

**+ THE REVEREND CHARLES RICHARD WERTZ +**  
**April 8, 1931 – September 16, 2018**

Charles R. Wertz, son of the late Amos N. and Ruth Robinson Wertz, was born on April 8, 1931 in Homestead, Pennsylvania. He attended Munhall High School and graduated from the University of Pittsburgh where he was awarded a Bachelor of Science in 1954. He was a member of the United States Air Force, serving as the Chief of Laboratory Services at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio from 1955-57.

Charles attended The Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, Gettysburg, PA, graduating on May 26, 1961 with a Masters of Divinity degree. He was ordained into the Ministry of Word and Sacrament of the United Lutheran Church in America, Pittsburgh Synod on June 7, 1961. Called as pastor of Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church in Erie (Harborcreek), PA, he began his ministry there on June 11, 1961. Pastor Wertz served the congregation and the Harborcreek community for 43 years. During that time, he served as a member of the Harborcreek School Board for 34 years. Following retirement he served as Interim Pastor at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in North East, PA.

Charles married Sandra Lee Stolt Bickel on November 3, 1979 and adopted her two children, David and Kelly.

Charles enjoyed anything Pittsburgh, the love of his dogs, Brandy and Lady Anna, a good theological debate, negotiating a teacher's contract, educating the youth in the community, and fellowship with others. He served on various community committees, including Protestant Campus Ministry at Pennsylvania State University, the Behrend Campus, Chapel of Four Chaplains, as a spiritual director for Koinonia, as well as serving on the Pennsylvania School Board Association.

Charles is survived by his wife, Sandra; a son, David Scott Wertz and his wife, Anita of Wichita, KS; a daughter, Kelly Ann Shrout and her husband, Terry of Greene Township; a grandson, Thomas J. Shrout and his wife, Deonna; a granddaughter, Katherine D. Wertz Lorik and her husband, Tomas; a grandson, Joshua D. Wertz; a sister, Corann Wertz Devine; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Anna Mae Stephens.

A funeral service was held on September 20, 2018 at Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church, Harborcreek, PA with the Rev. Dr. Ralph E. Jones, Bishop, and the Rev. Jean N. Kuebler, presiding. The Rev. John Coleman served as preacher for the service of remembrance and thanksgiving. Interment was held at Wintergreen Gorge Cemetery with military honors rendered by the American Legion Carl Neff Post 571.

**+ THE REVEREND DAVID A. WASEMANN**  
**January 28, 1953 – October 31, 2018**

Born on January 28, 1953 in Wheeling, West Virginia, David was the son of Patricia Gettys Wasemann of Pittsburgh, and the late Robert B. Wasemann. He married his spouse, Denise, on April 20, 1974.

David attended the University of Pittsburgh, earning a Bachelor of Arts in English Literature in 1988. He completed a Master of Divinity degree at the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary in 1991.

David came to the ordained ministry through a career in religious communications. Before entering the seminary as a second career student, he served in the ecumenical ministry of the Christian Associates of Southwest Pennsylvania. He also served as a media producer for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh.

Ordained into the Ministry of Word and Sacrament of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America on November 23, 1991, David was called to serve in the Metropolitan Washington, D.C. Synod.

Pastor Wasemann served the following calls and positions during his ministry:

Pastor – Christus Victor Lutheran Church, Manassas, VA	1991-2010
Interim and Called Pastor – Grove Chapel Lutheran Church, Indiana, PA Harmony Grove, Creekside (Willet)	2010-2018

David was a lifelong learner and completed many certification and training programs, including: interim ministry, pastoral counseling, congregational redevelopment, and basic coaching. He was a disciple, pastor, coach, teacher, citizen-steward, husband, brother, son, godfather, and friend. He loved Jesus, life, family, and the people of his churches.

He is survived by his mother, his loving wife, Denise A. Wasemann of Ligonier, PA; a sister, Linda Wasemann Broman of Pittsburgh, brothers and sisters-in-law, and several nieces and nephews.

A funeral service was held on November 5, 2018 at Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church, Homer City, PA with the Rev. Stephen C. Bond officiating.