

Local Churches Plan Christmas Rites

St. Lawrence To Open Sunday

After more than a year of anticipation the people of St. Lawrence Martyr parish are preparing for the first services in the new church next Sunday.

There are approximately 1200 families in the parish which covers an area starting with West Torrance, Palos Verdes, Lunada Bay, and northern portions of Rolling Hills. The building program, with a base contract bid of \$350,000 and which includes a school, rectory and church, started on May 10. The school was ready for occupancy in September and the rectory will be ready in a month or more. Formal dedication of all of the buildings will be held in the spring.

Christian Choir Concert Slated At 7:30 Sunday

The chancel choir of the First Christian Church, 2930 Eldorado Ave., will give its annual concert of Christmas music at 7:30 p.m. Sunday. The program, under the direction of C. W. Bartholomew, will consist of Christmas carols. Mrs. Eleanor Hanes will be at the organ and Mrs. Shirley Renning at the piano.

For the two morning worship services on Sunday, at 9:30 and 11, the chancel choir and minister will present "The Song of Christmas" preceding the sermon. The subject of Rev. Milton Sippel's sermon is "Following the Star."

'You Are the Innkeeper,' Named Topic

Dr. Earl D. Barnum, minister of the Church of Religious Science at Ruby St. and Catalina Ave., Redondo Beach, Sunday will discuss "You Are the Innkeeper."

Sunday services of the church and the Metateles will be held concurrently at 11 a.m. A 15-minute meditation period precedes the church services with organ music by the church organist, Jean Rhodes.

A nursery for infants and the younger children, under the supervision of a registered nurse, is available.

The Christmas party for members of the church and their families will be held in the classroom, Friday, Dec. 21 at 8 p.m.

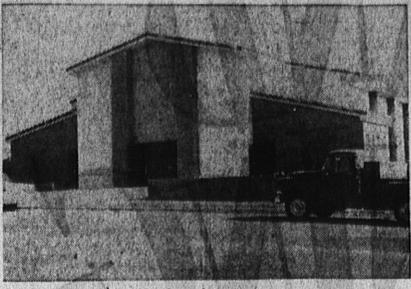
The Christmas program of children's church will be held in the classroom Sunday, Dec. 23, at 10 a.m. All parents are invited and will be dismissed in time for the adult services.

Will Present Yule Cantata

The Chancel Choir of Alondra Park Methodist Church, 3153 W. Compton Blvd., Gardena, under the direction of the Rev. Charles J. Bruesch, Jr., minister of music, will present the Christmas Cantata, "The Child of Bethlehem" by Louise E. Stairs, at a special service Sunday at 4 p.m.

Solo parts will be sung by the Rev. Earl Isbell, Dorothy Ball, Shirley Bostater, Robert Evans, Laura Mae Wilbur, Oliver Wilbur, Lillie Balog, John Stevens, Beaulah Koppes, Hazel Rodgers, and Doris Schloe.

The cantata is being presented for the benefit of the Choir Robe Fund and the community is invited.



ST. LAWRENCE MARTYR CHURCH ... To Open Sunday

Church of Resurrection Plans Three-Day Christmas Observance

The Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, 330 Palos Verdes Blvd., will hold Christmas services on Sunday, Monday evening, and Christmas Day.

The music, the sermons, and the hymns will focus on this theme. The special Sunday morning service will have a Christmas scene. Pastor Lyle B. Gansgel will deliver the sermon, "You Can't Escape From Bethlehem."

Program Set
The Sunday School Christmas program will also be presented that same evening in the church. The congregation and friends are invited.

In addition, the Resurrection Hi-League will meet at 7:07 p.m. Sunday. After a short business meeting the Hi-League will go Christmas caroling. Refreshments will be served at the Galchutte, after the caroling.

Sunday Masses are at 7, 8, 9, 10:15, and 12:15. Christmas services will start with a High Mass at 6:30, following with Masses at 8, 9 (children's choir), 10:15, and 12:15 High Mass. Confessions will be heard all day on Dec. 24. The pastor is Monsignor Daniel Collins and the assistant, Father Ara.

'Christ Jesus' Chosen As Topic For Christmas

The Christmas theme, its example and significance to mankind is the central point of the Lesson-Sermon "Christ Jesus" in the Christian Science churches this Sunday.

The Golden Text is in the words of the great founder of churches, the Apostle Paul, where he writes, "God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ" (II Cor. 4:6).

From "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy will be read these correlative words, "The wakeful shepherd beholds the first faint morning beams, ere cometh the full radiance of a risen day. So shone the pale star to the prophet-shepherds; yet it traversed the night, and came where, in cradled obscurity, lay the Bethlehem babe, the human herald of Christ, Truth, who would make plain to benighted understanding the way of salvation through Christ Jesus, till across a night of error should dawn the morning beams and shine the guiding star of being" (p. vii).

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Candlelight Service Set

The Candlelight Carol Service of the Senior Choir of the First Presbyterian Church, 1842 Gardena Blvd., will begin at 11 p.m. Christmas Eve.

Florence Jolley at the organ will begin at 10:45 p.m. with the "Carol Fantasy." The service will include carols from many nations, some very familiar and some beautiful carols not so familiar, according to Rev. Truman Jolley, pastor.

The service will close with "Silent Night" by choir and congregation.

Church News

Cherub Choir Will Sing for Bedfast Kiddies

The 43-voice Cherub Choir from the First Baptist Church will carol for the children at Harbor General Hospital at 2 p.m. today.

The choir, directed by Mrs. Milton Billigmeier, will meet at the church at 1:30 and will sing in the children's ward and other wards, as time permits. The youngsters will bring gifts for the other children.

Nativity Reveals Schedule

In preparation for Christmas, Confessions will be heard at Nativity Catholic Church, 1447 Engracia Ave., on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday. They will be heard at the following hours: Saturday from 10 to 11; 4 to 6; and 7:30 to 9; Sunday, from 4 to 6, and from 7:30 to 9; Monday, from 10 to 11; from 3 to 6 and from 7:30 to 9:30. Confessions will not be heard on Christmas morning during any of the Masses.

Christmas Day Masses are set as follows: 5:30—High Mass, Senior Choir; 7—Low Mass, Teenage Choir; 8—Low Mass, featured soloist; 9—High Mass, Nativity Special Music; 11—Solemn High Mass, Senior Choir, followed by Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament; 12:15—Low Mass, Teenage Choir. The public is also invited to visit the Nativity outdoor scene at the Church Annex, 1415 Engracia Ave.

No midnight Mass will be held in any Church in the Archdiocese at Christmas. Monday will be a day of strict fast and abstinence for Catholics.

St. Joseph's Mission Church, 2314 W. Del Amo Blvd., will have Confessions on Monday evening, from 7 to 8 in Spanish as well as in English. Christmas Day Masses at 9:30 and 11.

The Narbonne Avenue Baptist Church will present its church choir in the annual Christmas music program at 7:30 p.m. Sunday.

The choir will be directed by William H. Turman who has directed the church musical program for over three years. The accompanist will again be Miss Marlene Cornthwaite.

The pastor, Robert A. Wells, will speak at both the 8:30 and 11 a.m. services on "The Birth That Changed the World." Food will be collected for needy families at all the services. The pastor stated, "We feel this is the real spirit of giving at Christmas-time as we share with those less fortunate than ourselves."

Dec. 30-Jan. 27 has been set aside to promote the church budget for 1957. The month-long promotion will include a loyalty banquet on Jan. 17. More than \$24,000 of the new budget will be for building purposes.

Service Set By Lutherans

A Christmas Eve children's service is scheduled at Ascension Lutheran Church, 1802 S. Prairie Ave., at 6 p.m. Monday, with more than 200 persons scheduled to take part. The Christmas story will be told in story and song.

Christmas services are set at 10 a.m. on Sunday morning instead of the 8:30 a.m. candlelight service originally scheduled. Special music will be presented by the choir.

A communion service is scheduled at 8 p.m. on New Year's Eve, also.

We Wish You A BLESSED AND ETERNAL CHRISTMAS

If you have no church home in the community we invite you to

Christ the King Lutheran Church

Sunday, December 23
Christmas Communion, 10:45 a.m.
Sunday School Christmas Service 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 25
Christmas Choral and Carol Service, 10:45 a.m.

At
Crenshaw School
18620 Crenshaw

At
United Brethren Church
3347 West 174th Street
Maynard V. Midthun, Pastor

TORRANCE CHURCH CALENDAR

<p>CENTRAL CHURCH EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETHREN Marcelina & Arlington Rev. Walter M. Stanton FA 4-3010 11:00 — Morning Worship 8:30 — Youth Fellowship 7:30 — Evening Worship Midweek Worship Services 7:00 Wednesday Evening</p>	<p>ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH, MO. SYNOD Normandie and Lomita Blvds. Harbor City, Calif. Church of the Lutheran Hour Sunday School 9:30 A.M. Church services 10:45 A.M. 8:30 a.m. East Worship E. M. Pasnow, Pastor Office phone TR 6188 Residence 21 DA 6-5437</p>
<p>FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH Carson and Flower Rev. Paul Wenzke, Pastor Phone FA 8-8884—Res. FA 8-3249 8:30 — Morning Service 9:30 — Sunday School 10:45 — Morning Service</p>	<p>Temple Menorah and South Bay Jewish Community Center 115 1/2 N. Catalina, Redondo Beach Religious Services... 8:00 p.m. Religious School—First Methodist Church (Temporary Location) 119 Torrance Blvd., Redondo Beach Phone TR 6100 Phone FR 4-5985 or FR 5-6820 Sisterhood Meetings Every 4th Monday, 8:30 P.M. Temple Meetings Every 3rd Wednesday, 8:30 P.M.</p>
<p>FOUR SQUARE GOSPEL CHURCH Corner Arlington and Sepulveda DA 6-2272 Rev. and Mrs. Jas. P. Lowen, Pastors SUNDAY: Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship 10:45 a.m. 9:30 — Sunday School (Y.P. Cadets, Defenders) Evening 7:30 a.m. MIDWEEK: Wednesday — Bible Study at 8 p.m. PUBLIC INVITED</p>	<p>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF EL NIDO 4858 W. 182nd St., Redondo Beach Rev. Letard L. Pissal, Pastor Church Office TR 6188 Jr. Adult Church / Services 11 a.m. — Bible Study Training Classes for All Ages 6:30 p.m. Worship Services, Thursday 7:30 p.m. W.A. Week Services, Thursday Choir rehearsal, 8:30 p.m. Prayer Service, 7:30 p.m.</p>
<p>THE FIRST METHODIST CHURCH El Prado at Main Avenue Rev. John L. Taylor, Minister Rev. Don Shelby, Associate Church School for all ages, 9:00 Early Church—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. 8:30 High School Youth Fellow- ship</p>	<p>CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH Meeting at Crenshaw School 18620 Crenshaw Maynard V. Midthun, Pastor 2328 W. 174th St., DAVIS 9-5455 Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. Divine Service, 10:45 a.m. Nursery and child care provided</p>
<p>St. Andrews Episcopal Church 1432 Engracia Ave. FA 8-3781 The Rev. Hugh R. Percy, Rector Sunday Services—9:15 and 11 a.m. 1st Sunday—Holy Communion Sunday 2nd Sunday—Morning Prayer 3rd Sunday—11:00 Holy Baptism or Morning Prayer 11 a.m.—Holy Communion 4th and 5th Sunday—Morning Prayer Holy Communion at 7:30 a.m. Sunday School at 9:15 a.m. Baby Sitting at 9:15 and 11 a.m. Thursdays—11 a.m. Holy Com- munion</p>	<p>TORRANCE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 1001 W. Carson St. Phone 8-8884 Rev. Freeman A. Brunson, Pastor 1502 W. 216th St. 1945 Sunday School Hour 10:00 Morning Worship 8:30 a.m. Holy Matins 7:30 Evening Evangelistic Service</p>
<p>WALTERIA COMMUNITY METHODIST CHURCH Newton at Ward St., Walteria Rev. Walter J. Goss, Pastor Phone FR 5-0622 Walteria Church Services 8:45 and 11:00 A.M. Sunday School Services 9:30 a.m. — Holy Matins Nursery care at 11 A.M. Service Youth Fellowship Junior 6 P.M. High School—8 P.M. Parsonage, Phone FR 4-070</p>	<p>HOPE CHURCH EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETHREN 3251 Rev. Menard Bergin DA 9-3277—Res. DA 9-3542 9:30 a.m.—Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.—Morning Worship 7:30 a.m.—Evening Worship Church Fellowship Services 8:45 and 11:00 A.M. Wednesday, 7:30 a.m. (Nursery care provided)</p>
<p>FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF TORRANCE Disciples of Christ 2329 El Dorado, Torrance Rev. H. Milton Sippel, Pastor Res. Phone FA 8-4583 Two sessions of Church School and Morning Worship, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Nursery provided at both sessions Christian Youth Fellowship— 7 p.m.</p>	<p>WALTERIA ASSEMBLY OF GOD 244th and Hawthorne Ave. O. W. Fish, Pastor Glenn Rogers, Assistant Pastor Sunday School Superintendent Glenn Rogers Sunday School—8:45 A.M. Morning Worship—11:00 A.M. Prayer Meeting—7:30 P.M. Prayer Meeting—7:30 P.M. Mrs. Ruth Todd, President Anyone desiring spiritual help may feel free to call at the par- sonage 2418 Hawthorne Ave. or phone TR 8-7788 any hour of the day or night</p>
<p>SEASIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH (Evangelical and Reformed) 2290 Ocean Avenue Rev. Walter J. Goss, Pastor Telephone: FR 5-2322 9:30 a.m.—Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.—Morning Worship 7:30 a.m.—Evening Worship (Nursery care provided)</p>	<p>TORRANCE BAPTIST TEMPLE Meeting at YWCA Hall 2320 W. Carson Sunday School 10 a.m. Morning Worship 11 a.m. Young People's Meeting 6:30 p.m. Evening Evangelistic Service 7:30 p.m. Mid-Week Prayer Service 7:30 p.m., Wednesday (place to be announced)</p>
<p>CRANSHAW BAPTIST CHURCH Southern Baptist 1849 Crenshaw Blvd. Harvey A. Hobbs—Pastor Phone DA 4-0555 Services Sunday School—9:15 a.m. Worship—11:00 a.m. Training Union—6:30 p.m. Evening Worship—7:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting—Wednesday Evening—7:30 p.m. Nursery and Child Care Each Service</p>	<p>WALTERIA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH PARK and NEWTON STS. Rev. L. R. Husted, Pastor Frontier 5-4778 Bible School at 9:30 A.M. Morning Worship at 11:00 A.M. Young People's Service at 6:00 P.M. International Gospel Hour at 7:00 P.M. Wednesday—7:30 P.M. Bible Exposition and Prayer. A hearty welcome to all.</p>
<p>THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS TORRANCE WARD 1880 W. 220th. Cor. Chellin & 220th FA 8-8488 SUNDAY SERVICES Priesthood Meeting—11:45 a.m. Sunday School—9:30 a.m. Sacrament Meeting—5:00 p.m. Mutual Improvement Association —Wednesday 7:30 p.m. Relief Society—Thursday 10 a.m. Primary—Wednesday, 8 p.m. Seminary—Monday through Fri- day, 6:30 a.m.</p>	<p>EVANGEL TEMPLE ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH Temple location at YMCA 2989 Washington Ave. New Church Under Construction at Crenshaw & Sepulveda Friendly Sunday Services Sunday School—10 a.m. Morning worship—11 a.m. Youth Service—8:30 p.m. Evangelistic services—7:30 p.m. Rev. Gene May and Rev. Clyde Stockdale—Pastors Res. Phone TE 8-7722</p>
<p>FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GARDENA 1842 Gardena Blvd., DAVIS 4-1064 REV. TRUMAN M. JOLLEY 9:30 a.m. — Sunday School 11 a.m. — Morning Worship 7 p.m. — Youth Fellowship</p>	<p>South Bay Baptist Church 4655 Sharynne Lane, Torrance Dr. J. G. Brunson, Interim Pastor Sunday School—9:30 A.M. Morning Worship Services— 10:45 A.M. Youth Training Class—6:30 P.M. Evening Worship Service— 7:30 P.M. Prayer Service and Bible Study— Wednesday—7:30 P.M. Choir Rehearsal—Thursday— 7:30 P.M. Calling Night—Thursday— 8:30 P.M. Nursery Care is provided for all services</p>

CHRISTMAS EVE—11 P.M.

CANDLELIGHT AND CAROL SERVICE BY THE SENIOR CHOIR

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
1842 GARDENA BLVD.

ORGAN RECITAL BY FLORENCE JOLLEY BEGINS AT 10:45 P.M.

The Appropriate Close to Family Festivities
"O Come Let Us Adore Him"
PUBLIC INVITED