

The Rev. Burlington B. Latshaw, III



I was born in Shamokin, Pennsylvania at the General Hospital, into the family of Burlington Benjamin Latshaw, Jr. and his wife, Peggy Mae (Geist) Latshaw. I have one sister, Ruth Ann Kerick, wife of James Kerick of St. Clair, Pennsylvania.

I am a graduate of Tri-Valley High School in Hegins, Pa., class of 1961 and upon graduation attended Muhlenberg College, graduating in 1965 with an A.B. in Psychology. Following college completion I attended The Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg where I attained a Master of Divinity degree.

I have served four congregations over my 40 year tenure as a Lutheran pastor. These congregations were: Trinity Lutheran, Bechtelsville, Pa.; Grace Lutheran, Drexel Hill, Pa.; St. Peter's Lutheran, North Wales, Pa.; and Emmanuel Lutheran, Pottstown, Pa.

Since retirement I have served interim positions in Augustus Lutheran Church in Trappe, Pa., Grace Lutheran in Reading, Friedens Lutheran in Oley, and St. John's Lutheran in Hamburg and now have returned to Grace in Reading.

I am married to Marion (Manser) Latshaw and have three daughters, six grand children and one great grand child. Marion continues to participate in liturgical dancing forming troupes and choreographing sacred dances. She and I currently reside in North Coventry Township, Pa., but plan to move to the Latshaw farm in Dornsife.

We raise Flat Shod Tennessee Walking Horses and enjoy riding with children and grandchildren, ballroom dancing, and poking around in the history of both families. An occasional round of golf fills out our list recreational interests.

I am delighted to be back at Grace to participate with St. John's and Christ in an exciting joint ministry venture.

I have now been engaged in active ministry for 50 years and have been blessed by God's grace and many relationships with congregational members over the years.