



Taking Christ's Light to Campus

Wisconsin Lutheran Chapel (UW-Madison)

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Constant in the Midst of Change

He experienced many ups and downs in his life, yet through the changes that David endured, God led him to be King over all Israel and gave him peace from all his enemies. God had a further plan –David's son, Solomon, would build the new temple. And, God promised that Jesus would come from David's line!

David's reaction to God's plan is remarkable. He states in 2 Samuel 7, ***"Who am I, O Sovereign Lord, and what is my family that you have brought me thus far? . . . Is this your usual way of dealing with man?"*** David recognized God's grace in these blessings and praised him.

As I get to know the people and the ministry at the Chapel, I find myself echoing David's prayer. Who am I, Lord? Why have you blessed me with this incredible opportunity in ministry? As I walk around this beautiful building God has blessed us with, I am struck by the countless people who make our ministry possible. I am overwhelmed with thanksgiving to God and to you.

After 38 years of faithful service, Pastor Trapp has retired. There have been, and will continue to be, changes here as we proclaim a resurrected Jesus! One thing remains constant -- God's love for us in Jesus. I am humbled by the opportunity to bring our loving Savior to the Chapel community and committed, with you, to continuing our important work of bringing a changeless God to a changing world.

As we reflect on the grace of God in our lives, we EACH can ask David's question, *"Is this your usual way of dealing with people, Lord?"* To which our God might answer, *"I love you with an everlasting love."* Thank you, Lord, for your love that never changes!



A Message from Chapel Supporters



L-R: Heidi, Merina, Evan,
and Craig Witz

We are so thankful for the Chapel ministry, and the impact it has had on our daughter. Aside from the wonderful friends she has made, one of our favorite features is the online livestream of services. Participating in the service online allows us to feel like we are attending church with our daughter, especially when we see her in the congregation, going up to communion, or leading the congregation in song! We have great joy knowing that our financial support makes experiences like ours possible for other parents and their children. -Craig & Heidi Witz

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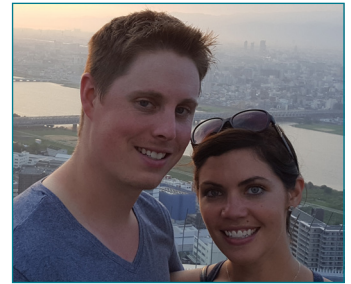
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New Beginnings Built with a Solid Foundation

As my wife, Michelle, and I await the birth of our first child, we wonder what God has in store. What challenges lie ahead? How much sleep will we REALLY get? Will our baby be healthy? God gives us comfort knowing that He is in control.

The Chapel finds similar comfort as we start a new chapter. Pastor Trapp provided the Chapel with the firm foundation of God's Word. We are assured that this foundation will allow Pastor Bilitz to continue to move this campus ministry forward as God sees fit.

As a Chapel alumni and now congregation member, it is comforting that God is in control. We consider it a great blessing to financially support the Chapel and volunteer our time. I serve on the governing board, budget and finance committee, while Michelle is active in mission planning, greeting team, and communion team. What a joy and privilege it is to be a part of this amazing ministry! We are excited to see what God has in store for this ministry and trust that He will bless this ministry according to His plan.



Governing Board member Chris Luckmann and his wife, Michelle



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Pastor Jon Bilitz and his wife, Mary, along with three children (L-R): Annika, Adam, and Amber.

Welcoming a New Future...

Retirement Celebration

Over 300 members of the Chapel family gathered to reconnect and celebrate Pastor Trapp's 38 years of service to the Chapel. The Pastor Thomas Trapp Leadership Endowment Fund has been established through the generosity of almost 200 contributors. Their gifts, along with a matching gift by the Antioch Foundation, total over \$60,000.00 and have been permanently invested. Each year, the fund earnings will support one or more leadership experiences for Chapel students, members, staff, alumni and friends -- something deeply important to Pastor Trapp. You may view the video documentary prepared for the event at vimeo.com/226078539.

