

The Assistant Pastor

January, 1937

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Time in its flight has reached 1937 and without stopping even for a moment is speeding onward reeling off hour after hour, day after day. What will the new year leave in its wake? What will it add to the history of the world? How will our country fare? And our church? What is in store for you and me?

Can anyone remove the question marks clustered about the new year? Can any human mind or eye peer into the future and disclose its secrets? No one can.

Must we then enter the new year with fear and trembling to tread the unknown in darkness? The answer is a strong, firm "NO." "Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."

Furthermore, there are legions of angels "that excel in strength" and "that do His commandments." They are "ministering spirits sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation." As surely as you are a penitent sinner seeking forgiveness through Christ Jesus, you are an heir of salvation.

Friends, old and young, rich and poor, sick and well, it is eternally true that "all things work together for good to them that love God." Every penitent sinner who believes in Jesus Christ, loves God, and has the right to appropriate to himself all the comfort, confidence, and assurance offered in the above quoted words.

Our wish for the new year is that all our readers may "seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness" and as a result receive nothing but true blessings for time, and blessedness throughout eternity.

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Church Directory

H. M. Tjernagel, Pastor

SAUDE CONGREGATION

Trustees: Chris Treider, John Borlaug, E. Firkingsstad.
Treasurer: Oscar Natvig.
Secretary: Ole N. Anderson.
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Ladies' Aid: Mrs. Omar Miller, president; Mrs. Chris. Treider, secretary; Miss Martha Munson, treasurer.

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Trustees: Geo. N. Anderson, Ole C. Johnson, J. A. Knutson.
Secretary: A. N. Anderson.
Treasurer: J. A. Robinson.
Ladies' Aid: Mrs. A. N. Anderson, president; Mrs. Herman Ronnfeldt, 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.

The Jerico Aid was entertained by Mrs. Sever Fossen on the last day of the old year. Rev. Tjernagel, Jr., substituted for his father in conducting the devotional exercises.

The Jerico Y. P. S. gathered in the church parlors on New Year's Eve to see the old year out and the new year in. The greater part of the evening was spent at the tables enjoying oyster stews, cake, coffee, etc., etc., prepared by the mothers of the retiring officers of the society. At intervals during the protracted lunch hour, a song, a reading, and a piano number were given by a quartette of boys, Bernice Dahlen and Helga Tjernagel, respectively. During Scripture reading and prayer the old year ticked off its last minutes and, bowed in prayer, led by the pastor, we entered 1937 in Jesus' name. God grant us all grace "to live, and move, and have our being" in Him.

The Saude Saturday School spent a pleasant afternoon at the parsonage December 26th. Besides the children, the parents and some brothers and sisters and one grandmother were present. The children sang Christmas songs and recited pieces in praise and thanks for the Savior given us. The parents served lunch and holiday goodies.

The holiday season just past will be remembered for its very pleasant weather, the perfectly good roads, the large attendance at services, the good general health, and the many blessings enjoyed in the several homes. We sincerely hope the Christmas Message is retained in the hearts of all as a source of constant joy.

During the year 1936

Baptisms	Saude	3	Jerico	11
Confirmed	Saude	0	Jerico	10
Marriages	Saude	1	Jerico	1
Burials	Saude	2	Jerico	5
Communed	Saude	177	Jerico	249

1936 Contributions to Synod and Teacher's Salary Funds

Jerico

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Anderson, Geraldine Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Carl A. Knutson, Spencer Landsverk, Fern Landsverk, James Roberson, Sibyl Roberson, Paul Munson, Mrs. Belle Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Roberson, Orville Roberson, Omar Roberson, Norman Roberson, Harvey Roberson, each \$1.00.

Cletus Anderson, Palmer Anderson, Delores Iverson, Odell Iverson, each 25 cents.

Edith Anderson, Ronald Anderson, Allen Knutson, Richard Knutson, Betty Lou Knutson, Hazel Roberson, Donna Mae Roberson, Janice Roberson, Joan Roberson, Pearl Roberson, Roy Roberson, Eva Mae Vigdal, Lowell Vigdal, each 50 cents.

Calvin Anderson, Velora Cutsforth, Nels Knutson, each 15 cents.

Nels Anderson, \$5.00; Mr. and Mrs. Mark Robinson, \$5.00.

Andrew Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. C. Cutsforth, Mr. and Mrs. Ole Iverson, Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Knutson, Mr. and Mrs. Alva Knutson, John S. Knutson, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Munson, Mr. and Mrs. Ole Overboe, Milton Robinson, S. S. Roberson, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Vigdal, Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Roberson, each \$2.50.

Evelyn Anderson, 55 cents; Elmer Anderson, 16 cents; Jimmy Anderson, 60 cents.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Amman, \$2.75.

Geo. Braham, Elling, Carl and Bessie Ellingson, Lena Iverson, Arlene Knutson, each \$1.50.

Marilyn Cutsforth, Joyce Iverson, each 20c.

Mrs. Mae Fossen, Mr. and Mrs. Sever Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Alvie Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Olaf Roberson, Loyd Roberson, Carl O. Knutson family, each \$2.00.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvie Iverson, \$1.05; Donna Mae Johnson, 8 cents. Mr. and Mrs. Carl G. Johnson, \$1.75; Cletus Johnson, 35 cents.

Martha Knutson, Ann Loraine Roberson, each 10 cents; Harvey Knutson 95 cents.

Albert J. Knutson, \$6.00; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Landsverk, \$3.00; Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Robinson, \$3.00; Ole Ellingson family, \$3.00; Ole J. Johnson family, \$5.00; Jeff A. Knutson family, \$5.00; J. N. Anderson family, \$4.25; L. A. Aasen family, \$5.00; O. N. Firkenstad family, \$4.00; Knute Roberson, \$10.00; Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Roberson, \$10.00; Chris Roberson, \$10.00; Mr. and Mrs. John S. Roberson, \$4.50.

Saude

Mrs. Anna Anderson, \$1.50; Mr. and Mrs. Ole N. Anderson, \$2.50, Arthur, \$2.00, Nels, \$1.20, John, \$1.00, Orin, 50 cents, Ruth, 50 cents, June 14 cents.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Boleng, \$2.75; Phillip Lee, 30 cents; Mr. and Mrs. H. Borlaug, \$2.25, Palma, \$1.05, Charlotte, 90 cents. Mr. and Mrs. John Borlaug, \$2.50, Harold, 50 cents, Anna, 50 cents.

Martin Borlaug family, \$5.00; Ned Borlaug family, \$3.00; Oscar Borlaug, \$2.00.

Mrs. E. Ellingson, \$1.50, Johanna, \$1.00; Mr. and Mrs. H. Ellingson, \$2.50.

Mr. and Mrs. Nels Ellingson, \$2.25, Eleanor, \$1.10, Omer, \$1.10, Arlene, \$1.10, Doris, \$1.10.

Mr. and Mrs. Firkingsstad, \$2.50; Mr. and Mrs. R. Hagen, \$2.00.

Mrs. O. Hanson, \$2.50, Hilda, \$1.50; Mrs. Johanna Hoffland, \$1.00.

Alfred Larson, \$1.00, Halvor, \$1.35, Belle, 90 cents; Carmen Miller, 40 cents.

Mrs. Andrina Munson, \$2.50, Martha, \$2.50; Mrs. Inger Natvig, \$1.00; Pearl Natvig, \$1.00; Carrie Natvig, \$3.00; Louie Natvig, \$3.00.

Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Natvig, \$2.00, Carlyle, \$1.50, Ledru, \$1.50, Orlo, \$1.00.

Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Natvig, \$3.25; Mr. and Mrs. Nelvin Hereid, \$2.50.

Doris Natvig, 50 cents, Wayne, 35 cents, Lyle, 9 cents.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Natvig, \$2.50, Adelia, \$1.60, Juel, \$1.60.

Mr. and Mrs. Iver Natvig, \$1.50, Sylvia, 85 cents.

Mr. and Mrs. John Natvig, \$2.00, Odell, \$1.05, Godfrey, 80 cents.

Mr. and Mrs. Julian Natvig, \$1.00; Mr. and Mrs. Ole Natvig, \$2.00, Gertrude, \$2.50.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Natvig, \$2.50, Kenneth, \$1.50, Ann Marie, 50 cents.

Nels Paulson, \$1.50, Pearl, \$1.60; Mr. and Mrs. H. Reinhart, \$1.75.

Carl Swennumson, \$2.50; Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Swennumson, \$3.25, Beulah Ruth, 94 cents, David, 71 cents, Paul, 67 cents.

Bertha C. Tjernagel, \$2.50, H. M., \$2.00, Helga, \$1.00; Bertha J., \$1.00, Borghild, \$1.00.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Vaala family, \$5.00; G. G. Vaala, \$21.00, L. G. \$12.00, Carrie, \$20.00; Mr. and Mrs. T. G., \$7.90; Mrs. Hanna Vaala family, \$2.00.

Mrs. Caroline Vigdal, \$1.50; John Leifson, \$2.50.

The above amounts have been received by the pastor through the small envelopes distributed in January, 1936, and by him remitted to our Synod Treasurer. As we study the financial reports of the congregations and such reports as the above, we cannot be unmindful of the fact that many of our members contribute regularly and, we believe, joyfully to the work of our church and that the totals at the end of the year are quite considerable. This is encouraging. But there is a discouraging feature, too. Many do not contribute. Why is that? Is it lack of interest and outright unwillingness? Is it forgetfulness or is it inability? We will not try to answer the questions. However, we do ask those concerned to think the matter over seriously. Perhaps they will find a way to do better this present year. Remember in this connection what God Himself says, 2 Cor. 9:6: "He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully."

The envelopes for 1937 will be distributed soon. An envelope for each month of the year excepting March, June, and November will be sent to every member, young and old. For the three months named above, special envelopes will be distributed for Lenten, Convention, and Thanksgiving offerings, respectively, each in due time.

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We believe parents should seek to interest their children in giving to the work of the church. It is useful training that they be made to feel responsibility towards the support of their church. That each has his or her envelope and is encouraged to place coins in them even though the coins come from Dad's pocketbook, is a training that should not be neglected. We are not prescribing in this matter, merely suggesting. Whatever plan or method you follow, do not forget this: "Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old he will not depart from it" (Prov. 22:6). Finally, we feel it a duty to again remind all of the clear, direct command of God: "Give as the Lord has prospered you." Whether you give to a certain cause once every month or once every twelve months, is not important; let your circumstances and convenience decide that. But it is exceedingly important for your own spiritual welfare that you obey your God and give "as the Lord has prospered you."

"More than 1,200 business men crowded into the ballroom of the La Salle Hotel, Chicago, at noon to hear Dr. E. Stanley Jones of India." Thus reads a report of the religious editor of the Chicago Tribune. The occasion was the new effort made by the Federal Council of Churches in Christ of America to awaken a more thorough sense of religion among the Protestants of America. Dr. Jones was introduced as "the world Protestantism's greatest leader." He spoke of "an entirely new way of thinking that has developed throughout the world and has put religion on the defensive for the first time in the modern era. This new 'intellectual climate,' he said, 'has put everything under scrutiny. No longer,' he declared, 'do people ask 'what is written in the books of traditionalism, but rather under modern science's influence, 'what is true?'"

"Today in America religion is at the judgment bar," said Dr. Jones. "We are in the process of facing changes. We have three choices. These changes will take place under communism or under Fascism or under the Kingdom of God on earth. The question is, can religion provide a goal, and power to move toward that goal?"

We would not trouble our readers with this new "stream-lined" evangelism, as it has been called by its promoters, were it not that even a Lutheran preacher from some other synod than ours has participated in this evangelistic campaign. Lutherans today, it seems, are not immune to the poison of modern worship of the idol "science," and need constantly to be reminded that a religion built upon the findings of science or at least kowtowing to it, is a broken reed in the hand of him who would lean on it for help and comfort in these unsettled times.

It is an admission of the total breakdown which has come upon the sectarian churches, a confession of extreme spiritual poverty, that these churches are now trying to interest the masses in their pet schemes to improve the state of society. They still have the word "Gospel," but have lost the real meaning of the term, because they have cast aside the teaching of the salvation from sin wrought by our Lord Jesus Christ.—Z. in Northwestern Lutheran.

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