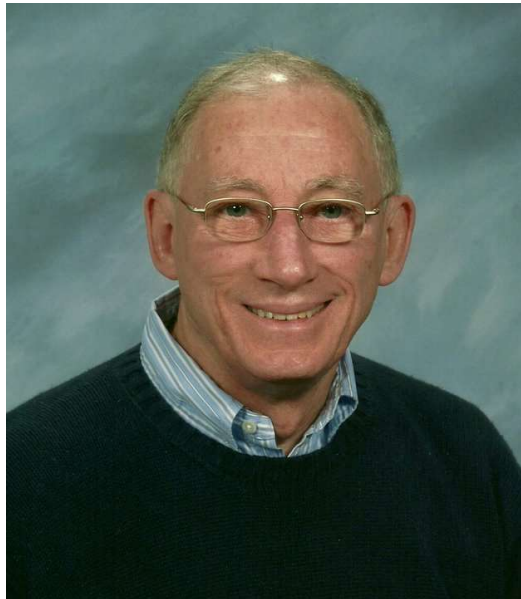


**Fiftieth Anniversary of Ordination  
The Rev. Steven Boughter**



*I would be to thank the synod for including me in its membership for the last 50 years.  
Ordination has been a surprising and inspiring adventure. Best, Steve Boughter*

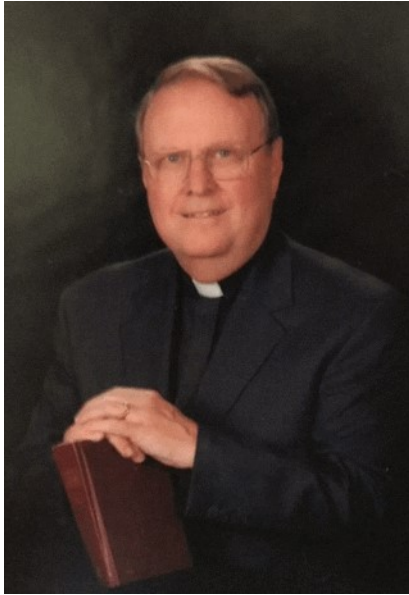
Ordained August 23, 1970. Served as Pastor at St. Luke Lutheran Church, Gilbertsville from August 23, 1970 to July 1, 1984. Served as Pastor ST. Timothy's Lutheran, Aston Ju1y 1, 1984 to December 31, 2017.

**Fiftieth Anniversary of Ordination  
Deacon Alan Johnson**



Consecrated on October 15, 1970. Served as Director of Music at St. Stephen Lutheran Church, Feasterville from October 15, 1970 to June 29, 1997.

## **Fiftieth Anniversary of Ordination The Rev. Andrew ("Andy") C. Lowe**



What a surprise! On September 14, 1944, Francis and Ellen Lowe went to Memorial Hospital in Worcester, MA expecting the delivery of their second child. The surprise - it was twins. Andy born first, Janice five minutes later.

The family of five lived in various places in the Worcester, MA area finally moving to Worcester itself in November of 1959. I graduated from South High School in Worcester in June of 1962, went to Upsala College in East Orange, New Jersey where I graduated in June of 1966. It was then to the Lutheran Theological Seminary where I graduated in 1970. Ordination followed in the summer of 1970.

While in Seminary I was introduced to Nancy Bourquin, a registered nurse at Lankenau Hospital, by mutual friends. We were married September 1, 1969.

All my pastoral ministry was in the Southeastern PA Synod. First was Trinity, Fairless Hills. It was during this time that Nancy and I had three children: Randy, who now lives in Frostburg, MD; Christopher, who now lives in Marlborough, MA with his wife, April, and two daughters, Elsie and Megan; and Jennifer who now lives in Phoenixville, PA with her two children, Jantzen and Braeden.

The second parish I served was Immanuel, Norwood. The third congregation was Trinity, Quakertown, where I served until the end of 2009. Then it was retirement. I am surely grateful for the leaders and all the members of these congregations for their support and their generous gift of time and talents.

I give thanks for the time I was able to serve on various committees of the synod. They include the Committee on Justice and Social Change, the Educational Ministry serving as facilitator, the Christian Education Committee, on which I was chair, and representing the Synod on the Regional Resource Planning Committee, serving as chair several times.

Many thanks to God for the guidance, patience, and love shown to me over my 50 years on ministry. Special thanks to my family for their love and support, as well as many times of endurance.

**Fiftieth Anniversary of Ordination  
Deacon Jeanne Sach**



Consecrated August 10, 1975, Served as Organist Choir Director at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Woodlyn, PA from March 1, 1963.

**Fiftieth Anniversary of Ordination  
Deacon Joyce Fischer Salter**



I am who I am and where I am because the summer I was 23 years old, 1960, I was in desperate need of a job. The family pastor told me he knew of a job opening that I should consider. Two months later I was the Director of Christian Education and Youth Ministry at one of the largest Lutheran congregations in South Carolina. This is the story of both my journey in the church and the LCA's journey with lay people who worked in congregations.

I was hired at Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church because I had a South Carolina teacher's certificate, one miserable year of teaching experience, and the recommendation of a pastor who knew my family. My only Biblical knowledge came from attending Sunday School in a country church. My first day on the job – responsible for a Sunday School of about 300 and two Luther Leagues numbering about 75 – I was uncertain that I had made a good decision. I loved the congregation, the youth and the job, but I was convinced that I didn't know enough to do a good job.

That was made clear the following spring when I attended a DCE conference at the Mother House in Baltimore. I need to pick up the LCA's role here. There were

DCEs scattered across the LCA at that time. Each was working alone or had a relationship with someone who was doing the job in another congregation. A staff member of the Board of Parish Education of the LCA thought it was time for the church to find ways to support us. He began planning conferences to bring us together and to give us learning opportunities. The Baltimore gathering was my first. The key note speaker for the conference was a professor from the Philadelphia Seminary. I was mortified. I didn't understand anything he was talking about!

When I went back to work, I told my pastor I needed help. I soon found myself involved in an interview with the president of the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary. He told me the seminary offered two degrees, the Bachelor of Divinity, now called the Master of Divinity, which was necessary for ordination and the Master of Religious Education. However, he cautioned me I could earn a BD, but I could not be ordained because I was a woman. By attending class part time and working full time, I earned an MRE.

Later I came to Trinity Lutheran Church in Lansdale as Director of Christian Education. Two significant events necessary to my story happened there. The LCA decided to organize the lay people who served congregations – DCEs, youth workers, musicians, parish workers, parish administrators. Those who qualified became Lay Professionals in the church. The second event was my marriage to Andrew Fischer, a senior seminarian. When Drew received his first call, I resigned from Trinity.

For the several years I did not work, but continued to be involved in numerous synodical events. Less than a year before Drew received a call to Grace, Hatfield, our first son was born. While at Grace I continued with voluntary work in Christian Education in the congregation and the synod. Our second son was born.

When both sons were in school, I became the part-time DCE at St Andrew's in Audubon. Two months after beginning that job. Drew died of brain trauma after a fall. I continued at St. Andrew's for sixteen years during which time Lay Professionals went through another change.

While there the LCA merged with the ALC and the AELC to become the ELCA. All three church bodies had lay professionals with different groups, qualifications, and benefits. A new order was agreed upon and we were called Associates in Ministry or AIMS. Three years after Drew's death, Tom Salter and I were married. I retired from St. Andrew's in June 1999. As for the ELCA's journey, they kept evolving. AIMS were consecrated as deacons and may be ordained into Word and Service. So sixty years after I started, knowing very little about the Bible and Lutheranism, I could now be ordained – if only I were not 83 years old!

At night when I have trouble sleeping, I review my life and I am overwhelmed by recognizing the Holy Spirit's guidance, sometimes pushing and prodding. God has showered me with grace. Life in the church has introduced me to great minds and preachers. I have traveled and seen the church in action. I have worked with extraordinary pastors and have found a place of peace and love in the fellowship of believers. I have been blessed.