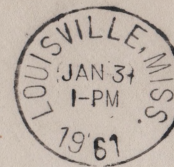


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*On his ministry*

*ordained in  
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*Rev. O. C. Jensen*

*Blair,  
Nebr.*

*One of our members  
of Brown Church  
Sidney, Mont*

Louisville, Miss.  
P.O. Box 405  
December, 1960

Dear *Pastor & Mrs. Jensen*

A blessed Christmas to you! "For the grace of God has appeared for the salvation of all men, training us to renounce irreligion and worldly passions, and to live sober, upright, and godly lives in this world, awaiting our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all iniquity and to purify for himself a people of His own who are zealous for good deeds." Titus 2:11-14.

This year we greet you from a part of Dixie Land. As the months pass by we are rather curious to see what each season is like in Louisville. The summer was hot, but not too hot with a few fans around. Much of the fall has been ideal. Hurricane Donna brought us heavy rain. It has been down to 21 degrees above lately. We had rain and sleet this week (14th) Little gas heaters in nearly every room keep us warm. Last year they had a big snow here in Feb.

Our city had its annual Christmas parade the 9th. It was nice. For parades up North now the queens would have to dress warmer than these did. Floats and windows were judged.

Last week Gola and I attended a Home Demonstration annual dinner with some 200 women. I had the devotions. The club living around our Beth-Eden country church won the achievement trophy. At meetings like this one senses the rural homes are trying to improve to more modern way of living. Some have a long way to go yet.

Nearly every thing that goes on here begins with devotions - school - football - county fairs. Even so there are backsliders among us. We need to pray for awaking and revival.

We enjoy it here in this quiet city. There are no liquor stores in this city. Half of the population is colored but they seem to get along fine yet. All is segregated tho.

There has been much flu and pneumonia this fall. All our girls had it and had to have doctors care. The girls all like school and have lots of homework. Karla and Miriam had their first piano recital the 13th, both did fine. Lois does real well in school and Pauline is catching up where she lost out. Gola is well, but can't get much help from the girls, so she's busy. Pastor has many sick and aged to call on regularly. He has four services a week and one Luther League. This climate has not been bad for Lawrence's asthma.

And now this year is coming to a close, we thank God for seeing us thru and for His near presence thru out school and now. This years highlights have been: graduation in Minneapolis, ordination at Grand Forks in May, our ten day stay in Nogales, Ariz, our installation service in July, and lastly Gola's Mother and her sister Orpha and husband and two girls were our Thanksgiving guests.

"Have a good and blessed year from the Lord in 1961."

"You all come."  
Sincerely,

*Rev. L. C. Dymason*

P.S. Nogalis Mission still going,  
pray for them.

*Just a copy of  
our congregational letter*

LOUISVILLE LUTHERAN PARISH  
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Dear Members:

A blessed Christmas to you in Jesus Name!

" For the grace of God has appeared for the salvation of all men, training us to renounce irreligion and worldly passions, and to live sober, upright, and godly lives in this world, awaiting our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all iniquity and to purify for himself a people of His own who are zealous for good deeds. "

Titus 2:11-14

It is a precious thing to be able to fellowship together in worship regularly on Sunday, and in the study and prayer meetings we have been permitted to have together. We are so grateful for each other, who can and will not forsake the assembling together as the dear Lord has admonished us.

We are also grateful for members living at a distance who still show a lively interest in the church here at home where you still hold your membership. Thankyou for your contacts and support. We are only sorry that your presence in person is not in our midst.

We are grateful for you who are shut-ins. It is always a good experience to visit with you. You can have a tremendous ministry in your church yet, by praying constantly for us all. We too, remember you in our prayers.

We are grateful for you too, who are inactive, not that it is good to be inactive, or to be a non-christian, but it is good that God loves you and the Holy Spirit still calls, gathers, and would sanctify your life unto Himself.

Some of you have not partaken of the Lord's Supper in months, perhaps years. If you are a believer you should partake, it will strengthen you in the faith. It is a means of grace to help you live close to Jesus.

A devotional book is inclosed with a prayer that you may devote some of your time to be alone with your God. The Word can do it; it can awaken you, it can save you.

Also inclosed is a stewardship booklet. I urge you to read it carefully. May you earnestly consider first of all giving yourself wholly to Jesus to live unto Him to the glory of God. " Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace and good will."

My wife Gola, and daughters Karla, Miriam, Pauline and Lois join me in wishing you all a good Christmas and a blessed prosperous New Year!

Sincerely your Pastor,

*Rev. L.C. Dynneson*

Jan 2, 1961

Box 405

Louisville, Miss.

Dear Pastor Jensen;

It was so good to hear from you. I have often thought of you, but failed to write you, for which I am sorry.

The five years of school - two at Concordia, Moorhead & 3 at N.W. Luth. Mpls. was a rich experience. The Lord proved His faithfulness to provide & see us thro.

We had hoped to go back to Nogales, Ariz. as our Co-workers at that Mission need help & a pastor very much, but I had to take a call from an established Church first. So here we are by the

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it; & gladly pay expense of sending.  
We'd also appreciate a visit from you  
folks. Plan to come & stay awhile, we

can provide sleeping quarters.

Let us hear from you again. Thank

you for writing. Lovingly to Mrs Jensen.

From us all, Lawrence, Lola, <sup>age</sup> Karla,  
Miriam<sup>10</sup>, Pauline<sup>8</sup> & Lois<sup>6</sup> Dymanson

P.S. I'm sure the Lord has used  
you richly in the good old U. E. L. C. and  
as editor. Congratulations upon your returning  
after all this faithful service. You  
were not ~~not~~ doubt more of an influence on  
my life than I realize. L.D.