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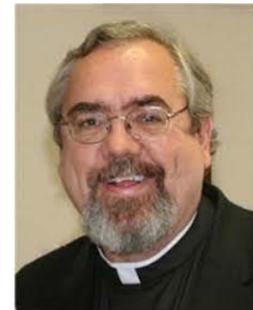
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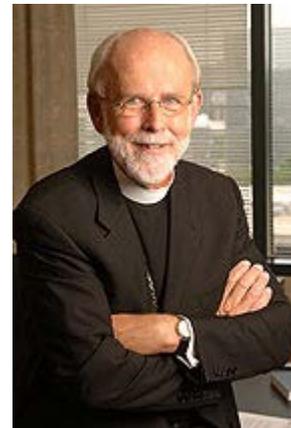
Susan Briehl is a Lutheran pastor called by the Indiana-Kentucky Synod to serve the greater church as a teacher, writer, and liturgist. Previously she served, with her husband Martin Wells, as Executive Director of Holden Village, campus pastor at Pacific Lutheran University, and pastor of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Bellingham, Washington. She lives in Spokane, Washington.



Delmer Chilton is the interim Senior Pastor of the Lutheran Church of the Holy Cross in Athens, Ga. A former Assistant to the Bishop in the Southeastern Synod, he writes the weekly Lectionary Blog for the Living Lutheran website. The co-author of four books on preaching and the lectionary texts, and a contributor to the Abingdon Creative Preaching Annuals, he frequently conducts preaching workshops and seminars. Delmer is a native of North Carolina and received his education at the University of North Carolina, Duke Divinity School, Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary, and the Graduate Theological Foundation. Ordained in 1977, Pastor Chilton has served parishes in North Carolina, Georgia, and Tennessee.



Mark Hanson currently serves as the executive director of Augsburg College's Christensen Center for Vocation and recently concluded a term as a member of the ELCA "Always Being Made New: The Campaign for the ELCA." Prior to these appointments, he served presiding bishop of the ELCA from 2001 through 2013. He also served as president of the Lutheran World Federation for 7 years. Hanson is widely known as a leader with an evangelical passion and imagination who embraces the Christian tradition, the Christian community, and the world with both generous goodwill and thoughtful insight. He has been an articulate advocate for the renewal of the church's preaching and public voice, for the strengthening of ecumenical and inter-religious relationships, and for reconciliation and justice in society, with attention especially to those who live with poverty and discrimination.



Craig Mueller has served as pastor of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Chicago since 1999. He has a doctor of ministry and a master of divinity from the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago (LSTC), a degree in music education from Gustavus Adolphus College, and a certificate in spiritual direction from the Shalem Institute for Spiritual Formation. He currently serves as an auxiliary faculty member at LSTC. His publications include *Soli Deo Gloria: Choir Devotions for Year A*; liturgical texts and materials for Augsburg Fortress; and an upcoming book, *Any Body There? Being Human in a Digital Age*. In addition, he was primary compiler for *Indexes for Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, which includes a list of hymns for each Sunday and festival in the church year.



Margaret Payne began her career as an English teacher in Punjab India. After returning to the U.S., she attended Princeton Theological Seminary and was ordained in the Lutheran Church of America. She served as a congregational pastor for 7 years before being called to serve as an assistant to the bishop in the New Jersey Synod. Pastor Payne was elected as Bishop of the New England Synod in 2000 and served until her retirement in 2012. In early 2014, she taught the Lutheran Collegium for the Lutheran Studies Program at Yale Divinity School and then began work as the mission director for the ELCA through 2016. In this role, she oversaw the mission support process of the church.



Elaine Ramshaw, a Lutheran laywoman, has a PhD from the Divinity School of the University of Chicago, and she taught pastoral care full-time in seminaries (United Methodist, Lutheran, Episcopal) for 16 years. She has focused especially on the areas of ritual, transition, and grief. She authored *Ritual and Pastoral Care* and more recently has written articles on funerals. In 2001 her own cancer adventure and transitions in her family of origin led to her decision to return to her roots in Connecticut. She still teaches pastoral care courses online, for several seminaries of different denominations. She also does other stuff part-time, including spiritual direction (which she likes to call “spiritual wayfinding,” because she’s not telling anyone what to do) and managing at an art cinema.

