

The Assistant Pastor

January 1939

A New Years Day Wedding Address

You have chosen as your wedding day the first day of a new year. This is not only the first day of a new calendar year; it is also the day on which we Christians commemorate the formal rite of laying the demands of God's Law on our Substitute and Redeemer, and the day on which the first drop of blood was shed for the redemption of the world. We refer to "the circumcising of the Child" whose "name was called JESUS."

Let the coincidence of these two occasions, your marriage and the naming of Jesus, falling on the same date, help you always to remember that "without Me ye can do nothing" and the admonition of Col. 3:17, "All in the name of the Lord Jesus."

All hearts in this assembly of your relatives and friends, dear bride, beat as one in the sincere wish and fond hope that you and the man of your choice may establish and build a Christian home where in life you live together and in death say good-bye to each other in Jesus' name.

Remember this, that there is not on earth a more important institution than the home. It is important because of its influence on parents, children, Church, State, and the world at large. If truly Christian homes abounded in our fair land and in our strife-torn world, prison doors would rust on their hinges, the clatter of armaments would cease and happiness, peace, and plenty would prevail instead of tears, want, and strife.

The founding of the home takes place on the wedding day. This is your wedding day. We, your true well-wishers, want to do something worth while for you today. We know of nothing better we can do for you than to give you the best and only prescription for the founding of a happy home. It is this: "Do all in the name of the Lord Jesus" (Col. 3:17).

He who is not in living communion with Jesus Christ through a living faith, can not, and does not take the preventive, the curative, and the strengthening spiritual medicine he prescribed. Or, in other words, he who does not truly believe in Jesus as his Savior can not meet any part of this admonition. He, however, who does accept Jesus as his personal Savior and in love strives "to do all in the name of the Lord Jesus," does truly and in fact do all "in the name of the Lord Jesus" even though he is not conscious of it, but laments his failure, as he thinks, to do so. Woe to him who thinks he has succeeded in doing all things in the name of the Lord Jesus, while blessed is he who earnestly strives to do so seeking and drawing strength, persistence, and wisdom from the "vine" (John 15:1), Jesus Christ.

Just as the air about us and the earth under our feet contains all the ingredients for the sustenance of all physical life, so that name Jesus, which means Savior, contains all the ingredients for the sustenance of spiritual life and well being when called upon in Scriptural spirit and in truth.

Let, therefore, dear bride and groom, the name Jesus be written, figuratively speaking, in blood on the door post of your home (Ex. 12:7), and love, hope, patience, strength, and all virtues, and happiness will dwell with you. And in due time you shall be transferred to the heavenly Canaan to dwell with God, the Holy Angels, and the saints in eternal joy and happiness. May God grant you this for Christ's sake. Amen.

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Church Directory

H. M. Tjernagel, Pastor

SAUDE CONGREGATION

Trustees: Chris Treider, Ned Borlaug, E. Firkingstad.
Treasurer: Nels Ellingson.
Secretary: G. G. Vaala.
Cemetery Committee: Olis Borlaug, Juel Natvig, Miss Carrie Natvig, Mrs. J. Natvig, Mrs. Otto Hanson.
Ladies' Aid: Mrs. Otto Hanson, president; Mrs. Carl Miller, secretary; Mrs. Oscar Natvig, treasurer.

JERICO CONGREGATION

Trustees: C. Cutsforth, Ole C. Johnson, Olaf Roberson.
Secretary: A. N. Anderson.
Treasurer: J. A. Robinson.
Cemetery Committee: Mrs. Fred Amman, Mrs. L. A. Robinson, Mrs. S. T. Roberson.
Ladies' Aid: Mrs. M. A. Robinson, president; Mrs. K. C. Johnson, secretary; Mrs. Harvey Roberson, treasurer.

Standing Services

JERICO

First Sunday, Norwegian, October-May, 10:30 a. m.
Third Sunday, English, October-May, 10:30 a. m.
Saturday school every Saturday, 10:00 a. m.
Confirmation class, Fridays, 2:00 p. m.

SAUDE

Second Sunday, bilingual service, October-May, 10:45 a. m.
Fourth Sunday, English, October-May, 10:45 a. m.
Saturday school, 2:00 p. m.
Confirmation class, Fridays, 9:30 a. m.
Fifth Sunday by special announcement.

Dale Edward was born November 4th, 1938, and was baptized December 4th. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Cutsforth. His sponsors are Mr. and Mrs. Albert Haugen, Hazel Urness and Thurman Johnson.

Mrs. Ole C. Johnson entertained the Jerico Aid at the church parlor Wednesday December 7th. This meeting elected the necessary committee and authorized the expenditure of sufficient funds for the usual Christmas tree doings.

Mrs. Alvie Johnson entertained the same Aid at the same place January 4th. This meeting heard a report from the Christmas Tree committee. On Christmas Day this committee's efficiency was observed. The report proved that it had coupled economy with efficiency. The Aid and all others concerned appreciate the good work.

And did they have fun! Who? The staid matrons of the Saude Aid. When? At the pre-Christmas party at the parsonage on December 15th. Everyone brought a little of their best seasonable goodies along and that added up to a heavily-laden table from which all helped themselves to a substantial mid-day lunch. After lunch an appropriate devotional exercise was conducted by the pastor. Business relative to the Christmas services was transacted and then came the distribution of presents, or, rather, the hunt for presents. Everyone

found one, but, in their hunt and scramble, they lost their dignity and forgot their age and were just like a noisy bevy of young girls.

Christmas Day was beautiful. The large audience in both churches added much to the joyous festival. Yes, one could worship alone and be happy, yet how delightful it is to worship together with many others. The school children being present in a body and singing of the blessed Savior, added much to the services.

The Christmas holidays come and go, but, dear reader, do not let the Good Tidings cease to resound in your heart and mind when everyday life again sets in after the season of festivities. Let the "Fear not" of the heavenly messenger give courage to carry on joyously through the new year.

A fair number of the Y. P. of the Jerico church and their elders enjoyed the last hours of the old year together in the church parlor. They left the old year and passed into the new with thanks and praise to God for His blessings and with confession of sins and prayer for forgiveness through Jesus Christ our Savior.

A marriage in church is always a big event among us. It is a solemn event and is performed in a way becoming to Christians who acknowledge marriage as a divine institution. It is not an occasion for tittering and giggling as a bride and groom trip up to the altar in traveling garb to be joined as husband and wife by a clergyman who has instructions to "make it short" so that they can make a quick take off and possibly avoid the brewing shower of rice and old shoes.

The evening of January 1st the Saude church was filled with the friends and relatives of the Ole N. Anderson family to witness the marriage of a member of that family, Theodora Anderson, R. N., to George L. Smith, M. D. Just how this one and that one was dressed we are unable to tell you, all we can report is that the bride wore her mother's wedding dress and that the occasion was impressive, becomingly dignified and withal beautiful.

Don't Be a Drone

We have started on a new year. If we live, we know that we shall have expenses to meet. We will need food, clothing; our residence will likely need something in the way of up-keep; replacement as well as purchase of new equipment both inside and out will no doubt have to be made. Every provident man and woman knows this and plans and works with this in view.

If we are to continue in the enjoyment of church life and a church home in the new year must we not do likewise? Or may we expect that to come about of itself or that others will attend to that? No self-respecting adult man or woman will harbor such expectations; surely no one will want to be a parasite or a drone. Let everyone plan and work and contribute "as the Lord has prospered him" with health, abilities, and means, and our church and Synod will prosper. The work thus done in faith and love to our Savior will be light and joyous.

May God of His unmerited grace grant us a happy, prosperous year in Home, Church, and State.

Statistical Report for 1938

	Jerico	Saude
Members	413	167
Baptized	7	1
Confirmed	6	0
Marriages	1	1
Burials	57	2
Norwegian Services	12	8
English Services	18	28
Communed	391	184

Envelope Collections for Synodical Work 1938

	Jerico	Saude
Lenten Offering	\$146.68	\$112.02
Convention Offering ...	115.99	103.40
Thanksgiving Offering..	91.44	89.55
L. S. Offering	160.96	200.33

Expenses: Envelopes and printed
postal cards, \$10.11

We invite anyone who wishes to, to check this report. All envelopes received through the year are on file and held by the respective treasurers of the congregations. Each envelope bears the name of the contributor and the amount which was taken out of each envelope. The records kept of the individual contributions are also in the hands of the treasurers. Sentinel and Tidende for the year will show the amounts received by the Synod treasurer.

While on this subject we will try again to make clear our system of soliciting contributions for synodical purposes.

First, we have the small monthly envelopes. This comes to you together with your copy of the Assistant Pastor. It is very modest in its request. From husband and wife together it asks for 25 cents; from a child up to five years old it asks for 1 cent; from such as are five to ten years old, 5 cents; ten to eighteen years old, 10 cents; eighteen years old and up, 15 cents. This is the way our contributions to the Bethany Teachers' salary and Synod Funds are gathered. We call this our L. and S. collection for short. L. and S. stands for the old Norwegian term "Lærløn og Synodekassen."

In March your parish paper will not bring you a small envelope, but a larger one which will solicit a Lenten offering from you. We will speak more fully of this in our March issue.

In June again a larger envelope will crowd out the regular smaller one. This special offering is called the Convention Offering. Of this, too, we will speak fully when the proper time comes.

In November the Thanksgiving Offering envelope will have the right of way.

The above is intended to give you a general idea of our system of soliciting contributions to our synodical work. Let no one think that synodical work and the support of same is immaterial. No congregation can long endure that does not enjoy the benefits of synodical affiliation and does not take part in synodical work. You will find it to be a fact that members who show a live interest in the church body to which they belong are also the most active in the home congregation. Dollars or cents that are withheld from the work of the Synod

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are seldom found rolling into the treasury of the home congregation. Show us a negligent contributor to synodical work and we will show you a very conservative contributor to the home congregation, and one whose pew is quite often empty.

The following is a summary of the receipts and expenditures of the congregations for the last fiscal year.

Saude Receipts

Interest on Emma Munson legacy.....	\$ 20.00
Interest on Mary Natvig legacy.....	5.50
Interest on Anna G. Vaala legacy.....	15.00
Final dividend from Lawler Bank.....	2.02
Contributions: Ladies' Aid	150.00
" North District	399.00
" Middle District	445.00
" South District	206.00
Loan	185.00

Saude Expenses

Repairs at parsonage	\$ 10.82
Tidende and Sentinel	41.00
Cemetery Committee treasurer	40.50
Pastor's salary, part payment	575.00
Pastor's salary, accumulated back salary...	385.00
Organist: \$30 for 1937, \$40 for 1938.....	70.00
Coal	23.63
Janitor, \$30 for 1937 waived.....	40.00
Vaala & Natvig account	7.97
Loan repaid	185.00

Jerico Receipts

Contributions, District No. 1	\$382.00
Contributions, District No. 2	332.50
Contributions, District No. 3	442.50
Loan	400.00
Refund of insurance	6.00
Dividend 2nd National Bank	93.84

Jerico Expenses

Pastor's salary	\$500.00
Wood	10.00
Janitor, including back pay	140.00
Organist	50.00
Notes and interest	587.02
Coal	69.84
Repairs, parsonage and church	16.83
Light Plant, gas and repairs	18.67
Labor	2.50
Insurance	83.00
Sentinel and Tidende	81.75
Kerosene53

Our treasurers will very gladly allow any member to look over their books. You will give your treasurer a distinct pleasure if you will go to him for explanations or information regarding the items listed above if anything is unclear to you.

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