

St. John congregation marks Ground Zero Week with 2 public seminars

St. John American Lutheran Church will join several hundred groups across the nation in participating in Ground Zero Week, April 18-25.

The week is observed with non-partisan, community-based discussions and events designed to educate and involve Americans in the issue of nuclear war.

The congregation will host two seminars, each starting at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday and Friday, April 21 and 23, in the church, 2325 Gill Road.

The opening session will be headed by Dr. Mark Leventer, co-chairman of Physicians for Social Responsibility and Major Ward Varns of the Michigan Air National Guard.

The speakers' subjects are "Physical and Medical Effects of Nuclear War" and "Nuclear Weaponry, Capability and Strategy."

Leventer will also show the movie, "The Last Epidemic."

At the second session, a panel of area Lutheran ministers will discuss "Religious-Moral Perspectives in the Nuclear Age" and U.S. Rep. William Broadhead (D-Detroit) will speak on "What Are Some Alternatives?"

The congregation invites area residents to attend and participate in the Ground Zero discussions at no charge.

Spokesmen for the church say they advocate no particular solution to the threat of nuclear war. Rather, the seminars are sponsored to offer time for



those of all backgrounds and viewpoints to examine the facts about nuclear war and look at their own reactions to what they have learned.

Ground Zero is based in Washington, D.C. and headed by Dr. Roger Molander, who for seven years was a member of the National Security Council.

His principle area of responsibility was strategic nuclear policy issues which included chairing the interagency working group which prepared all of the analytical material for the SALT negotiations.

Ground Zero is privately funded.

Local artists join for "Three Present"

Three area artists, all of whom hold an office in Farmington Artists Club, have been selected by the Southfield Cultural Arts Division for a three-woman exhibit called "Three Present."

The show runs from April 15 to May 3 in the lobby of the parks and recreation building within the Southfield Civic Center complex, 26000 Evergreen Road.

The three award-winning artists are

Gwen Tomkow, now secretary for the Farmington Artists Club; Monica Leaning, who is the chairwoman of the club's Picture Lady Program; and Donna Vogelheim, the club historian.

Tomkow paints with watercolors and does both realistic and abstract works. In the show she'll have some new hard-edge paper compositions, which is a mixed watercolor and collage technique and a new technique for her.

Her most recent award was the Renault U.S.A. purchase prize given through an exhibit sponsored by Palette and Brush Club and is the first such award the corporation has given for its collection in the United States.

Tomkow is represented in Northville Gallery, Northville.

Vogelheim is no stranger to awards. Her work has consistently won prizes in Farmington Artists Club juried competitions.

She will have some huge watercolors on display, mostly florals. She is a realistic painter who uses strong contrasting colors and has a number of her pieces in Detroit Institute of Arts' rental gallery.

Leaning brings a collection of landscapes and still lifes executed in pastels and oils to the show.

She demonstrates the use of pastel,

working for the Farmington Art Foundation in the public schools, and is represented in Detroit Institute of Arts' rental gallery.

"We are presenting ourselves as artists, not only as women," Tomkow said. "We have diversified styles and so a diversified exhibit."

DIRECTOR OF the Southfield Cultural Arts Division is Marlow Belanger, a Farmington Hills resident who brought the Farmington Area Arts Commission into being.

As part of her job she offers the lobby of that city's parks and recreation building for revolving shows.

"It's a busy lobby," she said, "and it allows young people, especially, who might hesitate going into a museum or an institute, to see a wide range of quality art."

First Aid class begins

A new course called "Pediatric First Aid" will begin at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 27 in Farmington Community Center.

The two-session, \$10 class brings the expertise and common-sense approach of Sandy Lopatowski, staff nurse at Providence Hospital Ambulatory Care Center, to participants.

Lopatowski has trained in paramedic skills, is a CPR (cardio-pulmonary

resuscitation) instructor and has taught first aid and CPR in the community.

She will discuss various signs, symptoms and treatment of pediatric emergencies, including head injuries, fractures and sprains, cuts and abrasions, and seizures.

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Harbinger goes on tour

Harbinger Dance Company takes to the road for a week-long tour to Interlochen, Ludington and Manistee.

Harbinger will begin the tour at Interlochen Center for the Performing Arts. The first day and a half will be devoted to master classes, with a full concert performance ending the residency.

FYA looks for skilled volunteers

Farmington Youth Assistance (FYA) is looking for skilled help this season. The group is looking for professionals and others with leadership quality who can accept responsibility.

FYA is a service organization sponsored by the cities of Farmington and Farmington Hills, the Oakland County Juvenile Court and Farmington Public Schools that depends on volunteer help. Call the FYA office, at 476-3840.

company Thursday.

The company then travels to Ludington, performing in concert in Peterson Auditorium. Kitty Skillman, Harbinger dancer and a national award-winning gymnast, will conduct a special workshop in gymnastics Saturday. There will also be a special ballet workshop.

Harbinger's final engagement on tour will be a Sunday concert in Manistee.

The tour is sponsored in part by the National Endowment for the Arts. Harbinger was the only Michigan company selected to participate on the 1981-82 Dance Touring Plan which gave support funding to the sponsor.

The highlight of Harbinger's spring dance season will be four performances in the dance series at Music Hall Center, April 28-May 2. Two premieres are featured on the Music Hall program — Bill Evans' "Storm Warnings" a work choreographed for the Harbinger Dance Company, and Lisa Nowak's piece choreographed to a suite of Chopin music.

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