

Loneliness Is Sunday Talk Topic

"You Don't Have to Feel Lonely" is the title of Dr. Frank E. Richelieu's sermon this Sunday at Redondo-Torrance Church of Religious Science, 907 Knob Hill Ave., Redondo Beach. Services are at 9:30 and 11 a.m.

The church is planning a family Christmas program Sunday, Dec. 8, in the sanctuary. Young people of the church will present a nativity scene and Christmas music. Nursery care will be provided.

The church maintains a telephone ministry day and night. For spiritual help and guidance call 378-7890 for a message.

Adventists Will Aid Biafrans

Members in Torrance, together with those of other Seventh-day Adventist churches around the world, will take a special relief offering Saturday to aid suffering war victims in East Nigeria. An advance \$50,000 has already been sent to the famine-stricken areas of Biafra, making a total of \$100,000 given by the church to date for this purpose.

Action designating the relief offering came at the close of a first hand report given by Dr. Sherman Nagel at the church's biennial council in Toronto, Ontario. Nagel, a veteran of 22 years of medical work in Africa, returned to the United States last month.

Nagel told the church's top 300 officials that quite apart from the tremendous need for food, the people in East Nigeria have suffered immense material deprivations. Many of them have only the few rags they wear, having fled from their homes, traveling many miles on foot before the advancing armies.

"Their needs are staggering," the doctor said. "You've got to see it to believe it."

Dr. and Mrs. Nagel have been operating the church's 60-bed Northern Ngwa County Hospital in the secessionist state since 1964. The in-patient list has swollen to 90 and the out-patient clinics brought in a daily flow of from 200 to 300, nearly all of the patients being civilians suffering from more or less advanced stages of starvation.

The Nagels left their post only when three other Adventist physicians and a male nurse arrived to relieve them.

Faith for Today will carry a special program on Dec. 29 at 9 p.m. in which Dr. Sherman Nagel will be interviewed. The program, entitled, "This Century's Nightmare," will appear on Channel 13, KCOP-TV.



A FLAME GLOWS . . . Andrew Garner, acolyte at Immanuel Lutheran Church, is shown lighting the "Prophecy Candle" which symbolically calls to mind the ancient promises of God to Israel regarding the coming of the Messiah. The beginning of the Advent Season will be noted this Sunday at the church, 706 Knob Hill, with the lighting of the first candle on the Traditional Advent Wreath. The first candle is designated as the "Prophecy Candle." An additional candle will be lighted each succeeding Sunday. The congregation's choirs will provide special music each Sunday as the "Rite of the Wreath" is observed.

Sermon of the Week: Advent's Adventure: Welcoming the Son

By Rev. Charles E. Neigh, Pastor, WALTERIA UNITED Methodist Church

Beginning next Sunday, churches throughout Western Christendom will observe the season of Advent, being the four Sundays between St. Andrew's Day — November 30 — and Christmas. This affords a time for readying our minds and hearts for celebrating the coming of the Son of God to dwell among men on earth. Since Advent suggests a beginning as represented by the appearance of the Christ-child, it also is marked as the commencement of the Christian year for His followers.

Plainly, this is a time for preparation, in keeping with the direction of Isaiah, "Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for the Lord." As certainly as Christmas comes, we should be found ready to receive the Lord, for "It is high time to awake out of sleep; for now is our salvation nearer than when we first believed."

So also it is an occasion for penitence, of putting off the old Adam and putting on the new man. One of the attendant features of Christmas celebration is the use

of candles and colored lights, as though to fulfill the direction to cast off the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light. How appropriate, then, that Christmas should mark the end of man's year, even as it signals the start of God's year, for there is need for repentance to make a new beginning.

Yet this does not fully account for the irresistible appeal of Christmas for humanity. There is a promise contained in the birth of Christ that is renewed with each year of its observance. The herald angel proclaimed "The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and

all flesh shall see it together; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken it."

The advent of the Saviour was foretold in the Creation, reaffirmed by the Law and the Prophets, and confirmed in John the Baptist's preaching.

An unknown author has caught the excitement of His coming . . .

Go, say, "The Kingdom is at hand,
The King is at the gate!"
Go, sound the news in every land,
"He comes, for whom we wait."

He comes with laughter in His eyes,
Soft as the yellow dews,
And hungry children hush their cries
To shout the glad, glad news.

He comes with healing balm
For all the hurts of men;
He comes bringing peace and calm,
Where all the wars have been.

So sound the bugles in golden flood

Armour Of God Protects

Paul's advice to the Ephesians, "Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil," (Chapter 6:11) is part of this week's Christian Science Bible Lesson-Sermon. Titled "Ancient and Modern Necromancy, alias Mesmerism and Hypnotism, Denounced," the Lesson-Sermon will be read in all Christian Science churches throughout the world. Services in First Church of Christ, Scientist, 218 Street and Manuel Avenue, begins at 11 a.m.

Related passages from the denominational textbook are part of the Lesson-Sermon and will include the following: "Evil thoughts and aims reach no farther and do no more harm than one's belief permits. Evil thoughts, lusts, and malicious purposes cannot go forth, like wandering pollen, from one human mind to another, finding unsuspected lodgement, if virtue and truth build a strong defence."

Leadership

Recent elections of the South Bay chapter, American Civil Liberties Union, named the following new leaders: Carl Pearlston, president; Bob Brigham, vice president; Sybil Conn, secretary; Bill Wilson, treasurer; and Mary Pearson, council delegates.

At Conference

Dr. Robert C. Morton, assistant superintendent, personnel, represented the Torrance Unified School District at a seminar on collective negotiations in public education at the University of California at Los Angeles.

Jews Plan 'God and I' Discussion

"God and I," a discussion dealing with Jewish belief in modern times, will be presented Wednesday in the second of a series of programs planned by Congregation Ner Tamid's Adult Study Institute.

The sessions are held at "Suite O," 27672 Silver Spur Road, Palos Verdes Peninsula, from 8:15 to 9:45 p.m. On Dec. 18, the speaker will discuss books of Jewish interest. The discussions are free.

Concert Set At Methodist Sanctuary

The First United Methodist Church of Santa Monica has announced its Christmas Concert. This year a contemporary program of sacred music will be performed Sunday at 7:30 p.m., for which there is no admission charge. However, due to the large crowd expected this year, tickets are necessary and available through the church office, 1008 11th St.

In Sacramento

Dr. Kathryn Lewis, coordinator of counseling services, and Miss Margaret Castle, counselor at South High School, participated in a College Entrance Examination Board and Western Association of Counselor Educators' workshop Saturday in Sacramento.

Church Group Condemns 'Godless America' Trend

The 25th Annual State Convention of the American Council of Christian Churches of California recently completed its work, passing 11 resolutions on timely subjects.

Delegates to the convention representing 125 churches passed resolutions on sex education in public schools, teaching of religion in public schools, call for legislation to prohibit distribution and sale of pornographic literature, why the ACCC cannot participate in the Ecumenical movement, why we cannot fellowship with the National Association of Evangelicals, call for action to restore order on Calif state college and university campuses, ecumenical evangelism, Moral Re-Armament, sensitivity training, and some Christian schools.

Rev. Dale Satterthwaite, retiring president of the American Council of Christian Churches of California, said, "The greatest need of America and the church in America is to recognize and to obey His Word. Blessed is that nation whose God is the Lord. Sin is a reproach to any people."

The American Council of Christian Churches of California expressed concern over the increasing efforts of certain individuals and groups to make "compulsory sex education" a part of the public school program in the state of California. We are particularly concerned because many of the sex education programs being promoted either ignore the basic moral principles of the Holy Scriptures or in many cases actually contradict the plain command of God's Word regarding moral purity and chastity.

In many cases those who are promoting the sex education programs and the authorities cited in the sex education courses are advocates of free love, or the so-called principle of situation ethics, which leaves the student without any basic moral principles by which to live.

In addition, many of these same leaders and so-called authorities are active in programs designed to bring about changes in our civil laws which would lift homosexuality and other

sexual deviations out of the realm of sin and law breaking into the realm of respectability and normal behaviour.

The ACCC of California calls attention to the rapidly expanding danger of Sensitivity Training. This program, which goes by several other names as well, involves group criticism of others and self, group confession and the tearing down of barriers of privacy of body and soul in a group setting and under the direction of a leader.

The delegates said they find the Ecumenical Movement particularly objectionable as it is presently represented by the World Council of Churches, the National Council of Churches, and the Consultation on Church Unity, since all of these organizations violate the plain teachings of God's Word, which command that there be a separation between believers and unbelievers, between false prophets and true prophets!

Lutheran Teachers Attend Area Confab

The teaching staff of Ascension Lutheran Church's Christian Day School attended the Southern California District Lutheran Teacher's Conference at Arrowhead Springs from Monday through Wednesday of this week.

The attendees participated in seminars on teaching skills, heard presentations of papers by national experts in the fields of science, humanities, and religion, and joined in fellowship with teaching associates from all over the Southland.

More than 350 teachers, representing 61 schools, registered at the conference. The theme for the week was taken from Psalm 100: "Serve the Lord with Gladness." Highlights of the week included a series of work sessions in techniques for improving instruction in mathematics, social studies, and English.

A. G. Ahlers, principal, led the contingent from Ascension. Ahlers, who served as secretary for the conference, compiled and arranged for publication of the convention program.

Other attendees from Ascension were: Mrs. Gertrude Wiechmann (Kindergarten teacher), Mrs. Clara Whitson (1st and 2nd grade teacher), Joe Strubbe (3rd and 4th grade teacher), and Miss Angela Neddner (5th and 6th grade teacher). Ascension's Christian Day School, 17910 So. Prairie Ave., is currently participating in "Patterns of Performance"—a five year elementary school evaluation and improvement project, beginning this year with emphasis on the fine arts.

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His reign shall never cease. He comes to make of all one blood, Triumphant Prince of Peace. Surely this is the most thrilling event in the experience of mankind. Every year, through the preparation of Advent, we can recover its meaning in our personal lives. Participate in the adventure of Advent, so that Christmas may be filled with Christ.

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<p>FIRST METHODIST CHURCH Torrance Carson and El Prado Phone FA 8-2242 Rev. Arthur Nagel, Pastor Res. Phone FA 8-6231</p> <p>SUNDAYS: Two Worship Services 9:30 and 11 A.M. Two Complete Church Schools 9:30 and 11 A.M. All ages—nursery thru adults Fellowship Meeting 6:30 P.M.</p>	<p>ST. LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH 1900 Prospect Ave. Redondo Beach</p> <p>Monsignor Daniel P. Collins Mass 7, 8, 9, 10, 11:15, 12:15 Phone 378-9329</p>
<p>SOUTH BAY BAPTIST CHURCH 4545 Sharynne Lane Torrance, Calif. Frontier 5-3433</p> <p>Sunday School 9:30 A.M. Church Services at 10:50 A.M. Junior and Primary Church 10:50 A.M.</p> <p>Baptist Training Union 6:00 P.M. Evening Worship 7:00 P.M. Wednesday Prayer Service 7:00 P.M. Nursery and toddler care—All Services. Bus transportation service.</p>	<p>CENTRAL EVANGELICAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Marcellina & Arlington Rev. Walter M. Stanton FA 8-3010</p> <p>9:30—Sunday School 11:00—Morning Worship 6:30—Youth Fellowship Midweek Worship Service 7:30 Wednesday Evening service.</p>
<p>FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST 218th St. and Manuel Ave. Torrance, Calif. Church Services—11 A.M. Wednesday Eve Meetings 8 P.M.</p> <p>Sunday School 9:15 A.M. and 11:00 A.M. Children under 10 years of age must be accompanied by parent or guardian for enrollment. Reading Room—1406 Cravens Open 10 A.M. to 5 P.M. daily except Sunday and Holidays. Also 7 to 9 Monday and Friday evenings. All are welcome to attend our services and use our Reading Room.</p>	<p>TORRANCE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 700 Maple Ave. E. Wallis Kornegay, Pastor Ph. 328-9080</p> <p>9:45 Sunday School 10:30 Morning Worship 7:00 P.M. Evening Service</p>
<p>ST. CATHERINE LABOURE CHURCH 3546 Redondo Beach Blvd. Torrance Phone Davis 3-8900</p> <p>Sunday Masses: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 Weekday Masses: 6:30 A.M. and 8:15 A.M.</p> <p>Confessions Saturday 4:00 to 5:30, 7:30 to 9:00</p>	<p>PACIFIC VIEW BAPTIST CHURCH Member Baptist General Conference Temporarily located in the Seventh-Day Adventist Church, Somona St. at Acacia Ave. Torrance, Calif. Tel. 324-4118</p> <p>Times of Worship: Sunday School 9:15 A.M. Sunday Morning Worship 10:30-11:30 A.M. Sunday Eve Service 7:00 P.M. Thursday Prayer Fellowship 7:30 P.M. —Nursery Available at All Services—</p>
<p>ST. ANDREWS EPISCOPAL CHURCH 1432 Engracia—FA 8-3761 Rev. Hugh R. Perry E.A. R.D. Rector</p> <p>7:30 A.M. Holy Communion 9:15 A.M. Family Worship Service followed by Church School and Coffee Hour</p> <p>11:00 A.M. Morning Worship (Choral Eucharist on 1st and 3rd Sundays)</p> <p>(Child care and Nursery provided at 9:15 and 11 A.M. services)</p> <p>Weekdays Holy Communion at 11 A.M. Thursdays and 6:30 A.M. on All Saint's Days.</p>	<p>FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GARDENA 1807 W. Redondo Beach Blvd. Phone DA 4-1064</p> <p>Rev. John Bolter, Minister 1492 W. 133rd St. Gardena DA 3-1215</p> <p>Worship Service 11:00 A.M. (Nursery Care Provided)</p> <p>Sunday Church School Classes, All Ages 9:30 A.M.</p> <p>Senior III Fellowship and Junior High Fellowship Sundays at 7:00 P.M.</p>
<p>FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH 1725 Flower Street Phone 320-4181 William J. Roleder, Pastor Phone FA 8-2249</p> <p>Steven A. Myers, Assoc. Pastor</p> <p>Worship Services 8:00 A.M., 9:15 A.M., 10:45 A.M. Sunday School 9:30 A.M., 9:15 A.M., 10:45 A.M. Nursery services for 9:15 A.M. and 10:45 A.M.</p> <p>Holy Communion—First and 4th Luther League—2nd and 5th Sundays</p> <p>Christian Elementary School— Kindergarten thru 5th Grade</p>	<p>NATIVITY CATHOLIC CHURCH 1447 Engracia Ave., Torrance Phone: FA 8-2778 Rev. John P. Cremins, Pastor</p> <p>MASS SCHEDULE Sundays: 7, 8, 9, 10:15, 11:15, 12:15 and 5 P.M. St. Joseph's at 9:30 A.M.</p> <p>SATURDAY CONFESSIONS 10:30 to 11:30 A.M.; 3:30 to 5:30, 7:30 to 9 P.M. St. Joseph's at 7:15 P.M.</p> <p>BAPTISMS Every Sunday at 1:45 P.M.</p>
<p>TORRANCE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Serving Christ and the needs of Men 2118 Carson Street Phone 328-5059 Rev. Lloyd H. Newlin</p> <p>SUNDAY Worship Services 8:15 and 11:00 a.m. Bible Study Classes 9:30 a.m. Youth Activities 2:45 p.m. Evening Gospel Hour 7 p.m.</p> <p>WEDNESDAY Youth & Adult Study, Prayer & Fellowship 7:15 p.m. Nursery Facilities</p>	<p>IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH Missouri Synod 706 Knob Hill Redondo Beach 875-9555</p> <p>Rev. E.M. Schoppa, Pastor</p> <p>Worship Service, 8 and 11 A.M. Nursery Care Provided</p> <p>Sunday School and Bible Classes 9:30 A.M. (2 Years and Up)</p> <p>Friday School of Religion 4 to 6 P.M. Dial Inspiration—378-8293 (24 Hours)</p> <p>WEDNESDAY PRAYER MEETING 7:15 p.m. Nursery Available All Services</p>

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Church Women Set Annual Meet

The Torrance-Lomita Council of Church Women United will hold its annual

Katherine's Triumphant Life Feted

St. Katherine Greek Orthodox Church, 722 Knob Hill, Redondo Beach, has commemorated the life of the patron saint of the church with a weekend of events.

The social event was a dinner-dance at a Manhattan Beach restaurant. A prime rib dinner was served and Greek folk and American ballroom dancing lent a festive aspect of the annual commemoration of the triumph of St. Katherine over pagan forces.

The religious aspect of the commemoration was highlighted in two services at the church.

meeting Friday, Dec. 6, at the WALTERIA UNITED Methodist Church, 3646 Newton St., at 12 noon.

The meeting will begin with a potluck. Special entertainment will be presented by the "Singers of Hope," a group of women who sing religious folk songs.

Mrs. Nicolas Betz will install the following officers: President, Mrs. James Dickens of WALTERIA UNITED Methodist; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Leo Huber of Evangelical United Methodist; chairman of Ecumenical development, Mrs. Jess Lockhart of First Baptist; chairman of Ecumenical services, Mrs. Nicolas Betz of St. Marks Presbyterian, Lomita.

The 1968 president of Torrance-Lomita Council, Mrs. Arthur Fish of First United Methodist, will be new area chairman.