

LOREN CLETUS PRETTY 1934 - 1943

(Compiled from the Biographical Records of L.C. Pretty as recorded with the archives of the American Lutheran Church of America, Chicago, IL. Code #P-4960)

Loren Cletus Pretty was born April 13, 1912 in Carrollton, Ohio to Mr. and Mrs. John Allen Pretty. These are the colleges and seminaries Pastor Pretty attended: Capital University, Columbus, Ohio, 1930-1935, AB degree; The Evangelical Lutheran Theological Seminary, Columbus, Ohio, 1934-1937, Diploma.

He was ordained into the ministry January 2, 1938 by the American Lutheran Church. Some of the appointments and responsibilities Pastor Pretty had are as follows: the usual local conference offices; dean of Conference Bible Camp; Chairman of the Citizens Committee to Change Juvenile Court Law in State 1959-1960; advisor to the Community School of Nursing Committee 1958-1960; president of the Lincoln-Lancaster Mental Health Committee 1962-1963.

Pastor Pretty remarked that he and Mrs. Pretty had always taken an active interest in the civic and school affairs of the community as well as the protestant church activities.

Loren married Gertrude Marie Schwan May 29, 1938. To this union were born two children, David Mark May 18, 1942 and Zora Joan April 4, 1945. Gertrude was born July 16, 1912 in Monroeville, Ohio. Her special abilities were former high school teacher, organist (pipe and electric), singer, pianist and good accompanist, choir director, excellent homemaker.

Pastor Pretty served these parishes: pastor of Mt. Zion, January 1938 - July 1994; pastor St. Luke's, Taylorsville, November 1938 - July 1944; superintendent of Sipe's Orchard Home, Inc., Conover July 1944 - Aug. 1948; pastor of Grace Lutheran, Hubbard, Ohio September 1948 - Jan. 1952; director/chaplain of Nebraska Lutheran Social Services, Inc., Lincoln, Nebraska January 1952 - March 1978. He retired April 1, 1978.

The following is a letter Imogene Hefner received from Pastor Pretty in June of this year:

"I certainly want to congratulate Mt. Zion on its 100th birthday. Gert and I reminisced fondly many times on the years we spent at Mt. Zion. I know a pastor is to lead, but when a young green pastor and bride had so many willing people eager to follow, it kept us on our toes.

Regardless of whether it was the many children in Sunday School, Confirmation Class, Luther League, Adult Bible Class, Choir, or a new Stewardship program, everyone was willing to try. "We never did it that way before" was a battle cry a few times, but when the good Lord helped us see the better way, the cooperation came around. Gert and I felt that our own personal lives were enhanced through our years at Mt. Zion.

Mt. Zion has come into its own, and I know the Lord will continue to bless you in the future.

Very sincerely,
Loren Pretty"

At the present time (August 28, 1993), Pastor Pretty is living in a retirement center in Lincoln, Nebraska. Should you desire to send him a card or letter, his current address is:

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CARLTON JOHN SUTORIUS 1944 - 1945

(Archives, American Lutheran Church, Code #S-9184)

Carlton John Sutorius was born October 12, 1909 in Macedon, New York, son of Elizabeth Sander and Christian Sutorius.

John married Leona Miller in 1934 and to this union was born a daughter, Carlene Joan April 7, 1935 and a son, Darryl Jon, March 2, 1940.