



Board of Elders 2021

Wayne Vinkemeier

City of Residence: Stewart, MN

Wayne was raised on a family farm in Sibley County. He attended LeSueur Public School. Drafted into the US Army in 1969. Honorably discharged in 1971. Attended college and graduated from St. Cloud State University in 1977 with a BA in Sociology and Criminal Justice Studies. He worked for Anoka County Court Services for 2 yrs. In 1979 he moved to Stewart, MN and began



working for the McLeod Sheriff's Office. He worked in Law Enforcement for almost 30 years with the last 8 years as the McLeod County Sheriff. He retired as sheriff in 2007.

Wayne married his wife Carol in 1973. They lived in Anoka County, Carol was a 2nd grade teacher. They have a son, Joshua, who is married and lives in Victoria, MN. In 2004, Carol passed away from cancer.

In 2011, he married Lori at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Stewart. Lori has 3 adult children and 4 grandchildren. Lori, who is catholic, attends St. Boniface Catholic Church in Stewart.

Wayne was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Stewart for over 30 years. He taught Sunday School for several years and was on the church council. St. Paul's Lutheran became part of the ELCA. Wayne enjoyed worshipping at St. Paul's but found the ELCA to be very liberal in it's beliefs. He decided to find a church that had similar beliefs that he has and chose Peace Lutheran Church.

“A member of the Elders spoke to me, asking if I would consider being placed on the ballot for Elder. I told him I would. This was a way I could give some thing back to Peace Lutheran Church.”

Wayne’s Favorite Bible Verse: The Bible verse I want to use is from the Old Testament, Galatians 3:36. “For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.” This was the Bible verse used at his baptism.

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