



Pastor Charles Edwin Foerster

September 29, 1961 - April 5, 2026

Pastor Charles Edwin Foerster, 64, was welcomed into Heaven on Resurrection Sunday, April 5, 2026.

Born on September 29, 1961 in Saginaw, Michigan to Ivan and Irene (Kiselewicz) Foerster, Chuck was the sweet, funny, always-singing baby brother to Michael (Nancy) Foerster, James Foerster, Debra Strawbridge, and Linda (JR) Plomer. After several years as a chef and food services director, Chuck followed God's call into ministry as a second career. During his internship at All Saints Lutheran Church in Hartland, he fell in love with and married Marilyn "Mary" (Vollmar) Foerster. They have shared in ministry almost 20 years together. Through the following years, he was a devoted, proud father to their six children: Amanda (Martin) Quinn, Morgan (Zac) Meier, Michael (Felicia) Lockwood, Anna (Joe) Bashore, Steven (Amanda Stapleton) Lockwood, and Katherine "Kaydee" Foerster, still at home. Charlie was also a devoted Grandpa/Papa/Opa to: Damien, Aubrie, Emily, Josie, Henry, Rosilyn, Olivia, Oliver, Elizabeth, Ivan, and Sophia. He also leaves behind treasured yellow labs, Fisher Forte and Winifred Mezzo Foerster. He was beloved of many nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, and uncles. He was predeceased by his Dad, Mom, and brother-in-law, Dr. David Strawbridge (and dogs Remy, Mandy, and Appa).

First in his heart was God and the faith that led him to this point. Then, while

he enjoyed singing, motorcycles, fishing, and hunting with his "Buck Bros," he loved time with his family most of all. In his last address to his congregation, he reminded us that we can trust in God's faithfulness and care, no matter what, quoting, "All shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well."

Visitation will be from 2-4pm and 6-8pm on Sunday, April 12, 2026 and from 9:30-10:30am on Monday, April 13, 2026 at the Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home, Grand Ledge. Family and Friends are invited for "One Last Ride" as Chuck is taken by motorcycle on Monday, April 13, 2026 at 10:30am from the Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home to a full worship service with his faith family, beginning at 11:11am at Immanuel Lutheran Church of Grand Ledge with Pastor Dave Jahn presiding. A private graveside service will be held in the future with immediate family present, led by Pastor Rick Stieve. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Charles Foerster Educational Fund for his Children and Grandchildren (Please make checks payable to Charles Foerster), 406 N. Bridge Street, Grand Ledge, Michigan 48837. Share your memories or photos of Pastor Chuck online at: www.holihanatkin.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 12. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home & Cremation Services
406 N. Bridge Street
Grand Ledge, MI 48837
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jasonbarclay@holihanatkin.com
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Visitation

APR 12. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Visitation

APR 13. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

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Service

APR **13**. 11:11 AM (ET)

Immanuel Lutheran Church
517 S. Clinton St.
Grand Ledge, MI 48837

Tribute Wall

MW

“ *“Keep the hope in a hopeless world.” -Pastor Chuck*

Megan W - April 24 at 05:47 AM

NP

“ *We remember Pastor Chuck and his family so fondly from his short time at Trinity Lutheran in Midland MI. On more than one occasion his words from the pulpit truly made a difference in my life and we will miss his kindness and loving nature. Our condolences to his family. Nancy and Rick Proskow*

Nancy Proskow - April 23 at 10:36 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Pastor Charles Edwin Foerster.*

April 20 at 04:36 AM

FF

“ *Faust & Karcsak Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Pastor Charles Edwin Foerster.*



Faust & Karcsak Family - April 11 at 06:24 PM

LM

“ *Linda & Gary Ray, John & Sharon McDonald purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Pastor Charles Edwin Foerster.*



Linda & Gary Ray, John & Sharon McDonald - April 10 at 08:35 PM

GR

“ *Chuck was a great friend to me and my husband. Especially he and Gary had some great talks and times together fishing he was a man of God and always a kind word or everyone. I know Mary was the love of his life and we will all see him again! Many memories Linda and Gary Ray*

Gary and Linda Ray - April 10 at 08:30 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Pastor Charles Edwin Foerster.*

April 09 at 10:41 AM

WJ

“ I was deeply saddened to learn about Chuck's death. I always enjoyed so much our interactions when he was a student at Trinity, as well as time with him when I was at synod assembly and other gatherings. I have no ability to grasp the depth of your family's grief, although I know that your grief and the sorrow of so many others at his passing are indications of the great love he shared with you and that you shared with him. I pray that the resurrection hope that he preached and lived will be yours during these days and weeks.
Professor Walter F. Taylor, Jr.,
Trinity Lutheran Seminary

Walter F Taylor Jr - April 08 at 04:43 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Pastor Charles Edwin Foerster.



April 07 at 01:51 PM

SF

“ Our favorite memory will always be his enthusiastic, booming “Hello Church!” As he began services at Immanuel. My dad and I say it to each other and we smile.
Susan Ostler Flynn

Susan Flynn - April 07 at 08:02 AM



“ *Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Pastor Charles Edwin Foerster.*



April 07 at 07:47 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Pastor Charles Edwin Foerster.

April 07 at 07:47 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Pastor Charles Edwin Foerster.*



April 06 at 06:46 PM



“ *My favorite seminary memory of Chuck is his epic portrayal of John the Baptist in Godspell. He certainly brightened rehearsals with his sense of humor. He was such a great person and a faithful servant of God. He was a light to everyone around him.*

Kathleen Basner - April 06 at 05:14 PM