The Farmington Woman's Club will meet in the home of Mrs. W. Allen Nelson, 23708 Warner. Mrs. Howard Kennedy will talk and show pictures of her trip to the Holy Land.

**FARMINGTON TOWN CLUB**  
Nov. 2 at 8 p.m. Farmington Town Club will meet in the First Farmington Savings and Loan building. The program for the evening will be an auction, with Harold Wilson as auctioneer.

**STARR COMMONWEALTH AUXILIARY**  
Nov. 6 at 1 p.m. Farmington Starr Commonwealth Auxiliary will hold a benefit-bazaar card party in the First Farmington Savings and Loan building. Tickets include coffee and dessert.

**FARMINGTON JUNIOR HIGH OPEN HOUSE**  
Nov. 6 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Farmington Junior High School will hold its annual open house. Parents are invited to participate in the orientation program to be held promptly at 7:30 p.m. in the gymnasium. For the remainder of the evening, guests may visit classrooms and meet the teachers, according to schedules to be brought home by students. Refreshments will be served in the cafeteria.

**FARMINGTON BLOOD BANK**  
Nov. 7 from 1:45 to 7:45 p.m. A Farmington blood bank will be held in the Knights of Columbus Hall, 21900 Middle Belt at Nine Mile Rd. The dinner for the workers will be furnished and served by the Ladies Auxiliary of the American Legion of Farmington.

**FARMINGTON GARDEN CLUB**  
Nov. 8 at 1 p.m. Farmington Garden Club will meet in Nardin Park Methodist Church, with Bob Thomas, of Nashville, Tenn., demonstrating "Holiday Decorations and Fantasy Arrangements." For tickets, call GR 4-1111. A nursery will be provided.

**BLUE STAR MOTHERS**  
Nov. 9 at 12 noon. Chapter 49 of the Blue Star Mothers will celebrate their 25th anniversary at a dinner in St. Alexander's hall, 27835 Shiawassee. For further information, call GR 4-2404.

## Heerney-Sundquist

A Funeral Home For Over 75 Years  
23720 FARMINGTON ROAD

## THAYER FUNERAL HOME

(NEW CHAPEL)  
Grand River at Liberty Street - Farmington - GR. 4-1131

## PTA To Hit Hazards Of Smoking

The Parent Teacher Association of Michigan will hold a district workshop on Smoking and Health from 6:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Nov. 4 in the gold room of Oakland Center at Oakland University.

Representatives from councils and local school units of the PTA in District 7 of Oakland County will hear experts on smoking from several state-wide agencies.

Speakers will include Edgar Flood, Oakland County Juvenile Court; Joseph Brown, American Cancer Society; Mrs. C. Chaplin, Michigan Heart Association; Dr. Edgar J. Geist, Jr., and representatives from the Michigan PTA Association; the county Medical Society and the county Health Department.

Purpose of the meeting is to teach how to combat smoking by school-age children, grade five through 12.

Reservations must be made by Nov. 1. Price is \$2.25 and includes luncheon. Send to Mrs. Robert Spearing, 25835 Truman St., Madison Heights, 48071.

In addition to the speakers, there will be exhibits, films and group discussions on the most effective way to start local anti-smoking programs.

Every Cub Scout Pack belongs to an institution--church, synagogue, school, or community group.

## ANOTHER FARMINGTON CENTER SPECIAL "COUPON DAYS"

COMING SOON

DOWNTOWN FARMINGTON CENTER

Grand River at Farmington Road

## Adventists To Break Ground For Church

Farmington Seventh-day Adventists learned Saturday that their local welfare program played a small but important part in their church's worldwide goodwill program during the last year.

Pastor George Valentine told his congregation that the 112-member Farmington Seventh-day Adventist church, 23831 10 Mile Rd., aided 182 persons in the fiscal year ending July 1966. He emphasized that all aid given by the church's welfare unit is given without regard to race, color or creed.

Pastor Valentine told his parishioners that the small, 1.6 million-member denomination gave \$1.5 million in aid to more than eight million persons last year. The aid included \$4.6 million in food and cash and 9.6 million articles of clothing and other necessities.

The church's welfare unit also provided medical care, medicine, furniture, and other supplies.

Louise Jones, 3010 Five Mile Road, Livonia, director of the Farmington Adventist welfare activities, reported the church sent seven underprivileged children to summer camp.

## Council Ducks Stand

The Farmington City Council has voted to stay out of any discussion over an open housing ordinance is currently being considered by the state legislature.

"If the state should pass a law then that will take care of it," Thayer observed.

City Manager John Dignan reported to the Council that "the city has not had a problem in the area of open occupancy housing" and suggested that the matter be referred to the Farmington Human Relations Council.

The Human Relations group was in the news more than a year ago when it tried to form a quasi-governmental human relations commission with representatives of the city, townships and schools.

This proposal died on the vine and the group seems to have fallen apart since then.

## To Break Ground For Church

Ground will be broken within four weeks just northeast of the corner of Shiawassee and Middle Belt for the new church of the Trinity Assembly of God.

Trinity pastor, the Rev. John Winn, of Port, says that approximately 50 per cent of the bonds have been sold.

The church owns two and one-half acres at the site, with 460-foot frontage on Shiawassee.

The property contains a home in which a day care center for pre-schoolers will open in September.

Trinity Assembly of God was organized in 1947 and has a current membership of 50 families. The congregation formerly met in a church building at Grand River and Middle Belt.

## MYF Will Collect For UNICEF

The Intermediate and Senior Methodist Youth Fellowship of the Orchard Methodist Church of Farmington will collect money for UNICEF this Halloween.

UNICEF is an agency of the United Nations which participates in health services, disease control, family and child welfare services and education and vocational training throughout the world. It is the organization which recently won the Nobel Peace Prize.

Last fall, over three and a half million American children in 15,500 communities celebrated Halloween by collecting \$2.7 million for UNICEF.

The Intermediate MYF of the Orchard church collected on Friday evening, and the Senior MYF will collect Sunday evening, October 28. Each couple collection on one's car can be readily identified as a certified UNICEF representative by the UNICEF cartoon which is used for collecting money.

## BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH

31405 FARMINGTON ROAD  
bet. Eight and Nine Mile  
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Youth Groups ... 5:45 p.m.  
Evening Service ... 7:30 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study  
and Prayer Hour 7:30 p.m.  
FRANK B. SMITH, Pastor  
GR. 4-2544

## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Shiawassee at Farmington Rd.  
Farmington, Mich.  
MINISTER  
Rev. Walter C. Ballagh  
11 A.M. - Morning Worship  
9:45 A.M. - Bible School  
5:45 P.M. 3 Youth Groups  
7:00 P.M. Evening Service  
7:30 P.M. Wednesday Prayer Service  
Our Faith Is:  
"Jesus Christ Himself  
Being the Chief Cornerstone"  
Eph. 2:20  
COME AND WORSHIP  
Telephone: GR. 4-4156

## NORTH FARMINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH

23500 W. Thirteen Mile Road  
Just west of Orchard Lake Rd.  
Affiliated with The American Baptist Convention  
and The Metro Detroit Council of Churches  
SUNDAY: The Collection Or The Offering  
Worship Service ... 10:00 a.m. (Nursery)  
Church School ... 11:10 a.m. (All Ages)

## Orchard Methodist Church

30450 Farmington Road  
Between 13 and 14 Mile Rd.  
MA 6-6820  
Worship, Church School, Nursery: 9:30 and 11 a.m.  
Rev. Eric S. Hammar, Minister  
Rev. William M. Hughes, Assoc. Minister

## TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

26880 LaMar Drive  
Farmington  
In Springfield Subdivision  
8:00 a.m. Holy Communion  
10:30 a.m. Family Worship  
Church School Facilities  
at Beechview School  
The Rev. Joseph A. Felbam  
Rector  
GR. 4-5366

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

26165 Farmington Rd.  
(at Eleven Mile)  
Worship, Church School  
and Nursery  
9:30 a.m. 11:05 a.m. Ministers  
George W. Ramsey, Minister  
Robert N. Sawyer, Jr., Asst. Minister  
Church - 474-6170

## First Methodist Church

OF FARMINGTON  
Serving Farmington Since 1829  
Grand River at Warner  
Worship Service, Church  
School and Nursery  
9:15 a.m. and 11 a.m.  
Ministers  
W. W. Leslie Williams  
Rev. R. Bryan Swiler  
Parish Visitor  
Mrs. Sidney Eyer  
Parsonage GR 4-7568  
Office GR 4-6573

## CLARENCEVILLE METHODIST CHURCH

20300 Middlebelt Rd.  
Livonia, Michigan  
8:00 a.m. Worship Service  
10:15 a.m. Church School  
11:15 a.m. Worship Service  
6:30 p.m. Youth Groups  
7:30 p.m. The Evening Service  
Wednesday - 7:30 p.m. Prayer Service  
ELSIE A. JOHNS, Minister  
GR. 4-3543 GR. 4-6092

## SALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Oakland at Gd. River Farmington  
SUNDAY SCHOOL ... 9:00 A.M.  
ADULT BIBLE STUDY (Nursery) 9:00 A.M.  
WORSHIP SERVICE (Nursery) 10:15 A.M.  
Parsonage GR 4-6451 Church Office GR 4-6880  
Carl H. Schultz, Minister

You are invited to Attend  
**First Church of Christ Scientist**  
33825 Grand River Ave.  
Farmington, Mich.  
Sunday Service ... 11 a.m.  
Sunday School ... 11 a.m.  
Wed. Evening Meeting ... 8 p.m.  
Reading Room is Church Edition  
Open Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday  
11:30 to 2:00 P.M. 1:30 to 4:00 P.M. Thursday evening

## ST. JOHN AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

23225 GUL ROAD  
Grand River at  
ST. JOHN'S  
Alta Loma  
Freedom Rd.  
WINTER SCHEDULE  
WORSHIP SERVICES  
8:30 & 11:00 a.m.  
Nursery - Both Services  
SUNDAY SCHOOL  
9:40 a.m.  
Rev. Charles Fox, Pastor  
GR 4-0584

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