

Klamath Falls Churches Observe Lent With Traditional Services

The opening of the Lenten season was observed by several local churches on Wednesday, and special services will continue to mark the traditional penitential period until Easter Sunday, April 14.

The spring fast of the Christian Church is concerned with the voluntary act of self-denial of certain foods as a spiritual discipline, observed in preparation for Easter by members of the Greek, Roman, and Anglican Churches. In its present form, Lent dates from the 9th century.

The original fast of spring which preceded Easter was of 40 hours' duration, denoting the number of hours which intervened between the death and the resurrection of Christ. Additional days were later added, and the number still varies with different world religious groups.

In the Western church, the 40 week days extending from Ash Wednesday to Easter are signified by fasting and penitence to commemorate Christ's fasting in the wilderness. The full period is marked by 46 calendar days in the Western church and 56 calendar days in the Eastern church.

The first day of Lent, Ash Wednesday, was named from the ceremonial use of ashes as a symbol of penitence in the ancient Roman Catholic service held on that day. The present custom in the church is to burn the palms used in the ceremonial of the previous Palm Sunday. After a prayer, the priest dips his thumb in the ashes and marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of the kneeling parishioners.

Of the reformed churches, the Anglican Church and the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States have established the tradition of observing the beginning of Lent with a service of

communion and penitential prayers.

Although many Protestant churches do not emphasize a period of fasting or recognize traditional customs, increasing numbers in recent times have initiated special services of prayer, meditation, or instruction to commemorate the Lenten season.

CATHOLIC CHURCH
The Lenten observances at Sacred Heart Catholic Church and St. Pius X Catholic Church began Ash Wednesday with the blessing and distribution of the ashes.

Early morning masses will continue daily through the Lenten season at 6:30 and 9 a.m. at St. Pius X. A special mass will also be offered at 5:30 p.m. each Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday evening. On Wednesday and Friday evenings, Lenten Devotions will be held at 7:30 p.m.

The services will be conducted by Rev. George Murphy, Rev. David Hazen, Rev. Michael Reilly, and Rev. Eugene Van Beveren.

Sacred Heart will have Lenten devotions each Wednesday and Friday evening at 7:30 p.m. during Lent. Msgr. T. P. Casey, Rev. Austin Cribbin, and Rev. Charles Grant will officiate.

Mass will be offered at 11:30 a.m. daily through the Lenten period at the Kingsley Field Chapel, with Rev. George Murphy officiating.

METHODIST CHURCH
Holy Communion and a special service opened the Lenten observance of the First Methodist Church on Ash Wednesday, and a 12-hour prayer vigil in recognition of the season is being conducted today, March 1.

Rev. Ralph Richardson, pastor, said members of the congregation, in their homes or in the church, will read scriptures, med-

itate, and offer prayers for world peace and strengthening of the churches in Klamath Falls. Beginning at 6 a.m. and concluding at 6 p.m., the prayer vigil is under the direction of Mrs. Ella Dickinson.

LUTHERAN CHURCH
Mid-week family services began Thursday evening at Zion Lutheran Church and will continue Thursday during Lent at 7:30 p.m. The theme of the Lenten observance is "With Christ on the Road of Redemption."

Each service will feature a happening in the history of the suffering, death, and resurrection of Christ. The first service was entitled "In the Upper Room" and the others include: "The Agony in the Garden," March 7; "The Betrayal," March 14; "Peter's Denial," March 21; "Jesus Before Pontius Pilate," March 28; and "The Crucifixion," April 4.

The services will culminate in Holy Week with the Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter services.

Singing of hymns, an object talk for children, a question and answer period, and a meditation on the important events on the road of redemption will be included in each service. An informal fellowship period following each Lenten service will be arranged by the Zion Lutheran League.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH
The Lenten season will be observed with special services each Thursday morning at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. They will be conducted by Rev. Robert L. Green, rector.

Holy Communion will be celebrated at 7 a.m. and 10 a.m. The 10 a.m. service will also include the reading of the Litany and a short meditation.



PARSONAGE PAYMENT—Rev. E. J. Aschenbrenner, left, presents a \$2,500 check to Dr. Robert Kerwood, center, to pay for the new Chiloquin Methodist Church parsonage. The presentation was made at a recent meeting of the District Church Extension Society of the Methodist Church in Klamath Falls. Witnessing the memorable event are, from left, Mrs. Heglund, Rev. Harley Zeller, Mrs. Fogg, and Rev. Albert Place, all of Chiloquin.

Methodist Organizations Finance New Chiloquin Church Parsonage

A check for \$2,500, presented to the Chiloquin Methodist Church by the Oregon Conference of Methodist Churches and the District Church Extension Society, highlighted a district meeting held in the First Methodist Church of Klamath Falls on Feb. 25.

The grant will be used to pay for the new parsonage of the Chiloquin Church and culminates a promise of district financial aid made when the structure was proposed. Rev. E. J. Aschenbrenner, district superintendent, presented the check to

Dr. Robert Kerwood, a member of the Chiloquin delegation.

Mrs. Darlene Wolff of Chiloquin was elected district secretary and Dr. Kerwood was elected chairman at the meeting attended by representatives from five Methodist churches in the Klamath Falls, Chiloquin, Fort Klamath and Lakeview areas.

Lakeview was represented by Rev. Les Boulden and Miss Carroll, delegate; Chiloquin, Rev. Albert Place, Rev. Harley Zeller, and Dr. Kerwood, delegate; Fort Klamath, Rev. Place; and Klamath Falls, Glenn Johnson, Wilbur Womer, and Rev. Ralph Richardson.

During the business session, the delegation voted to encourage laymen in the Klamath Subdistrict Church Extension Society area to become members of the \$10 club. This club, annually on call by the district superintendent and the executive committee of the Eugene District Church Extension Society, may ask each member

for \$10 to be used to purchase sites, establish churches, or extend the ministry of established churches in a missionary way.

The Subdistricts of Umpqua, Rogue River, Lane and Coos Bay had previously taken similar action, and the decision of the Klamath Falls Subdistrict made the proposal to promote the \$10 a year memberships unanimous.

The delegation also voted to support the purchase of a parsonage for Asbury Methodist Church in Eugene as a project for the 1963-64 church year.

Rev. Aschenbrenner reported to the group on the District Church Extension Activities for 1963. The projects included improvements and emergency repairs to the parsonage at Yoncalla, parsonage improvement in Gardner, acquisition of 3½ acres in downtown Reedsport, and the payment of the \$2,500 to the Chiloquin church. Following the meeting, refreshments were served by the host church, First Methodist.

Kingsley Field Choir Plans Program

The Kingsley Field Protestant Chapel Choir has been invited to present a special musical program at the Sunday evening service at the Sunday evening service of the Stewart-Lenox Baptist Church, Douglas and Emerald streets, on March 3.

Directed by Capt. Waddell P. Williams, the choir's selections will feature anthems of adoration and praise, including "Search Me O' Lord," "Thy Word Is a Light Unto My Feet," "God So Loved the World," "The Lord Is My Light," "Open the Gates of the Temple," and "Sacred Head Now Wounded."

The program will mark the first guest appearance of the Protestant Chapel choir which is composed of 18 members.

The evening service, beginning

at 7:30 will be followed by a coffee sponsored by the Adult Training Union of Stewart-Lenox. Rev. K. G. West, pastor, extends an invitation to the public to attend.

Membership Shows Gain

NEW YORK (AP)—Total membership in American churches and synagogues increased 1.6 million last year, but the gain of 1.4 per cent did not keep pace with the nation's population growth of an estimated 1.6 per cent.

As reported by the 1963 Yearbook of American Churches, the percentage of church-synagogue members among the nation's population dropped in a year's time from 63.6 per cent to 63.4 per cent. This was the first proportionate decline in nearly 100 years, the yearbook said.

The new count showed total membership at 116,109,929, compared to 114,449,217 the year before.

Protestants numbered 64,434,966 of the total, Roman Catholics 42,876,665, and Jews, 5,365,000.

For the two largest groups, Protestants showed a gain of 766,131 or 1.2 per cent, and Roman Catholics a gain of 771,765, or 1.9 per cent, compared with 1961 church memberships. However, each body registered a 2 per cent decline in relation to the increased population.

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In Our Churches

Religion No Protection

LENTEN LIFELINES

By RALPH W. LOEW, D.D.
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Religion is no asbestos to protect a person from the heats and passions of the world. In fact, it's the opposite. It thrusts you into situations you never guessed you'd meet.

For instance, there is a group of fishermen who want nothing more than a good haul of fish. A year later they're out on the rim of their world talking about the meaning of God's love for human beings. There wasn't much protection in that.

Or there is a scholar named Saul who becomes so involved that he even changes his name to Paul and beats a journey into foreign places, until he's murdered in Rome.

The list grows long. These and countless others began because they saw some meaning to a cross and it became a lifeline for them.

Most of us have thought of a religious faith as a protection from danger. Some of us have thought of it as something we must protect. The peace of Christ is not something we protect, but that which protects us. Religion is not a fallout shelter; the lifeline of Lent is that the goals of life are a risk—and worth a risk.

That's what a great theologian meant when he expressed these thoughts:

"If we desire something because of the pleasure we may get out of it, we may get pleasure but we shall not have joy.

If we search for something in order to avoid pain, we may escape pain but we shall not avoid sorrow.

If we try to use someone to protect us from pain, he may protect us from pain but he cannot save us from agony.

It is a lifeline of Lent that we may not be saved from pain, but we are saved for a new meaning of life. We may avoid the meaningless. We may not be spared difficulty, but we will escape boredom.

After all, every man has to live

for something. He chooses certain goals and finds these taking over his time, his energy and his resources. He can't think rationally about these goals and that cross on a hillside without asking some important questions.

Am I sacrificing too much for security?

Is life worth the candle? What do I discover in these days that lifts the values of mankind? The cross of Christ is not an event of history to be remembered; it is a relationship to the reality of my own days. It has meaning for my own existence. Either we discover this challenge that shoves us into the reality of our own situation, or our religion is a museum instead of a powerhouse.

A few years ago a very distinguished Buddhist monk and I sat across from each other discussing the problems confronting the thousands of men and women who were jamming the streets of Japan in the race for success. In his own wise way he said, "You know, we must ask the right questions."

Perhaps that's why many people have not discovered the full meaning of Lent. Jesus died on a cross because his sense of God's presence was not a fallout shelter. It pushed him into the midst of that situation. For him, there was no way to avoid this cup of anguish. Yet, he could die with the sense of triumph and send millions into the world with a new sense of the meaning of life.

This is our first lifeline: The witness of the New Testament is no insulation from danger. It thrusts a man into the midst of life, certain that the knowledge of God's living presence is the inner peace that protects every time. "A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing..."

NEWSPAPERMAN DIES

PALO ALTO, Calif. (UPI)—Private funeral services were scheduled today for Benjamin Shannon Allen, 80, veteran newspaperman and longtime adviser to former President Herbert Hoover. He died Tuesday night in a convalescent home.

An English commercial firm made the first sale of Christmas cards in 1862.

Calvary Baptist Minister Talks Slated

Governs Ranch For Boys

Church HTK with cut Ranch ... Rev. Ferris Winn, minister of the Calvary Baptist Church, was recently selected by the trustees of the Bailie Memorial Boys' Ranch to serve as ranch superintendent. Located near Pasco, Wash., the ranch is a home for orphaned boys and boys who are unable to live with their parents.

Rev. Winn left Klamath Falls with his family on Feb. 13 to assume the new position. Experienced in this type of work, he served in a similar capacity in Utah, prior to his two and a half year ministry at Calvary Baptist.

Now in the development stage the ranch will consist of five units, with a total of 600 acres of land. Title to each of the units will be held by the Boys' Ranch: Baptist General Convention of Oregon-Washington; Northwest Baptist Foundation; Evergreen Association; and the Columbia Basin Association.

No group is allowed to hold title to more than one unit, and under lease agreements all five will be operated by the Bailie Memorial Ranch.

Construction on the first of five cottages, housing 12 boys and the house parents, will begin in

the spring. Future development of cottages and other facilities will be financed by contributions from Baptist organizations and interested individuals.

The ranch, planned as a live-



REV. FERRIS WINN

stock operation, now owns 10 head of cattle. Additional livestock has been committed from various sources for delivery early this summer.

There are presently more than 300 acres in cultivation, 200 of which are under irrigation. Ninety acres have been sown in Gains wheat, a high yield strain, to provide ample feed for the cattle and a good supply for sale this year.

Old Steeple Gets Repair

LAKEVIEW—Renovation of the Steeple on St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Lakeview was recently completed with the installation of new shingles, necessary painting, and a stainless steel cross, four and a half feet high.

Rev. John Phelan, pastor, said the parish was fortunate to secure the services of W. E. Stancliff, one of the nine registered steeplejacks in the United States, to do the work. At the time, Stancliff was visiting relatives in the county.

The steeple, which is approximately 75 feet high, had not been repaired or renovated since the church was built in 1912.

Church Station Sets Operation

DUNSMUIR—Methodist Women from churches in Siskiyou and Shasta counties will hear Miss Dorothy Barnette of Washington, D. C., a Christian educator, at a district meeting in the Methodist Church of Dunsmuir on Thursday, March 7.

The Dunsmuir Women's Society for Christian Service will host the all-day meeting.

Miss Barnette is slated to speak at the morning session. Her topic will be concerned with leadership training and WSCS work in the Hawaiian Islands, Korea, and Japan. Luncheon will be served by the local WSCS membership, and child care will be provided.

The work of church women in the Pacific countries will also be discussed by Miss Barnette at an evening meeting at the Mount Shasta Methodist Church on Wednesday, March 6.

Trans World Radio Sets Operation

CHATHAM, N. J. (CNB)—Trans World Radio will place the world's most powerful Protestant radio station in full broadcast operation Oct. 1 on the island of Curacao, according to an announcement made here by Dr. Paul E. Freed, TWR founder and president. The island lies approximately 20 miles off the coast of Venezuela.

Trans World Radio was founded in 1932 by Dr. Freed as a non-profit Protestant evangelical organization with international headquarters in Chatham, N.J. Dr. Freed said that in addition to the short-wave and standard-wave broadcast facilities to be installed on Curacao at a cost of \$1,000,000, plans call for construction and operation of FM and TV stations. Television channel 2 in Curacao has been assigned to Trans World Radio.

The U.S. Post Office Department expends more than \$10 million annually to design and print some 26 billion stamps.

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