



Taking Christ's Light to Campus

Wisconsin Lutheran Chapel (UW-Madison)

Spring 2017

Ministry and Leadership Grow Side-By-Side

“But be sure to fear the LORD and serve him faithfully with all your heart; consider what great things he has done for you.” (1 Samuel 12:24)

Scores of volunteers fuel our ministry, using their God-given talents and gifts to bring the Word of God to hundreds of students each week. This Easter season, our volunteers helped share the Easter message with almost 300 souls! While volunteering, **students experience successes and challenges – experiences that develop leadership skills** to use here at Chapel and where they serve in ministries after college.

Bradley Maccoux, a senior majoring in Chemical Engineering at UW-Madison, is one of more than 40 student volunteers who dedicated time to sharing their faith through service this Easter. His leadership journey



Bradley Maccoux helping water the Easter plants during Chapel's Spring Clean-Up day

demonstrates how volunteering fosters leadership skills. As a freshman, Bradley provided the smile and greeting at our welcome desk. Not only did he become a familiar face for students and visitors, but just by being there he demonstrated the important priority his faith has in his life. Bradley served as a housefellow his sophomore year and began leading the Chapel's student activities. Now as a senior, Bradley leads Christian Faith in Action, our student organization that engages students in service.

“Chapel has offered me the opportunity to grow in my faith, while enhancing my God-given leadership abilities that I will use in His service for the rest of my life.”

-Bradley Maccoux, UW Senior

Bradley is just one of our many student volunteers developing important leadership skills. Through these future leaders, the Chapel is able to further the Lord's kingdom and ***“make Him known on campus.”***

Saying Farewell to Pastor Trapp

Students gathered for an ice cream social to bid farewell to Pastor Trapp. For 38 years he has helped form the faith of many – preaching, leading Bible study, officiating weddings and baptizing souls here at the Chapel.

On June 25th we will be honoring Pastor Trapp with a Retirement Celebration and Reunion. Look for your invitation in the mail around May 10th. We pray you can join us to reconnect with other Chapel alumni in our collective thanks for Pastor Trapp's service and to wish him well in retirement. On June 18th, we will install Pastor Jon Bilitz as our new Chapel Pastor. We are grateful to Pastor Trapp and Pastor Bilitz for touching spiritual lives here at the Chapel.



Leaders of Chapel: Pastor Bilitz and Pastor Trapp



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Pastor Bilitz & Pastor Trapp

Starting New Journeys...

To Know Jesus Christ and Make Him Known

I was an agnostic when my wife, Bobbi, (girlfriend at the time) got me started coming to the Chapel in 1981. My journey with Christ began with the Set Free class with Pastor Trapp. As I gained a better understanding of the Word my faith grew and the Holy Spirit took hold.

I was confirmed, and became a member of the church council. Taking part in Small Group Bible Studies, playing guitar and being a lector led to serving as Chapel President for eight years. During this time my boys - Jake, Eric and Daniel - were baptized and confirmed by Pastor Trapp.



Chris Howell (first on the right) with his family

I'm on the governing board and the Advancement Committee now and blessed to also financially support the Chapel. This helps ensure we continue to grow the ministry and stay in touch with our alumni and parents. My passion to help students and make Jesus known on campus remains strong.