

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH
West Monroe and Eleventh Streets
Edgar P. Schmidt, Pastor

The Church with Carillon Bells
Two identical services are conducted each Sunday at 8 and 10:30 o'clock. Attend at the hour most convenient. The pastor continues his series of sermons on the Ten Commandments. The choir will appear at 10:30 only, singing, "O Lord, increase my faith," by Gibbons.

The last of the Wednesday mid-week Lenten services for this season will be conducted next Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock, as the pastor speaks on the Passion Symbol, "The Seamless Coat and the Dice." The choir will sing, "God so loved the world," from the Crucifixion by Stainer.

Beginner to Senior departments of the Sunday School, and the Junior and Adult Bible Classes meet at 9:15 o'clock. You are invited to enroll.

Choir rehearsal Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

The Married Couples Club will honor the boys of the Saturday School basketball team and cheer leaders at a Carry-in banquet Sunday evening beginning at 6 o'clock.

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COME TO CHURCH

Creamed
Comments
On S.S.
Lesson

Creamed comments on the Sunday school lesson, Betrayal and Crucifixion, John 19:17-30, for Sunday, April 11.

John records more about Christ's betrayal and crucifixion than the three other gospel writers, and in so doing, he makes a stronger argument for Christ, the divine Son of God who paid the penalty of sin that all men should believe and be saved.

V.17. "And he bearing his cross went forth into a place called the place of a skull which is called in the Hebrew Golgotha." Jesus was treated as a condemned criminal, though innocent; the cross stood for the sins of all mankind and therefore became so heavy that he fell under it, and another had to help him. He was heading for his frequent place of prayer. When in trouble, we ought also to go to our accustomed place of prayer.

V.18. "Where they crucified him, and two others with him, on either side one, and Christ in the midst." Those condemning Christ put Jesus into bad company, but he would not stay there.

V.19. "And Pilate wrote a title and put it on the cross. And the writing was, Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews." Pilate taunted the Jews by this title but he wrote better than he knew. Wicked men sometimes tell the truth.

V.20. "This title then read many of the Jews; for the place where Jesus was crucified was nigh to the city; and it was written in Hebrew, and Greek and Latin." There can be no mistake regarding this tragedy for it took place where all could see it, and the title on the cross could be read by all in the languages of that day. We can not and dare not ignore the crucifixion of Jesus.

V.21. "Then said the chief priests of the Jews to Pilate, Write not the King of the Jews but that he said I am King of the Jews." To allow the statement to stand would condemn the Jews since they denied it. The cross condemned every sinner.

V.22. "Pilate said, What I have written, I have written." His part of redemp-

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A general invitation is extended to all adults of the parish, and parents of the players and cheer-leaders. Those attending are asked to bring table service with their food. An interesting evening's entertainment has been arranged.

The Church Council meets Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Junior Confirmation Class Wednesday at 4 p.m. and Saturday at 8 a.m.

The sixth midweek Lenten Service Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday School and Saturday School teachers staff meeting Thursday evening at 7 and 7:30 p.m.

Saturday school Saturday morning, 9:15 to 11:30.

Palm Sunday the pastor will conclude the series on the Ten Commandments. Sermon theme: "This is God's Hour."

Wednesday, in the church, on the hours of 2, 4, 5, 7, and 8 o'clock the pastor will conduct devotions for those who desire to announce for the Maundy Thursday and Easter Communion services.

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Sunday
Service

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Very Rev. Msgr. Selmetz, pastor
6:00 a.m. First Mass.
7:30 a.m. Low Mass.
9:00 a.m. Children's Mass.
10:15 a.m. Low Mass.

Way of the Cross, 2:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Sermon and Benediction, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Way of the Cross, 7:30 p.m.

Weekday Mass, 7:30 a.m.

Holy Communion Sundays.

First Sunday, the Catholic Ladies of Columbia.

Second Sunday, Holy Name Society.

Third Sunday, the Rosary Society.

Fourth Sunday, Children of Mary.

FIRST METHODIST

W. Monroe at Fifth Street

Samuel Emerick, minister

9:30 a.m. church school assembly under the direction of Robert Theobald, assistant superintendent.

Youth choir rehearsal on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

Senior confirmation class on Tuesday at 4 p.m.

Youth choir rehearsal on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

Final mid-week Lenten service on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. Service by the pastor: "Up to Calvary." The double mixed quartet will furnish the special music. Following the service the confirmation class will be presented to the official board, their parents and interested friends. The Women's Guild will meet after the service. The senior choir will hold rehearsal in the church after the service.

On Thursday and Friday evenings at 7:30 p.m. Billy Graham's film, "Oiltown U. S. A." will be shown in this church, sponsored by the Decatur Ministerial Association.

Catechetical classes on Saturday: seniors at 9 a.m., juniors at 10:30 a.m.

Come and worship with us.

NUTTMAN AVENUE

United Brethren in Christ

Paul D. Parker, minister

Sunday school, 9:30 a.m. Lawrence Michel is the superintendent, Frank Lundin is the assistant. Bring the family, there are classes for all ages.

Morning worship service, 10:30 a.m. Inspirational devotional period. Sermon subject, "Why Join The Church?"

Christian endeavor, 7 p.m. Christian endeavor affords fellowship and study groups for all ages.

Evangelistic service, 7:30 p.m. The pastor will speak on the subject: "Things That Money Will Not Buy."

Monday, 7 p.m., commission on worship. 8 p.m., evening circle I will meet with Mrs. Carl Gerber, 120 S. Fifth St.

Tuesday, 7 p.m., commission on missions.

Wednesday, 7 p.m., commission on religious education, commission on finance, 8:15 p.m., official board meeting.

Thursday, 2 p.m., general meeting of WSCS at the church. Mrs. George Helm will review the book, "The Silver Chalice," by Thomas Constance. 7:45 p.m., Decatur associated churches council.

Friday, 7:30 p.m., meeting of the pastor's adult membership class.

A Holy Communion Service will be conducted Maundy Thursday evening at 7:30.

The traditional Midday Good Friday service will be held at 12:30 past noon, featuring the reading of the Passion Story according to the Four Gospels.

The Memorial Service of the Savior's death, with the Litany of the Cross, will be conducted Good Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock. The pastor will conduct all the Holy Week services.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

Lesson Prayer:

Lesson prayer: Grant that none of us will be guilty of lining up with those who crucified Christ by even ignoring him, knowing that we are either for him or against him. Grant that we may take Jesus so seriously as to confess our sins and surrender our lives to please him in all things, for we can not do less than this.

Rev. Hammond and family will be worshipping with us Sunday.

All those who would like to fellowship with them are invited to a potluck dinner to be held in the lower auditorium of the church immediately following the worship service.

At 6:30 p.m. the three groups will meet.

The evening service is at 7:30.

A valuable evening awaits you in the house of the Lord.

There will be a community hymn-sing at the Missionary church at 9 a.m.

Wednesday night the mid-week service is at 7 p.m. Choir practice at 8 p.m.

The Ladies Missionary Society will meet in the lower auditorium of the church Thursday night at 7:30 p.m.

Billy Graham's latest picture, "Oil Town U.S.A.", will be shown at the Zion Reformed church Thursday and Friday nights at 7:30 p.m.

Friendways Club will meet at the church 1 p.m. Saturday.

Men's meeting this week on Tuesday night from 7 to 9, April 6, 1954 in the Pleasant Mills school building. Kenneth Roop, chairman, will preside. Robert Strickler and Herman Hammond will have charge of the program for the evening. Let all the men come for a time of fun, fellowship, food for soul and body!

Whatever we give out in fears and worry will return to us in interest.

ZION
Evangelical and Reformed
William C. Feller, pastor
Church school at 9 a.m. Robert Houk, superintendent. There is a class for each member of your family. Come and study the interesting lessons with us.

Worship service at 10 a.m. Fifth Sunday in Lent. Sermon by the pastor: "Along the Way of Sorrow." The senior choir will sing "Look to the Cross" by Faure, arranged by Lorent. Visitors are all welcome in the services of this church. Mission band will meet during the sermon portion of the service.

Youth fellowship at 6:15 p.m. Don Aurand will give the devotions. Ed Jaberg will be the guest speaker.

Official board meeting on Monday at 7:30 p.m.

Senior confirmation class on Tuesday at 4 p.m.

Youth choir rehearsal on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

6:00 p.m. Westminster Fellowship.

Final mid-week Lenten service on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. Service by the pastor: "Three Gods or One?" is the question of the first in a series of workshop studies of the Trinity. The film "From Every Mountain Side" will be shown during the recreation period.

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