

DEATHS OF ROSTERED MINISTERS

The Rev. Harvey P. Davis

Pastor Davis died April 6, 2023. Obituary not available as of April 20, 2023.

The Rev. Kay M. Hollinger

The Rev. Kay M. (Miller) Hollinger, 85, of East Norriton, PA peacefully passed away at home on Hospice surrounded by family on Saturday, December 10, 2022.

She was born in Bridgeton, NJ on May 30, 1937, the daughter of the late Hilton and Madeleine (Wallace) Miller.

Pastor Kay has lived in East Norriton since 1961 with her husband of 64 years James L. Hollinger, Esq.

She graduated with a BA in English from Dickinson College in 1958, Magna Cum Laude and Phi Beta Kappa. She worked as a probation officer for women while her husband James completed his law degree at Dickinson Law School. As a resident of Norristown, she was active in a variety of church-related activities and volunteer organizations including the Conversational Club of Norristown, member of Lutheran Church Women, Program Chair for Women of Trinity Lutheran Church, Past President of the PTA, Den Mother, Auxiliary of Montgomery Hospital, East Norriton Art League and East Norriton Little League. She graduated with her Masters in Divinity from the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia. During Seminary years she was awarded the Hoh Award for academic excellence. She was ordained on May 30th, 1987 at the Trinity Lutheran Church, Norristown. She served as a Lutheran Minister in the region. To be noted she was Associate Pastor a Grace Lutheran Royersford where she was the founder of the Clowns of Grace, co-founder of the Interdenominational Clergy Energy Council, treasurer for Project Outreach and Royersford Food Pantry Coordinator. She became the Associate Pastor at Grace Lutheran Norristown. She served the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod as a specially trained Interim Pastor at several local churches including Saint Marks Lutheran Church, Conshohocken, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Plymouth Meeting, and Saint Paul's Lutheran Church, Norristown.

Upon retirement, she continued her service to the community becoming the Charter President of Kiwanis Club of Norristown, Pa, a member of the Red Hat Association, and continued her crochet club at St Paul's Lutheran Church. Before her death she spent time with and caring for her husband James L. Hollinger, after he was diagnosed with a rare neurological disease, Guillain-Barre Syndrome.

Survivors include Husband James Hollinger, Esq. of East Norriton, Pa, Son Mark A. (& Louise) Hollinger of West Norriton, Pa, Son John D. (& Karen) Hollinger of McLean, Va, Son Paul A. (& Jennifer A. Vare) Hollinger of Conshohocken, Pa, Daughter Elizabeth "Beth" (& Grete Miller) Hollinger of East Norriton, Pa, also survived by her grandchildren Brittany Rae Fox, F. Brandon Fox, Grant H. Hollinger, and Miller J. Hollinger, and her Great Grandchildren Matthew B. Bates, Blake B. Bates, Briar M. Bates and Marley B. Bates.

Along with her parents she was preceded in death by her Sister Marilyn Reed.

Her Funeral Service was held Saturday, December 17, 2022 at 11:00 AM from St. John Lutheran Church, 1802 Skippack Pike, Blue Bell, PA.

Friends called on Saturday, December 17, 2022 from 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM at church.

Interment will be private.

Memorial Contributions may be made in her memory to: Norristown Art League, 800 West Germantown Pike, Norristown, PA 19403, Elmwood Park Zoo, 1661 Harding Blvd, Norristown, PA 19401 or a charity of your choosing.

The Rev. John Stevens Kerr

Rev. John Stevens Kerr, 86, passed away peacefully with family by his side on November 30, 2022 in Exton, Pennsylvania. John was born on March 18, 1936, in Salt Lake City, Utah, the only child of the late David Cessford Kerr and Connie (nee Guy) Kerr.

John grew up in Los Angeles, CA. As a young man he enjoyed photography, astronomy and even obtained a pilot's license at age 14. He was active in Luther League activities where he attended UCLA and studied political science. John and Joanne married in 1959 while he was attending Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary in Berkeley, CA, where he received a Master's of Divinity degree.

John began his 62 year-long career in ministry by starting and establishing a church, Shepherd of the Valley in Spring Valley, California. The church building and the initial growth of the congregation was overseen by young John while his wife, Joanne, was organist and choir director. On the side, he began writing for religious publications. It wasn't long before the Lutheran Church in America noticed his talents and invited him to join their publishing headquarters located in Philadelphia, PA. John took a leap of faith in 1966 and moved his young family to the east coast.

John was soon promoted to Senior Editor of Youth and Leadership Resources at the Division of Parish Services for the Lutheran Church in America. For over 20 years he developed and edited resources for the church curriculums while also working as a supply pastor. He authored 4 books. A gifted writer, he joined Genesis Communications in the 1990's to work on public relations materials for various nonprofits and churches. He continued freelance work with KenCrest and the American Bible Society. In the late 1990's he worked to structure and establish the role of Interim Minister for Lutheran churches who were in transition between their full-time pastors. John became an interim minister and enjoyed over 20 active years serving numerous congregations in the southeastern Pennsylvania area. His sense of humor and ability to relate to people, along with his unique preaching style, was met with great appreciation from the congregations. He was an active pastor up until his passing, having served most recently as co-pastor at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Norristown, PA. During this time John was also

Executive Director of Lutheran Bible Ministries and developed a lectionary series as a learning tool for bible study.

John was an avid reader and was often surrounded by mounds of reading materials, along with a cup of coffee. Very curious and an intellectual on many levels, he explored a variety of topics. He had a relaxed manner and was extremely good-natured with a quirky humor. He traveled extensively and loved to cook and try new foods. He was a loving husband, adored by his children and became the "cool" grandpa to his grandkids whom he baptized. He was an active citizen and community leader having served on the local Democratic Party Committee. He was also an active member and leader at his home church for 56 years, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in King of Prussia, PA.

John is predeceased by his wife, Joanne. He is survived by his children, David (Claire) Kerr of Mendham, NJ, Kirsten (Daniel) McCurdy of Downingtown, PA, Sean (Sonia Giribaldi) Kerr of Garnet Valley, PA and 9 grandchildren, Matthew, Alissa, Valentina, Alexandra, Diana, Evan, Gregory, Eric and Liliana.

The family received relatives and friends at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church on Saturday, December 10, from 9:30AM to 10:30AM, with a service at 10:30AM. Interment private. The service was also streamed live and recorded to view click this link <https://youtu.be/6VQfrdC6V94>

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Rev. John Stevens Kerr memory to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 132 E. Valley Forge Rd, King of Prussia, PA 19406.

The Rev. Susan P. Lynch

The Reverend Susan P. Lynch of Coatesville, PA, passed away peacefully on May 27th. Born in Durango Colorado, she resided in Coatesville since 2013. Susan was raised in Fort Lupton, Colorado; and was the daughter of the late Thomas C. and Evelyn S. Lynch (nee Jansen) of Colorado. She enjoyed family vacations in Door County Wisconsin.

She attended the University of Colorado, Boulder. She was a 1989 graduate of the University of Northern Colorado, Greeley with a degree in Vocal Performance, and a 1996 graduate of Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary, Berkeley CA with a Master's of Divinity. Susan was ordained a Pastor by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America in 1997. During her 25 years as a Pastor; she served at God's Love Lutheran Church in Newtown PA, New Hanover Lutheran Church, Gilbertsville, PA, Messiah Lutheran Church, Williamsport, PA, St. John's Lutheran Church in Sumneytown and Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Coatesville, PA.

Prior to attending seminary, Susan was an Opera singer. Singing was her joy. Music was important throughout her life. Susan had a love of all things beautiful but was just as comfortable in cowgirl boots and jeans riding horseback as she was in a ballgown singing on stage.

She loved animals, nature, flowers and gardening. Her happy place to walk, and enjoy the world was Longwood Gardens. Susan was an avid knitter, making beautiful items of clothing for friends, afghans and shawls. Growing up in Colorado gave her a lifelong passion for the outdoors. She could be found running the hills of Coatesville, kayaking, and hiking. If there was a challenge to be faced, she would nail it with grace and panache.

Perspicacious and persnickety, Susan was tenaciously curious leading her to in depth research in all areas of her life facilitating her successes in music, her health, and her vocation. One of her best qualities was the depth of her ability to love, as was most evident in the care for her godchildren, her family, her friends and the congregations she served.

Susan is survived by her cats, Cliona(Cleo) and Minerva(Minnie), her godchildren, Erik and Eva Ollikainen, her sister, Nancy Lynch of Colorado, her best friends Rev. Dr. Jennifer Phelps (Greg Pershyn) of Stroudsburg PA, Alison Richardson Nelson, Centennial Colorado and Rev. David Oppold (Dennis Cheega) of Swedesboro, NJ.

A Memorial Service was held 3 PM on Saturday, June 25, 2022 at The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, 107 S. 17th Avenue, Coatesville, 19320. In lieu of flowers donations to the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd or ELCA World Hunger would be greatly appreciated.

The Rev. Kenneth H. Smith

The Rev. Kenneth H. Smith was born May 10, 1937 and entered the House of the Lord on November 27, 2022. Son of the late Herbert and Edna Smith, and brother of the late Marie Koach.

He is survived by his niece Holly Theron of Paris France, and his nephew Glenn Koach of Palm Springs CA. He is also survived by friends Robert and Victoria MacMillan of Jenkintown PA.

He was a graduate of Shippensburg University, and the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia.

Relatives and friends are invited to his Funeral Liturgy on Monday December 5th, 2022 at 11am at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 120 N. Easton Rd, Glenside PA 19038. Viewing from 10am to 10:45am. Interment will follow in Augustus Lutheran Church Cemetery in Trappe, PA.

Click this link to view the service <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e5h5Nwowp2E>

The Rev. Carol A. Steinhart

Rev. Carol Ann Steinhart, 80, of Gaithersburg, MD, completed her baptism in death on April 19, 2022. Carol was born in Bloomsburg, PA on August 23, 1941, the daughter of the late James Edmond and Betty Arlene (Harris) Edwards.

A 1959 graduate of Bloomsburg State University in Pennsylvania with a bachelor's degree in education, Carol did her post-graduate studies in reading psychology at Rutgers University and Pennsylvania State University.

Carol had successful careers as an English teacher in Neshaminy Senior High School, a stay-at-home Mom raising two children, and the Parish Admin/Secretary for Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Hershey, PA prior to going into ministry.

In 1996 she graduated from the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia with a Master of Divinity degree. Rev. Steinhart's first call was as pastor to St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Abington, MA. In 2003, Rev. Steinhart was the interim pastor to Emanuel Lutheran Church in Manchester, CT. The following year she was called by Reformation Evangelical Lutheran Church in Media, PA to be the Chaplain at Elwyn, a care facility for children and adults with autism, intellectual and developmental disabilities, and related behavioral health challenges. She retired from active ministry in February 2011.

As a mom, Carol was very active in volunteer work. She was president of the Hershey Parent Teachers Association, a leader in the Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (LCA/LCW at the time), Vietnamese Resettlement Coordinator, Board of Director for Tressler Lutheran Social Services, newsletter editor for multiple groups, Director of Summer Vacation Bible School, Co-Director for the musical Godspell in a town production, election poll volunteer, and much more. She was known for her ability to organize church events for dozens or hundreds of people, and she planned synod and youth retreats. For her children, she always found time to make smiley-face cupcakes for the first day of school every single year and other fun traditions.

She is survived by her children, Shelley L. Stall (Alexander) of Boyds, MD, and William E. Steinhart III (Tammy) of Lancaster, PA, and grandchildren, Alexander, Edward, Laura, Timothy, Katelyn, and Benjamin; brothers James Edwards and his children Lisa and Jeff, and Michael Edwards (Millie) and their son Michael.

Carol is also survived by her best friend Rev. Patricia Johnson, with whom she has lived with for the last 30 years. Pat's family embraces Carol as their own including daughter Katrina, her husband Tim Donoughue, and their children Alexander, Mitchell, and Kevin.

The Rev. Dr. Richard Nelson Stewart

Dr. Richard N. Stewart, Associate Professor Emeritus, who taught communications and parish administration for nearly three decades at the former Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia (now United Lutheran Seminary), died in his Philadelphia home on November 13 after a long illness. He was 78.

Born in Toledo, OH, of parents connected to the African American Episcopal and Baptist traditions, Stewart became attracted to the Lutheran Church when his father, Paul, was engaged to become the church musician for Ascension Lutheran Church in Toledo. Stewart went on to become President of the Luther League statewide in Ohio. He thus became a close part of a Lutheran Church in America denominational tradition not always popular with Blacks of his day. As a professor, Stewart taught rostered leaders in training about the essential aspects of communications, also how to be effective administrators of congregations they would later lead and the role of administration in providing good pastoral care.

As himself a student and researcher of African American Lutheran history, Stewart also possessed a distinctive pastoral style. His concern for students went well beyond the classroom. He and a close colleague, the Rev. Dr. Charles Leonard, made it a regular practice to attend the ordination rites and other celebrations of many students, sometimes involving far-flung travel. Stewart's "spare-time" devotion to those students frequently went beneath the radar. He was an expressive and effective preacher with a gentle sense of humor.

Stewart held a lifelong fascination for radio, television, and technology. Before the positions of Information Technology and Instructional Design directors became vogue at schools, Stewart served as a crucial, early bridge to those fields at the seminary. He ran the school's fledgling media center, engaging in the practice of interviewing seminarians and overseeing the recording of special events like "Preaching with Power." That decades-old annual March activity features week-long appearances of nationally noted Black preachers in support of the seminary's Urban Theological Institute, an initiative that has sought to expand the training of African American pastors throughout the Delaware Valley. In this bridge capacity, Stewart was an early advisor to seminary planners on how to make best use of technology in designing the Brossman Center, the Seminary's first building devoted to classroom teaching.

Stewart met his future spouse, Dawn C. Cartee, at Wittenberg University, Springfield, OH, where both were students. Stewart graduated from Wittenberg with a BA in Sociology in 1967. He received his Master of Divinity degree from Hamma School of Theology in Springfield in 1971, becoming ordained in the Lutheran Church in America (a predecessor body of the current Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) in 1971. Following his ordination, Stewart became assistant pastor of Westwood Lutheran Church, Dayton, OH (1971-1973); served as a consultant to Urban Crisis, Inc., Atlanta, GA (1970-1974); Chaplain for the Dayton (OH) Rehabilitation Center (1972-1973), and worked as Director, Inter-Faith Campus Ministry, Central State University, Wilberforce, OH (1973-1983).

From 1983 to 1989 Stewart was pastor of Lord God of Sabaoth Lutheran Church in Christiansted, St. Croix in the Virgin Islands, a congregation that is more than 200 years old. In 1989 he joined the Seminary faculty as part of its Black Scholars Initiative. At the same time, he engaged in studies at Temple University where he completed all of the course work for the PhD but was unable to finish the dissertation. While at the Seminary, Stewart earned a DMin Degree. In retirement, he served for a time as an interim pastor at his home church, Christ Lutheran Community Church in Upper Darby, PA.

Stewart served on numerous church and synodically-affiliated boards including an eight-year stint on the consulting committee of *The Lutheran* magazine (now entitled *Living Lutheran*) and twice serving on the Board of Directors for Trinity Lutheran Seminary, Hamma's successor school. Among his community posts, Stewart served on the Xenia, OH, Area Interfaith Council, Tornado Disaster Recovery, as a Board member (1974-1978). He was significantly involved in the Conference of International Black Lutherans (CIBL) and the African Descent Lutheran Association (ADLA). CIBL had a special place in his heart because of his deep desire to create a genuine working relationship between Black Lutheran scholars and church leaders from the Northern Hemisphere and the African Continent. During a six-months sabbatical he taught at the Seminary in Pietermaritzburg, South Africa.

At the time of Stewart's death, he was researching an extensive history depicting the contributions of Africans and African Americans to global and domestic Lutheran traditions. He had conducted scores of recorded interviews in which a variety of key Black leaders described the challenges and opportunities of contributing to those traditions. A group of scholars have committed themselves to completing the work Stewart started.

In addition to Dawn, his widow, Stewart is survived by two sons, Karl, who lives with his spouse, Curtina, in Reno, NV, and Joel of Wyncote, PA.

A Celebration of Life Service was held at 11 a.m. Monday, December 5, at Christ Lutheran Community Church, 7240 Walnut St, Upper Darby, PA 19082. In lieu of flowers memorial donations can be made to Lutheran Outdoor Ministries or to the Stewart Memorial Fund at United Lutheran Seminary - <https://bit.ly/RichardStewartMemorialFund>. The fund will support the continuation of Stewart's research.

**Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod of the ELCA
Report of the Secretary – Changes to the Roster
April 16, 2022 to April 14, 2023**

Ordinations

Bergen, Richard (09/10/2022)
Doan, Ethan W. (11/19/2022)
Esterby, Meagan C. (06/11/2022)
Florence-Johnson, Dedra A. (07/09/2022)
Hebert, Brandi J. (09/17/2022)
Ruppel-Doan, Eileen A. (01/28/2023)
Sadowy, Kayla J. (06/25/2022)
Schurz, Maeve E. (12/10/2022)
Smith, Amy R. (02/25/2023)
Tracey, Kevin M. (07/16/2022)

Deaths

The Rev. Harvey P. Davis (04/06/2023)
The Rev. Kay M. Hollinger (12/10/2022)
The Rev. John S. Kerr (11/30/2022)
The Rev. Susan P. Lynch (05/27/2022)
The Re. Kenneth H. Smith (11/27/2022)
The Rev. Carol A. Steinhart (04/19/2022)
The Rev. Dr. Richard N. Stewart
(11/13/2022)

Transfer from Other Synods

Elliott, Richard *from* Northeastern PA
Synod to retired roster effective
10/31/2022
Elliott, Jane *from* Northeastern PA
Synod to retired roster effective
10/31/2022
Grainson, David from Metropolitan New
York Synod effective 06/01/2022
Nelson, Rivera *from* Northeastern
PA Synod effective 09/19/2022
Stewart, Stewart *from* Upstate
New York to retired roster effective
11/01/2022

Transferred to Other Synods

Flippin, Jr., William E. from on leave
to Southeastern Synod effective
06/01/2022
Mathisen, Richard *to*
Northeastern PA Synod
effective 02/08/2022

Mason, Dwight from retired to New Jersey
Synod effective 07/01/2022

Roster Changes

Bergen, Richard from candidacy to pastor
at St. Luke, Ferndale effective
09/10/2022

Doan, Ethan form candidacy to Faith,
Montgomeryville
effective 11/19/2022

Ericsson, Susan from on leave disability to
retired effective 01/01/2023

Esterby, Meagan from candidacy to pastor
University Lutheran, Philadelphia
effective 06/11/2022

Florence-Johnson, Dedra from candidacy to
pastor at Grace, Philadelphia)
effective 07/09/2022

Greenwald, Arlene from interim ministry to
retired effective 04/21/2021

Hebert, Brandi from candidacy to associate
pastor at Lutheran Church of God's
Love effective 09/17/2022

Kaegler, Axel from pastor at St. John's
Spinnerstown to pastor at Christ's
Oreland effective 12/01/2022

Krais, Janelle from pastor at Grace,
Royersford to retired effective
05/01/2023

Luce, Stuart from interim ministry to pastor
at St. Paul's Exton effective
05/02/2022

Mackey, Tina from interim ministry to
retired effective 02/01/2023

Matthias-Long, Karen from deacon at
Trinity Lansdale to retired effective
07/01/2022

Matthias-Long, Wayne from pastor
Reformation Media,
to retired effective 07/01/2022

Phelps, Danny resigned from the roster
effective 03/16/2023

Phelps, Jennifer from pastor Trinity Perkasio
to disability roster effective
03/13/2023

Rigg, Suzanne separated from the roster
effective 06/01/2022

Rodrick-Schnaath, Heidi M. from Christ's
Oreland to Lutheran Church of the
Good Shepherd, Coatesville
effective 08/01/2022

Ruppel-Doan, from candidacy to pastor at
Reformation, Media effective
01/28/2023

Sadowy, Kayla from candidacy to pastor at
Grace, Broomall effective
06/25/2023

Schurz, Maeve from candidacy to
St. Stephen's, Feasterville
effective 10/10/2022

Shelor, Wayne from interim ministry at
Trinity, Fairview Village to interim
ministry at Grace Royersford
effective 05/01/2023

Smith, Amy from candidacy to pastor at
St. Luke, Obelisk
effective 02/25/2023

Tracey, Kevin from candidacy to pastor at
St. Mark, Clifton Heights effective
07/16/2022

Wolfe, Deborah from pastor at
St. Timothy, Fox Chase
to retired effective 09/01/2022