



## DO YOU VOTE TO CLOSE THE CHURCH?

"Last Sunday I voted to close the church; not maliciously or intentionally, but thoughtlessly, lazily, indifferently.

I voted to close its doors that its witness, and its testimony be stopped. I voted to close the Bible on the pulpit - the Bible given to us by years of struggle and the blood of martyrs who died that we might have it. I voted for our minister to stop preaching the glorious truths of the gospel of Jesus Christ. I voted that children of the Church School no longer be taught the stories of the Bible and the songs of salvation and God's love.

I voted that the voice of choir and congregation be hushed, no more to join in singing the great hymns of the church. I voted for every missionary to be called home, every hospital and dispensary in its foreign field and at home to close. I voted that its colleges no longer bother to train its youth for Christian service; that every influence for good and right and truth in our community be abandoned. I voted for the darkness of superstition, the degrading influ-

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ence of sin, the blight of ignorance and the curse of selfish greed once again to settle their damning load on the shoulders of an already burdened world.

You see, I could have gone to my church last Sunday and I should have gone, but I didn't. I stayed away, and by my laziness and indifference I voted to close the church."

The above was written by a layman, a veteran, father of three and a good church member. This man is a resident of Birmingham, Alabama and this article first appeared in another church paper.

WORLDWIDE COMMUNION SUNDAY



## COMMUNION SERVICES SUNDAY, OCT. 3

The Communion services at 7:45 & 10:15 a.m. will be first of our fall communions. This, coupled with the special emphasis on this Communion, ought to make it imperative that all folk of the church be present for the Sacrament.

On this one Sunday of the year, the Holy Sacrament is offered in the majority of Protestant churches around the world. At other times, local custom is followed, with some observances monthly, as is ours; some weekly and some at other intervals. But, on this first Sunday of October, to attest to the unity among Christians; though of differing persuasions, all are invited to

the Sacrament as a testimony to the oneness of the Christ and the reconciling work of the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Join the millions attending the Sacrament by coming to this your church for this wonderful gift of Holy Communion.

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## Neighbors in Need

### PLEASE PARTICIPATE IN THIS SPECIAL OFFERING

The Neighbors in Need offering is one of two annual offerings approved by the General Synod of the United Church of Christ, to give every congregation the opportunity to share in the meeting of the great needs in our world today. The 'One Great Hour of Sharing' offering in Lent primarily is devoted to meeting of needs in war-torn and ravaged countries and people abroad. This Neighbors in Need offering is devoted primarily to the needs in our own nation. Among these needs are the areas of education, community needs and action and the general area of giving opportunity for self-help for folk of our own country.

This offering is requested on World-Wide Communion Sunday. An envelope is enclosed for the use of your family. We do request such a special gift from each family and individual of our fellowship. Those in need in our nation say, 'Thank you.'



### LAITY SUNDAY OCT. 10

The Protestant church is operated in large measure by lay people. Or, perhaps it is more correct to state that in increasing numbers the lay folk are carrying the load of congregational operation, whereas

in former years the major responsibility rested with the minister, and the congregation was passive.

Laity Sunday lifts up the contribution of lay folk in the furtherance of God's work, working hand in hand with the Pastor. Thus, in our 10:15 a.m. service there will be layfolk assisting the Pastor.



### WORLD ORDER SUN. OCT. 17

In the midst of disorder in our world today we still strive for the goal of World Order, a condition on our planet in which people need not be fearful and filled with insecurity and dread. This dream is far from being fulfilled but within the church we dare never let it die, for in this dream only is there any hope for continued life upon our planet. In all this the church has a very important role to fill. Be with us as we continue our discussion of 'Reconciliation through the Church.'



### PEACE SUNDAY OCT. 24

Monday, Oct 25 is Veteran's Day, a day of remembrance of the contribution the armed forces have made to the ongoing life of America. Thus this Sunday previous seems a good day to highlight the note of peace; another facet of the job of reconciliation, about which we are thinking these Sundays.

### REFORMATION SUNDAY OCT. 31

1517 THE CHALLENGE

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The challenge to revitalize the church was expressed by Martin Luther in 1517 and the Protestant church emerged as the vehicle of this process of revitalization, to provide the answer to the need. More than 400 years have passed since and the answer has not been fully written. Nor will it ever be

written fully, as long as the perverseness of men and the temptations to be satisfied with less than the ultimate are before us. But we must continue to strive to fulfill our purpose. Reconciliation is an indispensable part of revitalization. We celebrate Reformation Sunday, the birthday of the Protestant Church and continue our messages on Ephesians and the theme, "Reconciliation through the Church"

## OUTSIDE THE LOCAL CHURCH

"Television should 'convey to children a sense of the highest American ideals....' the Board for 'Homeland Ministries of our denomination said in a proposal to the Federal Communications Comm. for guidelines for children's television. The proposals drafted are aimed at cutting down violence, eliminating racism, protecting children from commercial exploitation and making programs more informative and more entertaining."

"Openings are available at Tarsus American College in historic Tarsus, Turkey, for qualified teachers of Chemistry/Physics/Math combinations. Our United Board for World Ministries maintains a school there with an enrollment of about 375 boys between the ages of 11 and 20. A secondary teaching certificate with a B.S. degree and a major in one of the subjects is required." If interested, contact the pastor.

"Ascension Lutheran Church of Houston, Texas, plans to move in North Garden Villas Community United Church of Christ about a mile away from its present location. The congregation voted to use the money from the sale of its building for mission work in their radically changing neighborhood. This Missouri Synod Lutheran Congregation dropped from 1200 members in 1967 to 500 this present year despite vigorous attempts to interest new residents."

"Broadway United Church of Christ in New York has voted to approve a loan of \$100,000 to Tougaloo College (one of our Negro colleges in the south) from its 'investment tithing program."

from 'Keeping You Posted' a biweekly newsheet sent to all the pastors of our denomination.



**SOUR BEEF**

**AND**

**OYSTER SUPPER,**

**PLUS A**

**BAZAAR**

**TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY**

**OCTOBER 26, 27**

**PRICE**

**ADULTS — \$2.25**

**CHILDREN — \$1.00**

**LUNCH, WED.**

**12 — 1:30**

**EVENINGS**

**5 — 7 P.M.**

**BRING GUESTS**

**TO THIS GOOD**

**MEAL**

## OUR RETREAT

The Bretheren Service Center, New Windsor, Md. is again the site of our church's fall retreat, beginning Fri. evening, Nov. 19 and continuing until Sat. afternoon. This spot has become a cherished place for those who have attended former retreats. Located in the beautiful Maryland countryside near Westminster, the place offers comfortable quarters and good surroundings.

This year's emphasis will be "Looking at our Church's Next Century." With the Centennial observance coming, it is fitting that we also look forward to forgoing new directions for the congregation. This requires thought, reflection and discussion. Our Retreat provides the opportunity to begin this process.

Giving leadership in planning and in the Retreat is Rev. James Tomasek, of the staff of our Conference. Pastor Weisser is making arrangements.

Especially invited are the members of the Church Council, the presidents, secretaries and program chairmen of organizations, the members of the Centennial Committee... and....the spouses of all these folk. This grouping may be enlarged. If you are a person who wants to help in broadening and enhancing our church's concept of its mission and opportunity in the coming years, contact Pastor Rasche for details.



### Items to Remember

Sewing group begins meetings on Tues. Oct. 5.....Pastor Weisser is to be with us through October..... Women's Guild has bus trip on Sat. Oct. 1 to Homewood Homes and a Mystery bus trip on its meeting nite.

### Think This Over

"Once upon a time there was a man who had nothing and God gave him 10 apples. He gave him 3 to eat; 3 to trade for shelter; 3 to trade for clothes. He gave him 1 apple so he might show his gratitude to God for the other nine. But when the opportunity came to give it back, the man ate the 10th and graciously gave God the CORE. What are you doing in your life." Selected.

## CHURCH RECORDS

### Baptisms

Nancy Lee, daughter of Robert and Charlotte Muehlberger, Aug. 29

Colleen Estelle, daughter of Charles and Margaret Carrigan, Sept. 12

Deborah Lynn, daughter of Robert and Rosalie Felter, Sept. 12

### Weddings

Richard E. Sopel and Patricia Hutchins, July 31

Fred Havens and Edna Maggott on Aug. 7

Donald Edward and Brenda McQuay on Aug. 31

Charles Shell and Gloria Siejack on Sept. 4

Steve Manko and Genevieve Daniels on Sept. 4

Timothy Williams and Jo Ann Curtis, Sept. 11

Clifford Lee and Gloria Mach on Sept. 18

John F. Shahan and Patricia Markel, Sept. 18

Dennis Jondo and Deborah Szymski, Sept. 19

### Funerals

Herman Wolferman, age 76, Aug. 13

Harry Lewis, age 79, Aug. 17

Mrs. Florence Grace, age 84, Aug. 24

Frank Schmidt, member, age 77, Aug. 30

Mrs. Minnie Johnson, age 70, Sept. 7

Frederick Welzel, age 73, Sept. 7

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PRAISE HIS NAME FOREVER!!

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Each Sunday — 8:00 & 10:15 a.m.

(7:45 a.m. each Communion Sunday)

Church School — 9:00 a.m.