In Memory of Rev. Herbert Hafermann

April 5, 2017

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Rev. Herbert Hafermann passed away on April 2. Funeral services will be held at 11AM on Saturday, April 8, 2017, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Waverly. Burial will be held in St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery in Waverly. Visitation will be held on Saturday at the church from 9:30AM to the start of the service at 11AM. Online condolences may be left at www.kaisercorson.com.

From Rev. Hafermann's obituary:

Pastor Hafermann was ordained by his father at Trinity Lutheran in Jeffers, MN on June 30, 1963. After delays in securing a visa he arrived in Tanganyika on September 9, 1963 and soon was enrolled in a three-month course of Swahili in Dar es Salaam. Here he met Kirsten Christensen. They became engaged and were married on July 25, 1964 in Kisarawe where he had been assigned as District Pastor of the Uzaramo-Uluguru Synod. In August 1966, he was elected to head that synod which meant moving back to Dar es Salaam. He retired from that leadership position. Upon receipt of a call from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania to the Lutheran Junior Seminary, they left for a sabbatical at Wartburg Seminary where he taught and secured a MST degree while Kirsten worked toward her degree at Clarke College. They returned to Tanzania in July 1972. In November 1975, they moved with the school to Morogoro. Here he served in various leadership positions and taught Bible, Greek, and Biology until his retirement in 2003. He returned regularly to Tanzania on a volunteer basis expanding upon his work in the mission district.

Pastor Hafermann is survived by his wife Kirsten, his two sons Delmar and Belarmino, and four grandchildren Isabela, Gabriela, Lionel, and Rafael Hafermann.

We proclaim together the promises of Romans 8:38-39: For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

May God grant peace and comfort to all who mourn the passing of Rev. Herbert Hafermann.

Sincerely,

Bishop Steven Delzer