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RASMUSSEN, JOSEPH
1887-1957

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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: Joseph Pasmussen

Born when: 1887 where: Chicago Ill

Baptized when and where: Bapt same yrs in Chicago

Confirmed when and where: 1905 Plainview Neb by whom: Rev. Daniskov

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

Date of ordination: June 15 1919 where: Cedar Falls Ia by whom: Rev. G. B. Christian sen

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

Retired from active ministry when: 1939 why: disabled eyes fail me. no care for the

Located where: Scranton Ia occupation:

If dead, what date: Sunday morning Febr. 24, 1957 where: Scranton, Ia cause: paralytic stroke Febr. 20, 1957

Buried where: Kennard, Neb. date: Febr. 26, 1957

Marriage: (1) to whom: Anina Carlsen date and place: Jan. 16, 1924 Kennard Neb

Wife's birthdate and place: Kennard, Neb

Her parents: Carl Carlsen Mrs Carlsen nee Hansen location: Kennard Neb

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):

Calvin Joseph a Farmer near Carroll Ia
David Luther Salesman Milwaukee Wis
Phillip Farmer Sheffield Ia
Janet Married to Pastor Wehr's son John in Austria
Les worker I. C. Des Moines Ia
Paul Seamer in Ft. Snook Ia Ia
Carrol at home

Other information on family of his-
tical professions, etc.

Parents: Father (give name, birthplace, occupation, residence, etc.)
Joseph Jasmussen

Born 1887 Feb 4th Chicago Ill.

Mother (give her maiden name, birthplace, home before marriage, etc.)
Anna Caroline nee Carleen

now Farming
born 1905 Hensard Nebr

ing: Give name of institution, location, and when attended.

High Schools:

Colleges (Give also degrees attained):

Theological Schools:

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.

Bethel Luth Church, Green Bay, Wis. 1917-19 ^(as student)
St. Edmund's Luth. Church, Kennard, Neb. 1919-24
also Community Church, Washington, Neb. " "

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Offices held in Synod and Districts, and when:

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

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

By request... I have written Tracts put out by Luth Publ House just how many thousands they put out, I don't know Later I had 2000 full of which I have cranked most of

Additional information of interest:

The title "Choosing our Life's Pathway" I have now been asked to write another tract for a friend in Denver Colo for which he wants the LPH Blair to print 10000 I have promised to do so.

Date July 5th 1954

Signed Joseph Pasmussen
Scranton 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

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

Died February 23, 1957

OBITUARY
Pastor Joseph Rasmussen

Buried February 28, 1967

Pastor Joseph Rasmussen in whose honor we come together this day to pay our respect is born in Chicago, Illinois, February 4, 1887. Within a couple years or less of his birth the family moved to Wyoming, where they lived a very short while. As pioneers they came to Plainview, Nebraska, and together with Mr. Rasmussen's two brothers, Peter and Hans, they took up homesteads and timber claims. The parents, the father Rasmus Rasmussen, and the mother Marie Kirstine Rasmussen, known in the settlement as Steena, were deeply religious, and together with the relatives and other homesteaders they organized in 1895 The Bethel Lutheran Church Congregation in Plainview, which is still serving the religious needs of the community.

On March 27, 1887 the tiny infant, Joseph Rasmussen, was baptized. In his home and in the congregation he received from early childhood spiritual impulses and religious ~~instruction~~ training and Bible instruction. As a very young man Joseph attended a couple winter sessions at Dana College, Blair. He and his brother Benjamin managed a farm in partnership for about a year and a half. Being encouraged by his pastor the reverend J.G.V. Magmussen, to prepare himself for the Gospel ministry, he enrolled as a student at Dana College in the fall of 1911 in what was called at that time The Proseminary Course, from which department he graduated in 1915. In the fall of that same year he entered the Trinity Lutheran Seminary at Blair, from which institution he graduated at the completion of his studies in 1918.

In July of the same year he entered the field as supply pastor in Green Bay Wisconsin. Later he received a permanent call from this same congregation, The Bethel Lutheran Church, and was ordained to the office of the Holy Gospel Ministry at Cedar Falls, Iowa June 15, 1919

In 1920 Pastor Rasmussen was called as pastor of the Emmaus Lutheran Church Kennard, Nebraska with an annex congregation in Washington, a charge which he served until late in 1923 or early in 1924. During this his pastorate the present house of worship was built. This new church was dedicated in the fall of 1923.

January 16, 1924 Pastor Rasmussen and Miss Nina Caroline Carlsen, daughter of Carl and Anna Carlsen of Kennard, were united in holy matrimony in the new church.

The newly married couple moved to Hartland Wisconsin, where the young bride, Mrs. Rasmussen became mistress of the parsonage, and Pastor Rasmussen assumed the duties connected with his parish work. Later they moved to Lindsay, Nebraska to serve a rather extensive ~~parish~~ parish. The last regular charge was in Scranton, Iowa, where they have been living for a bout a quarter of a century., and where the children grew up.

During the depression years the family became engaged in farming activities. Eventually they procured a farm, and pursued together in a most successful manner.

They have constantly maintained their interest and activity in promoting the progress and welfare of the Scranton congregation, The religious life and atmosphere is very prevalent and pronounced in the home. All the members of the family are serving their church and their community in a most effective manner. Pastor Rasmussen availed himself of every opportunity to proclaim the Gospel message in private and in public at all times.

Pastor Rasmussen's health was robust. He has always been very active. Wednesday morning February 20 he noticed as he awoke a rather unusual sensation in his arm. In calling Mrs. Rasmussen's attention to this sensation he suddenly and without any other warning lapsed into a state of unconsciousness, having been attacked by a very violent paralytic stroke. Sunday morning without having regained consciousness he fell asleep in the arms of Jesus our Saviour.

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Pastor Joseph Rasmussen leaves to mourn:-

His beloved and devoted wife, Nina Caroline Rasmussen
Seven Children

1. Calvin - - - - - Carroll, Iowa
2. David - - - - - Milwaukee, Wisconsin
3. Phillip - - - - - Ogden, Iowa
4. Leo - - - - - Des Moines, Iowa
5. Janet, Mrs. John Mehr - - - Davenport, Iowa
- ~~6. Paul - - - - - at home - Scranton, Iowa~~
- ~~7. Carol - - - - - at home - Scranton, Iowa~~

~~Five Grandchildren~~

~~Two Brothers:-~~

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7. Carol - - - - - at home - Scranton, Iowa

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Two Brothers:-

1. Johannes Rasmussen *John* - Los Angeles, California
2. Benjamin Rasmussen *Ben* - Selma, California

Two Sisters:-

1. Mrs. Ella Rasmussen - - - - - Pasadena, California
2. Mrs. Minnie Nielsen, - - - - - Carmel, California

May God bless his memory, and comfort and strengthen the bereaved!

THE FUNERAL SERVICES

The entire funeral was under the direction of The Huffman's Funeral Home in Scranton, Iowa in Scranton as well as in Kennard.

The Service in Scranton Iowa

The service was conducted in the First Lutheran Church in Scranton, Iowa at three o'clock Tuesday afternoon February 26, 1957. A dinner was served in the social hall of the church by the ladies of the congregation to all present, members and friends of the family, and visitors. Refreshments were also served by the ladies to all that attended the service.

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Greetings from The Iowa District - - - - - Pastor C. M. Videbeck, Atlantic
Iowas, The President of the District
Solo - - - - - Mrs. Reid Neve, Storm Lake Iowas
Organist - - - - - Mrs. P. M. Christensen, Scranton, Iowa
Hymn selections are:- "Oh, Take My Hand, Dear Father" and "The Love Of God"

Tinus Christensen	Timus Pedersen
Mike Mikkelsen	Jim Petersen
Leonard Jensen	Marius Christensen

These are former parishioners and members of the two congregations, The First Lutheran in Scranton, and The Immanuel Lutheran in Coon Rapids

THE SERVICE IN KENNARD, NEBRASKA

Prayer - - - - - The Pastor
Solo - - - - - Roger Philo
Only Glory By And By

Address, Theme:- "God Is Our Safe Refuge In Life And In Death"-The Pastor
Greetings from The Synod- The President of The Synod, Pastor William Larsen
Solo - - - - - Roger Philo

I wouldn't Have To Cross Jordan Alone"

Greetings from the Family and from The Scranton Congregation Pastor M. Jorgensen
The Ritual - - - - - The Pastor
Organist - - - - - Mr. M. B. Wardell, Kennard, Nebraska

CASKET BEARERS

Merle Andersen	Clifford Andersen
Wendell Kronberg	Roland Cunningham
Harvey Knudsen	Elmer Wolf

The casket bearers are all nephews of Pastor Rasmussen.
The ladies of the congregation served a delicious luncheon to all present.
The body was laid to rest in the Kennard Cemetary where Pastor M. Jorgensen performed the committal service, and the local pastor pronounced the benediction. The funeral was attended by many from Scranton, and Coon Rapids, by the pastors, and other friends in Blair, and by a large number of friends and relatives from Kennard and vicinity. The many memorial gifts and abundant array of floral decorations testify to the high esteem for Pastor Joseph Rasmussen and his family in the community.

Kindly return the script to Stinus S. Loft Blair Nebraska



2/ Pastor Joseph Rasmussen, d. 24. Febr. 1957 i Scranton, Iowa, efter et Slagtil-
var
fælde fire Dage før. Siden 1940 ~~XXXX~~ han og Familie bosat som Farmere ved
Scranton efter at han havde været Præst for derværende Menighed og Immanu-
els i Coon~~XXXX~~ Rapids siden 1932. Han og Hustru, Anina, Datter af Mr. og Mrs.
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Dana College et Par Vintre ~~XXXX~~ som ung og fik Lyst til Bogen og ^{solte} Kald til
at blive Præst. ^{Derfor} ~~der~~ efter at have forsøgt sig som Farmer nogle Aar, ^{optoges} begyndte
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~~Præst~~ for Bethania Mgh. i Lindsay, Nebr. indtil de flyttede til Scranton, Iowa.
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lig Prædikent, selv om det haandlige Arbejde faldt ham lettere end det viden-
skabelige. Han opdrog og efterlader sig en skøn Børneflokk.



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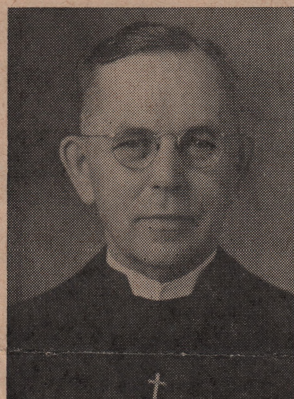
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