Please join us in welcoming Dr. Rick Vander Heide as the Lab's new Service Line Medical Director (SLMD) of Marshfield Labs. He is replacing Dr. Tom Fritsche as he retires after 13 years of service as the SLMD and as our Microbiology Infectious Disease pathologist. Dr. Fritsch will begin an Emeritus role with Marshfield Clinic Research Institute to continue his love of research work.

Dr. Vander Heide joins us from a pathology leadership and educator role at Louisiana State University in New Orleans LA. At LSU, Dr. Vander Heide, practiced in the area of Autopsy and Surgical Pathology, and comes to us with a variety of lab, teaching, and research experiences. Of note, his laboratory weathered Hurricane Katrina and participated in the build of a new hospital and lab during his time in Louisiana, along with starting a number of new lab services. We look forward to having Dr. Vander Heide as part of our laboratory team.