

Friends Church To Observe Fourteenth Anniversary Sunday

The elder Mr. Ross has attended nearly every anniversary observance of the church and has been interested in its growth. Master of ceremonies for the dinner and program will be Dr. Wayne Roberts.

Music will include accordion solos by Nick Gier Jr. and hymns by a mixed quartet: Rita Miller, Kay Johnson, Jack Hamilton and Ralph Waldo. Mrs. Alvin Roberts will give a humorous reading, and the history of the church, written by Mrs. Milo Hardin, will be read by a group of children.

Food for the ham dinner will be furnished by ladies of the church and served by the social committee under the direction of Mrs. Joe Wolk-Laniewski, who with her husband, will bake and decorate the large anniversary cake.

At the Sunday School hours, 9:45 and 11 a.m., classes of the junior through adult departments will go immediately to their rooms, without opening assemblies.

The pastor Mr. Clayton Crisman will speak at the morning worship services at 9:45 and 11:00, and soloist will be Mrs. P. K. Nelson.

Speaker for the evening inspirational hour at 7:30 will be the Rev. Edward Harmon, pastor of the Ashland Friends church. The youth choir will sing, "Hallelujah for the Cross."

Three Christian Endeavor groups, junior, intermediate and senior, will be held at 6:30 p.m. **MONTHLY MEETING** Central Point — The regular monthly meeting of the Women's circle of the First Presbyterian church in Central Point will be held Thursday, Oct. 18, at 1 p.m. Mrs. Leola Faber will be hostess with Mrs. E. E. Reams, leader.

Lutherans Plan Instruction Class Starting Monday

Classes for instruction in Biblical doctrine, Christian life and worship, and the history of the Christian church will begin Monday, Oct. 15, at 8 p.m. at St. Peter's Lutheran church, 1020 East Main st.

These classes are open to the public as well as church members. Participation in the classes does not involve the obligation to join the congregation, the Rev. Kenneth Korby, pastor, said. Those interested in making a systematic study of doctrine and knowing the teaching and preaching of the Lutheran church, are invited to attend. The first session will be held in the Church building.

At the Church council meeting Tuesday evening, plans were begun for the Preaching-Teaching-Reaching mission to be held next February. It is scheduled to be conducted simultaneously with other Lutheran congregations of the state of Oregon. The Rev. Harold Wood, Hamilton, Mont., son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wood, 1101 Spring St., is area director.

Negro Families Sought By Washington Congregation

By LOUIS CASSELS United Press Correspondent Washington — (U.P.) — White members of a Washington Lutheran church set out on a unique doorbell-ringing campaign this week. Their object: To bring Negro families into the congregation.

Many white Protestant churches in the nation's capital have proclaimed "open door" racial policies within the last few years. But the Augustana Lutheran church is the first to undertake a formal solicitation of Negro members.

The church is located in the midst of one of Washington's "changing neighborhoods." The number of Negro residents has been increasing steadily for several years, while the white population has dwindled.

Like hundreds of other churches in the downtown areas of America's big cities, Augustana Lutheran was faced with two alternatives. It could follow its white parishioners and move to the suburbs. Or it could stand fast and become a "color blind" church.

Augustana Lutheran decided to join the small but growing group of racially integrated churches.

Explains Why Its pastor, the Rev. Clarence T. Nelson, explained why. "We asked ourselves whose church this is. We realized that

it is Christ's church, not ours. And we knew that He would never approve of abandoning a community in which there are thousands of families whom we can serve."

But Augustana learned, as other churches have, that a decision to welcome Negro families is merely the first step on the long road to racial integration.

"We opened the door, but virtually no one came in," said the Rev. Mr. Nelson. "Our first Negro family was accepted into the congregation three years ago. By last fall, we had a total membership of just two families."

It was then that the pastor and the lay leaders of the church decided to undertake "Operation One Mile" — a long-range campaign to bring into the congregation families, regardless of race, who lived within one mile of the church.

Teams of canvassers this week started going from home to home in the "one mile" neighborhood, extending personal invitations to every family.

TOO, TOO MUCH Lowell, Mich.—(U.P.) — Kent County's home demonstration agent, Mrs. Alfreda McGuire, sampled 169 brownies submitted in a brownie-baking competition and then retired as judge. Her stomach rebelled.

Evangelist Sermon Topic Sunday At First Methodist

"Dwight L. Moody—A Pulpit Biography" will be the sermon theme of Dr. Raymond E. Balcomb at the First Methodist church Sunday, Oct. 14, at the 9:30 and 11 a.m. services.

The life of the famous evangelist has been chosen for presentation according to Dr. Balcomb, because of his vital importance and creative influence in the transitional period from 19th to 20th century Christianity.

The anthem for the first service will be by the youth choir under the direction of Mrs. George Sloniger. For the later service the chancel choir under the direction of Mrs. C. R. Adamson will sing, Rosemary Doolen will be soloist for both services.

The Rev. William Piper, minister of the First Christian church, will speak to an adult interest group at 5:30 p.m. Family style snack supper will be served by the Ruth Esther Wesleyan Service guild at 6:30 p.m. and Miss Cora Mason will tell a story during "Inspiration Time" at 7 p.m.

Adventists Unite In Worldwide Prayer Thursday

A return to family religion is the subject of a worldwide prayer program in which Medford and Eagle Point Seventh-day Adventists will participate next week.

On Thursday mornings individual members and families will unite with other Adventists around the world in prayers for a greater Christian influence in the home as a key to solution of many human problems in the world today.

The plan is being encouraged in cooperation with the denomination's international radio broadcast, the Voice of Prophecy, with headquarters in Los Angeles. There the 100 staff members meet each Thursday morning to pray for divine guidance in world affairs and for the individual needs of some 3,000 persons who write to the program each week requesting prayer.

The churches here will earmark their regular contributions Saturday for the support of the Voice of Prophecy.

The program, which last year celebrated its 25th anniversary, is a portion of NBC's Monitor schedule each week end. It is the second largest religious broadcast.

CONFERENCE SCHEDULED Eugene—Leaders and specialists from California, New York, and Oregon will meet in Eugene Oct. 22, to lead discussions and address the conference on education of the mentally retarded, co-sponsored by the Eugene chapter of the association for the help of retarded children, and general extension division of the Oregon state system of higher education.

METER TAKE Bedford, Pa.—(U.P.)—Parking meter collections during the last decade have contributed more than \$100,000, to Bedford Borough's treasury. The 243 meters have taken in \$105,229.98 in pennies and nickels since 1946, then enough to meet the police force's payroll.

Church Fund Raising Stresses Individual's Need

BY LOUIS CASSELS United Press Correspondent Washington — (U.P.) — Thousands of American churches will take a new approach to fund-raising in their "every member canvasses" this fall.

Instead of talking about the church's need for money, they will emphasize the individual's need to give.

The idea is to get each member to think of his pledge as a concrete expression of his gratitude to God rather than as "my share of the church budget."

Churches which have tried this kind of appeal report phenomenal results. In some cases, pledges have been increased by 50 per cent in the first year. More important, according to many ministers, this increased giving usually is accompanied by improved attendance at worship services, greater vigor in parish activities, spiritual uplift among the members.

Based On Budget The "gratitude giving" concept, of course, is not really a new idea. It is as old as Christ's teaching that "Where a man's treasure is, there will his heart be also." But its rediscovery by modern churches, as the most

meaningful basis for religious contributions, is a comparatively recent development.

For years most U. S. Protestant churches have based their annual contributions canvasses traditionally conducted in October or November on the budget for the coming year. This budget outlined what the church would need to pay the preacher, keep the furnace going, meet the denominational quota for foreign missions support, and other necessary expenses.

Experience has shown that a large number of church members tend to respond to this approach by doing a little long division—budget divided by number of families in church equals what one ought to pledge. Since there are always some members who can't or won't come up to this arithmetic average, the total amount pledged generally falls considerably short of the budget and the church has to depend on special offerings and rigid economies to squeak through the year in the black.

Some denominations have tried to overcome this "budget-minded" giving habit by commending to their members the Biblical principle of tithing,

whereby each person sets aside 10 per cent of his income for church and charity. But others feel that Americans, long accustomed to giving only about one per cent of the national income to support of their churches, need to relearn the whole basic concept of Christian stewardship before there is any hope of getting them to tithe.

Given In Trust "Gratitude giving" is the way in which many churches are now starting to present the ancient stewardship teaching—that all we have is from God, given to us in trust, to be used for the benefit of all mankind.

The widespread use of the "new" approach this fall resulted in part from a conference sponsored during the summer by the National Council of Churches. Officials of 15 denominations met at Lake Geneva, Wis., for a "workshop" on methods of conducting "stewardship canvasses." They returned to their separate headquarters to spread the word to local churches across the nation.

If stewardship catches on nationally as it has in some pioneering local churches, it is safe to predict that there will be a sharp

rise in the figure which represents the average American Protestant's contribution to his church.

That figure is now 94 cents a week.

RESOLVED: WOMEN NICE Montreal—(U.P.)—Oxford and McGill University debated the resolution "that this house seeks a truce in the war between the sexes." Oxford won with the argument that women are nice and what's the use of fighting it.

Rev. Brannum Serves Here Temporarily

The Rev. Ralph Brannum, minister from Portland, will preach Sunday at the Temple Baptist Church. The former pastor, the Rev. Floyd Yeats, left Medford for Burlington, Wash., where he has assumed the duties as pastor of the Calvary Baptist church.

Rev. Mr. Brannum will be temporary pastor at the church until a new pastor is called by the congregation.

Wings Over Jordan Choir Here

Wings Over Jordan, 12-voice Negro choir, will present a concert at the Ashland Methodist church, Tuesday, Oct. 16, at 7:30 p.m. The following week on Wednesday, Oct. 24, at 7:30 p.m. the choir will appear in Medford at the First Christian church.

The program will feature Negro spirituals as well as other selections.

The original choir of 37 voices was founded in 1937 by the Rev. Glynn Settle, Cleveland, Ohio, minister. It was featured on CBS

for 10 years as a Sunday morning program before being divided into the three choirs that tour the country today.

The original choir was the first group of Negro spiritual singers to be sent by our government into battle zones where it covered the European and Mediterranean theatre during World War II.

The group is sponsored by the Oregon Christian Missionary society and all are invited to attend either of these two appearances in the valley.

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