

The Assistant Pastor

September 1938

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A school that recognizes spiritual welfare more vital than temporal well-being;

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If you wish detailed information regarding requirements for admission, courses of instruction, etc., call on your pastor or write Dr. S. C. Ylvisaker, Bethany Campus, Mankato, Minn.

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Church Directory

H. A. Tjernagel, Pastor

SAUDE CONGREGATION

Trustees: Chris Treider, Ned Borlaug, E. Firkingstad.
Treasurer: Nels Ellingson.
Secretary: G. G. Vaala.

Cemetery Committee: Martin Borlaug, Chris Treider, Mrs. Andrina Munson, Mrs. C. O. Natvig, Miss J. Ellingson.
Ladies' Aid: Mrs. T. G. Vaala, president; Mrs. Elmer Natvig, secretary; Adelia Natvig, treasurer.

JERICO CONGREGATION

Trustees: Geo. N. Anderson, Ole C. Johnson, Olaf Roberson.
Secretary: A. N. Anderson.
Treasurer: J. A. Robinson.
Ladies' Aid: Mrs. Alve O. Knutson, president; Mrs. Olaf Knutson, secretary; Mrs. H. A. Knutson, treasurer.

Standing Services

JERICO

First Sunday, Norwegian, May-September, 10:00 a. m.
Third Sunday, English, May-September, 10:00 a. m.
Saturday School every Saturday, 10:00 a. m.
Confirmation class, Fridays, 2:00 p. m.

SAUDE

Second Sunday, bilingual service, May-September, 10:00 a. m.
Fourth Sunday, English, May-September, 10:00 a. m.
Saturday School, 2:00 p. m.
Confirmation class, Fridays, 9:30 a. m.
Fifth Sunday by special announcement.

The Assistant Pastor enters your home again after a vacation of three months. We sincerely hope he is welcome, and that you will take time to listen to what he has to say.

Confirmation classes will be registered September 2nd. Ten o'clock a. m. at Saude, two o'clock p. m. at Jerico.

Saturday Schools open September 3rd. At Jerico 10 a. m., at Saude, 1:30 p. m., at New Hampton, 2 o'clock p. m.

Sandra Joanne, born April 23rd, was baptized May 29th. Parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Swenson. Sponsors, Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Roberson, and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Halvorson.

Dale Lavern, born May 25th, was baptized June 19th. Parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Roberson. Sponsors, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Roberson, and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Miller.

Alton Gene, born June 24th, was baptized July 17th. Parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Anderson. Sponsors, Mr. and Mrs. Ole N. Anderson, Geraldine Anderson, and John Attleson.

Norma Jean, born June 17th, was baptized July 3rd. Parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Johnson. Sponsors, Mr. and Mrs. Alert Johnson, and Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Johnson.

The Saude Aid was entertained at the parsonage on May 26th. Mrs. Otto Hanson was hostess to the same Aid June 17th. Miss Carrie Natvig and Mrs. Hannah Vaala entertained the Saude Aid at the latter's home on July 14th.

The Jerico Aid has also met regularly during the months that city people call vacation months.

Mrs. Sever Johnson entertained at her home June 8th.

Mrs. Joe Johnson entertained in the Church Parlor June 23rd.

Mrs. L. S. Roberson entertained at her home July 7th.

Mrs. Gilman Robinson entertained in the Church Parlor July 20th.

Mrs. Ole Ellingson entertained in the Church Parlor August 3rd.

Mrs. O. N. Firkenstad entertained in the Church Parlor August 17th.

Services have been held regularly during the so-called vacation months, except on Sunday, the 12th of June, which was Convention Sunday, and on Sunday the 26th of June when the pastor spoke at the Young People's Convention in Albert Lea. Afternoon and evening services have been held to make up for these absences. August the 21st at Jerico and August the 28th at Saude, the services were cancelled because the pastor was in Northern Minnesota, at Crookston, Fertile, and Bygland, to preach at mission festivals.

Sunday, the 7th of August, your pastor preached at Calmar, 2:30 in the afternoon, and in the evening of the same day he spoke at a young people's gathering in Rev. J. B. Unseth's charge near Waterville. He also filled Rev. Preus' pulpit at Calmar the afternoon of August 14th. Rev. Preus is not robust and was given a needed rest of four weeks.

OBITUARIES

Since our June issue, three deaths have occurred. Obituaries follow.

John Martin Borlaug, a son of Ole O. Borlaug and wife Solveig, was born February 6th, 1869, at the old Borlaug homestead. He was baptized and confirmed by the Rev. John T. Moses.

June 8th, 1889, he was united in marriage to Marie Offerdal. The union was blessed with two children, Selma and Nickolai. The family continued living at the old homestead with Mr. Borlaug's widowed mother.

August 23, 1893, the wife and mother died. In 1906 the daughter Selma died. April 4th, 1915, the grandmother died. A few months later Nickolai died. Thus John was left alone. He now moved to Calmar where he remained until 1920 when he returned to Saude to live with and care for his deceased wife's aged parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nils Offerdal, until their death.

October 11, 1927, Mr. Borlaug was united in marriage to Clara Johnson. To this union a son, Herald, and a daughter, Anna, were born. A

daughter of Mrs. Borlaug, Charlotte, was very dear to her stepfather.

Besides the immediate family just named, the deceased is mourned by a brother, Thomas, and a sister, Anna, Mrs. Ole Natvig, also many nephews and nieces and grand nephews and nieces.

Since Thanksgiving Day, 1936, Mr. Borlaug gradually failed in health. All his steps since then led one way. At no time did he regain lost ground, but continued slowly, steadily towards the goal which has now been reached, death. And he was all the time fully aware of whereto his ever shortening and more tottering steps led. His wife and stepdaughter were untiring in their constant care of him. June 18th he died quietly. Funeral services and interment took place the 21st.

Mr. Borlaug's place in church was seldom vacant.

John S. Knutson was born in the Jerico community May 28, 1874, a son of Sever and Anna Knutson. He was baptized and confirmed by Rev. John T. Moses.

May 17, 1898, he was married to Mary Anderson. The union was not blessed with children. Mrs. Knutson passed away April 18, 1932.

He leaves five sisters to mourn a good and kind big brother's passing, namely, Mrs. Tom Thompson, Mrs. George Clynch, Mrs. Halvor Ronnei, and Mrs. Ellen Anderson of the home community, and Mrs. Bertha Fauberg of Forrestburg, South Dakota, also one brother, Rob. Knutson of Jerico. Three brothers and two sisters preceded him in death.

Mr. Knutson died suddenly July 26, following an operation at Rochester, Minn. He was interred in the Jerico cemetery the 28th.

"Sjur John's" large form, his kindly and sympathetic disposition, his good judgment and counsel will be missed in church and community.

Ole Paulson was born in Sogn, Norway, March 14, 1865. When four years old his parents, Paul and Carrie Olson, brought him to this country. In 1886 he was united in marriage to Larsina Olson who died 17 years ago. He spent the greater part of his life in the Jerico community. Nine years ago he went to Madison, Wis., to make his home with his daughter Bertha.

He died at the Madison General Hospital July 27th and was interred in the Jerico cemetery the 29th. He was preceded in death by three children. The following children survive him: Paul of Viroqua, Wis.; Willie of Soldiers Grove, Wis., Ole and Louie of Jerico, Mrs. Albert Offerdal of Ferryville, Wis., Mrs. Ivan Abbey of Readstown, Wis., Mrs. Delbert Bender and Mrs. Hans Dybevik of Madison, Wis., also 26 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

August 24th, 1913, there was a wedding festival at the Mr. and Mrs. Ole O. Vaala home. The marriage of two daughters, Clara and Inger, was celebrated. The bridegrooms were Henry Borlaug and Nels Ellingson. The regular pastor, M. K. Bleken, was absent on a trip to Europe. For that reason the Rev. I. B. Torrison officiated. The grooms as

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well as the brides were natives of Saude. Henry Borlaug had chosen Clara and Nels Ellingson had won Inger. Both couples settled down to the business of farming in the home community and have weathered all handicaps successfully to date.

August 24th, 1938, a joint Silver Wedding Anniversary was celebrated at the Nels Ellingson home. At noon, an excellent dinner was assembled out of baskets brought by relatives and friends who had come to celebrate with them. Before the dinner was served the pastor led in appropriate devotional exercises.

Since the wedding day the parents of the brides and fathers of the grooms have gone to their reward. The good mothers of the grooms were present at the silver anniversary. Both couples have been blessed with children. Eleanore, Omer, Arlene (Mrs. Odell Natvig), and Doris are the pride and joy of Mr. and Mrs. Ellingson; their grandchild, Dennis Natvig, easily carries off the blue ribbon wherever shown, so says grandpa Nels. Mr. and Mrs. Borlaug have reared a son, Norman, who is soon a full-fledged forest ranger; Palma, a successful school teacher; and Charlotte whom any parent might well be proud of. Both families are not only substantial members of our community, but also active members of our Saude congregation.

A brother and six sisters of the two brides were present to celebrate the day. Mr. Ellingson could rejoice over the presence of his mother, his three brothers, and his four sisters, the latter were drawn by the occasion from different states. Mr. Borlaug's mother, sister, and two brothers, and, not least, a daughter-in-law, were present at the festivities. Other relatives present of the Vaala, Ellingson and Borlaug tribes from far and near, are far too numerous to mention.

Towards evening the party was entertained by a short program of singing and talks. Palma, Charlotte, and Sina Borlaug rendered a trio, a little Miss Johnson sang a solo as did also Miss Hendricks from Riceville. The pastor and Alf Vaala spoke briefly. Then followed the serving of supper which the baskets, before mentioned, yielded. And that marked the close of a very happy and enjoyable occasion.

May God continue to bless the Nels Ellingson and Henry Borlaug families and may they in return not tire of worshipping and serving the giver of all good gifts, the God of their salvation.

During the past fifteen years that the present pastor has been in charge of our congregations, many wedding anniversaries have been celebrated; Golden Weddings as well as Silver Weddings. At every such occasion the pastor has made use of the opportunity to declare that during the 82 years since church work in these parts was begun by the Rev. V. Koren, there is no record of a divorce by members of the Saude-Jerico parish.

We earnestly hope that we may go on from year to year making that same announcement. Will that divorceless record be broken? No, not as long as our boys and girls, our brides and grooms, our husbands and wives say with David: "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."

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