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TYCHSEN, THOMAS BERNHARDT
1882-

183 Thomas Tychsen

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: Thomas Bernhardt Tychsen
Born when: Oct. 21, 1882 where: Tønder Amt, Nord Slesvig, Denmark/-or called today (Sønder-Jylland)
Baptized when and where: (My baptismal certificate is not handy at present) (However, baptized in infancy in our Home Church in Tønder-Kreds in Sønder-Jylland, Denmark--at that time)
Confirmed when and where: Palmsundat, 1897 by whom: (under German Rule (by Pastor Seeger in Visby, Tønder-Amt.
If immigrant, date of arrival in America: in Nov., 1905 where: Lutheran Seminary, St. Paul, Minn. (Rev. Prof. Dr. Ernst,
Date of ordination: June 18th, 1909 where: by whom: (Pres. of Minn. District (Ev. Luth. Ohio Synos.
If not in above synods, when and where accepted as member pastor of our synod: in June 1922 during (Synod's meeting, Racine, Wis.
Retired from active ministry when: why:
Located where: occupation:
If dead, what date: where: cause:
Buried where date

Marriage: (1) to whom Miss Lilly Kamholz, date and place: Morgan, Minn., July 15th, 1909.
Wife's birthdate and place: Morgan, Redwood Co., Minn. May 18th, 1888
Her parents: Herman & Wilhelmine Kamholz location: Morgan, Minn.
If wife is dead, give date ... time I served in yo. n. Church-synod; need not state this. (She d. Oct. 21th, 1952. But you just want the record for the
(2) Second wife (if any; give same information about her)

Theological Schools

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

One child, a girl, died when a little over 4 months old.

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. Schools in Germany & Denmark:

Borrig, Bredebro & Visby, all in Tønder-Kreds

High Schools: College & Seminary Practical Theological Schools for serving in Nord America & Canada ULCA.

These schools in Breklum, Kreds Husum, Nord-Slesvig. (Germany) EWX

Colleges (Give also degrees attained):

Theological Schools: Two years in Breklum, Germany & 3 years in St. Paul, Minn.

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.

Parishes :- Tracy-Walnut Grove-Cobden (3 Congr.) 1909 to 1913; 4 years.
Next Parish--again 3 congregations:-Wanda-Stately-Comfrey, from July, 1913 to July 1917. Then Gaylord & Winthrop, Minn., July 1917 to May 1922. Then your synod, the U.E. Danish Lutheran Church, May 1922 to Dec. 1927.

NOTE: Our previous biographical records were lost in the tragic fire that destroyed the office building of the Lutheran Publishing House, Sept. 15, 1953, where the cyclopedical historian also had his office. This accounts for the missing questions now in the case of certain ministers. In the case of those ministers whose names are listed in the biographical records, please fill in what you can, perhaps with the assistance of others acquainted with subject. We are sure that your 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. 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
STATIONARY & PRINTING
UNITED EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH
BLAIR, MINN.

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: Pastor Jensen, I'm sending you an Anniversary
booklet from my time in Milw., Wis. & thus if you find there something
of interest - use it--as far as I am concerned. Thank YOU.

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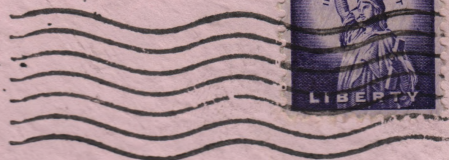
Date Signed

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STATISTICIAN & HISTORIAN
UNITED EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH
BLAIR, NEBRASKA

From Rev. Thomas Lychsen,
1716 - Almond Ave.,
WALNUT CREEK, CALIFORNIA



Rev. P.J. Jensen,
EDITOR of "Luthersk Ugeblad",
% Danish Lutheran Publ. House,

Blair / - Nebr.

Great are Thy tender
mercies, O Lord.

WALNUT CREEK, CALIF.,
Sept. 6th, 1957.

PSA. 119:156

Kære Pastor Jensen, - Broder i
Christus Jesus:-

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Siden vi rejste fra MINNESOTA/ for at retirere (bo & leve) her i det solrige Calif//har jeg ikke haft, og det er jo min egen Skyld?) Lejlighed til at læse d. gamle D. Ugeblad. Så ved jeg jo nu heller ikke, om Du er iblandt de Levende (d.v.s. det sandt troende Guds-Barn er det jo som Jesus (siger hos Joh. 11:-25-26; saa aabne Døden Døren til at leve (evigt i det Himmelske Land.). Men jeg skriver jo nu da i Forhaabning om, at Du endnu er beskæftiget i det Levendes Land her paa Jorden(?)./**/Har Du endnu Agentur-Authoritet for Sejlskibsture til Danmark & Tyskland, etc.?

Oh yes, Brother, we have all kinds of "agencies" (Offices here, like Oakland, San Francisco, -even one right here in Walnut Creek. However, I thought it would be real nice to receive some information & advice from - an old experienced agent (& Sea-traveler?). My sainted wife LILLY (You perhaps recall that she went home to GLORYLAND in 1952?) & I were home in Denmark (Sønder-Jylland) & Germany in 1926.

--Vi sejlede med d. Svenske Baad "Gripsholm", det Skib, som nu er solgt til Tyskland og omdøbt? til Navnet "BERLIN". Vi havde en dejlig Retur-Rejse paa den. Vil Du anbefale d. Baad i Dag? Eller hvilken Linie vil Du sige, man burde rejse med til gamle Land:-Svensk, Norsk, Amerikanske, etc.??

Now 31 years since I have seen my brothers & sisters over there, -besides some 25 nephews & nieces, etc. I'm sort of planning to take a trip (only "Tourist-Class"). I am re-married since 1955 - to a good faithful Helpmeet of German descent (my first wife was also of German extraction) who was married to a Dane (Petersen) for 32 years; he died in 1948. My Mrs. now "Ottilie" has a little farm in Minn./ She is not going along to Europe - having no relatives over there, nor well able to handle or talk neither Danish nor German. If my plan (just up in the AIR as yet?) can become realized, and since it is not too nice to travel alone, maybe you can find good company for me???

En Rejse, til Besøg i Danmark eller Tyskl. til JUL ville være dejlig(?), -men saa koldt?? Sommeren med d. 4. JULI bedre maaske?/**/Kan Præster faa, som paa Jernbanen & Bus, $\frac{1}{2}$ Clergy fare permit, etc.? Sidste Aar(?) syntes jeg at have læst om den Mulighed i vort Kirkeblad "THE LUTHERAN"/ Can one buy a "Return-ticket?" on any & all lines? Prices???

If I could take the Germ. Boat "Berlin", for Inst., then I could visit my cousins in Ratzeburg, Flensburg, Breklum, etc. on way North fr. Hamburg, or Bremerhaven./**/My "passport"

Et Hellig-tre-Konger Digt

Af ~~af~~ Pastor Th. Tychsen
(oplæst ved et Ungdomsmøde i Skarbak
Missionshus ~~Den~~ sidste Nytaar under
et Danmarksbesøg. Pastor Tychsen blev
optaget i vort Samfund i 1922 og var
Præst for vor Menighed i Milwaukee til
1927 og blev atter Medlem af Ohio Syno-
den, som han havde tilhørt førhen) ~~Red~~

Kære Broder Jensen!
Maaske du kunne ønske at
bruge Digtet for "Lu. Ugeblad" / Det
er jo et alene godt for Nyt-Aars
Begyndelse, men for Aand & Livet rundt.

Forf. Digt. Steine Boisen. Tise.

Min Søster Lene har i
Skarbak

Waupaca Wis Nov 1. 1965
Dear Pastor Jensen!

Nu jeg maa nok hellere skrive
dansk, jeg har modtaget deres
kort fra d 20 Oct, og er glad
over at kan meddele at min Broder
Thomas er meget levende endnu
og leve i Calif. 1916 Almond Ave

~~Walnut~~
De! Th. og Hustru Walnut tree

Har været i min part af Septemb
og p af Oct. Thomas har fuld 83 den
nu vil jeg lade ham svare (21 Oct)
for him self. jeg har ikke hørt
fra dem siden de er kommet hjem.
Sende deres kort til ham.

Undskyld mit skrive

Jeg har samme udheld som
min Broder ser og bare mer
det enne Gje.

med hilsen Helene Rude
312 1/2 So Division Str
Waupaca

Asked what changes he has
seen in the world, he replied,
"The world never changes. The
people do. There's much to crit-
icize and much to improve."

And he has a word about the
modern-day teen-ager. "Teen-
agers aren't as much to blame
as the parents. Moses said you
are the head of the family. If
you can't do the job then they
run in the streets."

clerk - 25 Aug 1965

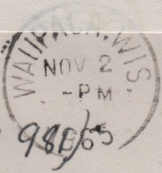
AFTER 5 DAYS RETURN TO

Mrs Helene Rude

312 1/2 So Division Str

Waupaca Wis

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Rev. P. C. Jensen,

Blair, Nebr.

Reply to my inquiris about 68008
I regard her brother

where we attend Services, etc. joined here in 1956.
 ST. LUKE'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
 The Lutheran Church in America
 2491 San Miguel Drive
 Walnut Creek, California
 Church Phone: 935-0160 Residence Phone: 934-5643

*org. in 1955
 S.C.A.*

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

November 7, 1965 8:30 & 10 a.m., 8 p.m.

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 + Late worshippers may be seated at this time.

Shall We Pray For The Dead?

It is not always morbid curiosity that asks: "Do the living have any contact with the dead? Can the living exert any influence upon the dead or vice versa? Should we pray with the dead and for them?" Sometimes the questions arise in the minds of those who are almost overcome with grief and yearn for contact with their departed loved ones.

The Bible has remarkably little to say on the subject. The Old Testament forbids the consulting of mediums (Deuteronomy 18: 10-12; Isaiah 8:19), and there is no clear support for the practices of worshiping departed saints, or conducting masses for the dead—practices which grew up in the church during the Middle Ages. The Epistle to the Hebrews (12:1) speaks about a "great cloud of witnesses" surrounding Christians on earth. Our Communion Service recognizes the presence of these witnesses in the prayer: "Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name" (SBH, page 11). We believe, also, that the "Communion of Saints" mentioned in the Apostles' Creed refers to both believers on earth and believers in heaven.

Prayers for the dead were offered in the early church, especially during the times of greatest persecution, but Augustine warned of the dangers involved in the practice. Luther said: "We have no command from God to pray for the dead; hence it is no sin not to pray for them. For what God has not commanded nor forbidden is something with respect to which no man can sin. On the other hand, since God has not more clearly made known to us what the condition of the departed is . . . it is not a sin if you pray for them. But it must be in such a way that you leave it uncertain and speak on this wise: 'Lord, if the soul is in such a state that it can yet be helped, I pray Thee to be gracious to it.' And when you have done this once or twice, let it go at that, and commend them to God." *

One thing we can be sure of: it is certainly proper to thank God for the life and influence of a departed person, as we do so beautifully in The Prayer of the Church (SBH, page 8): "We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served thee in thy Church on earth, who now rest from their labors (especially those most dear to us, whom we name in our hearts before thee)."

* See Joseph Stump, *The Christian Faith*, footnote on page 394.

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Walnut Creek, - Calif.((-94-596))



Rev. P. C. Jensen,

Blair//+ + //Nebraska
***** (68-008)

d e a r P a s t o r JENSEN, -Brother in Christ, our Savior:-

Your inquiry communication per card to my siter "H e l e n e" in Waupaca, Wis., conveyed to me & duly received yesterday(Nov.6th)//+//& now herewith I return it, as included in Envelope, to you, the Author - for your inspectioⁿ& detection,etc.(?).

--THANKS FOR REMEMBERING ME--!

Yes,- I am very much alive - as yet. You are aware of-/-or well informed about my retirement from the "active Ministry",i.e. 1951--with my 3-Eye Ordeal - from 1951 to '54 -two operations for "cataract" & lost one Eye;-however, God has spared me the other one - with which I can see very good; I'm NOT grateful enough for that.

If I rest--I rust-!/?//==// Thus I fine it a good "Pass-time" in these ~~XXXXXX~~ our retirement-years to write "DAILY DEVOTIONS"/-/and that done in the three(3) languages I am/I am/fairly at home in - to master a bit:-
English ** Danish ** German // + + // Of course,-or not of course(?)I just make donations of my work in "Ring Covers -- Book-form"/////To Denmark - to my relatives & friends/-& especially Old Folks Homes (Sönder-Jylland)--perhaps sent circa 14-18 copies; to GERMANY/in the German-tongue/ 4 - 6 Books //+ +//And in English given to Old Peoples Home - here in our adopted Homeland--:A m e r i c a,-say in Lincoln,Nebr. Omaha, Nebr., Bethany Home in Waupaca; an Old Folks Home in "Fond du Lac",Wis.

--You find enclosed in letter a "carbon-copy" - just was writing these devotions yesterday - as I rec. your card by way of Sis.Helene.//+ +//When finished - I have in mind to mail to folks in Denmark,etc.//+ +//Ja, men nu dernede i Blair//det gamle Hoved-Kvarter af den F.D.Ev.Luth.Kirke(?)//har man jo ogsaa et Hvile-Hjem,etc.for de Gamle((eller saadanne:to-?-)) Mon der kunne være nogle faa (3 - 6,etc.)ældre Danske som kunne ønske en Kopi af mine Andagter--komme daglig sammen i Jesu Navn - saa er H A N midt iblandt dem,etc. Saa kan de faa en Bog, naar færdig.

*NR - of your Swiss additional information
the note, etc. sub questions, please*

den 11. September
Psalm 135: 1-13

I, som staa i Herrens Hus,-I vor Guds Hus's forgarde
//Lover Herren, thi Herren er god; Lovsnger hans
Navn;-thi det er lifligt,////Thi Herren har udvalgt
sig Jakob-/-Israel til sin Sjonden,////Thi jeg ved,at
Herren er stor-/-og at vor Herre er større end alle
Guder,////Herren går alt, hvad han behager-/-Afsmælen
og paa Jorden, i Havene og i alle Aفرunde,////Han går,
at Damp opstige fra Jordens Ordneser; han går i Røg,
thi Røgn,han udfører Vejret af sine Forraadskammer//
--han, som slog de førstefødde i Kypren, baade Menne-
ske og Dyri-//han sendte Tegn og underlige Ting i din
Madte, Kypren-/-paa Faro og alle hans Tjenere:-//
(udeladt,....)Han gav Kanaans-land til Arv for sit
folk Israel,////H e l e n e-//dit Navn bliver evindelst,
HERRE-/-din Thukommelse bliver fra Slægt til Slægt,/+/

Vor naadige Gud og Fader,-I
VI bede dig, Guld vore Hjertør med en hellig
Lovsang til dit Navns Åre-/-//din fromme Tjenere,Kong
David, i "gamle Pact" beskæmme os med sin bestandige
Lovsang og Pils-/endskønt vi have den forjættede
Messias:-Kristus Jesus,////for vor Lunkehed bede vi
om Tilgivelse-/-//Men ved din Helligands Hjælp vil
og naa vi ikke derved standse-/-men hellere forbed-
res og forklæses i det indvortes Menneske;-og det
saaledes, at vi slet ikke kunne anderledes end at
ophøje og forkynde din herlige Magt og frelsende
Barnhjertighed - mod os - som Psalmisten her i
Andagts-Ordene vel kunne tjene som et forbillede:-
A m e n, // + + +
"Lov dog, den Herre, som alting saa hellig regerer-//
--han, der som Ornen paa Vinger dig løfter og bærer-//
Lader dig faa-//er, end du selv kan fortaar-//
--Bædre, end Hjertet begærer-//Lov dog den Her-
re, som dig i din Stand glæver Lykke-//han, som med
tusind Velstignelser ved dig at styrke-//Tak dog
derpaa-//At han sin Åre kan faa-//Åk, i din Sjæl
det indtrykke-/-"//// "Vor Fader, O.S.V."

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d e n 10, September 1. Pet. 2:- 4 - 10.
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KOMMER TIL HAM,- den levende Sten, der vel er for-
-kastet af Menneskene-/-men er udvalgt og dyrebar for
for Gud,-//og lader eder selv som levende Stene op-
bygge som et aandeligt Hus, til et helligt Præsteskab,
til at frembære aandelige Ofre, velbehagelige for
Gud ved Jesus Kristus.///Thi det hedder i et Skrift-
-sted:-"Se, jeg lægger i Zion en Hovedhjørnen, som
er udvalgt og dyrebar;-og den, som tror paa ham, skal
ingenlunde blive til Skamme."///Eder altsaa, som tro,
hører Aen til;- men for de vantro er denne Sten, som
Bygningsmændene forkastede, bleven til en Hovedhjørne-
-sten og en Anstødssten og en Forargelses-Klippe;-og
de støde an, idet de ere genstridige imod Ordet, hvor-
-til de ogsaa vare bestemte.///Men I ere en udvalgt
Slægt, et kongeligt Præsteskab, et helligt Folk, et
Folk til Ejendom, for at I skulle forkynde hans Dyder,
som kaldte eder fra Mørke til sit underfulde Lys,-//
I, som fordum ikke vare et Folk, men nu ere Guds Folk/
I, som ikke fandt Barmhertighed-/-men un have fun-
-det Barmhertighed.// + + + //

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B ø n:- "H e r r e J e s u s, -kom at røre//+//Mig
ved din gode Aand//+//Aabne mit tunghørig' Ore//+//
Tag mit Hjerte i din Haand//+//Følg mig, hvor jeg
gaar//+//At i Lydighed jeg staar-!" A m e n.

J a - vor Fader i Himmelen!-VI ERE IKKE DYGTIGE NOK
til at takke og prise dig - for al din forbarmende
Kærlighed imod os:-en Kærlighed, der drog os op af
Syndefaldet, Syndelivet, Syndelysten, Syndesøvnen/og
gjorde os til dit Ejendoms Folk, en udvalgt Slægt i vor
Frelser, Kristus Jesus;-jo, et helligt Folk, et konge-
ligt Præsteskab-!-//Vor Lovsang vil aldrig kunne kaldes
tilstrækkeligt;-men annam den - som vi bedst formaa
at frembringe med syndige Læber-!-//Og Herre,-vi tage
til Hjerte, at en saadan himmelsk Yndest ogsaa paalæg-
ge os et stort Ansvar:-dette, at vi maa forkynde dine
Dyder til de mange uddødelige Sjæle, der endnu vandre i
Sydens og Dødens Mørke.//Hjælp os og styrk os i Aanden
til at udføre denne hellige Kaldelse!- I Jesu Navn!-
