

Churches Tackle Problem Of Half-Day School Sessions

With the prospect of some 12,000 fifth through eighth grade pupils on half-day sessions in Livonia public schools, church leaders are working on plans for providing some kind of help.

"There could be thousands simply running the streets with no one at home to care for them or to see that they use the extra time for some studies," said the Rev. William Copeland, pastor of Trinity Church of the Brethren at Chicago and Inster Roads.

At the instigation of Denzel Short, chairman of the Christian education committee of the Livonia education commission of Trinity Church, and a teacher in the Livonia public schools, tentative plans are shaping up for half-day at church.

LETTERS describing the proposal have gone to families of the congregation who have children in the grades involved.

"Response is light so far because our families with children of this age group are away on vacation, but we expect most of the parents will be enthusiastic about this opportunity," predicted the minister.

A Volunteer teacher who works half days in the public schools has already been recruited.

Emphasis will be on enrichment of the basic studies in the half-day program of regular school work, with help available on homework and supplementary studies dovetailing with their regular curriculum.

ST. MATTHEWS United Methodist Church on 30900 Six Mile, has sent letters to the 1,200 families to measure the interest and to volunteer teachers for their proposed "enrichment program."

Mrs. Kent Shoemaker of the Christian Education committee and a Junior Great Books leader, Mrs. Lee Helie, both of Livonia, are coordinating planning for the tentative program to serve not only church members but others of the community.

"Rather than try to duplicate or add to the regular school classes, we're concentrating on subjects the children don't get in school," Mrs. Shoemaker explained.

For the fifth and sixth graders they hope to offer art, Junior Great Books, group folk music, conversational French, Spanish and German, basic home economics, craft skills and string music.



Rev. Lester Kinsolving's Religion Update

The familiar saying that "any stick will do with which to beat the Church" is no more frequently illustrated today than in what might be called the "anti-edifice complex."

In a period when it seems more and more likely that churches and synagogues may lose their tax-exempt status, there is a swelling chorus of demands that religious organizations stop building construction altogether.

Such a demand was made upon the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod at their recent convention in Denver by the Lutheran Action Committee, a group composed primarily of young people.

In the same vein, David Forster of the increasingly liberalist President of the conservative protestant magazine Christian Herald, recently called for a ten-year moratorium on church building.

The stick most frequently used in this assault on the Church is the argument that money spent for property and buildings could be better employed in combating hunger in the world and poverty in the U.S. It is argued, further, that churches make little use of the valuable property on which they are located.

As might be expected, the great cathedrals, which are costly to build and costly to maintain, have been primary targets. Take, for example, San Francisco, where Catholic Archbishop Joseph T. McGucken is presently completing a new St. Mary's cathedral, from funds donated at the time the old cathedral was destroyed by fire. The new cathedral is strikingly modernistic and is certain to become a landmark. It is also, to its critics, strikingly expensive, \$16 million, and so has evoked serious protests from Catholic liberals who consider it an inexcusable extravagance.



THANKS FROM A HOSPITAL - Mrs. Wallace H. Murdoch of 29623 Transcrest Livonia is shown accepting a special centennial "Volunteer of the Year" award from Sister Gertrude, administrator at Providence Hospital in Southfield. Mrs. Murdoch was elected for the honor by members of the Our Lady of Providence League which aids the hospital, now observing its centennial year of medical service to metropolitan Detroit. Mrs. Murdoch, League vice president and financial secretary of its gift shop at Providence, has contributed more than 2,000 hours of service to the hospital.

Attend Church This Sunday

LUTHERAN

LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

In Livonia —
CHRIST THE KING
 9300 Farmington Road
 421-0749 464-2906
 The Rev. John A. Hoff
 Worship Services: 8:15 and 11 a.m.
 Church School: 9:30 a.m.

HOLY CROSS
 30450 West Six Mile
 Pastor: Wm. A. Hoff
 OA 7-1414 GA 5-4835
 Worship, Church and Home Visitation: 9:30 and 11 a.m.
 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.

In Farmington
ANTIOCH
 13 Miles and Farmington Rds.
 Pastor: Carl Kahrstrom
 MA 6-7906 MA 6-5560
 2000 Westwood Scholastic
 8:15 and 10 a.m.
 Church School: 9:30 a.m. (grades 4-10)
 Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

In Redford —
ST. JOHN'S
 13542 Mercedes
 538-2660 531-4182
 Pastor: Wm. A. Hoff
 9:45 and 11 a.m.
 Church School: 9:30 a.m.

GOOD SHEPHERD
 26212 W. Six Mile Road
 Pastor: H. Jack Bag
 537-3778
 Worship Service: 9:15 a.m.

THE AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCHES

ASCENSION
 33301 Five Mile Road, Livonia
 Pastor: Arnold H. Jahr
 482-1115
 Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
 Phone: 425-4519 or 425-0865

CHRIST LUTHERAN
 14350 Donald R. Grandall
 Pastor: Donald R. Grandall
 425-0865
 Sunday Church School: 10 a.m.

ST. JOHN
 23223 Old Road, Farmington
 Pastor: Charles Fox
 425-0865
 Sunday Church School: 9 a.m.
 Phone: 425-0865

SWORD OF THE SPIRIT
 34543 Seven Mile Road, Livonia
 Pastor: William D. Wolfe
 Family Worship: 10 a.m.
 Study for All Ages: 11:30 a.m.
 Phone: 425-2818 or 291-0565

TIMOTHY
 4870 Wayne Road, Livonia
 Pastor: Paul H. Johnson
 427-2200 or 423-3174

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
 North American Synod
 Service Hall - Union Street
 Plymouth
 Services: 9:30 - 12 noon
 Wednesday: 7:30 p.m.
 L.C.N.A.

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
 (Missouri Synod)

39020 Five Mile Rd. between Newburgh and Haggerty Roads
 Office Phone: 464-0311
 The Rev. Fred Balke, Pastor
 Nursery and Sunday School during both services

CONGREGATIONAL

MT. HOPE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
 30330 Schoolcraft Road - 425-7240
 Sunday Service at 10:30 a.m. Worship and Church School
 Minister: Rev. Richard Campbell
 Helen and Jack Truogwood
 Directors of Music

With Your Family at the Church of Your Choice

University Hills Church
 CHRISTIAN REFORMED
 new meeting at Oakdale Community College
 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.
 Church School: 10 a.m.

BAPTIST

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
 43065 JOY ROAD
 (two blocks east of Southfield)
 Plymouth
 Phone: 453-0732

NEWBURG BAPTIST CHURCH
 37055 JOY ROAD
 21400 Between Wayne and Newburgh Roads
 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
 Morning Service: 11 a.m.
 Evening: 7 p.m.
 Bible Study: 7 p.m.
 Wednesday: 7 p.m.
 Pastor: J. Harold Elmer - 474-0314
 Pastor Residence: 25072 Kilbuck Farmington, Michigan

Main Street Baptist Church
 Affiliated with Southern Baptist Convention
 9451 Main Street, Freshwater
 453-4745
 722-7375

Community Baptist Church
 32327 W. Warren, Garden City
 Pastor: James B. Allen, Pastor
 Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
 Sun. Morning Service: 11:00 a.m.
 Wednesday Prayer Service: 7:45 p.m.
 When the fall starts at every service

Bethel Baptist Church
 4500 North Farmington Road
 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
 Morning Worship: 11 a.m.
 Wednesday Prayer: 7:30 p.m.
 Rev. James R. Stewart, Pastor

First Baptist Church
 4500 North Farmington Road
 Rev. Paul S. Thompson, Pastor
 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
 Morning Service: 11 a.m.
 Sunday Evening: 7 p.m.
 Youth Meeting: 8 p.m.

Westland Baptist Church
 35375 Ann Arbor Trail
 (Between Wayne and Newburgh)
 Between Green and Jackson
 Church Phone: 453-8849
 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
 Morning Service: 11 a.m.
 Sunday Evening: 7 p.m.
 Wednesday: 7 p.m.

TRINITY CHURCH
 "A Conservative Baptist Congregation"
 14800 Middlebelt Road, Livonia
 Monday 9:30 a.m. and 8 p.m.
 Bible Study: 10:45 p.m.
 Family Night - Thursday 7 - 8:45 p.m.
 Rev. M. Adams, Pastor
 Rev. Paul Haggerty, Organist
 In Detroit: 13340 Indiana at Fenkell
 Livonia Extension: 2840 Six Mile Road

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

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 41550 E. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth, Mich.
 "The Church Where All The Family Meet"
 Services:
 10:45 a.m. - Sunday School Hour
 11:00 a.m. - Youth and Adult Hour
 7:00 p.m. - "Meet Power"
 Midweek - Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.

NORTHWEST CHURCH
 Christian and Missionary Alliance
 28111 West Ten Mile Road - 476-7673
 Between Middlebelt and Inker Road
 Bible School: 9:45 a.m.
 Evening Service: 7 p.m.
 Wednesday: 7:30 p.m. "Meet Power"
 Paul D. Benke, Pastor 474-5437

Parkdale Assembly of God
 36516 Parkdale
 1. Blk. S. of Plymouth & Levan Rds.
 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
 Morning: 11:00 a.m.
 Evening: 7:00 p.m.
 Wednesday: Bible Study & 425-0495 or 422-0000

EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH
 24331 W. Eight Mile Road
 Edwin J. James, Pastor
 Sunday Services:
 9:30 a.m. - Sunday School
 10:45 a.m. - Morning Worship
 7:00 p.m. - Evening Service
 Church: KE 3-2223
 Residence: KE 3-9363

Across the land Washington's National Cathedral (Enterprise), which has already cost \$18 million and needs at least \$18 million more for completion, is a perennial target for such criticism. Layman Richard T. Feller of the cathedral staff, answering the letter of one such critic, composed something of a classic in enunciating the other side of the question.

Feller did not elaborate on the considerable number of social action projects which are housed in or stimulated by the Cathedral.

He did concede that "to spend millions for any other purpose when poverty abounds in this country does present certain doctrinal priorities. Possibly you are asking the same question about the expenditure of billions of dollars to land a man on the moon or to fight a war in Viet Nam."

In making his case, Mr. Feller noted:

- It is the majority of our construction funds are left as bequests and memorials, to use them for another purpose would be to betray those who trusted us.
- The \$16 million needed to complete the Cathedral is less than the cost of Houston's Astro-dome, an downtown government office building, or one aircraft bomber.
- The European cathedrals as well as almost all of the world's architectural treasures were all built in the midst of poverty which was greater than that prevailing in the U.S. today.
- "The good work that we might do with this sum of money (\$16 million) might be extremely short-lived compared to the impact that hopefully this house of prayer will have on thousands of people in the centuries to follow."
- Feller also wrote: "Our purpose is to erect a monumental church, giving some hint of the infinite majesty and mysterious holiness of our Lord...if we cease building places of worship in response to the First Commandment (Love of God) we shall shortly lose our consciences and a consequent respect to the Second Commandment (Love of neighbor)."



INSTALLATION HIGHLIGHTS SERVICE - Officers of The New Temple, youngest Reform Congregation in Oakland County, will be installed in the Friday evening service Sept. 5. Left to right, they are Gerald L. Freedman, 21977 Tredwell Farmington, first vice president; Rabbi Ernst J. Conrad, shaking hands with the new president; Howard L. Green of Bloomfield Hills, and Howard B. Packman of Birmingham, second vice president. Families with school age children wishing information on the temple's religious education program are invited to contact Richard Hendon, program director. The New Temple services are conducted in the Birmingham Unitarian Church, Lone Pine and Woodward, beginning at 8:30 p.m.

Social Issues To Be Focus Of Evangelism Conference

The nature and extent of church involvement in social issues will be a primary topic of discussion at the U.S. Congress on Evangelism in Minneapolis Sept. 8 to 13.

Dr. Victor B. Nelson, a United Presbyterian minister who is executive secretary of the congress, said one of the goals is to initiate "a vigorous attack upon the forces producing misery, inequity, emptiness, discrimination, and other evils in our society."

The congress promises to be the largest interdenominational evangelical conference in the nation's history.

PLENARY SESSIONS will take place in the Municipal Auditorium, which seats 8,000. By early August there were already over 3,000 clergy and lay churchmen registered.

"The program includes a special focus upon today's social problems," Nelson said, "and we are putting a major emphasis on youth and ethnic-group representation."

He predicted that delegates from some 100 American denominations would debate vigorously the relationship of biblical evangelism to contemporary problems.

Nelson added, however, that the aim of the congress was not merely to talk, but to devise strategy for implementation.

"CHURCHES have been tossing around the idea of renewal and relevance for a number of years now," he said, "We think it's time to seek to apply them."

Six major study papers have been commissioned. They are as follows: "The Church and Conversion in a Day of Revolution," by Dr. Leighton Ford, an evangelist from Brooklyn; Keith Miller, noted religious author; Ford Philipps, also a well-known evangelist; and Dr. Myron Augsberger, president of Eastern Mennonite College.

The congress will close with a public rally Saturday evening, Sept. 13, in the Minneapolis Sports Center, which seats 18,000. Dr. Billy Graham, honorary chairman, and Dr. Oswald C. J. Hoffmann, chairman of the national committee for the congress, will address the rally. The meeting had its origin with a group of Minnesotans who organized themselves into an invitational committee of 100 pastors and laymen. Their idea was an outgrowth of the first World Congress on Evangelism held in Berlin in the fall of 1966. Similar regional and national congresses have been held or are planned in Asia, Africa, Latin America, and Canada.

The congress has a budget of \$300,000 and is designed to pay for itself. Each delegate pays a \$50 registration fee and no offerings have been scheduled.

In addition, special Scriptural

Temple Members To Show Skills

A get-acquainted gathering for personal and prospective members of the New Temple will feature art work and musical entertainment by members of the congregation. This unique event will take place Sunday, Sept. 7, at 7:30 p.m. in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Merckley, 4731 Cove Road, Orchard Lake.

Rabbi Ernst Conrad, spiritual leader of the New Temple, will be present to answer questions and discuss the philosophy of this newest reform congregation in Oakland County.

Guests are welcome. Prospective members may call the temple office - 646-5534 to contact old members who will be glad to accompany them to the gathering.

Livonia Sisterhood To Meet

The Livonia Jewish Congregation Sisterhood will hold its first meeting of the season at the Synagogue, 29475 West Six Mile Road, at 8:30 p.m. on Sept. 8. It will be a time to greet old friends and to extend a welcoming hand to those new to the community or just new to the sisterhood.

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