

St. Paul Missionary Church
2 mi East & 2 mi North of Monroe
Robert R. Welch Pastor

9:15 Morning Worship

10:15 Sunday School

12:30 Carry-in-dinner at the Blue Creek Conservation building.

7:00 Evening Service

8:00 Choir Practice

WEDNESDAY

7:00 Prayer and Bible study

7:00 M. Y. F. and Childrens

Bible hour

Zion Lutheran church (Friedheim)

A. A. Fenner, Pastor

Divine Services at 9 and 10:15 a.m.

Holy Communion in 10:15 service.

10:15 a.m. Sunday school and

COLUMBUS Bakery Is

Victim Of Holdup

ST. COLUMBUS, Ind. (UPI) —

Sip's Doughnut Mill, an all-night bakery, was held up and

robbed of \$432 late Thursday night by two men. Dorothy

Moore and Kathleen Blake, who

were on duty as clerk's aid

one bandit stood in the door

holding a gun while the other

took the money from a cash

register.

Bible class
6:00 p.m. L. L. L. Seminar will be held at St. Paul, (Preble) with Dr. Wm. Buege, from Valparaiso as speaker.

8:00 p.m. Members of Walther League will meet in school hall, Wednesday

Meeting of Ladies Aid all day, with carry in dinner and Christmas party in afternoon.

7:30 p.m. Choirs will meet.

Adult Bible class meet at 7:30 p.m. in school hall.

Pleasant Dale Church of the Brethren
Dolar Ritchey, pastor

Sunday School 9:30 Superintendent, Loren Leichty.

Children's Director: Valera Liby
Morning Worship 10:30 Sermon subject, "The Church in Prayer."

Evening services 7:30. Sermon subject, "A Little Girl with a Big Heart."

Bible study and Prayer meeting Wednesday evening 7:30.

Monroe Methodist
Charles E. Elam, pastor
9:30 a.m. Morning Worship
10:00 a.m. Children's Choirs
10:30 a.m. Church School
6:00 p.m. Sr. MYF—Christmas

play rehearsal
6:45 p.m. M. Y. F.
7:30 p.m. Evening Service
TUESDAY
7:30 p.m. WSCS Executive of the home of Mrs. Glen Stucky, 25c exchange

WEDNESDAY
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir rehearsal
8:15 p.m. Mid-Week Service

THURSDAY
7:30 p.m. W. S. C. S. Mrs. Paul Lobsiger program leader. Bring gifts for Neighborhood House, also 25c exchange.

Walther League meets at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday.

The Aquila and Pricilla Society will have their Christmas party on Friday evening with the children as guests. There will be a potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m. The adult gift exchange will be \$5.00. Each parent is asked to bring a wrapped gift for each child in their family.

FRIDAY
7:00 p.m. Mission Band Christmas Party. Bring toys and games for Neighborhood House.

SATURDAY
6:30 p.m. Builders—Sunday School Class Party at the Jet Grill.

St. Paul Lutheran Church
Preble

Norman H. Kuck, pastor

Divine Worship at 8:30 a.m.

Sunday school and adult Bible class at 9:15 a.m.

Spanish Lutheran Hour WADM Radio at 12:45 p.m.

Our church will host the Lutheran Layman League Seminar at 8 p.m. Dr. William Buege, dean of the chapel at Valparaiso University

sity will be the speaker.

The choir will meet at 8:00 p.m. Monday.

The Walther League Zone Executive Board will meet at Zion, Decatur at 8 p.m. Monday.

On Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. the sewing society will meet in the church basement. This will be the Christmas party. There will be a potluck dinner at noon followed by a secret pal gift exchange.

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International Union Sunday School Lesson

BY DR. KENNETH J. FOREMAN

Gospel in Brief

Lesson for November 29, 1964

Background Scripture: Titus 1:1-3; 2:11-14; 3:4-8.

Devotional Reading: Ephesians 3:1-10.

THIS WEEK we shall do something a little different. It is an invitation to study the Bible together. The verses under "Background Scripture" are remarkable in bringing out, in their brief sentences, many of

the most vital truths taught by the Christian Church. Taught to the church, we ought to say, first of all, for what the church teaches she first learned, at least in vital germ,

from her own first teacher, Paul, and above him, our Lord himself.

The grace of God

The word of "grace" often means gracefulness, as when we speak of the grace of a violinist's work, or the invitation of a hostess. In the New Testament it means graciousness, a quality

some people have without knowing it, the quality we associate with true aristocracy. We can say for instance that Dean Rusk is a more gracious character than Gromyko. Grace is not the same thing as goodness; some people can be mighty good without being very gracious. Grace is goodness come to life, shining.

In the New Testament the grace (Graciousness) of God is mentioned far oftener than the grace of men. (Why should this be so?) The New Testament speaks often of the grace of God as something which has up to now not been well known or understood. For the crowning act of God's grace is the gift of his son, Jesus Christ, the living, walking grace of God in human living. The supreme moment of that grace, of course, is Christ's identifying himself with sinners and being willing to "give his life for a ransom for many" — to use his own words. The grace of God and the Savior of Jesus are not two different things; they might almost be called, from the Christian point of view, the same thing.

How Christian life begins

Paul speaks here also of the Christian life begins. It starts with what theologians call "Justification," which literally means a judge's verdict of "Not Guilty".

Justification refers to man's status in God's sight, not to his state.

A newborn baby is in a wretched state. He badly needs a bath. But he is his parents' much-loved child all the same.

They do not demand that he must do something lovable before they love him; they welcome him with love even before he is born. God is like that. He loved us before we were born not because of what we have done but because he is love.

How Christian life operator

The life of God in the life of man; how does this operate?

There is mystery here, to be sure; but some things are clear.

One truth is that it means to be daily, even constantly renewed.

The Christian's life is not an automatic business that starts with one big bang and keeps on with no further effort.

The greatest Christians are those who feel most strongly the need of being continually re-created.

This has its definite effects. The Christian is one who becomes, with the passage of time, more and more godly, that is, God-like.

This is so tremendous we sometimes shrink from it. We find it

enough to be like our parents or

someone else we admire. Our

heavenly Father wants us most

of all to be like himself. He

wants us to love what he loves

and to hate what he hates. Final

ly (though much here has not

been touched) the Christian lives

a life of hope. He expects Christ

to be Lord of All. No Christian

ever wept that he was born too

late for the Golden Age. The

Golden Age for us is not in some

lost yesterday, it is the great

tomorrow, when all tears have

been wiped away and God shall

be all in all.

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