



Rev. Dr. Frederic W. Baue

Rev. Frederic W. Baue, Ph.D. was born July 15, 1946, in St. Louis, and was baptized on August 11, at Emmaus Lutheran Church. The family moved to St. Charles, Missouri, where Fred Jr. grew up with his younger siblings Kurt and Jane. There he was educated at Immanuel Lutheran Church and School and confirmed by Rev. Erich Oelschlaeger in 1960.

Fred went to St. Charles High School where he played football and baritone horn in the concert band, graduating in 1964. After two years of college and a stint in the Army, Fred went to the Florida State University School of Music, Tallahassee. There he majored in classical guitar performance, earning a Bachelor of Music degree in 1976. He also met his future wife, Jean.

Feeling the call to preach, Fred enrolled at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, in 1977. He spent his second year as an exchange student (along with classmate Robert Bugbee) at the Lutherische Theologische Hochschule, Oberursel, West Germany. Fred returned to the States during the Semesterferien 1979, married Jean, and brought his bride with him back to Europe. He served his vicarage at First Immanuel, San Jose, California, and earned his M.Div. in 1981. His first call was to Trinity, Rochester, Minnesota.

Fred attended graduate school at the University of Arizona, Tucson, in 1986, where he also entered the English District and served Peace in the Valley Lutheran Church, Benson, and founded Messiah Lutheran Church, Tucson (1988-94).

During his early years in the district, fellow English District pastors started calling him "Fritz." He also developed a close friendship with Roger Pittelko.

Fred's next call was to Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Blue Bell, PA, where he finished his Ph.D. in English literature (1997). In 1999 he took a position with Concordia Publishing House, and then in 2004 Fred accepted the call to Bethany Lutheran Church, Fairview Heights, where he stayed until his retirement in 2011.

During all this time Fred was writing articles, books, songs ("What Is This Bread" (LSB 629) was written by Fred and Jean), and even humor (cf. The Epistles of Herman Noodix). He is also active in the local music community, playing Bluegrass on Sunday afternoons along with a large banjo player with a bushy mustache.

Fred and Jean have three children: Rick, Mike, and Kate.