



*O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us the faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

*\*Maggie was an active member on the Assembly Planning Team and served as Chair for several years. Her exuberant joy, creative ideas, and the smiles she brought to us all have been greatly missed.*



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### Rev. Cyrus LeRoy Solberg, 1930-2018

Rev. Cyrus LeRoy Solberg passed away peacefully in his sleep at Pipestone County Hospice House on Wednesday, January 3, 2018, at the age of 87 years.

Cyrus was born November 25, 1930, to Carl and Lillian (Skjei) Solberg in Hatton, ND. He was baptized on December 31, 1930, and confirmed in 1945, both at St. John's Lutheran Church in Hatton. He attended school in Hatton, graduating in 1948. After high school he attended Mayville State University in Mayville, ND. He then went on to Concordia College in Moorhead, MN. He became a pastor because he was "called by the Lord. I believe strongly in the Lord and in his grace and mercy. I believe

people have a need for him and I want to serve and help the people." He enrolled at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, where he graduated in 1956.

On June 30, 1956, Cy married Betty Jo Vogtsburger at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Menomonie, WI. This union was blessed with four children – Mark, John, Ruth, and Sarah.

Pastor Cy was ordained on June 10, 1956, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Hatton, ND, by Rev. Warren A. Quanbeck, a professor at Luther Seminary. His first parish was Bethany and Bethlehem Lutheran in Astoria, SD. Other parishes he served were Kenneth and Blue Mound Lutheran, Kenneth and Luverne; Grace Lutheran, Dawson; First English Lutheran, Tyler; and United Lutheran, Elbow Lake. He retired on February 1, 1993, and he and Betty Jo moved back to Tyler, where he was busy serving as an interim pastor in the SW MN Synod. In 2014 he was named Pastor Emeritus from First English Lutheran in Tyler.

In one of his pastor's data and self-assessment papers, he wrote of his theology of life and ministry, where, because of God's kindness to him, he had a concern for other people. Appreciative of a personal relationship with God through Jesus, he cared for people. His reflection of his leadership style was "collegiality."

In retirement, Pastor Cy was a member of First English Lutheran, and he and Betty Jo led senior and adult retreats at Shetek Lutheran Bible Camp, Slayton. He was a long-time member of the Tyler Kiwanis Club. He had a love for sports, politics, and family. He enjoyed golf, all sporting events, and attending his grandchildren's events. He loved his many visits to Little Norway Resort and Itasca State Park in Park Rapids for more than 60 years. Cy had the honor of marrying and baptizing all of his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. He had officiated at his grandson's wedding in Itasca State Park in 2017. Pastor Cy was honored at the 2017 Southwestern Minnesota Synod Assembly for his 61st anniversary of ordination.

Pastor Cy is lovingly remembered by his wife, Betty Jo; his children – Mark (Kelly) of Cambridge, John (Lori) of Mitchell, SD, Ruth (Jim) Rupp of Ruthton, and Sarah (Paul) Libbon of Duluth; ten grandchildren – Matt (Sarah), Sam, Nick (Saskia), John, Megan, and Ryan Solberg; Laisa (Jimmy) Dekker; Brennen Rupp; Elizabeth and Annalise Libbon; two great-grandchildren, Jaxon and Jordan; and many other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents and his sister.

Services for Pastor Solberg were held on January 6, 2018, at First English Lutheran Church in Tyler with Rev. Lisa Meshke officiating. Synod Minister Kathryn Skoglund brought greetings from the Southwestern Minnesota Synod. John Solberg read the Scriptures and Mark Solberg gave the family remembrances. Organist was Terri Lovre and pianist was Kathy Serie. Honorary urn bearers were all of Cy's beloved grandchildren with Brennen Rupp as the urn bearer. Interment is in the Danebod Lutheran Cemetery, Tyler.



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### Rev. Theresa Ann Kraft, 1946-2018

Rev. Theresa Ann Kraft passed away on March 13, 2018, from medical complications.

Theresa was born on August 11, 1946, to Robert and Gloria (Campbell) Kraft in Minneapolis. She graduated from St. Louis Park High School. Following high school Theresa worked for the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, eventually becoming a copy editor. She attended Metropolitan State University, graduating in 1994 with a B.A. in Communications. From 1993 to 2003 she was organist and intern chaplain at Crest View Community in Columbia Heights. She then attended Luther Seminary in St. Paul, graduating with a Master of Divinity in 2003. She served her CPE internship at Havenwood-Heritage Heights in Concord, NH.

On January 11, 1969, Theresa married Stanley Mewhorter. To this union two daughters were born, Kendra and Kristine. This marriage was later dissolved.

On January 2, 2005, Theresa was ordained at First Lutheran Church, Columbia Heights, by Bishop Rolf F. Wangberg. Her first call was to Maria and Zion Lutheran Churches in Kennedy and Lake Bronson, MN. Other parishes served were Our Saviour's of Baxter and Saron Lutheran, Montevideo; and as Chaplain at Bethesda Healthcare and Housing, Willmar, where she enjoyed sharing God's message with the residents. Pastor Theresa retired on January 2, 2018.

In June 2015, Pastor Theresa was recognized for 10 years of ordained ministry at the annual Southwestern Minnesota Synod Assembly. Theresa enjoyed knitting, crocheting, and singing Christmas carols with her family and friends. She loved her God, her family, and the people who served in God's name.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, March 24, 2018, at Calvary Lutheran Church in Willmar with Pastor Naomi Mahler officiating. Accompanist was Marilyn Lueth. Synod Minister Linda Pedersen brought greetings from the Southwestern Minnesota Synod. Family remembrance was brought by Dick Kraft and prayer by Kendra Mohn. The following was sung unaccompanied after a clarinet solo:

*Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay,  
Close by me forever, and love me, I pray!  
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care  
And take us to heaven, to Live with Thee there.*

Honorary casket bearers were Josiah Mohn and Katja Mohn. Inurnment will be at a later date.

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