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Rochester, NY 14621

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Years of Operation 1873 – present

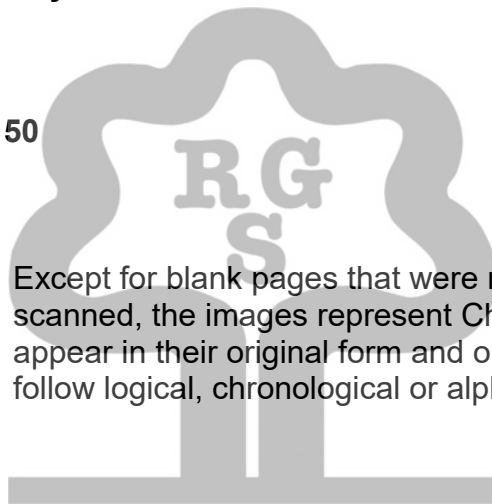
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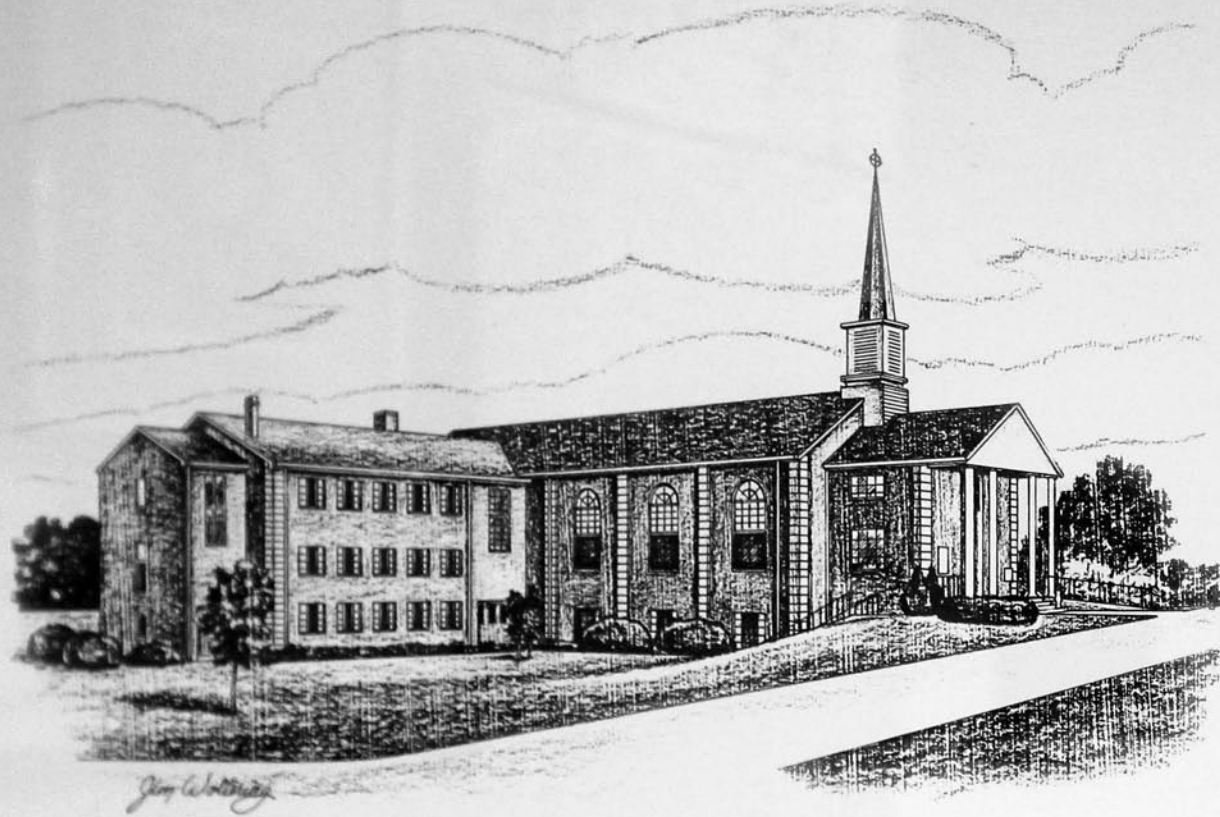












St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church
(1873-1998)

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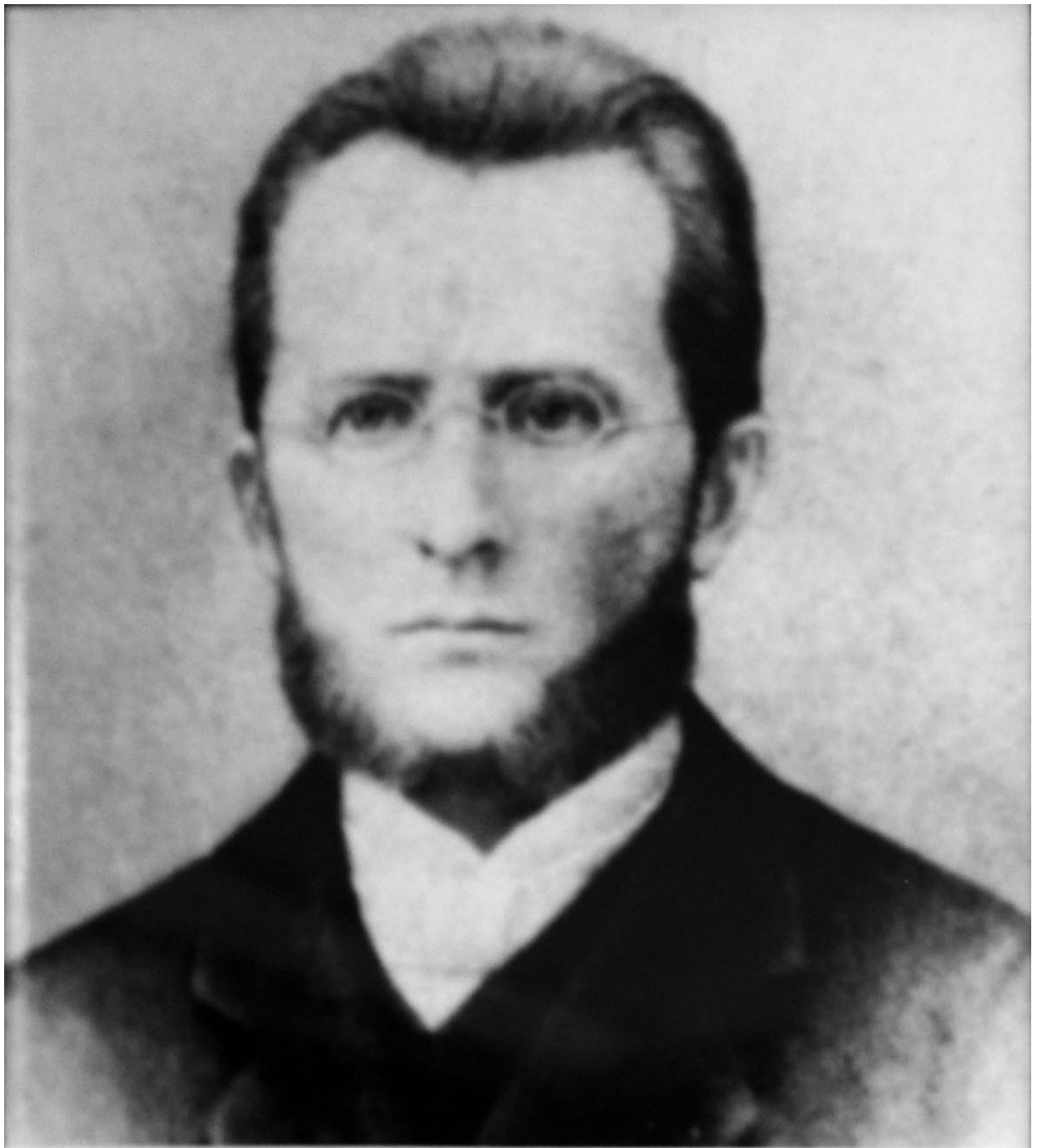


*In Loving Memory
of
Kathleen Elizabeth Brightman*

A Campership Fund has been established

*date of birth
10-22-68*

*entered into God's Kingdom
12-9-80*



Rev. E. Heydler
1873 - 1877



Rev. J. Muelhauser
1878 - 1884

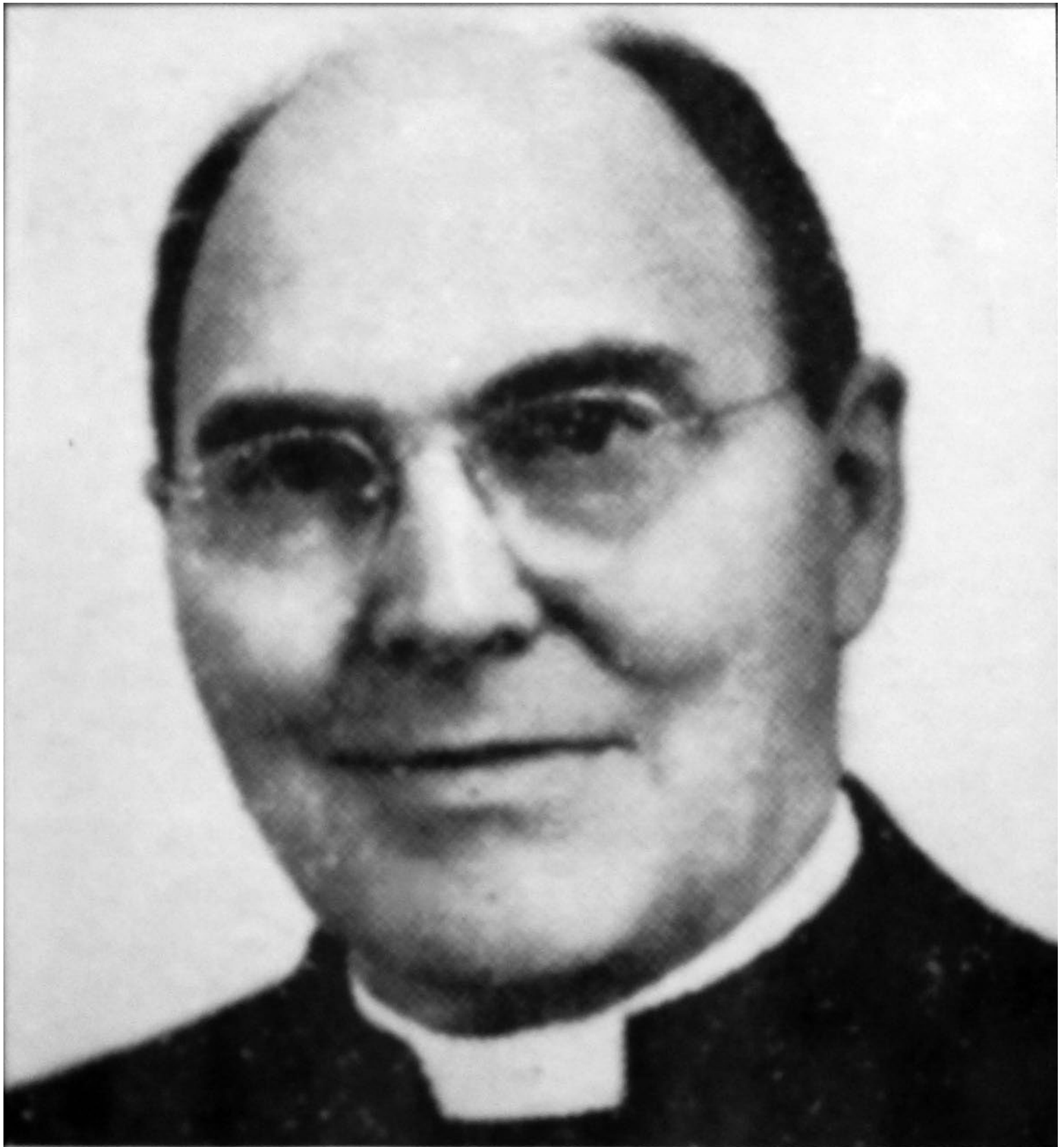




Rev. J. Nicum, D.D.
1887 - 1909



Rev. A. Blum
1910 - 1930



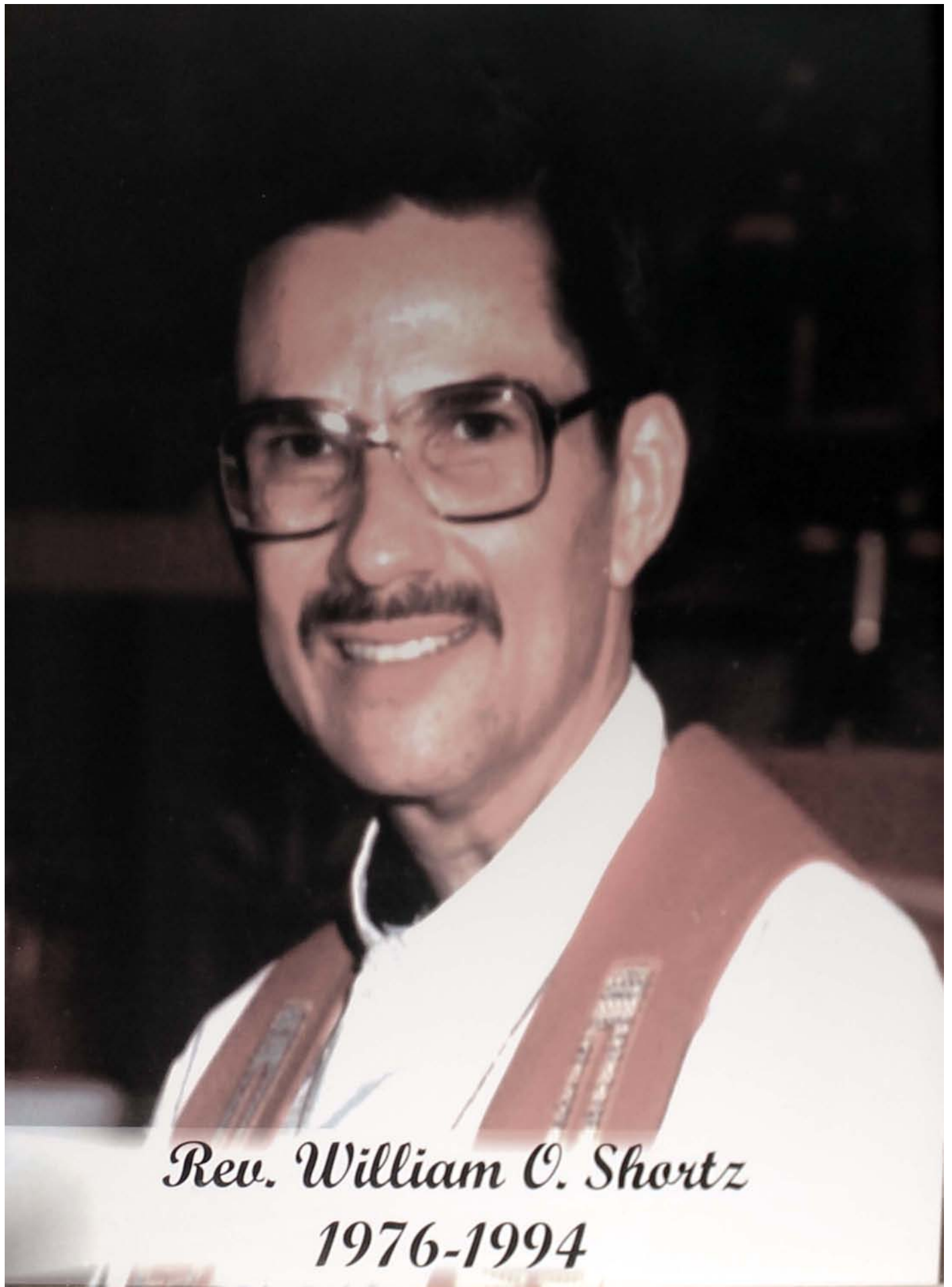
Rev. P. Schmieder
1931 - 1944



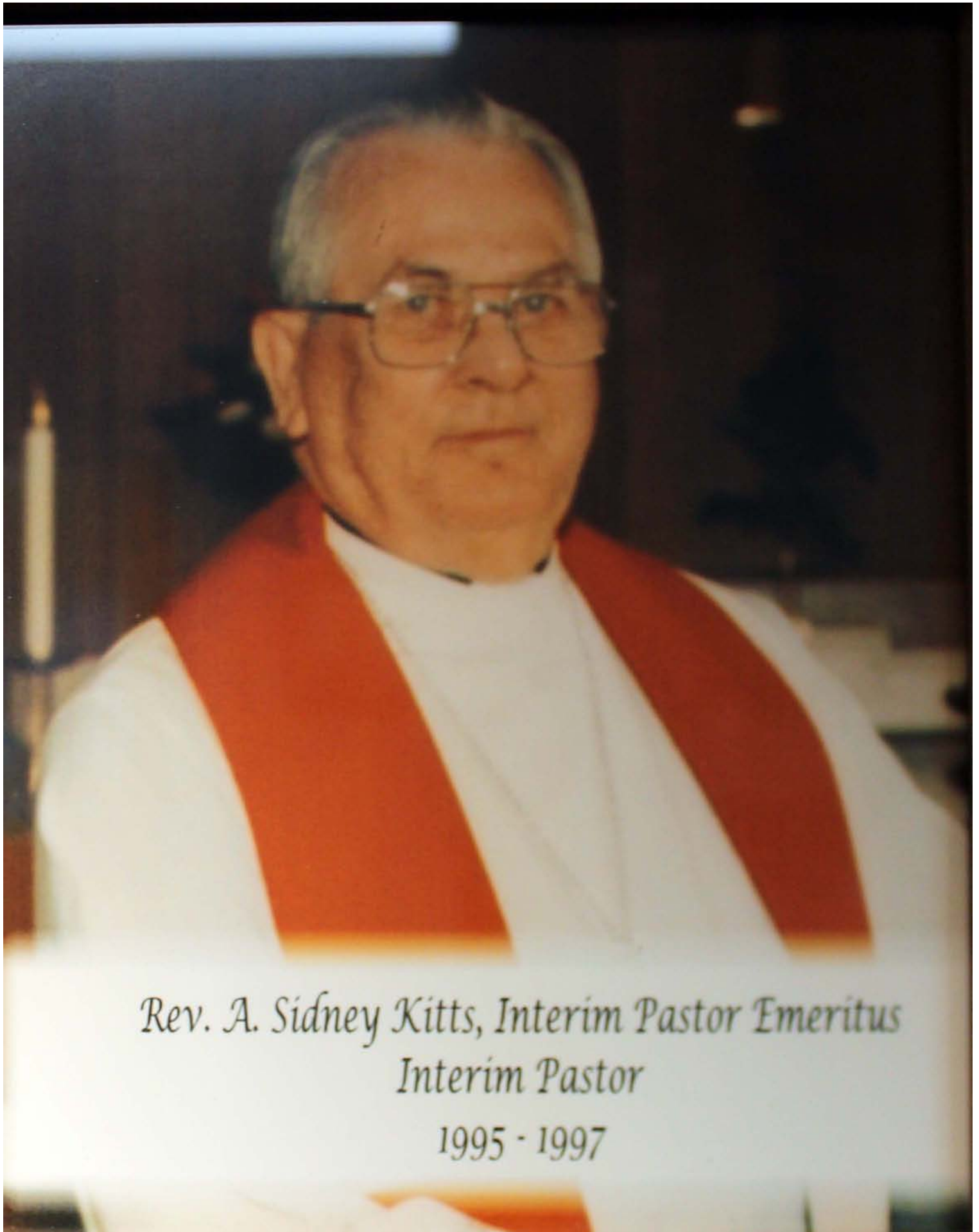
Rev. J. A. W. Kirsch
1945 - 1957



Rev. G. F. Haag
1958 - 1975



Rev. William C. Shortz
1976-1994



Rev. A. Sidney Kitts, Interim Pastor Emeritus
Interim Pastor

1995 - 1997



Footprints in the Sands of Time...

This week I received an invitation to return to my Alma Mater, Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana, (in Springfield, Illinois when I attended) for a convocation next May honoring the Class of 1961 – thus marking my 50th year as an ordained Pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church!

I would like to go... but probably won't due to health concerns. But the invitation did give me cause to stop and look back on my ministry. My first Call was to Trinity Lutheran Church in Wellsboro, Pennsylvania where I served from 1961-1965 when I accepted the Call to serve The Lutheran Church of Our Saviour in Rochester. I served Our Saviour's 25 years and was subsequently designated Pastor Emeritus! Then in retirement I served as Interim Pastor at St. Martin's Lutheran in Webster, New York; as Staff Chaplain at St. John's Home; as Interim Pastor at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Irondequoit, New York for three years – and again was designated Pastor Emeritus! Then I served as Interim Pastor for a year or so at Messiah Lutheran Church in Rochester before finally retiring to take care of Sue at home – and to cope with my prostate cancer, which was diagnosed in 2005. The last six years have been like a roller coaster with many, many treatments!

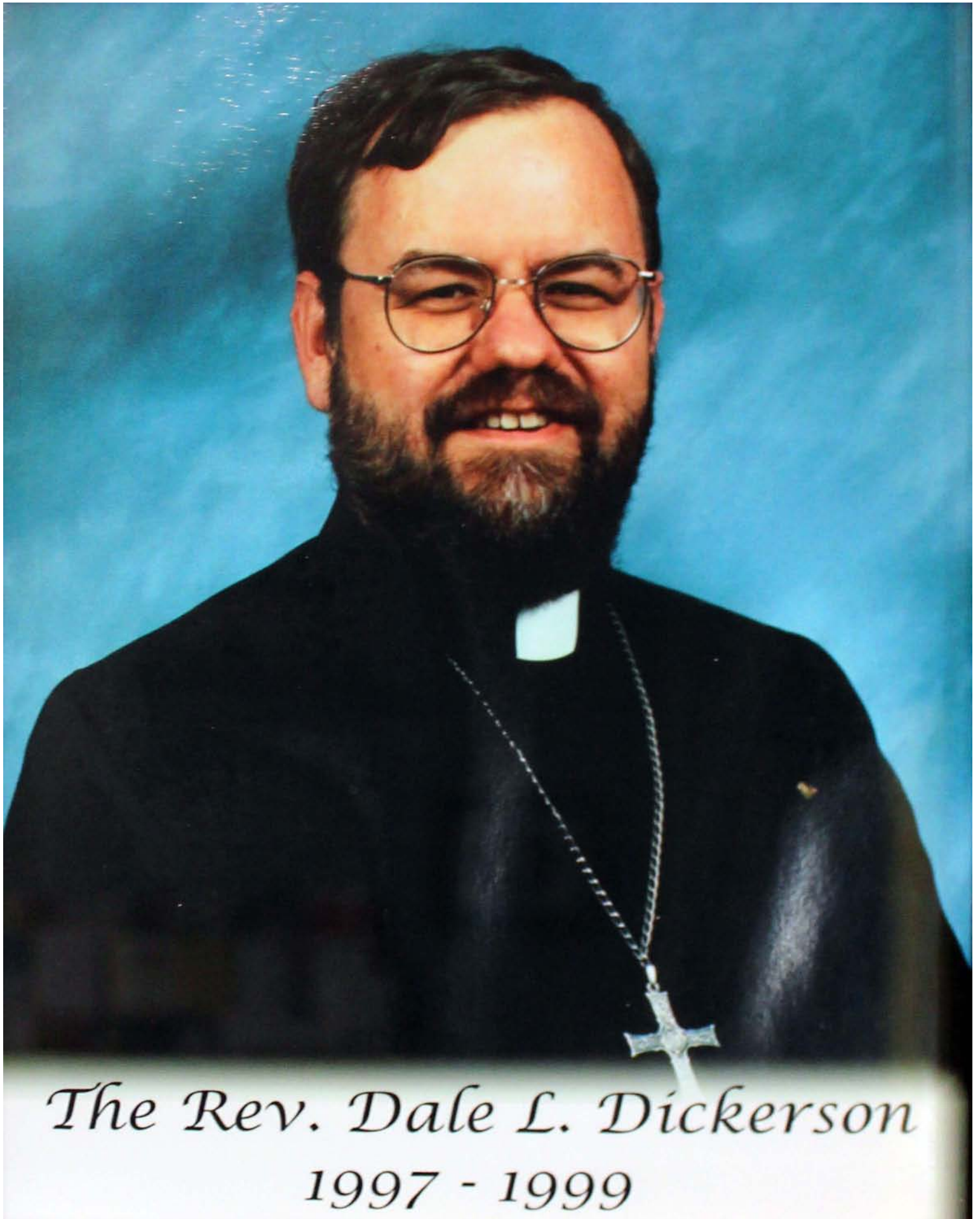
Major aspects of my community service include:

- Chaplain and Life Member of the Gates-Chili Fire Department.
- Board Member, Chaplain and Life Member of the Gates Volunteer Ambulance Service.
- Part-time Police Chaplain.
- President and Treasurer of Dunn Towers Apartments – providing high-quality affordable housing in over 300 apartments for senior citizens and the handicapped.
- Chairman, Town of Gates Board of Ethics 1989-2010.
- Citizen of the Year, 1991, Town of Gates.
- Honored by the Senate of the State of New York for Community Service (Senate No. 613-1991).
- Board Member and Secretary-Treasurer of Grove Place Cemetery Association, Chili, New York for eight plus years. Upon retirement received letter of appreciation from the Auditor of the Division of Cemeteries of the State of New York for my professionalism.

I am thankful for the opportunity to touch the lives of many during these 50 years in addition to the many friends and associates in the congregations which I was privileged to serve!

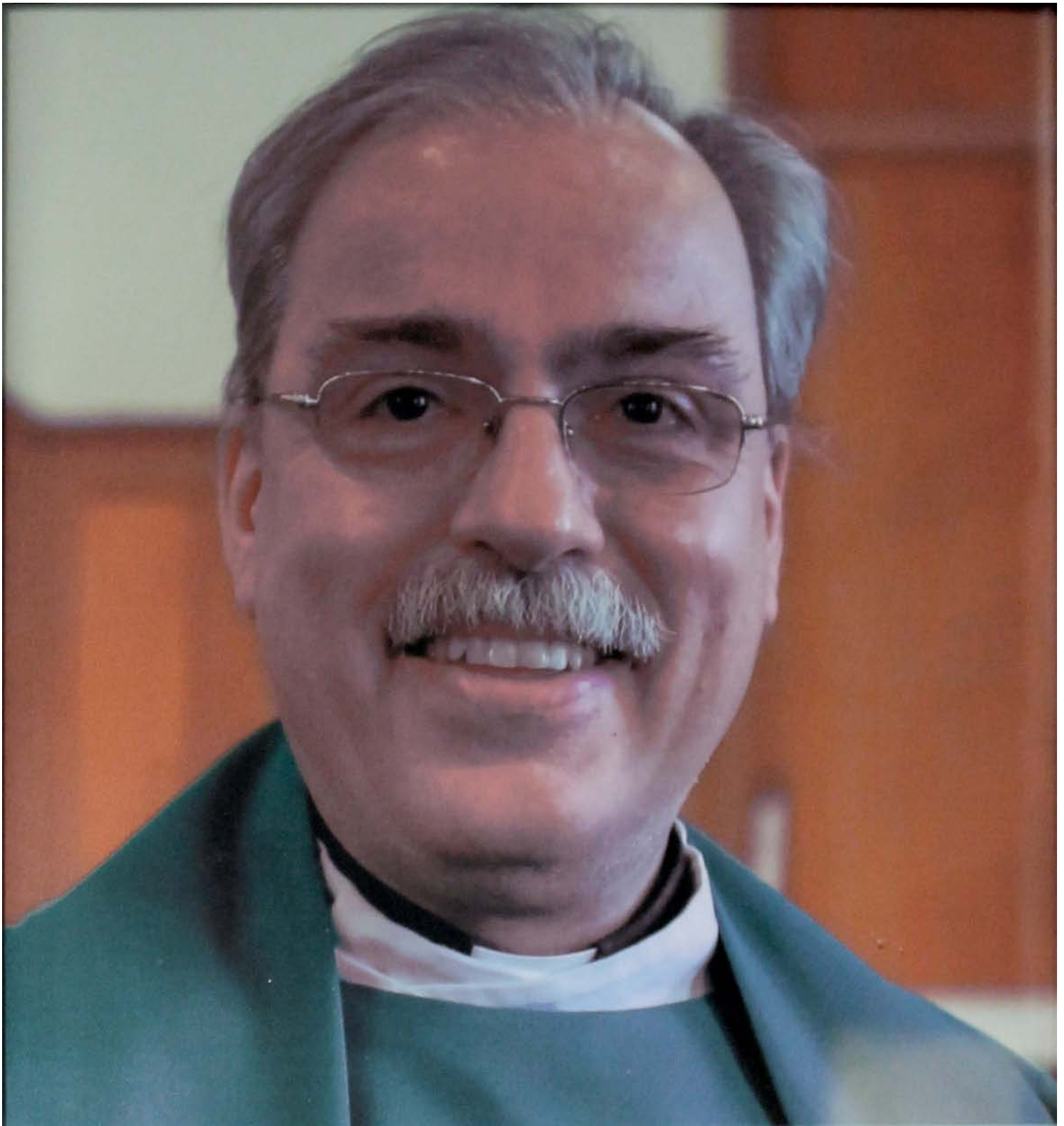
From Sid's Christmas card, December 2010

April 6, 1924 – February 21, 2011





The Rev. Richard K. Klafehn
1999-2007



The Rev. Keith Campbell
2013 - Present











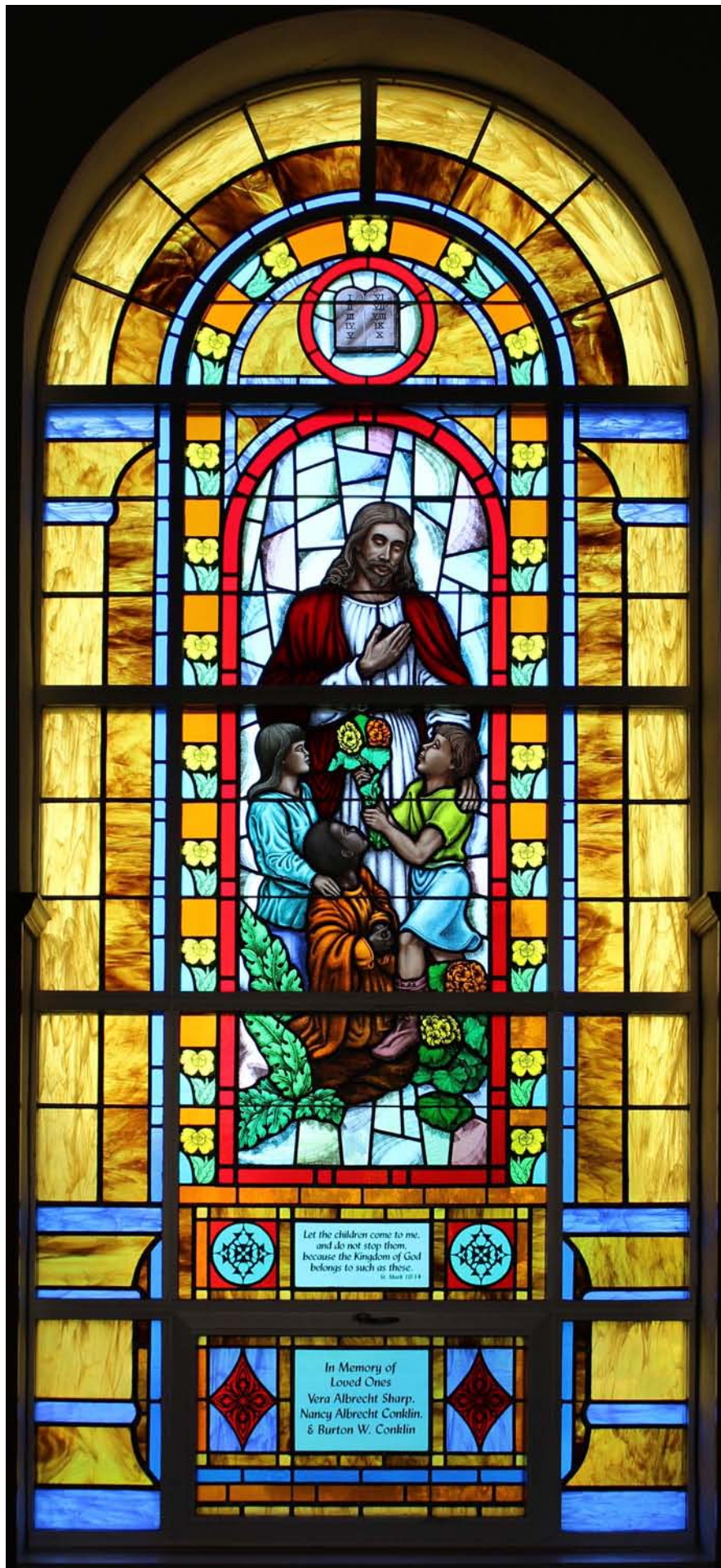




She gave birth to her first son,
wrapped him in swaddling cloths
and laid him in a manger.

St. Luke 2:7

In Memory of
Edward Bescher
from Grace Bescher
and Family













In Memory of my
Loved Ones

By
Myrtle Johnson

