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# The Assistant Pastor

*May, 1929*

## Mission Work

When a new section or suburb of a city springs up, it is not long till we see crews of men at work laying water-mains, sewers and gas-mains, while others are extending the telephone and electric lines. Thus the city promptly provides these necessities of modern city life to the new community. The new sections would fare ill, indeed, if the city proper had no concern for their well-being. And, too, it would react on the city itself. No city would have extended its borders and become a great metropolis but for the fact that it willingly, yes, eagerly extended its conveniences and necessities in an ever widening circle.

A similar system of development and extension has always and must ever be employed by the Church, if it is to thrive and grow. With the Church it is not merely a question of business acumen and prudence, it is a matter of obedience to the Lord of the Church who says: "Go ye and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I commanded you." The Church must constantly send out crews, common laborers as well as experts, to extend its blessings to such as do not already possess them.

We remember with gratitude to God, in this connection, the crew of experts and consecrated lay-men who came to our shores from Norway in the late forties and early fifties, and who later organized the Synod from which we have sprung. We remember the service-man, V. Koren, who made his rounds to these settlements and warned our fathers of impending dangers and guided them to a firmer faith, hope and love.

Shall we whose souls are lighted With wisdom from on high,  
Shall we to men benighted The lamp of life deny? No, no!  
Gratitude to God and love of Christ constraineth us to do, not as little but, as much as we can that His story, like a sea of glory, may spread from pole to pole.



## THE ASSISTANT PASTOR

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*Jerico*—First and third Sundays, 10:45 a. m.; Saturday school every Saturday, 10 a. m.; confirmation class, 2 p. m., Fridays.

*Saude*—Second and fourth Sundays, 10:45 a. m.; Saturday school, 2 p. m.; confirmation class, 9:30 a. m., Fridays.

Fifth Sundays by special announcement.

APRIL Church Attendance: First Sunday, 97; second Sunday, 74; third Sunday, 196; fourth Sunday, 63.

BAPTISM: Donna Mae, a child of Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Heimerdinger, born March 16th, baptized April 21st. Sponsors: Mr. and Mrs. Alfred N. Anderson, Alice Hagen, Alvin Johnson.

The Rev. A. J. Torgerson of Northwood, Iowa, will preach in our churches Sunday, June 2nd, on *Christian Stewardship*. Jerico, 10 a. m., in the Norwegian language; Saude, 2:30 p. m., in the English language.

ON TUESDAY, MAY 28, the Jerico Church will celebrate its annual Mission Festival. The Rev. M. N. Carter, pastor of St. Philips Ev. Luth. Church, Chicago, will deliver a Mission sermon at 10 a. m. and a Mission lecture in the afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

The Rev. Carter is one of the colored pastors of the Synodical Conference and is a fruit of mission work among the colored people of the South.

It is custom among us to serve dinner without charge at our Mission Festivals. We herewith suggest that a moderately substantial lunch be served and that a charge of 25c for adults and 15c for children under 12 be made. The Jerico Aid is asked to consider this suggestion. We believe that members from the Saude

and also from the Fredericksburg and Elma congregations would feel more free to come if a reasonable charge was made for lunch. Many people are inclined to be timid about crowding in on a free dinner.

We sincerely hope that all will be able to spend Tuesday, May 28th, at the Jerico Church and that God will give good roads, good weather and, withal, a blessed day.

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### CO-OPERATIVE ORGANIZATION

We have just brought our Lenten offering to Home Missions and our subscriptions to "Læreløns- og Synodekassen." Now comes a Mission festival with its offering. Soon the need of the Church Extension fund will be urged upon us. And then there is Bethany College with its needs.

Some may chafe under these many requests for offerings and contributions and say: "I will help support my home church and if all others would do the same there would be no need for so many requests for money." Such a statement, if made, is due to a lack of understanding of the nature and benefits of co-operation in church work.

It is by means of Synodical bodies that co-operation in church work is effected just as it is by means of a centrally located creamery that the individual farmers co-operate in the dairy business.

Without the co-operative creamery each farmer would have to make and market his own dairy products. This has been done and could be done again and thereby the expense of building a special building, installing machinery, paying a buttermaker, etc. could be saved. All are agreed, however, that such procedure would not bring about an actual saving but a loss.

A Synodical body is a co-operative organization of the individual congregations constituting it. Our Synod is not engaged in any work that is not divinely imposed upon the individual congregation. Besides "diligently using the Means of Grace for its own edification" every congregation is charged with the duty of bringing these same Means of Grace to others who do not have them. How many congregations are there among us that would prefer to send a missionary into the Home or Foreign mission field and support him from the congregational treasury rather than sending offerings to Synods treasurer? How many are there that could be reasonably expected to support a missionary alone? How many congregations have we that would be able to furnish the training needed for their own pastors and teachers? The mere mentioning of such difficulties and the idea of co-operation between congregations of like faith naturally suggests itself as the wise course. Such co-operation has, indeed, been practiced by the church from the earliest times.

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away from home, but realize that we are in that way most efficiently and economically responding to a Christian duty imposed upon us and a blessed privilege granted us.

THE FIRST SCHOOL YEAR of the Strandebarm Christian day-school closed Friday, May 3rd. The year has been a very successful one both as to attendance and progress in the secular and Christian branches studied. The children have been very happy as all are who "work when they work and play when they play" and the teacher has been conscientious and faithful to her trust. A trust and a great trust it is to be given charge of the training of children during the most impressionable years of their life. Next school year a graduate of the Dr. Martin Luther College at New Ulm, Minn., will, God willing, be in charge.

The day following the close of school the retiring teacher, Olivia Tjernagel, left for Watertown, Wis., where she will help minister to the needs of the unfortunates at the Bethesda Home for Feeble-minded and Epileptics. This is the Home where Hans Bleken is cared for.

Under the caption "Twenty Denominations Oppose the Lodge" the Northwestern Lutheran reprints the following:

"The 'Moody Monthly' for February contained a note from which we copy the following: 'A question recently came to us that invites answer. . . . The question was, What Christian denominations, if any, decline to receive persons into membership who belong to secret societies? We are surprised to learn from a contemporary that there were no less than twenty denominations of which this was true. They include the Brethren, who for this purpose may be classed as a denomination, the Church of the United Brethren, four different divisions of Baptists, The Friends, Free Methodists and Wesleyan Methodists, the Christian Reformed Church, three divisions of Presbyterians, four divisions of Lutherans, Seventh Day Adventists, Menonites and Moravians, the Pentecostal Church, and several independent churches like the Moody Memorial of this city.'"

To this the Northwestern Lutheran adds: "That is, indeed, cause for rejoicing; and it is to be deplored that not all church bodies, seeing they profess faith in Christ as the only Savior, take a decided stand against the lodge, which teaches salvation by character. . . .

As to the matter of being on principle opposed to a thing, and when it is actually met with condoning it or glossing it over; it does not take much discernment or strength of character to assess such practice at its true valuation. Our Savior certainly did not teach such spiritual gymnastics, neither by word or deed. His line of conduct is plainly instanced in His treatment of the Pharisees, who stood for salvation by character. There is no more pernicious error than theirs, nor is there one more wide-spread: it is one of the fundamental traits of the natural man. . . . Whoever points a different way to heaven than the cross on Calvary, is trying to make out Jesus a liar. Has such a man a place in a Christian congregation? And are you acting in the spirit of Christ when you accord him one?"

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