

The Assistant Pastor

October, 1936

An October Reflection

Nature is going into winter sleep. The foliage of trees and shrubs is turning. The life-sap is ceasing to flow into every branch, twig, and leaf. The perennial plants and grasses are drooping and so are the annuals. Soon all will be buried under snow.

But what have they all been doing while in their vigor and before the chill of autumn overtook them? They have prepared for a glorious resurrection, an awakening to life when the warmth of the May sun will call them forth from winter death and grave. The trees and shrubs have made ready their buds, the peony f. x. has made preparations for its new crown of beauty; seeds have made ready their germ which will hear the call of spring. In short, all nature has lived its life during the season now closing in preparation for death and the life to come. If for any cause a tree, a shrub, a plant has failed to do this, it will stand a dead skeleton in spite of refreshing rains and a warm sun when its surroundings spring into glistening verdure at the spring awakening.

What a lesson to us all! Our lives here on earth are at best but as a short season, "even as a vapor that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away"; we are like grass which groweth up, "in the morning it flourisheth and groweth up, in the evening it is cut down and withereth." But, O marvel of grace, through Christ Jesus the Redeemer, our winter, too (death) is followed by spring, an awakening from the grave, a resurrection to an eternal day of life and happiness for all who have in life prepared for death. All who have absorbed the life-giving rays of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and hold to its promises in faith possess, securely locked in their hearts, that life-germ that will leap into perfect life and joy in heaven when the heart ceases to beat.

They who draw the shade of unbelief and shut out the light and warmth of the Word of God, and who live to eat, drink and be merry in the satisfying of their temporal desires, and who rejoice in possessing the abundant life, have sown the seeds of eternal death and darkness where there is "weeping

O friends, live to die that you may die to live!

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Church Directory

H. M. Tjernagel, Pastor

SAUDE CONGREGATION

Trustees: Chris Treider, John Borlaug, E. Firkingstad.
Treasurer: Oscar Natvig.
Secretary: Ole N. Anderson.
Cemetery Committee: Martin Borlaug, Chris Treider, Mrs. Andrina Munson, Mrs. C. O. Natvig, Miss J. Ellingson.
Ladies' Aid: Mrs. Omar Miller, president; Mrs. Chris. Treider, secretary; Miss Martha Munson, treasurer.

JERICO CONGREGATION

Trustees: Geo. N. Anderson, Ole J. Johnson, J. A. Knutson.
Secretary: A. N. Anderson.
Treasurer: J. A. Robinson.
Ladies' Aid: Mrs. A. N. Anderson, president; Mrs. Carl Roberson, secretary; Mrs. Henry Robinson, treasurer.

Standing Services

JERICO

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

SAUDE

Second Sunday, bilingual service, Oct.-April, 10:45 a. m.
Fourth Sunday, English, October-April, 10:45 a. m.
Saturday School, 2 p. m.
Confirmation class, Fridays, 9:30 a. m.
Fifth Sunday by special announcement.

Coral Rae, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gilman Robinson, was born September 3rd and baptized September 20th. Sponsors were: Mr. and Mrs. Olaf Knutson and Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Knutson.

This year was no exception. The Saturday School children came with lessons learned for the opening day of school. The assistant teacher this year is Bertha C. Tjernagel, an experienced parochial school teacher.

Besides Jerico and Saude, we also have a class in New Hampton this year. Will the city children do as well as the country children, or will they do better? We will see what we see in due time.

Five are enrolled as confirmands at Saude, eight at Jerico, and two in New Hampton. Will all learn their lessons well? Will all attend regularly and earnestly seek to learn well the way to salvation? Will the good seed, the Word of God, take roots in the hearts of our confirmands and bear fruit? God grant that it may.

Our Bethany College at Mankato has a larger attendance this year than ever before.

The Saude Aid filled Mrs. Andrew Vaala's spacious home to overflowing on Thursday, August 27th. September 17th the same Aid was entertained by Mrs. Carl Natvig and Mrs. Iver Natvig at the former's home. On both occasions the hostesses were charming and efficient, and the guests were as smiling and pleasant as the weather.

As has been stated before, you can set your clock by the Jerico Aid. It was entertained by Mrs. Arthur Cutsforth September 2nd and two weeks later by Mrs. Andrew Foss and two weeks after that by Mrs. Carl Landsverk. The two first meetings were held in the church basement, and the last in the Landsverk mansion. At this meeting the regular annual business of the Aid was transacted. The new officers elected are: Mrs. Alfred N. Anderson, Mrs. Henry Robinson, and Mrs. Carl Roberson; president, treasurer, and secretary respectively. The new auditors are Mrs. T. W. Munson and Mrs. Alva Knutson. Mrs. O. N. Firkenstad was continued in charge of the cemetery funds. The retiring officers were handed a well merited bouquet of words of appreciation for work well done.

Rather than go to the expense of trying to make the basement furnace deliver heat efficiently, the joint Board of Trustees have installed an oil burning parlor-furnace in the parsonage which can be exchanged for a coal circulating-heater if it does not function according to specifications.

A One-Day Conference was entertained at the parsonage on Tuesday, September 22nd. By one-day conference is meant a semi-social event among the pastors' families. On such occasions the pastors usually get together to discuss some doctrinal question, while the wives and children enjoy themselves in their way. The guests were Rev. and Mrs. Brauer of Osage, Rev. and Mrs. Lekband of Riceville, Rev. and Mrs. Freese of Readlyn, Rev. and Mrs. Wunderlich of Fredericksburg, the Revs. Klatt and Runge and wives of Sumner, Rev. Beckmann and wife of Denver, Rev. and Mrs. Eichelberg of Waverly, and Rev. Preus of Calmar. I am unable to name the children though they were an important part of the gathering. The pastors assembled in the cabin to hear and discuss the essay on **Unity, Union, and Unionism** as printed in our '36 Convention Report. The good wives assembled a very fine dinner out of baskets brought along from the respective homes.

The revarnishing of pews and all wood-work in the Saude Church is completed. The church is now nothing short of beautiful both inside and outside. It can truly be said that no residence in the community is in better repair or more attractive than our house of God. It is too bad if all members, young and all, do not come to public worship regularly and enjoy the beauty of the church and profit by the Word of Life preached there. As you love your soul, do not stay away from public worship in your church without a reason that your Savior will acknowledge as valid.

The four hundred people who gathered in the Jerico Church Monday evening the 14th of September will not soon forget the Cotton Blossom singers from Piney Woods, Mississippi. Why not? Because they did not hear them sing. The large audience waited and waited but no Cotton Blossoms came. We will not spare postage stamps in our effort to learn the reason why. But there was a "silver lining" even that night. The U & I Club was there and cheered us all with a good cup of coffee and lunch, and the club members went home with a chuckle because of another tidy sum added to their treasury.

The cemetery fence is repainted too. And is it pretty! And the cemetery itself, the green grass again as a clean, fresh covering over the graves of our departed ones, is beautiful. Truly, our church and church yard is the prettiest spot in our entire community. And that is as it should be. Is it the dearest place too?

Surely all are happy and, perhaps, a little proud, as we look at our church home. But let us not now sit down and fold our hands in inactivity and self-satisfaction. Let us realize with heartfelt gratitude that all is a gift of God. How easily might not He have twisted our beautiful oak trees into misshapen wrecks, scattered our church building in bits over the countryside and left our cemetery a sad place to behold.

THE LENTEN OFFERING

Jerico

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Anderson, Cletus, Edith, Palmer, and Calvin, Mr. and Mrs. Ole J. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Louie Douglas, Mrs. Carrie Dahlen, John, Iola, and Carlton, Mr. and Mrs. Ole Ellingson, Alvie, and Irwin, Elling, Carl, and Bessie Ellingson, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Haugen, Ambrose and Arley, Mr. and Mrs. Ole Iverson, Mr. and Mrs. Alvie Iverson, Mr. and Mrs. Carl G. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Ole J. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Sever Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Johnson, Johnny Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Alvie O. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Henry O. Knutson and Harvey, Ingvald Knutson, Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Knutson, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff A. Knutson and Corrine, Mr. and Mrs. Alva O. Knutson, Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Knutson, Mr. and Mrs. Rob. Knutson, and Edwin, Mr. and Mrs. Carl O. Knutson, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Landsverk, Spencer and Fern, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Munson, Henry and Paul, Mr. and Mrs. Will Mettner, Stanley and Harvey Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. Ole K. Olson, Lawrence Olson, James and Sibyl Roberson, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Roberson, Orville, Janice, and Joann Roberson, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Roberson, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Thompson and Edwin, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Tjernagel, Eva Mae and Lowell Vigdal, each 50c.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Anderson, Mrs. Rose Dahlen and Agnes, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dahlen, Mr. and Mrs. Sever Fossen, Kenneth and Harold, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Johnson and Alvie, Carlton, Paul, Stella, and Orla Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Knutson, Arlene Knutson, Mr. and Mrs. Olaf Knutson, Melvin Olson, Clara Olson, Mr. and Mrs. Lewie Paulson, Mr. and Mrs. Ronnfeldt, each 25c.

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Mr. and Mrs. Otto Dahlen, Calvin and Paul Johnson, Allen and Richard Knutson, each 15c.

L. A. Aasen family, \$2.00; Martin Dahlen family, \$1.00; Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Robinson, \$5.00; Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Roberson, \$5.00; Chris Roberson, \$2.00; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Swenson, 35c; Marolyn Swenson, 5c; Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Robinson, \$1.50.

Saude

Mrs. Anna Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Ole N. Anderson, Arthur Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. M. Boleng, Mrs. Nels Borlaug, Oscar Borlaug, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ellingson, Mr. and Mrs. E. Firkingstad, Mr. and Mrs. R. Hagen, Alfred, Halvor, and Belle Larson, Mrs. Caroline Vigdal, Mrs. Hannah Vaala, John Leifson, Mrs. Andrine and Martha Munson, Mrs. Inger Natvig, Carrie and Louie Natvig, Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Natvig, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Natvig and Adelia and Juel, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Natvig, Kenneth and Ann Marie, Carl Swennumson, H. M. Tjernagel, Helga, Bertha J., Borghild and Elna, Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Vaala, each \$1.00.

Nels, John, Orin, and Ruth Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Borlaug, Palma and Charlotte, Mr. and Mrs. John Borlaug, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Borlaug, Alice Ethel and Carmen, Iver Ellingson, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Miller, Pearl Natvig, Mr. and Mrs. Nelvin Hereid, Mr. and Mrs. John Natvig, Odell and Godfrey, Mr. and Mrs. Ole Natvig, Pearl Paulson, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Reinhart, Beulah Swennumson, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Treider and Gunhilda, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Vaala, Irene, Gertrude, Gregory, Ethel Mae, and Adelaide, Mr. and Mrs. Alf Vaala, each 50c.

June Anderson, Harold and Anna Borlaug, each 10c.

Philip Lee Boleng, Hilda Hanson, Mr. and Mrs. Omar Miller, Nels Paulson, each 30c.

Ned Borlaug family, \$1.00; Thomas Borlaug family, \$2.00; Lars Tjernagel family, \$1.00.

Mrs. E. Ellingson and Johanna, each 70c.

Mr. and Mrs. Nels Ellingson, Eleanor, Omer, and Arlene, Mrs. Otto Hanson, Sylvia Natvig, each 25c.

Carmen, Gale, and Marlo Miller, David and Paul Swennumson, each 40c.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Swennumson, \$3.00; Bertha C. Tjernagel, \$1.25; G. G. Vaala, \$5.00; Carrie Vaala, \$5.00; Reinhold Dohrmann, \$2.00; Doris Ellingson, 14c.

One hundred and thirty-seven Lenten offering envelopes were distributed in the Saude congregation. Forty-two of them (30 + %) did not return with an offering. In the Jerico congregation three hundred and fourteen were distributed. One hundred and thirty-eight (44 — %) brought no offering.

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