

NEW LUTHERAN CHURCH TO OPEN IN JANUARY



REV. MAYNARD MIDTHUN
... New Pastor Here

Local Duet to Sing Again on Talent Program

Carl Fisel and Betty Harrison, of the El Nido Baptist Church, will vie with eight Church Talent Hour winners for a grand prize at 10 p.m. Sunday night over Channel 18.

Fisel, of 1234 W. 216th St., and Mrs. Harrison, of 4709 Darien St., were named winners on the Nov. 20 program, singing "When I Get to the End of the Way." This Sunday they will present "Lights of Home."

King of Love Lutheran church is now being organized in North Torrance and will hold its first worship service on Sunday, January 15, 1956, at 10:45 a.m. The temporary place of worship will be announced at a later date.

The Rev. Maynard Midthun will be pastor of the new congregation which is being formed. The Evangelical Lutheran Church, through its Home Mission Department, has purchased the parsonage at 3226 W. 179th St. Land will be purchased and construction of the new church will begin in the near future. Funds are made available through the Church Extension Fund loan plan.

Assisting Rev. Midthun for the next few months will be Miss Dorothy Murray who is conducting a house to house survey in the area of the proposed church. Miss Murray is a graduate of Northern Montana State College, Havre, Mont., and the Lutheran Bible Institute of Minneapolis, Minn.

Rev. Maynard Midthun is a graduate of St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minn., and Luther Theological Seminary, St. Paul, Minn. During the war he was in the Infantry and was a prisoner of war in Germany.

Since his ordination in 1950, he has been the pastor of First Lutheran Church, Okla., and was president of the Young People's Luther League in the Eastern District which included Wisconsin, Illinois, and Michigan.

The Midthun has three children, Daria, 7; Gail, 5; and Kevin, 2.



ST. CATHERINE LABOURE CHURCH
... Construction to Start Soon

Rev. Percy Will Assume Duties At St. Andrew's

The new rector at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, the Rev. Hugh R. Percy, will assume his duties at the church Sunday and will be officially welcomed by the congregation.

Rev. Percy, who was selected by the congregation several months ago, has been rector of St. Paul's Anglican Church, Fort Gary, Canada, for the past 10 years. With his wife, Vivian, and children, Charlotte, 13, and Timothy, 3, he has moved to the temporary rectory at 2267 Torrance Blvd., until additions to the rectory at 1230 Acacia Ave. are completed.

A former Canadian Army chaplain, he holds bachelor of arts and divinity degrees from

St. John's College, Winnipeg. He also served as rector at Elgin, Manitoba, and spent two years as a traveling missionary in the Hudson Bay country.

Worked on Committees

He has been a Kiwanian, a member of the executive committee of the diocese of Rupert's Island, chairman of the diocesan board of religious education, chairman of the diocesan pension board, vice president of a missionary fellowship, and a member of the General Board of Religious Education of the Church of England in Canada.



REV. HUGH R. PERCY
... Assumes Duties

St. Catherine's Church To Break Ground Sunday

Groundbreaking ceremonies for a new, \$246,800 church for the St. Catherine Labouré Parish will be held Sunday at 3 p.m. at the new site, 3846 Redondo Beach Blvd., according to Father Raymond J. Tepe, pastor. Grading work is expected to begin immediately and the church is expected to be ready within a year.

The church, which will have 12,900 square feet and seat 900 persons, will be of contemporary design, he said. It will be of reinforced concrete, with terrazzo floors and marble altars.

Large Tower
In front of the structure will be a 94-foot tower of concrete, with an arch over it, and topped by a giant cross.

The new building will replace the present church building at the same address. Also on the same property are the St. Catherine Labouré School and a convent for the Sisters of St. Joseph of Cluny, the teachers.

The present church on the six-acre plot in north Torrance originally was a winery before being converted into a church of 350 capacity.

Medal Featured!

Featured on the front of the church will be a copy of the "miraculous medal" which church members believe was given to St. Catherine Labouré about 100 years ago.

Also an integral part of the church area will be a glassed-in, sound-proof infant's room which will accommodate 40. The altars will be visible and a loudspeaker will be provided.

Architects for the projects are Chalk and Johnson, of Los Angeles and the contractor will be Steed Brothers, of Alhambra.

Some of the founders of the church when it was first organized in 1947 also are expected to be present at the ceremonies, as well as the present officers of the church, Father Tepe said. These include Mrs. Elizabeth Green, first president of the ladies' organization, and Floyd Mullins, first president of the Holy Name Society.



PASTOR AND SAINT... The Rev. Raymond J. Tepe, pastor of St. Catherine Labouré Parish, looks at a statue of the sister for whom the church was named. St. Catherine was a 19th century French sister, to whom the Virgin Mary appeared. The local church was the first in the world to bear her name.

Father Tepe's Hobby Is His Parish Work

"Work is my hobby," says the Rev. Raymond J. Tepe, pastor at St. Catherine Labouré Church.

There is plenty of work out for him in the near future, too, as he superintends the building of a new church for the parish. Father Tepe, who has been with St. Catherine's Parish for the past six years, will celebrate the 25th anniversary of his ordination next May.

The parish he heads has grown from some 300 families in October, 1947, when it was founded to more than 2000 families today. It was the first church in the world to be named after St. Catherine Labouré, since she was canonized only in July, 1947.

St. Catherine was a sister of the Daughters of Charity in France during the 19th century, and according to the Catholic belief, the Virgin Mary appeared to her and asked her to have a medal made in Jesus' mother's image. For this reason, she is known as the "miraculous medal" saint. A copy of this medal will adorn the front of the new church.

Since its founding, the parish has constructed an eight-classroom school building on the church property. About 45 children through the seventh grade attend classes here and the school is unusual in that it was one of the first to use a new method of concrete forms. Expansion of the school also is planned in the future.

The Saturday school for children from kindergarten through high school has an enrollment of 936 youngsters. Adults convert classes numbering 75 pupils.

Six masses are held at the church every Sunday, with a

hall which accommodates 350 and an adjoining hall which raises the capacity to 600. The new church will seat 900.

Active organizations at the church include the Holy Name Society, Council of Catholic Women, Teenage Club, Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, and Boy and Girl Scout troops.

The boundaries of the parish include north Torrance, Lawndale, Alhambra Park, and parts of Gardena, Hawthorne, and North Redondo. Street boundaries are Rosecrans on the north, Crenshaw on the east, 190th St. on the south, and Flagler or Aviation Blvds. on the west.

The first pastor of the church was Father P. J. Masterson, who held the first masses in the Lawndale Roller-drome. Upon his death in 1949, Father Tepe was appointed to succeed him.

Born in Illinois, a native of Quincy, Ill., Father Tepe moved to Los Angeles when he was two and attended Holy Cross School, of Los Angeles; St. Joseph's College, of Mountain View, and St. Patrick's Seminary, of Menlo Park.

He was ordained in 1931 at St. Vibiana's Cathedral in Los Angeles. For 12 years he served as assistant pastor in various churches in this area.

He noted that his work leaves him little time for any hobby. He used to take pictures for a hobby, but stopped during the war. He was then serving in San Pedro and "it was dangerous to be seen with a camera in that area."

Even though there is a golf course just across the street from the church, Father Tepe has not taken up that hobby.

He will be busy, he says, with the building of the new church.

Baptist Church, Rev. Wells Have Anniversaries Sunday

Two anniversaries—the congregation's 11th and the pastor's sixth—will be noted at the Narbonne Ave. Baptist Church, 24730 Narbonne Ave., Sunday.

The church will celebrate the 11th anniversary of its founding and the Rev. Robert A. Wells will begin his sixth year with the local congregation.

Organized in 1944, the church had 13 charter members who met in a rented building. Soon, property was purchased at Walnut Ave. and Lomita Blvd. Two years later, the store building at 248th and Narbonne Ave. was purchased and converted for church use. A new building was completed shortly before Easter, 1954.

New Building Bought
The church purchased adjoining property in 1955 and two morning services—at 9:30 and 11 a.m. are now needed to accommodate all the worshipers. Sunday School is at 9:45.

The church now has, along with the Pastor, a pastor's assistant in educational work, Rev. Edward L. Smith, who came to the church during the summer. The educational secretary, Miss Ruby Lee Hill, has been with the local church since the fall of 1954.

The Sunday School has 85 volunteer workers who provide a closely-graded Bible teaching organization with a class for every age. A four-room cottage provides a place for the Church Baby Building. This building houses tots from birth through three years of age.

Four churches began in the Narbonne area when the Baptist Church, during its 11 years of service, has sponsored four missions that are now thriving churches, each carrying a full program of its own.

They include the First Southern Baptist Church, Compton, organized nine years ago when the Narbonne Ave. Church was just two years old, and the Keystone Baptist Church, of Torrance.

Under the leadership of its present pastor, there have been two churches organized. They are First Southern Baptist Church, Gardena, and the Crenshaw Baptist Church, Torrance.

Methodists Plan 24-Hour Prayer Vigil Tuesday

A 24-hour Prayer Vigil will be observed by the First Methodist Church, 1551 E. Prado, next Tuesday, with various organizations maintaining an unbroken chain of prayer, according to the Rev. John L. Taylor.

The observance is part of a continuous prayer chain in a national Prayer Life Movement, and also a part of the "March of Faith," adopted this year by the Southern California-Arizona Conference of the Methodist Church.

Prayer suggestions will be available for those who come to the church during the day. Among other things, prayers will be asked for the church, for all Christians, for the home, for the "March of Faith," and for the world, to instill a new spirit of righteousness, understanding, and faith, Rev. Taylor said.

Organizations will maintain their vigils as follows:
Senior Methodist Youth Fellowship, 6:7-30 a.m.; 7:30-9 p.m.; Women's Society of Christian Service; Girls' World Friendship Group, 4:5 p.m.; Intermediate MYF, 6-7 p.m.; Senior MYF, 7-9 p.m.; Wesley Fellowship, 9-11 p.m.; Tomcoes, 11 p.m.-1 a.m.; Questers, 1:30 p.m.; and Men's Club, 3-6 p.m.

Hope Church Will Observe Bible Sunday

"Why Study the Bible?" will be the sermon topic of the Rev. Homer H. Miller at Hope Evangelical United Brethren Church, 3347 W. 174th St., Sunday, as the congregation observes Universal Bible Sunday.

The scripture lesson will be read from a Gene Bible printed in London in 1538, which is also known as the "Breeches Bible." A number of Bibles will be on display, as well as an exhibit from the American Bible Society. All members of the congregation are asked to bring their Bibles to the services.

In the evening, the pastor will show a sound movie entitled "A Boy and His Bible." Each child attending the service will get a copy of "The Story of Jesus" and each adult will be given a copy of one of his gospels.

Wicks' Yule Party Scheduled Tomorrow

Members of the WICKS, teen age group at the First Christian Church, will bring gifts for a sick person to a Christmas party to be held at 8:30 tomorrow night at the home of their sponsors, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Burroughs, of 2474 W. 237th Pl.

The party is being put on by the sponsors and a buffet supper will be served.

TORRANCE CHURCH CALENDAR

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| CENTRAL CHURCH
EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETHREN
Marcelina & Arlington Rev. Walter M. Stanton
F.A. 8-3016
11:00 — Morning Worship
9:30 — Youth Fellowship
7:30 — Evening Worship
Midweek Worship Service 7:00
Wednesday Evening | SOUTH BAY BAPTIST CHURCH
4556 Sharynne Lane
Rev. Geo. F. C. ...
Sunday School—9:45 A.M.
Morning Worship—11 A.M.
Training Classes—4:30 P.M.
Evening Church Service—7:30 P.M.
Bible Study and Prayer—7:30 P.M.
Nursery and Toddler Care | ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH
"The Church of the Lutheran Hour"
1902 S. Prairie
Sunday School—9:30 a.m.
Family Worship Service, 11 a.m.
Mr. Richard Guetha, Vicar
4060 Manhattan Beach Blvd.
FRontier 2-6486 | TORRANCE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
1501 W. Carson St.
Phone 8-4060
Rev. Frank A. Brunson, Minister
1502 W. Carson St.
Phone 8-0564
9:45 Sunday School Hour
10:15 Morning Worship
6:45 Youth Hour
7:30 Evening Evangelistic Service | WALTERIA COMMUNITY METHODIST CHURCH
Newton at Ward St. Walteria
Gene M. Gehres, Minister
Phone FR 5-8141
Two Church Services
9:30 and 11:30
Two Sunday Schools
9:30 and 11:00
Nursery care provided both hours
7:00—7th and 8th Grade
Youth Fellowship
7:00—8th High School
Youth Fellowship | HOPE CHURCH EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETHREN
3347 W. 174th St.
Rev. Homer H. Miller
Ph. DA 8-3277—Res. DA 8-3542
9:30 a.m. Church School for Children of all ages and for adults
10:45 a.m.—Morning Worship
7:30 p.m.—Evening Worship
Church Fellowship Night—Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. | SEASIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH
(Evangelical and Reformed)
22902 Ocean Avenue
Rev. Richard A. Miller, Pastor
Telephone: FR 5-2922
9:30 a.m. Church School for Children of all ages and for adults
10:45 a.m. Church Service, Child care provided during church service. Visitors welcome. | CHURCH OF CHRIST
1217 Gravens Ave.
R. E. Prout—Minister
Bible School—9:30
Worship Hour—10:45
Evening Service—7:00
Wed. Evening Service 7:30 | NATIVITY CATHOLIC CHURCH
1447 Engracia Avenue
Rev. Peter McGuinness, Pastor
Telephone FA 8-2776
Sched. of Masses and Services:
Seven Sunday Masses—8:00, 7:00, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00 and 12:15.
Eve. Mass at 9:30 A.M. in St. Joseph's Church 2316 W. Del Amo Blvd. (Corner Torrance and Ingle) every Thursday night at 8:00 P.M. in the Rectory, 1447 Engracia Avenue. Confessions Three Times on Saturdays—10:00 to 11:00 A.M., 5:00 to 6:00 P.M., 7:30 to 9:00 P.M.
Baptisms Saturdays and Sundays at 2:00 P.M. First Communion Class and Infant Care at 11:00 A.M.
Eve. Mass at 9:30 A.M., 1447 Engracia Ave., on Sundays from 9:45 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. | SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST
Corner of Acacia & Sonoma
Elder Glenn L. Coffey, Pastor
Phone FA 8-1540
Sabbath School—10:00 a.m.
Church—11 a.m.
Evangelistic meetings
Evangelistic meetings—Wed., 7:30 p.m. | LOMITA MISSIONARY CHURCH
2043 Lomita Blvd., Lomita
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Service 11:30 a.m.
Youth Service 8:30 Sunday eve.
Evening Service 7:30 Sunday eve.
Midweek Service 7:30 Wed. eve.
Roy Whittum—PASTOR |
| FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
Carson and Flower
Rev. Paul Wenske, Pastor
Phone FA 8-5885—Res. FA 8-3249
Sunday:
8:00 — Worship Service
9:30 — Sunday School
10:45 — Worship Service | THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION
330 Palms Verdine Blvd.
Hollywood Riviera
Lyle B. Gangel, Pastor
Phone FR 5-5382
Morning Worship 8:30 and 11:00
Sunday School 9:30 | FOUR SQUARE GOSPEL CHURCH
1207 El Prado—Tel. FA 8-5738
Rev. and Mrs. Jas. P. Lowen
SUNDAY: Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.
Group Services 4:30 p.m.
(V.P. Cadets, Defenders)
Evangelistic 7:30 p.m.
MIDWEEK: Wednesday — Bible Study at 7:30 p.m.
PUBLIC INVITED | THE FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
El Prado at Manuel Avenue
Rev. John L. Taylor, Minister
Rev. Don Shelby, Associate
Church school for all ages, 9:00
Early Worship—Youth Choir
church school fourth grade and below
10:00 Church School, all ages
extended sessions fourth grade and below
11:00 Morning Worship—Adult Choir
Infant care from 9:00 to 12 a.m.
6:30 High School Youth Fellowship. | ST. ANDREWS EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Phone FA 8-3721, Res. FA 8-5649
4432 Engracia
Across from Torrance Memorial Hospital
Holy Communion 7:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School 11:00 a.m.
Family Service 9:00 a.m.
Sunday Service 11:00 a.m.
(H.C. 9:00 a.m.—2nd and 4th Sundays) | FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF TORRANCE
(Disciples of Christ)
2930 El Dorado, Torrance
Rev. H. Milton Sippl, Pastor
Res. Phone FA 8-4583
Two sessions of Church School and Morning Worship, 9:30 and 10:30 a.m.
Nursery provided at both sessions.
Chi Rho, 5:30 p.m. | WALTERIA ASSEMBLY OF GOD
2448 and Hawthorne Ave.
O. W. Firth, Pastor
Glenn Rogers, Assistant Pastor
Sunday School Superintendent,
Clearance Recd.
Sunday School 9:45 A.M.
Morning Worship 11:00 A.M.
Evangelistic Service 7:30 P.M.
Prayer Meeting Tues. 7:30 P.M.
C.A. Service Thursday 7:30 P.M.
Mrs. Ruth Todd, president
Anyone desiring spiritual help may feel free to call at the parsonage 2416 Hawthorne Ave. or phone FR 5-7715 any hour of the day or night. | TORRANCE BAPTIST CHURCH
Meeting at YMCA Hall
1320 W. Carson
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Morning Service 11 a.m.
Young People's Meeting 6:30 p.m.
Evening Evangelistic Service 7:30 p.m.
Midweek Prayer Service 7:30 p.m., Wednesday (place to be announced) | | | |

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