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news and VIEWS

Lutheran High School Association's Bold New Format

Many of our constituency have been asking for a new and different format to share the remarkable blessings of the Ministry to Young People in our four Lutheran High Schools of the Southeast Michigan area – one in each county. This is our bold new format.

This "Bold New Format" of the News and Views will be published as a LHSA Semester Journal.

Each edition will include separate pages for your Lutheran High School with pictures, articles and upcoming events. Other pages will include Alumni updates and Reunion information. Memorials, "Angel Gifts" for Student Tuition Aid and other LHSA "Joy Giving" opportunities via the Grand Club will be featured as well as local school projects.

Blessings of the Lutheran Education Foundation and the Operations Investment Fund will also be summarized. These future funds are vital to funding ever greater Student Tuition Aid needs (currently over a million dollars a year for all forms of help). Also provided are avenues for legacy gifts to endow our Ministry to Young People for years to come.

This "Bold New Format" will be sent to the homes of current parents, alumni of record, parents of alumni who wish to continue receiving school updates, and to the many friends and supporters of the Lutheran High School Association.

A contest will be held during the first semester of 2008-2009 to come up with a new name for this biannual "News and Views" Journal. The winner will receive a \$100 LHSA Tuition Grant to be used for a student of their choice. Submit your entries to my e-mail: jherzog@lhsa.com.

Blessings as you enjoy catching up on the excitement as this academic year is off to a great start.



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Sandra Boehm
Karen Bolak

Warren and Sandy Bookman
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Robert and Pamela Catron
Charlotte Cornell
Bill and Shirley Day
Ashley Deremer
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Sasko Dimoski
Easy Rodders Car Club
Lori Ehnes
Mickey and Terry Ellis
James and Nikki Falschelner
Jerry and Linda Ferguson
Freestone Family
Bill Goodman
Tom and Carol Gray

David and Ava Hanna
Barbara Harris
John and Marlene Herzog
Ken and Julie Hoegeman
John and Judy Hruska
Bruce Hubley
Denise Huntley
James, Diane, Jessica and Mark Immell
Nick Ingala
Gary Johr
Roger Johr
James Karls
Jim and Becky Kline
KOI Auto Parts of Cincinnati
Joe and Marge Konkell
Craig, Karen and Brianne Landreth
Romaine Landreth
Bob Larivee
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Nick Lopiccolo
Sandi MacDonald
Charlie Martin

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Bruce and Judy Pearltein

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Larry Way
Joyce, Lindsey and Patrick Weishaar
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Harry and Cheryl Willett
Tom Williams Family
Robert and Arlene Zocco

Additional memorials/contributions may be sent to the Kara Larivee Memorial Scholarship Fund,
Att. Dr. John Herzog, LHSA, 1100 Bagley, Rochester Hills, MI 48309

LHSA Auction to Take a Sabbatical!

The Lutheran High School Auctions have been a highlight of early November for over twenty years. The combined Alumni of the Lutheran High Schools worked together with the Association to begin this evening of fellowship and support in 1983. From that sold out two-night event at the Detroit Yacht Club, LHSA Annual Auctions have been hosted by Alumni and then in recent years by each Lutheran High School's constituency. Well over \$2,000,000 has been generated in support for our Ministry to Young People, particularly for faculty salaries and student tuition aid. However, in recent years, the economy has taken a toll on support generated and on attendance. Participation in the "granddaddy auction of them all" has been trending downward

as many Lutheran Congregations and Lutheran Elementary Schools have been winding up their own highly successful local auctions to benefit Christian Education. Therefore, the Annual LHS Auction is going to take a sabbatical and be re-evaluated for start-up potential in future years. It is interesting to note that the St. Louis LHSA Auction, which was the model for our Detroit LHSA Auction, went through the same experience after years of very successful auctions. They took a number of years off until the St. Louis LHSA Auction was restarted with new enthusiasm and support.



Exchange Students in the LHSA

The Lutheran High School Association of Greater Detroit (LHSA) sponsors a private high school program that brings high school students to the United States. Because we live in an international world today, we feel it is important for young people, future leaders of the world, to be exposed to each other and their respective cultures. We offer them the exciting opportunity to seek and achieve academic excellence and responsible independence in a Christian educational environment. Our goal is to instill in students the dedication to high scholastic and moral standards that will light their paths throughout their lives. We currently have 37 international students attending our Lutheran High Schools from Brazil, China, Germany, Japan, Korea, and Vietnam. We have had students in prior years from these countries, as well as students from Albania, France, Macedonia, Russia, and Spain. We are working with our first applicant from Jamaica to attend during the 2009-2010 school year.

2008-2009 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

8/25	Classes Begin
8/29 - 9/1	No School - Labor Day Weekend
10/24	Last Day of First Quarter
11/26	Half Day - Start of Thanksgiving Break
11/27 - 11/28	No School - Thanksgiving Break
12/16 - 12/19	Exams
12/20 - 1/4	No School - Christmas Break
1/16	Last Day of First Semester
1/19	First Day of Second Semester
2/16	No School - Presidents' Weekend
3/18	Last Day of Third Semester
3/19 - 3/23	No School - ALSS Conference
4/8	Half Day - Start of Easter Break
4/9 - 4/19	No School - Easter Break
5/25	No School - Memorial Day
6/2 - 6/5	Exams
6/5	Last Day of School





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New Administrators and Faculty at North

There is a new face in the LHN Principal's office, but a familiar one to students, parents, and faculty. **Mr. John Reincke** assumed his new duties as principal in July from Dr. Steve Buuck. His service to the Lutheran High School Assn. dates back to 1990 when, as a recent Concordia, River Forest graduate, he was called to be a math teacher and coach. In 1995, he received a call to serve as Athletic Director at Lutheran High School of Minneapolis. While in Minneapolis, Mr. Reincke completed his Masters program and was again issued a call by LHN, this time to be the Athletic Director. He served in that capacity from 1999 until December 2003, when he was given the opportunity to take on the role of Assistant Principal. He quickly adapted to his new call and became the 'gentle giant' of discipline. Students recognized Mr. Reincke as a firm and fair authority figure; and also as someone who would lend a helping hand when called upon, e.g. – to change a tire, dig your car out of a ditch, even help you with math. As principal, his servant attitude will continue to be there for students as they are his first priority.

Ministry and serving the church runs in the family. Mr. Reincke's wife, Karen, is involved in children and family ministry at Immanuel, Macomb. Their family is also actively involved in sports as participants and coaches; and, as dad and mom, they are in the stands cheering for their 3 athletic daughters, Anna and Ashley, a junior and freshman at LHN, and Alexis a 5th grader at Immanuel.

Mr. Reincke looks forward to the continued rewards and challenges his new position will bring. He is thankful for the dedicated staff that works together to make Lutheran North one of the finest high schools in Michigan.

God has blessed LHN with many faithful servants; and with Mr. Reincke, He has placed us in very good hands.

Bryan Oechsner received a B.S. in Communication from the University of Wisconsin Stevens Point; 6-12 English Education Certification from the University of Wisconsin Milwaukee and an M.Ed. in Instructional Technology from Cardinal Stritch University.

Following a four-year stint as a high school English teacher at Milwaukee Lutheran, Bryan served as Minister of Technology at Immanuel Lutheran Church and School in Macomb, MI. In this position, he taught technology to the K-8 environment, coordinated all worship media needs and managed the network infrastructure.

Bryan is married to Heather (nee Locke) and is blessed with two wonderful boys; Cole is three and Denny is one. Family time is Bryan's greatest joy, but he manages to carve out some time for playing the guitar, athletics, reading, traveling and working in his yard.

Bryan currently serves as Assistant Principal for Lutheran High North in Macomb, MI.

The new member in the English and Foreign Language Department comes to LHN from Concordia University Wisconsin.

Ms. Angie Kaschel developed her passion for teaching by the teachers who were a positive Christian influence throughout her high school and college years. Angie is looking forward to sharing the love of Christ with North students.

Mr. Joshua Kratz, Math Department, not only has a familiar name, but also a familiar face at Lutheran North. A 2004 graduate from LHN, his dad is Mr. Dean Kratz, Music Department. Josh holds a Master Degree in mathematics from CUW; and is excited to be back at his alma mater as a teacher and on the football field as a coach for the Mustangs.

After spending the past 10 years in Florida as a youth director, **Mr. Michael Hardies** returns to the Theology Department at North. Michael is a graduate from Lutheran Westland and Concordia, River Forest. He is glad to be back in Michigan and feels blessed to be in the LHN family once again.

Mrs. Kathleen Short was welcomed to the Lutheran North faculty as the Family and Consumer Education chairperson. She received her teaching degree from Eastern Michigan University and is currently pursuing a Master Degree in counseling. Kathleen states that she wants to be for the LHN students "the teacher she never had."



Stadium Upgrade at LHN

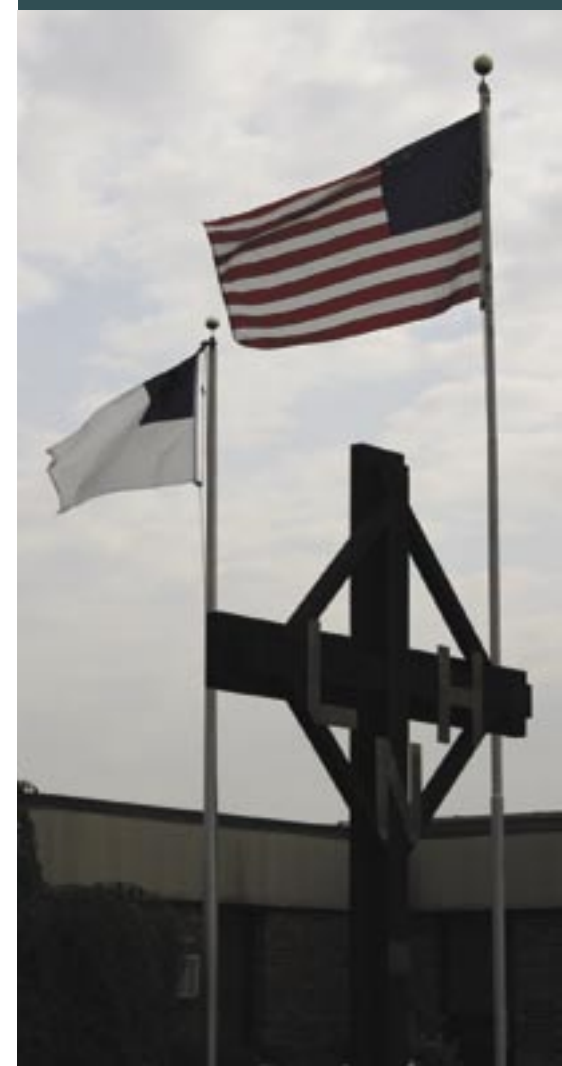
With the completion of the new secure storage building under the stadium bleachers at Lutheran High North, the Mustang Spirit Club has transformed the garage, formerly used for storage of field maintenance and athletic equipment, into a structure that will house Admissions, Concessions and Spirit Wear for events held in the stadium.

The concession trailer was removed (sold to St. Peter – Macomb) and cement replaced the gravel between the garage and the former location of the concession trailer. The south side of the garage, outside the fenced area, was re-done with asphalt and a drain added to alleviate the pooling of water during times of inclement weather. A new roof was placed on the garage and new doors were added to secure the building. Inside, new lights, a suspended ceiling, countertops and

cabinets were installed. Fans will now enter the stadium through the new facility, first passing the Admissions counter then past the Spirit Wear display. For concessions, fans will walk down a center aisle from inside the stadium then head back towards the stadium along a concession counter which spans almost the entire east side of the building. The fenced gate that was used for admissions in the past will now be designated as the exit.

The United States flag, our symbol of hope, waves alongside the cross, and proclaims to all who pass through Lutheran High School North's doors the school's devotion to sharing and modeling the Gospel of Christ Jesus. The hope we place in our country's flag is similar to the hope we place in our Savior. The difference between the two is the certainty of our eternal salvation through Christ's death and resurrection. It's also the reason we can proclaim with David,

*"But as for me,
I will always have
hope; I will praise
you more and more."
Psalm 71:14*



LEFT TO RIGHT, BACK ROW:
MRS. KATHLEEN SHORT,
MR. JOSHUA KRATZ, MR. MIKE HARDIES,
MR. JOHN REINCKE (PRINCIPAL)
FRONT ROW: MISS ANGELA KASCHEL,
MR. BRYAN OECHSNER (ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL)



Welcome New Faculty

We welcome to
our ministry team the
following new staff:

Rev. Aaron Richert –

A 2000 NW grad, Pastor Richert minored in English at Concordia, River Forest and then went on to Concordia Seminary in Ft. Wayne. He will be joining our staff to teach 9th and 10th grade Theology and also two sections of Senior British Literature. Pastor Richert will also coach 9th grade boys basketball.



Mr. Chris Jung –

After graduating from Concordia University, Ann Arbor, Mr. Jung started out at the Lutheran High School in Metairie, Louisiana...one of the schools hit hard by Katrina. While he was there, he was named LEA Teacher of the Year. He moved from there to the Lutheran High School in Mayer, Minnesota. He was working on his Masters in Spanish and has studied in Spain. Mr. Jung joins NW and will be teaching all the Spanish classes as well as helping with NHS.

Mrs. Michele Kopp –

Mrs. Kopp is from the area and has her Masters degree with a math major. She was originally teaching at Utica Ford II and the Utica Community Schools. She has also been a math tutor and taught Adult Education. She has been very active in her church and is looking forward to being part of our Christian ministry. Mrs. Kopp will be teaching Geometry and Pre-Algebra.



New Memorial Scholarship Fund

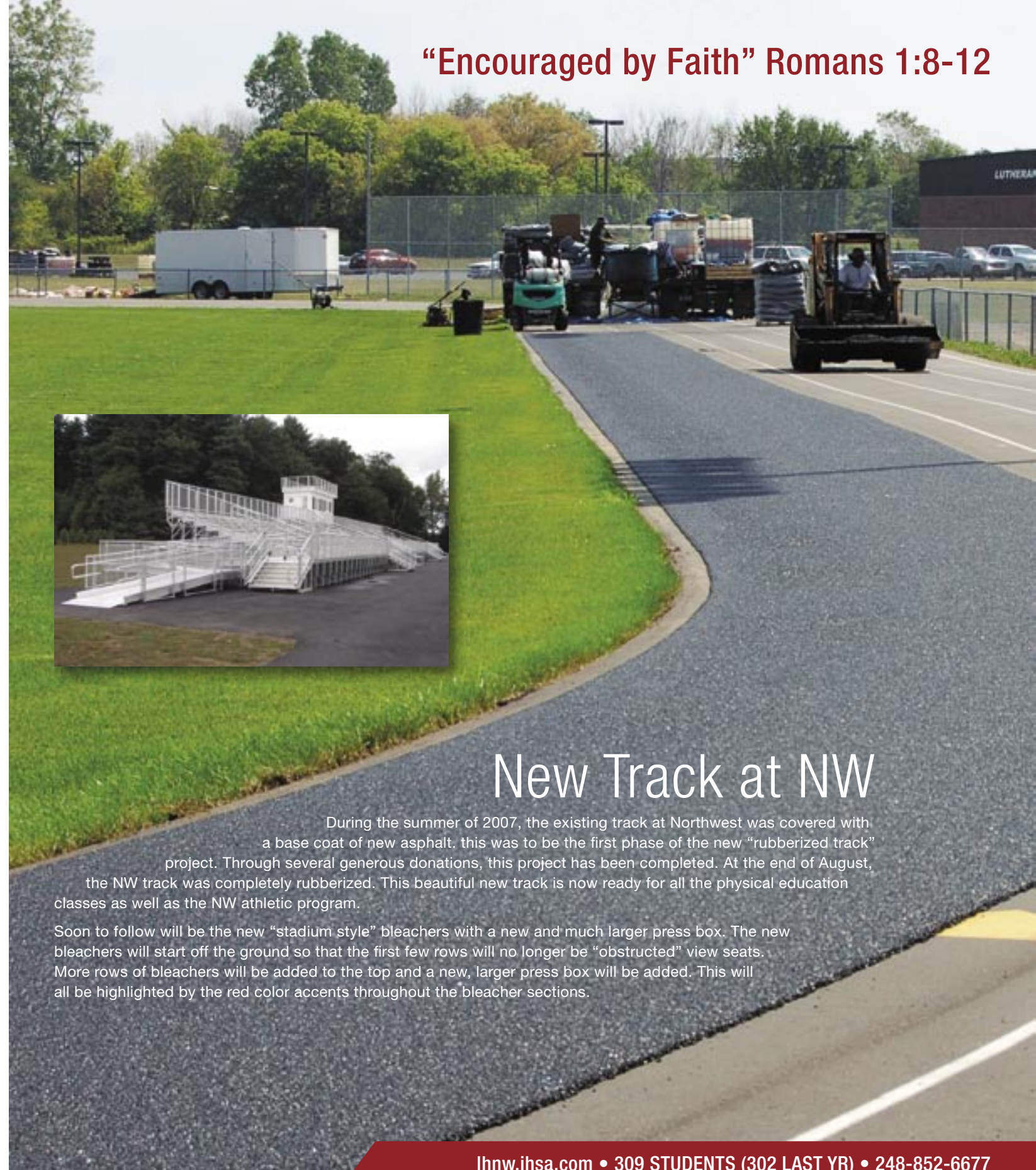
The Kara Larivee Memorial Scholarship Fund

On Monday, July 21, 2008, a tragic accident on I-75 claimed the life of Kara Larivee. Kara was on her way to class in Troy when the car she was driving was run into from behind by a semi-trailer. She was pronounced dead at the scene.

Kara was a member of the Lutheran High Northwest senior class of 2007. Along with the family that Kara leaves behind, there were a great number of friends from her years at Northwest. She was a very pleasant young lady who made friends easily. Kara also played on Northwest's girls soccer team.

Much of Kara's life for 4 years revolved around her activities and friends at NW. Because of this, the family has generously designated portions of memorial gifts to be used for financial aid for students who wish to attend Lutheran High Northwest but need tuition assistance to do so. The Kara Larivee Memorial Scholarship Fund will be used to grant two \$1,000 need-based scholarship grants per year for many years to come.

“Encouraged by Faith” Romans 1:8-12



New Track at NW

During the summer of 2007, the existing track at Northwest was covered with a base coat of new asphalt. this was to be the first phase of the new “rubberized track” project. Through several generous donations, this project has been completed. At the end of August, the NW track was completely rubberized. This beautiful new track is now ready for all the physical education classes as well as the NW athletic program.

Soon to follow will be the new “stadium style” bleachers with a new and much larger press box. The new bleachers will start off the ground so that the first few rows will no longer be “obstructed” view seats. More rows of bleachers will be added to the top and a new, larger press box will be added. This will all be highlighted by the red color accents throughout the bleacher sections.

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Lutheran High School Westland begins its 23rd Academic Year with 208 students. The theme for the 2008-2009 school year is from Philippians 4:8, *“Fix Your Mind.”* In Philippians the Apostle Paul reminds us that our situation should not determine our attitude. We should rejoice and not worry about our circumstances because of what Christ has done for us. As Christians, we can have peace because our forgiveness and salvation is assured in Christ’s resurrection. With that assurance we should *Fix Our Minds* on those things that are God pleasing, and put them into practice.



New Faculty

Lutheran High School Westland will start the 2008-2009 school year with three new teachers.

Ms. Alissa Hall is a graduate of Hillsdale College and will be teaching Math & Physics. Ms. Hall is a member of St. Paul’s Lutheran Church in Northville.

Mr. Nicholas Kwapis is a graduate of Lutheran Northwest and Concordia University Wisconsin. Mr. Kwapis will be teaching Music and Chemistry. Mr. Kwapis and his wife, Aubrey, are members of Our Savior Lutheran Church in Hartland.

Ms. Michele Mason will be teaching Spanish and World Geography. Ms. Mason is a graduate of Lutheran North and Michigan State University. She is a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Utica.



1st Semester Calendar

October 1 — Homecoming (vs. Clarenceville)

November 5 — Harvest Luncheon @ 11:30 am

December 5 & 6 — LHWL Winter Wonderland Craft Show

December 13 — Christmas Concert @ 7 pm

Westland Pilots New Grand Club Focus

You are invited to a luncheon at Schoolcraft College on Wednesday, November 5 at 11:30 a.m. This “Lamp Lighter Society” Luncheon is the culmination of a year long effort to reconnect with Alumni, parents of Alumni, and friends of Westland. Two to three times a month, “Back to Basics” 50 minute tours at Westland have focused on the “rigor, relevance, and relationships” that make Westland so very effective. Parent, student, and administrative testimonials say it like it is and have touched the hearts of those who attend.

The Lamp Lighter Society Luncheon is an effort to retell the Westland story, touch the hearts of all who attend, and ask for the continued support for Westland Student Tuition Aid via five year pledges. Consideration of these “Grand Club” gifts will enable more students’ lives to be touched in these challenging economic times. This exciting luncheon event is open to anyone interested in our Ministry to Young People. There is no cost to the delicious luncheon which is a great opportunity for fellowship and reconnecting that was so evident in the annual LHSA Auctions for many years.

If you would like an invitation for your friends, please contact Principal Steve Schwecke at 734.422.2090 or Superintendent John Herzog at 248.856.0240 or jherzog@lhsa.com.

This reconnect emphasis and development of a “Lamp Lighter Society Grand Club focus” at Westland has been funded by a Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Charitable Gifting Initiative. Our goal is to follow with a similar focus at Lutheran Northwest, Lutheran North, and Lutheran South.



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“Set an Example”
1 Timothy 4:11-16



New Faculty



Rachel Garrabrant graduated from Concordia, Ann Arbor in 1998. She began her teaching career in St. Paul Lutheran in Dolton,

Illinois. This was followed by a year at Trinity Lutheran School in Lansing, Illinois. She and her husband Steve then decided they wanted to move closer to home and begin their family. They returned to Michigan and Rachel taught at Our Shepherd in Birmingham. After their oldest son Jonah was born, Rachel accepted a part-time position in the Early Childhood department at Immanuel Lutheran in Macomb. She then took a seven year break from teaching to raise their growing family. Rachel has been heavily involved in the ministry at Lutheran South since her husband became principal in 2002 immediately following the birth of their second son, Elijah. Now that their youngest, Silas, is beginning school, Rachel is excited to be re-entering the work force. Her duties at LHS include teaching Sophomore English and part-time secretarial. She has greatly enjoyed the first few weeks of school and looks forward to an exciting year!



Karen Durham returns to teaching after twelve years of being at home with two sons. She was a volunteer librarian during that time period and occasionally did substitute teaching. Karen enjoys reading a variety of literature and is especially thrilled to be sharing poetry with the 9th grade English class at Lutheran High South this year. Karen also teaches part-time at Holy Ghost Lutheran School in Monroe, Michigan.



Rev. Mark Witte is the new Old Testament teacher at Lutheran High South. He is the associate pastor of Grace Lutheran Church in Monroe, Michigan. He has served there as pastor for over two years now. Pastor Witte grew up in Lombard, Illinois, a suburb of Chicago. His mother was a teacher and his father has worked at Concordia University Chicago (nee River Forest) for over 30 years. Pastor Witte went to Concordia River Forest for undergraduate work and received a bachelor's degree majoring in computer Science. He then felt the call to be a pastor and attended Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Pastor Witte married his wife, Sarah, in 2003 and since has been blessed with three little boys: Luke, Jonah, and Seth.



Adam Paducha is starting his teaching career as Lutheran High South's new Science and Technology teacher. As a 2008 graduate of Eastern Michigan University where he majored in Integrated Science, Adam participated in two different research projects and was able to study Ecology in the Galapagos Islands. Additionally, he taught at EMU's *Gear'd Up* summer school program, served as a Science Olympiad coach in Ann Arbor, and obtained a Project Wild certification, which was developed to integrate the teaching of conservation in the classroom. With this broad range of academic experience, Adam is looking forward to his first year of teaching sciences in a high school setting.



Athletic Field Development

A major change in the campus at Lutheran South is the removal of the original house and out buildings near the soccer field. This will be the site of the new Baseball Field to the north of the Gymnasium.

Chapel on the South Campus — Students start and end their day with Chapel in the church building adjacent to the Gymnasium. As the enrollment continues to grow, the church building will become added

classroom space currently used for music classes. Planning for the classroom wing will begin during the 2009 -2010 Academic Year which anticipates an enrollment nearing 70 students with a goal of construction in 2010-2011. These are exciting times in the history of Lutheran South.



Interested in Advertising? Future editions will expand to 16 pages with increased Alumni and school news.

If you are interested in ad costs, please e-mail jherzog@lhsa.com or mwier@lhsa.com.

Circle the Date! Annual Grand Club Dinner

Annual Grand Club Appreciation Dinner at the Detroit Athletic Club on Monday evening, December 8. Invitations will be sent in mid November.

Alumni News Wanted

E-mail pictures, alumni updates, reunion information, and more as the alumni pages are expanded. Submit names and addresses of alumni and parents of alumni you want added to the mailing list. Information may be submitted via e-mail or sent to the LHSA office.

Next Issue

The second semester issue will come to you by mid January, 2009. Features include continued news from your schools, introduction to the Board of Directors and the Trustees of the Lutheran Education Foundation along with an annual report, alumni news, and memorial gifts.

Angel Tuition Aid Program Continues to Grow!

One of the greatest blessings in this difficult economic period comes in the form of anonymous gifts to help towards the tuition of a very needy family — these are our *Tuition Angels*. Many were themselves given assistance when they were in the Lutheran High Schools and this is their way of giving back in appreciation. The recipient does not know the donor but corresponds their heartfelt gratitude to their anonymous *Tuition Angel*. These gifts are an increasing blessing that enables families to continue sacrificing to send their student to LHS as they face fall out from the economy. For more information, please contact the Superintendent at jherzog@lhsa.com.

Help Us Turn Items Into Dollars!

Now there's a way for you to donate without giving money! Our new partnership with Project12Baskets provides us a unique marketplace exchange that takes used items of value and turns them into dollars. By connecting to a variety of public auction sites and resale specialists, the P12B staff supported system will optimize the monetary value of your tax-deductible donations.

Looking for ideas for giving and/or how to give? It's all on-line. Go to project12baskets.com.

Thrivent Charitable Gift Acknowledgement

The Lutheran High School Association is the recipient of a Charitable Gifting Initiative Grant from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans for 2008 and 2009. The bold new format of the *News and Views* is due in part to this Thrivent Grant. In these days of chaotic economic conditions, it makes sense to go to a company where "values thrive." Look at the resources available to you online via lutherancommunityfoundation.com, or go to thrivent.com.

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