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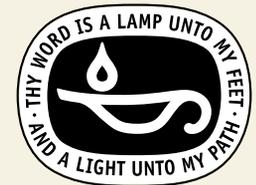
Do You Know About the Grand Club?

Dr. Herb Moldenhauer began the Grand Club with a simple challenge to our constituency: Donate \$1,000 to help further the ministry of our Lutheran high schools. The first year, over 50 individuals did exactly that...and more! Thus, began The Grand Club. And many of those individuals have been giving to the ministry of the LHSA ever since!

To date, there are over 1,200 Grand Club members with over 10 million in donations! And our Grand Club members keep on giving even after their initial "grand" gift to our schools!

Of course, any financial gift given to the Lutheran high school is received with much appreciation; an initial gift of \$1,000 is an amazing gift and that's The Grand Club! Members of the Grand Club have remarked that, "Once you reach that \$1,000 level the joy is immeasurable...and it doesn't stop. You just keep giving because it really becomes "Joy Giving!"

What does Grand Club money do? It helps each individual school purchase needed academic and co-curricular equipment. Grand Club gifts may be designated for special school projects. Grand Club gifts can help keep our "Angel Tuition" program going. Many families struggle financially to send their children to LHSA schools. Gifts from Grand Club members help families afford this great opportunity to attend great schools.



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In December the Association hosts an appreciation dinner to thank active Grand Club members who continue to go the extra mile financially to support our ministry to young people. Each year we recognize key individuals who have had a significant impact in our ministry. We have had recent graduates, current students, and also LHSA graduates who now have children attending one of our LHSA schools as featured speakers for the event. At the last Grand Club celebration, we heard from a family with three generations attend or attending Lutheran High. The Schley family has been part of our LHSA family since the 1960's. Mrs. Peggy Trautmann Schley - LHE '61, Mr. Timothy Schley - LHN '89, and Miss Emily Schley - LHN '21 all shared their stories on the importance of Lutheran education.

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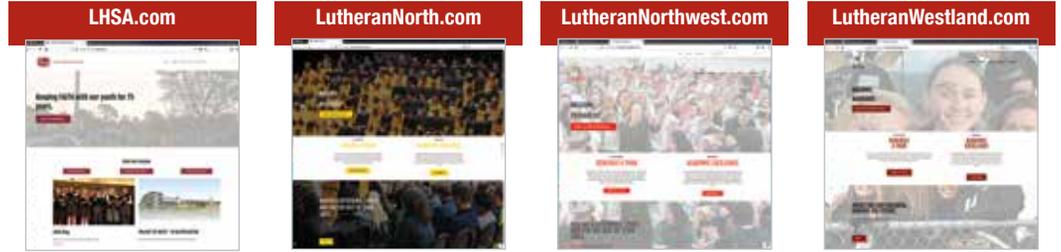
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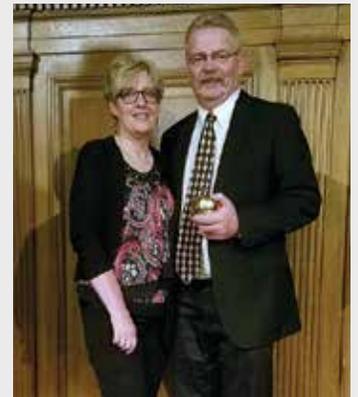


This is an exciting step that will allow us to feature the outstanding accomplishments of our students and help more families learn about our great LHSA community!

Superintendent's Golden Apple Servant Leader Award

This year, Mr. Bruce Braun was the recipient of the Golden Apple Servant Leader Award. Bruce is a 1978 graduate of Concordia Teachers College in River Forest, Ill. Upon his graduation, Bruce received a call to serve as a teacher, coach, and Bus Driver at Lutheran High North. He later moved into a counseling role. From 1990 to 2005 Bruce's ministry brought him to Lutheran High Westland where he served as Assistant Principal, Guardian Lutheran where he served as Principal and finally the Michigan District office in 1999 to serve as the Assistant Superintendent of Schools. In 2005, Bruce became Superintendent of Schools, where he served until his retirement in the summer of 2017.

In 2008, a Doctor of Laws degree was conferred upon Bruce by the Faculty and Board of Regents of Concordia University Ann Arbor in recognition of a lifetime of outstanding leadership. In addition to his ministry in Lutheran schools, he also served on the Lutheran High School Association Board of Directors for 6 years, three of which he served as the President of the Board.



Bruce has been married to Jayne for 39 years who teaches fourth grade at St. Michael, Wayne.

International Tours

For the second straight year, Lutheran North students have traveled overseas, touring different parts of the globe. Last year, the Lutheran North group visited England and spent the day in Paris, France. This year, students found themselves taking in the sights and learning about Italy and Greece. Pictured here is this year's entourage with teachers Alex Schlump (English/Math) and Jillian Ollenberger (English), posed in front of the iconic Parthenon. Next year, Iceland is the destination!



A blue graphic with a rounded bottom. At the top, there are two speech bubbles: a red one on the left containing 'Lutheran North @LuthNorth' and a green one on the right containing 'Lutheran Northwest @LuthNorthwest'. Below these, the text 'FOLLOW OUR LHSA SCHOOLS ON Social Media' is written in white. Underneath the text are three social media icons: Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. At the bottom right, there is a yellow speech bubble containing 'Lutheran Westland @LuthWestland'.

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Chapel Groundbreaking

During June, Lutheran North students and staff celebrated the upcoming building addition by holding a chapel groundbreaking ceremony. Below are the comments by Principal John Reincke from the service.



“ *Students, Parents, and Friends, I don't ever recall having chapel outdoors. I don't ever recall ending school a week early. I don't ever recall having a bulldozer where the altar would go. This is a unique day. It's full of excitement.*

The theme verse for next year comes from the New Testament book of Hebrews 3:3-4.

Jesus has been found worthy of greater honor than Moses, just as the builder of a house has greater honor than the house itself. For every house is built by someone, but God is the builder of everything.



Take a look at your feet. The very place where you are standing will be completely different in 12 months. When now it holds up cars and feet, it will soon hold up classrooms and learning. Look up. When now you see the sky, in 12 months you will see ceiling fans and architecture. For the better part of next year, we will concern ourselves with building mess and inconvenience and change. In the end, we will have one awesome building. And we will be appreciative for those who made it happen. That is what the passage from Hebrews is talking about, and that is good.

For the last 46 years, this has been a place where awesome things have happened because it has been blessed by God. Through prayer and perseverance, we have made it our priority to follow His will in everything we do. Our mission has carried that through.

The building behind me, if you know where to look, has its flaws and imperfections. The people who use the building, including me, definitely have flaws and imperfections. The house that God has built is infinitely bigger than this and is perfect. We are part of that house only through the love and forgiveness that Jesus offers us through faith.

My prayer for this coming year is that we have a great deal of patience with each other. That we make wise and safe decisions. And that we use our God given talents and abilities to bring honor to God in everything we do. Amen.

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New Hires



Jared Brown

Replacing someone like Dean Kratz, who spent 45 years dedicated to teaching music and the word of God at LHN, could seem intimidating to a 2018 graduate of Concordia University Chicago. But Jared Brown is full of enthusiasm, anxious to share his love of God and his passion for music with the student body.

As the son of a DCE and a Lutheran school teacher, Jared grew up “in the Midwest” moving around a lot as a kid. His family’s commitment to a deep faith and an active church life allowed Jared to share his faith and love for music by being involved in youth groups and praise band activities at his home congregation as a young man. While in high school in Morton, IL, his talent in music flourished as a member of the marching band that was a 13-time class AA state champion and currently holds the title of 5th best band in Illinois. After high school, Jared enrolled at CUC to study music education under the tutelage of some of the best Lutheran music professors. He was the principal clarinet player for 5 years, participating in concerts all across the country and performed with the Wind Symphony’s South Africa tour in the summer of 2017.

Lutheran North and the LHSAs look forward to having this young man as a faculty member. And so is Jared Brown; to quote him, “I can’t wait to see what kind of amazing things God can do through this opportunity.”



Alyssa Schlump

Alyssa Schlump was recently hired as the new Attendance Secretary, replacing Mary LeFevre. Coincidentally, the day of her hire was exactly 10 years to the date from her graduation from LHN ('08).

She spent the last four years working as a paraprofessional for Fraser Public Schools. Her classroom focused on meeting both the educational and physical

needs of students living with cognitive impairments, emotional impairments, and Autism Spectrum Disorder.

Alyssa is originally from Harrison Township and attended Trinity Lutheran (Clinton Township) from kindergarten through eighth grade. After LHN, she attended Concordia University, Ann Arbor, studying graphic design. While there she met her husband Alex, who is also employed at LHN as a teacher of English and Math.



Megan Guiles

VALEDICTORIAN

One of eight Lutheran North seniors to be named to Macomb County’s All-Academic Team, Megan also represented North on WXYZ-TV-Channel 7 as one of the “Brightest and Best of Michigan’s Class of ‘18,” and is among the 59 members of her class on National Honor Society. She came to LHN from St. John Fraser grade school where she and her parents, Alan and Dawn Guiles, are members. Megan’s servant attitude was evident on mission trips to Pittsburgh and twice to Guatemala while on summer vacations. She applied that same attitude during her high school career as one of the chair persons on student council’s Christian Growth and Servant Leadership areas. She was one of the organizers for Prayer-at-the-Pole, school-wide Bible studies, and many annual fundraisers. Megan ran track her freshman year and cross country for four years, earning a varsity letter and was named a CHSL Scholar Athlete. Honored for her high school GPA, she was chosen as North’s female Scholar Athlete for ‘17-’18. Her future plans are to attend Oakland University and major in Biomedical Diagnostic Therapeutic Science.



Jordan Prisby

SALUTATORIAN

Jordan is also one of LHN’s seniors on the Macomb County All-Academic Team, and was featured as “Student of the Week” by The Macomb Daily. Jordan and her parents, Eric and Kelly Prisby, are members at Immanuel Lutheran Macomb where she attended grade school. While at LHN, Jordan served as a four-year member of student council, was on NHS, and in Ski and Match Clubs. As an active member in Example, LHN’s anti-drug & alcohol group, Jordan received the Macomb County Prevention Coalition’s Student Leader Award. She also performed in five shows – four as leads – and was the designer and creator of the playbill for the theatre program. An inaugural member of the EF Tours Study Abroad program, she toured London and Paris in the summer of 2017. As a Mustang, she received her varsity letter and the Scholar Athlete Award as a runner on the girls’ cross-country team, serving as the team captain during the ‘17-’18 season. Jordan also participated in track and basketball. Her academic performance at North earned her a four-year scholarship to Wayne State University. Jordan will pursue a degree in Advertising and Theatre, participating in the Honors College and B-Start program, where she will earn her MBA degree in five years.



Mustang Baseball Wins CHSL Championship

The top-seeded Lutheran North baseball team capped off an impressive 24-9 season with a 7-0 win at Comerica Park against the eventual state champion Riverview Gabriel Richard for their first Catholic League championship. Senior pitcher Christian Burkheiser’s 2-hit complete game shutout performance fueled the Mustangs (along with strong defensive play and timely hitting). The team achieved the top-seed with a 9-5 regular season and rolled through non-league competition. The Mustangs were coached by Mark Brown.



LHN Girls Soccer Earns 3rd Consecutive District Title

Mustang soccer continued their postseason performance success with their third district championship in as many years under the guidance of Coach Greg DeCourval. The Mustangs dominated district competition outscoring their three opponents a combined 18-2. Earlier in the season the Mustang soccer team won the highly competitive Williamston Tournament. Their final overall record of 13-9-2 was driven by the contributions of all-state senior Makenzie Reuber and all-state honorable mention juniors Megan Starkey and Elaina Monroe.

DRAMA

SHREK The Musical

SHREK the Musical, was another successful production put on by the Lutheran North Theatre Department in April under the direction of Mrs. Cheryl Marie Freeman. **Question:** What did it take to get two acts with 24 songs, and

quite a few laughs on stage? **Answer:** 55 high school cast members, 20 high school crew members, 13 grade school boys, three directors, a pit band director, live band, countless prayers, and hours of dedication, with support from the LHN

community. With the help of former students, Mr. Rob Ellison, technical director and LHN science department, and Mr. Salvatore Sbrocca, assistant director and choreographer, the show received rave reviews for each performance.



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Valedictorian and Salutatorian

Congratulations to the Class of 2018's salutatorian, Jacob Grunewald and valedictorian, Emilee Otten!

Jacob will be attending the University of Michigan in the fall and Emily will be attending Oakland University. Congratulations on all your hard work, Crusaders!



Choir

The Lutheran Northwest Concert Choir finished the 2017-18 school year with a run of exciting performances, including their Spring Choir Tour, a hymn festival, and the Lutheran Northwest Spring Fine Arts Festival.

The Spring Tour saw the 60-voice choir travel to Redeemer Christian School, in Cuyahoga Falls, OH, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Charleston, WV, Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Cantonsville, MD, Bethany Lutheran Church in Waynesboro, VA, and Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of South Hills Pittsburgh, PA, March 8th-11th 2018. Director Paul von Kampen said of the trip:

"Touring is an essential part of what this choir is called to do. The students do a marvelous job understanding that this is not a vacation, but an opportunity to gain new perspectives while sharing the

Gospel through music. As I watch the Lutheran Northwest choir interact with the grade school students and congregation members it is humbling to know that a lasting spiritual impact is being made, not because of anything we have done, but because of what the Holy Spirit is able to do through us."

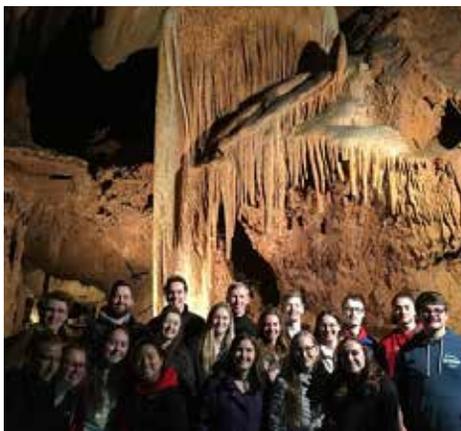
The choir performed five times over the four day tour singing for a grade school assembly, three evening concerts, and Sunday morning worship. The home concert was performed the following Sunday in front of a large crowd of family and friends, graciously hosted by St. John Lutheran Church in Fraser, Michigan.

In late April the choir was honored to join the church choirs of St. John's Lutheran Church, Rochester, MI, directed by Mr. Nick Kwapis, and St. Stephen Lutheran Church, Waterford, MI, directed

by Mrs. Tammy Miller, for an afternoon hymn festival. Hosted by St. John, the event saw members of all three communities come together in what was a stirring afternoon of singing. Mr. Kwapis and Mr. von Kampen hope it becomes a new spring tradition! To close the year, the choir joined the Lutheran Northwest Concert Band and Jazz Band, under the direction of Mr. Brian Pollatz, and the Men's Chorus and Women's Chorus for the Spring Fine Arts Festival on May 12.

The LHNW Choir is currently planning their Spring 2019 tour, if your congregation or school is interested in hosting a concert, please contact Paul von Kampen: pvonkampen@lhsa.com

As always, to God be all the glory!



Spring Sports Highlights

BASEBALL WINS CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Crusaders had a great spring in 2018 playing their way to an undefeated conference record on their way to winning the MIAC Championship. Both teams had several players with post-season honors. Jake Grunewald, Carter Rohman, and Dominic Kolke were first team All-MIAC, and Caleb Maher, Riley Lukas, and Clark Thomas were second team All-MIAC in baseball.



LADY CRUSADERS ARE MIAC CHAMPIONS

The LHNW softball team earned the MIAC championship without dropping a conference game along the way. Softball MIAC awards went to Madison Macy, Becca Oleskie, and Ruthie Riethmeier with first team honors. Grace VanDellen, Dani Wilusz, and Olivia Raichle were recognized on the second team. Macy, Oleskie, Raichle, Riethmeier, and VanDellen also earned All-District Honors. All-Region team members were Macy, Oleskie, Riethmeier, & VanDellen.



LUTHERAN NORTHWEST TRACK TEAM SHINES

This past spring the Lutheran Northwest ladies track team won the regional championship and finished in tenth place at the MHSAA State Finals. MIAC Conference champions were Megan Ennis (400m), Kaily Grulke (200m, Long Jump), Chloe Houtos (shot put, discus), the 800m relay team (Adria Dixon, Katelyn Fry, Megan Ennis, Kaily Grulke), and the 1600m relay team (Megan Ennis, Adria Dixon, Allie Szlachta, Sarah Jolliff). Regional Champions were Megan Ennis (400m), Kaily Grulke (100m, 200m), Chloe Houtos (shot put, discus), Olivia Rice (1600m), Alexis Ruffin (high jump), the 400m Relay team (Rachel Stolzenfeld, Katelyn Fry, Adria Dixon, Allie Szlachta), the 800m Relay team (Adria Dixon, Katelyn Fry, Megan Ennis, Kaily Grulke), and the 1600m Relay team (Megan Ennis, Adria Dixon, Allie Szlachta, Sarah Jolliff)

CRUSADER GOLF TEAM WINS FIRST CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP

The Lutheran Northwest boys golf team earned the first ever boys golf conference championship for the school. The team was led by three first team All-MIAC selections Josh Klausmeier, Ryan Garr, and Justin Judd. Josh Klausmeier also led the way shooting the lowest round at a MIAC conference match.



CRUSADERS EARN ALL-STATE HONORS

The 2018 spring season saw eight athletes earn All-State honors in three different sports. The athletes receiving honors were Megan Ennis (400m), Alex Goodall (lacrosse), Kaily Grulke (200m, long jump), Mady Macy (softball), Becca Oleskie (softball), Ruthie Riethmeier (softball), the 800m Relay team (Adria Dixon, Katelyn Fry, Megan Ennis, Kaily Grulke)



Drama

Actors Receive Unanimous Acclaim!

Seniors Grace Koltz and James Gramzow, stars of the LHNW spring musical, "South Pacific," dominated the drama awards for Lutheran Northwest. Grace and James were selected to be the 2018 Best Thespians by Troupe Director David Kusch. They were also voted "Your Favorite Thespian!" by audience goers during the 2017-2018 performances, and were chosen Best Actor/Actress by their peers for the Crusader Drama Awards. Koltz, who was Troupe President this year, will be attending Oakland Community College in the fall to study healthcare sciences. Gramzow will be attending Concordia University in Seward, Nebraska to study parish music.



The 2017-2018 Theatre Season at Lutheran Northwest ended with the spring musical "South Pacific" on May 18-20 and the annual Drama Banquet on June 13. The musical had a cast, crew, and orchestra of over 50 students and adults. The show was directed by David Kusch, Rose Chila, and Brian Pollatz. Drama Banquet awards included nine new thespians, nearly 15 letter winners, and five new honor thespians. The evening included the recognition of seniors, and students received 25 Crusader Drama Awards in 10 categories with winners selected by their peers.

Band

On May 1, the Lutheran Northwest Band went to local grade schools Our Shepherd Birmingham, Trinity Utica, and St. John Rochester to perform assemblies for the schools, play with their advanced bands, and even let a younger student help conduct!



The Lutheran Northwest Band performing at Trinity Utica.



The Lutheran Northwest Band performing with the Warrior Band at Trinity Utica.



The Lutheran Northwest Band performing at Trinity Utica with younger students conducting the band.

Interim is Coming!!!

Crusader Nation! Get ready, next year Lutheran Northwest will be adding a new addition to its curriculum...Interim! What is Interim? Here are the details:

- Interim is a one-week educational experience where students take a non-traditional course in a subject area that is of interest to them. Teachers will teach an Interim course that pertains to a subject/topic/hobby that they are passionate about and is educational. Interim is a break from traditional classroom learning.
- Interim is an opportunity to allow students to engage in learning through a variety of methods. They will learn new skills, new approaches to critical and creative thinking, servanthood, social bonding, creative thinking, etc...
- The structure of the class will vary from teacher to teacher. Some classes may spend most of their time in a classroom, while others may be off campus for most of the day, or even overnight!

- Each Interim class will earn the student a quarter credit. After four years of high school, the students will have earned a full credit that will be applied toward their elective credits.
- Interim is a pass/fail class. For the most part, there are no formal assessments given (tests, quizzes, etc.). However, if a student misses two or more school days during Interim, they automatically fail the Interim class.
- An important part of Interim is a service component. One class that will be offered every year is a “Service” class. Students will be required to complete the Service class during one of their four years in high school. The only exception to this will be the current juniors and seniors the first year that Interim is offered...they will be grandfathered in.
- The cost of Interim classes will vary per class. Lutheran Northwest will ensure that there is a good mixture of free classes, moderately priced classes (under \$250), and very few expensive classes (over \$250).

Next school year, Interim will be held at Lutheran Northwest from April 23-26, 2019. As the faculty continues to plan their classes, we wanted to share some examples with you for what may be offered next year. This will give you a little taste of what is coming to Lutheran Northwest in April 2019!

- Home Improvement/Life Skills
- Worldviews & Apologetics
- Outdoor Adventures
- Detroit Sports
- War Games
- International Foods
- Service to Others
- Leadership Camp
- Day at the Museum
- Scuba Diving
- Photography
- Everything to do with Baseball
- Music Production/Drumline
- Critical Thinking and Board Games
- Journalism/Vlogging
- Latin American Culture in Detroit
- Drama Excursion
- College Recruiting Trip

Ian McDonald Retiring

After forty-five years of service, Mr. Ian McDonald will be retiring from the teaching ministry! The last twenty of those forty-five years have been spent at Lutheran Northwest. Mr. McDonald has quite an impressive resume that he proudly built over his time in Lutheran education. Here are some fun facts about Mr. McDonald!

- Served at 9 different Lutheran schools
- Lived in 5 different states
- Taught over 10 different classes
- Coached 7 different sports
- Served as a teacher, guidance director, youth director, dean of students, athletic director, assistant principal, and principal

One of Mr. McDonald’s proudest moments throughout his career was coaching track for thirty-two years. While at Lutheran Northwest, the women’s track team won conference in 2004, was 3rd in State that year, and in 2005 they finished 2nd in State. Throughout his career he also coached two future All Americans.

- Mike Conley: 9 times All American in track for Arkansas. Won the Silver Medal in the 1984 Summer Olympics and the Gold Medal in the 1992 Summer Olympics in the triple jump.

- Laura Rolf All American – Indoor 1600 m in 2007

Mr. McDonald had an opportunity reflect on his forty-five years of service. Here are some of his thoughts:

What was it like serving in Lutheran education for 45 years?

God has given me many opportunities to see Him at work. Sometimes it took a little for me to recognize what He was giving me.

Any last words of wisdom for people reading the article?

God has each given each person talent. It is our privilege to help our students for their God given talents. It has been a joy to do that over the years.

What will you miss the most?

The friendships.

What will you look forward to the most?

Spending time with family and having time to do some work with photography and golf.

Mr. McDonald will definitely be missed next year. Lutheran Northwest was

blessed to have him as a coach, teacher, and administrator. He will forever be a part of everything that Lutheran Northwest accomplishes in the future, and was a great role model for his students and fellow faculty members. As he transitions into retirement, he leaves behind a legacy of servanthood for everyone at Lutheran Northwest. God’s richest blessings, Mr. McDonald! May you have many relaxing and fun filled days in the years to come.



Mr. McDonald has been married 42 years to his wife Deb, has three daughters (Jennifer, Elizabeth, and Megan), and four grandchildren (Delaney, Maisie, Crosby, and Austin)

Congratulations, Mrs. Fink!

Lutheran Northwest is very proud to announce that Mrs. Fink, our amazing guidance counselor, has received a very prestigious award from ACT. Mrs. Fink has been awarded the “2018 ACT College and Career Readiness Champion.” ACT only gives this award out to one K-12 educator from each state. That means nationwide, there were only fifty K-12 educators who won this award, and Mrs. Fink was one of them! Here is a brief description of the award from ACT.

“The ACT College and Career Readiness Champions are individuals across the country who support ACT’s mission of education and workplace success. They are high school seniors, K-12, postsecondary, and workforce professionals, who have demonstrated exemplary behavior and contributions in support of college and career readiness in their respective communities.”

We give thanks to God for blessing Lutheran Northwest with Mrs. Fink as she works tirelessly with our students. Here are some thoughts from her as she reflects on the award.

“After completing a Bachelor’s degree in secondary education, I started my career in education teaching English at LHNW. As God’s call to be a high school counselor had been already put on my heart, I began my Masters in Counseling at Oakland University immediately. It is a blessing to have spent 14 years at

Lutheran High Northwest. There are administrative tasks that fill each day with planning college visits, Career Day, curriculum, or PSAT testing days, but I am blessed to spend the majority of my days meeting with students. Whether dreaming and planning with students about how to use their God-given gifts for future career choices, working with them on how to become a better student, or counseling them through an anxiety-laden morning, each day is unique and gives ample opportunity to share the love of Christ with them.

While I try my best to love and care for these students, the LHNW family has blessed my children and me more than words can express. After my husband died last January, the outpouring of love and support was amazing. The flexibility that allows me to balance time with students here and yet be available on those days that my own child is sick or has a special chapel performance, has allowed my family and me to survive this year. In addition, the prayers and words of support nurtures my heart on those days that are especially tough. For this I am truly grateful.

When not at Lutheran Northwest, my time is filled with activities with my ten-year old girls, Grace and Kayleigh, and my 8-year old son, Caleb. Between sports practices and scout activities, we find plenty to keep us busy. I am able to squeeze in my favorite Women’s Bible



study fellowship time, a book club with friends, and my daily walk (my own form of personal therapy!).

As this ACT award highlights my work to help students in College and Career readiness it makes me reflect on what that means. To me, the most important part of college and career readiness is helping students to discover and develop their unique God-given gifts and abilities. Educators must teach, by example and direct instruction, skills that go beyond the basics of math and English. Helping students grow in grit and determination will help them as they face adversity, and teaching non-cognitive skills like communication and conflict resolution will help them in relationships now and in their future career as they are witnesses for Christ to the community around them.”

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National Honor Society



Lutheran Westland welcomed twenty new members to the National Honor Society at their Academic Awards Nigh on Wednesday, May 9, 2018.

Golf Outing

Lutheran Westland hosted their annual golf outing on Thursday, June 14th at Fox Hills in Plymouth. Over 80 golfers enjoyed the beautiful weather and some competitive, fun rounds of golf. The winning foursome this year was the Haller team consisting of Tim, Ethan, Doug, and Josh. The day also included the putting contest with the prize of an HD TV won by Mike Hardies. Again, thanks to all who participated and made the day a fun event and a successful fundraiser!



Girls Track & Field

The 2018 Girls Track & Field season was a resounding success for the Lutheran Westland Warriors. As a team, the ladies finished their season with first place finishes in both the MIAC League Championship Meet and the Regional Meet. Because of their performances at the Regional Meet, ten young ladies qualified for the State Meet, held on June 2 in Hudsonville.

Individual state qualifiers included seniors Meghan Earles (100H & 300H) and Selena Fack (800m), juniors Zoe Mitchell (discus, shot put, and pole vault), Riley Day (1600m), and Marley Long (discus), as well as freshmen Maddie March (100H) and Maggie Lambart (pole vault). In addition, two relay teams qualified: the 4 x 800m (Paula Farmer, Riley Day, Ana Flanery, and Selena Fack) and the 4 x 400m (Sydney Day, Selena Fack, Riley Day, and Meghan Earles).

At the MIAC Championship Meet, the Warriors were led by event winners Meghan Earles (100H and 300H), Renee Farmer (high jump), Zoe Mitchell (pole vault), and Riley Day (1600m). With first place finishes in these events in the league meet, they automatically earned honors as All-Conference First Team in the MIAC. Selena Fack and Maddie March were also named to the First Team due to strong performances at the meet. The highest honor of the day, MIAC 2018 season MVP, was earned by Meghan Earles because of her overall outstanding day in the league meet (first in both hurdle races, three in the 200m, and anchoring a winning 4 x 400m relay). Meghan Earles earned this honor through a vote of the league coaches.

When asked for her thoughts on the MIAC Championship Meet, Meghan Earles commented, "It was a fun meet because everyone did their part and the

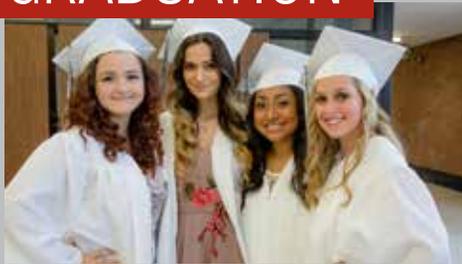


team came out with a win! It was really exciting because I haven't been part of a conference winning team since freshman year."

The future looks bright for Lutheran Westland Girls Track & Field. The team will miss the fine leadership and efforts of Meghan Earles, Selena Fack, and Renee Farmer, but with many returning athletes, the Warriors look forward to more success in 2019.



GRADUATION



Music Department

This year was a fruitful one for the Lutheran Westland music department under new director Travis Cook. In addition to performing at our typical school functions, Westland students performed at St. Michael-Wayne, Shepherd of the Lakes-Brighton, St. Paul-Farmington, Christ Our Savior-Livonia, and Guardian Lutheran-Dearborn for Westland Sundays. Additionally, the Chamber Singers were given the opportunity to perform at the annual Grand Club fundraiser held at the Detroit Athletic Club.

Lutheran Westland was also the host site for this year’s joint LHSA concert featuring band and choir students from all three Lutheran High Schools. The Concert Band from Concordia University-St. Paul were honored guests at the concert, performing music of their own and joining the LHSA students for a patriotic finale.

We’re fortunate to have several students who are musically involved in their communities outside of school. Tatiana Bunge is a member of the Dearborn Youth Symphony, and also earned a Division I rating at MSBOA State Solo & Ensemble. Jacob Adams, Lydia Hinck, Lena Pennington, and Ruthie Seltz represented Lutheran Westland at MSVMA State Solo & Ensemble festival and earned high marks as well. These students also formed a student-led cappella group and hope to be able to share their love of God and making music with the communities of Metro Detroit.

Senior Lena Pennington reflected, “Choir was always an opportunity, I feel, to let out all of your emotions into music. It was the kind of class where you could just let go of everything that was happening in your life and let the music consume you. On top of that, it has always felt like a family. We all spend a lot of time with each other during rehearsals and performances, getting close with everyone. It just makes singing so much better to know everyone around you has your back.”



Welcome New Hires!

MR. DOUG BRAUN

will join the Lutheran Westland staff in the fall to teach religion and social studies. Mr. Braun is not the only teacher in his family. He said, "I became a teacher because my dad and all his friends were teachers, and growing up I got to see the impact they all had on the lives of kids."



Mr. Braun majored in history and minored in PE and math in at Concordia University Chicago. He earned a master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction from Colorado Christian University and a master's of religion from Concordia University Chicago.

Mr. Braun taught at Racine Lutheran High School in Wisconsin, North Lutheran High School in Broomfield, Colorado, and Faith Lutheran High School in Las Vegas. He has been in Las Vegas for the past 14 years teaching all four levels of religion and assisting with volleyball and tennis.

Mr. Braun has been married to his wife Erin for sixteen years. They have two daughters, Abby age 11 and Chloe age 9, and two cats.

For fun Mr. Braun likes to read, spend time with his daughters, and watch all sports related to Wisconsin, especially the Packers, Brewers, and the University of Wisconsin. He also likes to participate in theater.

Mr. Braun looks forward to being able to share his faith in Jesus Christ with the students of Lutheran Westland, and Lutheran Westland is excited to have Mr. Braun as a part of our community.

MRS. HANNAH WENZELBURGER

will be working in Admissions at Lutheran Westland and in marketing for the Lutheran High School Association.



Hannah attended Concordia University Wisconsin and majored in Psychology with a minor in Graphic Design. She then went to Concordia University Ann Arbor and mastered in Student Personnel Administration in Higher Education.

Hannah has worked as a Student Billing Representative, Veteran's Affairs Certifying Official, Admission and Enrollment Data Analyst, and now Admission Director for Westland and Marketing Associate for the LHSA.

Hannah loves working for Christ and furthering His kingdom. With a strong foundation, she believes our students will be able to go out and influence the world and make it a better place.

For fun, Hannah loves being outdoors, taking a walk, hiking, camping, fishing, biking, gardening, etc. She is an avid reader and loves a good craft or two.

Her husband is a Biology teacher at Lutheran North and they love their little community in Harrison Township.



MS. SAVANNAH DIROFF

will join the staff beginning in the fall of 2018. You may know the name already as Ms. Diroff completed part of her student teaching at LHWL in the math department with Mr. and Mrs. Unger.



Ms. Diroff graduated from Concordia University – Ann Arbor where she majored in mathematics and special education – learning disabilities. She also studied a variety of marketing, management, and finance classes, working towards a general business major and a minor in accounting. She also earned her Lutheran Teaching Diploma.

After student teaching at LHWL, Ms. Diroff headed to St. Lorenz Lutheran School in Frankenmuth. She worked in their Student Services classroom which is where students go when they need additional help with school.

At LHWL, Ms. Diroff will be able to use her experience with math, business, and special education to assist students, especially those that need more academic support. Ms. Diroff commented, "I learned a lot from the Student Services classroom at St. Lorenz, and I am definitely looking forward to working with the students at LHWL that have similar needs and could benefit from implementing some of the tools that I was able to see in use in Frankenmuth."

When asked what she does for fun, Ms. Diroff replied, "I'm a very active person, and I played multiple sports in high school, as well as soccer at Concordia University – Ann Arbor. This spring I am playing soccer with some of my grade & high school friends (and teachers!) in Monroe."

LHWL is glad to have Ms. Diroff as part of our community!

Service Day

For the seventh year in a row, Lutheran Westland students have dedicated the last Wednesday in April serving the community with the intention of sharing Christ's love to those around them. The day starts out with an all school student-led prayer and a wonderful breakfast. This year, some moms made homemade breakfast casseroles for the entire school! Well fed and spiritually prepared, students and chaperones were able to complete the following:

- Played BINGO, Wii, and sang to seniors at Waltonwood
- Assisted in classrooms, prepping a garden, and making cards to encourage kindergarteners at Starfish in Inkster
- Made blankets, pet toys, cards for the military, and mission bracelets for MOST ministries

- Helped at Concordia-Redford, Christ the King-Southgate, St. Paul-Northville, St. John-Waltz, and St. Matthew-Westland with yardwork, dodgeball, mailings, and art projects
- Cleaned out a classroom at Bethany-Detroit for their ministries
- Made sandwiches/goodie bags for kids and cleaned at Family of God-Detroit
- Packed 1,000 boxes of food at FOCUS: Hope to be delivered to homebound seniors
- Chopped trees and moved debris near Capuchin Soup Kitchen/ Earthworks Urban Farm

One of the reasons so much can be accomplished on this day is that students and chaperones are able to use their spiritual gifts. Service Day coordinator Jeaneen Wylie states, "I'm always amazed at students' motivational levels! They can work for hours without much of a break, accomplishing in an hour or two tasks that might take understaffed organizations weeks to complete. I think it's because they truly enjoy the work they're doing—whether it's visiting with seniors, playing with 3-year-olds, or doing hard manual labor."

Thrivent Financial provides grants which helped with the breakfast, transportation, and needed materials (fleece, BINGO prizes, goodie bags for children) for the projects. Other funds are provided by a generous anonymous grant as well as paid dress down days twice a year.

This year, junior Marissa Gonzales and sophomore Kailee Coughlin travelled to 10 of the 13 locations to take pictures and record video. Marissa was able to interview several people at some of the places students volunteer and incorporate them into her video. Her video can be seen on the Lutheran Westland website.



Sherlock Holmes Play



“You know my methods, Watson. Employ them” is just one of the many one-liners Sherlock Holmes says to Dr. John Watson in Sir Arthur Conan Doyle’s iconic stories. Holmes is nothing if not quick, witty, and awe-inspiring. Although Watson may be constantly trying to catch up to Holmes, he is also compassionate and reverent, creating a nice balance between the two friends. Playing Holmes and Watson was not easy as these roles require actors to not only capture their personalities, but also to master the archaic language and British accents. During Lutheran Westland’s spring drama presentation of *The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes* on Friday, May 18 and Saturday, May 19, several actors tackled these roles, hoping to capture the essence of Doyle’s characters. The evening consisted of four individual cases that Sherlock Holmes and Dr. John Watson take on together (portrayed by four pairs of actors), beginning with when the two first meet and ending with Holmes’ eventual (supposed) demise.

Most of the actors agreed that the most difficult part of acting in a drama set in the Victorian Era in London was getting comfortable with using an accent. Senior Katie Fodor, who played Watson, commented, “The accent was hard to pin point and having only a select number of lines felt like it was holding me back from portraying the character,



but once I figured out I could ad lib, the whole thing came together to be a rewarding experience.” Some actors thought the most challenging aspect was trying something new; however, Junior Christina Barchini said, “I kind of had to step out of my comfort zone for my part, but this year was all about stepping out of my comfort zone and that’s what made it fun and easy.”

Starring in the first act were seniors Katie Fodor (Dr. John Watson) and Emmett Matasovsky (John Openshaw), junior Jenna Wyly (Sherlock Holmes), sophomores Amy Adams (Sherlock Holmes) and Nathan Yeskie (Dr. John Watson), and freshman Anna Myers (Jamie Ryder). In “*The Adventure of the Blue Carbuncle*,” Holmes starts off trying to return a hat and goose lost by someone on Christmas Day, but his deductions lead him to the theft of a precious stone: the Blue Carbuncle. At the end of the story, Holmes decides to let the thief go, since he says he believes the woman (Ryder) is too scared by her experiences to ever turn to



crime again. In “*The Five Orange Pips*,” Holmes and Watson are visited by a young man, John Openshaw, who fears for his life due to a hereditary matter. In this case, the audience gets a glimpse of Holmes’ humanity projected through her anger as she is unable to solve the case before Openshaw’s murder, leading Holmes to take a break from her investigations.

Starring in the second act were seniors Lydia Hinck (Sherlock Holmes), Tejas Athevale (Sherlock Holmes), and Lena Pennington (Violet Hunter) as well as juniors Tatiana Bunge (Dr. John Watson), Nik Sullivan (Dr. Leon Sterndale), Grace Schneider (Dr. John Watson), and Sydney Fuller (Mrs. Rucastle). In “*The Adventure of the Devil’s Foot*,” Holmes thinks she has escaped the commotion of London as she is on vacation in a small cottage in Poldhu Bay, but she soon learns that her assistance is needed after a murder takes place nearby. Then, another murder follows. Holmes uses deduction to figure out how the victims died or went mad, which is



then fully explained by Dr. Leon Sterndale: The poison used is called *Radix pedis diaboli* (“Devil’s-foot root” in Latin), and he originally collected it from Africa as a curiosity. He admits to the murder of Mortimer Tregennis but says he only did it because Mortimer killed the love of his life: Brenda Tregennis. In “*The Adventure of the Copper Beeches*,” Holmes believes the days of the great cases are past after reading a letter from Violet Hunter, who is seeking his counsel on accepting a job. Upon closer examination, however, Holmes begins to worry for her safety after she does take the position. She asks Holmes and Watson to meet her at the Black Swan Hotel in Winchester after some time. It is there that she shares the mysterious details of her experience and fear that Mrs. Rucastle is indeed a lunatic. In the end, Holmes and Watson unravel the case and save the day just in time.

First time director Mrs. Brittaney Cover reflected, “It was a pleasure to direct this play. I enjoyed watching a relatively new cast come together and step outside their comfort zones. Lutheran Westland students continue to impress me with their desire to take on new challenges and work as a team. I am proud of their accomplishments and look forward to seeing and hearing what they achieve in the near future.”





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The HUB Stadium
2550 Innovation Dr,
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Contact:

Peter Michael

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\$49 per person
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5:00 PM

Location:

Hamlin Pub
55076 Van Dyke Ave,
Shelby Township, MI 48316

Contact:

Peggy Schley

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Details:

\$30 per person
(cash bar &
pub-style food:
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Saturday, September 22, 2018
4:00 PM

Location:

Brian and Julie (McClelland)
Wright's Barn
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Contact:

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