

SERVANTS OF THE CHURCH — CAMERON'S PASTORS

2013—2016	Craig Groseclose	began Sept 2013
2012—2013	Interim, Doug Nemitz	began June 2012
2004—2012	Karl Kunder	began June 2004
2004	Interim, John Blom	February to May
2000—2004	Carol Nelson	began Sept 2000
1999—2000	Interim, Tom Hughes	began May 1999
1997—1999	David Kappus	began January 1997
1995—1996	Interim, Ron Martin-Dent	began August 1995
1989—1995	Robert Kenyon	began June 1989
1989	Interim, Peggy Harvey-Marose	began September 1989
1988—1989	Interim, Gerald Hickman	began September 1988
1980—1988	John Blom	began September 1980
1980	Interim, Michael Dicks	began January 1980
1976—1980	Peter Vorhes	began July 1976
1935—1976	Theodore Meske	began December 1935
1928—1935	Otto Ehlen	began August 1928
1921—1928	Edward Rein	began July 1921
1903—1921	George Finke	began October 1903
1899—1903	Carl Hopf	began July 1899
1898—1899	George Finke	began April 1898
1895—1897	Carl W. Voss	began January 1895
1891—1894	Paul Groschupf	began February 1891
1888—1891	Henry Rieke	began June 1888
1888	Carl Anton Horn	
1887	Fredreich A. Selle	

Lord God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love support us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. —Jeremiah 29:11

Faith is a living, daring confidence in God's grace, so sure and certain that the believer would stake his life on it a thousand times. This knowledge of and confidence in God's grace makes us glad and bold and happy in dealing with God and with all creatures. And this is the work which the Holy Spirit performs in faith. Because of it, without compulsion, Christians are ready and glad to do good to everyone, to serve everyone, to suffer everything, out of love and praise to God who has shown them this grace.

— Martin Luther, *Preface to the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans* (1522, revised 1546)



PASTOR CRAIG GROSECLOSE

Pastor Craig was born in Lewiston, ID on April 22, 1960. He grew up near Spalding on his parents' small acreage (the home 40). He attended Lapwai public schools, graduating as class salutatorian in 1978. He spent the following four years at PLU where he received a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in 1982.

After receiving his undergraduate degree, he returned to this area and held various sales positions in Lewiston and Moscow. He also spent time on the family ranch near Spalding prior to pursuing his call to ministry. During this time, he served in a variety of roles as a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Lewiston, ID. He taught Sunday school, served on two call committees, was a member of the church council, the congregation's ambassador for Camp Lutherhaven, and also spent time as wedding coordinator. He completed two terms as president of the congregation during a period of transition where he worked closely with two interim pastors. It was during that time that he discerned a call to rostered leadership in the church.



Pastor Craig was accepted into the Master of Divinity program at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN and began study in 2000, graduating in May 2004. He did his Clinical Pastoral Education with the Tri-cities Chaplaincy in Kennewick and was assigned to Kennewick General Hospital. He served an extended internship with Faith Lutheran Church in Enid, OK. Upon graduation from Luther, Pastor Craig was ordained on September 25, 2004 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Lewiston, ID. He answered a call to be part of the Shared Ministry of North Central Oklahoma (SMNCO); a three-point ecumenical alliance spread across three counties. He entered his call here at Cameron Emmanuel in September of 2013.

Craig and Loralee (Ohrman) were married on December 29, 2001. While they have no children, they do have a precocious Sheltie named Sima.

Pastor Craig's ties to the area include Arrow, where both sets of grandparents resided for a time. His mother and father met at Arrow. His paternal grandparents lived in Juliaetta for many years along with an aunt and uncle. His maternal grandmother spent time at Southwick when she first came to the area from Minnesota. Other areas with family ties include Agatha and Teaken. Pastor Craig was not only ordained at Trinity in Lewiston but was also baptized, confirmed, and married there.

In looking back upon his time as a pastor, one thing that he has been heard to say among his colleagues and former classmates is: "One of the things they don't tell you in seminary, is that if you stay in a call for any length of time, you will bury your friends." The privilege of being welcomed into people's lives and homes amid great joy and also great sadness is one of the things that Pastor Craig finds enriching about ministry.

Known as a "Luther apologist" among teachers, classmates, and colleagues, Pastor Craig feels that Lutheran theology and its emphasis on the grace of God has much to offer to the Church and to the world. He has an affinity for the book of Galatians and to a slightly less degree the book of Romans. If asked to provide a single favorite bible verse (which is like asking a parent with many children which is his/her favorite child), his current response would be Ephesians 2:8 – "*For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God*"

In his time here at Cameron, Pastor Craig has come to appreciate several things. First, and foremost, he values the deep faith that he sees being lived out in the lives of the people here; the commitment to be Christ to one's neighbor, both in the congregation and the community. He also welcomes the gift of humor that is present within the congregation. Despite the good-natured ribbing of one of the former pastors here, whom he considers a valued colleague, Pastor Craig has not turned the desk in the study to face the wall. He would much rather enjoy the spectacular view, even at the danger of distraction from the work at hand. Answering the call to Cameron Emmanuel has enabled Pastor Craig to return home. It has given both he and Lorelee a chance to be reunited with family, to renew old friendships and establish new ones.



Thanks be to God for His continued faithful presence among his people here at Cameron for the past 125 years. Craig gives thanks for being allowed to be a part of that history and for the privilege to serve as the current pastor here.

PASTOR DOUG NEMITZ

Pastor Doug Nemitz was born on May 16, 1953 in Redwood City, CA and baptized there on June 7, 1953. Shortly after that his family moved to Millwood, WA, where he grew up. He graduated from West Valley High School in Spokane, then attended Eastern Washington State University at Cheney, where he earned a Bachelor of Music degree. He attended Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary in Berkeley, CA, and earned a Master of Divinity degree in 1997. He served churches in Kalispell, Montana; Fairfield, Montana; and Port Orchard, Washington, before coming to Cameron as an interim pastor in June, 2012. He served Cameron until August, 2013. After he left Cameron, he became the Campus Pastor for Lutheran Sunset Ministries in Clifton, Texas. Lutheran Sunset Ministries is a large, comprehensive retirement community with about 200 residents.



Pastor Doug has been married for 45 years to his wife, Pam, and they are the parents of two daughters and four granddaughters.

Pastor Doug left several indelible memories at Cameron. The first was his choice of clerical garb: wild and crazy! He would choose the most colorful possible print in a fabric store, then Pam would make him a shirt out of it, complete with an attached clerical collar. They were shockers at first - "Not very Lutheran!" - but Cameron soon grew to love them, and could hardly wait for the next one to appear. The second was some of the wonderful classes he taught in the short time he was here, bringing some basic Christian beliefs to life, and also the good leadership he provided Cameron in a time of transition. The third was some very inspiring sermons. The fourth was his booming voice: he set the tempo for hymns sung during worship, and there was no question that the congregation (and the pianist) WOULD keep up.



Pastor Doug states. "I fondly think of Cameron Emmanuel Lutheran and the kindness and caring you extended to Pam and I. We laughed together and cried together. We played together and we worked together. Serving together with you was indeed a great privilege and pleasure, a true blessing. I couldn't believe that 14 months could go by so quickly. Your service to the community, the synod, and to the world is a great mission, indeed. And you do it with genuine caring and compassion. Pam and I have been greatly blessed by you."

PASTOR KARL-HEINZ KUNDER

Pastor Karl-Heinz and Lauralee Kunder came to Cameron in June, 2004 and served until May, 2012. He came to Cameron from Papua, New Guinea, where he had been a missionary for the German church for seven years. Pastor Karl was born in Germany in 1946, and remained there until he graduated from the seminary. His mother wanted him to be a church organist, and he spent several years studying music. However, God had other plans so Pastor Karl entered and graduated from the seminary in Germany. During a climb of Mt. Kilimanjaro in Tanzania he met another climber named Lauralee, and arranged to spend a year as an exchange student at Wartburg Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa, so that he could hitchhike to visit with her as she studied in Colorado! After their marriage they spent several years in Kenya, Germany, Montana, and PNG before they came to Cameron.

This globe-trotting pastor fit right in with our mostly-German congregation! Pastor Karl had an amazing number of gifts: his sermons were often based on skits he had written, some of the classical music he loved, or photographs he had taken all over the world of scenery, wildlife or people. He taught classes on many topics. He and Lauralee were a visitation team that reached out to shut-ins with such comfort. They began a series of pot-lucks to reach out to the young families in the church. These could get quite entertaining with all the little ones running around! Pastor Karl loved to take long hikes, hunt turkeys and deer, bake German breads and cakes, watch European soccer, and was a master gardener, with wonderful produce which he shared generously with everyone except marauding rabbits.



Lauralee was also very involved in the church. She helped lead the after-school Come-4-Fun program, was the librarian at Kendrick High School for several years, went to most of the sports activities at the high school either as a fan or a gate-keeper, accompanied Pastor Karl on visiting shut-ins, led Vacation Bible School for several years, and also led the Sunday school kids in very enthusiastic music that was performed during Sunday services.

Pastor Karl officially retired in October, 2011, but continued to serve the congregation until May, 2012. At that time he and Lauralee purchased a home by a small lake in Renton, WA, where they moved in June, 2012. This home is sort of Grand Central for their family which consists of four married daughters living in, respectively, Potsdam (Germany), Chicago, Dallas, and Seattle. They are grandparents to ten: eight girls and two out-numbered little boys! Luckily, Karl & Lauralee like to travel!

PASTOR CAROL NELSON



Pastor Carol Nelson was born and raised in Butte, Montana, where she graduated from high school. After high school she attended Concordia College in Moorhead, MN, where she met a fellow student named Jeff Nelson. They were soon married, and spent most of their married life in Wenatchee, WA.

After their children were raised, Carol attended a Church Women's Retreat near Leavenworth, WA, and at the age of 54 received God's call to become an ordained minister. She and Jeff moved to St. Paul, MN, where she attended Luther Seminary. She graduated from there with a Masters of Divinity degree. Her first parish was Cameron Emmanuel and Zion Lutheran Churches.

Pastor Carol came to Cameron in September of 2000, and served until January, 2004. Two very important things came into being while she was here. The first was Come-4-Fun, an after-school tutoring program held in the basement of Zion with the help of volunteers from both congregations. The second was getting the local food bank up and running. Come-4-Fun was still active in 2016, and the food bank is currently serving an ever-increasing number of people who have limited food resources. Carol was a faithful choir member at Cameron, and led both churches well in worship services and administrative duties. She felt that the loving, caring people at these parishes helped her grow into becoming a loving and caring pastor.

Jeff became a beloved school bus driver, and wrote entertaining stories of some of his encounters during those drives for the church newsletter. Pastor Carol also laughed about the times she patiently waited for him to stop visiting with some of the people at Zion so she could begin worship!

Pastor Carol left Cameron in January of 2004 for her second call: to Christ Lutheran Church in Yakima. That call brought them closer to children and grand-children, and was closer to what they had called "home" for many years. When Christ Lutheran prepared to celebrate its fiftieth anniversary, she felt they needed a younger pastor to lead them into the next 50 years, so she retired. That lasted four months! Central Lutheran in Yakima needed a Visitation Pastor, and she took that position. That is what she is doing at the time of this writing.

Pastor Carol states: "I thank God for you. From you I gained a broader view of "the church" - nationally and globally. I learned how a few people with an idea could make good things happen. I gained a greater appreciation of the miracle of inter-connectedness - people and people, people nurturing and feeding life, people and care for creation: all people under the umbrella of God's love (whether they know it or not): people sharing the good news, 'You are Loved' through all of life."

PASTOR THOMAS HUGHES

Thomas Edward Hughes came to Cameron and Zion churches as an interim in May of 1999, following the tenure of Pastor David Kappus. He was born in Grand Forks, ND and remained there through his first year at the U. of North Dakota, then moved west and graduated from the Lutheran Bible Institute in Seattle. His education continued at Seattle University, and after graduation he moved to St. Paul, MN, to attend Luther Seminary. He graduated from there in 1980, and spent the next several years serving various calls at churches in Iowa and Minnesota. He moved to Idaho to join two sisters (one of whom had just lost her husband) and his father in Hayden. He was appointed by Bishop Keller of the WA-ID Synod to be the interim at Cameron. He was at Cameron until August, 2000



PASTOR DAVID KAPPUS

Pastor David Kappus came to Cameron on January 1, 1997, and served at both Cameron and Zion until April, 1999. He was born on November 18, 1959 in Birmingham, Alabama, but soon moved to Minnesota and became a mid-westerner. He graduated from high school in Minneapolis in 1978, and from Concordia College in Moorhead, MN in 1982 with a degree in psychology. He went to work as a fund-raiser and trainer for the Boy Scouts of America, and after four years, 1398 campouts and 54,982 knots (his figures), he resigned to attend Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa. Four years later, on Sept. 16, 1990, he was ordained at Peace Lutheran Church in Dickinson, North Dakota - his first call. While he was still in the Western North Dakota Synod he also served as an interim for a four-point parish, and as an assistant pastor at Zion Lutheran in Minot, ND.



He came to Cameron from Minot, and claimed to like the winter weather much better here. He was married to Theresa, who thanks to a mutual love of community theater had played opposite him in three different plays as his wife before they realized they belonged together in real life. He also loved music and introduced a lot of contemporary music into our church. He introduced the liturgy for "Now the Feast." He inspired us to purchase a good electronic piano to replace our tired old organ. This piano made 128 various sounds and did some magic things for him - not always so much for those who were not used to it! He recorded many accompaniments for Zion, which didn't have an organist for several years. Accompaniments and service music for Sunday worship were recorded on their own new electronic piano, then played back by button-pushers on Sunday. He and Theresa were very much interested in the theater, and acted in several Lewiston Civic Theater productions. Pastor Dave also enjoyed the views from the parsonage, riding motorcycles, reading, and traveling. Theresa was a professional librarian with a masters degree in Librarianship and Information Management. Near the end of their time at Cameron she obtained a job at the Foley Center library at Gonzaga University, where she still works.

In order to be able to actually live with his wife, Pastor Dave took a call at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Reardan, WA, leaving Cameron in April of 1999. Currently, he is serving as the pastor at Central Lutheran Church in Spokane. He is also on the finance committee for the Synod, and each year gives highly entertaining budget presentations (an oxymoron if there ever was one) at Synod Assembly, using his drama training with great flair.

Pastor Dave is the father of two grown sons, Jason and Adam.

PASTOR RON MARTIN-DENT



Pastor Ronald Martin-Dent served Cameron as an interim from August, 1995 until December, 1996. He lived in Pierce with his wife, Melanie, and his two children, Janelle and Ronald, and made the fear-some drive from Pierce to Cameron each week for 16 months, which included many winter months, so that he could be with us for Sunday worship and to catch up with other pastoral tasks. Melanie was pastor of Faith Lutheran in Pierce.

Pastor Ron was born in Royal Oak, Michigan on June 14, 1949, and moved to Kirkland, WA, where he spent his childhood and graduated from Redmond High School in 1967. After graduation he joined the Navy, and upon his discharge attended the University of Washington. He graduated with a degree in history in 1975, and in the process met his future wife, Melanie. They were married in 1976.

After graduation he served as a program director at the Tacoma YMCA for a year, then managed a pizza restaurant for two years. In 1978 he and Melanie both entered Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary in Berkeley, CA, graduating in 1982. Pastor Ron's first call was to Magnolia Lutheran Church in Seattle, and his next call was to Saron Lutheran Church in Hoquiam, WA, where he and Melanie served as co-pastors from 1984-1992. Pastor Ron took a break from parish ministry to serve as executive director of United Way of Grays Harbor for a year, after which they moved to Pierce when Melanie received her call there. Ron served as an interim for a year at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in St. Maries before he came to serve us at Cameron. He is currently retired and living in Dillon, Montana.

PASTOR ROBERT KENYON



Pastor Robert Kenyon (Pastor Bob) came to Cameron in June of 1989, and remained as pastor until July of 1995. He was born in Spokane, Washington on Aug. 16, 1952, and spent his first five years in Spokane. Then his father was transferred to Pacific, WA, and from there the family moved to Seattle, where their house was located on what is now a runway at Sea-Tac! From there they went to Kirkland, then to Olympia, where Bob graduated from high school in 1970. He attended PLU for 1 ½ years, then transferred to Whitworth College, where he graduated in 1974 with a major in Religious Studies and a minor in journalism. Why journalism? Because Carma Jo Littlefield was majoring in journalism and that way he got to spend more time with her. After graduation and his first year at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MI, he

and Carma were married. His third year in seminary was spent as an intern in Ft. Dodge, Kansas, which turned out to be quite an experience. The assistant pastor quit the day Bob arrived, and the regular pastor took another call a month after he got there. So, as he said, "I was alone with 1000 people!" But the new pastor was hired fairly quickly, and shortly after that an associate pastor also was hired. So all Bob could say was that it was a good learning experience, which is probably a serious understatement! He graduated with a Master of Divinity from Luther in 1978.

Pastor Kenyon's first call was something he and Carma could not resist: beginning a new church in a rapidly-growing community in Alberta, Canada with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Canada. At the same time he served as an associate pastor at a church in Calgary, Alberta. He left 5 ½ years later, leaving behind a newly-organized church which at first had met in a rented room off a curling rink. They took along the two children born to them there: Chelsea and Jeremy.

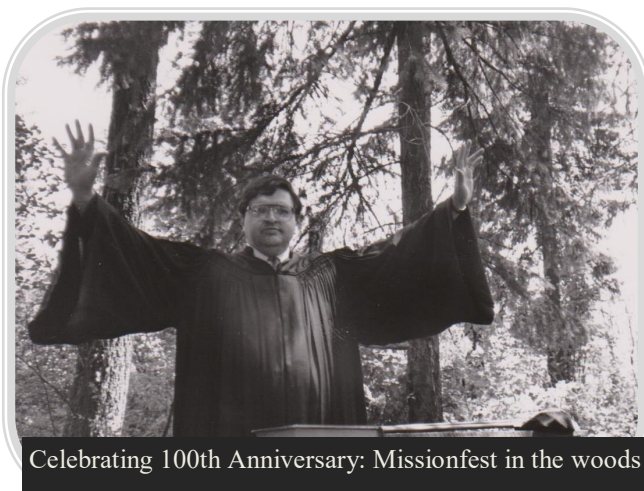


His next call was to Nelson Lutheran Church in Nelson, B.C. where he served for four years. Their third child, Emily, was born there. Then he claimed “they lost their minds” and went on a two-year term call to Ft. St. John, B.C., which is WAY up in the northeast part of the province. The church was large and multi-faceted - another exciting learning experience!

On June 11, 1989 Pastor Kenyon was installed as pastor of Cameron and Zion Lutheran Churches. He provided very strong leadership as the Sunday School expanded, the centennial was celebrated, Bible studies flourished, and he led the congregation through some of the very early years of the ELCA. After a series of small meetings held in homes to evaluate the congregation's performance in several areas, these evaluations were combined and crafted into Cameron's first mission statement. Three long-term goals were formed during his tenure at Cameron: to build community in Christ, encouraging participation from those already here and from new members; to foster growth in grace and discipleship through education in biblical knowledge and personal Christian growth; and the nurture and growth of individuals and their diversified gifts in the church through education and worship. He insisted on premarital counseling, firmly believing that marriage needed to be taken seriously, and was such a good listening ear for so many who needed “to talk.”

Pastor Kenyon left Cameron in July, 1995 to take a call to Klamath Falls, OR, where he served until 2005. At that time he accepted a call to Emanuel Lutheran in Ritzville, WA. He recently added St. John's Lutheran Church in Sprague to his call, and plans to spend another six years there, at which time they hope to retire to the Spokane Valley.

Some of his memories of his time at Cameron included the incredible views out the west-facing windows at the parsonage, driving a grain truck during harvest after someone was injured and needed a last-minute driver, a couple extremely chilly outdoor services with Zion at Dworshak in AUGUST, the 1880's-style missionfest we had up in the woods during our centennial celebration, where everyone wore 1880's clothing, and installing the elevator at Cameron.



Celebrating 100th Anniversary: Missionfest in the woods

Chelsea is married, living in Kansas with her husband (who is beginning medical school in July 2016) and two children. She is a meteorologist and worked for the National Weather Service as an analyst for 25 different airports in Oklahoma, some of which were located in Oklahoma's tornado alley. Jeremy graduated from the U. of Oregon, has earned masters degrees in library science and African studies, and is a tenured associate professor at the University of Idaho library. Emily lives in the Spokane Valley with her son, Jason (age 9), and is a welder for Cascade Windows.

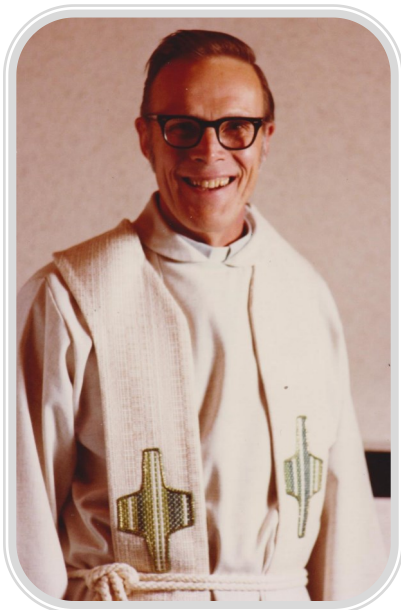
PASTOR GERALD L. HICKMAN



Pastor Gerald Hickman served as an interim pastor after the retirement of John Blom, and was at Cameron from September, 1988 until January of 1989. He was born in Warren, Minnesota on Nov. 26, 1931. He moved to North Dakota in 1943, then to Portland, OR, where he graduated from high school. He attended Vanport Community College in Portland until he joined the Air National Guard to serve in Japan during the Korean War. He returned to Portland State after the war, then switched to PLU, where he finished his bachelor's degree in 1955. He enrolled at Luther Theological Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota, and graduated in 1960. He was married to Sharon Werner in June of that year, then was ordained at Portsmouth Trinity Lutheran Church in Portland, OR, which was his home church. His first call

took him to Chinook, WA, followed by service at parishes in LaGrange, OR, Vancouver, WA, and Kent, WA.

He left Cameron to accept a call at the Lutheran Church of the Master in Pasco, WA. Pastor Hickman passed away in September, 2013. He and Sharon were the parents of four children, and also had several grandchildren.



PASTOR JOHN OLAF BLOM

John Olaf Blom was born at home (in the house behind the church) in Woodville, Wisconsin (St Croix Co.), on February 9, 1929. His parents were Celia Johanna Boumeester Blom and Julius Blom, the local country doctor. He was baptized on July 6, 1929, at the local Norwegian Lutheran church (Zion Lutheran), where he was also confirmed in his baptismal covenant in May 1943. He lived in Woodville for 14 years, attending school there through the ninth grade.

In 1943, he moved with his parents to Eau Claire, Wis., where he graduated from high school in 1946. He then attended the University of Wisconsin (Madison) for one year. The following year, 1947-1948, he lived with his father's family in Oslo, Norway.

Returning home, he attended Eau Claire State for one year before transferring to the University of Idaho (Moscow) in 1949 to study forestry. Over the course of the next three years, he met his future bride Carol Jean Erickson of Troy, Idaho, was called to Christian ministry through involvement with the Lutheran Student Association and was commissioned in the U.S. Army reserve (via ROTC) upon graduation, 1952. That fall, having been granted a delay in call to active duty, he entered Luther Theological Seminary in St. Paul, Minn. Upon completion of seminary, he went on active duty with the U.S. Army as a Chaplain. He remained on active duty, becoming a regular Army officer. He served in Germany almost seven years, and one year in Vietnam, 1967-68. Other assignments were in Arizona, Texas, Colorado, Kansas, New York and California. He retired from the Army at Ft. Lewis, Wash., in July 1979.

A call to parish ministry brought him to Cameron and Zion for eight years. Following this, he served several interim ministries for the Synod until he took retirement, one of which was for our parish from February through May 2004 until Karl Kunder accepted his call here. Returning to Troy, John was drafted into the mayoral race and was elected for two terms of four years each.

John and Carol had three children: Paul of Prosser, Wash.; Kari of Seattle, Wash.; Maia of Denver, Colorado.

John was happily challenged in his ministry and the variety of opportunities it presented, especially in his military assignments, and also by his experiences in several rural parishes.

He is thankful to his mother, who taught him how to work and to be responsible as the best way to care for other people (she was a good Calvinist who carefully put her sons through Luther's Little Catechism - word for word!). And he is thankful to his father for his warm, caring commitment (with a sense of humor) to those entrusted to his care (he loved people).

John is also in great debt to his wife, Carol, who faithfully stayed with him, raising the children as a stay-at-home mom, while always being ready for the next move. And to his children, who loved him even as he struggled to be an adequate parent through various periods of their development. He is so grateful that they have been so forgiving.

For all of the friends, co-workers and partners/associates in and out of the church and the military communities - his source of encouragement - he gave great thanks to God. Pastor John died in January 2011 and a memorial service was held February 12 at Emmanuel Lutheran in Moscow.



PAUL MEEKER



Cameron's first intern, Paul Meeker, came to serve Cameron and Zion in the fall of 1985 under Pastor John Blom. He came here from Wartburg Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa. He was born on May 25, 1960 and was baptized in the Methodist church that same year. He was confirmed in 1975 at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Dubuque and graduated from high school in 1978, also in Dubuque. In 1982 he obtained a degree in psychology from Dana College in Blair, NE. He received his Masters of Divinity from Wartburg Seminary in 1987, then served at several parishes

in Minneapolis, Detroit, and Connecticut. He is presently serving at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Bremerton, Washington, where he has been for several years.

Paul married after he left Cameron, and is the father of one daughter. He has generously shared his life by sending Christmas letters to the congregation every year!



TOM McMICHAEL

Rev. Tom McMichael was the second intern at Cameron, and served Cameron and Zion in Juliaetta under Pastor John Blom from 1986-87. He was born in Goldendale, WA, and attended schools in Walla Walla, WA, and Hillsboro, OR. He attended Bible schools in England and Austria, and graduated from the University of Oregon. While in Austria, he met his wife, Karin, who is a native of Germany. He also studied Spanish in Mexico and German in Germany. After his internship at Cameron, Tom completed his studies and graduated from Pacific Lutheran Theological Sem-

inary in Berkeley, CA. He then served Advent Lutheran Church in Troutdale, OR.

While Tom and Karin were at Cameron, their first child, Joseph, was born in Lewiston and was baptized at Cameron. They had another son 2 years later. Tom eventually left the Lutheran church and in 2009 became the first married priest in the Archdiocese of Seattle.

PEGGY HARVEY-MAROSE

The Reverend Doctor Peggy Harvey-Marose came to Cameron and Zion as our third intern pastor in 1987-88, then also served both churches as an interim from February until May, 1989. She was born in 1958 in Indianapolis, IN and attended Ball State University in Muncie, IN, graduating with a degree in political science in 1980. Peggy graduated from Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary in 1988, and obtained her Doctor of Ministry degree from Luther Seminary in 2013. She is married to Kevin Harvey-Marose, and they are the parents of three children: Douglas (1988), and twin daughters Juniper and Hope (1992).

Peggy was ordained in October, 1999. At that time she was serving in her first parish at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Cave Junction, OR, where she remained until 2004. At that time she accepted a call to Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church in Lewiston, where she is still serving. She also worked as an interim in 1998-99 at the Lutheran-Presbyterian parish in Potlatch, ID.

Peggy still has good memories of feeling like part of the family here at Cameron, and fondly remembers the generosity and love of its members. She still has the hand-made baby quilts they received when Douglas was born!

Peggy was the recipient of a lot of prayers and then the admiration of Cameron as she guided Grace Lutheran through a fire that nearly destroyed the church. She kept the church together by the strength and grace of God to both survive, then be a strong witness to that strength and grace. Cameron members also remember her rich, lovely singing voice!



MICHAEL DICKS



Michael Dicks was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He attended both grade school and high school there and when he was nineteen, he went to radio broadcasting school, also in Minneapolis.

After his graduation from this school he went to Glendive, Montana, to work in a radio and TV station in that town. During his stay in Glendive, he attended Dawson Junior College. He later moved to Sioux Falls, South Dakota and became a student at Augustana College. After his graduation from Augustana, he enrolled in Luther seminary in St. Paul and graduated from there in 1973.

Since his ordination, Pastor Dicks has served parishes in Dauphin, Manitoba, Canada; Vienna, South Dakota; Ellensburg, Washington; an interim of nine months at Cameron and Juliaetta parish in Idaho, and Concrete, Washington. He was residing in Mesa, Arizona in 2000.

PETER VOHRES

Peter Vohres was born in LaCrosse, Wisconsin on September 28, 1950 to Pastor Arthur and Barbara Vohres of rural Soldiers Grove, Wisconsin. Peter was baptized at Kickapoo Lutheran Church. Peter's family moved to Hayward, Minnesota in 1954; Perham, Minnesota in 1959; and back to Hayward in 1965 where he completed high school in 1968. He attended St. Olaf College where he majored in music and sang in the choir. Peter graduated from St. Olaf in 1972. He went on to Luther Theological Seminary in St. Paul where he graduated in 1976. Peter performed internships with Lutheran Outdoor Ministries, Colton, Oregon and Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Portland, Oregon. Peter was ordained June 6, 1976 in Menomonie, Wisconsin. He began his pastoral duties in July 1976 at Zion and Cameron parish until his departure in January 1980. Since that time, he has been Associate Pastor, St Stephen Lutheran Church, in Gladstone, Oregon, 1980-83; Pastor at Our Savior's Lutheran in Marinette, Wisconsin, 1983-89; Senior Pastor, Messiah Lutheran in Marquette, Michigan, 1980-1998; On leave from call from 1998-99; Interim and then Pastor, Faith Lutheran Church, in Calument, Michigan 1998 to present.



Peter married Vivian Moe in 1972 and divorced in 1998. Their son, Erik, was born in 1977; daughter, Kirstin, was born in Oregon in 1980. Pastor Vorhes married Liz Silvola in December 1999. Liz is a registered nurse. They enjoy running, biking, snow shoeing, and cross-country skiing in a beautiful area of abundant snow and excellent trails near Lake Superior.

The following is a quote from Pastor Vorhes: "I enjoyed my Idaho years. It was a privilege to get to know the people of the congregations and the area, and a blessing to live in such a beautiful part of God's creation. You were patient in breaking in a new, young, fresh-out-of-seminary pastor after the many good years of Pastor Meske's ministry with you. I continue to keep your congregation in my prayers. Life and ministry have been filled with joys and sorrows. Through it all, God's grace has been sufficient, just as he has promised."

THEODORE ALBERT MESKE

Theodore Meske was born on November 24, 1908, at La Grande, Oregon to Pastor and Mrs. Henry Meske. He attended school in Farmington and Lind where his father had pastorates. After graduation from high school he went to junior college in Hebron, Nebraska. His next school was Wartburg College, then Wartburg Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa.

After graduation from seminary he came back to the northwest and served for short times in Oregon City, OR and Genesee, Idaho. From Genesee he came to Cameron Emmanuel and Zion Lutheran on December 10, 1935 on a cold and blustery day. He was married to Lillian Sielaff in Ritzville on November 24, 1937. They had four children: Ted, Duane, Mary, and Ann

Pastor Meske served our congregations for forty years, retiring in 1976. He was often called by other congregations but always, on the recommendation of Cameron Emmanuel, turned them down. When asked why he stayed so long he said, "I love the mountains and the climate, and most of all, the people."

When Rev. Meske came in 1935, he preached German every other Sunday. Gradually the German services were dropped until in 1964, they were stopped altogether.

During his stay at Cameron, the parsonage was remodeled several times and a new one built in 1956. Nine years later a new and larger church was built. He remained active in the church after retirement. He also preached wherever and whenever needed. Lillian died in January 1983. Rev. Meske died in February 2000 at the age of 91.



OTTO GEORG HERMAN EHLEN

Otto Ehlen was born in June, 1898, in California, near Bishop. His parents were Ludvich and Katharine Ehlen. In 1912, he graduated from Bishop High School. He then went to live with his uncle, a pastor, for confirmation instruction and was confirmed in 1913. Ehlen went to work, saved his money and in 1917, enrolled in Hebron Academy in Hebron, Nebraska. He graduated from there in 1921 as valedictorian.

He next enrolled in both Capitol University and Capitol Seminary and graduated from both in 1926. Further studies were interrupted by a ruptured appendix and in 1927, he was ordained at Santa Ana, California, and installed as pastor at Lewiston, Idaho.

About a year later, he came to Cameron. While there he married Caroline Dennler on April 14, 1929. Two daughters, Marie and Margarete were born at Cameron. A son, Martin was born during the time he served at Lind.

From Cameron, Pastor Ehlen went to Douglas-Quincy, Washington, then to Lind-Connell and from there to Albert Lea, Minnesota and then to West Duluth, Minnesota. His last parish was Deshler, Ohio. He retired in 1964, served for a time as interim pastor in Oregon, and more as a pastor to shut-ins and nursing homes in Port Angeles, Washington.

His wife, Caroline, died in November 1970 in Clarkston, Washington where they resided at the time. In April 1973 Otto Ehlen and Ruth Smith were united in marriage. Pastor Ehlen died in 1988 while living in Port Angeles, Washington.

**Otto Ehlen's
1933 Confirmation
Class.**

FR: Wayne Wegner, Margaret Schultz, Rev Otto Ehlen, Madeline Schultz, Emil Silflow,

BR: unknown, Emma Dennler, Herman Dennler, Sherwin Schmidt, Marvin Silflow, Selma Wegner, Mary Keller



EDWARD A. REIN



Edward Rein was born October 17, 1893, at Bruce's Crossing, Michigan. In 1903, the family moved to Castle Rock, Washington. Here he was confirmed at St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

He attended the Ohio Synod College at Olympia and Luther Seminary at St. Paul, Minnesota, where he was graduated and ordained to the ministry on February 7, 1914. His first parish was St. Paul's Lutheran Church at Tracy, Minnesota.

April 14, 1915, he was united in marriage to Miss Henrietta E. Heinze at St. Paul, Minnesota. They had three children. In 1917, he began a new

mission in Pomona, California. In 1920 they moved to Idaho to serve the parish at Cameron and Juliaetta. In 1928 he was called to Emmanuel Church at Ritzville.

During his time in this district it was said of him, "He is an able speaker, active missionary and our financial genius."

In 1930 he became a Chaplain in the U.S. Army Reserves. He was called to active duty in 1940, serving in the Air Force. He served in the Phillipines and South Pacific during World War II and continued in the military service until 1953. During this time he served 18 months in Alaska. He rose to the rank of Colonel. After his retirement from the military in 1953, he accepted a call to the Lutheran Church at Arcadia, California.

He retired from his parish in Arcadia in 1960. After spending seven years in California he and Mrs. Rein moved to Seattle and then to Edmonds. Pastor Rein died in Seattle on Apr 2, 1968, at the age of seventy-four.



1913 Confirmation

Iona Lawson
Marie Finke
Rev. Finke
Helen Mielke
Paul Petrick
Herbert Wolff
George Wilken
Gus Blum

GEORGE HENRY FINKE

George Finke was born January 2, 1869, in Quakenbrueck, Germany. He attended school and college there and in 1889, came to the United States and here attended Normal School in North Dakota and the Seminary at Afton, Minnesota

George Finke was ordained in 1892 and that same year was married to Margaret Tamke. They had four children, Elsie, Frieda, Martha, and Marie. Elsie died at ten and is buried at Cameron.

Pastor Finke worked in the mission fields in Iowa, Minnesota, and south Dakota before coming to the Pacific northwest in response to a call in 1898, to serve Cameron. Besides Cameron, he served at Castle Rock, Kalama, Colfax and Farmington, Washington, and at Astoria, Oregon. There his wife died in 1902. A year and a half later he was married to his first wife's sister, Adella. They had three children, Alma, Carl, and George.

Besides being a minister, Pastor Finke was a justice of the peace for ten years in the Leland precinct, served a term in the state legislature at Boise and was president of the board of Pacific Lutheran Seminary at Olympia. He was also author of several books in German and in English and contributed articles to various magazines. He could read and write eight languages.

After retiring from his post at Cameron, he conducted services for a small congregation, St. Paul's of Southwick, for about 15 years. Pastor Finke died at Southwick on June 15, 1951, at the age of eighty-two.

CARL CHRISTIAN THEODORE HOPF

Carl Hopf was born February 27, 1864, at Crawinkel, Germany. Reared under the influence of a Christian home he desired to serve his master as a missionary and entered the mission institution at Hermannsburg, Hannover. After several years he came to this country and entered the seminary at Afton, Minnesota, from which he graduated and was ordained in 1891. He served a small congregation at Nicholls, Minnesota, and there was married to Bertha Pomplun. God blessed this union with seven children.



PASTOR HOPF also served Rock Valley, Iowa, and Arlington Minnesota, before coming to the Washington District and to the Cameron-Juliaetta parish in 1899. While here he went to Gifford also for a time to conduct services. Many a day he spent in the saddle, riding over rough mountain trails, crossing ravines and swollen streams in order to serve this large field. From Cameron, he was called to Endicott, Washington, then to Salem, Oregon, to Davenport-Egypt, Washington, and to his last pastorate in Quincy-Ruff, Washington.

Pastor Hopf had a powerful physical frame. He had the organizing gift of the North-Germans, which he probably developed in that great village (Hermannsburg) in the Lueneburger Heide, Germany. There he also learned the Low-German, which is not often mastered by Central and southern Germans. He also was at home in the ancient languages. He was a might speaker and a successful missionary.

On December 20, 1926, Pastor Hopf died at the age of sixty-one, at Quincy, Washington.

CARL WILLIAM VOSS

Carl Voss was born April 3, 1867, in Pomeroy, Ohio. He was raised there, being baptized and confirmed in the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

When he was 17, he enrolled in Capital university at Columbus, Ohio, to prepare for the ministry. He graduated from there in 1888, and from the theological seminary in Columbus in May, 1891. He was ordained in Philo, Ohio, and served there for two years.

On June 8, 1892, he was united in marriage with Nettie Dickes of Philo. They had four children. One son, Carl, born at Cameron, died as an infant and is buried in the cemetery there. Two more children died while in the prime of life.

In the course of his ministry he also served congregations at Ritzville, Washington; then at Cameron; at Steubenville, Ohio; Cardington, Ohio; Des Moines, Iowa; and Lake Elmo, Minnesota. He had to retire from the ministry in 1923, because of ill health. He then moved to St. Paul, Minnesota, and whenever he was able still assisted other pastors.

Pastor Voss served at Cameron at one of the most difficult times in the congregation's history. For it was at this time that many of its members left to take up homesteads on the newly-opened reservation land around Gifford.

Pastor Voss died in February, 1935, at the age of sixty-seven.



PAUL HERMANN GROSCHUPF

Paul Hermann Groschupf was born the 10th of October, 1886, at Annaberg, Saxony. As a young child, he was brought under the influence of a godly man, Karl Gergelt. The eighteen year old youth later entered the mission institutions at Hermannsburg in Hannover. After two years there he came to this country and entered the seminary at Afton, Minnesota.

After his graduation in 1890 he came to Idaho and began his missionary labors as assistant to the sainted Pastor H. Rieke. In this capacity he traveled through the wilderness in order to minister to congregations at Cameron and Juliaetta, Idaho, at Uniontown, Endicott, Colfax and Farmington, Washington. In 1890, he was united in marriage to Maria Christiana Bergelt, the daughter of his benefactor.

In January, 1895, he followed a call of the mission board to Emmanuel's congregation of Spokane, Washington, where he served faithfully until his death.

Groschupf was especially concerned about the instruction of the young people. A pastor friend writes of him: "Great was the way he brought his confirmands to Christ. In this, the writer never met the equal of Pastor Groschupf."

Groschupf served several terms as president of the Washington District, was the chairman of the Board of Olympia Seminary, chairman of the Lutheran Ministerial Association of Spokane and chairman of the Board of Directors of the Lutheran Hospital and Deaconess Association. While he was at Spokane he also did some mission work at Medical lake, Reardan and other places.

Paul Groschupf died on November 9, 1924, at the age of fifty-eight.



HERMAN HENRY FRIEDRICH RIEKE

Henry Rieke was born in Doehren, in the province Hannover on the 6th of May, 1855. Having received his ministerial training in the missionary seminary of Hermannsburg, he came to America in December, 1884, and was ordained in Leban, Wisconsin. On the 6th of August, 1885, he married Anna Maneke, which union was blessed by ten children. After a busy two years of service in Cicero, Wisconsin, Rev. Rieke followed a call to the far Northwest, where he became one of the foremost pathfinders, particularly in the states of Washington & Idaho. He served in the following parishes: Genesee, Fairfield, Walla Walla, Odessa and Marcellus.

While this circuit-riding missionary preacher was based at Spokane and later Genesee, he came to Cameron and organized that congregation.

In 1917, he was forced by poor health to retire from active work and made his home at that time near Winlock, Washington. There he died in November, 1919.



CARL ANTON HORN

Carl Anton Horn was born December 31, 1855, in Saxony, Germany, to Carl and Wilhelemine Horn. He was raised in the Lutheran faith and as a young child decided to become a minister. He attended the Lutheran Mission Institute at Breklum. At graduation he followed a call to America where he worked with Henry Rieke in Wisconsin before he was ordained in the Ohio Synod.



Spokane had urgently begged for help from the synod. In May, 1887, a month after his ordination, Pastor Horn answered this call. It was during the approximate half year that he was based at Spokane that he came to Cameron and Juliaetta.

In June, 1889, he was married to Margarethe Christiansen of Germany. They had four sons and six daughters. One daughter died in infancy.

“From the time he was young, he suffered from asthma and catarrh, yet he gave 20 years to the holy ministry and served with great self-denial in his pioneer work.” He was active in points in Washington, Oregon and Idaho.

“Pastor Horn, the Saxon, acted up to the royal command and would not pass a person on the road or a house where people lived without offering them salvation with Christ. His horse knew his master so well, that he would not pass a person on the road without stopping or pass a gate without entering it. There is no doubt, many a person will confess on that day: I have found my Savior through the instrumentality of Horn.”

Anton Horn died in June, 1915, at Weber, Washington, at the age of fifty-nine.

FRIEDRICH A. SELLE

Pastor Selle, a missionary of the Lutheran Church-Missouri synod, came by horseback to Cameron in 1887, from his home base in Pendleton, Oregon. He worked “as a missionary in east Oregon and Idaho since last fall in great faithfulness and self-denial and traveled hundreds of miles in wind and weather to look up our Lutheran brethren in the faith and to proclaim the sweet Gospel to them.”

On one of his trips in November, 1887, he caught what appeared to be a severe cold, but which turned out to be “galloping consumption” (TB). He moved to San Francisco to work and seek medical help, but grew worse and had to resign because of his poor health. He died April 18, 1888, in Kansas City, Missouri, enroute to his parents’ home in Wisconsin. He was twenty-five.