



Upstate New York Synod  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

## AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS BOOK

The Thirty-first Assembly of the Upstate New York Synod of the  
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## 2018 SYNODICAL DISCIPLESHIP AWARD



Posthumously Presented to

Ms. Susan Fayle

Sue Fayle was a member of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Buffalo where she was a communion assistant and served on the Finance/Investment and Faith in Action Committees. For two terms she was a member of the Board of Trustees of Lutheran Theological Seminary of Philadelphia. She also served on the Board of Directors of Lutheran Charities, St. John's Home for Children and Lutheran Church Home. She chaired the Boards of Lutheran Ventures and the Buffalo Lutheran Employment Services. Sue was a member of the Upstate New York Synod Council of the ELCA, and was on the Constitution and Finance Committees, the UNYS Lutheran Disaster Response Team, and chaired the Audit Committee up to the time of her death. She also served as Treasurer of the Niagara Frontier Conference, was a member of the Board of Directors of Greenfield Court and Greenfield Terrace and was the current President of the Lord of Life Adult and Child Services board.

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## **CONGREGATIONAL DISCIPLESHIP**

### **CONGRATULATIONS!**

- 2008 **Jim Roberts**  
Prince of Peace, Clifton Park
- 2009 **Leslie and Linda Larsen**  
St. Paul's, St. Johnsville
- 2010 **Paul Thiel Family**  
Grace, Buffalo
- 2011 **Marcia Brown**  
North Park, Buffalo
- 2012 **Melissa Dyer**  
Lord of Life, Depew
- 2013 **Melissa Wilber**  
Atonement Syracuse
- 2014 **Nan Richard**  
St. Peter's, Verona
- 2015 **Lynn Whitworth**  
Lutheran Parish of the Tonawandas
- Carole Glidden**  
St. Andrew's, S. Glens Falls
- Ellen Meyer**  
Concord, Rochester
- Robert Lindholm**  
St. John's/St. Mark's, Canajoharie
- Mary Lohr**  
St. Paul's, Liverpool
- 2016 **Tori Swanson**  
Zion, Frewsburg
- Carole Glidden**  
St. Andrew's, S. Glens Falls
- Ellen Meyer**  
Concord, Rochester
- Robert Lindholm**  
St. John's/St. Mark's Canajoharie
- Mary Lohr**  
St. Paul's, Liverpool
- 2017 **Doris Plochko**  
Atonement, Syracuse
- Lois Rumfelt**  
Holy Trinity, Jamestown/Lutheran, Jamestown
- Barbara Sanko**  
Atonement, Rochester
- Mark Schwartz**  
All Saints, Hamburg

## **SYNODICAL DISCIPLESHIP**

### **CONGRATULATIONS!**

- 2008 **Bob and Cynthia White**  
Incarnate Word, Rochester
- 2009
- 2010 **Bonnie Grzenda**  
St. Timothy, Geneseo
- 2011 **David Truland**  
Faith, Troy
- 2012 **Dr. Robert Lebel**  
King of Kings, Liverpool
- 2013 **Denise Ballou**  
Luther Memorial, N. Syracuse
- 2014 **Jeffrey Human**  
St. John's, Williamsville
- 2015 **Gary Roller**  
Redeemer, Rochester
- 2016 **Laurel McCurdy**  
Zion, New Hartford
- 2017 **Elizabeth Walker**  
Bethlehem, Fairport

# **SIXTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION**

**The Rev. Ferdinand K W Haase**

**3/30/1958**



Rev. Ferdinand Haase was born, raised and educated in Kassel, Germany. He attended Philipps Universität in Marburg, Germany (the oldest Protestant university in the world). He came to the United States in 1954 on a World Council of Churches scholarship to study for a year at the Graduate School of Theology, Oberlin, Ohio. He then spent a year at the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Gettysburg, PA and did extensive post-graduate studies in the field of New Testament at Union Theological Seminary in New York City. He was ordained by the Central Pennsylvania Synod of the United Lutheran Church in America on March 30, 1958.

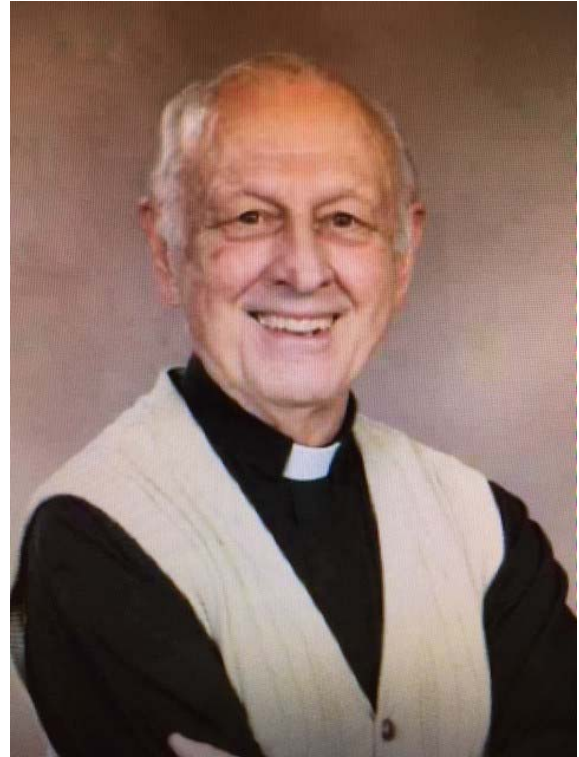
Prior to moving to Rochester, NY he served congregations in York, PA; Brooklyn, NY; Mount Vernon, NY and Read Hook, NY. Until then, he'd served only English speaking congregations. It was his bilingual ability that brought him to St. Luke's, Rochester in 1979 where he served until his retirement on August 1, 1996.

Pastor Haase currently resides in Rochester, New York.

# **SIXTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION**

**THE REV. JACK T PRINTZENHOFF**

**6/3/1958**



Rev. Jack Thomas Printzenhoff was born in Williamsport, PA and was baptized there in 1933. After graduation from John Marshall High School in 1951, he attended Colgate University, Hamilton, NY earning an A.B. degree in English. He then graduated from the Lutheran Theological Seminary of Philadelphia with a B.D. degree in 1958 studying General Theological Education.

He was ordained in 1958 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Staten Island, NY

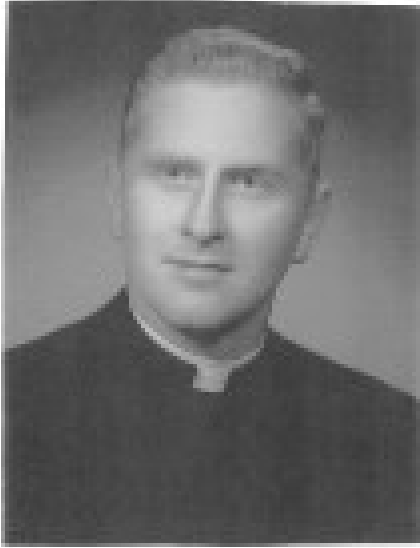
Pr. Printzenhoff served as an Assistant Pastor to First English, Syracuse from 1958-1961 and St. John's, West Seneca from 1961 until his retirement on 7/1/1995. After retirement, he served as Transitional Pastoral Leader to Wales Hollow, South Wales, NY in 2010.

Jack and Mary Pritzenhoff were married on July 5, 1980 in West Seneca, NY and currently reside in South Wales, NY.

# **SIXTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION**

**THE REV. JOHN ADRIAN SWANSON**

**6/22/1958**



Rev. John Swanson was ordained in Jamestown, NY.

He obtained his AB degree in History from Upsala College in 1954 and his BD degree in Parish Ministry from Augustana Seminary in 1958.

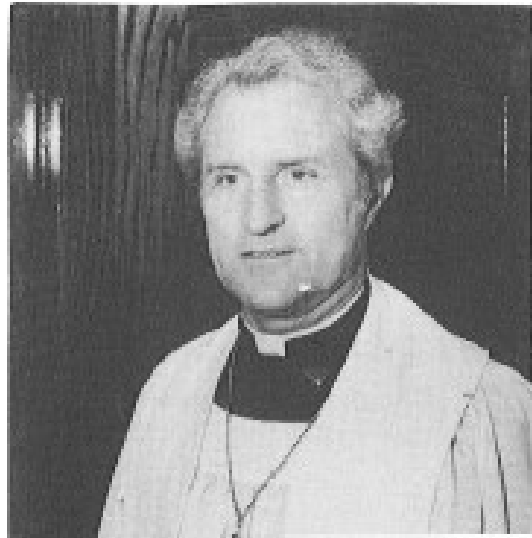
He served Resurrection in Hialeah, FL from 8/58 to 11/60; Augustana, Minot, N. Dakota from 12/60 to 7/1969; Mt. Lebanon United, Pittsburgh, PA from 3/1980 to 11/1984. He began serving Good Shepherd, Fayetteville, NY in December of 1984. at which point he transferred to Western Penn Synod effective 4/1/1980. In 1984 he returned to our synod and served St. John's, Lancaster as Senior Pastor from 12/1984 until his retirement on 10/1/1995.

Pr. John and Leila Swanson (Sorenson) married in August of 1954 and currently reside in Lancaster, New York.

# **SIXTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION**

**THE REV. MERLIN HOMER KNAUFF**

**6/15/1958**



Rev. Knauff was born in Pennsylvania but spent much of his life in Ohio. He is a graduate of Capital University obtaining a BA in 1954 and the Evangelical Lutheran Seminary in Columbus with a BD in 1958. And was ordained on June 15, 1958. He served in only two calls during his ministry. His first call was as a mission developer at St. John, Marion, Indiana. The second call was with Town Line, Alden where he remained for thirty years. Until his retirement in November of 1997. During that time he supervised nine seminary interns and attended eight youth conventions.

Pastor Knauff married Katherine (Schmidt) in September of 1957. Kate entered life eternal on November 10, 2016.

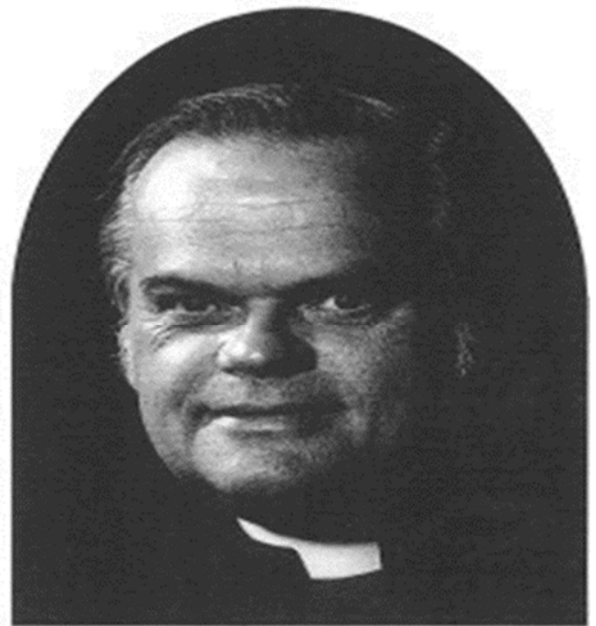
Pastor Knauff is Pastor Emeritus of Town Lie Lutheran Church, Alden, NY. He currently resides in Columbiana, Ohio.



# **SIXTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION**

**THE REV. PAUL DeFOREST JOSLYN**

**6/4/1958**



Rev. Paul Joslyn graduated from Hartwick College, Oneonta, NY with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1954. He entered the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Gettysburg, PA in 1954 and graduated in 1958 with a Bachelor of Divinity Degree. He was ordained on June 4, 1958 at Trinity Lutheran Church, Staten Island, NY. He served an internship of 15 months at St. Matthew's, Hanover, PA. He was ordained in June of 1958 at Holy Trinity, Stapleton, Staten Island and was called by Atonement, Syracuse as assistant pastor to serve with his father, the late Rev. Dr. John M. Joslyn. He served Atonement for ten years.

In 1968 he was called to Good Shepherd, Scotia. He was then called to Zion, New Hartford in 1978 where he remained until retirement in 9/19/1994.

Pr. Joslyn and Peggy (Margaret Smith) married in June of 1956 and currently reside in Glenfield, New York.

# **SIXTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION**

**THE REV. JOHN WILLIAM FEHRINGER JR.**

**6/6/1953**

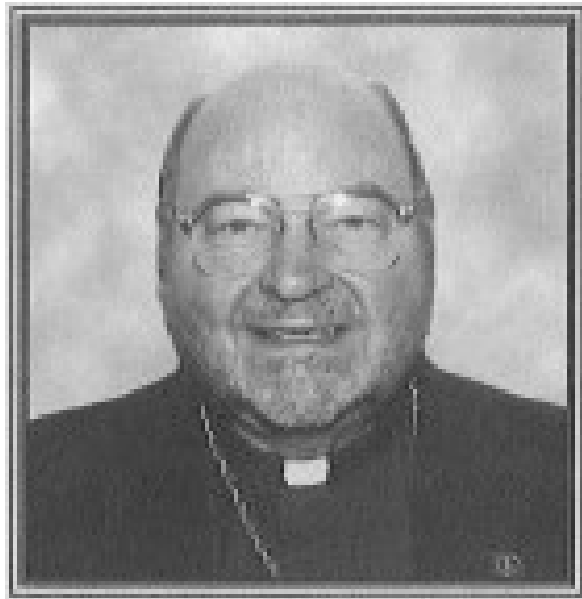


Rev. John Fehringer was born in Brooklyn, NY. He graduated from Wagner College with a Bachelor degree in History in 1950 going on to graduate from Gettysburg Seminary in 1953 with an M DIV. He was ordained on June 6, 1953 in Hartford, Connecticut. . His first call was to St. Paul's, Dansville from 1953-1956. He then served Nativity, E. Aurora and Wales Hollow, South Wales from 1956-1989 and retired on 12/31/89.

# **SIXTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION**

**THE REV. ROBERT ANDREW WENDELIN**

**8/23/1953**



Rev. Robert Wendelin was born in Chicago, Illinois. He graduated from Concordia College , Milwaukee WI in 1948. He obtained his BA and DD degrees from Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri.

He was ordained 8/23/1953 and served Mt. Calvary, Eagle Grove, Iowa from 1953-1955;; Cross Lutheran, Milwaukee, WI from 1955-1959; Redeemer, Highland Park, IL from 1959 to 1971; Calvary, Eggertsville, NY from 1971-1976 and Peace in Christ, Buffalo, NY from 1976-1980 and North Park, Buffalo from 1979 to his retirement 5/1/1993.

In 2001 Pr. Wendelin was appointed chaplain of the Niagara Lutheran Health System by the Board of Directors and served both Niagara Lutheran Home & Rehab Center in Buffalo and the GreenField Health & Rehabilitation Center of Lancaster in addition to carrying out his responsibilities as a 15 year member of the board.

Pr. Wendelin married Margaret (Goetz) in 1952. Margaret entered life eternal on September 30, 2010.

Pr. Wendelin was named Pastor Emeritus of North Park, Buffalo and currently resides in Caledonia, Michigan

Thank you for your participation in this year's Synod Assembly! We hope to see you again in Rochester for the thirty-second Assembly of the Upstate New York Synod, May 30—June 1, 2019



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