

# Why set a date for 'end of the age'?



At the corner of Windsor Road and Carole Street in Georgetown is a church erected in the late 1960s which looks much like one of the houses on the block. The Immanuel Lutheran Church is a small church with a congregation of about 50.

## Halton Hills churches

### Set in residential Georgetown church is 'home' for 125

By ANI PEDERIAN  
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There's a shortage of Canadian citizens trained to be pastors for the Lutheran church, says the pastor at Georgetown's Lutheran Immanuel Church.

Dr. J.M. Drickamer, 31, is an American who moved from Michigan to work as pastor at the Windsor Road and Carole Street church last summer.

"I needed this kind of experience," he said. "Teaching religion and not having been a pastor is an exception to the rule."

Before coming north, Dr. Drickamer was teaching religion at Concordia College in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Born and raised in Cleveland, he received his B.A. in 1971 from Capital University in Columbus, Ohio. He followed that with a Master of Divinity degree from Concordia Theological Seminary in Springfield, Illinois, in 1975, and a Ph.D. from Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri, in 1978.

"I wasn't taking a job away from a Canadian, as the previous pastor had left in the summer of 1978 and the congregation had been looking for a replacement since then," said Dr. Drickamer.

It was through a Canadian student under Dr. Drickamer's tutelage that the Georgetown congregation heard about their pastor-to-be.

"We aren't told where to go by bishops in Lutheranism," he said.

A tall man with short, bristling, fair hair, Dr. Drickamer teaches twice a week at the newly established St. Catharines Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary.

He said there are about 300,000 Lutherans in Canada, and that the faith predates confederation.

#### 60 YEARS

"It's grown a lot because of immigration from Europe in the last 60 years, especially after World War I when the U.S. cut down on immigration and many came instead to Canada," said Dr. Drickamer. Although Lutheranism isn't considered an ethnic faith and the Georgetown group isn't



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ethnically homogenous, the majority of Lutherans tend to come from northern and eastern Europe. Dr. Drickamer said a fair number of the congregation has a German background, enough so that services are held in the German language four times yearly.

"Being a third generation German, I had to teach myself German. I went to Germany about 12 years ago and that crystallized the language for me," said Dr. Drickamer, who would now like to go to Quebec and brush up on his oral French.

He said he hasn't given up

his study of ancient languages which began in high school and continued with courses towards his B.A. He reads Greek, Latin and Hebrew.

"I read Greek mainly to study the New Testament," said Dr. Drickamer. He doesn't trust the English translations and prefers to read it in the original language, he said.

There were enough Lutherans in the Georgetown area that a pastor began working here in 1963 gathering a congregation, said Dr. Drickamer. Many of the original members have moved, so the group is still a small one.

#### LORD'S SUPPER

"Immanuel Lutheran has about 125 communicant members who have been confirmed and admitted to the Lord's supper," said Dr. Drickamer. He explained that before members can accept the eucharist, they have to study the principles of the religious creed for two years, and be confirmed. This usually occurs when members are 13 years old.

However, he said average Sunday attendance is 50 people, of which 25 are children in the Sunday School.

"This year we're anticipating six young people will be confirmed," said Dr. Drickamer who does catechism study with them Tuesday afternoons after school.

"I wish we could work out something so the kids could get out of school early and not be so tired for catechism study, like they do in some American states," he said.

The local congregation belongs to the Ontario District of the Missouri Synod. It was the Synod which bought the land for the Lutheran church in 1963 and sold it to the congregation. The present building was erected in the late 1960s, said Dr. Drickamer. The rest of the land has been left as an empty field.

"We don't have a world centre that directs everything like the Roman Catholics do," he said. "Congregations are the basic units and synods are formed along geographic and linguistic lines."



Dr. J.M. Drickamer of the Immanuel Lutheran Church has been with the congregation since he moved from Concordia College in Ann Arbor, Michigan. He came to Georgetown in order to gain some practical experience as a pastor. Previously he was a teacher of religion at the college and thought the experience would make him a better rounded individual.



## IN THE CHURCHES

By Bob Ollivier

There are still those who try to set a date for the end of the age. These apparently well-meaning individuals should stop and read the scripture that states emphatically "no Man knoweth the day nor the hour" and that is the way God prefers it.

It behooves us to be ready to meet God at any hour or day. Or as the apostle Paul says in 1 Timothy 4:2, "be instant in season, out of season".

Bill Maupin, leader of a small sect in Tucson, Arizona, expected Christ to return to Earth at noon last June 29, yet he says to blame him and not God for the non-appearance. Maupin stated he would not set

another date for the rapture.

A new book, Apocalypse Next, has reached sales of over 130,000 copies. Written by Rev. William Goetz as a follow-up to the Late Great Planet Earth, it is a well-documented and thoughtful book on Biblical

prophecy. The publishers, Horizon House, have a printed run of 200,000 and expect full sales of the book. Try the local Christian book shop for a copy, or call or write me for the publisher's address. With the great interest in "latter day things", I am sure you will

both learn and be inspired by this book.

Today (Wednesday), the Good News of Faith for individuals and parish families will be presented at Holy Cross Church. Speaker is Ed Krupica and the time is 8 p.m. in the parish hall.

The session is designed for all families concerned about their children's faith and should appeal to all young adults looking for a more meaningful life of faith and anyone interested in building a more vibrant faith community within the parish.

This Saturday from 8 to

10:30 p.m., a musical remembrance, will be performing at McKenzie-Smith Middle School in Acton. Speaking will be Norm Allen, Vice President of Youth For Christ.

The group of singers could be considered "gospel rock" and refreshments will be served. All teens are encouraged to invite their friends, if this is their kind of music.

The Halton Hills Christian Women's Fellowship next Tuesday presents Lilian Scorgie, who will present the challenge, "Ordinary Living can be Dynamic and Exciting".

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## Three people fined

Three young people from Acton received fines Thursday morning in Milton Criminal Court for their part in a Mill Street disturbance July 15.

John Mervin Nasset was charged with causing a disturbance and fined \$500. Richard Turkoz and Tracy Maria Wood were charged with obstructing police and were each fined \$250.

Crown attorney Mark Adamson said Mr. Nasset shouted obscenities at Halton regional police constable Donald Cousens at about 7:50 p.m. from a Mill Street corner.

He said the constable had noticed Mr. Nasset was intoxicated and advised him to go home.

The constable later drove by Nasset another two times with the same response. The third time, Const. Cousens told Nasset he was under arrest for causing a disturbance.

Mr. Adamson said Nasset assaulted Const. Cousens while he was trying to arrest him. Nasset's friend Richard Turkoz grabbed the officer around the neck and Wood obstructed Const. Cousens by kicking him and striking him on the face, causing a bleeding nose. With the assistance of a civilian, Nasset was arrested.

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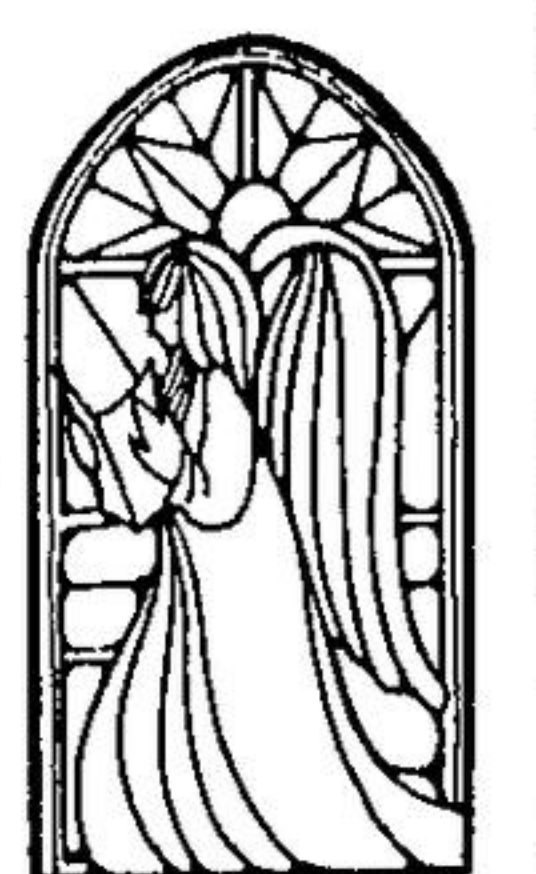
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