

IN MEMORIAM

(Rostered Ministers who have died since Synod Assembly, 2021)

The Rev. Orlyn Huwe

Orlyn Huwe was born in Day County, SD in 1934. His family later moved to Omaha, NE and he graduated from Tech High School in 1952 and Augustana College in Sioux Falls, SD in 1958. Orlyn served in the U.S. Army from 1954-1956 and was stationed in southern France for 16 months. After attending theological seminaries in St. Paul, MN and Columbus, OH and serving an internship at St. Mark Lutheran Church in Butler, PA, Orlyn graduated from seminary in 1964. He was ordained as a Lutheran pastor a few weeks later at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Omaha, NE.

Orlyn married Rita Carol Carey in Troy, OH in 1960. They were blessed with three sons – Dave, Tim & John, three grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Pastor Huwe served in the following ministry settings: Good Shepherd Lutheran

Church in Washington, IN; New Life Lutheran (founding pastor) in Bolingbrook, IL; and Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Rockford, IL.

After his retirement, he served as an interim pastor at First Lutheran Church, Freeport; Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Rockton; and Grace Lutheran Church, Loves Park; all in Illinois.

Pastor Huwe died on Sunday, June 20, 2021, in Rockford. A memorial service for him was held at Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in Rockford on Friday, July 2, 2021.



The Rev. Dr. Robert Linstrom

Robert Eugene Linstrom was born on August 10, 1927, in Hershey, NE. He was a veteran of the Army Air Corps as World War II ended. Bob graduated from Bethany College in Lindsborg, KS in 1951 and from Augustana Seminary in Rock Island (now Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago) in 1955.

Bob married Marcene Larson on June 25, 1955, and they were blessed with four sons – Robert, Timothy, David and Stephen, eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Pastor Linstrom was ordained on June 19, 1955, by the Augustana Lutheran Church. He served congregations in Proctor, MN; Gary, IN; Richmond, IN; and Elgin, Crystal Lake, Morris, Rockford, and Cary, all in Illinois. While in Indiana, he served as the Secretary of the Indiana-Kentucky Synod for 17 years.

Pastor Linstrom retired in 1992 but continued to serve in many important leadership roles and ministries within the church.

Pastor Linstrom died on Friday, July 30, 2021, at the age of 93 years. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 55 years, Marcene, and all seven of his siblings. The celebration of his life was held on Saturday, August 7, 2021, at Bethany Lutheran Church, Crystal Lake, IL.



The Rev. Dennis Hill

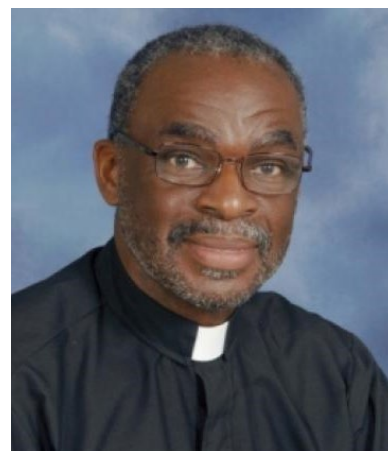
Dennis Hill was born on February 7, 1952. in Belzoni, MS, the seventh of eight children. The family relocated to Chicago, IL in 1955. Dennis graduated from Robert Lindblom Technical High School of Chicago, IL in 1970, where he met and later married Rev. Cynthia (Green) Hill. They became the parents of four children - Valencia, Victoria, Vanessa and Dennis Vernon.

Dennis graduated from Judson College in June 1974 with a B.A. in Human Relations, during which time he accepted his call to the ministry while serving as a deacon of Progressive Baptist Church of Elgin, IL. Shortly after graduating from college, he attended Northern Theological Baptist Seminary in Lombard, IL and was ordained in 1977.

Pastor Hill founded New Life Baptist Church of Elgin, IL in 1978 after a brief pastorate at Progressive Baptist Church of Elgin. While pastoring, he had a full-time career at Elgin

Mental Health Center. Pastor Hill went on to serve at Logan Street Missionary Baptist Church until his retirement in 2002. He and his wife Mary, who were married on February 16, 2002, then moved to Galena, IL. Pastor Hill went on to become the founding pastor of Lord of Love Lutheran Church, Galena, IL in 2010. He graduated from Wartburg Seminary in Dubuque, IA in 2012 and was ordained as an ELCA pastor on June 15 of that year.

In 2016, Pastor Hill retired (for the second time) and with his wife Mary relocated to central Florida. He passed away on November 19, 2021. in Florida.



The Rev. Amy J. Nyman

Amy Nyman was born on March 10, 1941. in Washington, D.C. She graduated from Fairfax High School in 1959 and received her Bachelor of Music degree from Northwestern University, Evanston, IL in 1963. Amy was united in marriage to Professor Bert Nyman in 1963 and they became the parents of two sons - Eric & Carl.

Amy received an M.A. degree from Rockford College in 1987 and a Master of Divinity degree from Wartburg Seminary, Dubuque, IA in 1993. She was ordained in 1994 and served as pastor of Faith Lutheran Church and Emmanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church, as well as providing pastoral services at the Provena Cor Mariae Center,

all in Rockford, IL. After her retirement in 2005, Amy served as an Interim Pastor at Tabor Lutheran Church in Rockford.

Pastor Nyman died on November 19, 2021. in Rockford. She was preceded in death by her husband and her son Carl. A memorial service for her was held at Zion Lutheran Church, Rockford on January 15, 2022.



The Rev. Robert D. Peterson

Robert D. Peterson was born on February 1, 1935, in Keokuk, IA. He graduated from Keokuk High School in 1953, Augustana College in 1957 and Augustana Seminary in 1961, both in Rock Island, IL.

On August 28, 1960, Bob was united in marriage to Sandra Ricketts. Following his graduation from seminary, the couple moved to Nebraska where Bob began his first pastoral call. Bob & Sandra became the parents of three children – Lori, Bradley, and Melanie. They were also blessed with seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Over the years of his ministry, Pastor Peterson served the following congregations: Bristo, Baker & Spencer Lutheran Churches, NE; Salem Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, MN; St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Madison, WI; and Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Joliet,

IL. He retired on March 1, 1998, but continued to serve the church as an interim pastor at Peace Lutheran Church in Morris, IL.

Pastor Peterson died on March 14, 2022, at the age of 87 years. He is survived by his wife of 62 years. The memorial service for Pastor Peterson was held on Monday, March 21, 2022, at St. John Lutheran Church of Joliet, Illinois.



The Rev. Henry J. Grishkowsky

Henry J. Grishkowsky was born in a sod-roofed house on the prairie of rural Beulah, ND on Easter Sunday, April 7, 1929. To escape the cold winters in North Dakota and the hardships of the Great Depression of the early 1930's, the family went to California to stay with grandparents. However, they later returned to North Dakota and Henry graduated from Beulah Community Schools. He continued his education at Concordia College, Moorhead, MN and then Wartburg College, Waverly, IA, graduating in 1951 and Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, IA, graduating in 1955.

Henry was united in marriage to Rosebud Hyink on June 19, 1954, in Palos Park, IL. After receiving his first call to ministry, Henry was ordained at Zion Lutheran Church, Beulah, ND on June 12, 1955. He served faithfully as the pastor of Trinity

Lutheran Church, Elizabeth, IL for the next 42 ½ years. When Pastor Grishkowsky retired in 1997, the couple moved to Dubuque, IA. Henry devoted many of his early years of retirement to the loving care of his wife Rosebud, who preceded him in death. In his later years, he enjoyed spending his winters in Glendale, AZ.

Pastor Grishkowsky passed away on March 17, 2022, at Hospice of the Valley in Glendale, AZ at the age of 92 years. His funeral service was held on Monday, April 4, 2022, at Trinity Lutheran Church, Elizabeth, IL.

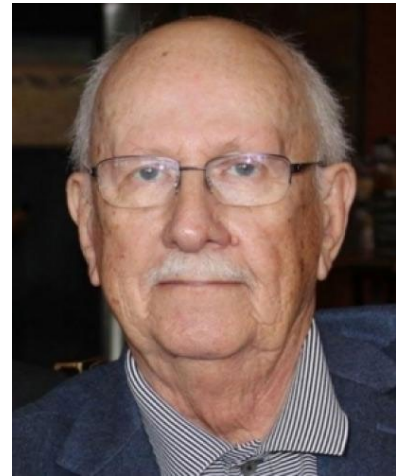


The Rev. Philip O. Laurin

Philip O. Laurin was born on September 22, 1934, in Mt Vernon, NY. After graduating from high school in New York, Phil attended Augustana College in Rock Island, IL earning his Bachelor of Arts degree. He subsequently attended North Park Seminary in Chicago, received his Master of Divinity degree and was ordained in the Covenant Church. His first pastoral call was to 1st Covenant Church in Lockport, IL where he served from 1960-1966. It was during his time there that Pastor Laurin married Amy Dean Staples on September 8, 1962. They became the parents of three daughters – Kirsten, Karin, and Katie.

Pastor Laurin then joined the roster of the Lutheran Church in America (and later the ELCA) and served the following congregations: Trinity Lutheran Church,

Rockford, IL (1966-1969), St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, Antioch, IL (1969-1979) and Messiah Lutheran Church, Galva, IL (1979-2000). Upon his retirement in 2000, Pastor Laurin had completed 40 years of ministry.



Pastor Laurin died on Saturday, April 30, 2022, at his home in Dahinda, IL at the age of 87 years. He is survived by his wife Amy. A funeral service for him was held on Friday, May 6, 2022, at Messiah Lutheran Church in Galva.