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1905-1989

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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: Edwin August William Petrusson

Born when: April 6, 1905 where: Chicago, Illinois

Baptized when and where: Ebenezer Lutheran Church, Chicago, Illinois

Confirmed when and where: May 18, 1919, Ebenezer, Chicago by whom: Pastor L. Pedersen

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

Date of ordination: June 7, '31 where: Blair, Nebraska 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: ..... why: .....

Located where: ..... occupation: .....

If dead, what date: 1989 where: ..... cause: .....

Buried where ..... date .....

**Marriage:** (1) to whom Ruth Jensen date and place: June 1, 1931

Wife's birthdate and place: June 22, 1898, Royal, Iowa

Her parents: Pastor & Mrs. Clemen Jensen location: .....

If wife is dead, give date June 30, 1970 from cancer

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

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

..... Sgt.  
Rhoda Dagmar married to/Roland Greenup now serving with the Army in  
..... Korea during the past 15 months. They have  
..... one child, Wayne Allen, born July 14, 1953.  
..... Rhoda attended Dana College 1951-52.

..... James and John (twins) 16 $\frac{1}{2}$  years old when they drowned in Des Lacs  
..... Lake near Kenmare, June 5, 1952.

..... Mark Herald Petrusson (1954z-Junior in Kenmare High School)

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

..... Father: Axel F. Petrusson of Chicago, Illinois  
..... of the Ebenezer Lutheran Church  
..... was for many years member of the Illinois  
..... District Board and Treasurer of the District.

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

High Schools: Lane Technical High School, Chicago, Illinois 1919-23

Colleges (Give also degrees attained): .....

..... University of Chicago - Crane Junior College - 1923-24

..... Dana College, Blair, Nebraska B.A. 1926

Theological Schools: ... Trinity Theological Seminary, Blair, Nebraska 1926-27 & 30-31  
(B.D. from Trinity)

..... University of Copenhagen, Denmark 1928-29

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

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Other specific training: Chicago Lutheran Bible School &  
Moody Bible Institute, Chicago 1930

San Francisco Theological Seminary, San Anselmo, California 1943-44  
(Graduate work related to Pastoral Counseling)

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.

St. Ansgar Lutheran Church, Kenkakee, Illinois 1931-1936  
Zion Lutheran Church, Clifton, Illinois 1931-1936

St. Paul's Lutheran Church (Boomer), Neola, Iowa 1936-1941

Immanuel Lutheran Church, (Easton) Fresno, Calif. 1941-1942

Service Pastor (served in Salinas Military Area, California) 1942-1946

Valley Lutheran Church, North Hollywood, Calif. 1946-1951

Nazareth Lutheran Church, Kenmare, North Dakota 1951-56

*Instructor at Little Bible School, Buena, Park Pool*

Parents: Father (give name, birthplace, occupation, residence, etc.)  
Axel F. Petrusson, born July 1, 1880, Copenhagen, Denmark ..... Came to U.S.A.

in 1901. Lived in Chicago until his death in 1942. Occupation: Jeweler.  
Member of Ebenezer, Chicago. For many years on the Illinois District Board.  
Mother (give her maiden name, birthplace, home before marriage, etc.)  
Dagmar Petrusson nee Borglum, born Febr. 10, 1877, Copenhagen, Denmark.

Came to this country 1902

Offices held in Synod and Districts, and when:

President, Illinois District Luther League 1932-36

President, North Dakota District Luther League 1951-52

President, North Dakota-Montana District U.E.L.C. 1952-  
(Re-elected 1954 for two years)

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

Taught in District Bible Camps in Iowa, Michigan, Wisconsin,

New Hampshire, California

Editor of Wells of Salvation

Editor of Christmas Chimes

Editor of ~~XXXXXX~~ Monthly Youth Editions of The Ansgar Lutheran 1938-1942

On Staff of Lutheran Bible Institute (teaching) two years.

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

Additional information of interest:

Served on Youth Commission of the American Lutheran Conference

1931-1943

Date December 20, 1954 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

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STATISTICIAN & HISTORIAN  
UNITED EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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KENMARE, NORTH DAKOTA

EDWIN W. PETRUSSON, PASTOR  
OFFICE 137-W  
RESIDENCE 137-J

September 18, 1956

Pastor P. C. Jensen  
Editor, L.U.  
Blair, Nebraska

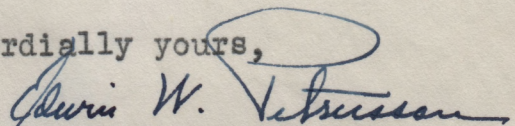
Dear Pastor Jensen:

It is a real joy for many of us to know that you are coming to our District to serve the Sidney congregation in the interim. May this be for both you and the congregation a most blessed experience.

Following is a news item you may want to use.

Kenmare, North Dakota, Nazareth Lutheran Church. Pastor Edwin W. Petrusson has accepted a call to become a member of the regular faculty of the California School of the Lutheran Bible Institute located at Los Angeles, California. His resignation from the Nazareth congregation is effective December 1st.

Cordially yours,

  
Edwin W. Petrusson

Christmas

Greetings



Kenmare, N. Dakota  
December 17, 1953

Dear friends:

May this be a most blessed Christmas for you and your loved ones in Jesus' Name! With Christmas but a week away our thoughts quite naturally go out to loved ones far and near. No previous year has seemed to pass so quickly for us. Now with the Advent season nearing the end, the Christmas festivities have already begun in the Church.

How unexpected are the turn of events in nearly every year of our lives. As our little family looks back over past months we must in gratitude exclaim with the Psalmist, "The Lord does not deal with us according to our sins... so great is His steadfast love."

Ruth after unexpected radical surgery in Rochester in September has made remarkable recovery and is her old self again. Ruth was in Rochester for a month. She had submitted to surgery here in Kenmare but tests showed a malignancy that called for further care. We went to Rochester

where she went through the Clinic and then underwent a radical mastectomy. Now one wouldn't know by appearances that she had been so grievously ill - only a little lost weight which Ruth affirms is all to the good.

During the year we have had an addition to the family and household. To Rhoda was born a fine strapping boy last summer. Rhoda's husband Ronnie has been in Korea since last June. The coming of Wayne Allen certainly made some changes in our household - what with bottles, diapers, baths, the cries and not to forget the gurgles of a laughing babe. - It seems like old times again. Rhoda is on emergency call at the telephone office and works about three days a week.

Mark is about as tall as his dad - a sophomore in high school - manages to stay on the honor roll - is on Student Council and plays in the band - but his present first love is athletics. Again this year he was on the football squad where he was named All-conference Quarter-back. And now it's basket-ball. Were it not for "Church Night" carefully observed by the school it would be difficult to carry on our youth work or Choir without conflicts.

Neither last nor least certainly, Ruth and I are busy about all the things that concern "the Father's house." This has been a blessed year (though not lacking in personal shortcomings) - a year rich in the many evidences of the grace of God in our own experiences and even more apparent in the Gospel-touched lives about us.

May our Lord bless this Christmas and all the coming year for you and yours in all the ways which in His providence you have most need!

Ruth and Edwin W. Peterson