

The Assistant Pastor

January, 1930

We are Ambassadors (Sendebud)

2nd Cor. 5, 20

“Christ has no hands but our hands
to do His work today;

“He has no feet but our feet to
lead men in His way;

“He has no tongue but our tongues
to tell men how He died;

“He has no help but our help to
bring men to His side.”

We are the Light of the World

Matt. 5, 14

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Church Directory

H. M. Tjernagel, Pastor

SAUDE

Trustees: Iver Ellingson, H. Larson, O. N. Anderson.
Treasurer: A. G. Vaala.
Secretary: John Natvig.
Ladies' Aid: Miss Lena Landsverk, president; Mrs. T. Swennumson, secretary; Mrs. D. O. Natvig, treasurer.
Cemetery Committee: Alf Vaala, H. O. Natvig, John Borlaug, Anna Vaala, Lena Landsverk.

JERICO

Trustees: Alvie O. Knutson, O. Firkenstad, Fred Amman.
Treasurer: J. A. Robinson.
Secretary: J. A. Knutson.
Ladies' Aid: Mrs. L. A. Robinson, president; Mrs. M. Dahlen, secretary; Mrs. S. O. Johnson, treasurer.

Standing Services

JERICO

First Sunday, Norwegian, 10:45 a. m.
Third Sunday, English, 10:45 a. m.
Saturday School every Saturday, 9:30 a. m.
Confirmation class, 2 p. m. Fridays.

SAUDE

Second Sunday, Norwegian, 10:45 a. m.
Fourth Sunday, English, 10:45 a. m.
Saturday School, 2 p. m.
Confirmation class, 9:30 a. m. Fridays.
Fifth Sunday by special announcement.

DECEMBER CHURCH ATTENDANCE

Jerico 53, 117. Saude 63, 53.

Christmas services: Saude 131, Jerico 249.

Throughout the entire holiday season general good health, good weather, and good roads prevailed. With but few exceptions, there was nothing to hinder attendance at the various festival services.

Two gatherings of the younger set of Saude young folks were enjoyed at the parsonage, the last one on New Year's eve. During this meeting a temporary organization was effected. Miss Martha Munson was chosen temporary president and Gunhilda Treider secretary. A meeting will be held on Friday evening the 24th of this month at the parsonage when it is hoped the organization will be made permanent.

By the little gathering at the parsonage, the old year was closed with the reading of a portion of John 15. While the clock struck twelve all stood in silence with bowed heads. The new year was begun with the singing of an appropriate hymn of praise and prayer.

On one of the last days of the old year many enjoyed themselves in the Jerico basement as only Norwegians can when grouped about mountains of "lutefisk," stacks of "flatbrød" and little lakes of "fløtegrøt." Our sympathy goes out to all who missed that feast of Jerico Vikings. A slight of hand performer can extract a sausage a yard long from a German's vest pocket but it would puzzle him mightily to stow away as much "lutefisk" in a little while as the average Norwegian can.

To many homes absent sons and daughters returned to increase the happiness of the circle about the family

hearths. Our 1929 Christmas was a happy one and, we hope and believe, a blessed one to many heavy laden sinners.

During the year just closed twelve infants were baptized at Jerico and one at Saude. Two adults and one child were interred in the Jerico cemetery. Five youths were confirmed at Saude. One couple was married during the year, namely Gladys Nelson and Alvie Iverson. One hundred and forty-nine and two hundred and fifty-eight were communed at Saude and Jerico respectively.

Twenty-nine regular services were held in Saude at which 2,134 were in attendance. The average attendance was 74 which is 34 per cent of the membership. Speaking in averages, this means that 66 out of every one hundred souls enrolled as members did not respond to the call of the church bell.

Thirty regular services were held at Jerico. All told 4,474 were in attendance. The average attendance was 149 or 36 per cent of the membership. This shows that the average attendance at services was 36 out of every one hundred souls enrolled.

These figures are not based on estimates but on actual count and are as accurate as a neat little counting device in the hands of a conscientious person could make them.

Where were the 66 and the 64 while the 34 and the 36 were in their house of worship? I sincerely hope they were where they were for good and sufficient reasons valid before God.

If Simeon and Anna Phanuel's daughter had been hit and miss church attendants, I wonder if they would have happened to be in church the day the Christ child was brought there? It is quite possible that they might have missed the joy of seeing Him. As an irregular churchgoer Simeon might not have experienced that peace which passeth understanding and that prompted him to say: "Now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, for mine eyes have seen thy salvation," and Anna might not have been filled with thanksgiving to the Lord and with words of cheer and assurance "to all them that looked for redemption in Jerusalem."

Simeon and Anna would not risk departing occasionally from the temple, without cause. They waited for the consolation of Israel and though they had for a long time found only the promises they continued going regularly to the house of God and in God's good time their perseverance and waiting was rewarded. They saw the Christ child as Joseph and Mary "brought Him in after the custom of the law." Luke 2, 25-38.

"I can not see that it does me any particular good to go to church," says someone. Maybe you can't, but go anyway for there are promises connected with diligent churchgoing. "Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it."

"Yes, but I have not experienced any blessings." Neither did Simeon and Anna experience the joy of seeing the Christ child the first time nor even, perhaps, the hundredth time, yet they believed and waited and kept on going. Anna was 84 years old when her eyes beheld the promised one. Would you say that your churchgoing had been in vain if you go, go, go, and go again till you are old before you can joyously exclaim with Andrew, "I have found Jesus"?

Dear reader, seek the blessing promised the diligent hearer of God's Word and in God's chosen hour your seeking shall be rewarded. You shall be given to see

with the eye of faith not only the virgin born child, Jesus, but the crucified and resurrected Savior of the world who has washed away your sins with His blood and who is gone to prepare a place for you in the heavenly mansions. Then you will be able to say: now let thy servant depart in peace at any time, at any place and in any manner, for mine eyes have seen thy salvation.

But I warn you earnestly, dear reader, let not the devil entice you to stay away from church on the very day perhaps that the Lord had planned to work His miracle of grace in you. It is not the Spirit that was in Simeon that moves anyone to stay away from church.

JERICO CONGREGATION 1929

Receipts for Current Expenses

Nels Anderson, Andrew Robinson, A. W. Ole-son, A. J. Knutson, L. S. Roberson, John Roberson, S. S. Roberson, Nels Nelson, each	\$ 25.00
E. E. Nystel, Fred Amman, Ole J. Knutson, Ole Iverson, Andrew Ellingson, Charley Johnson, Jim Anderson, Jack Johnson, Rob. Robinson, Louie Aasen, O. A. Anderson, J. S. Knutson, each	20.00
Louie Robinson	17.50
John Robinson, A. N. Anderson, Knute Roberson, Knute Knutson, Hans Braham, Chris Roberson, Ole Fossen, Ole Ellingson, Elling Ellingson, each	16.50
Otto Dahlen, Carl Dahlen, each	16.00
T. W. Munson, Ole Overboe, Andrew Foss, each	15.00
Severt Fossen, Ole A. Anderson, John A. Anderson, Carl J. Slindee, Alfred N. Anderson, Jeff. A. Knutson, Mark Robinson, each	12.00
Ole O. Johnson	11.50
Carl O. Knutson, Ole J. Johnson, Carl Landsverk, Joe Johnson, Ole C. Johnson, O. J. Anderson, S. O. Johnson, Henry A. Knutson, T. O. Knutson, Alva Knutson, Oscar Vigdal, Alfred A. Knutson, Ole A. Anderson, Geo. Anderson, Halvor Nelson, Adolph Munson, Sever Roberson, Olaf Roberson, Oscar Firkenstad, John O. Knutson, Carl A. Knutson, each	11.00
Hans Anderson, Albert Haugen, Martin Dahlen, each	10.00
Louie Johnson (1928), Ole T. Thompson (1928), Arthur Cutsforth, Louie Johnson, each	8.50
Arthur Swenson, Rob Knutson, Tom Thompson, each	7.50
Christ Christenson, Ole K. Olson, each	7.00
Ole Johnson Teigen	6.50
Arnold H. Kneif, Andrew J. Johnson, K. C. Johnson, Alvie O. Johnson, each	6.00
Louie Douglas	5.50
Carl Ellingson, Ed Foss, Alvie Iverson, Elmer Foss, Jeff O. Knutson, Elmer Anderson, Tom Roberson, Alvin J. Johnson, Carl G. Johnson, Ole T. Johnson, Alfred T. Johnson, John T. Johnson, Ingval Knutson, Ole Johnson Lax, Henry O. Knutson, Alfred A.	

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Gunder Olson	3.00
Alfred Munson	2.00

For Parsonage Building Fund

Ole O. Thompson, Louie Johnson, each.....\$	1.50
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For Saturday School Fund

Jack Johnson, Ole Fossen, Ole O. Johnson, Ole C. Johnson, Andrew Foss, K. C. Johnson, Andrew J. Johnson, Alve Johnson, Carl J. Johnson, Jim Anderson, each.....\$	1.00
Ole Knutson, Joe Johnson, each.....	1.50
Charles Johnson, Erick Nystel, John S. Roberson, Carl O. Knutson, Ole Iverson, Fred Amman, Ole Ellingson, each.....	2.00
S. S. Roberson, L. S. Roberson, each.....	5.00
Nels Nelson	3.00
Other two districts — no list of names at hand	65.00
Offerings to Missions, etc.....	306.02
Collections for Lærerlønss- og Synodekassen...	150.50

Disbursements

Farmers Lumber Co.	\$ 28.30
Second National Bank	815.00
Zack Kapler, merchandise	1.45
R. H. Macfarland, insurance.....	121.00
W. H. Walters, organ repairs.....	8.00
Halvor Nelson, labor on lights.....	1.25
Ole K. Olson, wood	16.00
To Nels Ellingson, joint treasurer.....	133.00
J. Lauck, windows, screens, hardware, etc....	82.56
Hughes & David, coal.....	27.80
J. O. Knutson, hauling coal.....	5.30
H. J. Sperley, labor.....	9.30
Altar wine	19.22
J. A. Knutson, stamps and envelopes.....	2.00
Calmar Mfg. Co., window sash.....	3.00
Light plant at parsonage.....	250.00
H. H. Braham, janitor.....	110.00
Mrs. M. A. Robinson, organist.....	50.00
Pastor's salary	750.00
For Saturday school	106.00

The officers of the congregation will be pleased to answer questions that may be asked regarding this financial report and to explain any item of expense to anyone who does not clearly understand the reason for the expense. The officers, the editor, and the printer will cheerfully acknowledge and correct errors they may have committed in this report, if called to their attention.

J. A. ROBINSON, Treasurer.

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