



ALMA LUTHERAN CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

March 2019

Rev. Betty Lou Hadley, of Fremont, Neb., died Sunday, Feb. 24, 2019, at Nye Legacy Senior Care in Fremont. She was 92.

Her funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, March 11, at Calvary Lutheran Church in Swede Home. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Visitation will be from 2 to 6 p.m. on Sunday, March 10, at Ludvigsen Mortuary in Fremont.

Elizabeth Leuellen Boegli was born Dec. 13, 1926, at Fort Wayne, Ind., to Howard and Gertrude Boegli, the third of four children. Her mother was a musician and her father was a master printer. On her mother's grand piano was a German-language bible from 1539 that was printed by her father's ancestors in Europe. At 10, she was the youngest to receive a believer's baptism in her Baptist congregation. She excelled in music and science, as well as basketball, baseball, and marbles. She graduated from North Side High School in Fort Wayne in 1945.

She attended Kalamazoo College in Kalamazoo, Mich., for one year, where she met Clifford Hadley, a Marine veteran and steelworker from Chicago. Betty tutored Cliff in chemistry. He passed. On Aug. 26, 1950, they were united in marriage at Chicago. They graduated from Pacific Lutheran College in Tacoma, Wash., in 1952, then moved to Rock Island, Ill., where Cliff attended Augustana Seminary. The couple and their growing family -- two girls and a boy -- lived in Wilton, N.D., for Cliff's pastoral internship. Betty enjoyed helping write and print the weekly bulletins. After Cliff was ordained in 1956, the family moved to Swede Home, Neb., where Cliff served a call at Calvary Lutheran Church. He later studied at Creighton University Medical School and became a physician in 1964. Betty raised the family, by then six children.

The family lived in Polk, Neb., Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and Flint, Mich., before settling in Lyons, Neb. At Lyons, Betty served on committees for Bethany Lutheran Church, and she was elected as one of the first women to the school board. She also was active in the PEO sorority, the Nebraska Republican Party, and the state medical auxiliary.

In 1984, Betty was called to train for ministry. She graduated from Luther Northwestern Seminary in St. Paul, Minn., in 1988. At 61, she was one of the school's oldest graduates. After internships at Immanuel Hospital in Omaha and Salem Lutheran Church in Wakefield, Neb., she served calls at Lutheran congregations in Mead, Wisner, Pender, Hooper, Tekamah, Oakland, and Uehling, Neb., and filled pulpits in dozens of other churches throughout the northeastern part of the state. At Alma Lutheran Church in Mead she assisted in a major church remodel. She preached until she was 86.

Betty was a fan of University of Nebraska teams and the Kansas City Royals. She wore a shirt while cheering her teams during televised games that said on the back, "Don't bother me. I'm watching the game." She traveled all over the country, and visited Europe to find her family roots in Switzerland.

She moved to Nye Square in Fremont in 2003. While a resident there, she continued ministry doing hospital and other visitations for St. Timothy Lutheran Church in Fremont.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 2002; a son, Daniel, in 1969; a daughter, Karen Roberts, in 2006; and two sisters and a brother.

She is survived by a daughter, Penny Smith, of Appleton, Wash.; four sons, Paul (Rachelle), of Lincoln, Neb.; Cliff (Lulee), of Huron, S.D.; Tim (Sue), of Carson, Wash.; and James "Jim" (Cathy), of San Diego; grandchildren, Monica and I.D. Smith, John and Michael Roberts, and Micah and Ben Hadley; and four great-grandchildren.

Condolences may be sent to the family in care of:

Ludvigsen Mortuary
1249 E. 23rd Street
Fremont, NE 68025

We give thanks to God for the life and ministry of Pastor Betty Lou Hadley. We pray that God will give us courage and strength to continue with the faith that is entrusted to us by those who have gone before us.

ACTIVITIES

Children's Sunday School - 9:30am every Sunday except the 1st Sunday of the month. Ages 3 years old through 8th grade. Meets in the basement of the church. Contact Moriah Nygren for more information.

Adult Sunday School - Meets at 9:30am every Sunday except the first Sunday of the month. Meets in the room behind the altar. Contact Doug Gustafson for more information.

Youth Group - For 7th grade through 12th grade. Contact Megan and Weston Engel for more information.

Hope Circle - Meets the fourth Tuesday mornings of the month at 9:30am. Location varies. Contact Janice Gustafson for more information.

Faith Circle (MGM) - Meets the third Thursday at 1:30pm @ Bethlehem in Wahoo. Contact Angie Johnson for more information.

Chat & Sew - Meets the 1st Tuesday at 8:30am. Contact Sharon Hollst or Lana Krumpus for more information.

Book Club - Location and date varies. Contact Viki Miller for more information.

Choral and Bell Choirs -

Practices are held on Wednesday evenings. Contact Angie Johnson to join.

Ash Wednesday Service

Ash Wednesday Service is scheduled for 7:00 PM on Wednesday, March 6th.

Wednesday Night Lenten Services

Lenten services will be held at Alma with soup at 6:00pm and service at 7:00pm. There will be a signup sheet in the narthex to help provide soup.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Jacob and Maddy (Nygren) Tejral on their blessed day of marriage.

Mead Fire Department Appreciation Dinner

Every year, the rescue/fire department holds a banquet for it's members and their families. The past couple of years the covenant church has provided the meal and Alma has provided dessert. We are looking for 5-10 desserts again this year. All items need to be at the fire hall between 4-5pm on Sunday, March 24. Items can also be brought to church Sunday morning. Please use disposable containers if possible. There is a signup sheet in the Narthex.

Living Lutheran

In an attempt to be good stewards of our resources, we are reviewing our Living Lutheran subscriptions. If you receive the Living Lutheran magazine, but do not care to continue to receive it, please let Jenna Hanson or Jess Miller know.

150th Anniversary Committee

We are putting together a committee to plan our 150th anniversary celebrations. Please let Jess Miller know if you are interested in helping out!

2019 a time of transition for "Seeds for the Parish"

"Seeds for the Parish" has been around for a long time! It's been a well-used, widely used resource among congregations and synods — sort of like a community marketplace where one can wander through a few times a year and check out what's new and available to help support and equip leaders, congregations and ministries of the ELCA.

So, it's with mixed feelings that I share the news that this is the last issue of "Seeds for the Parish" being published in print form. It's sad to say goodbye, but at the same time, exciting to envision the new potential and reach of transitioning to Seeds Monthly. The decision to discontinue printing and mailing "Seeds for the Parish"

was a difficult one made with concern for sustainability and a commitment to provide effective, timely ways of spreading the news about resources that support leaders and congregations.

Seeds Monthly is a monthly e-newsletter that has been met with great success and a growing reach in a digital format that highlights new and helpful resources, upcoming events, ideas for ministry and more.

In addition to Seeds Monthly, be sure to also subscribe to "Living Lutheran," where you'll find helpful articles and new resources highlighted.

Moving forward

- If you are not already receiving Seeds

Monthly, please go to ELCA.org/ subscribe and select Seeds Monthly. It's quick, easy and free!

- To submit content or ideas for Seeds Monthly, contact Megan Brandrud at megan.brandrud@elca.org by the first of each month.
- To submit ideas and resources for "Living Lutheran," go to livinglutheran.org and use the link at the bottom of the page. You'll also find a subscription link there.

Blessings on your ministerial

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BUDGET

As of 2/27/19

Income: \$8733.00

Expenses: \$6438.59

Balance: \$2294.41

World Hunger YTD: \$87.57

MISSION STATEMENT

Disciples by grace, Growing in faith, Living our hope, Sharing God's love.