



THE REV. FRED PREZIOSO, left, sets up three white crosses for an outdoor service for Epiphany Lutheran Church in Plymouth. Observer photographer Bob Woodring took the picture. Above, a snapshot of the congregation took of a recent worship service in the woods.

Green Cathedral

Epiphany Worships In Woods

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Church Editor

The congregation of Epiphany Lutheran Church of Plymouth is enjoying worship in the woods this summer. For a number of summer Sunday mornings, members and guests have carried blankets and chairs through a footpath to a clearing where place before a portable red pine altar and three standing crosses.

"We've had a tradition of varying our services in a number of ways," said the Rev. Fred Prezioso, pastor, "and for a couple of years now we have held outdoor services in front of the church for Reformation Sunday at the end of October."

"That's living dangerously, but we've been lucky and had good weather."

SUCCESS of those services, plus a far-reaching church reorganization that has included development of the three wooded acres on which the church is situated, has led to this summer's "green cathedral."

The congregation has worshipped in the natural setting two Sundays in June and two in July and is planning to continue the practice, perhaps into September.

"People seem to appreciate the change," Rev. Prezioso said.

"There is a formality that just has to happen once you're in the sanctuary with the chancel and pulpit and all the chairs facing the same way. That's neither good or bad—just a fact. And it's a different feeling outdoors."

THE CLEARING had its beginning when the congregation decided over a year ago to develop its wooded back yard. Several trails were hacked through the woods and a site was set up for outdoor campfires.

Youth of the church used the clearing. So did kids in the neighborhood around the church site on Five Mile Road. Then this year the church council decided to expand the clearing and try outdoor worship.

"We encourage people to come in picnic clothes and bring blankets," the pastor said, "but we do provide chairs for those who prefer to do their worshipping seated that way."

"It's a more informal service if we have music, it's furnished by guitars. There's more speaking and interchange of ideas."

THE ALTAR, built by Roger Kubilis and Fred Stutzman, is made of several pieces that can be assembled easily. The crosses, replicas of the three tall ones that stand beside the church, were constructed for an Epiphany float in Plymouth. Fourth of July parade and are carried back to the site each time the worship is outdoors.

The services have had their light moments. One member mentioned that he liked "God's natural air-conditioning" and Pastor Prezioso wondered aloud if the commandment "Thou shalt not kill" applied to mosquitoes.

He also mentioned that "we set the altar way back, and then after people are seated over here people tend to sit at the back of the church."

Foundation Begins New Program Aiding Children

NORWALK, CONN. A remote mountain valley on an island in the Caribbean may well be the "Island of the Future" for the children of the world.

Save the Children Federation was in the depression days of the 30s. In a gold mine move to widen the impact of SCP's worldwide child sponsorship program, David L. Guyer, the executive director of Save the Children Federation and the Community Development Foundation, has chosen the Hipolito Valley bordering the mountain frontier in the Dominican Republic to launch a new concept in sponsorship which will benefit the lives of 1,000 children under 15 years of age in this impoverished area.

"We have long been aware that the one child, one sponsor concept more often than not left out many equally needy youngsters in any given area," Guyer said.

UNDER THIS NEW form of sponsorship, the two agencies will cooperate in projects through which entire villages or communities will receive pooled sponsor funds. This extension of SCP's historical role in sponsorships will benefit directly hundreds of children in a given area.

However, the vital ingredient of contact between sponsor and child will be maintained, Guyer emphasized. Sponsors will still receive photographs and case histories of a child, as well as information on self-help community development projects in progress.

The sponsor will also be put in touch with and can correspond with an individual child in the area.

In addition, the sponsor will receive status reports and two letters annually from one child who will, in effect, be writing for all the children in the sponsored village or area.

"These letters will attempt to bring the sponsors into closer contact with all the children. Their problems, their successes. In short, these letters will seek to give the sponsor a closer involvement with the total society of a region as seen through the eyes of their sponsored child," Guyer added.

SCF HAS SPONSORS and contributors in every state in the Union and is celebrating its 40th year of service to children.

Under the new format, sponsorship funds will be designed for community use with the one important stipulation that one half of the

allocated funds will be applied to projects directly benefiting all children. The remaining half will be available for community development projects selected and carried out by the entire village.

"Under this new plan," Guyer said, "a child, in a sense, becomes a spokesman for his community to the outside world. And rather than deriving all the benefits of the sponsorship relationship, he learns to share them with his brothers, sisters and his friends in the community."

The Federation is registered with the U.S. State Department. Advisory Committee on Voluntary Foreign Aid, is a member of the International Union for Child Welfare and the American Council of Voluntary Agencies for Foreign Service and of the International Council of Voluntary Agencies. An individual, school or group interested in helping a child should contact Save the Children Federation, Norwalk, Conn. 06852.

Church Ratifies New Constitution

Members of North Farmington Baptist Church, 2850 West 13 Mile, recently ratified a new church constitution and by-laws providing for administration of church affairs under a newly-created board of directors.

William Devlin, 2872 Old Bedford, Farmington, was elected chairman of the church board.

Farmington area members who will serve as chairman of individual standing committees include Susan Toribio, worship; Douglas Andridge, social concern and missions; Harlan MacBowel, visitation and evangelism; and Lowell Brown, finance and property.

Others are Gene Swaim, public relations; Nine Stover, social; Paul Readett, membership and nominating; and Bruce Rauss, member-at-large.

The Rev. Stanley Nicol, pastor, said the reorganization is designed to improve and advance the Christian mission to the Farmington community.

"We believe an efficient church organization operating under a constitution which recognizes the religious needs of today can make a better contribution to the Christian life of the community it serves," he added.

'Pete's Sake' Set At Calvary

"For Pete's Sake!" a full-length dramatic film about a family man almost overcome by unexpected problems, will be shown at 7 p.m. Sunday, July 23, in Calvary Church, 2850 West Six Mile, Livonia.

The public is invited and there will be no admission charge.

The color feature from World Wide Pictures, was filmed in Denver and the Rockies.



St. Peter VBS Set

"God's Commandments" is the theme for the 1972 Vacation Bible School being planned by St. Peter Lutheran Church, 1343 Penniman, Plymouth.

Classes will be held from 9 to 11:45 a.m., Monday through Friday, July 31 - Aug. 11. All children between the ages of four and 14 are invited.

The morning will be divided into two parts, the first consisting of Bible stories and

Witnesses

To Meet Aug. 3-6

Jehovah's Witnesses have chosen Port Huron as one of 59 convention sites in the U.S. for a series of worldwide meetings this year.

The convention will be held Aug. 3-6 in the McMoran Memorial Auditorium. It is expected to attract more than 5,000 delegates from the greater Detroit area.

Robert L. Balzer, convention manager, said this year's assembly will be conducted under a theme of "Divine Rulership."

"Jehovah's Witnesses feel that there is a definite drift away from the Bible," Balzer said. The program is designed to stress the importance of God's kingdom as a solution to the many problems confronting man. It is not simply an accurate historical record and a good collection of prose and poetry. It is a book detailing God's standards by which men should live, including worship, morals and our dealings with others."

Faith Has FUN Nights

A series of seven Family United Nights (or FUN for short) has been launched by Faith Lutheran Church of Livonia.

Beginning July 19 and continuing through August, the series is designed to involve entire families. The church leaders had decided earlier on some form of family program this summer to replace the annual vacation Bible school.

The evenings begin with a potluck supper at 6 p.m. and

end with worship from 8 to 8:30 p.m. There will be child care provided for youngsters below first grade, and all other family members will take an active part in the varied evening activities.

Society Begins

Forty thousand copies of the New Testament in Bahasa Indonesia, published in the fall of 1971 by the Indonesian Bible Society, were insufficient to supply the immediate demand in that republic.

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MT. HOPE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
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16360 Hubbard Road
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574 S. Sheldon Road
Sunday Worship
9:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.
10:00 a.m. Day Worship

CHURCHES OF CHRIST

FARMINGTON
36500 Eleven Mile
WEST OF DRAKE ROAD
SUNDAY WORSHIP
11 a.m. and 8:30 p.m.
Bible School 10 a.m.
Wed 7:30 p.m. Worship
Hobart E. Asher, Minister
422-8640
or 281-1834

LIVONIA
15431 Merriman Rd.
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10:30 a.m. and 8:30 p.m.
Bible School 9:45 a.m.
Wed 7:30 p.m. Worship
Ronald White, Minister
427-8743

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1657 Middlebelt Rd.
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11 a.m. and 8:30 p.m.
Bible School 10 a.m.
Wed 7:30 p.m. Worship
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or 281-1834

PLYMOUTH
9301 Sheldon Rd.
Bible School 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship
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Pastors: Richard C. Dunkelberger, D.D.
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WARD UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF LIVONIA
Farmington Road and Six Mile Road
422-1150
Worship and Bible School
9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.
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7:00 p.m.
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8:30 a.m. Broadcast
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First Presbyterian Church
701 Church 453-6464
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Worship 9:30 a.m.
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9:30 and 11 a.m.

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10:00
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11 a.m. Bible Study
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KENWOOD CHURCH OF CHRIST
30200 Kenwood Livonia
South of 8 Mile Road
478-2222
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Bible School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Services 6:30 p.m.
WEDNESDAY 4:30 p.m.
Hour of Power 7:30 p.m.
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Bible School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service 7:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY 7:00 p.m.
Church 255-3020

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