

The Assistant Pastor

June, 1944

Saude Lutheran School

The first year of the Saude Lutheran School came to a close on May 24. The school picnic was held on the following day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ole N. Anderson.

We opened our school last fall with every imaginable kind of worry about how things would go; but the Lord was kind to us and blessed us with every blessing in the whole undertaking. Our teacher proved to be well qualified for his position (the County Superintendent remarked that he was the best educated teacher in the graded schools of the county); we had more than enough money to conduct the school, the school building generously loaned to us by the township board, though old, proved to be comfortable and warm, we had the active support and assistance of the County Superintendent's office, and the health and discipline of the pupils was excellent.

The Township School Board has kindly consented to grant us the use of the East Saude school for the coming year also. We have secured the services of a teacher, Mr. Armin Keibel, a graduate of Lutheran Theological Seminary, of the Wisconsin Synod, at Thiensville, Wisconsin. Mr. Keibel has had experience in teaching, having taught in Sunday schools and Summer Parochial schools, and also has taught in Lutheran High School, Milwaukee, Wis. He comes highly recommended. Being a Candidate in Theology Mr. Keibel will also assist your pastor in conducting services on Sundays during the school year.

So now, having secured both a school building and a teacher for the coming year, we are beginning to make plans for the future. Our fondest hope is that we may be able to increase the enrollment so that more children may benefit by the blessing of attending a Christian school where God's word is the basis and framework of all the instruction. We have no criticism to offer regarding the public schools, they do the best they can. The trouble is that that which is of paramount importance for your child, namely training in Christianity and the way to salvation, that one thing the public schools are prevented by law from doing. Because of this fundamental lack, and for that reason only, we find it necessary to establish Christian schools.

Nothing but the best is good enough for your child and we hope that if you live within reasonable distance of the school that you will send your children, and will not let anything personal stand in the way of that which is best for them. Above all we hope no one will keep his child away because he

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Church Directory

N. S. Tjernagel, Pastor

SAUDE CONGREGATION

Trustees: Carl Swenumson, John Natvig, Martin Borlaug.
Treasurer: Milton Boleng.
Secretary: Fred Steensland.
Cemetery Committee: Oscar Natvig, Henry Borlaug, N. S. Tjernagel.
Ladies' Aid: Mrs. Arthur Anderson, president; Mrs. Omer Ellingson, secretary; Miss Adelia Natvig, treasurer.

JERICO CONGREGATION

Trustees: J. N. Anderson, Tom Roberson, Carl G. Johnson.
Secretary: Alfred N. Anderson.
Treasurer: Ole J. Johnson.
Ladies' Aid: Mrs. Gilman Robinson, president; Mrs. J. C. Johnson, secretary; Mrs. C. Cutsforth, treasurer.
Cemetery Committee: Mrs. Carl A. Knutson, Mrs. M. A. Robinson, Mrs. C. O. Vigdal.

feels the cost is prohibitive. Last year the school was easily financed without any pressure being exerted on anyone. The patrons contributed what they wished and were able to. Even some who were not patrons of the school showed their good will toward this cause by making generous gifts to the school.

If you think you live too far away from the school to make use of it, then we should like to say this, that last year we served, through the use of a school bus, several children that were quite far away. It may be possible to enlarge our bus route this coming year if the enrollment warrants it. So if you think you live too far away, then please speak to me, and we may find some way to make it possible for your child to attend. In fact I can think of nothing more important for a pastor than that he does everything in his power to make a Christian education possible for the children of his parish, and if you tell me that you would like to send your child to our school I will do everything in my power to make it possible for you.

Financial Report

Saude Lutheran School

1943-1944

Receipts

Synod Subsidy	\$ 60.00
Ole N. Anderson	25.00
Geo. Anderson	10.00
T. G. Vaala	25.00
Alvin Johnson	10.00
M. G. Boleng	25.00
M. A. Robinson	15.00
J. A. Robinson	10.00
Thos. Swenumson	8.50
Enus Ferkingstad	40.00
Carlyle Natvig	10.00
A Friend	2.00
G. G. Vaala	50.00

Memorial Gifts	2.00
N. S. Tjernagel (Teacher's board)	135.00
Total Receipts	\$427.50

Expenditures

School supplies and texts	\$ 58.67
Fuel	35.96
Teacher's salary and board	270.00
Balance carried forward	62.87
Total Expenditures	\$427.50
Average cost per pupil	\$28.04

OBITUARY

The deceased, Ole Natvig, son of Ole Natvig and his wife Gertrud, was born in Bergen, Norway, January 11, 1863. When four years old, he, with his parents and four brothers emigrated to this country and landed at Montreal, Canada, in 1867. Shortly thereafter the family established its home in Chickasaw County, Iowa.

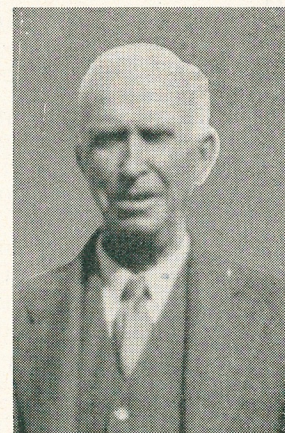
He was baptized in Norway, and confirmed in the Lutheran faith by the Rev. John Moses at the Saude Lutheran Church in which he held membership until his death. He resided at the home from which death has taken him for nearly fifty-five years. His education was received in the county schools of Chickasaw County. He also attended Breckenridge College, Decorah, Iowa, for three winter terms.

Mr. Natvig served two terms in the State Legislature, the 40th regular and special sessions, 1923 and 1924, as representative of Howard County, Iowa.

In 1886 he was united in marriage to Anna Borlaug. Four children were born to this union, all of whom, with his wife, survive him. His children are John, Oscar, Arthur and Gertrude. He is also survived by his brothers Herman, Iver, Carl, George, Day, and by his sisters Lena (Mrs. George Miller), Mrs. Hannah Vaala, Matilda (Mrs. Andrew Vaala), and Ella (Mrs. Alf Vaala). Also by four grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

During the last few years he had suffered the infirmities of old age. Death came suddenly at the close of day on June 8, a day in which he had, apparently, been as well as usual. He is preceded in death by his parents and by three brothers, Andrew, Peter and Alert.

His congregation will mourn deeply the loss of one of its members who, during a long life, has been active in all the affairs of church as well as community life.



Ole Natvig

OBITUARY

Nels C. Nelson was born on December 11, 1857, at Aalborg, Denmark. He was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran Church at Aalborg. He was a son of John Nelson and his wife Johanna Peterson. He lived with his parents on a farm in Denmark until 1874 when he emigrated to America. His education was received in the schools of his native land.

Upon coming to America he settled first in Cresco, Iowa, later living in the vicinities of Cresco and Lime Springs, Iowa. On October 12, 1893, he was united in marriage to Sigrid Johnson by Rev. J. Moses. To them seven children were born, all of whom survive him. They are Tina (Mrs. T. O. Knutson), Alice (Mrs. A. O. Knutson), Johanna (Mrs. Olaf Roberson), Norman, Gladys (Mrs. Alvie Iverson), Stanley, and Harvey, all of whom reside in the Jerico community. He is also survived by twenty-three grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren, and three brothers, Chris of Oelwein, Iowa, Fred of Granite Falls, Minn., and Christian who still resides in Denmark. There are also several nieces and nephews.



Nels C. Nelson

With the exception of three years he had resided at his present home from 1893 until the time of his death. During most of this period of time he was a faithful member of Jerico Lutheran Church.

His health began failing slowly in his old age, until April 1943, from which time he was bedfast completely. He was cared for at home by his devoted son Norman and daughter-in-law, Hannah, Mrs. Norman Nelson. He always enjoyed visiting with his family and friends, and welcomed the visits of his pastor. When his strength permitted he was a most cheerful person to visit. In April he entered the hospital at Cresco for a short time. Returning home he seemed for a short time to be improving until about three weeks ago when his condition took a turn for the worse. Last Monday evening he began his last sleep from which he did not awake. He entered into his eternal rest early Tuesday morning, June 27, 1944. He had reached the age of 86 years, 6 months and 16 days. He was preceded in death

by his wife who died on July 30, 1930, and by two brothers and two sisters.

Burial was at Jerico Lutheran Cemetery on June 29, 1944, N. S. Tjernagel officiating.

Memorial Wreaths

In Memory of Nels Nelson

Home Missions: Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Knutson, 1.00; Mr. and Mrs. Louis Paulson, 1.00; Mr. and Mrs. Ole J. Anderson and family, 1.00; Mr. and Mrs. Jens Anderson and family, 1.00; Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Roberson and girls, 1.00; Mr. and Mrs. John Natvig, 1.00; Mr. and Mrs. Alfred N. Anderson, 1.00; Theodore Knutson family, 5.00; Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Roberson, 1.00; Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Nelson and Sandra Lee, 5.00; Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Nelson and Harvey Gene, 5.00; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Anderson and Virginia, 1.00; Mr. and Mrs. Alva O. Knutson, 5.00; Mae Schmidt, 1.00; Mr. and Mrs. Olaf Roberson and family, 5.00; Mr. and Mrs. Alvie Iverson and family, 2.00; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Munson and Linda, 1.00. **Missions (Nigeria):** Mr. and Mrs. Alvie T. Johnson and family, 1.00; Mr. and Mrs. Gilman Robinson and Carol Rae, 1.00; Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Roberson, Dale, and Jule Ann, 1.00; Mr. and Mrs. Norman Nelson and Sigrid Johanna, 5.00; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Nelson, Bert and Joseph Nelson, and Minnie J. Beltz, 5.00; Mr. and Mrs. Omar Roberson, Ronnie, and Gary Allen, 1.00. **Army Navy Fund:** Mr. and Mrs. Martin Borlaug and Alice, 1.00; Mr. and Mrs. Tollef Knutson and Hazel, 1.00; Mr. and Mrs. Henry O. Knutson, 1.00; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Robinson, 1.00; Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Natvig, Kenneth and Ann Marie, 1.00; Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Robinson, 1.00; Mrs. Ole Natvig and Gertrude, 1.00; Mr. and Mrs. O. N. Anderson and family, 3.00; Mr. and Mrs. Godfrey Natvig and Diane, 1.00; Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Miller, 1.00. **Lutheran Hour:** Thomas Borlaug family, 2.00; Mrs. Martha Iverson and Lena, 2.00; Mr. and Mrs. Tom Munson, 1.00. **Church Extension:** Mr. and Mrs. Mark Robinson, 1.00; Mrs. Otto Hansen, 1.00. **Bethesda Home:** Nels Knutson, 1.00. **Deaf Mute Institute:** Mr. and Mrs. Harold Munson, 1.00. **Sau-de Lutheran School:** Pearl Paulson, 1.00. Total \$74.00.

SAUDE LADIES AID

The Saude Lutheran Ladies Aid held its annual meeting at the home of Mrs. Ole N. Anderson on Friday, June 30. The following officers were elected for the coming year: Miss Johanna Ellingson, President; Mrs. Ned Borlaug, Treasurer; Mrs. Nelvin Hereid, Secretary. The serving committee for the year is to consist of Mrs. Oscar Natvig, Mrs. Fred Steensland, Miss Gladys Vaala, and Mrs. George Miller.

During the past year the following entertained the Aid: Mrs. Clara Borlaug, Mrs. Carl Miller, Mrs. Andrew G. Vaala, Mrs. Milton Boleng, Mrs. Henry Borlaug, Mrs. Anna Anderson, Mrs. John Natvig, Mrs. Nels Ellingson, Mrs. Ned Borlaug, Mrs. Tom Swenumson, Mrs. Nelvin Hereid, Mrs. Oscar Natvig, Mrs. Caroline Vigdal, Mrs. Emma Borlaug and Miss Carrie Vaala made contributions in place of entertaining.

Receipts	
Balance carried forward	\$ 46.28
Contributed by Miss Carrie Natvig for basement curtains	15.00
Contributed by Mrs. Herbert Gilbert in memory of her parents for basement fund	20.00
Dinners served and sale of food	146.48
Dues paid	227.95
Total Receipts	\$455.71

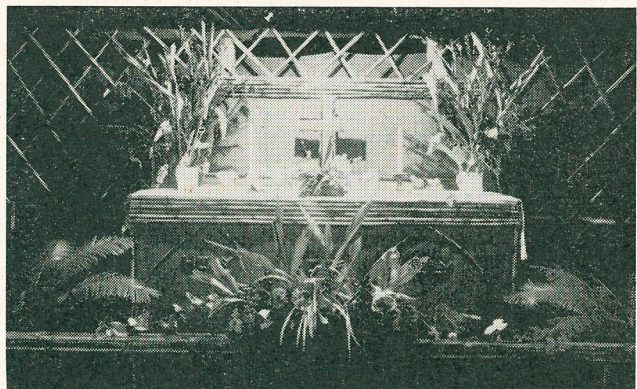
Expenditures	
For Local Purposes	
Basement fund	85.71
Curtains and brackets	25.99
Folding chairs	54.55
Interest, Emma Munson Legacy ...	20.00
Miscellaneous	30.57
Total for Local Purposes	\$222.82
For Charities	
Red Cross War Fund	25.00
To Missions in Memory of Mrs. Rol- lef Hagen	5.00
To New Hampton Mission (Pro- ceeds of Mission Day Dinner) ..	29.57
To Army-Navy Fund (Proceeds of Christmas party)	14.00
Annual Contribution to Missions ..	83.97
Total for Charities	\$157.54
Balance Carried Forward	75.35
Total Expenditures	\$455.71

MOTHER'S DAY LETTER

Somewhere in the Pacific
May 14, 1944

Dear Mother:

Today is Mother's Day even in New Britain and I think more boys went to church to give thanks for having kind and righteous mothers than ever did back in the States. I am enclosing a picture of the Altar in our Chapel. It's really nice, isn't it? I attended the evening Service as I was working in the morning. I went to communion too. I often wish I could be as good a Christian as you are, Mom. I guess my faith is quite strong though, because several times over here I have overcome



fear by saying some of the prayers I know. I believe that shows faith.

Your Son,

(The letter above was written by one of our boys serving overseas. The following is part of a letter one of the boys wrote to me. Both letters show that our boys are seeking "the one thing needful".)

May 27, 1944

Dear Rev. Tjernagel:

There is a very active Lutheran Service Center and, I believe, a Missouri Synod Church in this city. I'm going to check on this tomorrow. I can't praise the work the Army-Navy Commission is doing too much. They are making an earnest effort, and they certainly deserve the support of our Synod. It is obvious that our Synod alone wouldn't be able to do too much of this work. I will expect to receive the Assistant Pastor here, too. It is always read with interest. Every little thing like that helps one forget that he is away from his home and friends. Drop me a line when you have time. Also remind my parents, particularly mother, not to worry about me, as there is nothing to fear.

Yours in Christ,

The Cemetery Committees send you, with this issue of the Assistant Pastor, envelopes for your use in contributing toward the maintenance of the cemeteries.

Your congregational officers at their last quarterly meeting resolved to grant a request of the treasurer of the Synod. He had asked for permission to print in the Sentinel financial acknowledgements only the totals contributed for the various funds when he acknowledges Memorial Wreaths in the future. Therefore we shall print in the Assistant Pastor the names of individual contributors of Memorial Wreaths. We print in this issue gifts in memory of Nels Nelson. Those in memory of Ole Natvig have already appeared in the Sentinel.

The Synod Meeting, recently held at Western Koshkonong, Wis., was very interesting in many ways. I had hoped to give you a report of the meeting in this issue of the Assistant Pastor, but space does not permit. However, the Synod publishes a complete and detailed report which is available every year. The Synod, as you know, is a corporation of which you the members of congregations are shareholders and owners. The Synod's work is the carrying out of Christ's command, "Preach the Gospel to every creature". You have a right to know how that is being done, and how the Synod is managing the affairs you have entrusted to it. Therefore you should read the annual report, and be acquainted with the affairs of your church. You will also profit from a reading of the essays read at the Synod which always are a part of the report. In past years I have distributed these reports the best way I could, but some years there were too few to fill the demands; other times I have ordered too many which I have then had to pay for. In order to avoid that I am enclosing cards. If you wish a copy of the report please fill out the card and mail it to me. Then, when the reports are ready I will mail your copy with an envelope which you may use in paying for it. The cost this year will be, I believe, fifty cents.