
Weekly Advisory Team Update

UNITY Bulletin: Advisory Team Update for Oct. 17-18, 2026

“If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together.” Maybe you’ve heard that well-known African proverb. There’s so much to celebrate at UNITY – and so much that brings us together as a community – inside our walls, sprucing up our grounds, and showing up for our partners. Thank you for all your care and commitment!

Introducing Our New Bridge Pastor: We’re pleased to announce that Pastor Roy Nelson will join us as a bridge pastor beginning the week of Nov. 2. As a reminder, a bridge pastor helps “bridge the gap” on a short-term basis when a congregation is in a call process. Pastor Roy will serve in ministry, rather than take on administrative duties. He’ll focus primarily on worship, confirmation, visitation, funerals, and related pastoral care. He’ll be with us half-time -- approximately 20 hours per week.

Maybe you’ve crossed paths with Pastor Roy in the area. Following his retirement from full-time ministry in 2022, he has served in a variety of transitional roles: interim executive at Hope Center in Waukesha; bridge pastor at Vernon Lutheran; and bridge and long-term supply pastor at Galilee Lutheran Church in Pewaukee. Among his full-time ministry roles: All Saints Lutheran Church in Wales (11 years) and First Lutheran in DeKalb, Ill. (4 years) following his studies at Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque, Ia. Interestingly, prior to his chapter in ministry, Pastor Roy’s early career was as a law enforcement officer (Brookfield, Butler, Ozaukee County), and he was an attorney for 15 years in Milwaukee.

Pastor Roy’s wife Jean is a church musician (piano and organ). Their son Ben and his wife Megan live in St. Paul, Minn., and he is a pastor in Woodville, Wis. Their daughter Calla is a college student. One of Pastor Roy’s pastimes is golf. Welcome, Pastor Roy!

Director of Christian Education Update: We’ve recently received some additional candidates, and we’re in the process of reviewing their qualifications and fit with UNITY.

New Member Classes: Our Invite team is planning classes for November and will announce dates soon. Reach out to Julie Miesfeld (esch.julie@gmail.com) with questions.

Be priceless: As we shared last weekend, we have a variety of opportunities for volunteers to take on projects that can help manage the work of our congregation during this season of change. Reach out to any of us on the Advisory Team, and we’ll be happy to match you with something that fits your interests. We promise the rewards are priceless!

If you have questions or thoughts to share, please reach out to an Advisory Team member:

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