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HANSEN, HENRY NELS  
1888-1970

Henry H. Hansen

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Individual Questionnaire for

Biographical Record of Ministers

of the United Evangelical Lutheran Church (in America) and its parent synods:  
The United Danish Ev. Luth. Church, The Danish Ev. Luth. Church Association  
in America and The Danish Ev. Luth. Church in North America.

(Compiled for the Synodical Historical Archives)

Personal Data: (Please give all information you can)

Full name: HENRY NELS HANSEN

Born when: May 4, 1888 where: NELSON, Douglas County, Minnesota

Baptized when and where: July 8, 1888 - Osakis, Scandinavian Lutheran Church, Minn.

Confirmed when and where: Trinity Lutheran Church, Kenmare, N. Dak, April 19, 1907 by whom: C. H. Schmidt

If immigrant, date of arrival in America: located where:

Date of ordination: June 17, 1915 where: Luck, Wisconsin by whom: G. B. Christiansa

If not in above synods, when and where accepted as member pastor of our synod:

Retired from active ministry when: 1956 why: Chaplain Elk Horn Home- 1956-61- Vistation Pastor Spencer 9 mos  
1961- Pastor at Glidden, St. John's church- 1962-67

Located where: Elk Horn, Iowa occupation: Supply work- teaching S. S.

If dead, what date: Dec 19, 1970 where: Harlan, Iowa cause: heart ailment

Buried where: Elk Horn, Iowa date: Dec 22, 1970

Marriage: (1) to whom Marie E. Tovel date and place: June 27, 1915, Elk Horn Iowa

Wife's birthdate and place: December 29, 1899 Gibson City, Illinois

Her parents: Jeppe and Anna Tovel location: both deceased - lived at E. H.

If wife is dead, give date: December 25th, 1965 - Died at Salem Invalid Home, E. H.

(2) Second wife (if any; give same information about her)

Moved to Elk Horn, Iowa - August 1907 - was supplied pastor during summer when pastors are on vacation - also helped with chapel work at Salem, Iowa.

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Children (give names and other information of interest, as occupation, spouse, and present address): .....

Donald T. Hansen- Pastor Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Neenah, Wis. ....  
will move to Faribault in June 1966- ( First Lutheran ) Wife Phyllis  
three sons: .....

Raymond H. Hansen- High School teacher- Tacoma, Wash. Wife Elaine-  
five children .....

Howard C. Hansen- Burbank, California- wife Jane- three children  
Southwest Regional Manager for Westours, Inc- Hollywood Sunset Blvd. ....

Other information on family of historical interest, i.e., members in the ministry, missionary work, teaching and medical professions, etc.:

His parents had in all 13 children, of which nine survive them. ....

His father was born Jan. 4, 1856 at Rødbby, Lolland, Denmark. Immigrated 1881  
~~His mother~~ and married Sofie Nielsen, born Oct. 19, 1855 at Nysted, Lolland, Jan. 9, 1876.

Had their home on farms at Nelson, Minn.; where Rev. M. C. H. Rohe was pastor of Osakis & Nelson Danish Churches, who occasioned their spiritual awakening and joining the church. Next (from 1897 \* 1911) on a homestead near Kenmare, N.D. where they attended Trinity Dan. Luth. Church and some of the children Brorson High School there, where Jens Diken was principal then. Finally moving in 1911 to Fresno County, Calif. on a farm near Oleander, later they retired into Easton and joined Immanuel Church there. ....

Mr. Hansen died June 16, 1929 after being shot by an insane young man (reason given was he was courting a daughter was rejected) .....

Mother died Jan. 4, 1933 at the home of their youngest daughter in Northfield, Minn.

Educational Training: Give name of institution, location, and when attended. -

High Schools: None- did not have an opportunity to do so. ....

Colleges (Give also degrees attained): Took Highschool and College course together at Dana College - graduated in 1910 - Pre-sem course. ....

Theological Schools: Trinity Seminary, Blair, Nebraska- 1911-1912 .....

Maywood Theological Seminary, Maywood, Illinois, 1913-1915 .....

Honorary Degrees received (give name of institution and date): ...None came my way.....

Other specific training: ...Taught 1910-11 Elk Horn Folk College or High School.....

Interim Pastor at Easton, Reedley and Fresno, California- 1912-13.....

...Taught Daily Vacation Bible School in various congregations during summer months- generally two months full day sessions. I was the only teacher.  
Additional comment on above: .....

**Ministerial Service.** Please give in chronological order the names of congregations or charges served, and period of each.

Bethany and St. Paul- Spencer, Iowa. 1915 to Nov 1919

Milltown and St. Pauls- Milltown and Bone Lake Wisconsin-  
Nov 1919 to October 1925

Wolbach- Logan- Cushing- Nebraska- Oct 1925 to Nov 1928  
(Also served Dannevirks and supplied small congregation north of Dannebrog for some time- interim services)

Bethany Congregation.....  
Waupaca, Wisconsin- Nov 1928 to July 1938- also served Big Flats church for four years- a distance of 64 miles.

Pella at Sidney and Brossen at Sidney, in the country- July 1938 to January 1945.

St. Paul. Greenville, Michigan- Jan 1945 to Febr 1949

Eben Ezer Lutheran at Reedley, California- Feb 1949 to Nove 1950  
Also helped to establish new congregaton at Fresno- served it for some months- Grace Lutheran

Coulter, Iowa, Nov. 1950 to Febr 1956-

Elk Horn Iowa, feb 1956 to Feb 1961- Chaplain at Salem Lutheran Homes

Bethany Church, Spencer, Iowa- vistation pastor from Feb 1961 to Nov 1961

St. Johns Church, Glidden Iowa, Feb 1962 to August 1963

Move to Elk Horn, Iowa- August 1963- has supplied pulpits during summer when pastors are on vacation-aslo helped with chaplaincy at Salem Homes.

Offices held in Synod and Districts, and when:

Minnesota District President- sometime while serving at Milltown, Wis.  
this section belonged then to Minn. District.  
...Secretary for sometime while I served in Nebraska District.  
Montana- North Dakota, District President.  
Secretary for our Pacific District while I served at Reedley.

Other activities and official services-at-large (teaching, chaplaincy, editorial, etc., and period of each):

.....Editor of The Little Lutheran for some years.  
.....Member of the Santal Mission Board for some years.

Literary production (books and pamphlets): Give titles and when published.

Wrote and had duplicated in a number of copies for family members  
a lengthy detailed history of his parents and other family members.  
He also wrote a short sketch of his parents and home in DANSK ALMANAK 1934

Additional information of interest:

Date April 21, 1966 Signed

Henry D. Fossberg  
Edk. Ann. Iowa

NOTE: Our previous biographical records were lost in the tragic fire that destroyed the office building of the Lutheran Publishing House, Blair, Nebr., Febr. 15, 1953, where the synodical historian also had his office. This accounts for the detailed questionnaire now. In the case of deceased members of our clergy we are largely dependent upon living members of their family for correct data. Be assured all cooperation in gathering this historically important data will be highly appreciated. Please fill in what you can, perhaps with the assistance of others acquainted with subject. Furthermore, if you have clippings or other material about the person concerned, especially a photo or picture of him, and we may either have it or borrow it, please send it along. All our collection of cuts was also ruined in the fire. If you can refer us to any person, book or paper that can inform us further, we shall be very much obliged to you.

Return this report as soon as possible to

## SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS — Ps. 100, 2

By the Rev. Henry N. Hansen

June 19, 1970, I reached another highlight in my life, the 55th anniversary of my ordination. I have been asked to write a brief sketch of my life. This humbly I do to the glory of God.

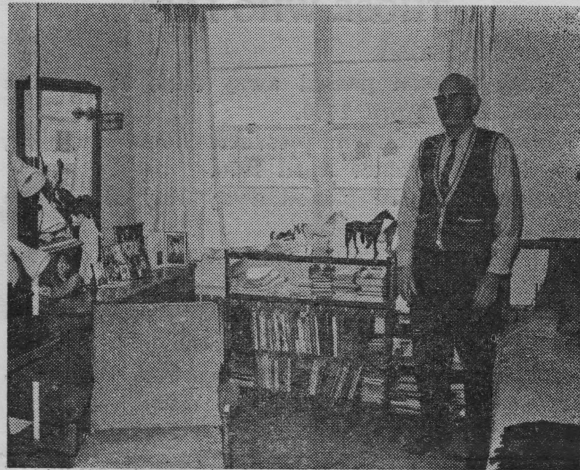
In looking back on my active ministry, ended in August 1963, I can truthfully say: The Lord has been a good Master to serve. My preaching days are over due to a crippled heart.

I was born near Osagis, Minn. As a nine year old boy I moved with my family to Kenmare, N.D. We settled on a farm about 25 miles south of the Canadian border. Homesteaders came from many different States to this community. Poverty was a common experience among the first settlers; but they were rich in spiritual things. They brought along their Bibles and hymnbooks. Soon Trinity Church was built and a warm Christian fellowship was evident from its very beginning.

The Lord laid his hand on me as a 16 year boy, and it became very clear to me that some day I should be a minister. I would describe this as an "inner call." I have never doubted this, and I have no regrets.

I took the pre-seminary course at Dana College, Blair, Nebr. This was rather difficult for me as I had little schooling, in fact I had never as much as seen a high school building. I was "hungry" for an education and I did a lot of praying. I graduated after four years — in 1910. I planned to take off the next school year that I might earn some money. One day I was waiting and wondering what I might do, a letter arrived from the superintendent of Elk Horn Folk College. It was an invitation to come and teach. I accepted by return mail. I was promised \$35.00 per month and a room and board. One of my students was a young lady from Elk Horn who later became my wife. We had the great joy of celebrating our 50th wedding anniversary in 1965. A few months later she passed away. I thank God for her, truly "a helper fit for me."

I returned to Trinity seminary at Blair in the fall of 1911. That school year I consider as my very best. Again it became necessary to take off another year. I needed money to continue. I spent the year in California near Fresno where my parents had moved. I worked



PASTOR HENRY N. HANSEN

hard in the orchards and vineyards as well as doing interim service for several months in Immanuel congregation. When I left after 12 months I felt very rich. I had earned \$600.00.

The last two years of my theological training was obtained at Maywood Lutheran Seminary, Chicago, Ill. Several students felt the need of more instruction in the English language than was offered to us at Trinity. I never did graduate from Maywood, as a required subject was Hebrew, and my time did not allow me to take this. I was, however, recommended for ordination and was accepted by the annual church convention held at Luck, Wis. and was ordained June 13, 1915.

Parishes that I have served: Spencer, Iowa, 2 congregations; Milltown, Wis., 2 congregations; Wolbach, Nebr., 3 congregations; Wau-paca, Wis. (Our Saviors); Sidney, Mont, 2 congregations; Greenville, Mich., (St. Paul's); Reedley, Calif. (Ebenezer); Coulter, Iowa. (Nazareth); Chaplain Salem Lutheran Homes, five years, 1956-61; Visitation Pastor, Bethany, Spencer, Iowa; Glidden, Iowa (St. John's.)

I had the honor of being elected as district president in two districts and secretary in one. Also I had the privilege of proclaiming the Gospel at preaching missions and evangelistic services in more than 100 different congregations; also on the S.S. Yukon Star on a cruise tour to Skagway, Alaska.

The first 45 years of my ministry was in the former United Evangelical Lutheran Church (Danish background.) "The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places."

All glory to God!

*Henry died Dec 19  
1970*

Day by day, Thy mercies, Lord, attend me,  
O what comfort in this hope to rest!  
All that Thou in love divine dost send me,  
Draws me, closer to Thy breast.  
Thou dost love more tenderly than ever  
Earthly father careth for his own;  
Sorrows heavy burden Thou wilt never  
Suffer me to carry all alone.

Thro' life's devious paths  
Thou e'er wilt lead me,  
For each need wilt give me plenteous grace;  
In temptation's storms wilt safely hide me,  
Till in glory I behold Thy face.  
Thou hast promised for each day and hour  
Grace to trust, and strength to do Thy will;  
"As the day is, so shall be Thy power,"  
This the gracious word Thou speakest still.

O take my hand, dear Father,  
And lead Thou me, *Lein missed*  
Alone I cannot wander  
One single day,  
So do Thou guide my foot-steps  
On life's rough way.

Though oft Thy power but faintly  
May stir my soul,  
With Thee, my light in darkness,  
I reach the goal.

Take then my hand, dear Father,  
And lead Thou me,

Till at my journey's ending  
I dwell with Thee. Amen.

*Thank you all godt! I enjoyed very  
much your hospitality & fellowship  
and fine supper -  
Jimm Jensen!*

1915 - 1965

*This card give you an idea what we  
did -  
Henry*

# Golden Wedding Anniversary Observance

PASTOR AND MRS. HENRY N. HANSEN  
Elk Horn, Iowa

Reception and informal program  
in Church Parlors  
August 20, 1965  
at 8:00 P.M.

Coulter, Iowa,  
Nov 15, 1955

Dear Editor Jensen:

I have accepted a call to become Chaplain of  
the Salem Lutheran Homes at Elk Horn Ia, and will  
be moving Febr 1st. 1956. Use it as a news item  
if you think it worthwhile.

Greetings,

Henry N. Hansen

*HNH*



Wedding, Elk Horn Lutheran Church  
June 23, 1915  
Pastor C. C. Kloth officiated

Installed, first parish  
Spencer, Iowa  
June 20th, 1915

Ordained, June 13th, 1915  
at Luck, Wisconsin  
Pastor G. B. Christiansen, Ordinator



Donald and Phyllis Hansen  
Paul, Philip, Gregory  
Neenah, Wisconsin

Raymond and Elaine Hansen  
Linda, Steven, James, Lori, Joel  
Tacoma, Washington

Howard and Jane Hansen  
Jeffrey, Lisa, Scott  
Burbank, California

*Their  
Children present:*

*Rev. Donald Hansen & wife  
Our Saviors Church  
Neenah, Wis.*

*Raymond Hansen  
Tacoma, Wash.*

*Howard Hansen  
Burbank, Calif.*

*Daughter of Jeppe Tovel, Elk Horn, Ia.*  
IN MEMORY OF

MARIE ELIZABETH HANSEN

Born Dec. 29, 1889 in Gibson City, Ill.  
Entered into rest Sat. Dec. 25, 1965, at  
Salem Invalid Home, Elk Horn, Iowa  
Age 75 years

FUNERAL SERVICES

Wednesday, Dec. 29, 1965, 2:00 p.m. at  
Elk Horn Lutheran Church  
Elk Horn, Iowa

FINAL RESTING PLACE

Elk Horn Lutheran Cemetery  
Elk Horn, Iowa

OFFICIATING PASTOR

The Rev. Eugene Wekander

Organist: Mrs. Norman Leistad  
Vocalist: Mrs. John Leistad

HYMNS AT THE CHURCH

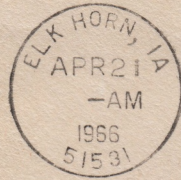
576 "Abide with Me" ----- Congregation  
146 "In Heaven Above, in Heaven Above" Vocal Solo  
597 "Behold A Host Arrayed in White" Vocal Solo

BEARERS

John E. Lange	Norman Leistad
John Larsen	Marion Boose
George Petersen	Knud Nelson



Rev Henry N. Hansen  
Elk Horn, Iowa



Pastor Mrs P. C. Jensen  
Blair, Nebraska.

1915

1965

Donald, Raymond and Howard Hansen

sons of

The Reverend and Mrs. Henry N. Hansen

request the honor of your presence

to celebrate their parents'

Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary

and

Fiftieth Year in the Christian Ministry

on Friday, the twentieth of August

Nineteen hundred and sixty-five

at eight o'clock

Elk Horn Lutheran Church

Elk Horn, Iowa

# New Building Plans to State Board Soon for Appraisal

Visiting Pastor at Bethany Church, Spencer, Ia. Dec 15, 1968

Nine members attended the quarterly meeting of the board of Directors of Salem Lutheran Homes here.

In receiving the various reports, the board was happy to learn that the sale of building bonds had exceeded \$250,000.00, leaving \$98,000.000 still to be sold. It is hoped that the greater part of this may be realized this month.

Because of this favorable report the board was of the opinion immediate steps should be taken to realize the building of the proposed new building. The architect was instructed to complete revised suggestions and present plans to the State Department of Health for approval. The board hopes to see construction under way in the spring.

### Improve Properties

It was also reported that the Annex building had been re-shingled and four new storm windows installed at a cost of \$327. Storm windows will also be added to the Invalid Home later. The board also allowed \$5,943.29 in payment of sewer and lagoon assessments.

A pay increase was authorized for some employees, and the personnel committee will work out plans for sick leave for employees.

The board decided to have its annual banquet for workers on Wednesday, Feb. 1, and accepted the kind invitation of the ladies of Immanuel Lutheran church, Harlan, to serve the banquet dinner.

4 Jan. 1971  
 Torsdag 8 7  
 DEN DANSKE PIONEER

unøjagtige oplysninger om forhold. Han understreger at den del af danskerne har aktiv samfundsindstilling

Gauers billede af et morals nedoverdrevet af trager vore kende am-



## KIRKEN

Ved Paul C. Nyholm  
 3015 S. 107th Avenue  
 Omaha, Nebr. 68124

lain at the home the past five years, submitted his resignation, effective April 1, 1961. and this was accepted by the board.

It is understood that Rev. Hansen plans to enter into full time work as a pastor in another field.

### WOULD APPRECIATE CHRISTMAS MAIL

Not many years ago The view ran scores of address men and women serving country in distant those who cared m Christmas greeting

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### Dødsfald

En velkendt præst i vor Forenede Ev. Lutherske Kirke, pastor Henry Nels Hansen, afgik ved døden lørdag d. 19. dec. 1970 på hospitalet i Harlan, Ia. Begravelsen foregik fra kirken i Elk Horn, Ia. hvor han og hustru havde deres hjem siden 1963 og var hendes hjemstavn. Marie var datter af Jep Tovel og hun og Henry blev gift der d. 23. juni 1915, to dage efter han blev ordineret til præst i Luck, Wis. Hendes død d. 25. dec. 1965 var et stort savn for ham. De fejrede deres guldbrylup i 1965, arrangeret af deres tre sønner, Donald, Raymond og Howard K og omgivet af en stor skare slægtninge og venner. Til begravelsen var også mange, blandt dem 17 præster, af hvilke var hans søn, Donald der nu er præst for en stor A.L.C. menighed i Faribault, Minn. Pastor Hansen blev født d. 4. maj 1888 i Nelson, Minn. Da

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Han overleveres af sine tre sønner og sin præstebroder, pastor Theo- dor M. Hansen der er bost i V Good Samaritan Village, Hastings, Nebr. Afdøde vil mindes som en nidkær sjælesørger og trofast arbej- der i Herrens tjeneste, der var be- redt for dødsbudskabet både i tro og handling. P. C. Jensen

# Information of Interest

Rev. Herman S. Jensen's death  
Mrs. Martha Rasmussen-Hansens illness  
Rev. Henry M. Hansens "

Elk Horn, Iowa  
Dec, 16, 1968

Dear Friend, Pastor Jensen:

Mr Frederickson turned over your Christmas greeting card to me. First, Martha has been ill and recetly spent a week at Immanuel Luthera Hospital, Omaha. She has been going down every week for checkup. She has not been well for the past several months. She has lost much weight and is quite weak. She was forced to slow down which is very difficult for her and for many of us elder ones. Her brother Martin has Parkinson deceace and failing very fast. Pastor Thervald Hagsens, from Racine will move to Audubon in January. Pastor Hankuk has accepted a call to Evansville, Ind, and will move Jan 1. Pastor Hansen-Ebenezer-Bethany parish has a weak back and was unable to have services yesterday. Very fine couple, think they will like them out there. Rev. Henry M. Hansen, Dwight, is failing fast- his cancer condition is getting much worse. His old mother 90yrs old is here at the invalid home. Don't know what they will do at Hamlin.

Am incesing a clipping from E.K. Review. It was not a large funeral service. There were people from Bethany, Exira-Audubon, Marcus etc and all members of his family. It was a service of much hope and victery and thanksging. He was laid to rest next to his wife right outside the east deer of the Ed. unit. Gilbert, likewise is buried there. Its been hard on Jensen since his wife died- Gilbert a few days after and his son Vieter in Califernis this summer. He did not sugfer much pain, quietly fell asleep in the Lord.

I am now a resident at the Salem Homes-retirement. Made a trip to Washington to visit Raymonds and Howards at Tacoma and Seattle in October and Nov. I took sick out there and came home sooner than expected. It was Flu/ Cold condition that took the strenght from me. Am still feeling quite weak; but am otherwise feeling good and am happy to be here at the Home/ where every need is supplied in abundant measure. Pastor Axel Andersen is our chaplain- I help out on Monday mornings otherwise I have nothing to do with the services. year As you know I have not been feeling too well the past half/ because of a weak heart. I do experience from day to day the great goodness and kindness of my heavenly Father- He is my strength and my salvation. In Him I find security and peace.

May yours and you have a most happy and blessed Christmas

Season-

With warmest greetings to you all.

Henry M. Hansen

About  
Rev. H. S.  
Jensen's  
funeral

About  
himself



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to D.D. Palmer & Nerbe, Fosh' Dec 23, 1970

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P.C. Jensen

To Rev P.B. Jensen

Christmas 1969

My Dear Friends:---"Glory to God in highest Heaven!"

As I send you my Christmas Greetings, I enclose these few lines about myself. I am now a resident of Salem Lutheran Home here at Elk Horn. Been here since August last year. I am glad to call this my home. Everything needful for soul and body is richly provided for me and all residents here.

Our Chaplain has asked me to lead in saying table grace and also to take two morning devotions one day each week. If he is absent I also take two Sunday morning services. I also assist with Communion Services in my church. I have not accepted any pupilit supply work this year because of my heart condition. It has been badly crippled; and is not getting any better. Again this year I was taken in an ambulance to the hospital after a coronary blackout. After spending a few days there, I asked the Doctor to send me to a heart specialist in Omaha. I had a thorough examination. He told me that a pace maker would not help me, and that I was too old for surgery. He said that I should not act like a two year old boy; but to slow down and to take it easy. This I have been trying to do. Sometimes I forget, and then I am in trouble. Have had several less severe attacks or blackouts this year, however, daily medication helps me to live a normal life without too much trouble.

God is good to me. Whenever weather is favorable, I take shorter or longer walks. Frequently I get into my car and take rides into the countryside, or to neighboring cities and towns, sometimes to shop but mostly just to look around. The longest trip was to my Eye Clinic at Marshalltown, in April - 140 miles away. Also trip to Blair to visit friends - 68 miles - and to Glidden to visit friends in my former parish - 50 miles away. I do not take long trips anymore. Have been home every night, except the nights at the hospitals.

I always enjoy when friends call on me, especially my own loved ones. Donald and Phyllis, Philip and Greg from Faribault, spent a couple of days with me in August. Previous to that, Donald had come down to be with me some time while I was in the hospital in Harlan in July. Raymond and Elaine, Jim, Lori and Joel from Tacoma, spent three days with me also in August.

Time passes on fast from day to day. My day begins at 6:30 A.M. and generally ends about 10:30 P.M. After breakfast I have my private devotions. I use THE UPPER ROOM and CHRIST IN OUR HOME booklets. I have many and much to pray for and about. I am convinced that intercessory prayers strenghtens the ones prayed for as well as the one who prays. I covet your prayers.

The Psalmist speaks of shadows cast over life's way - 23:4. The wonder of God's grace is this, the "shadow of death" can disappear, and peace, security and power can and does come, because Jesus Christ takes us "through the valley".

A MOST BLESSED NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL!

HNH

Rev Henry N. Hansen

Elk Horn Ia

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