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KALDAHL, SOREN SORENSEN
1900-1969

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: Soren Sorensen Kaldahl

Born when: Jan. 4, 1900 where: Audubon, Iowa

Baptized when and where: Jan. 28, 1900, Ebenezer Lutheran, Audubon, Iowa, by Pastor A. C. Weismann

Confirmed when and where: April 11, 1915, Bethany Lutheran, Ruskin, Nebr. by whom: Rev. Lars Jensen

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

Date of ordination: June 20, 1926 where: Waupaca, Wisconsin by whom: Dr. N. C. Carlsen

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

Retired from active ministry when: Oct 1968 why: Illness

Located where: Good Sam. Village, Hastings, Nebr occupation: none

If dead, what date: Sept 9, 1969 where: Hastings, Nebr cause: Heart ailment

Buried where: Bethany Cemetery, Ruskin, Nebr date: Sept 13, 1969

Marriage: (1) to whom Marie Peterson date and place: June 8, 1926

Wife's birthdate and place: October 31, 1899, Hardy, Nebraska

Her parents: Wilber Petersen and Rebecka nee Skow location: Long Beach, California

Parents: Father (give name, birthplace, occupation, residence, etc.) Thomas Sorensen Kaldahl, born Nov. 12, 1869, Denmark. Came to Elk Horn, Iowa, 1890. Charter member of Ebenezer Lutheran Church of Audubon, Iowa. Farmer. Lived 1906-1907 in Denmark; Ruskin-Hardy, Nebraska 1907 to 1938; Audubon-Elk Horn, Iowa 1938-1943; Portland, Oregon 1943-47; Eugene, Oregon 1947-1949; Harlan, Iowa 1949-1951. As a member of the Ruskin Church he served as president, deacon, and Sunday School superintendent. Married Febr. 28, 1899 by Rev. A. C. Weismann.
Mother (give her maiden name, birthplace, home before marriage, etc.) Passed away Febr. 7, 1951, Harlan, Ia. Christine Marie Nee Nielsen. Born Aug. 9, 1877, Denmark. She came to this country in 1898. She was the mother of five sons - Soren, Eiler, John, Beck and Samuel, and of four daughters - Anna (Mrs. Elmer Andersen), Ruth (Mrs. Gudmund Pedersen), Amanda (Mrs. Albert Christensen) and Dagny (Mrs. Ejlert Nielsen. She passed away at her home at Oaks, Nebraska (Ruskin) Dec. 19, 1936. Both father and mother have their final resting place on Ruskin, Nebr. Cem.

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

Silas Soren Kaldahl, born May 22, 1927, Siloam Springs, Ark. Teaching in Lynwood Lutheran Christian Day School, Calif. Attended Dana College, and one year in Trinity Seminary

Charles Lavern Kaldahl, born May 18, 1930, Wolbach, Nebraska. Married to Jean Clark of Elkader, Iowa, Jun 12, 1954. Plans to teach in California. Attended Dana College for three years, and graduated in 1954 from Northeast State College, Tablequah, Okla.

Philip Eugene Kaldahl, born Dec. 23, 1931, Wolbach, Nebraska. Graduated from Dana College in 1953 with B A degree. Is at present serving in U. S. army at Ft. Benning, Ga.

Paul Edwin Kaldahl, born Jan. 8, 1935, Wolbach, Nebraska. Took his first year of college work at Dana. Attending Northeastern State College, Tablequah, Okla. this summer of 1954

Janice Marie Kaldahl, born Nov. 10, 1942, Polk County, Iowa. At present home with parents

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

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

High Schools: ...Hardy, Nebraska, 1915 - 16 and 1916 - 17.....

Dana Academy and College, 1918-19, 1919-20, 1920-21.....

Colleges (Give also degrees attained): ...Graduated from Dana College with Pre-Seminary Diploma...

University Nebraska - 1921-22 and 1922-23...graduating with a B. A. degree.....

Took graduate work in education during summer of 1925.....

Theological Schools: ...Trinity Seminary...-1923-24, 1924-25...and 1925-26...Graduated with....

Theology Diploma in 1926.....

Honorary Degrees received (give name of institution and date):

Other specific training:

Additional comment on above:

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

.. Cherokee Indian Mission School and Mission, July 1926 to May 1929

.. Wolbach, Nebraska served the following churches - Scandinavian Lutheran of Wolbach,...

..... St. Peters Lutheran of Logan (St. Paul) and St. John's Lutheran of Cushing from May 1929 to Nov. 1935.

..... And also Bethany Lutheran of Ord from 1930 to 1935

.. Green Bay, Wisconsin - Bethel Lutheran of Green Bay Nov. 1935 to Nov. 1942

..... Immanuel Lutheran of Oconto, Wis. Nov. 1935 to Nov. 1942

.. Harlan, Iowa - Immanuel Lutheran Church, Nov. 1942 to Aug. 1952

.. Oaks, Oklahoma - Ebenezer Memorial Lutheran Church and Cherokee Indian Mission

August 1952 - - Nov. 1958

Manager of Salem Homes for the Aged, Elk Horn, Iowa Nov. 1958-61
Wesleyan Pastor, Our Saviors Lutheran, Lincoln, Neb. 1966 - Oct. 1968

Offices held in Synod and Districts, and when:

Nebraska Luther League District President, 1930 - 1935

Central Committee of Luther League Work as treasurer, 1933 - 1935

National Luther League Secretary, 1935 - 1948

Wisconsin District Secretary, 1939 - 1942

Board of Parish Education, 1938 -

Secretary of the board, 1938 - 1949

Chairman of the board, 1949 - 1960

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

Served on the board of the Iowa Lutheran Welfare Society for six years, 1943 - 1949, the last three years of which as chairman of the board

Elk Horn, Iowa

Served on the board of the Salem Lutheran Old People's Home ~~from~~ from 1943 to 1952 with office as secretary 1944 to 1952.

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

God Commands Me published by the Lutheran Publishing House in 1941

Additional information of interest:

Served one term as chairman of Green Bay, Wis. Ministerial Association

Served both as chairman and secretary of the Harlan, Iowa, Ministerial Association

Date Signed

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

REV. P. C. JENSEN
STATISTICIAN & HISTORIAN
UNITED EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH
BLAIR, NEBRASKA

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Harlan, Iowa

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1942 - 1952

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"We love the place, O God,
Wherein Thine honor dwelleth;
The joy of Thine abode
All earthly joy excelleth;
It is the house of pray'r,
Wherein Thy servants meet;
And Thou, O Lord, art there
Thy chosen flock to greet."

Salem Homes Board Calls

Kaldahl, Oklahoma Pastor

Elk Horn Review Aug 7, 1958

LOCAL STOCKMAN AT AMES CONFERENCE

Levi Johnson, Atlantic Route 2, attended the first national type conference of the American Shorthorn Association at Iowa State college, Ames, July 31, through Aug. 2.

The conference, sponsored by the American Shorthorn Association in cooperation with Iowa State College and Iowa Shorthorn and Polled Shorthorn breeders, included studies on beef cattle conformation, performance testing, and carcass work to determine how Shorthorn cattle can best meet the needs of the beef industry.

ELIM HOME NOTES

Enjoying a delicious turkey dinner with the Elim Home family Sunday, Aug. 3, were:

Mrs. Virgil Juhl and children of Marne, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Andersen and Michael, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Andersen and Paul and Marvin Granteer of Audubon, Mr. and Mrs. Rex L. Burd and children and Kent Ingerslev of Kimballton, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Belt and Marlina and Shirley Granteer of Des Moines, Harry Dirgo, Sr. and Harry Dirgo, Jr. of Omaha, Mr. and Mrs. John Wells of Defiance, Leland Bosche of Rochelle, Ill., Mrs. Richard Petersen and children of Underwood, Mrs. Delmar Rose and sons of Vallejo, Calif.

Delmar Rose arrived Monday from California and the family left Wednesday for home.

Mr. and Mrs. DeWitt Booth

Will Be Here November 1 If Plans Are Realized

The board of directors of Salem Lutheran Homes at Elk Horn have offered the position of manager of the homes to Rev. Soren Kaldahl of Oaks, Okla.

Rev. Kaldahl has accepted providing he can be released from his present position as pastor of the Oaks church, mission church of the UELC church.

Both the church and synod would have to accept his resignation, and it would be Nov. 1 at the earliest when he could take over the home management position.

Allan Hansen, present manager of the Homes will leave next week for Mapleton to assume the position of junior high and high school principal.

P. C. Clemmensen of Atlantic and Marion Boose of Elk Horn, members of the Salem Homes board, will assist Rev. Henry N. Hansen in managing the Homes here until a new manager arrives.

Rev. Kaldahl is 59 years old. He is a former pastor of the Harlan Lutheran church, leaving there six years ago for the Oklahoma charge.

His wife, Marie, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Petersen, former managers of the Elim Children's Home.

The couple have a daughter, Janice, a junior high student, and four older sons.

A Farewell Greeting

PASTOR AND MRS. S. S. KALDAHL

and children

SILAS, CHARLES, PHILIP, PAUL

and JANICE

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“But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.”

Jude vv. 20 and 21

August 10, 1952



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Vor nye Præstefamilie i Indianermissionen



Pastor Søren Kaldahls er saa vel kendt iblandt os at videre Omtale er overflødig. Men nu er Børnene blevet store og det vil interessere at se Familien afbildet. Vi tillader os at benytte det Billede, som de havde i deres smukke Afskedshilsen til Immanuel's Menighed i Harlan, Iowa, hvor de har haft Hjem og virket som Præstefolk i ti Aar. Som før omtalt, har Pastor Kaldahls før været knyttet til Missionen i Oaks, Okla., som Skolebestyrer i Aarene 1926—29. Indsættelsen finder Sted d. 31. August ved Viceformand Girtz, og samtidig indvies Missionens nye Spisesal. Deres Børn følger i Forældrenes Spor. Silas studerer Teologi i Blair og Philip gaar paa Dana College, hvor Charles ogsaa har studeret og er nu Lærer. Paul og Janice frekventerer lokale Skoler. — Mrs. Marie Kaldahl er ældste Datter af Mr. og Mrs. Wilbur Petersen i Hardy, Nebr., kendte Medlemmer af Bethania Menighed i Ruskin.

FROM BERTHA ANDERSEN
ELK HORN, IOWA 12-3-96

Foran: Mrs. og Pastor Kaldahl, samt Janice.
Børnene (fra venstre): Silas, Paul, Philip og Charles.

Paid
 11407 S. 43rd
 Redwood
 68123.
 Janice Kaldahl
 1908 Parkside
 Denton, TX
 76201

Copy of Article sent To Dan Daily Pioneer of "Mark of Folk"

PASTOR SØREN KALDAHL

"Undertegnede, Søn af Thomas Sørensen Kaldahl og Hustru, Kirsten Marie f. Nielsen, er født d. 4. Jan., 1900, i Audubon County, Iowa, og døbt d. 28 Januar s. Aar af Pastor A. C. Weismann." Saaledes indleder ovennævnte sin Vita, som han oplæste ved den Forenede Danske Kirkes Aarsdage d. 20. Juni, 1926 i Waupaca, Wis., hvor han blev ordineret. Hans Forældre var troende kristne fra Danmark. Faderen udvandrede i 1890, da 21 Aar gammel, og op^{holdt} sig i Elk Horn, Ia. 10 Aar før han rejste tilbage til Fovlum og blev viet, til sin Forlovede i 1899; de kom kort efter til Audubon, Ia. og bosatte sig paa en mindre Farm nær Ebenezer Kirke. I den lille 6 Aar gamle Menighed fandt de et varmt Trosliv, og der tiltalte dem og tog ivrig Del i. Søren var deres første Børn, efterhaanden fulgtes han af ~~fire~~ ^{fire} Børndre og fire Søstre. I 1906 solgtes Farmen og Familien (da fire Børn) rejste til Danmark - Moderens ønske - men blev skuffede og udrejste efter et Aars Ophold tilbage og bosatte sig ved Ruskin, Nebr., hvor en Bekendt, Lars Jensen, var Præst og stærkt Menighedsliv, hvorefter S. Kaldahl blev en af Lederne i de 30 Aar de var bosat der. Moderen døde i 1936, men oplevede at se tre af Børnene indtræde i Præstegerningen; foruden Søren to Døtre, Ruth gift med Pastor Gudmund Pedersen i 1929 og Anna med Pastor Elmer Anderson i 1932. Ogsaa i saa Henseende blev Kaldahls "frugtbar i Herrens Tjeneste". Faderen døde i Sørens Hjem Aar 1951 og blev stædt til Hvile ved sin Hustrus Side paa Bethania Mghs Kirkegaard ved Ruskin, hvor ogsaa nu deres Søn blev jordfæstet d. 13. Sept. .

Søren begyndte sin videnskabelige Uddannelse som 6-aarig i Danmark, som fortsattes herovre i en Børneskole paa Landet og Højskolen i Hardy, Nebr.. Derefter tre Aar, 1918-21, paa Dana College, og to Aar paa Nebraske Universitetet i Lincoln, der bragte ham B. A. Graden; derpaa tre Aars Teologi paa Trinity Seminary i Blair, Nebr.. Den 8. Juni, 1926, viedes han til Marie Peteresen.

Hans første Kald var til Samfundets Indianerskole i Oaks, Okla. som Præst og Lærer; virkede der til Maj 1929. Betjente dernæst fire mindre Menigheder i Wolback, Logan, Cushing og Ord, Nebr. til Nov. 1935; derefter Green Bay og Oconto kaldet i Wisconsin til 1942; Immanuel Mgh. i Harlan, Ia. til 1952; og sidst igen som Præst for Ebenezer Mgh. ved Indianermissionen i Oaks indtil Nov. 1958, da han "retired", dog ikke for lediggang, thi han kaldtes til Bestyrer for Salems Hjemmet for Gamle og Svage i Elk Horn, Iowa, og var der til 1965, hvorefter tjente et Par Aar som "Visiting Pastor" i Our Saviour's Lutherske Mgh. i Lincoln, Nebr. indtil et svagt fysisk Hjerte - ikke sandeligt - tvang ham til at søge Hvile sammen med sin Hustru i et lille Hjem i Good Samaritan Village i Hastings, Nebr. indtil Døden udløste ham d. 9. Sept. og Engle bar hans Sjæl hjem til Herligheden hisset. Hans kære Efterladte er hans Hustru og deres fem Børn, Sønnerne Silas, Charles, Philip og Paul, der alle har frekventeret Dana College og i gode Stillinger, og Datteren Janice.

Udover Præstevirksomheden har Pastor Kaldahl været særlig virksom i Ungdomsarbejdet i de yngre Aar og derefter som Medlem af Samfundets Undervisningsraad 1938-60, først som Sekretær og efter 1949 som Formand. Var Medlem af Iowa Lutheran Welfare Society 1943-49, de sidste tre Aar som Formand; og Medlem af Bestyrelsen for Salems Hjemmet i Elk Horn, Ia. 1943-52.

Personlig var jeg velkendt med Kaldahl Familien fra den Tid de var Medlemmer af Ebenezer Mgh. her for Audubon, hvortil min Moder og jeg kom samme Aar som dem. Thomas var en af mine Søndagsskolelærere og bosat nær vort Hjem Senere i Livet mødtes vi ofte ved kristelige Møder og i det kirkelige Arbejde var Søren xxx en forstandig og trofast Medarbejder.

P. C. Jensen

ITEM INVENTORY LIST

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 Biographical Record of Ministers - Kahldahl, Soren Sorensen. Includes lists of churches served and dates of ordination for the pastors listed.

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	CONTENTS:				

Dear Pastor: September 10, 1969

We have just received word that Pastor Soren Kaldahl died September 9, 1969. Funeral services will be held at Bethany Lutheran Church, Ruskin, Nebraska, at 11:00 A.M. on Saturday, September 13, 1969. *Sent address: 503 Lane to, S.B. Village, Hastings, Neb.*

Archie L. Madsen
 President,
 Central District

KAL 992

PRESENTED BY
REV. CHARLES KALDAHL
MAY 19, 1992

1-1 DANISH CHURCH HISTORY
CLIPPINGS

1-2 SOREN KALDAHL'S PASTORAL
RECORD BOOK 1927-1968
PARISHES - WOLBACH, NEB. 1929
CUSHING, NEB.
LOGAN, NEB.
ORD, NEB.
GREEN BAY, WIS. 1935
HARLAN, IOWA 1942
OAKS, OKLA 1952
INTERIM SERVICE

1-3-1 - MARIE CHRISTINA KALDAHL MEMORIAL
FOLDER

1-3-2 - MARIE CHRISTINA KALDAHL FUNERAL
FOLDER