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**SATURDAY, APRIL 23**

7:30 p.m. **SOLO DISCOVERY**--Social gathering for singles at First Society. Topic: WHOM DO YOU TRUST?

**SUNDAY, APRIL 24**

10:00 a.m. **THE END OF A TRAIL** by Philip Salkin (see story)

10:00 a.m. **Religious Education classes**

Child care available

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**SATURDAY, APRIL 30**

8:00 p.m. **THEATER PARTY**, sponsored by the Prairie Playreaders. Broom St. Theater production of *The Passion of Passover*. Contact Rachel Siegfried for reservations.

**SUNDAY, MAY 1**

10:00 a.m. **THE CIRCLE: NATIVE AMERICAN RELIGION AND LAND USE** by Brent Haglund (see story)

10:00 a.m. **Religious Education classes**

Child care available

**SUNDAY, MAY 8**

10:00 a.m. **THE ISSUE OF PHOSPHOROUS IN WISCONSIN WATERS** by Bob West

10:00 a.m. **Religious Education classes**

Child care available

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**TUESDAY, MAY 10**

7:30 p.m. **Program Committee Meeting at Carolyn Briggs, 1323 Spaight st.**

Everyone welcome.

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**THE END OF A TRAIL: Lake Farms Park, a Potential E-Way 'Laboratory' Illustrating Primitive and Modern Human Interaction with the Environment."** Dr. Philip Salkin, a U.W. Archaeologist, will show slides and talk about his discoveries at a dig in the E-Way.

**THE CIRCLE: NATIVE AMERICAN RELIGION AND LAND USE."** Brent Haglund, Director of Land Stewardship for the Nature Conservancy who lived in Montana and spent time with Sioux medicine man John Fire Lame Deer, will speak on Plains Indian religion and show satellite imagery that illustrates the difference between the white man's and Indian's land ethic her in Wisconsin. Presentation will be based in part on Susan Flader's book, *HISTORY OF GREAT LAKES LAND USE.*

**KNOWING BY HEARING: BIRD SONGS AND FROG SONGS."** Tapes and slides will be presented by Mary Mullen, neighborhood bird listener, and Marian Moran, U.W.-Extension naturalist and Arboretum guide.

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**SUNDAY, MAY 15**

10:00 a.m. **KNOWING BY HEARING: BIRD SONGS AND FROG SONGS** by Mary Mullen and Marian Moran (see story)

**THURSDAY, MAY 19**

7:00 p.m. **R.E. Committee Meeting at Prairie**

All interested people welcome.

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**NEXT PRAIRIE FIRE DEADLINE: MAY 1, 1983**
Prairie Sunday School is a volunteer effort. One way to contribute to the vitality of Prairie is to invest some of your time as part of a teaching team. It may help you clarify your own religious thinking. The broad areas of our curriculum for next year are listed below. Check those areas in which you would be most interested; interested for your own personal growth and as a teacher working with our children.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHING OPPORTUNITIES

Kindergarten through Second Grade

A Room of One's Own unit: Getting rooted in one's life spaces.


Third through Fifth Grade

Stepping Stone Year. Units on the wonder of birth, stories from science, discovering the Bible, and wondering about death.

Teachers: 1. 2. 3. 

Sixth through Eighth Grade

Exploration of the values of great Humanists from a unit called "How Can I Know What to Believe?" Formulations of one's own positions.

Teachers: 1. 2. 3. 

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES FOR R.E.

INVOLVEMENT - you may be willing to contribute your time and skills to:

A. Help with social activities and parties for our Middle School group on Sunday evenings.

B. Help with special events.

C. Assist the Sharing Circle worship experience.

D. Help prepare and deliver juice and snack.

E. Help to plan Family Services.

F. Be a nursery "parent", occasional service.

G. Be a nursery "steady", supervisor and helper.

H. Help with telephoning on days/evenings/weekends.

Be a steady reader of this column and watch the teaching positions fill up!

We have an excellent R.E. program at Prairie and a good group of children at all ages. Well-developed curriculum and materials for each age group keep planning simple. The activity-based nature of the programs keep the children's interest high. Add your own creativity and warmth and the chance to team with another adult and you will find teaching a rewarding experience.

You may miss adult programs for a semester or two, but you'll gain from the children's program in your own growth as well as theirs. All adults, parents or not, are urged to consider contributing to Prairie in this way. Call Erin Bosch (R.E. Committee, 238-6285) or Dayle Haglund (R.E. Director, 837-9044) today!

An unpaid advertisement

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This is your chance! Get to know our Prairie children . . . . learn more about U.U. . . . . team up with other Prairie adults and become part of the Religious Education staff next fall.

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Aileen Nettleton
PRAIRIE CHOoses OFFICERs, COMMITTEE HEADs

At its April 17 parish meeting Prairie Society elected Mike Briggs, president; Pat Watkins, vice-president; Rick Ruecking, secretary; and Mel Micke, treasurer. The committee chairs are as follows: finance, Carol Dopp; housing, Dick Bonser; long range planning, Al Nettleton; membership, Alice Bullen; program, Bob West; religious education, Erin Bosch & Linda Nelson; and social action, Lance Green. The membership chair in an amendment to the bylaws was made a member of the board of directors.

In other action the membership tabled a resolution that the society "promote the full participation of persons ..." The board was instructed to study new wording which would resolve the conflict between elimination of age discrimination and the bylaw stipulation that the minimum age for membership is 16 years.

Two proposed amendments defining active membership were tabled with instruction to the board to hold hearings to produce a proposed amendment.

Lay ministers were proposed by the Committee on Committees. They are as follows: Lois and Warren Hagstrom on music and art; Martin Drapkin on the criminal justice system; and Diane Worzalla on the history of feminist issues.

PRAIRIE PLAYREADERS THEATER PARTY

In place of a regular playreading, the PRAIRIE PLAYREADERS will sponsor a theater party on Saturday, April 30 at the Broom St. Theater, 1119 Williamson St. to see The Passion of Passover. This is a tap dance musical retelling of the story of Moses and the origins of Passover: featuring original songs by Neil Peckett, choreography by Donna Peckett, and writing and direction by Joel Gersmann. After the show, we plan to adjourn to Mothers Pub or Ella's. Everybody is welcome. Call Rachel Siegfried for reservations: 271-2173.

HAPPY DAYS ARE HERE AGAIN!

Thanks to all my Prairie friends for their support and concern during my 4 month period of unemployment following my graduation from UW-Madison. Now, the good news: I'm starting a REAL JOB on Tuesday, April 19! I'll be working as an editorial assistant at VEC, an educational publisher in Middleton. It's an exciting opportunity for me, and best of all, I get to stay in Madison AND stay at Prairie. Again, thanks to all!

Anne Reardon

KITCHEN CLEANUP

April 24 Carolyn Campen/Diane Knott
May 1 Mel & Nina Mattarella
May 6 Cathy Cole ?
May 15 Shirley Price Marcus/Martha Fineman

BUILDING CLEANUP

April 24 Al Nettleton/Bob Park
May 1 Brent Haglund/Jon Novak
May 8 (Mother's Day) Anne Reardon/
May 15 Jack & Betty Jallings

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

The following people have signed the membership book in the last few weeks:
Lynda K. Lewis Victoria Swetz
Mary Mullen Darcy Usilton

SUMMER'S COMING!

Got an idea for a summer morning program or an afternoon festivity or a weekend outing? If you're willing to be in charge, so much the better, but suggestions are welcome either way. Jot them down and bring to Prairie on Sunday, April 24 or mail to Bob West, 305 Nautilus Drive, Madison, WI 53705.

R.E. COMMITTEE MEETING

Where: Prairie Meeting House
When: Thursday, May 19, 1983
at 7:00 p.m.
Who: R.E. Committee and all other interested people.

AROUND THE WORLD IN 60 MINUTES

Parents and children are invited to join in a musical trip around the world with the ETHNIC IMPURITIES (our own international folk music ensemble). The performance will take place this Saturday, 12 noon, April 23 at the Madison Civic Center as part of the weekly "Children at the Crossroads" series.

Advertisement:

WONDER WOMEN: SEWING & ALTERATIONS
Call Karen Hegelmeyer at 251-9188 or Rachel Siegfried at 271-2173.
INTRODUCTION TO PRAIRIE RABBITS

Recently, while out west, we spent several days with past Prairie members, Ann and Clark Wright-Edwards, in Glendale, Arizona. Ann showed us the following poem which she had written on April 30, 1978, on the 10th anniversary of Prairie. We thought the poem would be appreciated by our present Prairie rabbits.

George and Ruth Calden

I'm a little Prairie rabbit
who got the Prairie habit
around about 10 years ago.
I was born in the seminary
Raised in the "YM"2
And now I'm on "West Lawn"3
And wondering why.

I know I can hop
I know I can run
With old-time religion, I've long been done
I have hopped from my cage
I have run from my creed
Everyone knows I'm a rabbit freed!

I can dance, I can sing
I can let my protest ring
Why I'm a Prairie rabbit
That can do most anything.

We now have rabbit forums
and we have rabbit quorums
To discuss all the world gone awry
But where are the forums
And where are the quorums
To teach us to love and to die?

Copulation and over-population
are the rabbit issues we face
From some perspectives...a rabbit's disgrace
We must deal with these
But never from our knees....
With hell, damnation, or a rabbit's fall from grace.

Now did you ever hear a Prairie rabbit
Talk of God, guilt, or sin?
In Prairie rabbit country the words are hardly in
But once in a while, when its dark and cold at night
And no other Prairie rabbits are anywhere in sight
I wonder if any Prairie God-rabbit knows of my fright
And could teach a lost little rabbit
To "turn around right."

Now I'm a rabbit simple
And I'm a rabbit free
But I'm not always so sure
That I'm where I ought to be!

1. Holy Name Seminary-Prairie's 1st home
2. Downtown YMCA-Prairie's 2nd home
3. Portal-Foster-Prairie's 3rd home

Ann Wright-Edwards
April 30, 1978
for Prairie's 10th Birthday