

Pastor Alfred R. Streufert

Alfred R. Streufert was born in Chicago on November 19, 1886, the son of Carl Streufert and Emilie nee Kohn. Orphaned at the tender age of four years, he was reared in the home of his uncle and aunt, Pastor and Mrs. Theo. Kohn. He received his elementary schooling in St. Mark's Lutheran School. Upon Confirmation in 1900, he enrolled at Concordia College in Milwuakee, and graduated from Concordia Seminary in St. Louis in 1909.

He served his entire ministry of 55 years in Minnesota. He was ordained in the Bertha-Bartlett-Hewitt parish on June 9, 1909, serving there until 1913. Subsequently he served parishes in Middleville Township near Annandale (1913-1930), Gaylord (1930-1935), Glencoe (1935-1951), retiring from the parish ministry in 1951 because of impaired health. Since retirement he has served various congregations during vacancies and as guest preacher. He also helped organize mission congregations at South St. Paul, Brooklyn Center, and Circle Pines. During his ministry he served the Church-at-Large as District Secretary from 1925 to 1948, and also as Circuit Counselor.

His first wife, Lydia nee Brauer, to whom he was married in 1909, was taken from him by sudden death in 1927. Later he married Adele nee Klemke of Milwaukee, who survives him.

Other survivors are seven sons, the Rev. Herbert, Seattle, Washington; the Rev. Edgar, Columbia Heights; Mark, Robbinsdale; Chaplain Berthold, Faribault, Minnesota; Prof. Victor, River Forest, Illinois; Carl, Wheat Ridge, Colorado; and Alfred W., Minneapolis; three daughters, Gertrude, Tucson, Arizona; Mrs. Cordelia Koepke, Denver, Colorado, and Hildegarde, Phoenix, Arizona; 27 grandchildren, three great grandchildren; and a brother, Edward, Lansin, Illinois.

The burial was held at Crystal Lake Cemetery.

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth; yea, saith the spirit, that they may rest from their labors: and their works do follow them" (Revelation 14:13)