

Low Conner announces candidacy for Mayor of Two Harbors

Lew Conner recently moved to Two Harbors in September 2020 and has been approached by several citizens suggesting he enter the Mayoral race. He grew up in a small town of 3,500 in West Burlington, Iowa. Moving to a community with Burlington Bay as one of its 'Two Harbors' seemed like a natural decision for Lew.

Currently, Lew is the President of the North Shore Rotary Club and serves on the Board of Directors of North Shore Horizons, a local non-profit that supports victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.

Lew and his wife, Jen Dietrich (a regional artist and former Art Professor at UMD), have a long-haired German Shepherd named 'Sid', they have 6 adult children spread around the world, and 1 grandchild 'on the way'. He is a former college football player (Central College 1977-81), and even though it may be considered a fault for many Minnesotans, he also loves the Iowa Hawkeyes and generally anything related to football! But also loves to cheer for the Gophers 11 out of 12 games each year!

Lew earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Business Administration (Central College) and a Master of Science Degree in Counseling and Higher Education Administration (Drake University). He worked in the higher education industry for over 40 years and is semi-retired while still working part-time as a higher education consultant.

Twenty-Five years ago, Lew helped create what has become a large international non-profit organization (Higher Education User Group). Starting and growing a successful global organization has given him "experience in making strategic decisions and building sus-



Lewis 'Lew' Conner announces his candidacy for Mayor of Two Harbors.

Pictured (L-R): Jen Dietrich and Lew Conner. (submitted photo)

tainable success at scale."

Starting out as an administrator at a university, he saw how things could be better. Working together with multiple campuses, Lew helped develop software to help smooth out the crinkles in student administration. His role within the team was to communicate across the business and with the community to create a solution that was sustainable for everyone.

"By listening to different voices, I can negotiate and navigate complex situations to find common ground. I value compromise and recognize that complex problems like the future

of Two Harbors will take a considered, long term strategic approach."

Lew has a love for building infrastructure and programs that help people connect and thrive now and for generations to come.

Lew's vision for Two Harbors is simple; "I believe our city planning should focus on creating a great place for locals while considering the economic impact tourists will bring. I believe planning must be done with an emphasis on transparency and rigorous honesty to the community. Our strategic investment in infrastructure and programs should work for everyone."

Zoar Church Fall Community Appreciation Dinner in Tofte

Final Season Statistics for Two Harbors Agate Football 2022 Season

<u>Tackles:</u>	
Cash Williams	73
Adam Adamski	64
Zach Bentler	59
Zack Libal	58
Deacon Bark	52
Tate Nelson	50
Kyler Pitkanen	47
Trent Gomez	32
Trenton Meeks	31
Josh Johnson	28
Jace Ruberg	25
Gaven Gomez	20
<u>Rushing (carries- Yards):</u>	
Kyler Pitkanen	128-810 yards - 9 touchdowns
Deacon Bark	50-349 - 8 touchdowns
Zack Libal	47-312 - 4 touchdowns
Tate Nelson	21-204 - 4 touchdowns
Jacob Carpenter	50-178 - 4 touchdowns
Trent Gomez	23-145 - 1 touchdown
Cash Williams	21-128 - 3 touchdowns
Isaiah Hielatla	13-80 - 1 touchdown
Ben Schwartz	15-55
Ethan Bopp	2-5 - 1 touchdown
<u>Kicking:</u>	
Alex Cernada	31-37 Extra Points, 1 Field Goal
<u>Passing:</u>	
Jacob Carpenter	19-53 372 Yards
Ethan Bopp	5-12 115 Yards

Open Letter to the Community
from Pastor Daren Blanck,
Zoar Church - Tofte

Dear Friends -

It's been a beautiful Fall on the North Shore: glorious colors, mild weather, a good number of visitors, and no forest fires! It seems an especially good time to reflect on the challenges of the past two years (the COVID 19 pandemic, friends who have passed on or moved away and the changing of the guard at several local businesses), yet also to acknowledge the talented community leaders and others who worked behind-the-scenes to keep this a special place to live.

Prior to the pandemic, Gary and Marsha Hansen headed up the last Fall Lutefisk Dinner at Zoar Church, closing out a tradition that goes all the way back to the founding of our congregation and the township of Tofte. This year, to bring together and celebrate our community, we're restarting the Fall dinner tradition with a variation, a Jamaican-themed meal including:

- Jamaican Jerk Chicken (plus a non-spicy version for those who prefer)
- Coleslaw, Jamaican Fried Rice and Fresh Pineapple
- Jamaican Toto (Coconut Cake) for dessert and a few other items

Please join us for this FREE event and celebrate the Schroeder-Tofte-Lutsen community.
WHEN: Saturday, November 19, 6:00 PM.
WHERE: Zoar Church Community Room.

Before I close, I'd just like to highlight a few people who deserve special recognition this Fall and will be recognized and thanked as part of this event:

Our community civic leaders including Sarah Somnis, Craig Horak, Sam Crowley, Bruce Martinson, Lloyd Chase, Carla Menssen, Ginny Storlie, Kay Spielman, Alayna Carrier, Anna Green, and Doug Schwecke, volunteer fire fight-

ers and first responders including Richie Nelson, Phil, Charlie, and Joel Bonin, Curt Laboda, Jerry Lawrence, Charlie Muggley, Tim & Rose Thoreson, Jana Sanders, Dannessa Schmidt, Pam Swenson, Paul Olin, Mark Buckman, Bryan VanDoren, David Carlson, Hayley Scott, and our local educational leaders Diane Blanchette and the teachers at Birch Grove School.

Mary VanDoren who has been working tirelessly, in connection with community volunteers, to establish a food program as an extension ministry of Zoar church. The Ruby's Pantry distributions this past summer were a big part of this, but the WE Feed program continues this winter to make sure no one goes hungry in the West End. Our Fall dinner is only possible due to Mary's efforts. If you have volunteered in any way with Ruby's Pantry distributions or in other ways with WE Feed, please come and accept our thanks.

Tina McKeever who serves as the President of the Congregation for Zoar Church. Along with past leadership team members Judy Gregg, Spencer Motschenbacher, Polly Erickson, Skip Lamb, and current leadership team members Peter Hall, Ada Schlienz-Hall, Roby Revier, and Linda Alexander, and musicians Dave Gustafson and Laviona Czaplicki, Tina has been tireless over the past three years in her efforts to keep Zoar Church a beacon of Hope on the North Shore.

If you've read my newsletter over the past year or two, you've probably seen the slogan, "Zoar Church is Your Church." And it's true, we are the church of this community: we celebrate its success and support its growth, we grieve when people struggle and offer a helping hand when there are needs. Our central focus is learning about the life, teaching, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ and acting in accordance with how he calls us to live and love each other. We invite you to experience the warmth and welcome at our Fall Community Appreciation Dinner and maybe even check us out on a Sunday morning. Hope you can make it!