



Rev. Albert Bahr

June 2, 1924 - November 20, 2021

Albert William Bahr was born on June 2, 1924 in Bayshore, Long Island, New York to Albert William and Vera (nee Smith) Bahr. He was baptized into the Christian faith and lived a life of humble, but distinguished, service to his Lord and his church. During his 70 year ministry he served congregations in Milwaukee, Detroit, Buffalo, Bergholz (NY), Port Hope and Sebawaing (MI). He was blessed to lead 2 congregations to build new churches because they outgrew their existing facilities.

His service to the church included positions on various LCMS District boards, serving as a Circuit Counselor, secretary of the Concordia College – Bronxville, NY Board of Regents, and 2 years as Acting President of the Eastern District-Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. He was deeply involved with the Walther League (the Lutheran youth program) over the years and known as a speaker and emcee at many Lutheran Women's Missionary League rallies and conventions.

Al, more commonly known as "PB" or Pastor Bahr to many, was known first and foremost for giving credit to his Lord for everything, for his subtle but sharp wit, deep and unshakeable faith, humility, heart for service and ministry and a deep love for Christian education. Although his formal role was Pastor, his love for teaching was at the core of who he was and is carried on by his family today. All 7 of his children, 6 of their spouses, 12 of his grandchildren

and 5 of their spouses are in Christian education. Al was recognized for his life of service in 1994 when he was presented with the prestigious Servant of Christ Award by Concordia College, Bronxville, given to people who use their unique and God-given gifts in the service of others.

Al was called into the loving arms of Jesus on November 20, 2021. He was the patriarch of a 73-member family. He was preceded in death by his loving, devoted and supportive wife of 70 years, Loide, and sons John and Seth. He was, and always will be, a role model for surviving children Paul (Linnea), Mary (David) Moehring, daughter-in-law Janice (John), Joel (Donna), daughter-in-law Diane (Seth), Mark (Kris) and David (Janet) Bahr; the storytelling, wise and kind-hearted grandpa to 20 grandchildren and spouses, and 24 great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Sebewaing from 3:00-8:00 pm on Tuesday, Nov. 30, 2021 and from 9:00-10:00 am on Wednesday, Dec. 1, 2021 with the funeral service to follow.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to Immanuel Lutheran Church, Sebewaing and Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO.

“For me to live is Christ; to die is gain.” Philippians 1:21

To God alone be the glory!

Arrangements are by the Ramsey Funeral Home of Harbor Beach. Memories can be shared at www.RamseyFH.com

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **30**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Immanuel Lutheran Church
800 E. Bay St
Sebewaing, MI

Visitation

DEC **1**. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

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Funeral Service

DEC **1**. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Rev. Albert Bahr*

October 04, 2023 at 01:24 PM



“ *"I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." I still remember this bible verse from Pastor Bahr that he selected for me way back in 1973 when I was confirmed by him at Holy Ghost Lutheran Church in Bergholtz. Pastor Bahr was a great man who touched many lives - including mine. Although I did not pursue the ministry, I have taught children's church for the past 25 years in Georgia and I am grateful for the spiritual foundation that he provided me. I'm sure there were many others just like me who were motivated by this mans faith and have tried to make a positive influence throughout this world. I was blessed to have known him and his family for many years while living in Western New York. I remember that the Bahr family had a magnet on their refrigerator in Bergholtz with a picture of some large birds and the saying 'Proud to be a Michigander'. I'm happy that he was able to spend the last years of his life back in Michigan with his family. Thank you Pastor Bahr for your deep faith and service here on earth.*

Wayne & Debbie Haseley and family.

Wayne Haseley - November 30, 2021 at 12:06 PM

AP

“ HOME AT LAST! Can almost hear Pastor saying that to everybody can't you?

My sympathies, thoughts and prayers are with the family. Was sitting here enjoying thinking about the golfing buddies, they had so many things in common - custard pie, wienerschnitzel at Zehnders for example. Pastor, Loide, Fred and I also had many fun times together ~~ around the country-side rides, mini vacation trips, "eating out", visiting etc.

What wonderful friends they were to be with and now in pick-me-up memories. Hugs. Alice

Alice Pommerenke - November 29, 2021 at 03:58 PM

BF

“ Bob Cordes Family purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White for the family of Rev. Albert Bahr.



Bob Cordes Family - November 29, 2021 at 11:31 AM

SH

“ Mary~Deepest sympathy to you and your Family. May God enfold you in His love, peace fill your hearts, words and friendships comfort you and cherished memories all help to ease your sorrow.

Sheila, Corey and Scott Hebner - November 28, 2021 at 11:34 PM

CA

“ *Pastor Bahr is the reason that I joined the LCMS via St. John Lutheran Church in Port Hope, MI as an adult, after graduating from HFH School of Nursing in 1983. I first attended SJLC with my dad and great-uncle and liked what I heard Pastor teach about. His sermons and Bible Studies were great! He married Bob & I, and my sister and her husband, Leann & Samir Matta on 9/6/86.... changing the weekend away with family at the Poconos for me, and sang The Lord's Prayer at our wedding. My Christian life evolved over the yrs with Pastor and Loide guiding our church and school, where my 6 children attended. I will miss them both! I pray that everyone feels the loving arms of Jesus enfolding them through the actions and words of others.*

Corinne Abraham - November 26, 2021 at 02:35 PM

RJ

“*“For me to live is Christ; to die is gain”. Philipians 1:21 Indeed - Pastor Bahr lived his life sharing his faith and the love of Jesus with so many of us over the years. Please know that we hold each of you close in our thoughts and in our prayers as your beloved father, grandfather, and great grandfather is now in the presence of our Savior Jesus, celebrating all the glory of Heaven. We celebrate his life - the life he shared with us personally and the life and ministry that he shared in our midst while serving Holy Ghost Lutheran for many years. Both he and Loide were very special to us and to our family and we have many fond memories of wonderful times together over the years. We are blessed that he married us 55 years ago and danced the polka with Maureen at our wedding reception - he loved to recall that moment with us. He was a true servant of the Word and has given us a beautiful legacy of "a life well lived". Both he and Loide will always hold a special place in our hearts and our lives are richer for having known them. We pray God's comfort and peace to all of you as you celebrate the life of this remarkable man. We send our love (and hugs) - God's grace and mercy be yours.*

Wayne & Maureen Jagow

Rev. Wayne & Maureen Jagow - November 25, 2021 at 01:32 PM

NK

“ Thanksgiving 2021 has a new reason to be grateful to our Father in heaven for the shepherding provided through His servant to many congregations, including Holy Ghost in Bergholz. Paul, Mary, Joel, Mark and David already know this, but Pastor Bahr's time spent here following His divine call influenced so many of us and generations that follow. It is inspirational to know that so many in the family remain engaged in Christian education. Please pass along our comforting thoughts to the whole "clan" as you celebrate Pastor's reunion in heaven with Mrs. Bahr, John, Seth and many others who were guided through his dedication.

And now, as an offshoot of the references to Pastor's wit, allow us to parlay a quote that dad Klettke often used. We thank our heavenly Father for allowing us to install a Bahr at Holy Ghost. We can envision the familiar chuckle from Pastor every time that came up.

Neal & Sue Klettke family.

NEAL R KLETTKE - November 25, 2021 at 08:19 AM

PK

“ Rev. Bahr and his wife were long time patients at the office where I worked. I always looked forward to seeing them and Rev. was comical and very humble. I know he had done great things for others and led many home to Jesus. I will miss his chuckle and kindness. God bless the Bahr family. Patty K.

Patty Kolar - November 24, 2021 at 12:33 PM

PH

“ *Pasteur Bahr was on my bowling team, back a few years of course. I'd ask for a quick prayer when a hard split was facing me. Al would just roll his eyes.....loved him and his cool wit. His birthday was a day after mine and we always wished each other a happy birthday, usually we were both late. 😊. He has reached his heavenly goal. RIP Al!*

Patricia Holland - November 22, 2021 at 06:22 PM



“ *Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy. Pastor Bahr was my husband's Circuit Visitor when he serviced St. Peter's in Kinde, Michigan. He and his dear Loide were two of our best friends. His dry wit, amazing reaching ability, and mostly his love for his Savior, touched our family in more ways than we can count.*

Our prayers and love to the entire family. He knows see his Loide again and also our Jesus face to face! God's peace be with you all.

*Rev. Randolph and Vicki Schnack, Andy and Tim
Platte Valley Lutheran Church, Saratoga, Wyoming*

Vicki Schnack - November 22, 2021 at 03:00 PM