

The United Endeavor

APRIL 1962

THE TIME OF DECISION

Billy Graham has a radio and TV show called "The Hour of Decision" in which this evangelist seeks to dramatize the importance of a decision for Jesus on the part of each child of God, not tomorrow but now.

Lent and Good Friday are times of decision. But for whom?

Not for Jesus, for the decision relative to His sacrifice and death had been made back at that fateful time when man had divorced himself from God through the falling prey to temptation and sin. The crucifixion and death of Jesus was fore-ordained of God, even as was His Incarnation, His birth, into the life of man. God desired man to have the opportunity for renewed fellowship with Him, and the only way this could be accomplished was thru the giving of God Himself in the person of the Christ to the worst that sin could do to man, which is death and suffering, that He might conquer this worst of sin, and thru the Resurrection, might give to man a new chance for fellowship and salvation. No, it was not a time of decision for the Lord.

Historically it was a time of decision - -

for Peter and the disciples, who had to choose between remaining true, or denying the Master and running away in fear. We are aware of their decision;

for Judas, who had the big decision of believing Christ to be God or just a reticent national savior who might be forced by arrest to show his real strength. We know the decision of Judas;

for Pilate, who had to decide whether he would be man or mouse, swayed by political and personal winds to make decisions he did not want to make. We know his decision.

Lent and Good Friday and Easter are also times of decision for you and me - -

a decision as to the seriousness of your faith. Down deep inside, how serious are you concerning your faith in our Lord and Master? Is it an invaluable aspect of your living, or is it a part of living you can take or leave as the mood of the day may be? Jesus died for your sins, what is your decision about Him?

a decision as to whether you are to bear evidence of this your faith. Presuming it is important to you, what do you do about telling someone else about your Jesus? As the disciples went forth after Pentecost to tell others, so modern Christians ought to do;

a decision relative to Christianity and our world. If Jesus is the answer for individual problems of salvation, then He also should be the answer for the problems of a world. But to be the answer, His principles must be made explicit in our thinking and actions, that we take our Christian principles with us into the market place and voting booth.

We are creatures of decision, always making choices of mind and action. Lent, Good Friday and Easter-present for us opportunities to use this time of decision in behalf of the Lord, our personal salvation, and the salvation of the world.

LENTEN AND EASTER SERVICES

May we be as attentive to these concluding Lenten services as we have been throughout March. Please note the change of time of these services:

April 8 - 8:00 a.m. Pastor Emeritus, Dr. Lehmann, will preach at this service.

10:00 a.m. Presentation of 1962 Confirmation Class in a service of testimony. No sermon.

April 15 - PALM SUNDAY

8:00 a.m. Pastor Rasche brings the Palm Sunday message entitled, "Why Palm Sunday 10:00 a.m. Service of Confirmation, Sacrament of Holy Baptism, Reception of Applicants for membership, and the Palm Sunday message.

There will be the distribution of the palms at both services.

April 22 - EASTER SUNDAY

6:00 a.m. Glorious Easter Sunrise service, with the Easter message, "Now is Our Christ Risen," and the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

10:00 a.m. Easter Festival Service, with the Easter message, the Easter Memorial service and the Sacrament of Communion.

The mid-week services continue at the hour of 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday evenings

April 4 - DRAMATIZATION - "The Lord's Supper" by men of the church, under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Witzke. This pageant represents the Apostles who tell something of their own lives. Invite your friends to be present for this outstanding presentation.

April 11 - LENTEN MUSICALE - Our choirs will present a fine service of the music of Lent, together with appropriate Scripture passages.

During Holy Week we shall have services on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings. There will also be a 9 a.m. Good Friday service of the Holy Communion.

April 18 - PREPARATORY SERVICE at 7:30 p.m. This service is the Preparatory service for Holy Communion, and all who intend coming to the Sacrament in Holy Week or Easter ought to be at this service

April 19 - MAUNDY THURSDAY, 7:30 This is a service of preaching and the Sac

rament of Holy Communion.

April 20 - GOOD FRIDAY, 9 a.m. & 7:30 p.m.

Both the morning and evening services are services of the Holy Communion with a Good Friday message from the pulpit.

April 20 - THREE HOUR COMMUNITY SERVICE - 12 - 3 p.m. This service is at St Paul Luth. Church, at Pratt and Clinton, Dr. Lehmann is chairman of the area ministers planning this service and Pastor Rasche is to participate. Come to this service for the entire time, or as long as you desire The "Seven Last Words of Christ" will be given in seven periods of meditations.

EASTER MEMORIALS

The day of Easter is a wonderful time to remember our departed loved ones with a memorial gift to the church. These memorials will be saved until the 10 a.m. service and included in a Memorial Service. Be sure to have the memorial gifts at the office prior to Easter.

PRAY FOR CONFIRMANDS

Your earnest prayers are requested for our Confirmands as they, in this season prepare to give their vows of loyalty to the Lord and His Church for the remainder of their lives. It is proper that we pray for each other, and each of these young boys and girls need to be brought before the Lord in your own prayers.

ANNUAL CONFIRMATION REUNION SERVICE

The annual Confirmation Reunion service is scheduled for the Sunday after Easter at 10:15 a.m. Pastor Rasche will bring a message on the importance of Christian living, and the annual rollcall of classes will give all former Confirmands the opportunity of being counted as a part of their group.

A GARAGE WANTED

The pastor seeks a garage for his car somewhere near the parsonage. If you know of one which is available, please so inform him. He will appreciate your concern.

LENTEN DIME FOLDERS

Please be remembering to fill your family Lenten Self-Denial Dime Folder, sent you at the beginning of Lent. As has been announced the proceedings of this offering is to be used toward the purchase of necessary equipment in the church office and elsewhere, expenses that ought not come out of regular funds. These folders are to be returned at either the Good Friday or Easter services, to be dedicated at the 10:15 Easter Service.

COMMUNIONS

The pastor is setting time aside for the giving of Home Communion prior to Easter. However such Communion are given only upon request to the church office on the part of a shut-in or by a relative. Please note this request, and call the office at an early date.

Because of the multiplicity of Communion services during Holy Week and Easter, and because folk are invited to come to many services but only to partake once during the season, dismissals will be made prior to the Sacrament.

FAMILY QUESTIONNAIRES AWAITED

One of the stupendous tasks at United Evangelical Church is a compiling of adequate family and individual records. To this end we are endeavoring to contact each family, each individual of the church, and to secure a family record. To some homes visitors took questionnaires, to some homes these were sent. May we request that if the form is not as yet returned, that you return it soon, so we may complete this task and get our record system into operation. Then and only then will we know who is and who is not a member of the church and be able to keep records on membership maintenance.

'GO TO CHURCH' CAMPAIGN CONTINUES

It has been good to see the enthusiasm with which many have been participating in our campaign. The campaign continues through Sunday, June 10. All who have been in the services (either the 8 a.m. or 10:15 a.m.) for 12 of these 14 Sundays and for whom we have the attendance

cards, will be placed on our Attendance Honor Roll and will receive a Certificate of Attendance. This applies to adults and children.

THIS AND THAT

Please note the phone numbers of the church and parsonage on page 4. The church office is open each day from 9:15 to 4 p.m. and calls to the secretary, Mrs. Fader or the Pastor can be made to the office phone. The secretary will take the message if the Pastor is not in. After the above hours, the pastor may be contacted at the parsonage.

"Upper Rooms" are being sent to the shut-ins by our Visitation Committee. If you have a shut-in who did not receive the last issue, probably we do not have that name. We would appreciate a call giving us the name of that shut-in member. We want to serve all members of the church.

Have family members read these issues of "The Endeavor" which come into your home. We desire that all folk of the church be informed.

Please turn in changes of address to the church office promptly. Through the Post Office we have an arrangement that they return to us all wrongly addressed mail, but it costs the church 8¢ per piece for this service, and you can save your church money by this cooperation.

Baptisms will be included in the 10 a.m. Palm Sunday service. Applications for this Sacrament are to be made through the church office.

Since Holy Week and Easter come so near the end of the month, and provide Communion services, we will not observe the Sacrament on the first Sunday in May.

The pastor is receiving requests in increasing numbers for the formation of a Cub Pack and Cub Dens at our church. If you are interested in Cubbing, if you would help in this new venture of Scouting, won't you inform the Pastor.

Please remember that registration of participation in the Sacrament of Holy Communion is a requirement of our Synod, for we must report all who commune during the year. To facilitate this request we ask you to make certain you sign a Communion card each time you receive the Sacrament. These are collected during the service, and are found in the pew racks.

Pastor and Mrs. Rasche are proud to announce the birth of their second grandchild, a granddaughter, Sandra Lee Proctor, born in Alexandria, Va., Feb. 24, 1962.

The pastor is ready at all times to make sick calls, but must be informed of illnesses. He depends on family members for information.

A new acoustical ceiling and new lights are being placed in Fellowship Hall, through the kindness of our Sunday School. These will be improvements greatly appreciated.

Our Women's Guild is planning a trip to our Hanover Home on April 7

Another Women's Guild item - the Potomac Synod meeting of the Womens Guild will be on April 25, at Woodstock, Va. We ought to have several carloads going down for this.

United Evangelical Church will be represented by 4 youth and a leader at the Synodical Youth Spiritual Retreat at a mountain Retreat center April 27 - 29.

The annual Chicken Dinner will be served on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 1 and 2. Tickets are now available.

The Mother-Daughter banquet is scheduled for Wednesday, May 9. It is a wonderful event which all our mothers and daughters should plan to attend.

The Spring Men's Club Dance is set for Saturday, May 12 at Unity Hall on Dundalk Ave.

A "Luncheon Is Served" event is scheduled for May 22nd.

ORGANIZATION MEETINGS

Ladies Aid - The second day-time meeting of the Ladies Aid will be on Wed., April 4 at 12 noon. Lunch will be served. Members, come out for this meeting.

Women's Guild - Meeting will be held on Tues., April 10 at 8 p.m. in stead of regular time. The members of the Ladies Aid are invited to attend. The program will be a speaker from City Hospital.

Men's Club - the April meeting is a dinner meeting at 6:30 p.m. The pastor will be the speaker of the evening and will speak on the philosophy of the church. Meeting is on Wed., April 25.

Other meetings at regular times.

CHURCH FINANCES

Gen'l & Benov. Bal, 2/1/62	\$8,064.76
Receipts for month	2,888.99
Total money available	\$10,953.75
Gen'l Fd. Exp. \$2,800.02	
Ben. Fd. Exp.	748.00
Total expended	3,548.02
Gen'l & Benev. Fd, 2/28/62	\$ 7,405.73
Emergency Fd. Bal.	2,194.18
Witholding tax/not due	225.40
Total accounts, 2/28/62	\$ 9,825.31
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One year in Rennie's Mill Camp, our church administred over 80,000 treatments through this Hong Kong medical center. This is one of the World Service projects.

CHURCH RECORDS

Weddings

James R. Alexander and Joyce R. Riemer, Feb. 17
Joseph R. Sigal and Iona L. Van devander, Feb. 20
William N. Wisner and Ellen N. Miller, March 6
Charles W. Armstrong and Evelyn P. Riemer, March 10
Bruce A. Persons and Diana L. Hicks, March 18
Edward Lewis and Dorothy M. Brown March 20

Baptisms

Donna Kathleen, daughter of Frank R. and Ann Woelfer, Feb. 18
William Henry, son of Charles J. and Anna LeBrun, Feb. 18
Charles R., son of Charles R. and Delores Wampler, Feb. 18
Patrick A., son of Leonard D. and Leona Martin, Feb. 18
Tammy L., son of John J. and Marjorie Royo, Feb. 25
Tony A., son of John and Joan Bog nanni, March 18
Edward S., son of Edward S. and Catherine Ellick, Sr., March 18
Michael F., son of Joseph F. and Louise Heine, March 18
David F., son of David F. and Joyce George, Sr., March 18
Michelle D., daughter of Jeremiah F. and Barbara Sullivan, Mar. 18
Steven T., son of Thomas A. and Marilyn Baldwin, March 18
Marie A., daughter of Kenneth H. and Donna Burmeister, March 18

Deaths

Felix M. Sarsitis, age 50, March 3
James D. Moore, Sr., age 79, March 5
Mrs. Eliz. Weidmann, member, age 88, March 7
Mrs. Margaret Leimkuhler, age 55 March 8
Mrs. Mamie Laukeman, age 59, Mar. 1
Mrs. Emma Metts, age 51, March 21
Frank Yurek, member, age 67, Mar. 22

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