

Among the Local Churches

First Church of Christ, Scientist

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Highland Park, Ill., 381 Hazel avenue, a branch of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass., holds services every Sunday morning at 10:45 and on Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock, when testimonies of Christian Science healings are given. Sunday School meets at 9:30 a. m., and is open to pupils under the age of twenty.

Subject for next Sunday's lesson—Sermon, "Is the Universe, Including Man, Evolved by Atomic Force."

You are cordially invited to make use of the reading room, 361 Central avenue, which is open every week day from nine in the morning until six in the evening and on Wednesdays until 7:30. The reading room is also open on Sunday afternoon from 2:30 to 5:30.

Highland Park Methodist Church

North Avenue at Lauretta place.

Frank D. Hopkins, Minister.

Owing to the pastor being kept out of his pulpit by eye trouble, the Bible Sunday service had to be omitted. Rev. Joseph Taylor very graciously came to the rescue and gave our people a splendid sermon. Mrs. Max Muller rendered a most acceptable solo and the service was thus made a very helpful one.

Next Sunday the pastor expects to be in his pulpit and will give the discourse on the Bible, taking as his theme, "The Bible in the Life of Today." As announced the scripture lessons will be read from very old rare Bibles, which, together with several others, will be briefly described and may be seen after the service. There will be special music by guest singers and our people may look for a service well worthy their attendance.

The Sunday school board was entertained by Miss Faith Kuhlman on Tuesday evening. There will be no July or August meetings.

The monthly church "social evening" occurs at the church social rooms this week, Thursday evening, and promises to be even better than the previous one, which was so much enjoyed by those present.

The annual memorial service by the Rebekas, the women's auxiliary of Odd Fellows, held in our church Sunday night, was excellent. In the enforced absence of the pastor, who had been invited to give the address, Rev. Dr. Carr preached a most appropriate sermon.

It is hardly fair to the pastor or to those loyal members who are always in their places, rain or shine, cold or hot, to stay at home without any good reason from Sunday morning services, especially when special services of great interest and real value are prepared to make these services attractive. The church is as cool as the average home and no true Christian can afford to needlessly absent himself or herself.

Bethany Evangelical Church

H. F. Siemsen, Pastor.

The enrollment and attendance of the daily vacation Bible school is exceeding the expectation of those who have charge of this work, this indeed is gratifying and encouraging, we also are happy in the fact that from



International Sunday School Lesson for June 23

A PSALM OF PRAISE

Psalm 103: 1-13

Rev. Samuel D. Price, D.D.

Singing has a fundamental place in worship. The Psalms were the song book of the Hebrews, and at times the rendition was most elaborate. As the pilgrims went up to Jerusalem for the various feasts they would sing in worship en route. Selections especially used at such times were the Hallel, Psalms 113-118. In some churches in Scotland and congregations derived therefrom in America all songs are paraphrases of the Psalms. This 103rd Psalm is a special favorite for the communion table. Great choruses were used by the Hebrews in their worship in praise. Much was made of antiphonal singing, where two choruses would be used, answering the other or giving a chorus-like refrain at the end of each verse.

Only 13 verses are indicated for the lesson study but all 22 should be read repeatedly. In fact the omission of any verse from a song in our school singing gives an incomplete presentation of the poet's thought. This Psalm is one of the many that should be committed to memory. Note that there are many verses as in the Hebrew alphabet. If you want the names of those letters turn to Psalm 119, where they are given in each of its 22 sections.

Thanksgiving must be expressed by anyone who will take the time to think over the abounding mercies that are renewed each day. We should not take such recurring special benefits for granted but think back to the Source. The Psalmist has evidently been meditating over the many joys and privileges that were his. Then he breaks forth in this joyous song beginning "Bless the Lord, O my soul." He rightly calls upon his entire self to give praise to the Bestower of All, Whom he calls by name. Much is lost in trying to maintain a cheerful mental attitude by forgetting the endless number of good things that have come our way. Such bounties help greatly in passing lightly over the distressing things which also are a part of our daily life.

Seven is called the perfect number. Read through these selected verses again and you will find that many great reasons for rejoicing at the Throne of Grace. "Count your many blessings, Name them one by one" and you will change from the minor key of complaining to the major, in which you will "Count it a ll joy." In your daily prayer life cultivate the habit of praise and thanksgiving, together with confession of sin, before you begin to ask the Lord for still more gifts.

Forgiveness is repeatedly indicated in this Psalm. Our sins, when sincerely confessed, are removed "as far as the east is from the west." Instead of destruction, that is justly ours, because of the wrong things we have willfully persisted in doing, we are crowned with "loving-kindness and tender mercies." In place of the unrest of one who is unrelated to Jehovah we are satisfied in Him and we continue to live the hopeful life of youth.

Yes, the Lord is one Who must be held in fear by the wrongdoer. His corrections are for the sake of chastisement rather than for punishment. A young person who has never been restrained is a menace to society and misery to himself. The gentleness of parents is a type of the attitude of God toward those who hold Him in honor and seek to live in accord with His holy will.

day to day new scholars are enrolling. If there are other children who wish to enroll and have not yet done so, we would like to encourage them to do it at their earliest convenience. In addition to their Bible work, character study and missionary information, the girls are taking up sewing and cooking, the smaller ones making scrap books and coloring pictures. The boys are making a number of useful articles for the home, in addition to which they are making a table 24x36 out of the giber cord products, also a telephone desk and chair out of the same material. These articles when finished will be of rare beauty and show the elements of real workmanship on the part of the boys. The boys are planning to present the church with the last three articles mentioned, and they will become permanent property of the same.

The E. L. C. E. will meet at the

home of Miss Esther Montgomery this evening at 8:00 p. m. All of the young people of the church are invited for a social hour and monthly business meeting.

Several of the men of the church are expecting to attend the district brotherhood meeting on Friday evening at the Austin Boulevard church.

The services next Sunday will be at the regular hour.

Sunday school at 9:45.

Morning worship—11:00.

E. L. C. E.—7:15.

Evening service—8:00.

All of these services will be interesting and inspiring. You are invited to attend any or all of them.

Our Humboldt Park Evangelical church, just erected, will be dedicated on Sunday, June 23. The church will be dedicated in the afternoon at 2:00 p. m. and the pipe organ in the evening at 8:00 p. m.

The official board will meet Monday evening in the tower room at 8:00 p. m.

St. John's Evangelical Church

N. Green Bay road and Homewood avenue.

K. A. Roth, Pastor.

On this coming Sunday, June 23, St. John's church will celebrate its twentieth anniversary in special services beginning at 10:30. In connection with these anniversary services a class of eleven boys and girls will be confirmed. The church has been renovated and redecorated for the occasion. We invite our members and friends to worship with us in these special services.

Sunday school will begin as usual at 9:30 a. m. The confirmation class will meet at the parsonage during the Sunday school hour.

Special communion services and reception of new members will take place on the following Sunday, June 30, at the usual hour of worship. We look forward to good attendance and enjoyable and inspiring services on both Sundays. Come and worship with us.

Highland Park Presbyterian Church

Laurel and Linden avenues.

Rev. Frank Pitt, Minister.

Friday

4:00—Camp Fire meeting in the Camp Fire room at 176 Laurel avenue. All girls over ten years of age are invited to attend.

Sunday

9:00—Girls' choir rehearsal in the church.

9:45—Church school.

11:00—Morning worship. The pastor will preach on "Christ As Worker."

Monday

9:00—Opening of the vacation church school. Enroll your child early. The school will be held every morning from 9:00 to 11:30 for children through the junior age. Any child in the community is welcome to attend. For further information call Highland Park 683.

Wednesday

8:00—The service of prayer and meditation will be held in the lecture room. These services are exceedingly helpful.

Redeemer Lutheran Church

West Central and McGovern

Highland Park, Illinois

W. F. Suhr, Pastor

45 North Green Bay road

Synodical Sunday

Sunday school—9:30.

German service—10:30.

English service—11:00.

The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Missouri, Ohio, and other states, of which our congregation is a member, will hold its triennial convention at our college at River Forest from the 19 to the 29 of this month.

On Sunday afternoon at 3 there will be a mass meeting of Lutherans of Chicago and suburbs at Soldiers' field. An elaborate program has been worked out, and weather permitting, a large crowd is expected. We hope that many of our members will attend.