

Happy New Year

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PASTOR'S CORNER

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Dear Friends,

"The End" sounds so final - in books, plays, movies, etc., so let's concentrate on beginnings - new beginnings.

With the Advent Season through December, Holy Communion on 22 Dec., Christmas, and New Year's Day, there is lots of encouragement for new beginnings. A contemporary Christmas song questions "Why can't we have Christmas the whole year around?" It can be, and it must begin in our hearts and in our relating to our fellowman (or person, if you are under 30).

We face many issues daily where mankind's decisions seem to test us - test our loyalty to our faith. Often I fail the test - is it fear of being unpopular? I never have been because of being quite outspoken. Not always has it been on issues of faith and morality.



As we approach and enter the month of February - the month identified with hearts symbolizing love, let us examine our ability to show love, compassion, and even justice when and where we can.

Bill Klassen



We welcome Chris and Holly Bowser from Norman, OK, who have been our visitors in worship recently. All are invited to let us welcome you as our guests.

When Moses and Sadie Mast came to us accepting the interim pastorship it was understood that they likely would leave after the first of the year for a temporary voluntary service assignment at Hesston College in Kansas. While they have done this, they will be back to serve us in our worship on the first Sunday of every month - probably through June 1992. During the interim period, Abe Krause and the Oklahoma Convention have supplied the pulpit the fourth Sunday of each month through December 1991, which they will continue to do at least through May of this year. Many thanks to them for all their love and support. The Western District Conference, in their pastoral search for us, has had their disappointment with some candidates accepting other positions. We are told not to act in haste - rather to wait a bit longer, but to get the right man for the job. We thank Floyd Bartel for all his efforts in that regard.



On 1 Mar. Jerry Kaiser will bring a group from Inman Mennonite Church for the Sunday service presentation of special music.

On 26 Apr. John Voith and the Bell Choir from the Eden Mennonite Church will handle the worship service.

Plan ahead to hear these groups in musical worship.



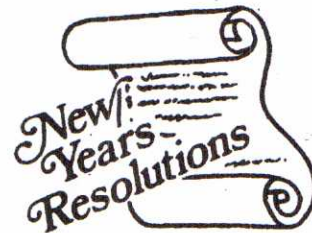
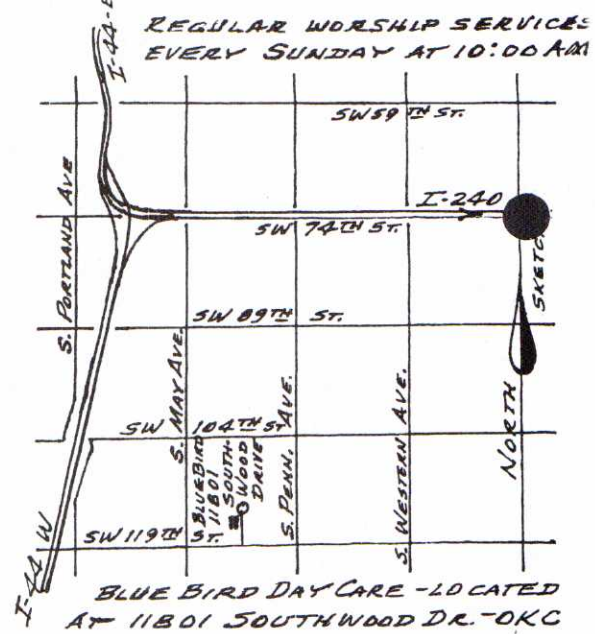
MINISTERIAL SCHEDULE

While the WDC will also supply our pulpit one Sunday a month, it is not yet scheduled in advance. The following is the schedule furnished us by the Oklahoma Convention:

- 26 Jan. Abe Krause from Hydro
Bethel Menno
- 23 Feb. John Sprunger - Cordell
- 1 Mar. Jerry Kaiser from Inman,
Kans., Inman Menno
- 22 Mar. Chris Atkins from Clinton
Clinton Menno
- 26 Apr. John Voth from Inola
Eden Menno
- 24 May Larry Brashear from Meno
New Hopedale

COMING EVENTS

- 4 Mar. Ash Wednesday (Begin Lent)
- 12 Apr. Palm Sunday
- 16 Apr. Maundy Thurs. (Communion)
- 19 Apr. Easter
- 10 May Mother's Day
- 25 May (Mon.) Memorial Day



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