

ECUMENICAL REFLECTIONS

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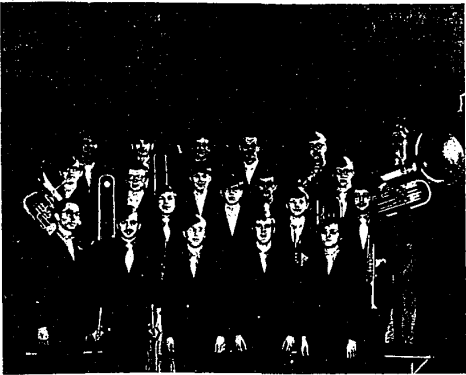
One of the greatest evils against which the church is fighting today is the evil of neutrality in daily circumstances which call for clear-cut confessions of our Christian faith. Someone has well said that the hottest places in hell are reserved for those people who, when a great issue is involved, prefer to remain neutral. It doesn't take too much courage to talk forcibly to a group of like-minded, professing Christians about the lack of dedication in the church, and the growing deterioration of standards in the world. Some people are very eloquent as long as they're talking about the evils of the world. About the time they should stand up and be counted is in the church itself. There seems to have developed a cult among Christians — "sophisticates" they like to call themselves — who pride themselves upon warning themselves at the sinful world's fire.

counted is in the home. Children, in God's plan, do not supervise and train parents. Exactly the opposite is God's will! It is high time that parents stop giving outwardly poised, but inwardly immature, boys and girls their "complete trust" by being "pals," no matter what, and start assuming their obligation to act like parents. It is high time that parents set a Christian example at home and enforce Christian principles when dealing with their children. This might incite a minor revolution in some families, but parents who have the courage to exercise an occasional veto stand a good chance of winning the respect of their children. THE SECOND PLACE we should stand up and be counted is in the church itself. There seems to have developed a cult among Christians — "sophisticates" they like to call themselves — who pride themselves upon warning themselves at the sinful world's fire.

These are the people who always want to be "neutral" on any subject. They won't talk one way or the other on such important subjects as false doctrine or the importance of regular church attendance. As a result of their lack of conviction, many seeking souls are learning first-hand to treat God's saving Word with indifference. THE THIRD PLACE where we should stand up and be counted is in the world. If we do not tell our unchurched neighbors and, more important, our leaders in government and education, how we Christians feel about the breakdown in law enforcement and moral standards, how will they ever get the message?

We are citizens of our country, as well as citizens of God's kingdom, and as such, we have God-given obligations to contribute to its well-being. During this Lent season may we recall Jesus' faithful confession before His hostile judges. He bore witness to the truth though it meant His crucifixion. To us this Savior says, "Neutrality is impossible for My followers. You have to stand up and be counted." He that is not for me is against me, and he that gathereth not with me, scattereth abroad." Matt. 12:30. We stand up to be counted when without fear or favor, we confess Him as our Savior and then live and promote His absolute standards of righteousness!

St. Paul Group Plans Concert



THE MALE CHORUS and Brass Ensemble of the St. Paul Bible College, St. Bonifacius, Minn., will present a concert Easter Sunday evening in Farmington's Northwest Christian and Missionary Alliance Church.

A sacred concert which includes gospel songs interspersed with personal testimonies will be presented in the Northwest Christian and Missionary Alliance Church, at 7 p.m., Easter Sunday, April 2. The concert will be presented by the Male Chorus and Brass Ensemble of the St. Paul Bible College, St. Bonifacius, Minn. It will include classical, and sacred hymns and instrumental numbers. The 25-voice ensemble is one of three college choirs representing the college through concerts in areas around the college and through extended tours. Its present schedule includes churches and auditoriums in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois and Michigan. The concert is under the direction of Bruce Burkley, who earned his bachelor degree from Houghton College in Houghton, N.Y., and his master of music degree and artist diploma from the Peabody Conservatory of Music, Baltimore, Md. He has had wide experience in composing, teaching and directing. The St. Paul Bible College is the midwestern regional college of the Christian and Missionary Alliance. The college offers degrees in seven areas.

Blend Of Masses Broadcast Set

A 60 minute Easter special, "Masses," a blend of nine recorded versions of the Mass from around the world, will be heard on WKAR-AM 870 and WKAR-FM 90.5, on Good Friday, March 31, beginning at 11 a.m. "Masses" is a performance of folk, flamenco, yodelling, jazz, creole, and traditional masses combined with poetry, dialogue, and personal perspectives. During specific segments of the program two or more of these elements will be heard simultaneously. The program was produced by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation and distributed by National Public Radio. INTERSPERSED with the five principal parts of the mass (the kyrie, gloria, credo, sanctus, and the Agnus Dei), young children, teenagers, and adults offer their personal perspectives of Christ, God and Easter.

**An Easter INVITATION**

**HOLY WEEK SERVICES**

COME—Worship the Risen Lord with Us. He Lives as He Promised.

Attend These Special Services

**PALM SUNDAY - March 26**  
9:30 a.m. Family Bible Study  
10:45 a.m. Worship  
6:00 p.m.

**PUBLIC SHOWING OF THE TECHNICOLOR FEATURE FILM**  
"Wind Of Morning"

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29**  
8:00 p.m. Combined Choirs  
Easter Cantata  
"Seven Last Words"

**THURSDAY, MARCH 30**  
8:00 p.m. Celebration of the Lord's Supper. Music by John Ambrose and Dorothy Main.

*Grand River Baptist Church*  
Six Mile Road  
Livonia (1/4 Mile West of Farmington Rd.)

**PRAYER**

Prayer should be the key of the day and the lock of the night  
*Thomas Fuller*

Prayer begins where human capacity ends  
*Norman Vincent Peale*

More things are wrought by prayer Than this world dreams of  
*Alfred Lord Tennyson*

A prayer in its simplest definition is merely a wish turned Godward  
*Phillips Brooks*

Certain thoughts are prayers. There are moments when, whatever be the posture of the body, the soul is on its knees.  
*Victor Hugo*



*First Baptist Church of Farmington*

**GOOD FRIDAY**  
1-2 p.m. Services with Bethel Baptist Church of Farmington

**EASTER SUNDAY**  
7 a.m. Sunrise Service  
9:45 a.m. Sunday Bible School  
11 a.m. Morning Worship Service

Easter Message by Pastor Walter Ballagh

7 p.m. Evening Gospel Hour

**FARMINGTON ROAD at SHIAWASSEE**  
Walter C. Ballagh, Pastor

**DEEPER LIFE CONFERENCE**  
MARCH 29 - APRIL 2

HEAR **REV. HAROLD FIFE** KESWICK SPEAKER... BIBLE TEACHER AND THE EVANGEL TRIO Weeknights 7:30 Sunday 11 a.m., 7 p.m.

*Judson Baptist Church*  
28301 MIDDLEBELT ROAD  
Between 12 and 13 Mile Roads

*First Baptist Church*  
45000 N. Territorial Road  
Plymouth, Michigan

MARCH 30—Maundy Thursday Service 8:00 p.m.  
MARCH 31—Good Friday Community Service 7:00 a.m.  
APRIL 2—Easter Sunrise Service 7:00 a.m.  
Easter Worship Service 11:00 a.m.  
Easter Vigil 8:00 p.m.

*Good Hope Lutheran*  
28680 Cherry Hill Rd.  
Garden City  
Rev. Dean Bechler  
427-3850

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**  
7:15 p.m.  
**GOOD FRIDAY**  
7:15 p.m.  
**EASTER**  
Service 8:00 a.m.  
Breakfast 9:15 a.m.  
Service 9:00 & 11 a.m.

*Good Shepherd Lutheran Church*  
26212 W. Six Mile at Kinloch  
Maundy Thursday Holy Communion 7:30 p.m.  
Good Friday Easter Breakfast 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.  
Easter Sunday 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.  
Godfrey E. Alberti, Pastor

*Timothy Congregation The American Lutheran Church*  
8820 Wayne Road, Livonia  
George A. Fischer, Pastor

**HOLY WEEK SERVICES**  
Thursday, 7:30 p.m. — Sacrament of Holy Communion "Were You There When He Gave the Holy Supper?" Luke 22:19-20  
Friday, 1:00 p.m. — Joint Services with All Saints and Christ the King Lutheran Congregations The Rev. John Root preaching 7:30 p.m. — Tenebrae Service "Were You There When He Was Laid in the Tomb?" John 19:38-42  
Easter Sunday - 6:30, 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.  
Holy Communion at all Services  
"Were You There When He Rose from the Grave?" Romans 6:4-5

*St. John's Lutheran Church*  
13442 MERCEDES  
1 block S. of Schoolcraft, 1 block E. of Inkster Road  
Pastor: Karlo J. Keljo  
KE 8-2660

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**  
7:45 p.m. Holy Communion

**EASTER SUNDAY**  
8:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast served by Youth Group  
9:45 a.m. and 11 a.m. — Divine Worship  
Hymans through Kindergarten and 1st

*Lutheran Church of the Risen Christ*  
48250 Ann Arbor Road  
Plymouth, Mich.  
Pastor: Kenneth E. Eddy

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**  
7:30 p.m.  
**GOOD FRIDAY**  
Worship Service 1 p.m.  
Tenebrae Service 7:30 p.m.  
**EASTER SUNDAY**  
"Sunrise Service" 8:30 a.m.  
Easter Breakfast 7:30 to 9 a.m.  
Festival Service - 10:15 a.m.

*Calvary Baptist*  
Plymouth 43855 Joy Rd.

**EASTER SUNDAY**  
11:00 a.m. — Rev. Wendell Collins (Guest) Miss Muskegon  
7:00 p.m. — Cantata "We Greater Love" by John Peterson Sung by 40 voice choir under direction of Sam Haskins, Minister of Music

*Redford Baptist Church*  
"The Friendly Church With A Vital Message"  
GRAND RIVER and SEVEN MILE 533-2300

**WELCOME TO OUR EASTER SERVICES**  
9 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.  
Message by Dr. Gordon H. Schroeder  
"The Resurrection"

6 p.m. Movie "Operation Nightwatch"  
Good Friday Service, Friday 12:30 p.m. (Nursery Provided During All Services)

*Episcopal Church of the Redeemer*  
18140 Cornell Rd. at Southfield Southfield  
REV. JOHN OSGOOD HART, RECTOR  
REV. FRANK TONSETT ASSISTANT  
MAUNDY THURSDAY - 8:00 p.m. Holy Communion  
GOOD FRIDAY - Sandwiches and Coffee 12:00 Noon  
Service of Evening Prayer 1:00 p.m.  
EASTER - 7:00 a.m. Festival of Holy Communion and Sermon followed by Breakfast 10:30 a.m.  
Festival of Holy Communion and Sermon.

*St. David's Episcopal Church*  
16200 W. 12 Mile Rd. Southfield

**EASTER SERVICES**  
7, 9 and 11 a.m.  
Holy Communion & Sermon  
Hymns, Prayers at 9 and 11 a.m.  
Everyone welcome  
The Rev. Herbert G. Myers, Rector  
The Rev. M. Arthur Taylor, Assistant  
The Rev. Albert Corner, Assistant

*St. Andrew's Episcopal Church*  
16360 Hubbard Road Ewing  
421-8451  
The Rev. Kenneth G. Davis, Rector

**GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP**  
Liturgy 12:00 Noon  
**EASTER SUNDAY**  
Services 11:00 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m.  
6:30, 8:30 and 11 a.m.

*Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit*  
34645 Cowan Rd. Westland (1/2 Mile W. of Wayne) 261-8460

**GOOD FRIDAY**  
Noon and 7:30 p.m.  
**EASTER**  
Celebration of the Holy Eucharist 6 a.m. and 10 a.m.

*St. Mark's Presbyterian*  
26701 Joy Rd. Dearborn Heights, Mich. 278-9340

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**  
Upper Room Communion Service 7:30 p.m.

**EASTER**  
Sunrise Service 7 a.m.  
Communion Breakfast 8:30 a.m.  
Worship and Church School - 10 a.m.

EVERYONE WELCOME!

*Lutheran Church of the Incarnation*  
30333 W. 10 Mile Farmington (between Middlebelt and Orchard Lake)  
Gary W. Cowall, Pastor

**PALM SUNDAY:** 9:30 a.m. Sunday Church School  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service  
**MAUNDY THURSDAY:** 6:30 p.m. Potluck Dinner  
7:30 p.m. Communion Service  
**GOOD FRIDAY:** 1:00 Service (chapel open all afternoon)  
**EASTER SUNDAY:** 9:00 a.m. Sunday Church School  
10:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service

**Easter Greetings**  
*Grace Lutheran Church*  
25630 Grand River Detroit, MI 48240  
KE 2-2256

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**  
Service at 7:30 p.m.  
Holy Communion  
**GOOD FRIDAY**  
Service at 7:30 p.m.  
Holy Communion  
**EASTER SUNDAY**  
7:30 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 11 a.m.

*Apostolic Lutheran Congregation*  
24325 Halsted Road Farmington, Michigan  
Raymond H. Tulki, Pastor

**Palm Sunday**  
Services 11:00 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m.  
**Holy Week Services**  
Monday through Thursday at 7:30 p.m.  
**Good Friday**  
at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.  
**Easter Sunday**  
11 a.m. and 7 p.m.  
Guest Speaker: Missionary Lemme Annala of Finland  
Marqueses International 8th Wafarima

*Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church*  
9415 Merriman Road Livonia 422-6930  
Robert P. Mueller, Pastor

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**  
7:30 a.m. Communion Service  
**GOOD FRIDAY**  
1:30 p.m. — Mid-Day Meditation  
**EASTER SUNDAY**  
6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service  
7:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast  
8:30 and 11 a.m. Festival Service  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
Easter Film

**Easter Specials**  
Announcing Great and Spiritual Services  
Easter: 10:00 a.m. Service  
12:00 Noon — Children's "Candy Rain"  
2:00 p.m. Song Fest  
Revival April 1 - 3  
7:00 p.m. Nightly

*Apostolic Church of Jesus Christ*

*Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran*  
30650 Six Mile Road, Livonia  
William C. Lindholm, Pastor  
427-1414, 427-1020, or 464-3908

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**  
8:00 — Service of Holy Communion  
**GOOD FRIDAY**  
12 to 3 p.m. — Tie One Service  
**EASTER SUNDAY**  
6:30 a.m. — Sunrise Service  
8:00 a.m. — Holy Communion  
9:30 and 11:00 a.m. — Festival Worship