

Celebrations and Transitions

2022

Anniversary of Ordination to Ministry of Word and Sacrament

10 Years

Pastor Christine McNeal
Pastor Rita Augsburg
Pastor Ryan Anderson

15 Years

Pastor Janet Lepp
Pastor Tony Metz

20 Years

Pastor Connie Frase
Pastor Krista Stokke

25 Years

Pastor Benjamin Stewart
Pastor Cynthia Munker
Pastor David Glesne
Pastor Elise Rothfusz
Pastor John Rothfusz
Pastor Wayland Middendorf, Sr.

30 Years

Pastor Maureen Stein
Pastor S. Kim Lee-Brown

35 Years

Pastor April Dailey
Pastor Jan Worms
Pastor Lanny Westphal
Pastor Lisa Goodwin
Pastor Pam Mitcham

35 Years

Pastor S. Blake Duncan
Pastor Stephen Goodwin

40 Years

Pastor Benjamin Fiore
Pastor Gerhard Kraus
Pastor James Trutwin
Pastor Kenneth Tegtmeier

50 Years

Pastor Gary Ryden
Pastor James Lillie
Pastor Richard Hertenstein

55 Years

Pastor Alvin Horst
Pastor James Clark

60 Years

Pastor Edward Schneider

65 Years

Pastor John Kelley

***Anniversary of
Commission, Consecration, or
Ordination to Ministry of Word and
Service
-None-***

Roster Changes Effective...June 1, 2021—May 31, 2022

Ordination to Word and Sacrament Ministry

Pastor Daniel Grainger-July 9, 2021
Pastor Brad Frye-July 17, 2021
Pastor Brian Coffey-Dec. 29, 2021

Ordination to Word and Service Ministry

-None-

Celebration of Retirement

Pastor Paul Lellelid- Jan. 1, 2022
Pastor Jeffrey Henricks-Jan. 1, 2022
Pastor Pam Mitcham-May 1, 2022

Released from Roster

Nathan Johnson
Amy Thoren

On Leave From Call Status

Pastor David Castner
Pastor Adam Connolly
Pastor Jim Davis
Pastor Lisa Goodwin (Disability)
Pastor Thomas Kratzer
Pastor Tony Metz
Pastor Becky Swanson

Transfer Received From Another Synod

Pastor Kathleen Boland
Pastor Lynette Chapman
Pastor Paul Chapman
Pastor Patrick Jenkins
Pastor Karen Norman-Rees

Transferred To Another Synod

Pastor David Russell—Northern IL Synod
Pastor Christine Salser—Northern IL Synod
Pastor Melissa Waterman—Southeastern Iowa Synod
Pastor Paul Waterman—Southeastern Iowa Synod
Pastor Amy Berger—Delaware-Maryland Synod
Pastor Matthew Berger—Delaware-Maryland Synod



Congregation Celebrations

50 Years

Lutheran Church of Mahomet, Mahomet, Illinois- 1972

75 Years

Faith Lutheran Church, Washington, Illinois-1947

125 Years

Zion Lutheran Church, Clifton, Illinois- 1897

150 Years

St. John Lutheran Church, Bloomington, Illinois-1872

St. Paul Lutheran Church, Chatsworth, Illinois- 1872

Zion Lutheran Church, Shipman, Illinois- 1872

175 Years

St. John Lutheran Church, Chester, Illinois-1847

Congregation Closures

Calvary Lutheran Church, Belleville, Illinois
Last Sunday- September 26, 2021

Congregation Withdrawals

St. John Lutheran Church, Shelbyville, Illinois
Last Sunday in ELCA - November 7, 2021

NECROLOGY



The Rev. Walter M. Chellberg

July 20, 1927—July 23, 2022

Rev. Walter Chellberg 94, of Paxton, IL, died on Friday, July 23, 2021 at his home. He was born in Gary, IN in 1927. In 1949 he received a B.A. from Augustana, Rock Island, IL, and in 1952 he graduated from Augustana Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago with a Masters of Divinity. Rev. Chellberg was ordained in Des Moines, IA on June 15, 1952.

His parishes include Tarna Lutheran Church, St. Hilaire, MN concurrently serving congregations for Black River Lutheran Church in Red Lake Falls and Clara Lutheran Church in Deer River; Ebenezer, Chicago; Concordia, Chicago; First Lutheran Church, Princeton, IL; First Lutheran Church, Paxton, IL concurrent with Grace Lutheran Church, Rankin, IL; St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Arenzville, IL; St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Delphi, IN; St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Camden, IN; Shepherd of the Hills, Evansville, IN; Prince of Peace, Lafayette, IN; and Faith Lutheran Church, Otterbein, IN.

He was married to Maxine M. Hoy on February 16, 1952. She died on December 30, 1979. He married Mary M. Goodwin on July 3, 1983. She died on January 1, 2010. He is survived by four daughters, Carol Peterson, Sandra Uden, Pamela Golden, Mary Hernandez; and one son, David Chellberg; 3 stepchildren, Jeffrey Goodwin, Marcia Adams, Patrick Goodwin; 22 grandchildren, many great grandchildren and step great grandchildren.



The Rev. Wilbur McCasky

September 5, 1933– October 3, 2021

Rev. Wilbur McCasky, 88, of Crescent City, IL, passed away on October 3, 2021, at Prairieview Lutheran Home in Danforth, IL. He was born on September 5, 1933 in Toluca, IL. He received his Masters of Divinity through Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, IA. He was a former minister at St. Timothy Lutheran Church, Castleton, IL, for six years; St. John Lutheran Church, Schwer, IL, for twenty years; Trinity Lutheran Church, Shumway, IL, for four years; and served as Chaplain

at Prairieview Lutheran Home in Danforth, IL. He was a member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Crescent City, IL, where he was an active leader.

Rev. McCasky married Carolyn Scheer on September 7, 1957. She preceded him in death on November 12, 2012. He was also preceded in death by four brothers; and one son, Jon McCasky. He is survived by two daughters, Cristin Johnson, Leanne Schroeder; and one son, Tim McCasky; four grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.



The Rev. Dr. Ralph Klein

December 1, 1936 - December 29, 2021

Rev. Dr. Ralph W. Klein, 85, Christ Seminary-Seminex professor emeritus of Old Testament/Hebrew Bible at the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago, died December 29, 2021. Dr. Ralph Klein was born in Chatham, IL, on December 1, 1936. He married Marilyn Kieninger on Dec. 30, 1962, in St. Louis, MO. He received his B.A. degree from Concordia Senior College, Fort Wayne, IN, a M.Div. degree from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO, and Doctor of Theology from Harvard University.

Dr. Klein served many years as professor and Dean at the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago. Over the years he served in the Central/Southern Illinois Synod by leading various Adult Faith Formation courses.

Dr. Klein is survived by Marilyn; his two daughters, Martha Conway, and Becky Klein-Collins; and five grandsons.



The Rev. Dr. Guy Warke

August 3, 1935 - March 11, 2022

The Rev. Dr. Guy Warke, 86, of Bourbonnais, IL, passed away on March 11, 2022. He was born on August 3, 1935, in Detroit, MI. He attended St. John's College, Winfield, KS, for two years before entering Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, MO, graduating in 1961. Pastor Warke received his Doctor of Ministry degree from The Graduate Theological Foundation of Notre Dame in 1986.

Dr. Warke served as supply pastor at Grace Lutheran Church in Rialto, CA, in the summer of 1958. He served his vicarage at Faith Lutheran Church in Arlington Heights, IL, where he met Helen Jarosch, whom he married in June of 1961. In July 1961, he was ordained and installed at his first parish at Grace Lutheran Church, Bradford, PA. From 1964-1973 he served at North Park Lutheran Church in Buffalo, NY. Then in 1973 he was called to Our Savior Lutheran Church, Bradley, IL. He was a night chaplain at Riverside Hospital from 1980-1990.

On August 31, 2000, he retired from active ministry after serving Our Savior Lutheran Church, Bradley, IL, for twenty-seven years. Surviving Dr. Warke are Helen; three daughters: Kathleen Stefans, Amy Warke; and one son, Christopher; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.