

# CHURCH NEWS

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## Medford Catholics To Join in Triduum Of Prayer Next Week

Members of Sacred Heart parish will join Roman Catholics of the 16,500 U.S. parishes next week in a triduum of prayer marking the dedication of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. Services will take place in Sacred Heart church at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, with the Nov. 20 ceremonies featuring the rededication of all Catholics of the nation to the Blessed Virgin Mary under her title of the Immaculate Conception. Formal dedication of the shrine will also take place on that date in the nation's capital. Forty-five years have elapsed since Pope Pius X, now a canonized saint, gave his blessing and a gift of \$400 to the shrine project, the idea of Bishop Thomas J. Shahan, then rector of the Catholic University of America. The cornerstone was laid in 1920, and actual excavations began in 1922. In 1931 the north and south crypts, containing the lower church of the shrine, were completed and further construction was halted. After two years of fund-raising, construction began again in 1955 and except for minor finishing details the church is now completed.

## Congregational Church Slates Enlistment Day

Sunday will be "Enlistment Sunday" at the Congregational church. On this day members and friends are asked to take their pledges to the church in support of the budget for the year 1960. The budget proposed by leaders of the church was submitted to the congregation at the dinner meeting last Sunday evening, and approved by them. Co-chairmen of the Enlistment program this year are Wilbur Fish and Richard Henselman. A group of canvassers will meet at 1 p.m. Sunday to call on those who were not able to take their pledges to the church or wish to have more information about the program. The hour of worship continues at 10 a.m. The Rev. Thomas McCamant will continue Sunday with the series of sermons on "Joys of the Christian Life." The topic will be "The Joy of Overcoming." The church school meets at the same 10 a.m. hour. The high school Pilgrim Fellowship meets at 7 p.m. A membership class is now in progress, meeting on Tuesday evenings. The topic this week will be "Churches and Our Church." Choir rehearsal is held on Wednesday evenings.

## Events Announced For Zion Lutheran

"A Continuing Responsibility" will be the sermon subject Sunday by the Rev. H. C. Covert at Zion Lutheran church, Fourth st. and Oakdale ave. Last Sunday a crowd of some 350 persons attended the dedication of the new Christian education building. Following the services tours of the new building were held and refreshments served. Sunday at 3 p.m. a stewardship meeting will be held in the fireplace room of the Christian education building. At 4 p.m. the adult instruction class will be held at the church. The Intermediate Luther League will meet at the church at 6 p.m. to go to Anderson's in Ashland for a hay party. Thanksgiving service will be held at the church Wednesday, Nov. 25, at 7:30 p.m. with the senior choir singing. Holy communion will be served Nov. 29, the first Sunday in Advent.

## Consecration Event Planned for Sunday

St. Peter's Lutheran church will begin its second decade of worship in its present church building next Sunday with a re-dedication and consecration service in which holy communion will be celebrated. The service will begin at 11 a.m. with the Rev. John E. Simon, pastor of the church, delivering the sermon. The Sunday school will begin at 9:30 a.m.

## Ascension Lutheran To Give Reception

Divine worship Sunday at 11 a.m. at Ascension Lutheran church, 2501 Barnett rd., will include adult baptism, confirmation and reception of new members. The Rev. Elvin S. Tollefson, pastor, will speak on "Preparedness." Following the service a coffee hour will be held. Sunday, Nov. 22, will be Laymen's Sunday during which time the men of the church will conduct the service. Thanksgiving day services at the church will be held Thursday, Nov. 26, at 10 a.m.

## Bible Readings In Schools Cases To Supreme Court

(By LOUIS CASSELS) United Press International Does the U.S. Constitution forbid public schools to acknowledge the existence of God? The Supreme court may soon have to answer that question. Headed toward the high tribunal are appeals from two sharply contradictory decisions in lower courts. One, handed down in September by a special three-judge federal court in Philadelphia, rejected as unconstitutional a 10-year-old Pennsylvania law requiring daily Bible reading in public schools. The other, delivered in August by Justice Bernard S. Meyer of the New York Supreme court, upheld the use of a non-sectarian prayer as part of public school opening exercises. Both lower courts sought to interpret a 16-word clause in the first amendment to the Constitution—a clause which is the basis for America's tradition of church-state separation, as well as its guarantee of religious freedom. It says: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof." Restriction Invites Debate This restriction extended to state legislatures by the 14th Amendment has long been the subject of legal debate. Some authorities see it as a simple ban on the practice, common in Europe at the time the U.S. Constitution was written, of "establishing" one official church and persecuting all the rest. Others believe it requires the government to take an absolutely neutral, hands-off attitude toward religion. The Philadelphia court seemed to subscribe to the latter view. It struck down a Pennsylvania law which called for the reading of "at least 10 verses from the Holy Bible," without comment, at the opening of school each day. But the three-judge court held that it was unconstitutional for the state to "promote the inculcation of religious doctrine" in children's minds by exposing them to daily reading of Scripture. In the New York case, Justice Meyer upheld the use in public schools of a brief prayer recommended by the state board of regents. The prayer, intended to be acceptable to all religious faiths, says: "Almighty God, we acknowledge our dependence upon Thee, and we beg Thy blessings upon us, our parents, our teachers and our country." Justice Meyer noted that provision was made to excuse any child from participation in the prayer if his parents requested it. Under these conditions, he said, it could not be called an infringement on religious freedom. The justice observed that the overwhelming majority of the American people do believe in God, and want their children to be brought up under religious influences. It may be embarrassing for the children of non-believing parents to be excused from school prayers, he said, but the state has no right to "subordinate the spiritual needs of believers to the psychological needs of non-believers."

## Revival Ends Sunday At Nazarene Church

The first three Sundays of November at First Church of the Nazarene, 520 North Holly st., have been revival services with the pastor, the Rev. Harold M. Sanner, preaching. Musics for the services has been furnished by the sanctuary and teen-age choirs and individuals of the church. The 11 a.m. worship service is broadcast over KDOV. Sunday Mr. Sanner will speak on "Spiritual Realism." His concluding message of the series will be given in the 7 p.m. service on "If We Only Believe in the Judgment."

## Guest Speaker Told For Church of God

The Rev. Isham Crane, Eugene, will be guest speaker for a series of services during the revival at the First Church of God, Haven and Holly st., beginning Sunday. They will continue through Nov. 20. Mr. Crane will speak for the 11 a.m. worship service Sunday and will speak each night at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Crane is the pastor of the Friendly Street Church of God and chairman of the Association of the Churches of God in Oregon.

## Medford Presbyterians Announce Sermon Topics

"Children of God" will be the sermon topic given by Dr. D. Kirkland West at the First Presbyterian church Sunday at both the 9:45 and the 11 a.m. services. The Westminster choir will sing, "Praise Ye the Father" at the early service and the chancel choir will sing the anthem "Blessing and Glory" during the 11 a.m. service. Miss Kathy Barr, soprano, will sing for both services. Geneva Fellowship meets Friday at 6:30 a.m. at the home of Bob and Rosanne Jacks, 649 J st. All post-high school young people are invited. Midweek Prayer Fellowship is held each Wednesday at the church at 7:30 p.m. A young people's churchman study class is held each Saturday at 9:30 a.m. Westminster The Westminster Presbyterian church will meet for worship Sunday at 11 a.m. at the auditorium of the Hoover Elementary school on Siskiyou blvd. During the service the men and women who will call next week for the annual Every Member Canvass will be dedicated. The church choir will sing and the Rev. O. Reynolds will preach on the subject "Your Spiritual Service." Church school classes will be held for children from nursery through high school at the usual locations in the homes of members of the church. Information regarding these locations may be had by calling Mrs. A. J. Johansson, SPring 2-2618. The Westminster Junior High fellowship will meet from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Sunday at the home of Jim Woods, 143 Highland dr. The topic of the meeting will be "Dollars at Work." All junior high youth are invited to attend.



THE REV. W. E. LARSON To Hold Meetings

## Los Angeles Man To Speak at Bethel

The Rev. Walter E. Larson, Los Angeles, will speak at the Bethel Assembly of God, 1225 East McAndrews rd., Sunday and nightly at 7:30, except Monday and Saturday. Mr. Larson's subject for the 11 a.m. service Sunday will be "Seller of Purple." His subject for the 7:30 p.m. service will be "Angels Hush Your Crying." Some of the subjects of the week-night services are: "If A Man Were God," "A Cry in the Night," "Unwanted," and "Ships That Never Return." The public is invited to attend all services.

## Area Presbyterians Announce Activities

Ashland — The Rev. B. J. Holland, minister of Ashland First Presbyterian church, will speak Sunday on "The Love of God" at both the 9:45 and 11 a.m. worship services. Central Point — The Rev. Bruce J. Weber, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, Central Point, will speak Sunday, at the 11 a.m. worship service on the subject "The Writing on the Wall." Junior choir will meet in the church basement each Sunday at 11 a.m. The choir is for students in grades 4-8. Westminster Fellowship will meet at the church at 7 p.m. Sunday.

## Revival Ends Sunday At Nazarene Church

There will be a joint meeting of the session and members of the church school staff, Tuesday, Nov. 17, at 7:30 p.m. at the church. This meeting has been requested by the session in hope that it will help them better understand the needs and problems of the church school. Interested members of the congregation are also invited to attend.

## Open House Scheduled At Catholic Church

Ashland — An open house and turkey dinner will be held Sunday from noon until 7 p.m. at Our Lady of the Mountain Catholic church, 987 Hillview dr., Ashland. All interested persons are invited to attend the open house when the three new buildings, church, parish hall and rectory, will be open. Following the open house the dinner will be served. Priest for the church is the Rev. William S. Walsh.

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## Methodists Tell Sunday Sermons

A three sermon series will begin Sunday by Dr. George Roseberry at First Methodist church. The sermons are "When Hope Wins," "Love Never Ends" and "The Faith of a Child." The youth choir will sing "Pilgrims of Hope" for the 9 a.m. service. The chancel choir will sing "I Accept the Lord" with Mrs. Howard Bush singing the solo part in the anthem at the 11 a.m. service. Mrs. Lyle Schoppert will sing "Count Your Blessings" at both services. Nov. 19 Dr. J. P. Bray will speak for the Methodist Men meeting at 12 noon. St. Luke's Church school at St. Luke's Methodist church convenes at 9:45 a.m. Sunday with classes for all ages. The minister, the Rev. Melvin W. Dixon, will preach at 11 a.m. on the subject "How One Man Prayed!" Supervised nursery is conducted during the service for pre-school children. The Youth Fellowship will meet at 7 p.m. with Al Cole, counselor in charge. St. Luke's church is located at 2940 Siskiyou blvd. across the street from the Hoover Elementary school. The public is invited to the services.

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## Central Point Group To Hear Missionary

Central Point — Meetings with Evangelist William E. Berg are now in progress at the Community Bible church, Fourth and Alder sts., Central Point. The services are held each evening, except Saturday, at 7:30 p.m. The series will continue through Sunday, Nov. 22. Mr. Berg served as pastor and evangelist before going to China as a missionary in 1947. After leaving China he and his family went to the Philippines where they have served for the past 10 years. The public is invited.

## Pledge Sunday At Eastwood Baptist

Pledge Sunday will be observed at Eastwood Baptist church and during the 11 a.m. worship service. Families will place their pledge in the chest as an act of worship and dedication. At the service the pastor, the Rev. Clifford Young, will speak on "A Man Set Under Authority." Sunday at 9:30 a.m. Mr. Young will conduct the sixth session of his pastor's classes on the "new life," which will be entitled, "Share the New Life." Baptist Youth Fellowships will meet at 6 p.m. Dean Anderson will be in charge of the junior high program. The senior high students will consider the topic "Juvenile Delinquency." The program will be given by Kay Fields and Susan Flett. The pastor will speak on "What Must I Do?" at the evening service. The board of Christian education will meet Wednesday, Nov. 18, following the midweek service. During the Baptist Youth Fellowship retreat several youths were selected to head committees for the trip to Mexico to visit mission fields. Selected were Wes Dugan, general chairman; Sandra Heilmann, projects; Mike Miller, treasurer; Stuart Young, corresponding secretary; Gary Johnson, transportation, and Susan Flett, hostess.

## Medford Assembly To Present Musicales

The Christ Ambassadors youth group of First Assembly of God, Medford, will conduct a service at the Shady Cove Assembly Saturday at 7:30 p.m. Daniel Smelser, youth group president, has arranged for the First Assembly choir to participate in the service and present a musicale entitled "The Gospel Ship." The musicale under the direction of Mrs. Beulah Cull was recently presented at First Assembly in Medford. Mrs. Cull will again direct at the Shady Cove presentation. "The Gospel Ship" contains various full choir numbers as well as solos, duets, trios, and quartet selections. A brass quartet will assist in the presentation. Glenn Suiter, Shady Cove pastor, invites the public to attend.

## Devotional Service Topic Announced

"Scientific Prayer" will be the Sunday devotional subject at 11 a.m. Unity service at Pythian hall, Fifth and Grape sts. The Rev. Katharine Bosworth, minister, will speak. Friday at 11 a.m. the study class at the Unity Center of Medford, 995 South Oakdale ave., will be on "Let There be Light." The Center is open Monday through Friday, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. For private consultation with Mrs. Bosworth call SPring 2-6902. Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 16 and 17, the annual Unity Bazaar will be held from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. at the Eagle's hall, 217 West Main st.

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## Adventists to Close Week of Prayer Saturday

A week long "prayer meeting" is being held this week in the Seventh-day Adventist churches in the Rogue Valley. The prayer services began last Saturday morning and nightly meetings are continuing throughout the week. Pastor John Trude and his associate, Don Wilson, with local church elders, led in reading the devotional article prepared at the General Conference headquarters in Washington, D.C. Members have the opportunity at the meetings for personal testimony on the value of Christian living. Periods during which members may participate in offering prayer are provided during the sessions together. Purpose of the Week of Prayer is to strengthen the personal relationship of the individual member with God, church officials said. The event is held each fall in all Adventist churches throughout the world.

## Local Delegates Return From Meet

A group of 1,311 Jehovah's Witnesses and their friends, including delegates from Medford, heard Lester M. Dugan, Brooklyn, N.Y., last Sunday say that God's will is actually being done now in all nations. Dugan was one of the speakers at the circuit convention held in Mt. Shasta, Calif., Nov. 6 through 7. Saturday afternoon, 29 new ministers were baptized at the old Mt. Shasta High school, and that evening an overflow crowd attended the 1 1/4 hour color film "Divine Will International Assembly of Jehovah's Witnesses." Following the film showing was the discussion "How Jehovah's Witnesses Do the Divine Will Locally." Opening the final convention session was Armond O. Baseler, Gold Hill, Ore., speaking on the subject, "Finding the Truth That Makes Men Free." Lloyd E. Aldrich, circuit minister, discussed "Expanding Our Ministry." Convention chairman, Lester M. Dugan, brought the three day Bible conference to a close with the talk, "Shepherding the Sheep with Skillfulness." Topic of the public talk Sunday at the Kingdom hall, 2402 Jacksonville highway, will be "Why Are There So Many Religions?" The Watchtower study at 7:15 p.m. will be on "Finding the Truth That Makes Men Free."

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