

Meet the Call Committee

Lori Hartz: I have been a member at FELC for 14 years. My husband Kevin and I moved to Appleton



Kevin & Lori Hartz
Stefan, Olivia & Sonja

when I took my first job at Appleton Medical Center as a Registered Dietitian. I grew up in Marinette, Wisconsin where our family belonged to St. James Lutheran Church. We lived near the bay so we spent a lot of time enjoying the outdoors. In 1990 I graduated from UW-Madison and then started my dietetic internship followed by completing my master degree in Inborn Errors of Metabolism from UW-Madison. Kevin and I have three children. Stefan is 13, Olivia 11 and Sonja 8. We live in Greenville. I am still working at Appleton Medical Center for ThedaCare as a Dietitians and Manager of Nutrition and Diabetes Education. Kevin and I have taught Sunday School at the Downtown Site for the past several years. For fun, I enjoy reading books, cooking dinner, biking, skiing, kayaking and spending time with our parents and friends.

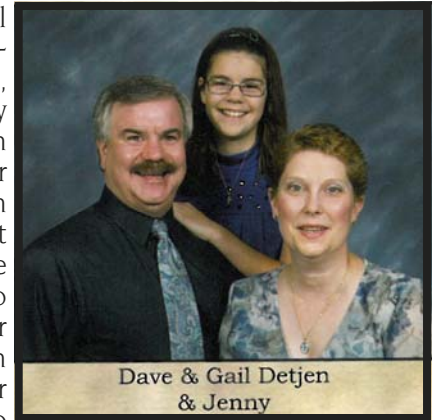
Doug Moard: Sherrill and I moved here in 1984 after I completed medical school at Iowa. We both grew up in eastern Iowa. My residency in Family Medicine brought us here, and I joined an existing practice in Kimberly in July of 1987, the day following graduation from residency. I have practiced there ever since,



Doug & Sherrill Moard

though I am soon to move to a new location in Darboy as part of an expansion of the practice. When I was younger and had more time, I was active in choir, but my job has expanded over the years. In addition to my practice I am involved in management, as well as being involved on the boards of several local health care organizations past and present. Additionally, I am currently involved in a local effort to bring better access to psychiatric care in the Appleton area. This is a joint project involving Thedacare, Children's Hospital, Affinity, local providers, and local school districts. We joined First English after trying several local Lutheran churches and finding that FELC felt right. It has been my church home for over twenty years and I look forward to being a member --well, forever.

Gail Detjen: My husband, Dave, and I grew up in Delaware, went to the University of Delaware, fell in love, and got married in Delaware, and raised our daughter, Jenny, there, under the loving and watchful eye of her grandparents who lived nearby, and our church family at Hope Lutheran Church. Until the year of our Lord 2002, when He said, "It is not right for a man and his wife and offspring to be so comfortable. Their spirits will grow lazy in serving me, and their ears will grow dull to my voice!" And so he sent them to the frozen tundra of Green Bay, land of their beloved Packers. Yet as the elder Detjen sought out a suitable place for them to stay, a land with friendly neighbors and good schools nearby, his journey took him south to Appleton, where he brought his wife, Gail, and daughter Jenny. And together they began the search for a suitable temple of Christian learning and fellowship, fearing it would be a rather long odyssey. But the Lord answered their prayer at the first church, where they were greeted with friendly people, dynamic preaching, and a joyful music team. They soon joined in, teaching Sunday School to the littlest lambs with their good friends, Kathy and Bob, and under the watchful eye of Miss Anita, an angel if there ever was one! As the children grew, so did their roles in the church. I am presently serving as Worship Leader at the North Site, as well as Welcome Host, and Communion Server. Dave has run the soundboard on Sundays at the North Site, as well as assisting with greeting/offering; reading the lesson, and setting up/serving communion. Jenny is now in Confirmation class on Wednesdays, and serves as an acolyte on Sundays. We are celebrating almost eight years with FELC, and have experienced the stability of Pastors Chris Quello/ Will Bloedow and Frank Connor; the interim time(s) with Pastor Vicki Fink and (Gail Detjen cont.) Pastor Dave Lyle; and "new start" with Pastor George Detweiler and Pastors Mike Dismer and Mary Bauer. And while some members are fearful and perceive a sense of urgency in calling our next senior pastor, I feel excited about the journey we are embarking on, and God's guiding hand of peace and rest upon me, as His Spirit leads the way in discerning the right candidate for FELC.



Dave & Gail Detjen
& Jenny

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Aaron Douglas: We moved to Appleton from La Crosse in the late summer of 2008. After spending Sunday mornings at various churches around town, trying to



Aaron & Alyssa Douglas
Clara & Levi

find the right fit, we found ourselves consistently wanting to return to FELC. The combination of the welcoming people, varied worship styles and programming for youth and adults were some of the bigger draws for us. We predominately worship at the North Site, but also enjoy the traditional liturgy

and hymns Downtown.

Originally from Minnesota, I grew up in a family with deep Lutheran roots and several relatives who are pastors. After attending St. Olaf College (where I was blessed to meet my wife-to-be on move-in day), I went to medical school at the University of Minnesota. We then ventured south to La Crosse for residency with the Mayo program in family medicine, moving to Appleton after graduation for my first 'real job' with Primary Care Associates of Appleton. We have two wonderful young children, Clara and Levi, and it's been fun getting to know other young families at FELC through some of the youth programming.

In our spare time we love staying active outside by running, bicycling, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, camping, etc., and always enjoy a good book.

Sara Van Beek (chairperson): I've been worshipping at FELC for about 16 years although I did not officially join until 1997. Until 2006, my family primarily worshipped at the Downtown Site.

That year, I began teaching Sunday School at the North Site, so we were more tied into that location. We still enjoy returning to worship in the park during the summer months, and occasionally make it back to hear the pipe organ downtown. One of my most cherished times at FELC was



Mark & Sara Van Beek
Cory & Kent

participating with my two boys in the church's playgroup. It gave me my first opportunity to meet more members of the church. Since then, I've also been involved with the Fifth Sunday Potluck, the Worship & Music Ministry Team, and most recently, the North Site Task Force. I'm currently a stay-at-home mom. I left my job as an electrical engineer at Kimberly-Clark eleven years ago. My husband, Mark, still works there but that's not where we met. We're actually high school sweethearts.

(Sara Van Beek cont.) Since leaving my job, I've spent my time raising our two sons, Cory and Kent, and volunteering at church, the boys' schools and in scouting. Both boys go to school at Odyssey Elementary in Appleton – Cory is in 6th grade, and Kent is in 4th. I enjoy spending time watching my sons play sports and can be found at the baseball diamond most of the summer. Our family enjoys playing disc golf, canoeing, camping, and biking. While I don't have much free time to do them lately, I enjoy woodworking, sewing and scrapbooking.

Joy Hagen: I have called FELC my church home for 23 years. My husband, Jon, and I moved to Appleton in the summer of 1986 so he could attend the Appleton Family Practice Residency Program for three years, and we never left. Our first child, Kate, was born six weeks after moving to Appleton, and three sons followed: Ted, Eric, and Dan. Kate is currently serving a year with the Evangelical Lutheran Church's Young Adults in Global Missions Program



Jon & Joy Hagen
Kate, Ted, Eric & Dan

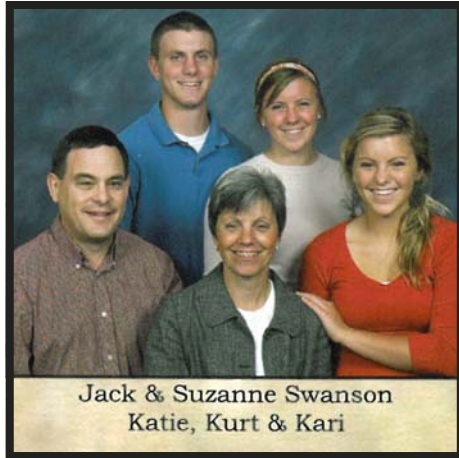
(YAGM) in Cool Air, South Africa. Ted is a junior at St. Olaf College, Eric a senior at North High, and Dan a freshman at North. Our local family also includes Jon's parents, Dr. and Mrs. Clarence Hagen, who moved here twelve years ago from Le Mars, Iowa. We worship together at the 10:30 a.m. service downtown.

Through the years at FELC I have served on the Church Council, the Worship and Music Ministry Team, at both sites, taught Sunday School, participated on the North Site Music Team, sung in the choir and as a cantor downtown, taught confirmation, and tried to help out with other tasks which keep our church humming along. Most recently I served on the Nominating Committee for the Church Council and was very pleased to have 12 excellent candidates willing to serve. The volunteer activity that I spend the most time on is with the advocacy group North STARS (North Fox Cities- Safe Trails and Recreation Supporters) and I shamelessly promote it any chance I get!

I am honored to serve on the Call Committee for our next Senior Pastor and ask for everyone's prayers for our committee and the entire church, that we might find a way to ready our hearts for a new chapter in the life of First English.

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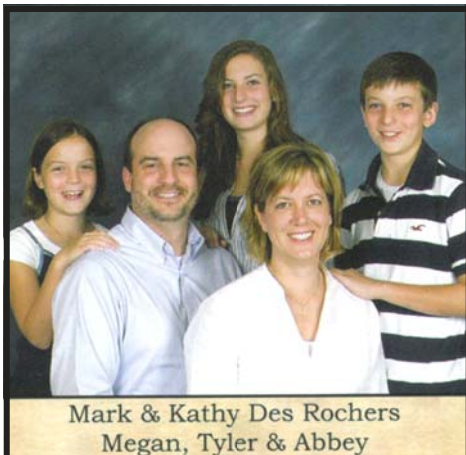
Jack Swanson: We moved to Appleton in 1991, and lived across the street from First English in the 3 story rental on Drew and North. Pastor Bloedow frequently rang our doorbell until we finally visited FELC and we've been members since 1993. Sue and I have 3 kids, Kurt and Kari at St. Olaf and our oldest Katie is a nurse in Missoula, Montana. I have many reasons to be thankful for our church, but I will always appreciate the great spiritual foundation that FELC gave to our kids. I practiced medical oncology (cancer) medicine for about 20 years and 4 years ago switched my practice to Palliative Care and Hospice medicine. This was a big change for me but very satisfying. Sue and I are both from Iowa, and yes, I did grow up on the farm.



Jack & Suzanne Swanson
Katie, Kurt & Kari

Megan DesRochers: is a baptized and confirmed member of FELC. Megan worships mainly at the Downtown Site with her dad and mom, Mark and Kathy, and her siblings, Tyler and Abbey. She currently is a senior at Appleton North High School. She is undecided on a college for next year, but her top choices, at this time, are Luther College and Carthage College. She is currently considering Music Therapy as a potential career goal. Megan plays the piano, French Horn, violin, and guitar. She also sings in two of Appleton North's choirs. She has always had a love for music. Megan's other love is dance.

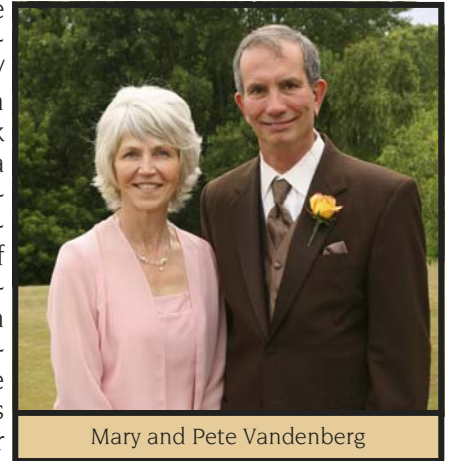
Megan has been an active youth member at FELC. She has taught Sunday School, assisted with VBS, been a member of Seraphim Choir, and is currently one of the pre-school Sunday School opening worship music leaders. She has also been the accompanist for the Cherub Choir for the past three years. Megan attended the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans with the FELC youth last summer and she has participated in two summer mission trips, Quad Cities and Montana, with the church. Megan also enjoys attending FELC's Galvan's Breakfast Club when she can manage to get up that early.



Mark & Kathy Des Rochers
Megan, Tyler & Abbey

Mary Vandenberg: I have been a member of FELC since December 1975. Pete and I raised our sons Phil and Eric, now 27 and 25, here-from baptism through marriage (and beyond, we selfishly hope). We are so grateful for the love and guidance they-and we-have received through this church family.

Over the years, I have served on FELC ministry teams/committees, church council, and task forces. I grew up in a small rural congregation (Farmington Lutheran, just west of Waupaca) where everyone was called on to do everything. Although there are many more members here, the needs for congregation partici-



Mary and Pete Vandenberg

ation are the same-just multiplied many times. I've had the privilege to serve at the conference and synod levels of the ELCA and was a synod delegate to the 1991 churchwide assembly. When the opportunity to help provide a relaxed atmosphere for worshipping families became available, at the North High School commons (three years) and then at the new North Site, Pete and I said yes. We don't see the friends we made serving together at the Downtown Site all those years as often as we'd like, but we have made many new ones! I retired in 2006 after 30 years at AAL/Thrivent Financial. Now you'll find me working part time at Ace Hardware.

Bible study is a passion of mine, fueled by the 10-year (at FELC) Search Bible study that was energized and led by Pastor Will Bloedow and implemented by lay leaders. I loved the learning that took place in our synod's Lay School of Ministry program. And now I've completed the two-year Bethel Bible series taught by Dr. Bruce Hanstedt and am currently teaching the series a second time at FELC. My hope is that, along with the administrative and interpersonal skills needed by the senior pastor of a large, multi-site congregation like ours, our new pastor will also be passionate about helping us increase our understanding of God's messages to us in the Bible.

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Andrew Sather: I am a senior at Appleton North High School and will be attending St. Olaf College in the fall



Rick, Megan, Kris and Andrew Sather

to study American History and Economics. I have been worshipping in the church for 11 or 12 years and I have practically grown up here. I am very involved in youth activities. I actively participate in worship on Wednesdays and I am almost always in attendance for Galvans on Thursday mornings. This summer I will be working as a camp counselor once again in Lakewood, Wisconsin. Outside of my studies, I enjoy rock climbing, Ultimate Frisbee, skiing and traveling.

Dayton Henderson: Amy and I been active members of First English for twenty years. Having originally joined briefly in 1985, we were pleased to return "home" to FELC when transferred back to the area four years later. During this time, I've valued our family being part of a congregation with a vision larger than itself, rooted in and responding to God's love.



Amy & Dayton Henderson

Born in Wisconsin, I grew up in Villa Park, IL – a western suburb of Chicago. Frequent church-basement dinners and family reunions with Norwegian-American relatives led to a love of lefse, a tolerance of lutefisk, and an inclination to attend Luther College. Studying art led to a career in design, and related roles in advertising and marketing communication. I currently lead the design team at K-C – a company I've enjoyed for 25 years. In my free time, I enjoy music and art, running and golf, and travel. Amy and I have two adult daughters and are thoroughly enjoying our growing family. Laura and Greg Meronk live in Appleton; Kate and Sam O'Connor reside in Wauwatosa with their son Jack, born last August. After attending the North Site for several years, Amy and I now worship most often at the Downtown Site's 8 a.m. service. I've previously served FELC through ministry, building and call committees; worship assistance at the North Site; and The Arthur Krempin School of Music & Art. I'm grateful for this opportunity to serve again. Thank you for prayers of support for the committee and its work.