

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 "Substance."

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 Wednesday until 7:30. The reading room is also open on Sunday afternoon from 2:30 to 5:30.

Deerfield Presbyterian Church
 Mark J. Andrews, pastor
 9:30 Church school.
 10:45 Worship and sermon. At this service the newly decorated church will be formally reopened. All members and friends of the church are urged to be present.

7:30 The new Young People's group will gather for their first meeting for the fall and winter season.

The annual picnic of the church and church school will take place on this Saturday afternoon at Sunset park. All families connected with the church are not only invited but urged to be present.

Choir rehearsal will be resumed on next Wednesday evening, Sept. 18 at 7:45 p.m.

The Woman's Missionary society will meet on Thursday afternoon, Sept. 19. A special speaker will be secured for this meeting.

Boy Scouts meet every Friday evening at 7:15 p.m.

A cordial welcome to all the services and activities of this church.

The Swedish Methodist Church
 Highwood avenue and Everts place
 William W. Nelson, pastor

Thursday, Sept. 12:

8:00 p.m. English service at which time Rev. Gustav Erickson will preach. Rev. Erickson was pastor of this church when it was first dedicated twenty-five years ago. He is now serving as pastor of the Swedish Methodist church in Jamestown, New York. The fact, that he ministers to the largest Swedish Methodist church in America, ought to be ample proof of his preaching ability. The public is invited. There will be a social hour following the services, at which time refreshments will be served in the church basement.

Sunday, Sept. 15:

10:30 a.m. Sunday school.

6:00 p.m. Epworth League meeting.

7:45 p.m. Evening service in English.

Tuesday, Sept. 17, 10 a.m. Beginning of the Fall term at the Wesley Academy and Theological seminary in Evanston. Two of our young men, Carl Thor and Walter Hamarlund, are attending the academy this year.



TEACHING THE LAW OF GOD
Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5, 6, 8-12
 Rev. Samuel D. Price, D.D.

Nehemiah's work had been very successful. His special object was to rebuild the walls, that there might be that much more protection against the enemy that was always trying to impede the spiritual progress of this people who followed after Jehovah. Now that there was reasonable assurance of safety, their leaders could turn their attention to spiritual things which were vital in the life of the people. It is ever true that one must "Take time to be holy." Nehemiah and Ezra are in perfect accord regarding the basic need for spiritual life. The same Law of God, that was the only adequate guide in the past, had to be again followed if right living was to be maintained and the favor of God continued.

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It was not a sixty minute service that day, but from early morning until high noon. The reader was greatly helped by the evident attitude of the people. The record is "the ears of all people were attentive unto the book of the law." They indicated their regard for the Book by standing up as the scribe began his reading. We do well to treat this Bible differently in every way than we do any other book. Following the general ascription of praise there was unanimous and repeated "Amen" that arose from the people. Further proof of most reverential worship was assumed by the appreciative audience. These readers uttered the words "distinctly" and "gave the sense." There is a fine opportunity for just such action and interpretation whenever the Bible is read in public. Great preparation should be made by minister, Sunday School superintendent or any who have the privilege of reading the Bible to others. Too often this is done with much indistinctness and with scarcely a glance at the audience which should be listening intently.

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St. Paul's Evangelical Church

F. G. Piepenbrok, pastor

Church school, 9:15 a.m.

Services, 10:30 a.m.

Choir Friday, 8:00 p.m.

With the opening of grammar and high schools we are looking forward to a better attendance at Sunday school. Last Sunday's attendance already showed a marked increase, and by the time of Rally day, October 6, we hope to see all former pupils enrolled. A regular attendance before Rally day will be greatly appreciated in order that all may participate in the rehearsals of the program.

At the last Workers' Conference the following officers of the Church school were elected. Mr. Edwin Palmer, secretary; Mr. Cyrus Wahl, treasurer; Mr. Geo. Meyer, superintendent. These newly elected officers will take up their duties Sunday, Oct. 6. The third year Junior class formerly taught by Miss Elsie Ott will be in charge of Mrs. Geo. Meyer.

The Sewing circle will meet Thursday, Sept. 19, at the home of Mrs. Ed. Willman.

The "L.L.L." club will meet Thursday evening, Sept. 19th, at the home of Alfred and Hilda Soefker. This meeting will be in the nature of a

rally for the old members and a reception for the new members. Lets all be out.

Redeemer Lutheran Church

West Central and McGovern

W. F. Suhr, pastor

Sunday school, 9:30.

German service, 10:30.

English service, 11:00.

On the coming Sunday all of our members are invited to attend the services of the Lutheran church at Crystal Lake, Ill. The afternoon will be spent in a picnic on the shores of the beautiful Crystal Lake.

The outing party will assemble at our church at 9:15. The service at Crystal Lake begins at 11. An hour and a half must be allowed for the drive, so the party will leave our church by 9:30 at the very latest.

Sunday school and services will be conducted at our church as usual for such as will not go on this outing.

The Luther league will meet at the assembly room this evening (Thursday).

The regular meeting of the congregation will take place on Friday evening at the church.

Highland Park Methodist Church

North avenue at Laurretta place

Frank Davidson Hopkins, minister

Next Sunday morning the pastor

will give the first of a series of discourses on the parables of our Lord. These will not follow on consecutive Sundays always, for other themes of immediate importance will intervene, but the series will be given at intervals of a week or two throughout the fall and winter. No teachings of Jesus are more interesting, practical and adapted to modern conditions than His parables. In this series they will be treated from a somewhat new viewpoint and the pastor believes they will prove the most interesting to our people of any discourses he has delivered and hopes for a large hearing. The theme next Sunday will be "The Old and New in Religious Thought: Is there a Conflict?"

The Woman's Missionary society met Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Wm. Holgate and enjoyed an interesting program.

Our church year closes with September and the various organizations and officers are all working to make their annual reports show progress and gains. It seems the church will close the year with all departments in excellent conditions. The annual conference meets this year in Downers Grove, opening on Wednesday, Oct. 2.

"Isn't it strange that princes and kings, and clowns that caper in sawdust rings, and common folks like you and me are builders for eternity? Each is given a bag of tools, a shapeless mass, a book of rules; and each must make ere life is flown, a stumbling block or a stepping stone." Just a simple little jingle by some wayside poet, but worth thinking over.

Zion Lutheran Church

Corner Oakridge and High street

Rev. Henry G. Hedlund, pastor

The Ladies' aid will be entertained

by Mrs. G. Hayes at her home, 122 Pleasant street, Highwood, on Friday

afternoon, Sept. 13 at 2 p.m. Everybody invited.

Sunday, Sept. 15:

Sunday school, 10:45 a.m.

Morning service, 11 a.m. in English.

Evening service at 7 p.m. in Swedish.

Our pastor, Rev. G. Hedlund, will be back with us again next Sunday.

Everybody cordially invited to attend these services.

On Friday evening, Sept. 20 at 8 p.m. Luther league will be entertained at the church by Mrs. A. F. Kjellquist.

Highland Park Presbyterian Church

Laurel and Linden Avenues

Rev. Frank Fitt, Minister

Friday: 4:00—Camp Fire meeting in the Camp Fire room at 176 Laurel avenue. All girls eleven years of age and over are invited to attend. Guardian, Mrs. Carl McMannus. For further information call H. P. 683.

Sunday: 9:00—Girls' choir rehearsal in the church; 9:45—Church school; 11:00—Morning worship. The pastor's sermon topic is "The Great Presumption"; 3:30—A special meeting of the Religious Education committee.

Wednesday: 7:00—Girls' choir rehearsal in the parish house.

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