



MRS. SUSAN KNAPP, director of an ecumenical Bible School to be sponsored by new Lutheran and Presbyterian churches in Plymouth later this month, shows some of the study material to her daughters, Julie (center) and Jennifer. (Observer photo by Bob Woodring)

# Plymouth Bible School Is Ecumenical Project

Two new Plymouth churches, both still meeting in school buildings, will sponsor an ecumenical Bible School the week of June 18 to 22.

# Livonia Baptist Sets Homecoming

The Rev. Willard Martin, pastor of Livonia Baptist Church from 1954 to 1965, will preach for special Homecoming Sunday services June 3.

The church, located at 3240 Schoolcraft, will have services at 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. A luncheon will be served following the morning service, so that former members who have responsibilities in other churches may join present members for fellowship and afternoon worship.

All who have been affiliated with the church are invited by the Rev. Elvin L. Clark, present pastor, to join in the day's events.

Livonia Baptist is affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention. Its first services were held in 1954 in the Rosedale School and its first building was erected in 1955. Two other units have since been added to the church building.

# CYO Is Accepting Camp Enrollments

The Catholic Youth Organization is now accepting applications for its summer camps — one for boys and one for girls — on the shores of Lake Huron. Each camp will offer four two-week periods of summer fun, beginning June 30 and ending Aug. 25. Camp fee of \$55 for 14 days (\$100 for 14 days) for those in the pioneer units includes board, room and insurance.

Application forms and further information may be obtained now from the CYO office, 305 Michigan Avenue, Detroit, 48226.

Youngsters who want to attend are urged to make their applications early. The two camps have a total capacity of 1,408 and 1,655 attended last year. Late cancellations prevented the first perfect attendance mark in their 26-year history.

The camps are located near Port Sanilac. The girls' camp is four miles north of town and the boys' camp, four miles south.

The group has 38 members from various metropolitan Detroit churches.

# Northwest Leaders Talk Of Faith

By CORINNE ABATT  
Often, it is hard for a man to talk about his religious beliefs in a personal way, the deep meaning for his life, and his prayers. Most Americans tend to claim up on such as that, saying, something like, "I have my own faith."

Not so with five "under-shepherds" and Pastor Paul Bersche of the Northwest Christian and Missionary Alliance. The church is on 10 Mile between Inkster and Middle Belt.

Pastor Bersche answered a request to visit the church with a suggestion that several in leadership positions join. So Burt Hendricks of Livonia, Tom Sellers of Detroit, Earl Leach of Commerce Township and Art Ford of Southfield met together.

Pastor Bersche gave a brief explanation of how the church was founded. A Presbyterian minister, Dr. Albert E. Simpson, began holding evening prayer services in a New York City theater in the early 1890s. He had the feeling that the word of Christ wasn't getting to the man on the street.

"So many came to Christ through his ministry that eventually they said, 'Let's have our own church,'" Pastor Bersche explains. Methodist, Congregationalists, Methodists, Presbyterians, Episcopalians — all gathered to preach with him, and this became the Christian Alliance. For a while the Mission Alliance was separate, but when the two became cumbersome to operate, they were joined.

Now there are 1,500 Christian and Mission Alliance churches in the United States and Canada. They support more than 1,000 missionaries in 36 countries. There are 10 churches in the metropolitan Detroit area.

The undershepherds are so called, because each one ministers to about 40 church families assigned to him. Deacons work with the undershepherds to meet needs of their assigned families. Each home is visited at least once a year, many more often. The need may be anything from an emergency babysitter to a prayer service.

Pastor Bersche says about the membership, "This church is definitely not inbred. It is a great cross-section of various denominations." "The people were led here by the spirit of God. They didn't come here by accident," Hendricks says in answer to a question about the membership.

"Some churches are empire builders. Here the emphasis is on Christ," says Tom Sellers, whom the men refer to as the "philosopher."

As they continue talking about their faith, Pastor Bersche makes an observation: "It's a contagious thing. The presence of God in a person's life makes that person a delight to be around. Enthusiasm comes from the Greek ethos — to put God in you."

The pastor continues, "In Christ they've found reality, it's the person of Christ with us that's unique. We don't say, 'come to my church,' but rather, 'I'd like you to know my Christ.'"

Leach picks up the conversation. "If a man is in Christ, he is a new creature. When this happens there is a natural attraction for each other. Our main basis is a literal acceptance of the word. Northwest Church is four-square Gospel — Jesus Christ Savior, Sanctifier, Healer and coming King."

Ford expresses his feelings: "He lives with us. He is with us constantly in our homes, in our businesses, wherever we are. He is there, a very real Person."

Healing, as expressed by Leach, is part of the responsibilities of the undershepherds. They do not want to have it cheapened, as frequently happens when religious healing is mentioned.

To a person, the men strongly believe in healing through prayer.

Seller refers to the fifth chapter of the book of James: "If any man is sick, let him call for the elders of the church."

"It's a low key thing," says the pastor. "It's not emphasized; it's always done in a very quiet way."

The undershepherds recently prayed at the altar rail for a woman to be healed.



# Rev. Alberti Leaving Redford

The Rev. Godfrey E. Alberti, pastor of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Redford Township since 1969, will leave July 15 to accept a new call.

He will become pastor of a three-community rural parish in Sanilac County.

In his new assignment, he will preach each Sunday in Messiah Lutheran Church, serving Brown City.

All three are congregations of the Lutheran Church in America, as is Good Shepherd, located at 2822 Six Mile.

Rev. Alberti, his wife, Winifred, and their college-aged son and daughter plan to move to the new area early this summer.

The Redford church is naming a pulpit committee to select a new pastor.

Before coming to Good Shepherd, Rev. Alberti served pastorates in St. Paul Lutheran Church in Detroit and the Lutheran Church of the Incarnate Word in Rochester, N.Y.



REV. GODFREY E. ALBERTI

# CHURCH DIRECTORY

## CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

Churches of the area cordially invite you to attend their services. Sunday School is conducted at the same hour as church, and care is provided for children of pre-Sunday School age.

- Hours of Service
- FOURTH CHURCH, Detroit ..... 11 a.m.
  - 24400 W. Seven Mile near Telegraph
  - EIGHTH CHURCH, Detroit ..... 10:30 a.m.
  - 20011 Grand River at Evergreen Rd.
  - FIRST CHURCH, Garden City ..... 11 a.m.
  - 32111 North Beach Dr.
  - FIRST CHURCH, Plymouth ..... 10:30 a.m.
  - 1100 West Ann Arbor Trail
  - FIRST CHURCH, Farmington ..... 11 a.m.
  - 33825 Grand River Avenue

## WEDNESDAY TESTIMONIAL MEETINGS HELD AT 8 P.M.

For Information about Church Directory: Call 261-8500 Ext. 250

**BYZANTINE (GREEK) CATHOLIC**  
Sacred Heart Byzantine Catholic Church  
29125 W. 6 Mile, Livonia  
427-2100  
Rev. Don G. Freese

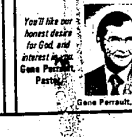
**LUTHERAN (MISSOURI SYNOD)**  
FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH  
30000 Five Mile Road  
Holy Communion  
Worship 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.  
421-7249

**HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
(Missouri Synod)  
35020 Five Mile Rd.  
Office Phone 464-0211  
The Rev. Fred Balke, Pastor  
Sunday Worship Service  
9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.  
Saturday Evening Worship at 7:00 p.m.  
Nursery 8:00 Sunday School 10:20

**ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL**  
5885 Vandy Rd. of Ford Rd.  
425-6260  
Ruth Fischer, Pastor  
Dorcas Society - 9:30-11:30 AM  
Bible Class 9:55-10:30 AM

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School**  
Middlebelt at 8 Mile Rd.  
474-0875  
W. F. Rothwell, Pastor  
Thomas A. Schaefer, Asst. Pastor  
J. Walther, Principal  
8:30 and 11:00 a.m.  
9:00 Sunday School  
4:00 Sunday School (Nursery Provided)

**PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
(Missouri Synod)  
12 Mile at Farmington Rd.  
474-0210  
Rev. Victor H. Messingh  
Worship Services  
8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Nursery Provided, During Lent Services



Rev. Fred Balke, Pastor

**PRESBYTERIAN**  
Rosedale Gardens  
**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
Hobart at West Chicago  
Garfield 2-0454

**WORSHIP & CHURCH SCHOOL**  
9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.  
Special Church School Class for handicapped children  
Pastors: Richard G. Dunbar, D.D., Arthur C. Bruner, Donald L. City  
Nancy Warden, Director of Music

**ST. MARK'S**  
28701 Jewett Rd. at Franklin  
778-2940  
"Saving the Community"  
EVERYONE WELCOME  
CHURCH SUNDAY AND WORSHIP  
10:00  
Rev. Ivan G. Smith, Pastor

**ST. TIMOTHY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
People Caring For People  
WORSHIP & CELEBRATION AND CHURCH SCHOOL  
10 a.m.  
(Nursery Care)  
HUBBURD RD.  
(Just South of St. Mike)  
DR. PAUL GILLIS  
Infirm Ministry  
Call 261-4844

**ST. PAUL'S Presbyterian Church**  
27475 Five Mile Road  
GA 2-1470  
"Everyone Welcome"  
Dr. William F. Whitledge  
Rev. Arnold S. Dales  
Rev. William A. McGaughey  
SERVICES  
9:30 and 11 a.m.

**AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCHES**  
**LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA**  
CHRIST THE KING  
3200 Farmington Road  
424-2800  
The Rev. John A. Root  
Worship Services 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.  
Nursery 8:30-9:30 a.m.  
60650 West Six Mile  
Pastor William C. Lincoln  
Worship Church School and Nursery 9:30 and 11 a.m.  
In Redford  
Pastor Karl Kelso  
428-3840  
Worship & Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Nursery provided both services  
LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE INCARNATION  
30237 W. 13 Mile Road Farmington  
Gary W. Cowell, Pastor  
474-8158  
11:00 Sunday Worship  
7:30 a.m. Wednesday

**ST. JOHN**  
23235 Oak Road  
Farmington  
Pastor Charles Fox  
474-0554 or 474-4489  
Worship 8:30 and 11 a.m.  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Nursery Provided

**CHRIST LUTHERAN**  
14350 Warner Road, Redford  
Rev. Jerry Strickland  
Family Worship 10:00 a.m.  
Study for all ages  
11:00 a.m.  
Nursery Provided

**WISCONSIN LUTHERAN CHURCHES**  
SWORD OF THE SPIRIT  
34535 Seven Mile Road  
Livonia  
Pastor William D. Wolfe  
Family Worship 10 a.m.  
Study for All Ages 11:05 a.m.  
Phone 476-3818 or 591-6565

**St. Michael Lutheran Church in America**  
James Galloway School  
8375 SHELTON ROAD  
1 Mile South of Joy Road  
Worship School 9:00 a.m.  
SUNDAY SCHOOLS 9:00 a.m.  
WORSHIP INQUIRY 10:00 a.m.  
C. L. IRWIN, PASTOR  
594-7427

**WISCONSIN LUTHERAN**  
Radio Hour WUOD 10.1050  
Sunday 10:00 a.m.

**TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
23800 W. Chicago  
Dr. G. B. Vick, Pastor  
Sunday School ..... 10 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..... 11 a.m.  
Evening Service ..... 7 p.m.  
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REV. J. TOWNLEY DAVIS  
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