



Mark Bowditch
Thailand bound

Minister to serve as missionary in Asia

Mark Bowditch, a Spiritual son of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, was ordained into the Office of the Holy Ministry. At the same service, he was also commissioned to serve as missionary to Thailand in East Asia.

Bowditch, a graduate from Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Ind., grew up in Farmington Hills. He is the youngest son of William and Audrey Bowditch, now, retired and living in Gaylord. His grandmother, Brownen Bodycomb, a member of Prince of Peace, resides in Detroit Baptist Manor, Farmington Hills.

Bowditch graduated from North Farmington High School. While there, he was active in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Youth for Christ, Campus Life; he participated in track, cross country and basketball. During his senior year, he received the "Athlete of the Year" award.

Upon graduation from North Farmington, Bowditch enrolled at Concordia College, Ann Arbor. After completing his freshman year, he left for India to play basketball with Athletes in Action, a Christian team which seeks to share the love of

Christ through the avenue of sports. On Dec. 24, 1985, he was married to Barbara Katt in Hawaii, where her parents are stationed with the armed forces. The couple have one son, Troy, and are expecting their second child soon.

BETWEEN HIS sophomore and junior year at the seminary, 1987-88, he and his wife taught English at mainland Chinese University where they befriended Chinese students and shared their faith in Jesus as the Christ of God.

While at the seminary, the couple

were encouraged by the mission department at Concordia Theological Seminary to pursue further overseas mission work. Upon graduation, he was appointed by the seminary's board of assignments to serve as its first pastor-missionary to Thailand.

AT THE special service of Ordination and Commissioning, the Rev. Dr. Eugene Bunkowski, chairman of the Mission Department and fourth vice president of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, delivered the message with the Rev. T. Richard Marcell, Sr., pastor at Prince of

Peace Lutheran Church officiating.

The Rev. Carl Mehl, first pastor at Prince of Peace, served as lector.

Other area clergy assisted in the Service of Praise and thanksgiving in the Rite of Laying On of Hands.

Bowditch is the third "Spiritual Son" of Prince of Peace to enter The Holy Ministry.

The others are the Rev. Brant Edgel, pastor at Redemption Lutheran Church, Detroit, and the Rev. Peter C. Marcell, pastor at Gethsemane, North Jackson, Ohio.

club circuit

All club news and announcements for this column are to be addressed to: Club Circuit, Farmington Observer, 21898 Farmington Road, Farmington 48336. The information must arrive before noon on the Monday before Thursday publication.

● CONCERNED PARENTS
Parents concerned about teenagers and alcohol and other drug use meet at 6:30 p.m. every Friday in the Farmington Area Advisory Council offices, 23450 Middlebelt. Laurie Finn will take calls about the support group at 477-6767.

● BEING NEIGHBORLY
Farmington Neighbors Club invites guests to a luncheon, the installation of officers for the 1990-91 year and the annual game of Bingo for cash prizes. The event begins at

noon, Wednesday, June 20, in Glen Oaks Country Club, Farmington Hills. Reservations must be made by 4 p.m. Friday, June 15, with Mary Anita McHugh, 477-6523 or Jan Kallmeier, 477-1795.

● GREEN THUMBS
Hill and Dale Garden Club of Farmington will meet at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, June 14 at the Community Center of Farmington-Farmington Hills, Farmington Road, south of 11 Mile. Officers for the 1990-91 years will be installed.

● SINGLES MEET
Westside Singles meet at 8 p.m. Friday in Livonia Elks, Plymouth Road, east of Merriman. Dressy attire is requested. The singles hotline is 562-3170.

● HELPING HAND
United Scleroderma Foundation's

10th anniversary Walk-For-Scleroderma is Saturday, June 16. The walk will make a round-trip journey from Roper School on Adams in Birmingham to Baldwin Public Library on Merrill St. in Birmingham. Lunch will be provided for all pledged walkers. Registration is at 10 a.m. and the walk begins at 11 a.m. Balloons released at 1:30 p.m. For lunch reservations and information, call 334-9860.

● SOCK HOP
The Catholic Alumni Club presents a '50s Sock Hop from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, June 23, at St. Sylvester's Social Hall, 11209 12 Mile, Warren. Admission is \$6 or \$7 at the door. Casual dress. Dinner tickets at \$8.50 on pre-sale only, starts at 7 p.m. For more information, call Laura DeLeon at 582-6152.



SHARON LeMIEUX/staff photographer

Sweet shop

Farmington Hills firefighter Lea Strickfaden hands out candy to 3-year-old Kevin List of Farmington Hills during the Memorial Day

parade along Grand River in downtown Farmington May 28. Holding the tot is his dad, Brad.

Summer activities for kids

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● PARK CONCERT
Tuesday, July 15: Borkowski and Rosochacki, winner of Detroit Metro Times "Best Instrumentalists" and "Best Vocalists" awards for 1988 in concert at 7:30 p.m. in Marshbank Park, Hiller Road, north of Commerce Road, West Bloomfield Township. Parking fee is \$2.

● SPACE CAMP
Monday, July 16: Space Camp, led by Barbara Kozak and Gerald Melton who have co-authored manuals for Earth Shuttle's Educational Tours for Kennedy Space Center and Epcot Center, runs from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday in The Community Center of Farmington-Farmington Hills, Farmington Road.

north of 10 Mile. Youth ages 7-11 learn about aircraft, flights, Newton's laws, life on a space shuttle and space exploration while designing and working with a variety of aerospace projects. Camp tuition is \$180. Campers bring their own bag lunch. Beverage is provided. Registrations taken by the center, 477-8404.

● SCIENCE CAMP
Monday through Friday, July 23-27: Science Discovery Camp runs from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day for 7-12 year olds in The Community Center of Farmington-Farmington Hills, Farmington Road, north of 10 Mile. Topics for the week are 'Back to Bones,' 'Skin and Scales,' 'Feathers and Furs,' 'It's a Wild Life' and 'Our Man-made Environment.' Youngsters will visit with a pebbled pig, a snake, a macaw, build a bat house

and a bat mobile. Tuition is \$125. Campers bring their own bag lunch. Beverage is provided. Registrations taken by the center, 477-8404.

● ON STAGE
Tuesday, Aug. 5: Corcovado plays a tasteful blend of cool jazz and hot latin rhythms in outdoor concert at 7:30 p.m. in Marshbank Park, Hiller Road, north of Commerce Road, west Bloomfield Township. Parking fee is \$2.

● MUSIC COMPANY
Tuesday, Aug. 19: Detroit Music Company in concert at 7:30 p.m. in Marshbank Park, Hiller Road, north of Commerce Road, west Bloomfield Township. Parking fee is \$2. Concert is preceded by an ice cream social at 5 p.m.

Student winners unveiled

Jason Weiner and Shawn Hervey, Farmington Hills Harrison High students, won first- and second-place awards for posters they designed for the Michigan Commission on the Bicentennial of the United States Constitution contest.

The contest this year focused on the United States legal system. This is the second year that students from Margaret Culver's class

have been awarded with first- and second-place medals for this contest.

Students from the class earning Certificates of Recognition are: Tammie Smith, Laurie Jarvis, Heather Tucker, Larry Sprader, James Levensinski, David Matuszak, Lamar Gergis, Scott Chattinger, Shikira Jones, Lisa Schwartz and Marsha Zarembo.

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