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CHURCH SERVICES.

Saude—Second and fourth Sundays, 10:45 a. m.; Saturday School every Saturday, 10 a. m.; confirmation class, 9:30 a. m. Fridays.

Jerico—First and third Sundays, 11 a. m.; Saturday School, 2 p. m.; confirmation class, 2 p. m. Fridays.

Fifth Sundays by special announcement.

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Stella Annis, a child of Mr. and Mrs. Ole C. Johnson was baptized May 15th. The sponsors were Mr. and Mrs. Karl C. Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. Lars Sanderson.

Hazel Clair, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Severt Roberson, was baptized May 29th. Sponsors: Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Vigdal, Nora Robinson and Tom Roberson.

Sunday, June 5th, Marjorie Ferkenstad, Marjorie Ellingson, Ambrose Haugen, Richard Olson and Stanley Nelson were confirmed in the Jerico Church.

In the Saude church, Gunilda Treider, Gregory Vaala and Orlando Natvig were confirmed June 12th.

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Sam Miller, the Mohican Indian, spoke to a small audience in the Saude church on the 22nd of May and would have spoken at Jerico in the evening had the weather permitted. Many were deeply disappointed. We can assure all, however, that he will come again soon. If present plans materialize he will speak at Jerico, July 10, 3 p. m.

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Now let us hope that the roads and weather will permit many to attend the Synod meeting to be held in the Lime Creek Church near Lake Mills, June 16-22.

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The Assistant Pastor intends to take a rest during July and August. He expects to go to work again in September.

The schools have closed. Our sons and daughters are returning home. They who return are happy to be home again and the home folks, from little baby sister who receives them

with effusive joy to father who thinks he must conceal his feelings, all are happy.

How do they return to us? What influences have they been surrounded by while at school? Does the front page picture give answer? If it does not, what then is the answer? There can be only one other answer. That answer illustrated would show quite another figure in the place of Christ.

Christ's words: "He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad," are true whether applied to individuals, homes, churches or schools.

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The annual Mission festival of the Saude congregation will be held July 10th. Rev. Erling Ylvisaker of Madison, Wis., will preach the sermon in the forenoon. Arrangements for the Jerico festival are not yet completed.

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There are a number of schools that stand open to us and that make earnest effort to gather with Christ. In choosing a school for your son or daughter for the next school year, I would earnestly urge you to consider these.

CONCORDIA COLLEGE, St. Paul, is one of 13 colleges built and supported by the Missouri Synod. Any one desiring to make baseball, football or basket-ball their specialty had better choose some other school. The boy who wants to go to college so as to get away from work and have a good time, will make a blunder by going to Concordia. He will find lots of work there and unless he finds pleasure in work he will find the place very uninteresting. Concordia College, in its classical course is carefully hewing to the line. It has not fallen for the fads and fancies of present day colleges. It recognizes the fact that "the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." All instruction is given accordingly.

Boys who have the ambition to lay a solid foundation for a useful life are recommended to take the classical course as offered at this college.

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Dr. Martin Luther College, owned and supported by the Wisconsin Synod, a synod with which we have been more or less closely affiliated since 1847, is located at New Ulm, Minn. High School and Normal courses are offered to girls as well as boys.

This school does not do veneer work. There is nothing showy or flashy about its work or its products. It offers a solid "all wool and a yard wide" course spiced throughout with the Word of God. "Godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come." In this conviction the faculty of New Ulm does all its work.

The boys and girls who decide to take their high school course there will not regret it if good substantial work and not play and display is their ambition. For further information write to Prof. E. R. Bliefernicht, New Ulm, Minn.

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Clear your own eyes, and you will not see so many specks on the lives of others.

Valpariso University, Valpariso, Ind., is an old school, yet in its present relation to us, a new one. This university is now owned and operated by an association of Lutherans of the Synodical Conference. It is, consequently, now a Lutheran University and the only Lutheran University in the world.

Parents who send their sons and daughters here may know that the faith of the students is not going to be undermined by scientific theories but, instead, every effort made to strengthen them in the eternal truths of the Bible.

This school has the following departments: College or Arts and Sciences; Teachers' College; School of Music; Engineering School; Commercial School; School of Pharmacy; Premedical School; Law School; High School. For detailed information address Valpariso University, Registrar's office, Valpariso, Ind.

And then we have Bethany College, Mankato, Minn., a splendidly equipped school for girls which was purchased by an association of members of our own Synod, about a year ago. This school has, we are assured, an exceptionally well qualified faculty. High School, Normal, Domestic Science, Art and Music courses are offered.

Bethany College is not trying to do the impossible, namely to educate without the Word of God. Girls entrusted to the care of this faculty will receive attention and care not only during class hours but the balance of the time as well.

If there is any one thing we need worse than any other it is Christian mothers. To expect godless schools to produce Christian mothers, is illogical.

Write to Prof. Holden M. Olson, Mankato, Minn., for detailed information regarding this school.

A year ago Christmas my ten year old little girl received a Bible story book, published by Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis, as a Christmas present from her big brothers. Since then she has read and re-read it, not only to herself but to her little sisters. During the winter months especially, the little ones would anxiously await the hour when their sister should come from school and there was no peace for her till they had her cornered and reading a story to them from the Bible story book. The result has astonished me. The two little girls, now 5½ and 7 years old, are well versed in all the principle events recorded in the Bible from Creation to Revelation. Just now I called the smaller of the two girls from her play and without warning asked the question: "Who lived at Shushan?" "Mordecai" was the prompt answer. "Who else?" "Esther." "Who else?" "Let's see—I can't think of the name of that king." "What was his wife's name?" "Vashti." Then I called the other little girl and asked her if she could remember the name of the king that lived at Shushan. Without hesitating she answered: "Ahasuerus."

I wonder how many of my readers could have answered these questions if popped at them entirely unexpectedly?

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Why do I tell this? In the hope that it may be duplicated in every family of children in our congregations. If there is no big little sister that can read Bible stories to the little ones maybe there is a brother, or a grandma, or a grandpa, or mother herself, or, why not dad emerge from behind his newspaper, which is more than half filth, and read Bible stories into the receptive hearts and minds of his children?

There are many Bible story books but, in my opinion, none to be compared with this one. It retains in a peculiar way and to a great extent, the Bible-text itself, yet children understand it readily and older people find it very profitable reading. In one pastor's family I visited lately, it was used as the morning devotional reading.

If I could get around to it, I would personally visit every home and urge the purchase and use of this book, but as that is impossible, I will have one of my boys call and solicit orders. Concordia Publishing House gives students a modest commission on books that they sell during vacation.

At the present time I am studying a comprehensive work on "The Confessional Principals and the Confessions of the Lutheran Church." In speaking of the exclusiveness of our Church the author says: "In separating a man not of our faith from ourselves or our communion, we are simply taking religion seriously, as the most practical business of life. We are not attempting to exclude such a man from the Christian Church, nor passing judgment on his eternal welfare; but we are marking him as a non-Lutheran in belief and practice and as not properly belonging to its particular communion and faith. We are asking him to go to his own spiritual people, where his kind of faith is promulgated and used as a basis of hope and life, where he will not be a disturbing element to other people's principals, and where he can be cared for on his own principles. Is it charitable to encourage him to be faithless to his own principles?"

"We are doing nothing more nor less, in fact, than what everybody believes to be right in the case of the United States, when it allows only naturalized citizens to vote; and when it excludes from its voting membership those who either do not go to the trouble, or are, for any more serious reason, unwilling to take the oath of allegiance and subscribe to our national Confession, the Constitution."

"A real reason why people justify this care and strictness in the State and criticize it in the Church is that they esteem the importance of citizenship above that of Church membership, and allow matters of convenience, sentiment as to family relationship and general friendship, to operate in religion, but not in politics. A man will go 500 miles to vote, and will not walk five squares to Church. That tells the whole story of his estimate of the comparative importance of this world's rule and order, and rule and order in the Kingdom of God."

If you let one good habit go, it will entice others away with it.

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