News Of The Churches

Vacation Days Near An End In Local Churches

Attendance Expected to Increase; Programs For Sunday Services Are Announced.

Services in La Grande churches for Sunday, Aug. 19 include the following:

First Methodist Episcopal Church
(Spring and Fourth)

Already enough of the vacations are over that there is a noticeable increase in the church attendance at these services.

The evening services except the Epworth League, which continues throughout the year, will not be resumed until after the annual conference which meets this year Sept. 5-9. So there are but three Sundays now until the pastor will be leaving for conference.

The church Sunday school meets at 9:45 with Superintendent M. L. Whitney in charge. The building is cool and there will be interesting classes for everyone. The officers and teachers of this school have arranged their vacations in such a way that there has always been ample provision of leadership for all who come.

At the morning worship service the pastor will speak on the subject, "The Deserter." The sermon will be a character study of a New Testament character. Traits of human character do not change much and modern lessons will not be difficult to find. Hellen Hertzog will be the soloist at this service.

The two divisions of the Epworth League are meeting together for a few evenings and Fred Hertzog will have charge of the lesson hour.

Island City Community Church

The increased attendance at the morning preaching services at 9:45 are gratifying to those in charge. The pastor, Rev. W. H. Hertzog, will be the speaker on Sunday and Mrs. Bertha Way will have charge of the Sunday school. The school has had a fine record of attendance this summer and there is much to encourage the workers here for a good year. There is room for all who would like to study God's word here.

Church of Our Lady of the Valley
(Rev. Thomas J. P. Brady, A. M., Ph. D., pastor)

Masses next Sunday, August 19, will be two low masses at 6 and 8 o'clock with short sermons by the pastor. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will be given before the 8 o'clock mass.

Confessions will be heard on all Saturdays, eves of first Friday, and eves of holidays of obligation from 3:30 p. m. to 5 p. m. and from 7 to 8 p. m. They will also be heard before the second masses on Sundays and holy days, but not before the 6 o'clock mass on Sundays or holidays. Confessions will be heard every week day before the parish mass at 7 o'clock.

Central Church of Christ
(Pennsylvania Avenue)

All of the regular services of the Central Church of Christ, Rev. Paul DeF. Mortimore, minister, will be resumed Sunday, August 19. Beginning with the Bible school at 9:45 a. m. services will be conducted throughout the day. The Bible school has held up extremely well this summer in spite of the fact that there has been no preaching service following it. The average attendance has been very high and it is expected that with the resuming of regular services there will be a large increase in attendance. There are graded classes for every age from beginners to adults. In the absence of Miss Dorothy Smuts, who is superintendent of the school, the assistant superintendent, Carrol Price, will be in charge.

At eleven o'clock the regular morning worship service will be held. The communion will be observed, and the pastor will bring the morning sermon. A special number will be presented by the choir.

At 7:30 p. m. the regular evening services will be resumed with all of the usual features. There will be a prelude by the Christian Church orchestra, and also congregational singing, led by the choir. The pastor has announced that there has been considerable discussion of the keeping of the Sabbath day as was originated by the Jews, and that he has been asked to speak upon this subject. He has announced for his topic for the Sunday evening sermon, "Why Don't Christians Keep The Sabbath?" Mr. Mortimore says that he has had considerable experience in dealing with this question, and that he believes that he can give considerable light upon the Bible teaching regarding the Sabbath and the Lord's day. He invites those who come to bring questions if they wish to do so and there will be a box provided in which to leave the questions and he promises to answer them if possible. During the coming week, all regular services of the church will be held. The public is cordially invited to attend all services of this church.

Presbyterian Church
(Sixth and Washington)

"Earthly glory is destined to constant deterioration, therefore the progress of humanity must be linked to moral character and religion. Where these are absent, nations are either stationary or retrogressive. The progressive races in all ages have been and are, in the main, the Christian," said Rev. J. George Walz, in announcing his third sermon in the series on "The Crises of the Soul," in which he will delineate "The Growing Stone," taken from the dream of Nebuchadnezzar. The quartet, Miss Ruth Geibel, soprano; Miss Gloria Swan, alto; Loree Anderson, tenor; and Ralph Geibel, bass, will sing the morning anthem. Other music will also add to the worship spirit. Mrs. C. C. Long will preside at the organ console, playing the prelude, "Adoration" by Atherton, and the postlude "Triumph Song" by Biggie.

Gilbert Kilpack, cornetist, will play the offertory solo, of medly of hymns, including "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" and "O Love That Will Not Let Me Go," at the 11:00 o'clock service at the Presbyterian church, Sunday morning. The quartet will sing the anthem "Father in Heaven" by Briggs.

The Sunday Bible school opens its doors at 9:45 each Sunday morning, and invites all not attending elsewhere, who would study God's counsels as they relate themselves to the highest living. Christian Endeavorers meet at 6:30 p. m. and invite all young people who are not affiliated with other societies to come and study life's problems in the light of scripture with them.

Zion Lutheran Church
(M Avenue near Fourth)

Services will be held in this church as usual Sunday morning, with the pastor in the pulpit after a short vacation. Work for the fall and winter seasons will get under way at once, including a confirmation class for boys and girls, to begin Sept. 15th at 9:30 a. m. Another adult class in religion will be started on Sept. 10 at 7:30 p. m., to discuss the doctrines and practices of the Lutheran church. Those who are interested in becoming members of the church will find this a helpful course, preparatory to church membership. The meetings will be held each Monday evening for 10 weeks, after which time those who desire to do so will be received into the church. Those who attend these lectures are not obliged to join the church, but this opportunity is given for any who wish it to become acquainted with the teachings of the Lutheran church.

The Luther League is planning an outing at Medical Springs on Sunday afternoon. Cars will leave at 2:00 o'clock for the picnic grounds, where swimming and games will be enjoyed. Picnic supper will be taken along, and the leaguers will return in the evening. All young people are invited to attend.

Sunday school meets for worship and study at 9:45 a. m.

Gospel Mission
(2201 North Fir Street)

Sunday school is at 9:45 a. m. with classes for all in charge of Supt. Elmer Carpenter.

Morning worship begins at 11 a. m. and the young peoples and intermediate meeting is at 6:45 p. m.

Evening service is at 7:30 p. m. The pastor will speak at both morning and evening services. He is now back in La Grande after a six-weeks absence during which he attended the annual convention of the Assemblies of God and also held a revival meeting. Sunday evening he will speak on "Abraham's Sacrifice."

Tuesday and Friday meetings begin at 7:30 p. m.

All are invited to these services.

First Church of Christ, Scientist
(First and Washington)

Sunday school begins at 9:45 and morning services at 11 o'clock. Wednesday evening meetings start at 8 p. m. The reading room in the West Jacobsen building is open from 1:30 to 5 p. m. daily.

The subject of Sunday's service will be "Soul."

The golden text is, "Cause me to hear thy loving kindness in the morning; for in thee do I trust; cause me to know the way wherein I should walk; for I lift up my soul unto thee" (Ps. 143: 8).

Among the citations which comprise the lesson-sermon is the following from the Bible: "The Lord redeemeth the soul of his servants: and none of them that trust in him shall be desolate" (Ps. 34:22).

The lesson-sermon also includes the following corrolative passages from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy: "When reading the Scriptures, the substitution of the word sense for soul gives the exact meaning in a majority of cases. Human thought has adulterated the meaning of the word soul through the hypothesis that soul is both an evil and a good intelligence, resident in matter . . . As used in Christian Science, Soul is properly the synonym of Spirit, or God; but out of Science, soul is identical with sense, with material sensation" (pp. 481, 482).

Riverside Union Sunday School
(First and Crook Streets)

The Bible school session will begin at 10 o'clock and the lesson subject will be "Amos Denounces Self-Indulgence."

The worship and preaching service will begin at 11 o'clock and Rev. P. A. Carpenter will be the speaker.

The Church of the Nazarene
(Corner of Spruce and X)

"Don't be neutral toward the church. She has too much that is fine and true," said Rev. J. W. Stuart, minister, in announcing the program for Sunday. "Truth does not need a defender—only an investigator."

Church Bible school begins at 9:45 a. m., morning worship at 11 o'clock, N. Y. P. S. at 7 p. m. and an evangelistic service at 8 p. m.

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Amos 6:1-7, 11-14.

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In wanton luxury.
And live their selfish lusts to please!
Says Amos' prophecy.

Who build grand palaces of stone
With their ill-gotten gain,
While the oppressed with burdens groan
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Who lie on beds of ivory,
On couches idly loll,
Eat lambs and calves with gluttony
And drink wine in a bowl.

Who chant with sensual merriment
Their vain and idle songs,
And scoff at warnings to repent
And turn from all their wrongs.

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