

Distinguished Alumni Award History

2024

Christine Helmer – **Specialized Ministry**
Cheryl Peterson – **Faithful Servant**
Syafaatun Almirzanah – **Witness to the World**
Kimberly Vaughn – **Lifetime Service**

2023

None awarded

2022

Jason Chestnut – **Witness to the World**
Francisco Javier Goitía Padilla – **Called to Lead**
Louise Britts – **Excellence in Parish Ministry**
Herbert Anderson – **Lifetime Service**

2021

Kara Baylor – **Witness to the World**
Ronald Glusenkamp – **Called to Lead**
David Hedlin – **Excellence in Parish Ministry**
John Kotovsky – **Specialized Ministry**
Gary Simpson – **Faithful Servant**

2020

Troy Hedrick – **Lifetime Service** (posthumously)
Angela Shannon – **Called to Lead**
Kyle Severson – **Emerging Voice**

2019

Terrence “Terry” Baeder – **Called to Lead**
James Fowler – **Excellence in Parish Ministry**
Christopher “Chris” Heavner – **Specialized Ministry**
Marilyn Olson – **Faithful Servant**
Kjersten Priddy – **Emerging Voice**
D. Jensen Seyenkulo – **Witness to the World**
Gordon J. Straw – **Lifetime Service** (posthumously)

2018

Mike Blair – **Specialized Ministry**
Carolyn Fredriksen – **Excellence in Parish Ministry**
Paul K. Hanson – **Faithful Servant**
Angela Khabeb – **Emerging Voice**

Terry Kylo – **Called to Lead**
Daniel Rossing – **Lifetime Service** (posthumously)
Karen Soli – **Witness to the World**

2017

James Bickel – **Faithful Servant**
Yehiel Curry – **Emerging Voice**
James Lapp – **Excellence in Parish Ministry**
Amy Reumann – **Witness to the World**
Andrea Walker – **Called to Lead**
George Zahariah – **Specialized Ministry**

2016

Paul Bailie – **Emerging Voice**
Amandus “Mandy” Derr – **Faithful Servant**
Sarah Friesen-Carper – **Called to Lead**
Kendra Nolde – **Excellence in Parish Ministry**
Albert “Pete” Pero Jr. – **Lifetime Service** (posthumously)
Martin Rafanan – **Specialized Ministry**
Kathryn “Kate” Warn – **Witness to the World**

2015

Robert Buckley Farlee – **Specialized Ministry**
Thomas Gaulke – **Emerging Voice**
Inge Lempp – **Witness to the World**
Craig Mueller – **Excellence in Parish Ministry**
Martin Seltz – **Specialized Ministry**
David Vásquez-Levy – **Called to Lead**
James Wind – **Faithful Servant**

2014

David G. Abrahamson – **Excellence in Parish Ministry**
Keun Soo Hong – **Witness to the World**
Gerald Mansholt – **Faithful Servant**
Jessica Nipp Hacker – **Emerging Voice**
James Thomas – **Called to Lead**
Diane Dardón – **Specialized Ministry**

2013

Javier R. Alanis – **Witness to the World**
Richard Bruesehoff – **Faithful Servant**
Emmanuel Jackson – **Emerging Voice**
Nancy Fenuik Nelson – **Called to Lead**

Linda Norman – **Specialized Ministry**

2012

David Carlson – **Excellence in Parish Ministry**

Donald Kreiss – **Witness to the World**

Kyle Rouze – **Emerging Voice**

Francisco Javier Goitía-Padilla – **Specialized Ministry**

David deFreese – **Called to Lead**

Ralph Eckard – **Faithful Servant**

2011

Vernon Victorson – **Excellence in Parish Ministry**

John Gosswein – **Witness to the World**

Tony Metz – **Emerging Voice**

Paul Weber – **Specialized Ministry**

Mark Anderson – **Called to Lead**

William Berg – **Faithful Servant**

2010

Richard Bliese – **Mission Leadership**

Mercedes Garcia Bachmann – **Biblical Interpretation**

Robert A. Rimbo – **Churchwide Service**

Dean Stewart – **Stewardship of Creation**

2009

Melody Beckman Eastman – **Excellence in Parish Ministry**

Martin E. Marty – **Faithful Servant**

Monica J. Melancton – **Theological Education in the Global Church**

Frederick M. Strickert – **Global Mission**

2008

Vine Deloria – **Peace and Justice** (posthumously)

Roger J. Gieschen – **Lifetime Achievement in Church Leadership**

Ronald K. Johnson – **Excellence in Parish Ministry**

Jennifer J. Thomas – **First Decade**

Maxine M. Washington – **Faithful Servant**

2007

Abud-Massih Saadi – **First Decade**

Thomas J. Minor – **Faithful Servant**

Keith T. Nelson – **Excellence in Ministry – Institutional Advancement**

Kathryn A. Kleinhans – **Christian Educator**

Dennis A. Jacobsen – **Peace & Justice**

2006

Madelyn Busse – **Excellence in Ministry – Leadership**

Daniel Erlander – **Faithful Servant**

David E. Jensen – **Excellence in Ministry – Ecumenism**

Reuben J. Swanson – **Faithful Servant**

2005

Arland J. Hultgren – **Lifetime Achievement in Teaching**

Michael Russell – **Excellence in Ministry – First decade**

Twila Shock and William Swanson – **Excellence in Ministry**

2004

None awarded

2003

Doniver H. Peterson

M. Wyvetta Bullock

2002

Robert N. Bacher

Lloyd R. Kittlaus

2001

Paul Nakamura

Walter M. Wangerin, Jr.

2000

Yoshiro Ishida

Norman A. Nelson

1999

Faye Ramsey Coddling

John H. Tietjen

1998

Paul E. Erickson

Constant R. Johnson

1997

Will L. Herzfeld
Victor R. Schoonover

1996

James D. Ford
Adolph (Skip) Wachsmann III

1995

Herbert W. Chilstrom
Samuel J. Roth

1994

Reuben T. Swanson
Paul Youngdahl

1993

Gary F. Anderson
David M. Beckmann
Mary Ann Moller-Gunderson

1992

Dennis A. Anderson
Cynthia L. Krommes

1991

Roy Oswald
Earlean Miller

1990

A. Sherwood Nelson
Lee W. Wesley

1989

Alfred O. Fuerbringer
Robert V. Langseth
Viljo I. Heiman
(Special)

1988

None Awarded

1987

Richard N. Jessen
Robert J. Marshall

1986

A. Eugene Larson
David Vikner

1985

Conrad Bergendoff
(Anniversary Year)

1984

Theodore E. Mattson
David T. Nelson

1983

Larry Pinnow
Granger Westberg

1982

Thomas BeMiller
George W. Carlson

1981

Kenneth J. Dale
Paul M. de Freese

1980

Rudolph Kemppainen
Hugo M. Rathkamp, Jr.

1979

Luther Livingston
Donovan J. Palmquist

1978

Howard Olson
Theodore Youngquist

1977

Robert V. Johnson
Luther C. Mueller

1976

Robert P. Hetico
Harold C. Skillrud

1975

Gustav A. Lund
Harold E. Olsen

1974

George P. Bernard
John Stephen Bremer