



# Easter Church Offices

## Baptist Bulletin

Easter Rally tomorrow! In all the services of the day there will be the Easter spirit beginning in the Sunday school at 9:30, led by Mr. Bell. The signals set are high but not too high to be reached.

Morning worship at 10:30 in keeping with the Easter spirit. Brother Howard Brumley, one of our boys of the church preparing for the ministry, will lead the singing. The Lord's Supper will be observed in this morning hour.

Sunshine R. Y. P. U. will meet at 2:30. Edith Johnson, leader. The boys and girls are responding to their own organization in a splendid way.

B. F. U. at 6:30. Don Miller, leader. A splendid program is being prepared. Evening service, always a climax of the day, at 7:30. Howard Brumley, will bring the message. Don Lammiman, also a student in the Moody Bible Institute, will have a part in the service.

Wednesday evening will be the annual business meeting of the church and election of officers for the new year, beginning May first. Mark the change of time for the evening services for the next several months.

All who care to, are invited to bring a memorial or plant for decorating the place of worship for the day. Bring the flower in memory of some friend or loved one. Leave the memorial during the day, then take home to enjoy or present to some sick or shut in, or take to the hospital. Bring the flowers for Easter Day.

If you have no other place to worship, you are cordially invited to the little brick church with a big welcome.

O. E. Miller, Pastor.

**Zion Reformed Church**  
Cor. Third and Jackson Sts.  
A. R. Fledderjohann, Pastor.

The Lenten season will reach its climax in the festive Easter services tomorrow. Easter is a day of inspiration and new life and seldom do so many people find their way into the temples of worship as on that day. He will be looking for you.

The services in this church will begin with a Sunrise service at 6:30 a. m. by the C. E. society. Speaking and musical numbers.

Sunday school at 9:15 with all pupils in their places.

Morning worship service at 10:30 o'clock together with the celebration of the Holy Communion. Sermon subject, "Jesus Lives." The choir will sing, "I Know That My Redeemer Lives," and a mixed quartet will render, "Christ Arose." A ladies' chorus will sing "The Angel's Song." You are invited to worship and commune.

In the evening at 7:30 o'clock the choir will render an Easter cantata, entitled, "Redemption's Song." You are cordially invited.

The offering in Sunday school and morning service will be for missions, to be applied on our classical benevolent budget. Easter is also a day of giving. The offering at our evening service will be for the benefit of choir material.

The members of the choir are requested to meet for a last rehearsal tonight at 7 o'clock.

Extending to all members and friends a Blessed Easter-tide.

**Methodist Episcopal Church**  
Somerville Light, Pastor.

The services of this church will partake of the Spirit of the joyous Easter Time. Every member and friend of the church should be in attendance throughout the day. With these services we close the work of the present Conference Year, which has been one of blessing and good success.

Sunday school at 9:30. Surely we ought to reach the Four Hundred Mark. Junior and Senior League services at 2 and 6:30 o'clock.

At 10:45, the pastor in charge, Membership Hour will be observed. At this time Holy Baptism will be administered. A class of preparatory members will be received into full membership and others who may desire to unite by Certificate and Confession of Faith will be received. Following this period, under the direction of Mr. W. F. Beery, a pageant, entitled, "The Dawn of Gladness," a beautiful story told by the flowers and rain drops, will be presented by the children. The entire membership

of both the church and Sunday school should be in this service.

At 2:30 in the afternoon, under the direction of Mrs. Tyndall, director of the choir of this church, an Easter cantata, entitled "Hosanna," by Nolte, will be presented. This is a wonderful cantata. The house should be crowded. Let us see that is and thereby show our appreciation of the fine work of both director and choir.

At 7:30, the Junior choir directed by Mr. Beery, will present a cantata entitled, "Light from the Tomb," by Wilson. We are sure this choir of young people will sing to the delight of all who hear them.

At 8:15, the marvelous pageant entitled, "The Triumph of Love," will be given by exceptionally good talent, as the closing feature of the rich program of the day. Let us honor our risen Lord in all of these services of the glad Easter Day.

**First Evangelical Church**  
Ralph W. Loose, Minister.

9:15, Bible school, J. O. Tricker, superintendent.

10:15, the morning worship hour. In connection with this service there will be the reception of members into the church and the baptism of infants and small children.

The Junior League will meet at 2:30 p. m. and the Intermediate and Senior Leagues will meet at 6:45. The evening evangelistic service will begin at 7:30. Please note the evening services have changed from 7:00 to 7:30.

On Tuesday evening, the Mens' Brotherhood will meet at the church for the regular monthly meeting.

The mid-week preaching and prayer service on Wednesday evening at 7:30. The Ladies Aid will meet at 2:00 p. m. at the church on Thursday.

Thursday evening at 7:30, the Sunday school board will meet. There are only three weeks more in this Conference Year, which also marks the end of the financial year. Let every member seek to close up the year with pledges paid in full. The Forward Movement pledges should be paid to the pastor as quickly as possible.

**Zion Lutheran Church**  
Cor. Monroe and Eleventh Sts.  
Paul W. Schultz, Pastor.

German Easter service, 9:30 a. m. English Easter service, 10:30 a. m. Confessional service for communicants, 9 a. m.

You are welcome.

**Church of God**

Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. John Chilcote, superintendent.

General service at 10:30 a. m. Message by the pastor. Subject will be, "The Living Christ." Text, Heb. 7:25. The Easter program will begin at 7 o'clock. This Easter day, the Christian world stands triumphant at the opened tomb of Jesus of Nazareth and carols its song of hope and cheer. The public is cordially invited to meet with us to honor and glorify a risen Saviour.

E. A. Ball, Pastor.

**Christian Church**  
Harry W. Thompson, Pastor

Dr. Burt Mangold, Bible School superintendent. Bible School opens at 9:30 a. m. Communion and sermon at 10:30 a. m.

The choir under the direction of Miss Josephine Anderson will give a fine program of Easter music at the morning service.

We are especially anxious to have every member of the church to attend worship tomorrow.

Evening service at 7 p. m. Subject of evening sermon, "Did Jesus Pay It All?"

You are welcome to attend the services of this church. Come.

**Presbyterian Church**  
B. N. Covert, Pastor.

Easter Sunday is the greatest festival occasion of the church year. It marks not only the triumph of Jesus over the grave but the assurance of immortality for us all. For grateful praise, renewed character, not new clothes will be the proper medium. It is hoped that all worshippers will enter into the services with this spirit.

The opening service will be a Sun-

rise prayer meeting in charge of the Christian Endeavor Society. This will begin at 6 o'clock. Mrs. B. N. Covert will be the leader.

At 9:00 a. m. the Children's department will meet for instruction and expression under the leadership of Mrs. W. A. Lower.

At 9:30 a. m. the Sunday School will convene.

Morning worship at 10:30 a. m. Children's Story and sermon by the pastor on, "The Fact of Immortality." The last service will be held and the climax of the Easter season will be reached at the vesper hour when the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered at 5 o'clock. This service is obligatory to all members.

On Wednesday evening, April 7th the annual congregational meeting will be held at 7:30 p. m. The election of an elder, a trustee and three deacons will be important matters of business to be transacted. Concise, snappy reports will be given by representatives of the various departments of the church. Every member of the church has a vote in this meeting.

The lonely, the discouraged and the stranger in our city are especially invited to the services of our church.

**St. Mary's Catholic Church**

Anticipating the joyful feast of Easter throughout the Lenten season and especially during Holy Week, Easter Sunday will be most appropriately observed in St. Mary's Catholic church tomorrow. Solemn and impressive services will be held at the masses and the joy of proclaiming anew the Resurrection of the crucified Christ will be marked on every hand. The side altar which has contained a tomb with an image of the crucified Savior will be re-decorated and on it will stand a statue of the Risen Christ. The services on Easter Sunday are filled with more religious meaning than on any Holy day throughout the year and the Catholic church, by preparing during the Lenten season, brings to a climax the joy in the hearts of the faithful on Easter Sunday. As has been the custom, the congregation will receive Holy Communion at either the 5 o'clock high mass or at the 7:30 o'clock mass. The third high mass will be held at 9:45 o'clock. There will not be any services in the afternoon. The sanctuary and altars which have been bare and stripped of all decorations since Thursday, will be beautifully decorated with spring flowers, candles and vigil lights and on every hand the joy of Easter and the fulfilling of Christ's prophecies will be fittingly observed. Good Friday, on which day the church commemorates the passion and death of Christ was observed in a very solemn way and hundreds of the faithful visited the church throughout the day, making the way of the Cross, in veneration before the Cross and in prayer.

**United Brethren Church**  
Cecil R. Smith, Minister.

Praise Service and Love Feast will begin at 8 o'clock Easter morning. Let our voices all say "We have seen the Lord." Following the praise service the pastor will officiate at the Ordinance of Baptism to all who desire. Parents are urged to present their children for this holy service. The Bible School will follow at 9:15 with opening exercise of worship in the main auditorium for the entire school.

The pastor will bring a brief message at the close of the lesson study period. Opportunity will be given for those desiring to unite with the church. The services will close at 11:20.

The evening services will begin with the Christian Endeavor at 6:00 o'clock and the special Easter program of music, songs, pageant, recitations to be given by the Sunday school will be given at 7 o'clock. Easter services will be fitting to the day at all the services. We urge and welcome you to come and want to see a goodly number at the 8 o'clock service. The program for the services of the day is as follows:

**Morning, 8 o'clock**  
Praise, Prayer, Lovefeast—Theme, "We have seen the Lord."

9:00—Ordinance of Baptism for children and others.

9:15—Sunday School Hour—Assembly class periods.

10:25—Easter worship services. Opening hymn—"Hail Easter Light."

Devotions. Anthem—"Put Your Trust in

the Lord." Duet—"The Galilean Conquerors." Solo—"Wherefore Linger Ye?" Anthem—"Follow Him." Sermonette Pastor Anthem—"The Lord is Risen."

**Evening Program**  
6:00—Christian Endeavor.  
7:00—Easter program as follows:  
Opening Chorus.....Choir  
Responsive Reading.....John 20:19-31  
Prayer.  
Anthem....."Bells of His Garden"  
Reading.....Wilma Gase  
Reading.....Eldora Baker  
Solo.....Reba Peterson  
Recitation.....Catherine Hill  
Chorus....."Sweet Is the Song"  
Recitation.....Marcella Williams  
Solo.....Pauline Hakey  
Recitation.....Clariss Jackson  
Anthem.....Richard Jackson

"How Sweet the Easter Story"  
Hymn....."The Light and the Word"  
Easter Pageant.  
Offering.  
Anthem....."Stars Above His Garden"  
Benediction.

## CHURCHES GAIN MANY MEMBERS

All Creeds Show Total Increase Of More Than 800,000 Members This Year

Quite appropriately at Easter time, the festival by common consent set apart for the reception of new members, come the churches bringing an ample harvest of sheaves. First repairing all losses by death, expulsion, withdrawal, etc., these gains show an increase of more than 800,000, the largest for several years.

A glance at the analysis herewith presented indicates that it is from the largest and best organized bodies, such as Baptists, Lutherans, Presbyterians, Methodists, Episcopalians, Congregationalists, Disciples of Christ, Roman Catholics and others, that the largest additions come. This is as might be expected, for they have the largest and best equipment—churches, chapels, parish houses, manses; ministers, teachers, deaconesses and workers of all kinds; organs, organists, choirs, choruses, large and well-ordered Sunday schools to train the little folk, and young peoples' leagues to initiate new workers.

The controversies of the year touching upon creeds, Biblical interpretation and even some of the foundations of the faith, seem not greatly to have affected the church's evangelistic power which is larger, not smaller, than in the past few years. The excitement is plainly subsiding and the controversy leaves the churches but little disturbed.

For the sake of convenience of survey of the results of the year, lists are appended by which it may readily be seen how the gains of 1925 are distributed. First comes the groups of the same name, an evidence of the exercise of centuries of the freedom of division. They are arranged in numerical order and not by dates of origin or form of organization:

| Groups                                  | Number of communicants or members | 1925         |
|---|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| 1. Catholic Western, 3 bodies           | 16,156,914                        | 202,990      |
| 2. Methodist, 15 bodies                 | 8,920,190                         | 220,183      |
| 3. Baptist, 14 bodies                   | 8,397,914                         | 104,396      |
| 4. Presbyterians, 9 bodies              | 2,561,986                         | 61,520       |
| 5. Lutheran, 17 bodies                  | 2,546,127                         | 42,485       |
| 6. Christ, 2 bodies                     | 1,759,399                         | 98,453       |
| 7. Eastern, Orthodox, 9 bodies          | 729,630                           | 2,950        |
| 8. Latter-Day Saints, 2 bodies          | 625,160                           | 1,416        |
| 9. Reformed, 3 bodies                   | 540,987                           | 8,319        |
| 10. United Brethren in Christ, 2 bodies | 411,956                           | 6,853        |
| 11. Brethren (Dunkards), 4 bodies       | 150,160                           | 6,273        |
| 12. Adventist, 5 bodies                 | 149,092                           | 4,925        |
| 13. Friends, 4 bodies                   | 115,528                           | decrease 549 |
| 14. Mennonites, 12 bodies               | 85,039                            |              |
| 15. Scandinavian Evangelical, 2 bodies  | 42,758                            |              |
| 16. Moravian, 2 bodies                  | 27,804                            | 1,002        |
| 17. Pentecostal, 3 bodies               | 18,641                            |              |
|   | 43,239,885                        | 733,656      |

Attention is called to the fact that there is an actual increase in the number of churches of 166, in place of the actual decrease of twelve, returned in 1924, which was the first in our history. Losses of churches are not necessarily an indication of falling Christianity. They are due largely to

changes in populations in country places and cities. The active church must follow the people. Moreover, the spirit of comity among denominations merges in over-churching communities, and growing bodies consolidate wherever possible.

The number of ministers shows an encouraging gain. As laborers in the vineyard fall or reach the limit of useful service, younger men take their places and carry forward the work. The net gain in 1925 was 2,566. Since the beginning of 1920, the increase has been from 194,047 to 216,078, or 22,031 in six years, an average of 3,672 annually, which can not be reckoned as discouraging.

As to finances, while not a few large churches report a temporary decrease in missionary income, it must be remembered that unusual efforts to enlarge the income following the war, and overmuch pressure, had its natural reaction in deficits, her and there. Annual reports of the United Stewardship Council show an income for current expenses and benevolences for two dozen or more of the larger denominations, aggregating over 22,000,000 members, being a gradual rising. The grand total for 1925 is \$463,871,678—all voluntary contributions. This, too, is far from discouraging.

## EASTER SUNDAY TO BE OBSERVED HERE TOMORROW

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er cities and towns have held steadfastly to the original meaning of the day.

It is expected that the largest crowds of the year will attend the various Adams county churches tomorrow. Weather reports for this section of the state predict cold, but probably fair weather.

Leroy Packard, of South Bend, will spend Sunday with friends in this city.

## CONVENTION TO BE HELD HERE

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also be disposed of during the two-day session.

Following is the program for the conference:

Wednesday 10:00 A. M.  
Meeting of the Executive committee.

11:00 A. M.  
Devotional Service—"A Mind to Work"—Neb. 4:1-6  
Mrs. Henry Pease, Goshen, Ind.  
Greetings.....Mrs. Ralph Yager  
Response.....Mrs. A. C. Beckstein, Hanington, Ind.

Enrollment.  
Reception of New Societies.  
Appointment of Committees.  
Reading of Communications.  
Report of Executive Committee.

Wednesday 1:30 P. M.  
Communion service conducted by Rev. A. R. Fledderjohann

Roll Call.  
Reading of Minutes.  
Annual Reports of Officers, Departmental Secretaries and Delegates.

Vocal Solo.....Mrs. B. Shroyer  
Election of Officers.  
Miscellaneous Business.  
Musical Reading.....Mrs. Ralph Yager

Wednesday 6:00 P. M.  
Banquet—Church Dining Room.  
Wednesday 7:45 P. M.

Prelude.  
Hymn.  
Devotions—"Rock on Which We Build"—Matt. 7:24-29.  
Mrs. Henry Pease, Goshen

Violin Solo—"Rock of Ages"  
Virginia Miller  
Vocal Duet, Misses Emma & Lina Guth  
Address—"Girls Who Are Different"—Mrs. Helen Baker.

Returned missionary from Japan  
Ladies Quartet.  
Offering.  
Vocal Solo.....Miss Della Sellemeyer  
Announcements.  
Hymn.  
Benediction.  
Postlude.  
Closing.

Thursday 8:00 A. M.  
Meeting of newly elected Executive Committee.

Thursday 9:00 A. M.  
Devotional Service—"Jesus Our Companion"—Luk. 10:38-42.  
Mrs. Henry Pease, Goshen

Roll Call.  
Reading of Minutes.  
Report of Committees.  
Vocal Solo.....Mrs. Dallas Goldner  
Recognition Service  
Mrs. Abraham Simmons, Bluffton  
Reports of Local Presidents.

Thursday 1:30 P. M.  
Devotions—"Jesus Our Leader"  
Psalm 53.....Mrs. Henry Pease  
Reading of Minutes.  
Unfinished Business.

W. M. S. Conference conducted by Mrs. V. Eichenberger, Berne, Ind.  
G. M. G. Conference conducted by Mrs. Miles Bradford, Goshen.

Mission Band Conference conducted by Mrs. C. W. H. Sauerwine, Berne, Ind.

Consecration Service  
Mrs. Chas. Neibelter, Fort Wayne.

Adjournment.  
Meeting of Executive Committee.

## COURT HOUSE

**Marriage Licenses**  
Chester McIntosh, Inspector, to Francine Martin, both of Decatur.  
John Stauffer, employe at General Electric plant, to Pearl Smitley, both of Decatur.

**Real Estate Transfers**  
Clyde W. Hendricks, etux to Emeline Stalter, lot 18 in Monroe, for \$2,000.

## Congress One Hundred Years Ago

**Senate**  
Adopted joint resolution to amend Constitution to prohibit any person from being elected to the presidency for more than two terms. Vote 32 to 7.

**House**  
Debated question of President's power in planning to send ministers to conference of Nations at Panama. Considering proposed amendment to constitution to prevent election of President devolving upon congress.

**FOR TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR**  
Daily Democrat—  
Please announce that I am a candidate for the Democratic nomination for assessor of Union township, subject to decision of the voters at the primary, Tuesday, May 4th.  
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Palmer B. Dykeman.

**FOR TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE**  
Daily Democrat—  
Please announce that I am a candidate for the Democratic nomination for trustee of Washington township, subject to decision of voters at the primary, Tuesday, May 4th.  
Jim A. Hendricks.

**FOR TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE**  
Daily Democrat—  
Please announce that I am a candidate for the Democratic nomination for trustee of Washington township, subject to the decision of the voters at the primary, Tuesday, May 4, 1926.  
e.o.d 4ks-80  
Louis Keller.

**FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER**  
Daily Democrat—  
Please announce that I am a candidate for the Democratic nomination for county commissioner from the First district, subject to the decision of the voters at the primary, Tuesday, May 4th.  
John G. Hoffman.



Are we a nation of spenders, or buyers?

THERE are persons, of course, who "throw their money to the winds." There are "free spenders" and those who "don't know the value of a dollar." Every community in America has at least a few wayward sons.

But we cannot properly be called a nation of spenders. We are a nation of industrious, progressive folks, whose buying power is tremendous. And we certainly do exert that power.

In this community, as elsewhere, we keep our money pretty much in circulation. But we are buying, not wastefully spending. We are investing in homes and their equipment, in clothing and food, in health and the comforts of life.

The greatest aid to such wise use of money is the newspaper with its group of display advertisements. Folks who consistently read the ads—and follow their advice—are not inclined to waste their earnings. They readily learn the wisdom of exchanging their funds only for those things that bring them genuine happiness.