

## **DEATHS OF ROSTERED LEADERS**

### **The Rev. William M. deHeyman**

Pastor deHeyman died May 16, 2017. He was born September 3, 1933.

A graduate of Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia; Wagner College (Staten Island, NY); Columbia Teachers College (New York); and Adelphia Academy (Brooklyn, NY). His pastoral ministry includes: Redeemer (Philadelphia, PA); Christ's (Oreland, PA); Good Shepherd (King of Prussia); St. John (Phoenixville, PA); St. Paul's (Allentown, PA); and King of Kings (New Windsor, NY). Pastor deHeyman served on several synod committees and various boards.

Beloved husband of 57 years to Martha and devoted father of Elizabeth "Eli" Wiles and Deborah deHeyman (Aitch Sedgwick); also survived by his granddaughter, Brittney; and sister Cynthia (Louis).

Funeral service held Wednesday, May 24th at 3 P.M. in St. Thomas' Church, Whitemarsh, PA.

### **The Rev. David E. Percy**

Pastor Percy died July 22, 2017. He was born November 30, 1953.

He courageously fought cancer over the last several years, and died with his wife, Barbara Demchick Percy, at his side. Pastor Percy was a wonderful, caring man, who deeply touched many people, especially those in pain. Barb is grateful for the love and support of family and friends.

A private memorial service was held Saturday, August 26, 2017 at West Laurel Hill Cemetery.

### **The Rev. Dr. Thomas H. Sauerman, Ed.D.**

Pastor Sauerman died June 21, 2017. He was born April 4, 1935.

He graduated from Temple University (Philadelphia, PA); University Of Louisville (Louisville, KY); and Wittenberg University (Springfield, OH).

Pastor Sauerman was cofounder and executive director of the Philadelphia chapter, Federation of Parents and Friends of Lesbian and Gays (PFLAG) until retirement in 1992. Other professional experiences include: Assistant to the President, Lutheran Management Services; Director of Education/Urban Strategy/Independent School, Lutheran Church in America; Pastor, Fenner Memorial Lutheran Church (Louisville, KY). He authored five books.

He is survived by his wife, Sue; sons, David (Pamela) and Michael (Tim); brothers Howard (Marilyn) and Gary (Pat); grandchildren, Rachel Piers (Christian) and Joseph; great granddaughter, Kaimana; and several extended family members.

Memorial service held Saturday, September 2, 2017, Cathedral Village, 600 E. Cathedral Road, Philadelphia, PA.

### **The Rev. Edward W. Uthe**

Pastor Uthe died November 23, 2017. He was born February 27, 2917.

He graduated with honors from University of Pennsylvania, Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia.

He served as Assistant Pastor, Lutheran Church of the Reformation (Rochester, NY); Parish Pastor, Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd (Tonawanda, NY); Editor, various administrative and research positions with LCA, Department of Parish Education; Director for Program Planning and Evaluation, Commission for Financial Support, ELCA, Chicago; and National Park Service VIP (Volunteer in Park).

He is survived by two sons: David W. (Florentino Liguden), Craig W. Uthe, and other family.

Memorial service held Saturday, December 9, 2017, Christ's Lutheran Church, 700 Pennsylvania Avenue, Oreland, PA.

### **The Rev. Paul H. Howells**

Pastor Howells died January 23, 2018. He was born January 24, 1929.

He served at West Pikeland Parish in Chester Co, and nativity Lutheran Church in Allentown, where he organized and became the first pastor to the church. He was also Director of Outdoor Ministry for The Eastern PA Synod of Lutheran Churches of America and the National Staff of Lutheran Church of America. As of 2006, he was still doing interim pastoral work at New Hanover Lutheran Church (Gilbertsville, PA). Rev. Howells had a passion for the outdoors, he loved hiking and long distance running, competing in many marathons both local and abroad, including the Boston Marathon. It is not a surprise that he combined his love of the outdoors with his commitment to the church, starting Lutheran Outdoor Ministries, giving youth a chance to grow their faith. His leadership and inspiration was recently recognized when he was awarded the Manlove-Howells award--a legacy he leaves behind for others.

Survived by his wife, Carol; sons: Jonathan P. Howells of Oval and David J. Howells of Lancaster; daughters: Ruth A. Schlechter of Blandon and Carol S. Ivone of Quarryville; 7 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. His brothers Lewis M., Carlton R. and sister Eleanor Bossler predeceased him.

Memorial service held Saturday, January. 27, 2018 at New Hanover Lutheran Church, 2941 Lutheran Rd, Gilbertsville, PA.

### **Deacon George S. Edwards**

Deacon Edwards died March 12, 2018. He was born February 26, 1926.

An active member in the Lutheran church for 70 years. He served on local and national boards of the church. He was a chapter leader of the Lutheran Brotherhood and participated in the general convention when it became Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. He served on Germantown Lutheran Home board; parish administrator for Trinity Lutheran Church in Germantown, and a member of the African Descent Lutheran Association (ADLA).

Additionally, he was on active duty in the United State Navy in 1944 for two years, then joined and remained in the United States Navy Air Reserve for 40 years. Deacon Edwards was employed by the United States Printing Office for 37 years. In 1981 he retired from the GPO. On December 31, 1993, Deacon Edwards retired from active roster status in the ELCA.

He received awards and certifications for his many contributions to the church and community.

He is survived by his children: Harold J. Edwards, Evelyn C. Johns, Lawrence G. Edwards, Mildred "Millie" M. Edwards; five grandchildren: Camille Fife, Keena Slater, Meyaka Jackson, Ariel A. Johns, Aliza A. Johns; and four great-grandchildren: William "Tony" Fife, Dallas Jackson, Tyler Fife, and Dawson Jackson.

Funeral service held Friday, March 23, 2018, at Reformation Lutheran Church, 1215 E. Vernon Road, Philadelphia, PA.

### **Sister Janice E. Painter**

Sister Painter died March 22, 2018. She was born April 24, 1941.

She graduated from Thiel College (Greensville, PA), and Lutheran Schools for Church Workers, (Baltimore, MD). She joined Calvary West Chester's staff in 1994 as Director of Christian Education and served until retiring in 2005. After retirement she continued to be active in her home congregation and synod where she served on the Candidacy Committee. Other congregations she served include: St. Matthew (Bloomsburg, PA) and Emmanuel (New Philadelphia, OH). Sister Janice served on the Board of the Deaconess Community.

She is survived by her brother Kenneth, her niece Molly Steger, and nephew Jon Painter.

Memorial service will be held Saturday, May12, 2018 at Calvary Lutheran Church in West Chester, PA.

### **The Rev. Dr. Rinda G. Rogers, D.Min.**

Pastor Rogers died April 8, 2018. She was born September 18, 1931

She earned degrees as a Bachelor of Science at the College of William and Mary (Biology) in 1956 and as a Master of Divinity (Hoh Scholar) and Doctor of Divinity (Ministry/Pastoral Care)

at the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia in 1978 and 1988.

Over the course of her professional career, Pastor Rogers held ministerial and professional appointments as the director of social services for the migration/refugee program of Lutheran Children and Family Service; associate and acting pastor at Reformation Lutheran Church in Media, Pa.; and, for many years, resident chaplain at Artman Lutheran Home in Ambler, Pa. She was involved with numerous boards, committees, societies and institutes focusing on training or improvements in pastoral care, homiletics, public policy and dialogue between different faiths and denominations. She wrote the final chapter in the book "Counseling and the Human Predicament".

Pastor Rogers is survived by her loving husband of 60 years, Robert; three sons and their spouses and partners: Charles (Linda); John (Jill); and Mark (Reonel); an adult granddaughter and her spouse, Morgan (Matt); a younger adult granddaughter, Madeline; and a sister and her family, Cherry, Ron, Jennifer and David.

Memorial service held Saturday, April 14, 2018 at Washington Memorial Chapel in Valley Forge, Pa.

**Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod of the ELCA  
Report of the Secretary – Changes to the Roster  
April 17, 2017 to April 18, 2018**

**Ordinations/Consecrations**

Gow, Bradley (2/17/18)

Klinger, Joseph (1/20/18)

Tillman, Louis (10/7/17)

**Deaths**

deHeyman, William M. (05/16/17)

Edwards, George S. (03/12/18)

Painter, Janice S. (03/22/18)

Percy, David E. (07/22/17)

Rogers, Rinda (04/08/18)

Sauerman, Thomas H. (06/21/17)

Uthe, Edward W. (11/23/17)

Howells, Paul H. (01/23/18)

**Transfers from Other Synods**

Ahlman, Kristina from Northwestern Ohio  
Synod effective (12/01/17) to

Pastor, Resurrection Yardley

Detweiler, L. George from New Jersey

Synod effective (01/25/18)

Echols, James (Retired) from Texas-  
Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod  
effective (4/17/17)

Holum, Robert (Retired) from Metropolitan  
Washington D.C. Synod effective  
01/08/18)

Penman, David (Retired) from Virginia  
Synod effective (09/28/17)

Preisinger, Nathaniel from Upstate New  
York Synod effective (01/22/18) to  
Pastor, Reformation Philadelphia

Matthias-Long, Karen from Northeastern  
Pennsylvania Synod to Director of  
Faith Formation, Trinity Lansdale  
effective (11/08/17)

Moritz, Wayne from Lower Susquehanna  
Synod to pastor, St. Paul's Red Hill  
(06/01/17)

Rodrick-Schnaath, Heidi from New Jersey  
Synod effective (04/01/18) to  
Senior Pastor St. Matthew's Perkasio

### **Transfers to Other Synods**

Berry-Bailey, Barbara to Rocky Mountain Synod effective (07/15/17)  
Hatcher, Linda (Retired) to South Carolina Synod effective (01/09/18)  
Krey, Marissa to North Carolina Synod effective (11/03/17)  
Lose, David to Minneapolis Area Synod effective (07/01/17)  
Neal, Marjorie J. (Retired) to Florida-Bahama Synod effective (05/19/17)  
Sease, Karen to New Jersey Synod effective (01/15/18)  
Skillbred, Dane to Southwestern Minnesota Synod effective (05/01/17)

### **Roster Changes**

Afflerbach, Kathie from called to LTSP to retirement effective (07/01/17)  
Alves, Sozinho from Workplace Chaplain U.S. call to on leave from call effective (12/01/17)  
Bleam, Wende from on leave to pastor, St. John Folcroft effective (05/02/17)  
Brown, Nancy from pastor at St. Matthew Woodlyn to pending on leave status (04/07/18)  
Cartwright Knodel, Katherine from on leave to Interim Ministry, St. Paul's Olney effective (02/15/18)  
Connor, Richard from medical on leave to retirement (06/01/17)  
Cotnoir, Ghislaine from Lutheran Community at Telford to Director of Spiritual Care at Artman and the Hearth at Drexel effective (05/15/17)  
Faust, Gerald from on leave to retirement Effective (07/01/17)  
Gow, Bradley from candidacy to pastor St. Peter's Reiglesville effective (02/17/18)  
Greenwald, Arlene from on leave to Interim Ministry, Messiah Downingtown Effective (05/01/17)

Hensil, Cheryl from pastor at Holy Spirit Secane to retirement effective (07/01/18)  
Klinger, Joseph from candidacy to pastor at Redemption Philadelphia effective (01/20/18)  
Kopp, Rodney from pastor at St. Paul Olney to retirement effective (11/01/17)  
Krais, Janelle from associate pastor, Grace Royersford to lead pastor at Grace Royersford effective (04/01/18)  
Krueger, Karl from on leave to retirement Effective (07/01/17)  
Lembo, David resigned from ELCA roster Effective (11/06/17)  
Maddox, David from pastor at Ascension Newtown to on leave from call effective (01/01/18)  
Manson, Linda from pastor at Living Gospel Ministries to on leave from call effective (01/01/18)  
McMullan, Christian from Interim Ministry at Emmanuel Pottstown to Interim Ministry, St. Peter Lafayette Hill Effective (07/01/17)  
Miller, Raymond from pastor at St. John Quakertown, to on leave from call effective (06/01/17)  
Neff, Paul from pastor, Grace Royersford to retirement effective (11/01/17)  
Nelson, Daryl from on leave to retirement effective (02/01/18)  
Ollikainen, Jennifer from Lutheran Congregational Services to pastor at Trinity Perkasio effective (07/26/17)  
Rusert, Thomas from associate pastor to co-pastor at St. Paul Doylestown, effective (01/01/18)  
Shelor, Wayne from Interim Ministry at New Hanover Gilbertsville to St. Paul Exton effective (03/1/18)  
Singh-Hueter, from pastor at St. Paul Exton to pastor to Advent Harleysville effective (02/08/18)

Spaulding, Suzanne (UCC Minister) to  
Pastor, St. Luke's Ferndale effective  
(09/01/17)

Thorsen, Bruce from on leave to pastor at  
Jerusalem Sellersville effective  
(09/18/17)

Tillman, IV, Louis, from candidacy to  
pastor at Prince of Peace  
Philadelphia to on  
leave effective (12/16/17)

Todd, Robert Bruce from pastor at St. Peter  
Lafayette Hill to retirement effective  
(07/01/17)

Tysk, Althea from on leave to removed from  
roster (07/26/17)

Varsanyi, Joseph from pastor at St. Peter  
Hilltown to St. Michael's  
Kensington effective (05/20/18)

Waselik, Phillip, from pastor at Emmanuel  
Pottstown to pending on leave status  
(03/31/18)

Wilcox, Allison from director of equipping  
ministries at St. Paul Exton to on  
leave from call effective (10/28/17)

Wright, Donna Interim Ministry, from St.  
Matthew Perkasio to Grace  
Pottstown effective (03/12/18)

Zuber, Richard from pastor at Upper  
Tincum Black Eddy to retirement  
effective (01/01/18)