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Lenten Season Will Open On Wednesday

By LOUIS CASSELS
United Press International
For millions of Christians, next Wednesday marks the start of the spring training season.

From then until Easter (April 17), they will apply to their spiritual lives the same basic principle that athletes follow in getting into condition.

The principle is that unused muscles grow flabby, and can be toned up only through exercise.

During Lent—which is the official name of the spiritual spring training season—a Christian is supposed to give his will power a workout. He practices acts of self-discipline and self-denial, not as ends in themselves, but in order to toughen up some of the moral fibers that have gone soft from easy living.

Decree Formalizes Custom
Lent is one of the oldest seasons of the church calendar. Its present duration—the 40 weekdays and 6 Sundays preceding Easter—was fixed by Pope Felix II in 487 A.D. But his decree merely formalized a custom which had been widespread in the early Christian church since the second century.

Catholics, Episcopalians, Lutherans and Eastern Orthodox Christians always have placed great emphasis on Lent. In recent years, Lenten observance has been growing rapidly among Presbyterians, Methodists and other Protestants.

Each person decides for himself how he will keep Lent. The Catholic church prescribes certain minimum rules of fasting (adults must forego meat at two of their three meals on weekdays), but leaves the individual free to choose what further sacrifices he will make. Millions of Catholics voluntarily give up drinking, smoking, movies or other worldly pleasures.

Protestant Fasting Differs
Many Protestants also fast during Lent. But fasting in Protestant usage is not necessarily related to food. It simply means making yourself do without something which you particularly enjoy—perhaps something as worthless as listening to symphonic records, or as harmless as reading detective stories.

Both Protestants and Catholics believe that Lent should be a time for adding as well as subtracting. The "positive" aspects of Lenten observance include more frequent attendance at worship services, extra periods of private devotion, reading religious books, participating in discussion groups, and undertaking special acts of voluntary service, such as visiting hospitals.

These things, however, also have a sacrificial aspect, since they involve giving up time which might, in other seasons, be spent in rest or recreation.

Aircraft Accident Board Is Appointed

RIO DE JANEIRO (UPI)—The U.S. Navy has appointed an aircraft accident board to investigate the air collision which killed 61 persons here Thursday—35 of them Americans.

Rear Adm. John Quinn, chief of the U.S. military mission to Brazil, convened the board Friday. He said two members of the decimated U.S. Navy band have been flown here from Buenos Aires to help identify the bandmen who perished in the double crash.

ZION
Evangelical and Reformed
(United Church of Christ)
Third and Jackson, pastor
William C. Feller, pastor

Church school, 9 a.m. Robert Kershner, assistant superintendent, will be in charge. There is a class and a welcome for every member of your family. Come and join us in the study of God's Word.

Divine worship, 10 a.m. Sermon by the pastor: "Spiritual Growth." The youth choir will sing, "Love Lifted Me" by Smith. Visitors are always welcome in this service. If you are without a church home in this community, we invite you to worship with us.

About 48 teams will participate in a pre-Lenten visitation Sunday afternoon and evening, among the members and friends of the church.

Youth fellowship, 5 p.m. Devotions will be given by Marceda Whetstone. The program will be in charge of Mrs. William Feller. Supper will be sponsored by Mrs. Harold Hoffman and Mrs. Dorris Heath.

Youth choir rehearsal Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.
The first mid-week Lenten service will be held Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. Sermon by the pastor: "The Anointing at Bethany."

The Women's Guild will meet after the Lenten service.
Heidelberg class meeting Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

World day of prayer service, sponsored by the Decatur Council of Church Women, in the First Presbyterian church, Friday, 1:30 p.m. Children's world day of prayer services, 3:15 p.m., Friday in the First Baptist church and the First Missionary church.

Senior choir rehearsal Friday at 7 p.m.
Catechetical classes Saturday morning: seniors at 9, juniors at 10 a.m.
Come and worship with us.

CHURCH OF GOD
628 Cleveland Street
Huston Bever, Jr., pastor

8:30 a.m., "The Christian Brotherhood Hour," over WKJG. A program dedicated to presenting the message of Christian Brotherhood to all the world.

9:30 a.m., morning worship. Our pastor speaks to us on a very important subject, "Wells Not Cisterns." Be with us this morning in our services.
10:40 a.m., Sunday school. Mrs. Emery Hawkins and her fine staff of workers, urge you to be present.

6 p.m., youth fellowship. Miss Cassie Strickler in charge of devotions. Rev. Bever will speak to us in regards to "The Bible and Divorce."

7:30 p.m., evening service. Bring a friend and be our guest.
Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., prayer service, "Why the Church of God?"
Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Missionary Society will meet in the Fellowship Hall.

Plan Surgery For General MacArthur

NEW YORK (UPI)—Gen. Douglas MacArthur is being prepared for surgery to correct a urological condition which hospitalized him four weeks ago.

His physician, Dr. George W. Slaughter, said Friday no date had been set for the surgery.

The five-star general's condition was reported satisfactory. He had suffered an enlargement of the prostate which gave rise to a urological infection.

Sunday
Service

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
V. Rev. Simeon Schmitt, Pastor

Sunday Masses
3:00 a. m.
7:15 a. m.
8:30 a. m.
9:45 a. m. (High mass)
11:00 a. m.

Weekday Masses
School days: 6 a.m., 8:15 a.m. and 11 a.m.
Non-school days: 6 a.m., 7 a.m. and 8:15 a.m.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
Mercer Avenue at Five Points
Harold J. Bond, Minister

9:15 a.m., Sunday school classes for all ages. Two year olds are important in the Christian education program. As to the person, growth still centers in large muscles, development slows a little, has better emotional and muscular control. Self-assertion, some self-discipline, intense, short-lived anger; curiosity; parallel play; conflict about things. Tries to imitate and please parents. Two year olds need patience, love, time and interest rather than things; routines and "helping"; security. Important relationships at this age include relatives, family friends, and neighbors. Possibly baby sitters. Limited community contacts. Church care groups. Spiritual and religious impressions made at this age carry over into the rest of life.

10:30 a.m., morning worship. The pastor will open the Lenten theme, "Friendship with Christ," which on February 28 will include, "Andrew—Who made the Great Discovery," "John The Baptist—Who Shared a Dream," will be the March 6 theme, March 13, "Peter—Believed as the Average Man," March 20, "John—Who understood More Completely," March 27, "Nicodemus—Who Wanted to Believe," April 3, "Zacchaeus—Who Dined and Discovered Life."

3 p.m., the pastor's communicant class will meet.
4:15 p.m., junior youth fellowship will meet.
5:30 p.m., junior and senior high youth fellowship.
Flowers for Feb. 21 were presented by Mrs. Wm. P. Schrock, Sr. Flowers for Feb. 28 are presented by Mrs. Joseph Thompson.

Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, and the beginning of Lent. For many centuries the Christian church has, in varying ways, observed the season of Lent. The word "Lent" comes from the old English word "Lentlen" which means spring. It is a season of penitence and is a period of forty days (from Ash Wednesday to the eve of Easter) not counting Sundays. Easter is observed among us on the first Sunday following the first full moon after the spring equinox.

The lenten theme is based upon the example and teaching of Jesus and is continuous with the life and history of the church. The spirit of Lent is not to be confined to these forty days even as the spirit of Christmas and Easter should not be limited to the one day. The mission of Lent is that of "Spiritual Discipline, Exercise and Preparation."

Friday, March 4, the world day of prayer will be observed in the Presbyterian church with the program to begin at 1:30 p.m. Additional services will be conducted for children at the First Baptist church at 3:30 and the Missionary church at 3:30 p.m.

MISSIONARY
Tenth and Dayton Streets
Gerald L. Gerig, pastor
9 a.m., Sunday school hour.
10 a.m., morning worship hour. Guest speaker will be Rev. Ernest Beella. Choir in the direction of Darrell Gerig and the organist is Barbara Harden.

6:30 p.m., pre-service prayer. Children's gospel hour. Teen-age MYE.
7 p.m., evening gospel hour. Rev. Beella speaking.
8 p.m., choir rehearsal.
Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., prayer and praise. The pastor will be back and we will continue the studies on the Holy Spirit.

Saturday, 7 p.m., men's prayer meeting.
Your family is always welcome at our church.

TRINITY
Evangelical United Brethren
Ninth and Madison Streets
J. O. Fenrod, minister
The church school activities will begin at 9 a.m. Max Gilpin will be in charge.

The pastor's class will meet in the church kitchen at 9 o'clock. Morning worship service will begin at 10 a.m. The pastor's message will be "A Son's First Chance." The youth and junior choir under the direction of Walter Henkel will sing "Lift A Lamp" by Benson. Miss Kay Wynn will preside at the organ.

The junior-hi "Y-Hour" will meet Sunday, 6 p.m.
The senior-hi "Y-Hour" will meet Sunday, 6 p.m. Guest speaker will be Dr. Norval Rich, M.D., who will speak on the subject "Respect Your Date." Youth leading in the devotional period will be Kay Wynn, Steve Butcher and Barry Ellis.

The Sunday evening worship will be held at 7 p.m. The Rev. F. L. Engle, pastor of the South Wayne Evangelical United Brethren church in Fort Wayne, will bring the message. Laymen who will share in this service will be Elaine Cochran and Virgil Andrews. The service will be a family worship experience.

Boy Scout Troop No. 65 will meet Monday, 6:30 p.m.
The sixth grade catechetical class will meet Wednesday, 4 p.m. Seventh grade catechetical class, 6 p.m. Boys and girls fellowship will meet Wednesday, 7 p.m. Mid-week worship for youth and adults at 7 p.m. Youth and junior choir rehearsal, Wednesday, 7 p.m. Chancel choir rehearsal, 8 p.m.

The ladies aid will meet Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
The World Day of Prayer service will be held Friday, 1:30 p.m. in the Presbyterian church. The high school and grade school services will be held in the Baptist and Missionary churches at 3:15 p.m.
The Work and Win class will meet Friday, in the church fellowship hall at 7:30 p.m.

BETHANY
Evangelical United Brethren
Benj. G. Thomas, minister
"This is the Lord the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it."

9 a.m., Sunday school under the leadership of Maurice Teeple, superintendent. This is family worship and there will be no extended session. Bring your family with you to worship.
10 a.m., divine worship. It is today that we bring our Tithes Envelope offering for the building fund. We give unto the Lord according as He hath given to us.

Miss Eleanor Miller will use these selections on the organ: "Devotion" by Crowder, "Roots and Leaves" by Williams and "Song of Peace" by Overholt. The anthem: "The Lord Is My Light" by Richardson. The sermon: "Keeping the Lord Before Us." Psalm 18.

6 p.m., the Y hour. The leaders are: Barry Burnett for junior high and Sharon Magsaman for senior high.

Monday, 7 p.m., board of trustees.
Wednesday, 7 p.m., the youth choir rehearsal, 7:45 p.m., the adult choir rehearsal.
Wednesday, 7 p.m., prayer and Bible study.

Thursday, the W.S.W.S. units will meet: No. 1, 7:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. C. E. Smith. No. 2 at 2 p.m., at the home of Mrs. Francis Ellsworth. No. 3, 7:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Francis Howard. No. 4, 8 p.m., at the home of Mrs. Wilbur Tinkham.

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At 3:15 p.m., there will be children's services at the Baptist and Missionary churches.
The Catechetical class will meet Friday at 3:10 p.m. instead of Saturday morning.

FIRST BAPTIST
221 South Fourth Street
Stuart H. Brightwell, pastor

9:15 a.m., Sunday school hour. Waldo Salway, supt. We have a graded school with a class for every age.

10:30 a.m., morning worship service. "Be Honest" is the subject of the sermon. The church choir will sing, "The Voice of Jesus" by Drew. Mrs. Stuart Brightwell is choir director. Mrs. Eugene Lehman is organist. Annual "America for Christ" home missions offering will be received at this service.
6:30 p.m., Baptist youth fellowship.

6:30 p.m., church board meeting.
7:30 p.m., evening gospel hour with the sermon by the pastor.
8:30 p.m., youth sing-along at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Don Sliger.

Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., S. S. Teachers meeting at the church.
Wednesday, 6:15 p.m., junior choir rehearsal. 7 p.m., midweek hour of prayer, 7:45 p.m., monthly church business meeting. 8 p.m., church choir rehearsal.

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This day of prayer is observed all over the world. The local services are sponsored by the Decatur Council of Church Women, Mrs. Benj. G. Thomas, president.

Saturday, 7 p.m., youth fellowship recreation night at the church. The services of our church are open to the public. You are invited to visit our church.

ZION LUTHERAN
Monroe and 11th Street
R. C. Ludwig, pastor
Divine services at 8 and 10:30 a.m.

Sunday school and Bible classes at 9:15 a.m.
"Christian Witness" will be the title of the sermon, based on John 1:25-42. This is Sharing Christ Sunday at Zion. The sharing Christ Callers will be consecrated in the services. It is our desire to share the Lenten Gospel of Jesus' suffering and death with friends who have no church-home.

The Lord's Supper will be celebrated in both services this Sunday.
On Monday, the Board of Christian Education will meet at 7:30 p.m.
The Sunday school teachers will have a meeting at 7:30 p.m. or Tuesday.

Wednesday, the school devotional will begin at 8:20 a.m. In the evening, to begin the Lenten season, services will be held at 6:45 and 8:15.
The Needle club will meet Thursday at 10 a.m. for an all-day session.
The Saturday school meets at 9:15 a.m. for grades 5-8.

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FIRST CHRISTIAN
2nd and Jefferson Streets
Edward Pachas, minister

Morning worship and communion, 9:30 a.m.
Church school, 10:30 a.m.

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Church school takes up "Courage for Christian Witnessing" with the text from Acts 21:27-39. This will be a lesson you won't want to miss.

The First Christian church will be offering special services each Sunday evening in March and each night of the week of April 10-15. A new home service that we call the "Pastor's Home Devotional Hour" will start after Easter. Any one that does not have a home church please contact the pastor by calling 3-3821 or 3-4007 and let us talk with you. We are not so much interested in how we can help you as we are as to how we can help each other. Please call now—don't put it off.

Official board will meet Thursday at 8 p.m. in the church basement.

William Hazlett once said that "the mind of man is like a clock that is always running down, and requires to be constantly wound up." I would agree and hasten to add that perhaps this is also true of man's soul. Will you worship in some church this Sunday morning? God bless you.

FIRST METHODIST
West Monroe at Fifth Street
F. Hassen Sparks, minister

9:30 a.m., church school. Fred Solderer, superintendent, will be in charge of our Church School where classes are provided for each member of your family. Supervised nursery and kindergarten classes are available for pre-school children and a Lullaby Room for infants. Bring your family and come to the church school.

10:30 a.m., divine worship. Our service this Sunday morning is the first in our week of dedication. Rev. Sparks will preach this Sunday morning on the subject "Our Faith in The Book of Books." Lyman Hann will sing "God So Loved The World" by Stainer. Mrs. Harry Dailey will play the following organ selections: "Air" by Bach, "His Eye Is On The Sparrow" by Gabriel, and "Pestlude in C" by Otis. There will be no meeting of the senior Methodist youth fellowship and the intermediate youth fellowship.

At six o'clock Sunday evening the first of the Lenten suppers will be served in the church dining room. New members and prospective members will be guests and the Wesleyan Service Guild will be in charge of the supper and the program.

At 7:30 p.m., the preaching mission will continue in the sanctuary with Rev. Sparks preaching on the subject, "Our Faith in God." The preaching mission will continue each evening of the week at 7:30 o'clock with the exception of Saturday.

Next Sunday evening's service will close the preaching mission. The members of the board of trustees are asked to meet following the church service Wednesday evening.

Next Friday the World Day of Prayer will be observed in the First Presbyterian church.

The meeting of the Everready class scheduled for Thursday evening has been postponed until Thursday, March 10. Members are asked to please note the change in the date.

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12th and Washington Streets
William C. Dunham, minister

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9:30 a.m., hour of worship. Sermon: "Drifting Along."

10:30 a.m., Bible school.

7 p.m., open Bible hour. Topic, "Concerning Spiritual Gifts." I Corinthians 12-14.

Wednesday, prayer meeting and Bible study, James, chapter 5.

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Worship and revival service at 10:30 a.m. The Jantz family will have charge of music and evangelist Franklin Moore will speak.

Young peoples' meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Revival service at 7:30 p.m. with the special workers in charge.

Special meetings continue next week each evening at 7:30 p.m. A welcome to all.

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