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The Lenten season is a propitious time for us to contemplate the meaning of Death and Life.

People fear death because they think of themselves as individuals. Mankind, or life, should be compared to the human body. Life is the body made up of individual men, who represent the cells. As the cells grow old, they die and drop away to make room for new cells. The same principle applies to man; as they grow old, they die to make room for the new generation of young people. This creates a continuous stream of life.

Death may be thought of, not as a black emptiness that one plunges into, but as a cool blue pool in which the stream of life terminates. This is the final resting place. With this in mind, one may face the reality of death without fear. It cannot be avoided, nor should one wish to avoid it.

Although the process of removing the aged parts of life's body is necessary to prevent an overbalance in population and to make room for the young people, it is still a painful process for friends and family to endure. This aspect of existence is therefore soothing: through love, we bridge the gap between life and death, through parentage we escape the finality presented by death. Men may die, but their children and grandchildren live on. One who spends his life storing knowledge and wisdom inside himself, but neglects others, may be completely submerged by death; but if one reaches out to others, and passes on his previous possessions of wisdom and experience, a part of him will live on past death. In this way, the cycle of life continues, death unbending the young. Life becomes eternal.

COURT NEWS

Estate Cases
In the Lola Bone estate, the estate was closed after the filing of the final decree, allowing final account; determining heirship; authorizing distribution, and discharging co-administrators.

No inheritance due on the Kenneth M. Huser estate, and the value of the estate is \$2,972.37. Adams county was allowed \$5 for services and fees.

In the Palmer Sprunger estate, a schedule to determine inheritance tax was filed with reference to the county assessor.

The value of the Alverta May McCullom estate was listed at \$2,914.23 with no tax due, but \$5 allowed for the county services and fees.

The estate of Patrick Murphy was opened with the filing of letters of administration to John F. Murphy and Howard Baumgartner, co-administrators. A penal bond of \$4,200 was filed. Burkhead closed after filing of supplemental report of distribution and petition for discharge.

In the estate of Emma F. Breiner, a penal bond of \$1,000 was filed to open the estate. Letters of administration were issued to Leonora F. Ehlerding, administratrix.

If ignorance is bliss, it's amazing there aren't more happy people.

There is one thing to be said for ignorance—it surely causes a lot of interesting arguments.

ZION EVANGELICAL AND REFORMED

(United Church of Christ)

Third and Jackson

William C. Feller, Pastor

Church School at 9:00 a. m.

Robert Kershner, assistant superintendent, will be in charge.

Every child and adult will find a class suitable to his or her age.

Come and bring your entire family for the study of God's Word.

Divine Worship at 10:00 a. m.

Fourth Sunday in Lent. Sermon by the pastor, "The Manna, A Type of Christ's Person and Work." The youth choir will sing, "My Creed" by Fisher. Visitors are always welcome in this service.

Those without a church especially invited to attend. The One Great Hour of Sharing will be observed with a special offering for World Service.

Fort Wayne regional youth fellowship rally in this church, Sunday afternoon, beginning at 2:30.

Confirmation class will meet on Tuesday at 4:00 p. m.

Youth choir rehearsal on Wednesday at 6:00 p. m.

Fifth mid-week Lenten service on Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. Sermon: "The Verdict Against Jesus."

Bethany circle meeting at the church at 8:30 p. m. on Wednesday, following the Lenten service.

Friendship circle meeting in the home of Mrs. Ray Fager on Wednesday at 8:30 p. m. following the Lenten service.

Senior class rehearsal on Friday at 7:00 p. m.

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

Come and worship with us.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH

1210 Elm Street

George Varian, Pastor

Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Last Sunday, the Sunday School went over the set goal of 125, and broke all previous records. Tomorrow is a new Lord's Day and you need to be in class learning about the Word of God. Plan now to bring your whole family to Sunday School.

Morning Worship 10:30 a. m. Sermon by the pastor: "Born Once Die Twice, Born Twice Die Once."

Evening service 7:45 p. m. Sermon by the pastor: "Better Broken Than Ground."

Wednesday evening 7:45 p. m. Bible study.

Saturday morning 10 - 11 Choir rehearsal.

Saturday evening 7 - 8 p. m. hour of prayer for the praying people.

You have an invitation to attend the services of this church.

20 Years Ago Today

March 28, 1949—Bids will be received April 2 for construction of the new building for Adams Post 43, American Legion, and for purchase and removal of the present building.

The city of Decatur will be honored next month at a banquet in Indianapolis for having gone through the year of 1939 without a traffic fatality.

The Rev. and Mrs. Charles M. Prugh and daughters are visiting relatives in Dayton, O.

Leo Kirsch, Decatur postmaster, will attend a meeting of Indiana postmasters at Indianapolis, where James A. Farley, postmaster-general, will be the principal speaker.

At least seven persons are dead as the worst blizzard in 32 years hit upper New York state.



ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

V. Rev. Simeon Schmitt, Pastor

Sunday Masses

6:00 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 Ave. at Five Points

Harold J. Bond, minister

Two worship services, 9:15 a. m. and 10:35 a. m.

9:15 a. m., families come together for this service with the exception of the nursery and primary Sunday school children who will go directly to their departments in the Sunday school annex 313 Mercer.

The pastor will continue the Lenten series on the "Friends of Jesus," emphasizing the fact that not so much through ecclesiastical organization but by an ever enlarging number of friendship cells (churches) through whose organized life His redemptive power was to reach the very last man. The men's quartet will sing for the first service and hour of sharing offering envelopes will be received for the world's needy areas.

10:15 a. m., fellowship and coffee time. Worshipers for both services will meet in the fellowship room.

10:35 a. m., second worship service. The pastor will speak upon the theme, "Nicodemus—Who wanted to believe." The chancel choir under the direction of Mrs. Clint Reed will sing, "Come Follow Me the Savior Spoke." One hour of sharing offering will be taken.

3 p. m., the pastor's communications class will meet.

4:30 p. m., the junior youth fellowship will meet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Martindill, 503 Linberlost Trail.

5:30 p. m., the junior and senior high youth fellowship will meet.

Wednesday, 6:30 p. m., Westminster choir practice. 7 p. m., the chancel choir will practice. 8 p. m., Christian education committee and Sunday school teachers meeting.

Whoever will, may come.

The minister reserves time each day for confidential interviews with those who wish to see him. Private, Christian and sympathetic counsel is available to any one who seeks it. The pastor is as near as your telephone, 3-2322.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

221 South Fourth Street

Stuart H. Brightwell, pastor

9:15 a. m. Sunday School Hour.

Waldo Salway, Supt.

10:30 a. m. Morning Worship service. "Imitators of Christ" is the sermon topic. The church choir will sing, "Lead Us To Galilee." Mrs. Stuart Brightwell is choir director. Mrs. Eugene Lehman is organist.

6:30 p. m. Baptist Youth Fellowship.

6:30 p. m. Church Board meeting.

7:30 p. m. Evening Gospel Hour.

8:30 p. m. Youth Singing at home of Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Soldner.

Church Calendar

Wednesday—

6:15 p. m. Junior choir rehearsal.

7:00 p. m. Midweek Hour of Prayer.

7:45 p. m. Church Business meeting.

8:00 p. m. Church choir rehearsal.

Thursday, 7:30 p. m. Christian Education committee meeting at the church.

April 3 - 10—Special Pre-Easter services in our church.

The pastor will be speaking at each service during this week of special meetings. The church choir will sing at each service. You are invited to these services.

The services of our church are open to the public. You are invited to visit our friendly church.

Imitation is a confession of limitation.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

West Monroe at Fifth Street

F. Hazen Sparks, Minister

9:30 a. m.—Church School. Mr. Fred Soldner, superintendent, will be in charge of our Church School, where classes are provided for each member of the family. A supervised lullaby room for infants, and nursery and kindergarten classes are available for pre-school children. Bring your entire family and come to our Church School where a warm welcome awaits you.

10:20 a. m.—Divine Worship. Rev. Sparks will preach this Sunday morning on the subject: "The Religious Test." The Senior Choir, under the direction of Mr. Don Geigley, will sing: "Go To Dark Gethsemane" by Noble. Mrs. Harry Dailey will play for her organ numbers: "Lenten Prelude" by Sergison; "Largo" by Handel and "Finale" by Van Deeman Thompson.

The Senior M.Y.F. will meet in the Chapel at 5 p. m. Sunday. Devotions will be led by Jerry McIntosh. The film strip "Hinduism" which is a first in the series of comparative religions will be shown. There will also be a business session at which time members will vote on district officers.

The Intermediate Youth Fellowship will meet at 5 o'clock in the basement with their sponsors Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stonestreet.

The Fellowship supper will be served in the dining room at 6 o'clock. The co-chairmen of the supper are Mr. and Mrs. Harry Essex and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Krick. Co-chairmen of the program are Mr. and Mrs. Dortha Shady and Mr. and Mrs. William Lister.

The Lenten Worship service will be held in the Sanctuary at 7:30 p. m. Sunday evening. The Wesley Players from the Wayne Street Methodist church in Fort Wayne will present "I Found No Fault In Him." This dramatic presentation is directed by Lois Peterson Keller. All members and friends of the church are urged to see this outstanding drama.

At 8 o'clock Sunday evening, the Evening Circle will meet with Mrs. Richard Childs.

The members of the W.S.C.S. will observe their "Day Apart" at the Waynedale Methodist church Tuesday from 10 a. m. to 2:30 p. m. Those attending are asked to bring a sack lunch and dessert and coffee will be served by the Waynedale W.S.C.S. A nursery will be provided for small children.

From 7:30 to 9 o'clock Tuesday evening the service will be held in the Simpson church in Fort Wayne. All W.S.C.S. and Wesleyan Service Guild members are invited to come to these services.

Wednesday morning at 7:15 o'clock the Methodist Youth Fellowship Morning Watch Prayer Service will be held in the Chapel.

At 7 o'clock Wednesday evening the Prayer Service will be held in the Chapel. Also at 7 o'clock Wednesday evening the rehearsal for the Senior Choir will be held in the Sanctuary.

Friday from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m. the W.S.C.S. will hold a rummage sale in the church basement. The sale will continue Saturday from 9 a. m. to 2:30 p. m. Those having materials for the sale are asked to bring them in Thursday afternoon.

MISSIONARY CHURCH

Tenth and Dayton Streets

Gerald I. Gerig, Pastor

9:00 a. m.—Sunday School Hour.

Our attendance continues to go up and we trust you will be faithful tomorrow by bringing the entire family.

10:00 a. m.—Morning Worship Hour. Pastor's message: "The Balm of Gilead." We have a nursery department for children ages 2 and 3 during the Worship Service. We also have a Junior Church for children ages 4 through 7.

6:30 p. m.—Pre-service prayer. Teen-age MYF.

Children's Gospel Hour.

7:00 p. m.—Evening Gospel Hour.

Pastor's message: "Sinning Against Self."

Wednesday

7:30—Prayer and Praise.

Thursday

7:00—Ladies' Fellowship. Place to be announced Sunday.

Saturday

7:00—Men's Prayer meeting.

A special Children's Crusade is being planned in our church June 6-10. This will be something new instead of the regular Daily Vacation Bible School. The children will come from 9 until 11. There will be songs, Bible drills, flannel-graph, object lessons, magic, and supervised recreation. Plan to send your children to this special crusade.

TRINITY EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH

Ninth and Madison Streets

J. O. Penrod, Pastor

The first worship service will begin at 8 o'clock. The youth and junior choir under the direction of Mr. Walter Henkel will sing "Only to Live for Jesus." Miss Connie Folk will sing the solo. The pastor's message will be "The Beautiful Dreamer." Organist Harold Mumma will play "Andante Religioso" by Goldmark.

The Sunday Church School will be held at 9 o'clock. Max Gilpin, superintendent, will lead the school. The pastor's class on church membership will meet in the pastor's study during the Church School hour.

The second worship service will be held at 10 o'clock. The chancel choir under the direction of Mr. Walter Henkel will sing "Bless the Lord, O My Soul" by Walter. The pastor's message and the organ numbers will be the same as in the first worship service.

The Junior-Hi and Senior-Hi "Y-Hour" meetings will be held Sunday evening at 6 o'clock.

The Sunday evening service will be a family worship experience. The boys and girls in the junior department will lead the worship service. The pastor's message will be "A Wise Mother and A Wise Son." The call to worship will be led by Kenny Folk. The scripture lesson will be read by Karen Barkley. A girl's quartet will be sung by Susan Ellis, Cindy Haggerty, Nancy Hitchcock, and Carol Hooverman.

An all church skating party will be held Monday evening at the Happy Hours ring from 7 to 10 o'clock.

Boy Scout troop 65 will meet in the church fellowship hall Monday night at 6:30.

The Decatur group ministers and wives meeting will be Tuesday-noon at Geneva.

The Pastor-Parish Relations committee will meet Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock.

The Church School Council will meet Tuesday evening at 7:30.

The sixth grade catechetical class will meet Wednesday evening at 5:15.

The Lenten family worship service will be held Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock. The pastor's message will be "Jesus and the Woman who Touched His Garment."

The youth and junior choir rehearsal will be Wednesday evening at 6 o'clock.

The chancel choir rehearsal will be Wednesday at 8 o'clock.

The Board of Christian Education will meet Thursday evening at 7 p. m.

The Annual Congregational meeting will be held Friday evening in the fellowship hall at 6:15. There will be a carry-in meal followed by a business meeting which will include the election of officers and annual reports.

The Work and Win class meeting will be held Saturday evening, April 2 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Wittwer.

CHURCH OF GOD

628 Cleveland Street

Huston Bever, Jr., Pastor

8:30 a. m. "The Christian Brotherhood Hour" over WKJG.

9:30 a. m. Morning Worship. This is one of the greatest freedoms of mankind, yet possibly the most abused. Let us come together for worship.

10:40 a. m. Sunday School. We have a class that needs and wants you.

5:30 p. m. Youth Service. A film will be shown.

7:30 p. m. Evening service.

Wednesday 7:30 p. m. Prayer service.

Lent should be a time for men to focus their eyes on the form of Him who did not shrink from a cross and willingly paid the ultimate price for human redemption.

For over two thousand years, Lent has called men from their ordinary to their better selves. Lent is a time for facing life's deeper meanings and purifying our motives. Its significance for us lies in the degree to which we transfer into our own lives the spirit which Christ revealed in His words and in His deeds. The Lenten period should do for Christians what spring does for the world of nature in bringing a renewal of spiritual life. Churches throughout the Christian world observe the Lenten season as a time for closer communion with God. Why not accept the invitation and come to church next Sunday?

ZION LUTHERAN

Corner 11th and Monroe Sts.

R. C. Ludwig, pastor

8 and 10:30 a. m. divine worship. Holy Communion to be celebrated in both services.

9:15 a. m., Sunday school and Bible classes meet.

The pastor's sermon will be "Confession of Sins." Proverbs 28:13.

The pastoral conference of Circuit "A" will meet at Flatrock on Monday at 1:30 p. m.

The adult class of instruction will meet Monday at 7:30 p. m. in the parish hall. The basic teachings of the Bible will be explained.

The Cub Scout pack meeting will be held Monday, 7:30 p. m.

Tuesday, the committee on the revision of the constitution will have a meeting at 7:30 p. m. at the parish hall.

Wednesday, the school devotional will be held in the church at 8:20 a. m.

Two vesper services will be held Wednesday, 6:45 p. m. and 8:15 p. m. Pastor Ludwig will preach on "You Are There When Jesus Is Crucified."

The Needle club will have an all day meeting beginning at 10 a. m. Thursday.

Saturday school will convene at 9:15 a. m.

Wednesday, April 6, the church council will meet after the 8:15 Vesper service.

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