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LARSEN, STANLEY  
1911-1988



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: Stanley Larsen

Born when: Aug. 27, 1911 where: Kenosha County - Wisconsin

Baptized when and where: Our Saviors - Racine by Pastor Bino

Confirmed when and where: Gathsemane - Racine - April 25, 1926 by whom: V.W. Bonds

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

Date of ordination: June 15, 1941 where: Cedar Falls by whom: Dr. H.C. Carlsey

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

Retired from active ministry when: why:

Located where: occupation:

If dead, what date: where: cause:

Buried where date

Marriage: (1) to whom Marie N. Mikkelsen date and place: Aug. 7, 1940 - Golgotha - Chicago

Wife's birthdate and place: Mars, Denmark - Dec. 2, 1916

Her parents: Jens Mikkelsen location: 8018 Indiana - Chicago

If wife is dead, give date

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

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

David - born in Des Moines Jan 6, 1942

Stephen - " " " " June 27, 1944

Janet " " " " Exired Jan 29, 1953

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

Brother - William Larsen - Lutheran Student Pastor  
U. of Minn.

Sister - Wife of Pastor A. S. Petersen - Waupaca, Wis.

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

High Schools: .....

Colleges (Give also degrees attained):

Deno College - B.A.

Theological Schools:

Chicago Theological Sem. one year

Trinity Sem. two years



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

Other specific training: .....

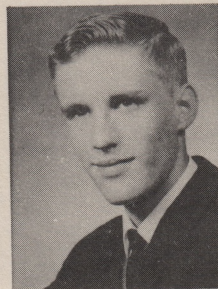
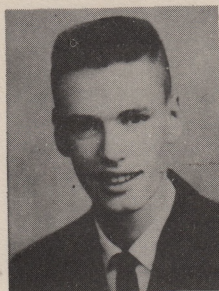
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**Ministerial Service.** Please give in chronological order the names of congregations or charges served, and period of each.

Bethesda Congregation which changed its name to Highland Park Lutheran while I served it. Located at Des Moines from June 1941 until Sept. 1947. Served Exira Lutheran from Sept. 1947 until present time.

1962 Rev. Stanley Larsen & Family

A Wish for God's  
Richest Blessing  
Throughout  
Christmas And  
The New Year



From the Larsens



Offices held in Synod and Districts, and when:

Board of Parish Ed from 1945 till Present.  
Vice President of Iowa District 1948 till Present.

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

Chaplain at Girls Training School at Mitchellville  
1944 until 1947

Literary production (books and pamphlets)

Parents: Father (give name, birthplace, occupation, residence, etc.) Martin P. Larsen  
born in Denmark. Farmed until retirement. Now  
lives in Racine, Wisconsin.  
Mother (give her maiden name, birthplace, home before marriage, etc.) Margaret Andersen  
born & lived in Denmark until marriage.

Date

June 30, 1954

Signed

Stanley Larsen

**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



## PELLA LUTHERAN CHURCH

STANLEY LARSEN, PASTOR

Phone: Res. 114-W Office 114-M

SIDNEY, MONTANA

### THE LARSEN'S CHRISTMAS GREETING

Time: A few days before Christmas 1958

Plot: To greet you and your loved ones at Christmas.

Scene: Larsen's Manse in Sidney, Montana

The Characters: Stanley---- Dad, an expanding minister  
Marie ----- Mom, matron of the manse  
David ----- The oldest (16 years)  
Steven----- The "in between" (14 years)  
Janet ----- The "tag along" (5 years)  
Tippy ----- Little black dog (4years)

Marie: Its time to greet all our friends and relatives again.

Stan: My, how time does fly. This will be our second Christmas in Sidney, and just think of all the things that have happened this past year. Lots of company from family and friends, little jaunts to Yellowstone Park, Fort Peck Dam, Lake Carlyle in Canada, Roosevelt National Park, besides the regular routine, have made it pass rapidly and enjoyably.

Janet: Oh Dad, I don't think time goes fast. Its still days and days till Christmas and it seems like such a long time till I can go to school too. I can't go till next Fall!

Steven: Forget it. You'll get to school soon enough. Just look at me. I have to really work as a freshman. Then last summer David and I ran the Swimming Pool Stand too. That was kinda fun tho. Guess I'll be a business man or maybe an engineer.

David: Or maybe you could write a joke book the way you always come up with something funny. You certainly don't work too hard in school though, Steve; being a Junior I know! Just wait till I get to Dana in a couple of years. I can hardly wait! Hey, Mom, where is my Luther League stuff? I have to have it tonight.

Mom: Since you are Luther League President, you really should have a drawer for all your material. Are you boys going to Luther League tonight?

Boys: Sure are!

Steven: Hope there will be lots of kids there. Last time there were 50. Have to go now, mom. Tell all our friends and relatives "Hi."

Stan: I'm going to League now too.

Jan: I'll be home with you, mom. Let's all say Merry Christmas together.

All: Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year dear friends and family!

Stan: Wait a minute, we forgot something.

All: See you all next summer in Sidney for Convention





★ *Stanley Larsen file* ★  
★ **Christmas Greetings** ★

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December 14, 1959

Dear Friends:

Greetings from Sidney, Montana to all points East and West, North and South, at this Christmas Season. Our wish for you is that you may have a truly blessed Christmas, and a very Happy New Year. We have had the joy of visiting with many of you through the year, others have been very faithful to write. We appreciate each contact that we have had with you. The meaning of fellowship and of friendship is becoming ever more meaningful to us. One wonders if this is a sign of old age. If it is, maybe it is good to become older.

Things are really popping at the Manse in Sidney. The children are growing up. Mother spent a good deal of the Fall lengthening trousers and dresses, and making new clothes. The clothing drive reaped bountifully of clothing that just was not for tall boys and girls. Mother and Dad are expanding too, only in a different direction. It is good that one need not feel that he is out done by the youngsters and we can keep up with them one way or another.

David is now a Senior in the High School. He has plans to attend Dana next year. He is glad that we have so many students from this area attending Dana. He will have cousins attending too. Stephen is a Sophomore this year. He played football this Fall and also basketball. After the second game in basketball he developed osteomyelitis. He spent eight days in the hospital and is now at home recuperating. We hope it will not be too long before he will be back in school. Janet started school this Fall and goes off each morning with a hop, skip and a jump. She likes to display her ability with the three R's. Frankly, this set of parents could easily spend hours bragging about three certain children, but we know only too well what the results would be.

Highlighting our experiences this year was the Synodical convention. We enjoyed being the host congregation. It was such a let down when everyone took off. I attended a number of meetings in Chicago, Blair and Minneapolis. Marie, David and Janet went along to Blair in the Spring, and Marie traveled to Chicago this Fall. That was nice. Now we are looking forward to work in the new church which will be very meaningful to us. It will certainly give us the opportunity for wider fellowship as we do not have very many churches of our Synod in this area. We do hope to be able to meet a lot of you in Minneapolis this Spring. Marie and I are planning to attend.

Again, greetings at Christmas time. Thanks to you for splendid friendship in the past, and a hope that the future may bring us together for more good visits.

Sincerely,  
Stanley and Marie Larsen  
David, Stephen and Janet

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*Yuletide 1964*



Dear Friends,

Greetings from our home to your home. The Larsens wish you a most blessed Christmas and a happy New Year.

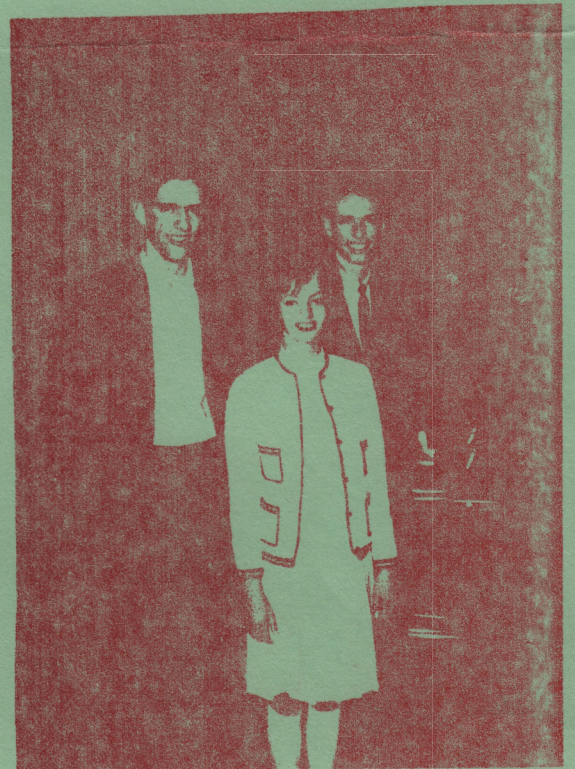
The past year has been filled with much joy for us. Much of the joy has come because of our children. David graduated from Dana in May. In Nov. he received his 2nd Lt. commission in the air force. Steve is in his 3rd year at Dana and was home for the summer. Janet is a real help at home as a 6th grader.

Our experience of joy has also come because of the fellowship in the church. We appreciate that. We also hear from friends and have occasion to meet them. For this we are thankful.

Our sincerest greetings to all of you.

"The Larsens"

*Rev. Stanley Larsens  
Sidney, Mont.*





# Christmas 1965

Dear Friends and Relatives,

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! We think of you often during the year but especially at Christmas time. We hope you may all experience the joy and peace that Christmas should bring.

David, who has been a Lt. in the Air Force for a year, is attending personnel school in Amarillo, Texas. He finishes there Dec. 23 and will then be home for a few days. After Christmas he will return to Minot Air Force Base where he heads up a personnel office.

Steven is at Dana College in Blair. He will soon be through college and will have a major in Sociology and a minor in Math. Suppose it will be the service for him next year.

Jan is in 7th grade in Junior High. She likes it better than grade school and has become quite involved there. She is president of her class of some 150 youngsters. She tried out for cheer-leader but didn't make that. To her surprise she was elected vice-president of 7th and 8th grade pep club.

Stan & I are very grateful for another good year here in Sidney. The congregation went all out to arrange a wonderful Silver Wedding supper for us. The church was really full and so much work had been done. We will always remember this I know.

God bless you and keep you in 1966. We hope to see many of you in the coming year. The welcome mat is always out!

"The Larsens"  
Stan, Marie  
David, Steve and Jan

From Rev. Stanley Larsen, Sidney, Mont.





# Christmas Greetings



*Sidney, Mont.*

December 1966

Dear Friends,

Christmas greetings from the Larsens of Sidney, Montana. Once again we come into your home through the medium of a letter to wish you the joy of the Christmas season, and also to wish you a blessed New Year. God, who is rich in mercy has given to us a Savior. God through this Savior has been good to us this past year. So in faith toward Him we move into a New Year trusting the grace that God bestows.

We also come into your home through this letter in order that we might give a bit of information about ourselves. During the year we have had opportunity to meet many of you. Others will only know about our family through this letter.

David has now been in the Air Force for two years. Ever since he has received his commission he has been in Minot. During the summer and fall he has had two assignments out of the country, but both have been canceled. Now he has been assigned to go to Goose Bay in Labrador in January. However, it is hard to plan what will happen until about the time that it happens.

Steve will complete his studies at Dana in January. He has also signed up for Air Force officers training. He is scheduled to go to Lackland, Texas on Feb. 8. He has been assigned to aerospace munitions, whatever that is. He has enjoyed his years of college, but we are confident that he will also enjoy the service.

Jan is an eighth grader. Does well in school, and enjoys her guitar. She is preparing for confirmation in the spring. We enjoy her a lot at home. She and her mother enjoy taking off in the red Rambler together. Usually Tippy, our 13 year old dog, is raring to go with them. Jan gives some guitar lessons and does some baby sitting, so she is busy every day of the week.

Mom and Dad hate to admit that the years are rolling by pretty fast. A few sings of gray are beginning to appear, but that is life. We still keep up a pretty good pace and enjoy it all. We have been happy that we have been able to visit with our mothers each year. We have had many occasions to rejoice with family, friends and parishioners.

Once again, a blessed Christmas and a happy New Year. We do look forward to hearing from so many friends at Christmas time.

The Larsens

*Rev. Stanley Larsens*



## ITEM INVENTORY LIST

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