

Calvary Lutheran marks 20th birthday

Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church of Southfield will celebrate its 20th anniversary Aug. 12 and 13. A weekend replete with special activities has been planned by various committees of the congregation.

Chairing the upcoming celebration are Jane and Phil Dakin of Bingham Farms.

The church began in May of 1957, when the Reverend Howard H. Schaar was called by the Board of American Missions of the United Lutheran in America to organize a congregation in Southfield.

The first worship service was held on Sept. 15, 1957 in the gymnasium of Lathrup School with 80 people in attendance. The first session of the Sunday Church School was on Sept. 29 at the school with 23 children attending.

Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church was formally chartered as a mission of the Lutheran Church on March 30, 1958. Sixty-one adults signed the charter roll, representing 97 baptized members.

Reverend Chris A. Laursen served as the first pastor beginning in April, 1958, and in the fall of 1960, ground breaking ceremonies were held for the first unit of Calvary's present church at 2801 Evergreen Road in Southfield.

BY JULY 23, 1961, congregants were worshipping in their new church. That same year Reverend Harvey S. Peters, Jr., became pastor and remained with the church until 1969. He was one of the founders and past presidents of the Southfield Clergy Association.

Calvary became a self-supporting congregation by 1965 and the church as it stands presently, was completed on Sept. 15, 1965.

Two more pastors have served at Calvary: the Reverend H. Cole Reasin from 1970 to 1975 and the Reverend Samuel Hays, the present pastor.

Calvary is not an island unto itself but one of over 6,000 congregations of the Lutheran Church in America, representing over 3 million people.

A banquet at Stouffer's Northland Inn on Saturday, Aug. 12 will open the anniversary festivities. A pastor's roast will be featured.

On Sunday, Aug. 13, a special communion service will include the return of all former pastors, organists, and choir directors. An anniversary luncheon will be served, following the special service.

A 20th anniversary memorial gift of brick entrance markers at each driveway will be presented to the church.



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MONDAY

BREAST EXAM—Breast self examination (BSE) will be taught free of charge at 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. in William Beaumont Hospital's auditorium in Royal Oak. The course is offered in cooperation with the American Cancer Society's Action Now program and is called "Straight Talk." A phone reservation is required to help determine class size. To register, call the Public Affairs Department at the hospital at 288-8136.

CONCERT—A special Monday concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Prudential Town Center and will feature the South Oakland Concert Band. The concert is part of a free summer series sponsored by the Southfield Parks and Recreation Department and the Music Performance Trust Fund. Town Center is at Civic Center Drive and Evergreen. For more information call 354-9803.

ART REGISTRATION—Registration for members and current students of the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association for fall classes will begin today. General registration will be Monday, Aug. 14. Many classes in all media are offered. The association is at 1516 Cranbrook Road in Birmingham. For information call 644-0866.

BRANDEIS LUNCH—Brandeis University's Greater Detroit Chapter will have a petite luncheon at 12:30 p.m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Irwin I. Green, 27816 Lake Ellis Drive in Franklin. A tour of the Green's art collection is included and reservations are limited. Call Mrs. Ned Mellen at 354-2308 for information.

TUESDAY

ROTARY—Southfield Rotary Club will meet at noon in the Sheraton Southfield on Nine Mile east of Southfield Road.

RETROSPECTIVE—"The Artists' Guild at 3247 Franklin Road in Franklin Village will continue through Sept. 15. The exhibit includes paintings and sculpture. Summer hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Thursday and Fridays and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesdays.

ATTIC THEATRE—Midnight Theatre will be featured Fridays and Saturdays now through Sept. 2. The production "Los Legumbres" features Chris Goeke and Dan Spohn in comedy and satire. Admission will be \$2.50. For more information call the Attic Theatre.

558 Monroe Street in Detroit at 963-7789.

PIONEER WOMEN—Hanits Chapter of Pioneer Women will have a summer luncheon at noon at the Sutton Place Club House, 23275 Riverside in Southfield. Ms. Donna Malmstad will be the guest speaker. There will be a nominal charge and guests are welcome. For reservations call Rose Gruskin at 553-2208 or Susie Meiler at 398-8253.

WEDNESDAY

SUMMER SOUNDS—The Detroit Brass Society will be featured at the Sounds of Summer Concert at 7 p.m. at Northland Terrace on the Mall. The concerts are outdoors, free and open to the public under sponsorship of the Detroit Federation of Musicians and the Northland Merchants Association.

DIVORCE WORKSHOP—The Oakland County Child Advocacy and Family Service Project's divorce workshop will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church of Birmingham, 1589 Maple Road in Birmingham. Martin Doctoroff will discuss the legal aspects of divorce. The public may attend at no admission charge. For more information call 858-0511 (Gail Ayyette) from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

EMOTIONS ANONYMOUS—The regular Wednesday meeting of Emotions Anonymous will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Nativity Church, 2120 Fourteen Mile in Birmingham. The group uses a 12-step program to a new way of life through acceptance and learning to live with unsolved problems. For more information call 645-5069.

THURSDAY

SENIOR'S DANCE—A dance for senior citizens will begin at 8 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center's Ten Mile branch in Oak Park. Refreshments will be available and Freddy Sheyer, famous one-man orchestra will entertain. Admission will be just \$1. For more information call 398-2482.

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