



# Taking Christ's Light to Campus

Wisconsin Lutheran Chapel (UW-Madison)

Fall 2016

## A Farewell Letter from Pastor Bill Limmer

Only God could orchestrate this:

Just a block off State Street in Madison, WI, students cozy up to the fireplace with a good book, sometimes even the Good Book, shoes off and legs draped over the arm of the U-shaped super comfy chair, engaging their minds in study as if they were in the comfort of their very own home!

The carpeted foyer and the fellowship hall fills with congregating and communicating students waiting for the doors of the sanctuary to open up just before nine on Wednesday night. When the doors open, the students pour into the worship area, greeted by stained glass windows, the cross, phenomenal music, and the Word of God! Goose bumps still pop as I think of the Holy Spirit engaging students from all different backgrounds with all different kinds of needs, using the life changing Gospel in that informal worship time known as Vespers.



*Pastor Bill and Jacky Limmer*

I was studying for a Sunday morning message with Bible open, copious notes scattered on my desk, and a mind map filled—when my phone chimed signifying I had a text. “Can I come by and talk this afternoon?” There is unspeakable joy in talking with college students as they navigate through life and are encouraged by the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

The memories I have will provide a lifetime of bliss as I remember God’s presence in the hearts of His people and in His Word at Chapel.

During my time at the Chapel I was blessed to have this lesson confirmed: college students are leaders. The only question is will we offer them opportunities to lead in the church or will those opportunities only come from outside the church?

The Chapel is filled with many dedicated members who give of their time, talent and resources in many different ways but do so selflessly, generously and with great delight. These members often give up their congregational benefits to invest in students who will lead in the mission fields of the congregations they will be a part of in the future.

During my four years at the Chapel I received a Ph. D in the CELEBRATION OF GOD’S GRACE as together the Chapel family moved in mission to know Jesus Christ and to make him known on Campus.

Feel free to join me in supporting this amazing ministry with your prayers and as you are able, your financial support.

Have a great day with Jesus!

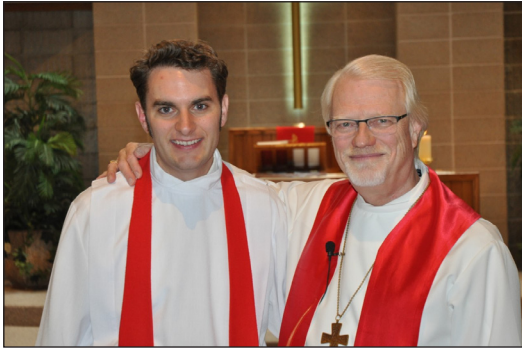
Pastor Bill Limmer

*Editor’s note: The Chapel Governing Board has fully engaged the congregation in the call process with the District President to secure Pastor Limmer’s successor. If you would like to contact the Governing Board regarding this process, please e-mail Governing Board member Duane Reichel at [GB@WLChapel.org](mailto:GB@WLChapel.org).*

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# First and Last - The Legacy Continues



Not all UW freshmen know what career they wish to pursue. Garrett Alford was one of them. Chapel loves to encourage students to consider the ministry. After receiving his undergraduate degree in history at the UW-Madison, he completed his studies at Martin Luther College and Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. Pastor Alford is now serving at Christ Lutheran in Eden Prairie, Minnesota. He was ordained and installed by Pastor Trapp on July 10. Pastor Alford begins his *first* year of pastoral ministry as Pastor Trapp serves his *last* year.

(Pastor Trapp will be officially retiring June 30, 2017.)

*“How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!” (Romans 10 :15)*



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## **SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, Nov 13 2nd Annual Chapel UW Homecoming Alumni Gathering**

Celebrate, reflect, and reconnect with Chapel alumni and friends!

## Weaving an International Web

Students from 10 countries attended Chapel's cultural English as a Second Language (ESL) classes this summer. Each week internationals still gather at the Chapel to study God's word. This experience weaves our international web as more and more of our international students connect with our missionaries and contacts in their home countries.



## My Ministry Investment

"We both enjoyed our time at UW-Madison, and the Chapel was a big part of our life on campus. It provided a place to worship, study, and get to know other Christian students. We feel that it's important to support the Chapel so that students can enjoy the same positive experience for many years to come," shared Becca and Nick Bauman. Giving to the Chapel is an opportunity for all to invest in our ministry. Thank you!

***Give, and it will be given to you. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you." (Luke 6:38)***