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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: Raymond M. Paulsen *Son of Martin Paulsen, Blair, Neb.*

Born when: July 25, 1913 where: Blair, Nebraska *(in farm) 4, 1953*

Baptized when and where: Blair Nebraska First Lutheran Church 1913 *by A. Th. Schult*

Confirmed when and where: First Lutheran Church 1928 by whom: Hans Nielsen

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

Date of ordination: June 18, 1950 where: Hutchinson, Minn. by whom: U.E.L.C.

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 Zonia R. Andersen date and place: July 3, 1942 Omaha Nebraska

Wife's birthdate and place: March 12, 1915 Oakland Nebraska

Her parents: Gust A. Andersen location: Omaha, Nebr.

If wife is dead, give date

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

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

Gerald Ray

Glenna Ruth

Gloria Renee

Gwendolyn Rebecca

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

Two other brothers in ministry. Clarence and Clifford

World War service in U.S. Army 1942-46 (Jan)

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

High Schools: Blair High School, Blair, Mebr.

Colleges (Give also degrees attained): Dana College B.A. 1939-1942 & 1946 (Jan-May)

- June 1947

Theological Schools: Trinity Seminary Sept. 1947 - June 1950

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

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Other specific training:

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Additional comment on above:

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

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..... St. John's Lutheran Church Saxeville., Wis. 1950

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NOTE: Our previous biographical records were lost in the tragic fire that destroyed the office building of the United Lutheran Church of America in 1953. We are now in the process of re-creating these records and your help is highly appreciated. Please fill in what you can, perhaps with the assistance of others acquainted with you. If you can refer us to any person, book or paper that can inform us further, we shall be very much obliged to you. If you may either have it or borrow it, please send it along. All our collections of cards was also ruined in the fire. This account for an Publishing House Hans Neber, Feb. 16, 1953, where the synodical historian also had his office. This account for 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 you.

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

Return this report as soon as possible to

Offices held in Synod and Districts, and when:

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

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

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Additional information of interest:

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Date Nov 2 1952 Signed Raymond M Paulsen

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Raymond M. Paulsen

(Recommendations by Pastors H. C. Jorgensen and Erhardt Nielsen)



I, Raymond Martin Paulsen, son of Martin Paulsen and wife Bolena Paulsen, nee Larsen, was born July 25, 1913, on a farm northwest of Blair, Nebraska. I was baptized the same year by Pastor A. T. Schultz in the First Lutheran Church of Blair. On the 15th of April, 1928, I was confirmed by the late Pastor Hans Nielsen.

I have lived in the vicinity of Blair my whole life, received my elementary education in the rural schools of my home district and high school education at the Blair High School. After graduation from high school I worked together with my father and brothers on the farm until the fall of 1934, when I began farming for myself. I farmed until the fall of 1939. These were five very trying years for me. Our country experienced severe drouth in those years, but this was not the most trying. Spiritually, I was tossing to and fro. Being a bachelor, I had considerable time to be alone and think. Doubts entered into my mind and I seemed to become more and more confused. The thing that really marked a turning point in my life was when I was approached by a group of farm neighbors to take charge as superintendent of a rural mission Sunday school in the immediate area. I hesitated to accept, but after much prayer and after talking it over with my pastor—I finally agreed, and for a number of years I worked with this group. This work proved a real blessing to me, and it was here that I felt the challenge of bringing the Gospel of Jesus Christ to a world sorely in need. In the fall of 1939 I decided to quit farming and to prepare myself for the full-time Christian ministry. I matriculated at Dana College, Blair, Nebraska, that same fall. In February of

1942 I was called to the service of my country and spent four years in the United States Army.

On July 3, 1942, I was united in marriage to Miss Zonia Anderson of Oakland, Nebraska. To this union three children have been born, Gerald Ray, six years, Glenna Ruth, three years, and Gloria Renee, one year of age.

I received my discharge from the army in January of 1946. That same month I again took up my studies at Dana College. I graduated from that institution in the spring of 1947 with a B.A. degree. In September of 1947 I matriculated at Trinity Seminary, Blair, Nebraska, where I have continued my theological studies.

My summers have been spent in various ways. The summers of 1947 and 1948 I taught daily vacation Bible school at Audubon, Iowa. Also in the summer of 1948 I served as student pastor of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Jacksonville, Iowa. During the summer of 1949 I served as student pastor of the First English Lutheran Church, Poy Sippi, Wisconsin, and the St. John's Lutheran Church, Saxeville, Wisconsin. As student pastor of these congregations I received much practical training and a great deal of spiritual help.

I am deeply grateful to God for parents who taught me early in youth the principles and standards of good living. They embedded deeply within me the love of God through their own Christian example. They saw to it that I was afforded the teachings of the Christian Church through the Sunday school and later through Confirmation.

I wish also to express appreciation and gratitude for Sunday school teachers who in my early youth made living to me the stories of the Bible. I am also grateful for Christian pastors who have instructed me in the Word of God and made it living to me. I am grateful to my college and seminary professors who have guided me in my training and have imparted to me of their knowledge and spiritual guidance.

Expecting to complete my theological course next May, and having received a joint call from the First English Lutheran Church, Poy Sippi, Wisconsin, and the St. John's Lutheran Church, Saxeville, Wisconsin, I hereby apply to the United Evangelical Lutheran Church for ordination at its annual convention to be held at Hutchinson, Minnesota, June 13 to 18, 1950.

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond M. Paulsen.

Submitted March 30, 1950.