



## Rev. Michael J. Zuberbier

August 10, 1965 - December 3, 2022

On December 3, 2022, the Lord Jesus called Rev. Michael Jon Zuberbier to heavenly glory. He was born on August 10, 1965, to Theodore and Marian Zuberbier, and made a child of God through the waters of Christian Baptism on August 21, 1965, at Bethany Lutheran Church in Manitowoc, WI by his grandfather Prof. T.W. Zuberbier. On May 6, 1979, he was confirmed in the Christian faith at Mt. Lebanon Church in Milwaukee, WI. He continued his Christian education at three Bible-based schools, which prepared him for pastoral ministry: Martin Luther Preparatory School in Prairie du Chien, WI, Northwestern College in Watertown, WI, and Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in Mequon, WI.

Reverend Zuberbier was ordained and installed at the dual parishes of St. John's and Good Shepherd in Gladwin and Beaverton, MI where he served from 1991-1995. The other two congregations he served in his 31-year ministry were Emanuel in Tawas City, MI (1995-2006) and St. Peter's in Fond du Lac, WI (2006-2022). Pastor Zuberbier was known for his knowledge of the Bible, his passion for the history of the Lutheran Reformation, his rock-solid reliability, his down to earth communication style, and his commanding presence tempered by a love for Jesus and the souls for which he died.

On August 8, 1987, Michael married his high-school sweetheart Pamela (nee Schweitzer) at St. Paul's in Fort Atkinson, WI. Over 35 years of marriage, they enjoyed raising three children, camping, traveling, and visiting grandchildren. In recent years, they especially enjoyed spending time on their farm property outside Manitowoc, WI. Often the family's mood on Sunday afternoons in the Fall and Winter seasons depended on whether the Packers won.

Michael enjoyed hunting, working on cars and boats, and finding a good deal. He made friends wherever he went and was always ready with a joke, no matter the situation.

Nieces, nephews, family, and friends looked forward to whatever spontaneity and fun he would bring to an experience. His contagious laugh could lighten a mood. Michael's large heart was filled with love for family and friends.

Michael is survived by his parents Theodore and Marian, wife Pamela, children: Benjamin (Hannah, nee Freiberg) Zuberbier of Columbus, WI, Luther (Allie, nee Krueger) of Norfolk, NE, Mollie (Chris) Cooper of Chicago, IL; siblings: Charlotte (Wayne) Schoch of Zumbrota, MN, Karl (Patricia) Zuberbier of Kiel, WI, Thomas Zuberbier of Beaver Dam, WI, Kris

(James) Schlevensky of Greenfield, WI; and grandchildren Theodore, Eloise, Jack, Raymond, Bonnie, May and June, along with two on the way!

VISITATION will be at St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran Church, 1600 South Main Street, Fond du Lac, on Thursday, December 8, 2022 from 4:00-8:00 PM and Friday, December 9, 2022 from 9:00-11:00 AM.

SERVICE: Christian Funeral service will be held on Friday, December 9, 2022 at 11:00 AM at St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran Church, with Rev. Luke Boehringer and Prof. Keith Wessel officiating. Private family burial will be held at Zion Lutheran Church Cemetery, Kiel.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to St. Peter's Lutheran Church (1600 S Main St., Fond du Lac, WI 54937; [tinyurl.com/stpetersfdl](https://tinyurl.com/stpetersfdl)) or the Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary Scholarship Fund (11831 N Seminary Dr, Mequon, WI 53092; [tinyurl.com/wlsfund](https://tinyurl.com/wlsfund)).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 8. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran Church  
1600 S. Main Street  
Fond du Lac, WI 54937

## Visitation

DEC 9. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Fond du Lac, WI 54937

## Funeral Service

DEC 9. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

DK

“ *My deepest condolences to the Zuberbier family. I was shocked and saddened to hear of Mike's sudden passing. May the sure and certain promises of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ comfort you all now and in the days to come.*

David Korfman - December 10, 2022 at 04:18 PM

BT

“ *Took his class in Tawas, Michigan followed by my husband and when we had to leave because of Larry's health, leaving our church and Pastor and his family was the hardest thing we had to do. Have received their Christmas letter every year and looked forward to the update each December. My heart hurt for Pam and family. He was way too young but then God needs young people too. I love you all and wish I could be there. I am now 85 and will not fly anywhere but if I did it would be for this. Love to you and all yours, Barbara Thompson, Saginaw, Michigan.*

Barbara L. Thompson - December 10, 2022 at 02:22 PM



“ *I look forward to camping with y'all again -- under the tent Jesus spreads over us.*

Timothy Buelow - December 09, 2022 at 07:01 PM

DK

“ *I am so saddened to hear of Michael's passing. He was such a kind a generous giving person. I especially liked seeing him at Good Shepherd Church when you would guest preach. All the times he used to help us out at certain events too. May he rest in peace. Praying for the Zuberbier Family, Friends and his church family. Thank you for your service.*

Diane Krist - December 09, 2022 at 12:45 PM

NS

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire Zuberbier family. May Pastor Zuberbier rest in peace.  
Nick and Sally Sandoval  
Dear friends of Karl and Patty*

Nick and Sally Sandoval - December 08, 2022 at 03:17 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Rev. Michael J. Zuberbier.



December 07, 2022 at 08:12 PM

SS

“ My deepest condolences to the entire family of Pastor Zuberbier. I have so many memories with Pastor and Pam, Ben, Luther, and Molly while attending school at Emanuel. His last service at our church was my high school graduation but he made the trip back to Tawas again for the first time in 2015 for my wedding. I was shocked when he said he would come back for the ceremony but eternally grateful that he and Pam were able to make the trip. I am so happy that he is home in heaven and I will never forget how amazing he was for all of us in our congregation.

- Sarah Stein(Simmons)

Sarah Stein - December 07, 2022 at 06:55 PM

SE

“ St. Stephen's Board of Education purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Rev. Michael J. Zuberbier.



St. Stephen's Board of Education - December 07, 2022 at 03:20 PM

CT

“ Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ - especially Pastor's family, friends and congregation,

*Pastor was a powerful and demanding presence for our Lord and Savior. You could feel and see and hear his passion for each soul in the pews in which he devoted his life. I am a St. Peter's School alumni and visited a few times per year when I was in town. My sister (Carrie Tasch) organized a caroling group the past few Christmas seasons. Pastor's home was on our list of stops. He had the best and biggest smile and said no one had been to his home to carol before. It was an honor and privilege to care for him and his wife in this way after all that they have done for Jesus flock. I'll remember him always standing in his doorway at home smiling and taking it in or on the alter booming God's truth for all mankind.*

*His loss shows us exactly how fragile life is, how human we all are and how God knows precisely when to call us home. Make no mistake - it was God's perfect timing. What most surely in moments feels like awful timing for his loved ones left here without him - you are so blessed to have the reassurance of his joyful call home by God himself. What we cannot understand here will be revealed to us once we get to where he is. Until then - he waits for you to join him. What a wonderful day that will be. Until then, Jesus mourns with you and will give you all that you need to endure this pain of loss. May God provide love, peace and understanding to you and all who grieve.*

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**Christine (Stubbe) Trinrud** - December 07, 2022 at 09:00 AM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Rev. Michael J. Zuberbier.*



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December 06, 2022 at 06:09 PM

PZ

“ *Our deepest condolences to the family of Pastor Michael Zuberbier. Paul and I stopped by the church October 7th 2012 after a Badger Game and heard him preach. His sermon was very moving and compassionate as we remember. May the Lord wrap his loving arms around all of you, giving you comfort knowing he is in heaven with his loving Saviour.*

*Paul & Jill Zuberbier*

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**Paul and Jill Zuberbier** - December 06, 2022 at 04:24 PM

DO

“ *My sympathy and prayers are with you all. I am a friend of his sister, Kris. We went to Wisconsin Lutheran High School, together.*

**Doug** - December 06, 2022 at 03:15 PM

JY

“ *We express our deepest sympathy on the sudden death of Pastor Zuberbier. His son Ben is our Pastor at Zion Columbus. We are grieving with you and keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers.*



**Jim and Elsa Yohn** - December 06, 2022 at 01:21 PM

WC

“ *With love from the Thomas cousins purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Rev. Michael J. Zuberbier.*



**With love from the Thomas cousins** - December 06, 2022 at 10:47 AM

CP

“ *I was a visitor at St Peter's attending a service with my friend who was a member. All I really remember is the warm welcome I received from Pastor and then on a return visit months later Pastor welcomed me again and asked how I was! It's not often that you will find a clergyman who has a vested interest in someone who is just passing through. I'm a senior citizen and truly to this day and forever will never forget how comfortable I felt coming to St Peter's. We have a lot to learn from this man who had a mission in Christ. God bless you all.*

**Cynthia Parman** - December 06, 2022 at 09:48 AM

MV

“ *My heart is so heavy. I have so many wonderful memories. My favorites are Pastor hiding Luther's Easter basket under the floor boards. And the run from Lumberman's monument. My knee ached for many years after. He taught me so much through example and bible lessons. He brought our congregation closer than I could ever have imagined. Your whole family means so much to me. So sorry for what you're going through but how wonderful for Pastor to be home. Love you Pam, Ben, Luther and Molly.*

**Melanie Look Vasquez** - December 05, 2022 at 01:25 PM