

Reception To Honor Fr. Nitoski

Friends and former parishioners will honor the Rev. Gerald A. Nitoski in the Our Lady of Sorrows parish hall Sunday, April 19, from 2 to 4 p.m.

Fr. Nitoski, assistant pastor at Our Lady of Sorrows since 1966, has been named pastor of St. Joseph Parish in South Lyon.

Ordained in 1951, Fr. Nitoski came to the Farmington parish after serving five years at St. Thomas in Ann Arbor.

His replacement at Sorrows is Fr. James Ryan, SAC, who has previously been assigned to parishes in Wyandotte and Ecorse.

The Sorrows parish hall is located at the corner of Shawwassee and Powers Road in Farmington.

Kol Ami Plans Two Passovers

A family Passover service will begin at 7:45 p.m. Friday, April 24, for members of the Kol Ami (formerly The New Temple) congregation.

Students from the congregation's Hebrew School will participate and Rabbi Ernst J. Conrad will lead the Passover story.

An adult Passover service is scheduled for 8:30 p.m. Sunday, April 26. The memorial prayers (Virkor) will be recited and will usher in the seventh and last day of Passover.

Kol Ami services are held in the Birmingham Unitarian Church at Lone Pine and Woodward.



STAINED GLASS ART -- A stained glass window designed by famed artist Jacques Duval of New York City was installed this week in the new sanctuary of St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church of Livonia. The new building is located on Farmington Road between Six and Seven Mile Roads. When it is completed, the congregation will turn over its present building on Farmington Road south of Five Mile to the Livonia Civic Center development. Here two workmen admire the window right after installation. (Observer photo)

It's Easter Again April 26 Under Orthodox Calendar

Holy week, with its beginnings on Palm Sunday and its triumphant climax on Easter, begins Sunday, April 19, for some 300,000 in the metropolitan Detroit area.

They are members of various Orthodox churches, and their celebration of Easter follows an older system for determining the date, than the method used by Roman Catholic and Protestant churches.

The differences in dates was explained by Victor Chacho, 2381 Brazil, Southfield, chairman of the board of directors of the Thomas Albanian Orthodox Church in Detroit.

HE PUT it this way: Back in 325 A.D., before the split of the Orthodox and the Roman churches, the First Ecumenical Council determined the date of Easter.

It was decided, first, that the Christian Easter will always follow the Jewish Passover, and second, that it will be celebrated the first full moon after the first full moon after the vernal equinox.

BUT THE ROMAN church began to vary the Easter date after the introduction of the Gregorian calendar in 1054, after the great schism between Orthodox and Rome in 1054.

Now the date of Easter in the Roman and Protestant church follows the second of the determining factors, the time of the vernal equinox, but the method used by the first, the date of Passover.

Thus, in the Roman church, Easter now comes the first Sunday after the first full moon after the vernal equinox.

In the Orthodox church, it's the first Sunday after Passover that fulfills the requirement of following the first full moon after the vernal equinox.

THE DIFFERENCE in observance, therefore, boils down to the requirement regarding the Jewish Passover.

This part of the original formula having been abandoned by the non-Orthodox churches, Chacho said.

His death. Thus the scheduling of Easter must be in conjunction with the Jewish Passover to be meaningful.

In the Roman church this year, Easter was on March 29, almost four weeks ahead of the Passover, which Jews begin celebrating this year on April 21.

The Orthodox was officially recognized in 1957 by the state of Michigan as one of the four major faiths in the state, Chacho said.

Its members are largely American of Albanian, Bulgarian, Carpatho-Russian, Greek, Romanian, Russian, Serbian, Syrian and Ukrainian descent.

HOWEVER, SAID CHACHO, "there is a growing number of converts into the Orthodox faith as a result of 'mixed' marriages, use of the English language and the overall better awareness of what Orthodoxy is and represents."

In the Observer area are two Orthodox churches, the Church of St. Innocent in Redford Township and St. George Roman Orthodox Cathedral, 18405 W. Nine Mile, Southfield.



CONDUCTS WORKSHOP -- Jon Bender, famed organist and choir leader, is conducting a workshop in organ and choral music today (Saturday) in Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile, Livonia. The Lutheran Church/Christians Guild sponsors the appearance of the Holland native, who composed his first work while a World War II prisoner and now is associate professor of music at Western Michigan University in Springfield, Mich.

New Director

Tonight, Hendrickson has been named "busse director" of the Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman Road, Garden City. Hendrickson is a graduate of Belmont College and has served several local churches in a similar capacity.

United Methodists Meet In St. Louis This Week

Some 550 delegates from all United States and several other nations will gather in St. Louis this week to attend the 1970 special session of the United Methodist Church General Conference April 29 to 31 in Kiel Auditorium.

The Detroit Conference delegation, including United Methodist Churches in eastern Michigan and the Upper Peninsula, will be led by Dr. Jesse DeWitt and Harold Karls of Sylvania.

The Michigan delegation also includes Mrs. William Cansfield of Northville.

Several delegations include youth members, since young people in the United Methodist Church have been asking for representation on the various church boards and agencies.

IT IS EXPECTED that many thorny issues will confront the delegates as they

Seniors Will Hear Of Quacks

Mrs. Diane Place, consumer specialist for the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, will talk about "Quackery and You" during the April 22 meeting of the Grand River Baptist Senior Citizens.

The luncheon meeting will begin at noon in the church fellowship hall, 3500 Six Mile. Reservations should be made at the church office (261-6550) before April 22.

In addition to the show, the program will include the showing of the film, "A Modern Noah's Ark," produced by the Detroit Zoological Commission.

Mrs. Elizabeth Livingston will give a special devotional.

Church Women Hear Speakers On Abortion

"Let's Consider the Subject of Abortion" will be the theme of the April 28 meeting of the Women's Society of St. Matthew United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile, Livonia.

Two speakers will be present for the 1 p.m. meeting. Dr. George Sinclair Jr., pastor of Cherry Hill Baptist Church and a member of the clergy counseling service, will tell of the problems of some women who have sought advice.

Mrs. Pat Willis will discuss the legislative approach to the abortion issue. A question-and-answer time will follow the talks.

AREA DEATHS AND FUNERALS

ALLEN J. BRIDGES, Services for Mr. Allen J. Bridges, 62 of 2000 Eastland Road, Detroit, will be held at 11 a.m. Sunday, April 19, at the First United Methodist Church, 10000 Eastland Road, Detroit. Burial will be in the Detroit River Cemetery.

MRS. MATHIEA WALKER, Services for Mrs. Mathiea Walker, 45 of 2215 Maple Farmington, will be held at 11 a.m. Sunday, April 19, at the First United Methodist Church, 10000 Eastland Road, Detroit. Burial will be in the Detroit River Cemetery.

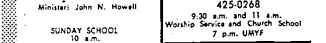
FREDERICK C. PHIMMS, Services for Mr. Frederick C. Phims, 88 of 2601 Eastland Farmington, will be held April 19 at the Trinity Episcopal Church, 11000 Eastland Farmington. Burial will be in the Detroit River Cemetery.

HELEN I. MANNING, Funeral services for Mrs. Helen I. Manning, 81 of 1923 Farmington Road, Livonia, were held in the Schrader Funeral Home, Farmington, with Rev. Frank W. Manning officiating. Burial was in the Detroit River Cemetery.

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UNITED METHODIST

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH of Garden City, 6443 Merimian Road, Phone: 421-8928. Minister: John N. Howell. SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 a.m. Infants through 6th grade. Church members to 7th grade. MORNING WORSHIP 10 a.m. only.

NARBIN PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, Farmington 474-8860, 29887 West 11 Mile Road. William D. Harter, Senior Minister. Sunday School 10 a.m. Morning Worship 9:30 and 11 a.m. "Come, Almightly To Deliver" Rev. Mr. William D. Harter preaching.

ALDERSGATE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (Redford Township), 10000 Bayshore Road (Between Plymouth and Farmington), 333-7909. Ministers: Wm. G. Weyer and Wm. M. Smith. Morning Worship 9:30 and 11 a.m. Nursery provided for all services.

St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile Road, 422-6038. Pastors: Paul T. Wynn, Pastor; Nelson Brier, Associate Pastor. 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship; Church School, 10 a.m. Bible School (for all grades); Church School (for all grades); Sunday School (for all grades).

ORCHARD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 30450 Farmington Road, 851-4664. Pastors: Paul T. Wynn, Pastor; Nelson Brier, Associate Pastor. 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship; Church School, 10 a.m. Bible School (for all grades); Church School (for all grades); Sunday School (for all grades).

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH of Farmington, 31111 Grand River, 482-2100. Pastors: Rev. David S. White, Rev. Hugh C. White, Rev. B. Byron Swiler. 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship; Church School, 10 a.m. Bible School (for all grades); Church School (for all grades); Sunday School (for all grades).

EPISCOPAL

St. John's, Westland, 555 S. Wayne Road, 721-9923. Sunday Worship: 8-9:15, 11-11 a.m. Saint John's, Livonia, 14360 Hubbard Road, 421-3451. Sunday Worship: 8-9:15, 11-11 a.m. Holy Spirit, Livonia, 8850 Newburg Road, 261-4640. Sunday Worship: 8-9:15, 11-11 a.m. St. Andrew's, Livonia, 14360 Hubbard Road, 421-3451. Sunday Worship: 8-9:15, 11-11 a.m.

Sacred Heart Byzantine Catholic Church, 20125 West Six Mile Road, 422-2100. Rev. Myron Hornyak. Divine Liturgies: Sunday 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. - Daily 9 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat. 4 p.m. - 5 p.m. 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

CATHOLIC

St. John's, Westland, 555 S. Wayne Road, 721-9923. Sunday Worship: 8-9:15, 11-11 a.m. Saint John's, Livonia, 14360 Hubbard Road, 421-3451. Sunday Worship: 8-9:15, 11-11 a.m. Holy Spirit, Livonia, 8850 Newburg Road, 261-4640. Sunday Worship: 8-9:15, 11-11 a.m. St. Andrew's, Livonia, 14360 Hubbard Road, 421-3451. Sunday Worship: 8-9:15, 11-11 a.m.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

NATIVITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, 9435 Henry Road at West Chicago, Livonia, 482-1526. Rev. Edward H. Reinhardt. 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Nursery, Church School and Worship Service.

ST. PAUL'S Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile Road, GA 2-1470. "Everyone Welcome" Rev. William F. Whitehead, Rev. Arnold S. Datzell, Donald A. Drew. Worship and Church School 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

WARD UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF LIVONIA, Farmington Road and Six Mile Road, 422-1150. Worship and Bible School 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. "The Man Who Walked With God" Dr. Bartlett L. Hess preaching.

ST. TIMOTHY Presbyterian Church, 16700 Newburg Road, 464-1354. Rev. Carl A. Gundersen. 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. "The Open-Ended Command" Rev. Franklin Williams Jr. Wednesday Evening 7 p.m. Classes for all ages. Nursery provided for all activities.

ROSEDALE GARDENS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Hubbard at West Chicago, 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Richard C. Dunkelberger, Pastor. Arthur Beumer, Jr., Associate Pastor. William T. Lovick, Associate Pastor. Garland 2-6494.

CHURCH OF GOD

Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburg Road at Plymouth Road, Livonia, Phone 484-0990. Rev. J. Clifford Thor, Pastor. Rev. Robert L. McGuffee, Associate. 9:45 a.m. Sunday School, 11 a.m. Morning Worship, 6:30 p.m. Evening Service. Nursery and Day Care Center Now Open. Enrollment Limited. Call 484-0990.

NORTHWEST CHURCH, Christian and Missionary Alliance, 28111 West Ten Mile Road, 476-7573. Services: Wednesday and Friday 7:00 p.m. Evening Service 7 p.m. Worship Service 11 a.m. Wednesday and Friday 7:00 p.m. Pastor: D. Bensch, Pastor. 424-3347.

Parkdale Assembly of God, 26516 Parkdale, 1 S. 8th of Plymouth & Levan Rd. 482-2100. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Morning Worship 10:45 a.m. Evening Service 7:00 p.m. Wednesday and Friday 7:00 p.m. Pastor: D. Bensch, Pastor. 424-3347.

EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH, 24231 W. Eight Mile Road, 482-2100. Pastor: Edwin T. Clendenen, Pastor. 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, 11 a.m. Morning Worship, 7:00 p.m. Evening Service. For information please call Miss Nancy P. Pater - 422-3175.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

You are cordially invited to attend Sunday School as listed below. Sunday Schools are conducted by all churches, and care is provided for children of pre-Sunday School age. Wednesday Testimonial Meetings at 8 p.m. Hours of Service: FOURTH CHURCH, Detroit, 11 a.m. 24400 W. Seven Mile near Telegraph St. GA 5-1111. FIRST CHURCH, Garden City, 11 a.m. 39111 Ford Road, GA 5-1111. FIRST CHURCH, Plymouth, 10:30 a.m. 1100 West Ann Arbor Trail.