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She also sat with a man whose wife was dying. Her family couldn't be in the room with her.

"This was the hardest part of our jobs — watching people suffer and not having their loved ones there," Waystedt said.

She was asked if the pandemic had altered her personal beliefs. "My belief is that God is in control and to keep my eyes on Jesus . . . our life can be hard and things can change in any given moment, but if we pull together and make the best of it there is a blessing in the biggest of challenges and hardest of times."

David Moberg has been a medical laboratory technician for 35 years, three of them here. His job includes updating blood samples, taking urine, sputum and stool samples, testing, reporting results and working with providers.

"COVID's biggest impact was how much restriction it caused," he said. "Non-elective surgeries canceled, clinics closed, all specialty services closed for six to eight weeks. (March 17 to May 3, 2020). After that, Moberg said, it picked up with increased COVID testing, adding he did about 25 COVID tests a day. Over the two-year period he did 500.

He said basically everyone with COVID was afraid, even those with mild symptoms, and the news media's constant updates and numbers did little to relieve the fear. Now, in the

last six months, he has seen the level of fear diminish.

"There's less unknown and now there's treatment," he said.

Last November Moberg himself got COVID, a severe case. He had been vaccinated just the day before he got sick.

Vanessa Harrison, CNA/homemaker at Water's Edge Care Center, has worked there for eight years. Her job title includes "homemaker" because she helps with breakfast and does COVID testing. The care center has 21 residents on each side ranging in age from the 70s to 102.

Harrison talked about the constant need to change PPE as they went from room to room. The residents had to stay in their room and could have no visitors. There weren't many window visits either, although room numbers were posted on the outside of the window.

"They got sad and lonely and a lot of them passed away due to loneliness," Harrison said.

Andrea Carroll, RN care coordinator at Water's Edge, has worked there for 27 years. She works with the tenants in the apartments. When the pandemic hit, the doors closed between Water's Edge and the hospital and the tenants couldn't go to their medical appointments or the ER. No visitors were allowed.

They set up tenants on FaceTime so they could talk to their friends and family. The clinic began setting up virtual ap-



BY RICH JACKSON

A registered nurse at Hayward Area Memorial Hospital dons personal protective equipment before testing colleagues for signs of COVID.

pointments. At one point someone in the facility got COVID so the tenants couldn't go to the dining room. Eventually that restriction was eased but social distancing — just one person per table — was observed.

"I wonder sometimes how we all made it through. Each little step toward opening up was huge," Carroll said.

Kathy Heinkel, patient financial services at Water's Edge, recalled that no visitors were allowed from March 2020 until the

summer of 2021. She had to change clothes when she got to work and wore a mask and goggles. She did not have to wear full PPE.

She also had to wipe everything down — everything from groceries to the mail. She fielded many phone calls and screened visitors and vendors.

Matt LeBlanc, pharmacist, has been on the job here for four years. There are three pharmacists and two pharmacy technicians in the department.

"COVID changed my job — lots of changes," he

said, referring, in part, to stopping the face-to-face medication reconciliations they did with every patient. This is where they go through their medications and make sure the list is accurate. Instead, they used the phone.

With COVID came lots of medication changes. They treated patients with Remdesivir, the main antiviral drug, along with corticosteroids and Dexamethasone, and they prescribed Lovenox to prevent blood clots, a complication from COVID, he said.

LeBlanc said there was more monitoring, going over patients' lab results to make sure treatment could be continued without harming kidney function.

Outside of work, LeBlanc said he had to find alternative ways to exercise. He was used to being able to use the school gym for basketball, but when the schools closed so did the gyms.

The pandemic and his role in it did not change LeBlanc's belief or value systems.

"It's all evidence-based medicine, but we had to change and work much faster. Very technical; lots of communication, and clinically focused," he said, giving Cherie Morgan kudos for her daily communications, all the time, with providers and facilities. "She played a big role," he said.

Angela Johnson, Emergency Department nurse manager, and Donnie Vollmer, Emergency Department RN, saw a

lot of action, especially during the second wave of COVID in the fall of 2021, when COVID cases were up and people were sicker, Johnson recalled.

Vollmer said they had to adapt with much fewer resources: not enough ICU beds, not enough ICU-trained doctors. Also during the second wave they had more temporary holds of patients in the ER, with some patients staying in ER for days.

"We were fatigued," Vollmer said.

Johnson and Vollmer said many patients were demanding, some wanting trial medications that were not approved and some even refusing to believe their own test results.

Both saw community polarization, with people being total anti-vax and others total pro-vax.

On a spectrum of 1 to 10, with 10 being the sickest, Johnson and Vollmer said they saw patients on average that were at the 7 level.

Their experience affected them both on a personal level. Johnson said she went home and didn't want to go anywhere.

"I needed a quiet place. I went off of social media and didn't watch the news," she said.

Vollmer said he had a constant fear of bringing the virus home. "We internalized a lot because we didn't want to scare the family," he said.

In the end, "It all got done," Vollmer said.

"We can move quickly. I think we did pretty darn good," Johnson said.

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Other Service times in Sunday
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Hayward Branch; Duluth, MN
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Sun. Service 9:00 am

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Sunday 9:30 am
Worship Schedule:
Saturday 5 pm
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Education Hour 10:45 am
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Sunday Worship 9 am
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Sunday School 10:30 am
Youth Group - Wed. 7 pm

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Barnes, WI 54873
Rev. Jon Hartman, Pastor
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Sundays at 10 am

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13 miles east of Hayward on
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Sunday Service 9 am
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