



EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH leaders work out church goals and plans at the Plymouth church's annual workshop. This picture was taken during the 1972 workshop last spring, and its decisions are still being put into effect.

From the lower left corner and reading clockwise around the table, the members are James Nowka, Alice Baltz, Don Bosker, Lance Miller, Bob Burke and Dale Boye.



Smith To Be Ordained

Warren Louis Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Lee Smith of Brookdale Street, Farmington, will be ordained into the ministry at 10 a.m., Sunday, Sept. 3, in St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Middle Belt and Eight Mile Roads. A public reception will follow.



WARREN SMITH

After his ordination, he will be installed as pastor at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Decatur, Ill.

PASTOR SMITH ATTENDED schools in Redford Township, St. Paul's Lutheran Day School, Farmington Senior High School and Eastern Michigan University.

Fund Drive To Begin

The individual gifts campaign of the Metropolitan Detroit Council of Church will be Sept. 7-28.

The Metropolitan Council unites 23 denominations and nearly 1,000 churches in the tri-county area of Wayne, Oakland, and Macomb. It was organized in 1919.

A considerable portion of the council's program is supported through the gifts of many interested people who are concerned about the well-being of the total Detroit community and who believe that in many fields the united efforts of the churches are most effective.

Their System Works

By MARGARET MILLER
Church Editor

Good management practices can work just as well for a church as for a business. Just ask the leaders of Epiphany Lutheran Church in Plymouth.

They reorganized their church's structure about two years ago and have found a dynamic new spirit in their approach to its mission.

"It was a matter of a traditional church system that wasn't working, so we changed it," explained the Rev. Fred Prezioso, pastor.

workshop as a favor to me," Rev. Prezioso said. "But they stayed and worked hard for a good six hours." And when it was over, they had a program for the year to come.

In the first workshop, five task forces were set up. For each task force, two major thrusts were designated. For each thrust, there were two strategies, and for each strategy four tactics.

"So we could see just where we wanted to go," the pastor said.

THE FIRST YEAR, it was largely a matter of "proving to ourselves we could do what we set out to do," he added.

"We heard from different community groups and we experimented with different kinds of worship."

By the time it was Lent again and time for a 1972 workshop, Rev. Prezioso didn't have to urge people to come. The church leaders were ready for another Saturday session.

This time the number of task forces was cut to three, and the workshop was more spiritual and intellectual life, and community involvement.

As the new system works, a church council delegates work to an ad hoc committee. When each completes its job, the committee is dissolved.

The church council, including heads of the three task forces, meets once a month,

deciding how its program will be implemented during the coming four weeks.

"The most revolutionary thing about our system," Pastor Prezioso said, "is that you can get 20 per cent of the membership spending six hours planning the rest of the year."

"Then later we spend as little time as possible creating programs and as much as possible involving more people in them. It's more intensified, but easier because you know where you're going."

ANOTHER NEW aspect of the program is the fact that each year's committees end their work and are released completely on Palm Sunday, and the new year starts on Easter.

"It's easier to get people to put a great deal of themselves into church work when they know that at the end of the year they will have the option of quitting," the pastor said.

"Our one rule in setting up the committees is that task force coordinators can serve only one year."

second year moving out into the community.

"That shows we're making this work," he added.

Among the implementations have been every-member visitation programs and a family care program. In the first, members went through a specific training developed from scratch on how to speak to today's issues, how to consider problems.

The second is a new idea, in which several key families in the church are being trained to take the responsibility for four or five other families — working with them, visiting, becoming close to them.

Membership stayed pretty stable during the early years of the program, Rev. Prezioso said, but recently it has started to rise.

The new program was worked out after the pastor attended a ministers' course at the Ecumenical Institute in this area.

"One of my members commented it was just good business," he said. "And that's the way it is. Christianity has for so long been equated with spirit, not organization."

"But that's not necessary. We can be organized and structured and still deal with things of the spirit. Only this way we can do it more effectively."

Dr. Marilyn Birch Will Visit Livonia

Dr. Marilyn Birch, a missionary of the Wesleyan Church to Sierra Leone, West Africa, will speak at the Livonia Wesleyan Church, Merriman and Lyndon, Sept. 8, 9 and 10.

She will discuss her work at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday and at the 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. services Sunday.



DR. MARILYN BIRCH

Dr. Birch has served as a missionary physician in Kamakwie Hospital in Sierra Leone since 1950. Because of her devotion to the people of Sierra Leone, Queen Elizabeth II made her a Member of the British Empire (MBE) in 1960. That same year she was listed in "Who's Who of American Women."

Dr. Birch graduated from Houghton College in 1944 and from the University of Michigan Medical School in 1948. In 1949 she received her license to practice medicine.

She studied surgery in Ypsilanti and later studied eye surgery at the Mayo Clinic. She now specializes in this field.

BESIDES TELLING about her medical and missionary work, Dr. Birch will show colored slides and curios.

The Wesleyan Church has missionaries at work in 31 foreign countries. While the major emphasis is on evangelism, an extensive medical and educational program has also been carried on by the denomination.

Rally Set

The First United Methodist Church, 6443 Merriman, Garden City, will hold its annual promotion and rally day on Sunday, Sept. 10.

Sunday school classes will be held for everyone at 9:30 a.m. There is an infants as well as an adult department.

Morning worship will be at 10:45 a.m. Babysitting is provided and there is a children's service.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

FAIR HAVEN ASSEMBLY OF GOD
278 South Main St.
Dexter, Mich. 48732
Rev. Fred D. McGraw, Pastor 422-1089
SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 a.m.
MORNING WORSHIP 11:00 a.m.
SUNDAY EVENING 7:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 7:30 p.m.

CHURCH OF GOD
Riverside Park
CHURCH OF GOD
11771 Newburgh Road
at Plymouth Road 464-0950
Pastors: The Rev. J. Clifford Thorpe
Rev. R. L. McFarland
9:45 a.m. Bible Study
11 a.m. Family Worship 9:30 a.m. Young People

Livonia Church of God
18827 Middlebelt Rd.
Rev. J. L. Walker
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Service 7 p.m.
Wed. Night 7:30 p.m.
Church 476-7933
Parsonage 476-4555

Plymouth Church of God
585 N. Mill St.
L. H. Rice, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday Night 7:30 p.m.
Phone 455-6615

BAPTIST

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
43065 Joy Road, Plymouth
Phone: 452-0749 or 452-0022
Services 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Bible School 9:45 a.m.
Rev. G. Douglas Routledge
Pastor
Tom Hovemeier, Minister of Music
Karl Evans, Interim Youth Pastor

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Grand River Baptist Church
34800 Six Mile Road
Livonia 1/2 mile west of Farmington Rd.
9 a.m.: Bible Study Class for entire family
10 a.m.: Morning Worship
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Nursery provided

Community Baptist Church
28237 W. Warren 422-3710
Garden City
Rev. James Allen, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 7:00 p.m.
Midweek Service 7:00 p.m.
When the Spirit leads us to only one

MAIN STREET BAPTIST CHURCH
452-1783
Sund. School 9:45 a.m.
Sun. Worship 10:30 a.m.
Sun. Evening Service 7:30 p.m.
Wed. Evening Service 7:30 p.m.
When the Spirit leads us to only one

North Farmington Baptist Church
452-3783
32500 W. Thawman Rd.
Livonia 1/2 mile west of Farmington Rd.
Rev. Stanley D. Nicol, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Evening Service 7:00 p.m.
Midweek Service 7:00 p.m.
When the Spirit leads us to only one

Livonia Baptist Church
22940 Schoolcraft
2 blocks East of Farmington Road
Rev. Edith Clark, Pastor 476-1073
Sund. School 9:45 a.m.
Sun. Worship 10:30 a.m.
Sun. Evening Service 7:00 p.m.
Wed. Evening Service 7:00 p.m.
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PARKDALE ASSEMBLY OF GOD
35516 Parkdale
1 1/2 mi. S. of Plymouth and Seven Mile Rd.
Rev. David H. Kriss
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening 7:00 p.m.
Family Night 7:30 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
— Charismatic Center —
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Pastor
Rev. Donald Moseley
Morning Worship 10 a.m.

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15801
27500 Sherwood, Farmington
Rev. Ed. Bunell 476-0080
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Church School 1:00 p.m.
Evening W. 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7:00 p.m.

First Baptist Church
40001
Plymouth
Sund. School 9:45 a.m.
Sun. Worship 10:30 a.m.
Sun. Evening Service 7:00 p.m.
Wed. Evening Service 7:00 p.m.
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GREEK ORTHODOX

Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church
25125 Middlebelt Rd.
Farmington 477-1677
Rev. S. J. Anthony, M.B.
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11:15 a.m. Sunday School
11:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy
English Sermon
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15556 Middlebelt 424-5571
Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.
10:00 a.m.
Rev. Peter C. Remondinos, Pastor
Rev. Konon Leaky
Main church at 4801 Oakman Blvd. in Detroit

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9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
10 a.m. Daily Worship

Saint John's, Plymouth
574 S. Sheldon Road
453-0190
Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.
9 a.m. Holy Communion & Service
Wednesday 10 a.m. Holy Communion

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Bible School 10 a.m.
Wed. 7:30 p.m. Worship
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LIVONIA 15431 Merriman Rd.
SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:50 a.m. and 8 p.m.
Bible School 9:45 a.m.
Wed. 7:30 p.m. Worship
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427-8747

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10:00 a.m. Missionaries from Korea
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