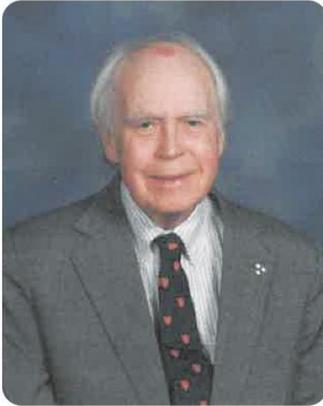




## We Remember



### Rev. Dr. S. Bernhard Erling, 1922-2016

The Rev. Dr. Svante Bernhard Erling, Professor Emeritus at Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, died Friday, July 1, 2016, at the Benedictine Center, St. Peter, at the age of 94.

Bernhard was born April 15, 1922, to Swedish immigrants, the Rev. Svante Anderson and Edla Mathilda (Larson) Erling in Underwood, North Dakota. He spoke Swedish until he started school. He was baptized on his birth day, April 15, 1922, in Underwood, North Dakota, and confirmed on April 5, 1936, in Sacred Heart, Minnesota, both by his father, Rev. Svante Erling.

Rev. Erling attended and graduated from Aitkin High School in 1939. He then attended Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, receiving a B.A. in 1943. Bernhard then attended Augustana Theological Seminary, Rock Island, Illinois, graduating with a B.D. degree in 1946. Other education degrees he received were the University of Chicago, M.A., December 1946; Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut, Ph.D., 1955; a Fulbright grant at the University of Heidelberg, Germany, 1954-55; University of Lund, Sweden, Licentiate of Theology, 1956, and Th.D., 1960.

Bernhard met his future wife, Marilyn Marie Siersbeck, on a hike in the Rocky Mountains. They were married August 29, 1954. They had four children –Maria, Birgitta, Paul, and Anne.

Rev. Dr. Erling was ordained on June 13, 1948, into the Augustana Synod in Rock Island, Illinois, by President P.O. Bersell at the annual Augustana Synod Convention. He served Bethany Lutheran, Des Moines, Iowa, 1948-53, and St. Paul Lutheran, Ansonia, Connecticut, 1953-54. Then he served as chaplain and assistant professor at Uppsala College, 1956-57, and taught from theology, Bible, and Reformation studies from 1957 to 1988 at Gustavus Adolphus College, where he was honored with Professor Emeritus status upon retirement on June 1, 1988. He was honored at the annual Southwestern Minnesota Synod Assembly for his many years of ministry, most recently for 67 years in 2015.

Among his published works are two books: *Nature and History* (a study in theological methodology with special attention to the method of motif research found in the work of Swedish theologians, Anders Nygren and Gustaf Wingren), published by Lund, 1960; and *A Readers Guide to Dag Hammarskjöld's Waymarks* (a translation with commentary of the spiritual journal of Dag Hammarskjöld), published online in 2011 by the Dag Hammarskjöld Foundation in Uppsala, Sweden, as part of its 50th Anniversary commemoration of Dag Hammarskjöld's death. These bookended a career enlivened by connections with Sweden.

Bernhard was an adventurous world traveler and spent sabbatical periods abroad in Germany, Sweden, the Holy Land, Japan, and Nigeria. He also devoted considerable time to keeping people connected through his work as class agent for his Gustavus Class of 1943, through his work writing necrologies for the ELCA Southwestern Minnesota Synod, and annual Christmas letters to family and friends that included hymns he translated from the Swedish Psalmbok. He loved to tell jokes, argue a point, grapple with an idea, and sing with his rich baritone. Daily jogs every day but Sunday continued into his late 80s.

Bernhard is survived by his wife, Marilyn; children – Maria Erling (John Spangler), Paul Erling (Lise Sveen), and Anne Erling (Dominic Colafati); grandchildren – Marta and Johanna Spangler; Luke and Sam Brodax; Elsa, Erik, and Eli Erling; and Amelia and Ingrid Colafati; a sister, Corrinne Dahlgren; and sister-in-law, Jane Berthilson. He was predeceased by his daughter, Birgitta Erling Brodax, and a brother, Loren Berthilson.

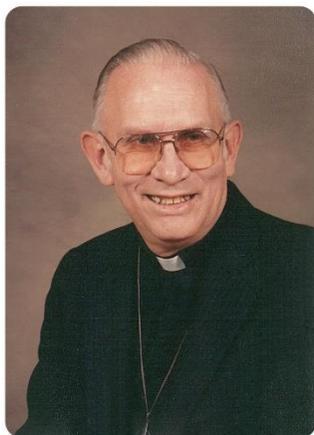
A service of remembrance and celebration was held on July 8, 2016, at First Lutheran Church, St. Peter, with Intern Paul Eldred officiating. Dr. David Fienen was organist. Paul Eldred gave words of welcome, and words of remembrance were given by Paul Erling. Words of gratitude were from Rev. Linda Pedersen, Southwestern Minnesota synod minister. Kathryn Christenson and Anne Erling gave the scripture readings. Giving the sermon was Dr. Garrett Paul. After the sermon, the hymn "O Life That Was Sown" was sung by the congregation. This hymn was translated from Swedish by Bernhard. Interment is in the Resurrection Cemetery, St. Peter.

*"For naught is found that can't be won (By the love that suffers.)" –  
Dag Hammarskjöld, Waymarks, 55:1*



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### **Rev. Frederik V. Jensen, 1928-2016**

Rev. Frederik V. Jensen, age 88, died unexpectedly on Tuesday, July 12, 2016, at his residence in Willmar.

Frederik was born on March 19, 1928, in Montreal, Quebec, Canada, the son of John M. and Ragnhild E. (Gotsche) Jensen. He was baptized in the Christian faith at St. Ansgar's Lutheran Church in Montreal, where his father was pastor. His early years and elementary schooling were spent in Montreal. In 1937 the family moved to Spencer, Iowa, where he was confirmed on May 22, 1942, at Bethany Lutheran Church, also by his father. He graduated from Spencer High School in 1946.

He attended Dana College in Blair, Nebraska, graduating with a B.A. degree in 1950. He also spent a year of study at the University of Copenhagen in Denmark. He received the Master of Divinity degree from Luther Theological Seminary, St. Paul, in May 1953. His post-graduate work in Church History was at Princeton Theological Seminary in Princeton, New Jersey, in 1953-54.

On September 26, 1952, Frederik was united in marriage to Janice Nygaard. They were blessed with three children – Frederik, Marcia, and Rhonda.

Pastor Jensen was ordained July 11, 1954, by Dr. Hans Jerssell of the UELC at Bethany Lutheran Church in Spencer, Iowa. He served as a minister in the communities of New Denmark, New Brunswick; Montreal and St. Lambert, Quebec, Canada. In March 1965 he was called to Minnesota and served in the communities of Evangelifillan for 8 years, and then he was installed by Bishop Edward A. Hansen at St. John's Lutheran, Raymond, in June 1973. In March 1981 he was called to St. Paul's Evangelical in Streator, Illinois, and he served there until his retirement in 1991.

In February 1992, Frederik and Janice moved to Willmar, where he was installed as interim pastor at Bethel Lutheran Church, and from 1993 to 2010 he served as visitation pastor. He also served as part-time interim pastor at churches throughout rural Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Texas. Pastor Frederik always felt that he continued to grow, and the longer he was in ministry and the longer God allowed him health and strength he made new discoveries, and it was great to be able to take a peek into the depths of His love and grace each day! He loved to visit people, loved to wrestle with the texts before a given Sunday and to proclaim the Gospel to a congregation.

Frederik's wife, Janice, passed away in 2005 after almost 53 years of marriage. On April 14, 2007, Fred was married to Beverly Grace Dilger-Hanson. They enjoyed their aging years together and the new found fellowship with each other's children, grandchildren, relatives, and friends. Beverly passed away in June 19, 2014.

In addition to his work as a pastor, Fred enjoyed sports, especially ice skating – playing pick-up hockey games when possible while in Canada. He also enjoyed tennis, golf, and was a fan of the Montreal Canadians, the Minnesota Twins, and the Minnesota Vikings. As hobbies, Fred enjoyed oil and water painting, writing poetry, and traveling with both Janice and Beverly throughout the United States, Canada, and Europe. Pastor Fred was

honored at the annual Southwestern Minnesota Synod Assembly in 2005 for 50 years of ordained ministry and also in 2014 for 60 years of ministry.

He is survived by his son, Rev. Fred (Dawn) Jensen, Minnetonka; daughter, Rhonda (Dean) Anderson, Waterford, Wisconsin; seven grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; sister, Margaret Rasmussen, Lombard, Illinois; and sister-in-law, Arlene Jensen, Palo Alto, California.

He was preceded in death by his parents; both wives; a daughter, Marcia Hudak; brother, Ronald; and brother-in-law, Bjarne Rasmussen.

A celebration of life service was held July 19, 2016, at Bethel Lutheran, Willmar, with Pastor Jon Dahl, officiant. Organist was Lois Dahl. Opening prayers and salutation were by Pastor Carl Rasmussen, scripture readings were by Pastor Ronald Rasmussen, and the sermon was by Pastor Chaplain Lt. Colonel John Rasmussen (Ret.). Bishop Jon Anderson brought greetings from the Southwestern Minnesota Synod. Special music, "O Day Full of Grace" was provided by the Jensen Family Choir, and "I Saw Him in Childhood" by Fred, Dan, and Rhonda. Rev. Fred R. Jensen brought family remembrances. Honorary casket bearers were all of Frederik's nieces and nephews. Active casket bearers were his grandsons – Ross, Tyler, and Patrick Jensen; Timothy and Stephen Hudak; and Ryan and Mark Anderson. Interment is at St. John's Lutheran Cemetery in Raymond.



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### **Rev. Glenn L. Midthun, 1921-2016**

Rev. Glenn L. Midthun passed away on October 5, 2016, in St. Cloud at the age of 95.

Glenn L. Midthun was born on a farm near Nelson, Wisconsin, on May 31, 1921, the second of six children of Norwegian parents, Erik and Laura Midthun. Glenn's early education was spent at a country school reached by walking through the woods and over the hill. His social and spiritual life revolved around the congregation of the rural Lyster Lutheran Church in Nelson. He was baptized on July 10, 1921 and confirmed on June 16, 1935.

After completing elementary school in 1934, he remained at home and worked on the farm with his father for ten years. Beginning in 1939, he spent two winters taking a farm short course at the Agriculture School at the University of Wisconsin in Madison. During this time, he attended Luther Student Association meetings and met students who knew the love and grace of God. Following this experience, he was gradually drawn to the conviction that he should train for the ministry. From 1941 to 1945 he continued at the University, majoring in speech and literature. He did his high school work on the side, completing it before his junior year.

In 1945 he entered Luther Theological Seminary, St. Paul, graduating in 1948. He was ordained following an internship at Trinity Lutheran Church in Moorhead on August 8, 1948, by Dr. T. F. Gullixson. His first parish was Mount Carmel Lutheran Church in Milwaukee (Wauwatosa), Wisconsin, 1948-55. It was there he met his wife, Sylvia Evenson, a school teacher from Milwaukee. On August 20, 1950, he and Sylvia were the first couple married in the recently built Mount Carmel church. After seven years in Milwaukee, he organized a home mission congregation in San Luis Obispo, California, in 1955. He was called to Canton Lutheran Church, Canton, South Dakota, in 1958, serving as senior pastor until 1965. The next ten years, 1965-75, were spent as senior pastor at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Aberdeen, South Dakota, where three of his four children graduated from high school. From 1975 to his retirement on September 1, 1987, he served as senior pastor of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, St. Cloud. After his retirement, he provided services as an interim pastor to churches in the St. Cloud and other surrounding areas.

Glenn was active in local and regional Lutheran church activities and served in leadership positions on numerous committees. He served as vice-president of the South District while in South Dakota. He was proud of his commitment to help minorities through ministerial outreach efforts both locally and globally. He enjoyed all phases of the ministry with special affinity to helping the troubled and bereaved, and found personal fulfillment in his faith and work.

A life-long learner, Glenn loved investigating new topics and reading all types of books including poetry. For many years, his greatest hobby was building an A-frame cabin near Bemidji, along with the furniture, a canoe, and a small speedboat during his summer vacations from Canton, South Dakota. His enjoyment of woodworking lasted throughout his life and he created furniture, storage chests, and napkin holders that were shared with others. Glenn was seldom without his camera, capturing photos of friends and family, vacation moments, and the gardens alongside his house. He and Sylvia enjoyed travel to numerous foreign countries. He relished a

good joke and often shared "Ole and Lena" humor. A capable cook, Glenn delighted in inviting friends to dinner, never sitting long enough to chat, but hovering over guests offering more to eat. An early "HiFi" enthusiast, Glenn was never without his complicated stereo equipment and an abundance of cords and cables. He loved playing dominoes with visitors.

Glenn was a passionate Rotarian and made many friendships through his 54-year membership. He was proud of his perfect attendance awards and was a Paul Harris Fellow in recognition of his contributions to the Rotary Foundation. He was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award in 2008 for his outstanding dedication and commitment to the community and the club. Rev. Midthun was recognized for his years of ministry at the Southwestern Minnesota Synod Assembly, most recently for 67 years in 2015.

Sylvia and Glenn raised four children – Dr. Mark (Betsy) Midthun, Onalaska, Wisconsin; Linda (Terry) Menge, Brooklyn Park; Cynthia Bolo, Paris, France; and David, Farmington. Also surviving are six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife Sylvia and son-in-law, husband of Cynthia.

The family extended their heartfelt appreciation to the many people who have been friends over his long life and who provided assistance and companionship in a myriad of ways. They especially appreciated the care team at St. Benedict's Care Center who watched over him for the last three years of his life.

A celebration of life was held on October 17, 2016, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in St. Cloud with Rev. Dee Pederson as presiding minister and Rev. Janine Olson as assisting minister. Terry Menge was crucifer, and Linda Menge and Betsy Midthun were readers. Musicians were organist Kaye Schimnich, violinist David Hauge, and oboist Annaeka Johnson. Greetings from the Southwestern Minnesota Synod were brought by Rev. Linda Pedersen, synod minister. Burial is in the Lyster Lutheran Cemetery in Nelson, Wisconsin.



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### **Rev. Lloyd C. Kallevig, 1923-2016**

Rev. Lloyd Clarion Kallevig passed away on Sunday, October 9, 2016, at his home, surrounded by his family. He was 92 years old.

Pastor Lloyd was born on November 14, 1923, to Norwegian immigrant parents, Mathias Kallevig and Sina Emberland Kallevig, and raised on a farm. He had four brothers – Emil, Stanley, Orville and Clifford – and two sisters, Gladys and Evangeline. While working on the farm and milking the cows, Lloyd and his brothers loved to sing together.

Lloyd graduated from high school in Willmar and continued to work the family farm for several years. His calling and vocation was to share the Good News of Jesus Christ, so he went on to earn his degrees. He received a B.A. from Augsburg College, Minneapolis, in 1950 and Augsburg Theological Seminary, Minneapolis, with a parish ministry degree in 1954.

It was at Augsburg that he met his future wife, Eleanor Cotton Miller. He often said about Eleanor, "I saw what I liked, and I liked what I saw!" They were married on July 10, 1954. Lloyd adopted Eleanor's five-year-old son, Daniel.

Pastor Lloyd was ordained at the Lutheran Free Church's annual conference, June 13, 1954, at Zion Lutheran Church, Thief River Falls. The service was conducted by the LFC president, Dr. T.O. Burntvedt. His first parish was to Calvary and Lake View Lutheran Churches in Mora and Isle, where he served for eight years. While in Mora, five more children came along – Dale, Dean, David, Lois, and Laurie. Lloyd believed that after the scriptures, music was the most effective means of presenting the Good News of Jesus Christ, and singing gospel songs became an integral part of his ministry.

In January of 1963, the family moved to Hendricks, where he served for thirteen years in a three-point parish – Calvary, Marble, and Hemnes. The family then served a two-year stint as chaplain at St. Luke's Lutheran Home in Blue Earth. Pastor Lloyd went on to serve several more Lutheran churches: Trinity and West Lake Johanna, Brooten, 1977-82; Red Oak Grove near Austin, 1982-86; and Hill Avenue Grace, Pasadena, California, as an interim for six months, 1992-93. It was at Hill Avenue Grace Lutheran that Lloyd recorded his old-time gospel album, "I Sing of Thee" which included favorite songs from his ministry.

Pastor Kallevig retired from full-time ministry on January 1, 1986, and he and Eleanor moved back to the much loved community of Hendricks. In 1993 they moved to Wadena to be near their sons and their families. In 2010 Lloyd's home was destroyed in a tornado and he stayed with his son, Dean, before moving to another home in Wadena.

After Eleanor's death in 2009, Lloyd had a second chance at love with Dori Hagen. The two had much in common, and Dori brought a smile to his face and a sparkle to his eyes the rest of his days. Throughout his life, many people were touched by Lloyd's kindness, gentle humor, and compassion.

Pastor Lloyd was honored at the annual Southwestern Minnesota Synod Assembly in 2015 for the 61st anniversary of his ordination. After his retirement he helped coordinate men's choral music groups in his church, Immanuel Lutheran, Wadena, where he also did visitation to seniors.

Lloyd was preceded in death by his parents; his son, Dale; his siblings; and his wife, Eleanor. Besides many loving friends and family, Lloyd's immediate survivors are his dear friend, Dori Hagen; sons – Daniel (Linda) of Wadena, Dean (Jean) of Wadena, and David (Peggy) of Alexandria; daughters – Lois (Rick) Courtright of Phoenix, Arizona, and Laurie Kallevig of Kolkata, India; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral services for Rev. Kallevig were held on October 13, 2016, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Wadena with Pastor Nate Loer and Pastor Megan Clapp officiating. The service began with a meditation song by Elise Kallevig, "Clair de Lune". Remembrances of Pastor Lloyd were also brought by Elise. Laurie Kallevig played a piano solo, "Jesus Loves Me". Following the sermon the hymn "Behold the Host Arrayed in White" was sung with the Norwegian verse sung by Pastor Nate Loer and verses 1-3 sung by the congregation. Organist at the service was Allen Moe. Burial is in East Hendricks Cemetery, Hendricks, Minnesota.

*Now, Lord, let your servant go in peace;  
your word has been fulfilled.*