

RELIGION CALENDAR

If you want to submit an item for the religion calendar fax it to (734) 591-7279 or write: Religion Calendar, Observer Newspaper, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI 48150. The deadline for an announcement to appear in the Thursday edition is noon Monday.

**HADASSAH PROGRAM SERIES**  
Rabbi Arnie Sleutberg of the congregation Shur Tikvah will present "Jewish Humor Through the Ages," Tuesday, March 26, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Hadassah House, 5030 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield. The public is invited to attend. Tickets are \$13. A dairy lunch is included. To register call: 248-683-6030.

**SPRING RUMMAGE AND BAKE SALE**  
St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 20805 Middlebelt (at Eight Mile), will hold its spring rummage and bake sale April 4 and April 5 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day. Bag sale will be April 6, for 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Light lunch is available. For more information: 248-476-0841

**SALVATION ARMY SENIORS**  
The Salvation Army's Seniors Club is having its first ever "Spring Cleaning Sale" on Tuesday, March 26 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., 27500 Shiloh (at Inkster Road). For more information, call: 248-477-1153.

**ADAT SHALOM SYNAGOGUE PASSOVER SERVICES**  
Passover Services are Wednesday, March 27, 6 p.m.; Thursday, March 28, 9 a.m. and 6 p.m.; and Friday, March 29, 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. Adat Shalom Synagogue is located at: 29901 Middlebelt Road, Farmington Hills.

**EASTER WORSHIP SERVICES**  
Nardin Park United Methodist Church will hold a 30-minute sunrise Easter service, with readings and songs, at 7:30 a.m. Sunday, March 31. Breakfast will be served from 8-10:30 a.m. Traditional Easter worship services are scheduled at 9:15 a.m. and 11 a.m., and will include handbell music. The church is located at 29887 West 11 Mile, just west of Middlebelt, in Farmington Hills.

**CHURCH GARAGE SALE**  
St. Alexander Church, 27835 Shiloh (between Inkster and Middlebelt) holds a church garage sale Wednesday, April 3, and Thursday, April 4, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Hours on Friday, April 5 are from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information call: 248-474-5748.

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**  
Worldwide Marriages Encounter offers weekend experiences designed to help married couples improve communication and learn the value of intimacy, April 5-7 and May 17-19 at the St. John's Family Life Center, 44011 Five Mile, Plymouth. Registration fee is \$50. (248) 528-2512 or (810) 286-5624.

**RELIGION CLASSES**  
Faith Covenant Church in Farmington Hills hosts ALPHA, a series of classes that offer a practical introduction to the Christian faith. Classes run 6:30-9 p.m. Thursdays through May 2. Some of the topics to be discussed will be: Who is Jesus? Why did He die? Does God heal today? Dinner and child care will be provided. Call (248) 661-9191.

**WOMEN'S CLASS**  
Ward Presbyterian Church offers the ALPHA course on Christianity for women. The 10-

week class meets at 6 p.m., starting Thursday, March 21, in the church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. It includes dinner. Call (248) 374-5937 to register.

**PRINCE OF PEACE WOMEN'S LEAGUE**  
The Women's League of the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church will have a two-day Rummage and Bake sale on Friday, April 12, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and a \$3 bag sale on Saturday, April 13, from 9 a.m. to noon. The church is located at 12 Mile and Farmington Roads.

ON-GOING

**WIDOW/WIDOWER SUPPORT**  
New Hope Center for Grief Support, a Christian-based bereavement outreach center, offers support for widows and widowers with children on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. The group meets at 7 p.m., at St. Kenneth's Parish offices, 14951 Haggerty, Plymouth. New Hope for Kids meets at the same time and place and is aimed at children, age 4-11. (248) 348-0115.

FUN AND FUND-RAISERS

**CATHOLIC ALUMNI**  
The Catholic Alumni Club of Detroit, a non-profit organization of single Catholics, age 21 and over, who have earned a bachelor's degree and are eligible to marry in the Catholic church, sponsors indoor volleyball from 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays through March 26 at Butcher Community Center, located on Martin between Ryan and Mound Roads in Warren. (248) 332-1462.

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show at Parisian on April 28. The current Miss Michigan, Stacey Esschbacher will also be there.

**Miss Michigan here I come**

The Miss Michigan competition is three months away. Orientation was yesterday and I had the opportunity to meet most of the 27 young women whom I will be competing with. It is amazing to hear everyone's story and I am just grateful that I have the opportunity to be there.

Miss Michigan is June 8 - 15. I want to thank Jennifer

Hoemke and Erin Cogswell, former Miss Farmingtons from 1998 and 1999, respectively, for helping me in my preparation.

Keeping in touch

My goal is to make sure that I always communicate to you, the citizens of Oakland County, how grateful I am to be here. Our community has so many wonderful programs to offer its members. Speaking at the Farmington Hills City Council on Feb. 25 reminded me of how hard our city officials work for us.

Thank you to Robin Grace from the Farmington Hills

YMCA for offering me their workout facilities to use in my preparation for Miss Michigan. It was great to talk with the city officials of Farmington Hills during their Open House at the Costick Center. Families came out to with their children to meet and greet the people who make this town what it is. Until next time, enjoy these first days of spring and I will talk to you soon in April.

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