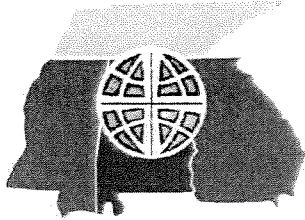


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June 11, 2009

#### **DEATH OF THE REV. DR. JAMES DONALD ELAM**

The Rev. Dr. James Donald Elam of Oak Ridge, TN entered the Church Triumphant on June 4, 2009 following an extended illness. Born in 1933 in Birmingham, AL, Dr. Elam was a graduate of the University of Tennessee and earned a Master of Divinity from Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary in Columbia, SC and a Doctor of Ministry Degree from Lexington Theological Seminary in Lexington, KY.

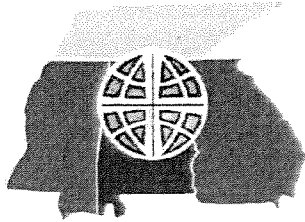
Pastor Elam served churches in Anderson, SC; Lexington, KY; Muncie, IN and Elberton, GA. During the Viet Nam War he served as Chaplain in the Naval Reserves. Pastor Elam had a distinguished career in fundraising. While serving the University of Georgia as Associate Vice President for Development, he was awarded the US Steel Foundation Award for sustained alumni giving. After serving as Vice President for Institutional Advancement at Clemson University, he founded and ran Trinity Financial Group, a consulting group for non-profit fundraising based in Atlanta, GA. He also served on the Board of Trustees at Chicago Lutheran Seminary and Wittenberg University and in several capacities on boards of the Southeastern Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Pastor Elam is survived by his wife of 53 years, Audrey Wagner Elam, and sons Donald Mark Elam and Kevin Douglas Elam and grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at Grace Lutheran Church in Oak Ridge, TN on June 8, 2009. In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions be made to Grace Lutheran Church, 800 Gettysburg Ave., Oak Ridge, TN 37830 or Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, PO Box 951, Elberton, GA, 30635.

We give thanks to God for Pastor Elam's life and ministry among us and for the promise of the resurrection through Jesus Christ, our Savior. We pray God's peace and comfort for his family.





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#### **DEATH OF THE REV. DR. JOHN ECKHARDT**

Pastor John Eckhardt entered the Church Triumphant on Monday, September 7, 2009, at his home in Gainesville, GA. Pastor Eckhardt was born February 16, 1929 in New Orleans, LA and was raised in the New Orleans and Lake Charles areas. He entered the U. S. Marine Corps in June of 1948 and was a Korean War veteran, decorated with the President Unit Citation, the Korean Service Medal, and the Navy Unit Commendation.

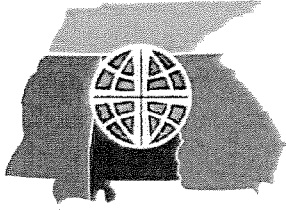
Pastor Eckhardt earned a BA Degree in Social Science from McNeese State University, a Master of Divinity Degree from Lutheran School of Theology, and a Doctor of Divinity Degree from Upsala Lutheran College. He engaged in graduate studies at Louisiana State University, Tulane University, the University of Nebraska, the SMU Perkins School of Theology, and the University of Michigan. Pastor Eckhardt was ordained as a Minister of the Gospel with the Lutheran Church in America on June 14, 1964.

Pastor Eckhardt's career included starting three churches (Redeemer Lutheran in Greenville, TX, Prince of Peace Lutheran in San Antonio, TX, and Salem Lutheran in Orlando, FL) and service in long-term care chaplaincy at Winter Park Hospital (FL) and at three Retirement-Life Communities: St. Andrews Estates South (FL), the Healthcare Center of Indian River Estates (FL), and Lanier Village Estates (GA). Additionally, he was Director of Development at two colleges, a Social Service Agency CEO, an Executive Director at two retirement communities, and a Research Consultant and Mentor servicing numerous long-term care facilities. He was an adjunct faculty member at nine schools, most recently at Gainesville State College and Brenau University.

Pastor Eckhardt retired from active ministry in 1989 and moved into the Southeastern Synod in 2001. He is survived by his wife, Alice; his son, John, Jr.; daughter, Amy, and five grandchildren. A memorial service celebrating his life and faith was held on Friday, September 11, 2009 at Lanier Village Estates. Cards may be sent to 605 Candler Street, Unit C4, Gainesville, GA, 30501.

We give thanks to God for Pastor Eckhardt's life and ministry among us and for the promise of the resurrection through Jesus Christ, our Savior. We pray God's peace and comfort for his family.





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#### THE DEATH OF THE REV. EMIL FRANK IBELE

Pastor Emil Frank Ibele entered the Church Triumphant on Monday, October 19, 2009. Pastor Ibele was born April 22, 1927 in New Orleans, LA. He served in the United States Navy from April 1945 until July 1946. He attended the Tulane University in New Orleans, LA, graduating in 1949. Pastor Ibele attended Capitol Seminary in Columbus, OH and was ordained on June 19, 1955. He married Betty Arlene Scheidt on April 21, 1956.

During the years of Pastor Ibele's ministry, he served Emmanuel Lutheran in Pittsburg, PA from 1955-1960 and Emmanuel Lutheran in Vienna, VA from 1960-1969. In 1969, he began a mission congregation, Covenant Lutheran Church, which later became Gloria Dei Lutheran in Lithonia, GA, where he served until 1989. In 1989 Pastor Ibele received a call from Faith Lutheran Church in Warner Robins, GA, where he served until his retirement in 1992. During his retirement, Pastor Ibele served several other congregations as Interim and Supply Pastor and was a cornerstone for the Atlanta Via de Cristo Movement and Atlanta Teens Encounter Christ.

Pastor Ibele is survived by his wife of 53 years, Betty A. Ibele, five children and six grandchildren.

The family will receive friends on Friday, October 23, 2009 from 4-8 PM at Horis Ward Funeral Home, 1999 Highway 138 SW, Conyers, GA 30013. Memorial services will be held at 11:00 AM, on Saturday, October 24, 2009 at Epiphany Lutheran Church in Conyers. Inurnment will follow at the Columbarium at Epiphany Lutheran Church.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions be made to the Alzheimer's Association; 225 N. Michigan Ave., Fl. 17; Chicago, Ill. 60601-7633 or at [www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org). A memorial fund has been established in Pastor Ibele's honor.

We give thanks to God for Pastor Ibele's life and ministry among us and for the promise of the resurrection through Jesus Christ our Savior. We pray God's peace and comfort for his family and friends.

