

# Those Who Have Served at Zion

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|------------|-------------------------------|
| 1915-1917: | Rev. Frederick C. Proehl      |
| 1917-1918: | Rev. J. Koch                  |
| 1918-1918: | Vacant (Oct. 1918-Aug. 1919)  |
| 1919-1924: | Rev. Victor Bartling          |
| 1924-1944: | Rev. J. V. Richert            |
| 1944-1950: | Rev. Elmer J. Moeller         |
| 1950-1951: | Vacant (July 1950-Jan. 1951)  |
| 1951-1958: | Rev. Norman E. Brauer         |
| 1958-1959: | Vacant (Nov. 1958-Sept. 1959) |
| 1959-1985: | Rev. Alwin Reimnitz           |
| 1983-1987: | Rev. Gregory R. Williamson    |
| 1986-1988: | Rev. James P. Wuebben         |
| 1988-1989: | Vacant (Aug. 1988-July 1989)  |
| 1989- :    | Rev. Thomas R. Marcis, Jr.    |
| 1992-2006: | Rev. Dr. Bradley R. Stoltenow |
| 2007- :    | Rev. Douglas J.D. Bergelin    |

## **FREDERICK C. PROEHL (1892-1965)**



The Reverend Frederick C. Proehl was born March 8, 1892, in Watertown, Wisconsin. His childhood and youth were spent in Plymouth, Wisconsin, where his father, the Rev. Henry F. Proehl was pastor for 20 years. He attended Concordia College, Milwaukee, the University of Wisconsin, and Concordia Seminary, Springfield, Illinois. He was ordained into the Holy Ministry in July 1913. The following year he married Ella Proehl of Maintowoc, Wisconsin. Their marriage was blessed with three children.

From 1913 to 1916, he served the missionary field in North Dakota and organized congregations at Windsor, Cleveland, Medina, Sterling, Driscoll, Bismarck, and Mandan. For the next two years, he served as chaplain of the 164<sup>th</sup> Infantry, of the 41<sup>st</sup> Division, A.E.F., and was the first Lutheran chaplain to go overseas in World War I. This experience greatly influenced his future ministry and prepared him for his future work on the Armed Services Commission, Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. From 1919 to 1930, he was pastor of Ebenezer and Our Savior's Lutheran churches in Sheboygan, Wisconsin.

On October 9, 1930, Pastor Proehl was installed at Layton Park, Milwaukee, Wisconsin where he served until 1957, when he assumed the status of Pastor Emeritus. With the class of 1913 motto of DEI GRATIA still fresh in Pastor Proehl's memory in 1963, he reached another milestone by the grace and mercy of God by serving fifty years as pastor. He wrote a book about the experiences of WWII chaplains, entitled *Marching Side by Side*. Pastor Proehl entered eternal glory on January 2, 1965, at Tacoma, Washington.

### **JOHN KOCH (1892-1918)**

Rev. John Koch was born at Indianapolis, Indiana, September 21, 1892. He was baptized by Rev. F. Wambsganns and confirmed by the Rev. Theo, Schurdel. He attended college at Ft. Wayne, Indiana from 1907-1913, and Concordia Seminary, St. Louis from 1913-1916. He was ordained into holy ministry in his home church on August 13, 1916, by the Rev. W. C. Meinzen, and departed in September for his first charge at Anaconda and Deer Lodge, Montana, where he labored faithfully for over a year.

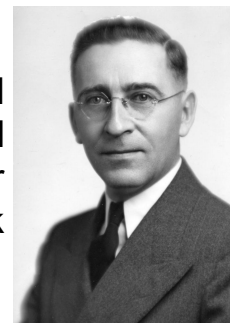
The Mission Board then transferred him to Driscoll and Bismarck, North Dakota, and put him in charge of several mission stations in that neighborhood. His work was prospering! He had gained the confidence of the people and the prospects were bright. Then came the Spanish influenza epidemic. He became ill and died a week later.

After a short private service by the Rev. J. Brandt of Wilton, North Dakota, his remains were brought to Indianapolis and buried in the Lutheran cemetery in Indianapolis, Indiana. The Pastor of Emmaus, Rev. W. C. Meinzen, spoke on Proverbs 23:26 and Psalm 116:15. The pastors and teachers of the city and vicinity attended the funeral, the former acting as pallbearers.

The deceased was mourned by two brothers and his young wife. A promising career ended after two short years of service as the Lord had called him to rest. %t is the Lord; let Him do what seems Him good.+ 1 Samuel 3:18

### **VICTOR BARTLING (1895-1978)**

Born on December 22, 1896 to the Rev. Albert and Lucy (Brohm) Bartling, the Rev. Victor Bartling was ordained into the ministry in 1919. In 1920 he married the former Dorothea Pfothhauer, whose father, the late Dr. Fredrick Pfothhauer, was General President of the Synod for 21



years. Rev. Bartling began his career in the ministry in Bismarck, North Dakota, in August of 1919, before there was an official church organization. He also served Windsor and Driscoll, North Dakota. His second child, Victoria, was born in Bismarck. He remained in Bismarck until 1924, when he received a call to Grace Lutheran Church in Fargo, North Dakota. He remained at Grace for two years and then became Professor at Concordia College, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

In 1942 he received an M.A. degree from, Marquette University, at Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He received an honorary D.D. degree from Concordia Seminary at Springfield, Illinois in 1957. From 1950 to 1972, he was Professor of New Testament Exegesis at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri.

Pastor Bartling died on October 16, 1978, at the Lutheran Altenheim in St. Louis, Missouri at the age of 82. His funeral service was held at Christ Memorial Lutheran. He was survived by three daughters and three sons, 25 grandchildren, and 8 great grandchildren.

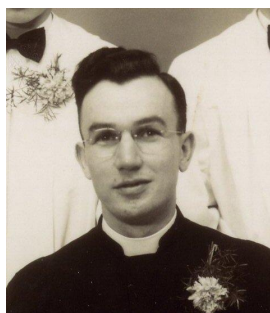
### **J. V. RICHERT (1898-1962)**



The Rev. J. V. Richert was born on April 10, 1898, in Rockford, Illinois, to Joseph and Wilhelmina Ursin Richert. He graduated from St. Louis Seminary and was ordained in July of 1922. He married the former Marie Paust in that same year. He served parishes in Croff, North Dakota, from 1922-24, and Bismarck, North Dakota from 1924-1943. He served as chaplain in the Army from 1943-1947, and after that time he accepted a parish at Susanville, California. From 1949-1951, he made his home at Salinas, California.

He was in ill health the later part of his life, and died on January 29, 1962, at Glendale, California. Besides his wife, he was survived by three daughters, Ruth, Eleanore, and Helene.

### **ELMER J. MOELLER (1918-1987)**



The Rev, Elmer J. Moeller was born on April 9, 1918, at a parsonage in Ainsworth, Nebraska, the son of the Rev, and Mrs. Albert Moeller. He lived there and in other rural parsonages at Bennet, Nebraska, until 1928. They moved to Grand Island, Nebraska, and lived there until 1938, where he finished his grade and high school training.

From 1935-1938, he was a student at St. Paul's College, Concordia, Missouri. He received his Master's degree from Washington University, St. Louis, MO in 1943 and his B.D. from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO in 1943. He was pastor in Bismarck, North Dakota, from 1943-1950. He was the first Missionary-At-Large for the District, and after a year was called as the pastor for the Bismarck congregation.

He was married to Lorraine Ernstmeyer of Hastings, Nebraska, in 1944. They had two children, Karen and Randy.

In 1950, he accepted a call as an associate professor of Classical Languages at Concordia College, Milwaukee. He was also Director of Testing from 1952-56 at this institution and became Registrar. In 1956 he accepted a call to Springfield, Illinois, where he was a professor in the Exegetical Department, New Testament Division. He was also Acting Registrar and Director of Admissions. In 1966 he became pastor of Grace Lutheran Church at Lamar, Colorado until he retired in 1983.

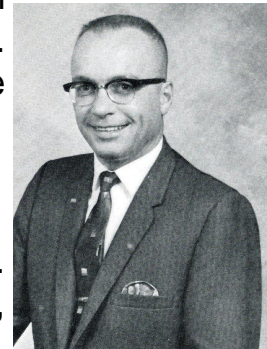
Pastor Elmer Moeller entered eternal rest on April 30, 1987, at Estes Park, Colorado. His funeral service was at Immanuel Lutheran Church at Loveland, Colorado.

## **NORMAN E. BRAUER (1918- )**



Rev. Norman E. Brauer was born on October 1, 1918, in Sheboygan, Wisconsin, the son of Rev. Herman and Lily Hartman Brauer. He received his early education at parochial schools at Marengo, Illinois, Concordia College, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and graduated from the Seminary in St. Louis in 1943. He was ordained by his father in 1943, and served with his father as an associate in the parish at St. Martin's in Chicago from 1943-1946.

He married Virginia Bartell in Milwaukee on August 22, 1943. In 1946 he came to North Dakota to service Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Bottineau. He served the Bismarck parish from 1950 to 1958, when he accepted a call to Sunnyside, Washington. In 1962, he returned again to the Chicago area to be pastor at Faith Lutheran in Oak Lawn. After retirement he moved to Woodburn, OR. The Brauers have two sons, Norman and Joel, and one daughter, Mary.



## **ALWIN REIMNITZ (1925-2005)**

The Rev. Alwin Reimnitz, son of the Rev. and Mrs. O. E. Reimnitz, was born at Murdo, South Dakota, on May 1,

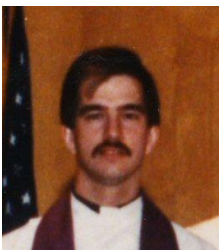
1925. He is the oldest in a family of six, three boys and three girls. Since his father was a pastor, there was considerable moving in his early childhood. He lived in Arkansas and Nebraska, where he got his early schooling. He attended St. John's at Winfield, Kansas, and graduated from the Seminary in St. Louis in 1950.

The Rev. K. J. Durdell ordained and installed him on July 9, 1950, at his first parish at Crosby, Fortuna and Wildrose, North Dakota. He served there until 1952. He served at Spencer, South Dakota, from 1952-1959. He was at Buhl, Idaho, in 1959 when the call from the Zion parish at Bismarck was received and accepted. He was installed at Zion on September 13, 1959.

Pastor Reinnitz served as District Pastoral Advisor for the Lutheran Laymen's League and in 1967 he became the President of the North Dakota District, Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. He served Zion until June 1985, when he became District President full-time and served in this office until 1991. He was Zion's Shut-in Visitation pastor from 1998 until his death in 2005.

He met his wife, the former Helen Gibson, during his vicarage in Howard, South Dakota. They were united in marriage on June 18, 1950. They were blessed with ten children, six sons and four daughters.

## **GREGORY R. WILLIAMSON (1957- )**



Gregory R. Williamson was born on January 20, 1957, in Rock Island, Illinois, the son of Robert and Aldeline Williamson. He was baptized in June of the same year. He was confirmed at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Moline, Illinois in the summer of 1976.

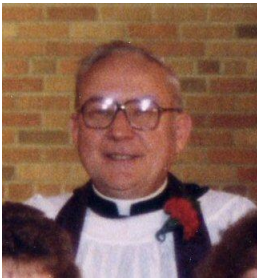
After graduation from Moline Senior High School in May of 1975, he attended Black Hawk Community College where he received the Associate of Arts degree in 1977. He continued his education at Concordia College, Ann Arbor, Michigan. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree in May of 1979. The following fall he entered Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana. He served both a summer internship and a year internship at St. John Lutheran Church in Libby, Montana, and Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church in Troy, Montana. He received his M.Div. degree May of 1983. He was ordained and installed at Zion on July 31, 1983.

He married Pamela Ann Ling, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Ling, on July 31, 1982, at Rockford, Illinois. They have one daughter,

Laura and one son, Andrew.

In November of 1987, he left Zion after accepting a call to St. John's Lutheran Church in Oskaloosa, Iowa. He has been serving St. Andrews Lutheran Church in Park Ridge, IL since February 1999.

## **JAMES P. WUEBBEN (1932- )**



James P. Wuebben was born in Poyette, Wisconsin, on May 18, 1932 to the late Pastor and Mrs. John Wuebben. He received his training for the holy ministry at Concordia College, Milwaukee, and graduated in 1956 from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis.

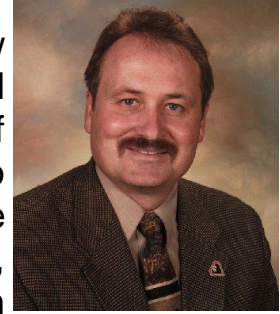
He was called to be missionary-at-large in Pocatello, Idaho from 1956-60 and was instrumental in organizing Faith Lutheran Church. He also ministered to students at Idaho State College. In 1960 he accepted a call to Zion Lutheran Church and school at Hastings, Nebraska. The congregation flourished and made plans for relocation and expansion during his ministry. He became pastor of Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Spokane, Washington, in 1964. During his stay, the congregation became self-supporting and built a new worship structure. From 1968-1970 he served as pastor of Grace Lutheran Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. In 1970, he was called to serve Faith Lutheran Church and Student Center, La Crosse, Wisconsin. His pastoral duties included ministering to the student body of the University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse. During his years in the Student Center in LaCrosse, he served on the District board of Directors and was District Director of Evangelism. He was installed as Senior Pastor at Zion on August 24, 1986.

In 1957 he married Ester Loesal, a former Lutheran teacher and synodically trained parish worker. She has taught in public and parochial schools and was an art specialist in the LaCrosse public school system. She served congregations as organist and church secretary. The Lord blessed them with four children: Tim, Ann, Tom, and Mike.

His ministry at Zion ended in July of 1988. In December of 1993, he joined the ministerium of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod. Serving as an interim pastor in Bullhead City, AZ. Pastor Wuebben accepted a call to Pinehurst Lutheran, Eau Claire, WI. Upon retirement in Eau Claire, he served at Zion Lutheran, Peshtigo, WI as visitation pastor to the elderly and nursing home residents. Later he served as assistant pastor for St. Matthew's, Beaver, WI and Grace, Crivitz, WI.

## **THOMAS R. MARCIS, JR. (1957- )**

Thomas R. Marcis, Jr., was born in Jamestown, New York, on October 22, 1957, the oldest son of Rev. and Mrs. T. R. Marcis, Sr. He became a member of the body of Christ through baptism on November 17, 1957. He went to Bethany Lutheran grade school in Parma, Ohio. He made public confession of his faith in confirmation on June 6, 1971, at Royal Redeemer Lutheran Church, North Royalton, Ohio. He graduated from Lutheran High School West, Rocky River, Ohio, in 1975.

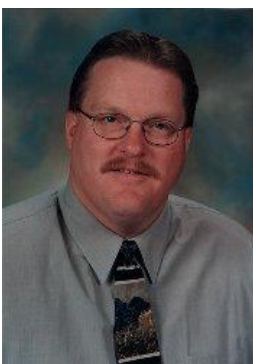


He attended Concordia College, Ann Arbor, Michigan, graduating in 1979. In 1980 he married the former Sara Ruth Hessler. Sara attended Concordia College and Eastern Michigan University where she acquired a B.S. and a M.A. in special education. He entered Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, and served his vicarage at Trinity Lutheran Church, Reese, Michigan, from November 1984 to November 1985. He graduated in May 1986 from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis.

His first call was to be pastor of St. Luke Lutheran Church, Zap North Dakota. He was ordained by his father, Rev. T.R. Marcis, Sr. into the holy ministry at St. Luke and served there from July 6, 1986 to July 1989 when he accepted the call to Zion. He has served the church at large as the Coordinator of Children's education for the North Dakota District, the Young Adult Advisor for the North Dakota District Lutheran Laymen's League, Chairman for the LCMS Board for Human Care Ministries, as a Synodical Reconciler and Chaplain for the Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch.

He and his wife have two sons, Richard and David, and two daughters, Kathryn and Rebekah. All four children were confirmed at Zion and Rebekah and David were both baptized at Zion. Pastor Marcis's father, brother and two uncles are also LCMS pastors. Sara Marcis a professional in the human service field, also is directly related to several LCMS pastors. Her father, grandfather, brother, two uncles and a nephew.

## **BRADLEY R. STOLTENOW (1962 - )**



Bradley R Stoltenow was born on July 3, 1962, in Ada, Minnesota. He was baptized July 29, 1962 at Zion Lutheran Church, Ada, MN. He made public affirmation of his baptism April 11, 1976 also at Zion, Ada. Upon graduation from Ada High School in 1980, he attended Concordia College in St. Paul, Minnesota, North Dakota State University and the University of Minnesota; earning degrees in Psychology and Physical Education.

While at Concordia, he met his wife Jodie neeqPuckett, who was from St. Paul, Minnesota. Jodie graduated from Concordia in 1984 with a degree in Elementary Education. She is a Lutheran School teacher and taught at Martin Luther School for several years. They were married at Zion Lutheran Church in Ada, Minnesota on December 30, 1983. After finishing undergraduate studies at Concordia, St. Paul in the spring of 1984, he attended Concordia Theological Seminary. He completed a basic unit of Clinical Pastoral Education at Parkview Memorial Hospital in the summer of 1985. His year of vicarage was at St. John Lutheran Church in Chester, Illinois under Pastor Charles F. Campbell. He graduated with a Master of Divinity degree on May 20, 1988.

Following seminary graduation, he was ordained at Zion Lutheran Church of Ada, Minnesota on June 12, 1988 and was installed as Pastor of Redeemer and Centennial Lutheran Churches of Deer River and Squaw Lake, Minnesota, on July 17, 1988. He was installed as Zion's Assistant Pastor August 1992. His title was changed to Associate Pastor in January 1993. Pastor Stoltenow served the church at large as a member of the North Dakota District Board of Directors, Director for the Division of Youth for the North Dakota District and as Chaplain for the North Dakota Highway Patrol. He received a D.Min. from Concordia, Ft. Wayne in May of 1998 and from Yale Divinity School in May 2008. In May 2006 Pastor Stoltenow accepted the call to be Senior Pastor of Shepherd of the Hills, Centennial, Colorado.

Pastor and Jodie have three children; Anna, Kylie and Joseph.

## **DOUGLAS J. D. BERGELIN (1981 - )**



Rev. Douglas J. D. Bergelin was born in Sheboygan, WI, on May 5, 1981, to Rev. Darrel and Deede Bergelin, the sixth of ten children. He was baptized on May 17, 1981, at Trinity Lutheran Church, Howards Grove, WI. He was confirmed in the faith on May 7, 1995, at Trinity.

Pastor Bergelin received his elementary education from St. Paul Lutheran School in Sheboygan and graduated from Sheboygan Lutheran High School in 1999. He attended Concordia University Wisconsin, graduating in 2003 with degrees in Pastoral Ministry and Theological Languages. He then attended Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO and graduated with a Master of Divinity degree in 2007. Pastor Bergelin spent his year of vicarage at Zion Lutheran Church, Denison, Iowa.

Pastor Bergelin was ordained into the office of Holy Ministry at his home congregation on July 1, 2007, by his father, Rev. Darrel Bergelin. He was installed as Zion's Associate Pastor August 5, 2007. He serves the church at large as the Chaplain for the Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch in Bismarck, member of the ND District Division of Youth, Pastoral Board member for the Bismarck/Mandan Lutheran School Association and Board member for Shepherds' Hills at the Crossroads Bible Camp.

### **Directors of Christian Education at Zion**

|              |              |
|--------------|--------------|
| Ken Hauf     | Dennis Meyer |
| Jim Anderson | Dallas Rosin |

### **Director of Children's Ministry at Zion**

Kristin Nistler

### **Youth Ministry Coordinator at Zion**

Deb (Hoiland) Duryee

### **Vicars at Zion**

|                            |                             |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Jack Evans 1965-1966       | Dave Bultman 1966-1967      |
| Darrel Thalman 1967-1968   | Marion Parker 1968-1969     |
| Vern Bok 1969-1970         | Randy Shields 1970-1971     |
| James Rogers 1971-1972     | Ronald Schultz 1972-1973    |
| Jim Walburg 1973-1974      | Klemet Preus 1974-1975      |
| Don Loudenback 1975-1976   | Bill Fischer 1976-1977      |
| Ted Gall 1977-1978         | Paul Nelson 1979-1980       |
| Sam McPeak 1980-1981       | Douglas Christian 1981-1982 |
| Michael Brockman 1982-1983 | Dave Guelzow 1989-1990      |
| William Gauger 2006-2007   |                             |

### **Kindergarten Teachers at Zion**

|                    |                        |                 |
|--------------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| Arlene Bockstadter | Cleo Carlson           | Yvonne Huber    |
| Donna Martens      | Kathy Rooke            | Lynette Stayton |
| Elaine Olson       | Linda Altenburg        | Diane Kittleson |
|                    | Kathy (Wolff) Ackerman |                 |

### **Preschool Teachers at Zion**

|                 |             |                |
|-----------------|-------------|----------------|
| Linda Altenburg | Pam Hillman | Pam Emmil      |
| Lynette Stayton | Pam Nelson  | Doris Nordgard |

Please note that we are still looking for names and dates of those who have served Zion. If you have any information please contact the church office. [zionlcms@btinet.net](mailto:zionlcms@btinet.net)