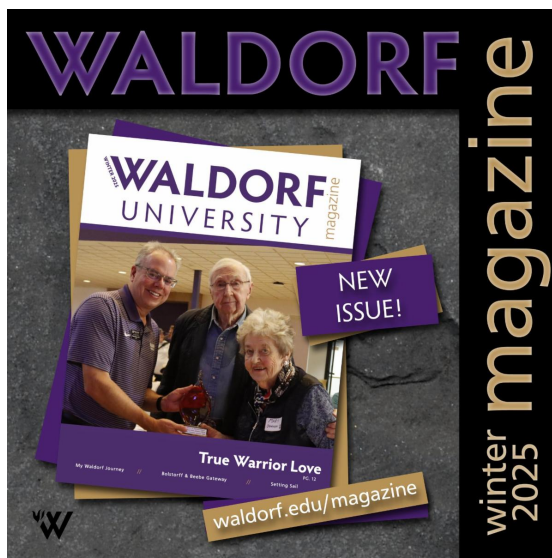


## February 2025

### News!

#### Winter 2025 Waldorf Magazine - Out Now!



The latest edition of the Waldorf Magazine is now available to read online. Our featured story is "True Warrior Love", which details the story of William (Bill) and Mary (Carlson) Johnson, both class of 1958, and their tireless support of Waldorf. Other featured pieces in this edition touch on things like the class reunions and award ceremonies, the Bolstorff and Beebe Gateway, Waldorf Choir performing at Carnegie Hall, and much more. There's a lot of exciting things happening at Waldorf! Click the button below to read:

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### Upcoming Events!

**HOMECOMING 2025 IS OCTOBER 10 - 12**



#### Waldorf Cedar Rapids Meet-up, Thursday, March 27

**SAVE THE DATE** - Come visit with Waldorf alumni and friends this March in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. For fun, let's celebrate Hollywood and baseball with a few stories from our catcher's mitt co-hosts, Waldorf's own Kent Stock, Mark Danker, and Lynn Petersen, all from the Class of 1981. They represent members of the first Waldorf **Team of Honor** with their 1981 baseball team, the subject of the movie *Final Season*, and a baseball playing ghost in the movie *Field of Dreams*.



## Waldorf Indianapolis Meet-up, Friday, April 11 *Fire Department Instructors Conference*

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR** - Are you in Indianapolis or going to be for the FDIC conference? Doc Wicks 1988 is hosting an alumni and community meet up at Metazoa Brewing Co., 140 S College Avenue, Indianapolis, IN. RSVP to Theo Schoneman, Director of Engagement & Alumni Relations at [alumni@waldorf.edu](mailto:alumni@waldorf.edu) and 641-585-8148.

Connect with Waldorf alumni from the area as well as fire and safety professional alumni, and build your friend and professional networks. We are excited to see you!

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## Concert Celebration for Steven Thompson



Dear Steve Thompson-era Waldorf Band alumni,

Dr. Steve Thompson, longtime band director at Waldorf and Bethel University, St. Paul, is retiring at the end of this academic year. I am writing to invite you to help celebrate him on **April 5th, 2025**, when his former and current students will gather for a Steven Thompson Alumni Band Concert, 3:00 pm, Saturday April 5th in the Benson Great Hall on Bethel's campus. Rehearsals begin at 10:00 am, followed by a luncheon and program with opportunities for storytelling. A reception follows the concert, and friends can gather off campus at a restaurant (TBD) to spend more time with Steve and Carol and your fellow band alums. Steve loves his students, and it would mean a lot for him to see you.

**PICTURES!** We are gathering photos to assemble into a specially bound book for Steve. **The Deadline is March 5.** Please send digital, hi resolution images (600k to 1mb or larger) to Amanda Lewis, [mandye28@gmail.com](mailto:mandye28@gmail.com). Taking a phone picture of a printed photo from the 80's or 90's or 00's works surprisingly well!

There will be a registration form posted soon at the link below with instructions about sending stories, physical items and a financial contribution toward the gift for

Steve. Please use this [link](#) now to register and get more information as it is available.

Hope to see you on April 5th!  
Ben Allaway  
Director, Waldorf Choir 1987-1992

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## RAGBRAI 2025 Coming to Forest City!



The Big Ride hits Forest City in July! RAGBRAI, the 52nd year of the Register's Annual Great Bike Ride Across Iowa, spends the night on a northern cross state route in Forest City on July 22, after a 70-mile day. Upwards of 30,000 riders and support crew will occupy the town and Waldorf campus.

If you want to **ride** one day, three days, or the whole week, contact Rod Schultz and Theo Schoneman at [alumni@waldorf.edu](mailto:alumni@waldorf.edu).

Interested in **volunteering** at Waldorf for the day and/or night? It takes a large group of dedicated people to support and showcase the university, campus, and town. Hang onto your handlebars, we have cycling jerseys for sale, too. Contact if interested.

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## Join Waldorf Choir at Carnegie Hall in 2026!



PERFORM WITH

**EMILIE  
BERTRAM**

Director of Choral Activities, Music Department  
Chair, and Associate Professor of Music, Waldorf  
University (Forest City, IA)



**MOZART'S  
MASS IN C MAJOR, K. 317  
"CORONATION MASS"**



Waldorf Music is excited to announce Dr. Emilie Bertram, Director of Choral Activities and Music Department Chair, has accepted an invitation to conduct Mozart's Mass in C, K. 317, the "Coronation Mass," with the New England Symphonic Ensemble and distinguished guest soloists as part of MidAmerica Production's 43rd anniversary season. The performance will take place March 14, 2026, on the illustrious Perelman Stage of Carnegie Hall's historic Stern Auditorium.

Join us at Carnegie Hall March 11-15, 2026! The New York City five day residency experience has options for program provided housing, as well as a concert-only option for those who have other housing arrangements. Experiences in the city, housing, some meals, and special access are all part of this alumni and student program with our partners at MidAmerica. **Early registration ends April 1, with a registration deadline of July 1, 2025**, Adam Stich is our representative and can answer questions by email at [astich@midamerica-music.com](mailto:astich@midamerica-music.com), or by telephone at 803.979.2805 For further information, please visit [www.midamerica-music.com](http://www.midamerica-music.com).

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## How to Help!

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### Award Nominations Needed





*Helen and Gerald Barth received the "Heart and Spirit" Award from President Alsop last fall*

Waldorf University is seeking nominations for the Alumni Distinguished Service Award and the Award for Recent Service. These honors recognize Waldorf alumni who have performed distinctive and meritorious service in areas such as public affairs, education, church, business, and government. We are also seeking nominations of people who may not necessarily fit the description of those awards, but may be deserving of other potential awards. As an example, Helen and Gerald Barth received the "Heart and Spirit" Award for their incredible impact on Waldorf and the student body. If you have anyone in mind, email us at [alumni@waldorf.edu](mailto:alumni@waldorf.edu) or check out the [awards page](#).

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## Celebrate Waldorf through Philanthropy



Please [make a gift](#) to the Window of Opportunity campaign or the area you most love. The Waldorf Fund, Scholarships, Alumni Relations, and Campus Ministry. The *Window of Opportunity Campaign* helps us with the \$2.5 million in costs the Foundation incurred while purchasing the University in December of 2022. This is a short term campaign, but it is currently our highest priority.

The future of Waldorf is bright, and we are grateful for you!

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