

# The **KNIGHT LIGHT**

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## Stepping Forward in Faith 2020-2021 School Year

### Foundations, Expectations, Eschatology, COVID hurdles

Warning: lots of opinion here, but it is shared by many, not by all

"Cursed is the ground" – Gen 3:17. This is figuratively and functionally and historically where we are in human history. This "curse" is a focal point of monstrous change! There is no real understanding as to the scope of impact this had. Yes, it did move us from perfection to imperfection, but we honestly do not truly have a grasp on what true perfection is, nor imperfection. Worse yet, human nature has the illusion that we are in pursuit, via the evolutionary process, of perfection and getting closer every day. It is a real head-shaker (in an endless bobblehead manner), but far from unexpected as human nature operates in an anti-christ manner. Hence, even St Paul, explains, "We know that the law is spiritual; but I am unspiritual, sold as a slave to sin. I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me" – Romans 7:14ff. What Romans points out is that we need to be cognizant of our natural bend toward sin in order that we can repent and operate through forgiveness won for us on the cross. If anyone is not operating from this foundation, they will naturally base their decision making on something other than "cursed is the ground."



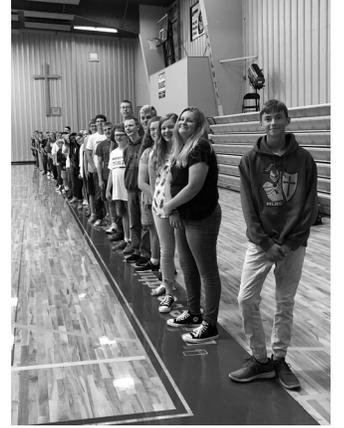
There is an important question that needs to follow "cursed is the ground." That is: Is this a static or progressive condition? If we are to functionally operate in this reality, we need to understand how it is working. Romans 8:20ff helps answer the question: "For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice (Genesis 3:17), but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope....We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time." Jesus adds clarity as well. He states in Matthew 24:21f, "For then there will be great distress, unequalled from the beginning of the world until now—and never to be equaled again. If those days had not been cut short, no one would survive, but for the sake of the elect those days will be shortened." So if Romans and Jesus are right, then "cursed is the ground" is progressive. It looks to move from bad to worse to uber rotten. Now we cannot be ignorant to the fact that we are merely dirt as well: "...until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return" – Genesis 3:19. We are not exempt from the fallout of sin. In fact, our human dirt is falling apart in a very progressive way as well.

What are our expectations to be? First, we need to build our understanding of the progressive fallout of the creation in light of history, not to be confused with secular/non-Biblical history (fiction). Then we can get an accurate idea of the rate of progression and how it might relate to "the pains of childbirth" (how close together are the contractions). But even here it would be a mistake to assume they are far apart as Jesus made it quite clear, "I am coming soon" - Rev 22:20. Even so the progression of "great distress" does certainly serve as a vivid reminder that Christians need to be ready to share the Gospel message as Jesus' return does seem far closer than we may wish.

If the creation is progressively falling apart, what should we expect? First off, I would suggest food is corrupt, that over the past 5000+ years food has been generationally affected. Plants are clearly "rooted" in the "curse." Plants/food have lost their ability to sustain the nutritional value of prior to Genesis 3, and it has progressively gotten worse. As a result, the entire food chain and the human condition have degraded. All the systems of the body no longer function as they once did. Adam and Eve were physically perfect. I do not think COVID19 or 18 or 17 or 47 would have been an issue for their perfect immune system. Our immune system today is having some issues, some of us more than others. Based on a read of Matthew 24, Romans 8, 2 Peter, and/or Rev 20, one can easily conclude that the earth's climate might easily fit into the progressive fallout conversation. I think it is to be expected. If one looks at any one of these things in a microcosm, one could see the potential to reverse the trend: Carbon Dioxide and the environment, for example - Romans 1:22. But, if one looks at the synergistic nature of all three of the above areas of emphasis, one could hardly help but see the inability for us to change the course of a timeline that is moving independent of us. It should motivate us to "get right" with the Lord.

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## School Year Began with High Expectations



The 2019-2020 began, as usual, with fun activities. Top left and center: Kids and families enjoyed the "Back-to-School" Picnic playing games. Top right: The first day of school began with mixer activities led by the Student Council. Students were ready to learn and have fun.



Science teacher Nate Watt organized a STEM Learning Day for the entire student body. The Parent/Teacher's League covered the expenses to travel to iFly in Minnetonka where students and adults tested the fun of defying gravity while flying in a wind tunnel. Their exhilarating experiences were followed up with a STEM learning lab. Left: Sutton Bohlsen soars in the air. Center: David Bergt and Tom Taylor are suited up for flight. Right: Everyone gave a "thumbs' up" for this amazing learning time.



Fall fundraising events were a great success. The Fall Rummage and Bake Sale raised \$13,183.02. The Mission Possible Benefit Knight raised \$14,000. Left: Jean Schultz priced items for the Fall Rummage and Bake Sale. Center: Rev. Luke Anderson (2005) was the guest Alumni Speaker for Mission Possible. Above right: The vocal group, Hit Ticket, helped Lance Halverson (2005) serenade his wife, Kristen (2004), much to the delight of the crowd at the Benefit Dinner.

# Elementary Students Visit on Step UP Days



Seventh and Eighth Graders from St James Lutheran, Northrop; St Paul’s Lutheran, Truman; St Paul Lutheran, Fairmont; Immanuel Lutheran, Lakefield; and St Paul’s Lutheran, St James joined us for Step UP Day. Left: Student Council greeted Bethany Petrowiak as she came in the door. Each visitor was matched with a high schooler to be their guide for the day as they visited the classrooms. After lunch the Student Council conducted a school wide Olympic contest with lots of fun games. Center: MaKenzie Weihe moves ping pong balls from dish to dish using a spoon. Abby Wolter was wrapped in toilet paper by her team, Chase Hilmer, Harley Fletcher, and Brianna Petrowiak.



Left: The St Paul, Fairmont team worked hard for their points. Ella Bolen had to get on her tippy toes to make it possible for Jake Singleton to complete the obstacle course. Center: MaKenzie Weihe of St Paul’s, Truman wraps up her mummy. Right: Immanuel, Lakefield students were victorious and took home the Olympic torch. Pictured are Thomas Liepold, Kayleigh Nosbusch, Lilah Hubbard, & Gavin Freking.



Fifth and Sixth Grades joined us for a fun day of activities. Left: Nate Watt shows Josh Hoepfner how to make flying cups from plastic cups and rubber bands. Center: Students had fun shooting their flying cups from the balcony. Right: Wyatt Luhmann and Parker Garrison have big smiles during a game that students played.

## Engaged Learning Makes Learning Fun



Left: Mariah Geistfeld interviewed Angie and Jared Fischer for Media Broadcasting. Go to our homepage at [www.martinlutherhs.com](http://www.martinlutherhs.com) to see interviews of parents conducted by Media student on “Why Did You Choose to Send Your Student to Martin Luther High School?” Center: Global History students learned about Medieval court dances. Right: Juniors and Seniors enjoyed their educational trip touring manufacturing plants in our community.



Left: Sophomores Kambria Steinhaus, Lily Cyphers and Alyssa Wiederhoeft conduct an experiment in Biology. Center: Freshman Physical Science students learned the effects of centrifugal force, first-hand, by trying to play catch on a rotating merry-go-round. Right: Zackary Jenks and Wyatt Luhmann competed for the frisbee in Physical Education.

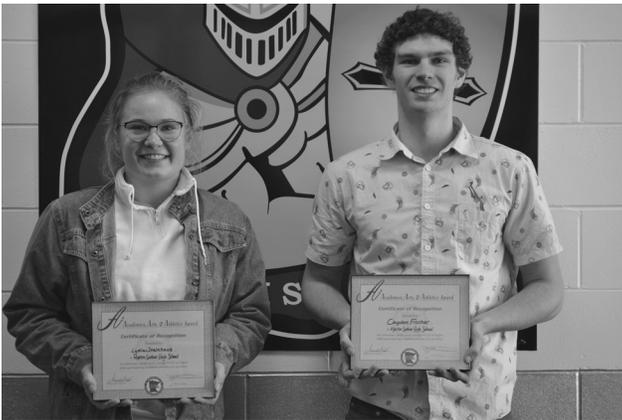


Left: Spanish II students, Emma Bolen, Michaelah Petrowiak, Josh Bergt and Caleb Schultz carried out the theme of their Day of the Dead display which remembered Stan Lee creator of the Marvel movies. Right: Spanish I students got into the spirit by singing and carrying out the motions with a Spanish video. Pictured are Zackary Jenks, Ryan Singleton, Paige Roiger, and Josie Clow.

# Winter Activities-Business as Usual



The Music Department presented an outstanding Christmas Concert under the direction of Lisa Carnehl. Center: Lisa Carnehl accepts the \$20,000 grant check from Shelia Hohensee, Committee Member from the Schmeckle Foundation, that we received to purchase band instruments for elementary students while Principal Steinhaus looks on. Right: All of the Region 2A Vocal Contestants received an “excellent” rating. Front: Lizzie Oothoudt and Diana Sargent competed. Back: Alexys Flohrs and Mariah Geistfeld sang and Mallery Geistfeld was accompanist.

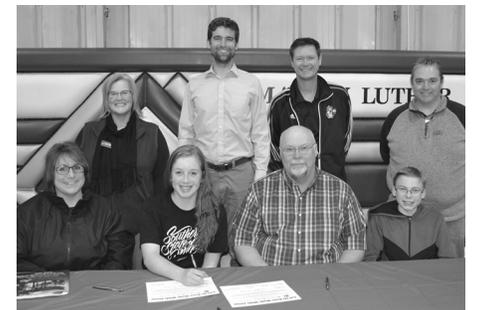
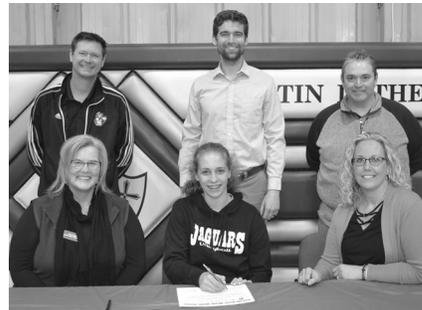


Left: Lydia Steinhaus and Cayden Fischer were the Triple A nominees, excelling in academics, arts and athletics. Right: Bidders braved the winter storms to attend the “Generation to Generation” Antique Auction which raised \$4,721.00 for Student Tuition Aid Funds.



Left: In preparation for the all-school trip to the March for Life at the State Capitol students prayed for the Sanctity of Life during a special chapel. (The trip was canceled due to bad weather.) Boys and girls JAGS basketball had good seasons. Right: Abby Calkins handles the ball.

# The Class of 2024 Signing on at MLHS



Parents and students of the Class of 2023 hosted a “Getting to Know You KNIGHT” for incoming freshmen. A special “Signing” event was held affirming the commitment of students, parents, teachers, pastors, and Board of Directors to work together on this life journey. Pictured with the students and their parents are Guidance Director, Lisa Kube; Principal Paul Steinhaus; Pastor Adam Carnehl; and Chairman of the Board, Jason Schuder. Students who signed are pictured left to right from the top: Ella Bolen (Mom Susan), Tyler Berkland (Mom Judy), MaKenzie Weihe (Mom Brandi) Bethany Petrowiak (Mom Lynn) Brianna Petrowiak (Mom Lynn) Sarah Matasovsky (Mom Brenda and Dad Steven), Reed Wagner (Dad Mark and Mom Allison), Brooke Rossow (Mom Tammy), and Jade Kitzerow (Dad Jesse and Mom Belinda). Students enrolled but not pictured are: Jake Singleton, Yuri Vega, Lilah Hubbard and Avari Freitag. New students are welcome to enroll for 2020-2021, please call MLHS at 507-436-5249.



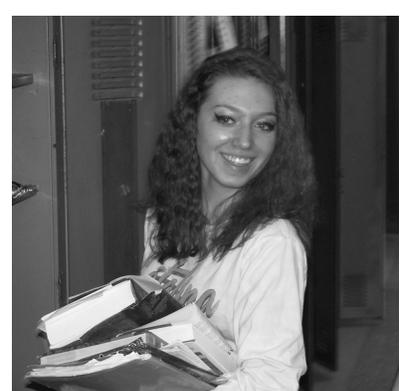
## Soup and Sandwich

One last “together” gathering was held before the COVID-19 shutdown. Friends and family attended the Soup and Sandwich Lunch and gave from their heart helping us raise \$1,600 for the Student Tuition Aid Fund. Thank you to all who attended. Abby Calkins and Marah Engel are pictured serving the cupcakes.

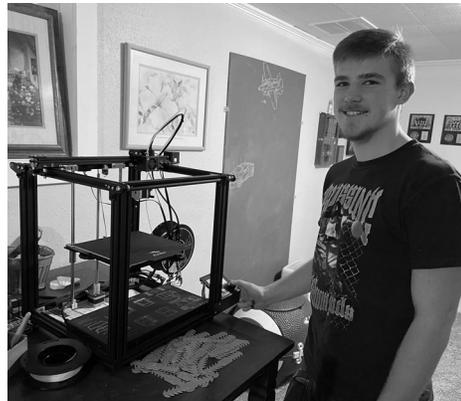
# Then the COVID-19 Shut-down Hit

Last day of “together” classes was held on March 17. Students were given an early Spring Break. Teachers spent that time to gather their thoughts and come up with an educational plan to keep our students learning. They developed lesson plans utilizing ZOOM sessions and Google Classrooms. Most students adapted well—even though they didn’t like this format. Special accommodations were made to help the students who struggled with this new learning format. Students shared COVID photos and did their best to keep in-touch. All-school chapels and devotions were held by ZOOM. The hallways and classrooms at MLHS were empty and life-less. Pictured below are the lonely MLHS teachers designing online learning left-right: Tom Taylor, Rebecca Oerman, Nate Watt, David Bergt, Paul Steinhaus and Veronica Balderas.

At the end of March students came into the school in shifts to get all of their textbooks and clean out their lockers in preparation for on-line learning. Students pictured left to right are: Alexys Flohrs, Zach Flohrs and Adriana Freitag.



# Working Together/Apart for God's Glory



After receiving suggestions via Facebook that MLHS utilize our 3-D printers to make ear guards for medical workers, Science teacher Nate Watt began printing. Middle photo: With the help of Tyson Kube (who worked from home), over 500 ear guards were printed and given out to health care workers all over the U.S. Pictured at right is nurse Jill Leimer, wife of Joe (2008), who sent a picture of herself wearing hers when she sent us a thank you.



Left to right: Jake and Ryan Singleton worked side-by-side at home on homework. Emma Bolen reclined while studying at home. Jeremy Sailor of J & M Plumbing, Vernon Center connected water to the greenhouse. He is a 1995 alum and current parent.



Left: Ever faithful, Custodian Richard Behrens is extra-vigilant in disinfecting surfaces.

We all mourned the loss of social interaction with students. Losing the opportunity to worship together was difficult also. Faculty and staff joined together to send an online Easter greeting to the community, hoping to spread a little joy that "He is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Happy Easter, Martin Luther. We miss you all!"



# Preparing Students for Discipleship



In April the American Red Cross sent out a plea that there was a shortage of blood nationwide. When the National Honor Society students heard this, they chose to host their spring blood drive and implement the required safety measures. The Red Cross handled all sanitizing procedures. Students and workers followed all COVID-19 safety protocols. The drive was met with an overwhelming response by donors. The appointment schedule was filled well in advance with several donors giving "double red." The drive goal was surpassed by seven units. A big thank you goes out to the community for their support and to the Red Cross for their efforts.



Even though life was at a virtual stand-still, three seniors signed to play sports at their colleges for the next school year. Top left: Lydia Steinhaus will be playing volleyball for Concordia University Chicago while pursuing a career as a Director of Christian Education and a Lutheran Teacher of Biology with an Apologetics emphasis. She also plans on continuing to play the bassoon in the orchestra. Center: Cayden Fischer signed on to play baseball with the Buena Vista Beavers in Storm Lake, Iowa where he will study Kinesiology. Right: Lizzie Oothoudt will be attending Bethany Lutheran College in Mankato. She will play volleyball as a Viking in her college career. Lizzie will be developing her God-given talents while majoring in photography and graphic design.



Left: Joshua Bergt and Emma Bolen were the MLHS Minnesota State High League ExCEL nominees. This award is for high school juniors who are active in school activities, who show leadership qualities, and who work voluntarily in their community. Center: Juniors geared up for walking road ditches. Right: Tyson Kube assembles colorful stools that were purchased with grant funding from the Allen C. Berndt Foundation. The

## Awards Night & 2020 Hall of Fame Inductee

As the school year came to a close, we came to the realization that students should be recognized for their achievements. We explored ideas on how to do it safely. After prayer and careful planning, it was decided to hold the annual Recognition and Awards Night outdoors. Families remained in their cars. Students came up on the stage individually to receive their awards and certificates in packets. It turned out to be an uplifting and fun evening seeing everyone again—at a distance.



Senora Balderas handed out programs as people drove in.



Cars parked six feet apart.



Jamee Bohlsen brought the whole family to celebrate Sutton's achievements.



The Hackett family was happy to recognize Jonah's accomplishments.



Marty Krause gave the crowd a wave after the announcement of the 2020-2021 Virginia & Martin Krause Scholarship Fund winners. \$10,000 was given out to 14 families.



Shelly and Bruce Abitz produced the Senior video and recorded the Awards Night Ceremony.



Principal Steinhaus opened and closed with prayer. A big thank you goes out to Auctioneer Alley and Land Services Unlimited, who donated the use of their sound system for the evening.

### TIM ANDERSON INDUCTED INTO THE 2020 MLHS HALL OF FAME



Tim Anderson, 2005 alum, was unable to attend the Award Ceremony. His acceptance speech can be viewed at [www.martinluths.com](http://www.martinluths.com) under the Partners in Ministry tab/AlumKNIGHTS.

Tom Taylor, Athletic Director, recognized Tim's accomplishments which earned him the induction.

"A four-time letter winner, Tim, was named All Conference first team twice and All Conference second team once. He was the team captain his senior season and named the captain of the Sentinel Newspaper's All-Area team twice. He was featured on KEYC's Prep-Athlete of the Week and was the City of Lakes Physical Therapy Athlete of the Week two times. He scored a total of 1,378 points over his high school career which ranks him as the 6th all-time scoring leader at Martin Luther High school, 3rd among the boys. He also nabbed over 600 rebounds.

After graduating from MLHS, he went on to play two basketball seasons for Bethel University in St. Paul, then went on to help coach the female team at Bethel for 3 years. In 2009 he started a basketball mentoring nonprofit called Ace Hoops, but in 2012 he widened the scope of his work to become a community development organization and changed the name to Ace in the City. A number of years ago, Tim came down and gave a chapel here at Martin Luther High School showcasing his organization and his talents. It is nice to see former students use their God given talents at the next level, especially those who are using their platform to spread the Gospel. So, tonight it is my privilege to induct Tim Anderson into the Martin Luther High School Athletic Hall of Fame."

# Graduation 2020-Walking by Faith



The decision was made to have the Graduation Ceremony on Memorial Day weekend. Senior dads went to work building an outdoor stage on the hill. Pictured are Rick Stevens, Joe Oskerson and Paul Steinhaus.



A special request to allow a senior to graduate a week early came from Senior Caleb Roiger and his family. The administration was pleased to do this for Caleb as it would allow him to pursue his dream of working the wheat run harvest throughout the western states. His earnings will pay for college. Board Chairman, Jason Schuder, and Principal Paul Steinhaus presented Caleb with his diploma during a ceremony attended by immediate family and close friends.



Special awards were given out at the Saturday, May 23rd 35th Baccalaureate & Commencement ceremony. Debra and John Oothoudt received the 2020 Martin Luther Award. The couple was recognized for their faithful support of MLHS in so many ways. Their prayers, volunteerism, dedication to the ministry, vocal encouragement and gifts have been instrumental in the ongoing pursuit of excellence at MLHS. They exemplified that “you don’t have to be Lutheran to value Lutheran education.” Their daughter Lizzie graduated this year.



Principal Steinhaus presents the 5:16 Volunteer Award to Joe Oskerson, parent of senior Adriana Freitag, for his expertise and service in helping build the greenhouse. He has volunteered at MLHS in many areas lending his carpentry and building skills to us.

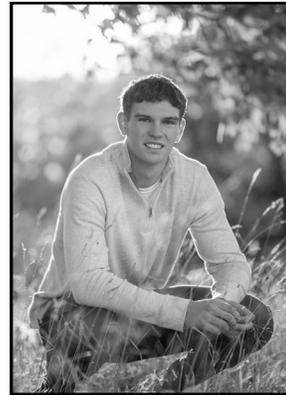
# Class of 2020 — A high school career



**Abigayle Calkins**  
**Robert & Lori Calkins**  
**MN State, Mankato**  
**Human Resources**  
**Graduated with High Honors**  
**National Honor Society**



**Marah Engel**  
**Jason & Melissa Engel**  
**Bethany Lutheran College,**  
**Mankato**  
**Juvenile Detention**  
**Graduated with High Honors**



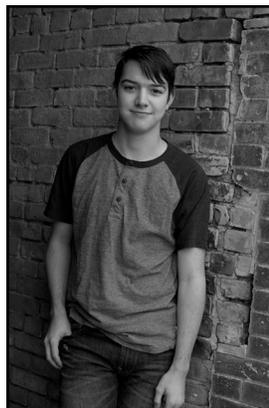
**Cayden Fischer**  
**Jared & Angie Fischer**  
**Buena Vista University,**  
**Storm Lake, IA**  
**Kinesiology**  
**Graduated with High Honors**  
**National Honor Society**



**Alexys Flohrs**  
**Jeff & Michelle Flohrs**  
**South Dakota State**  
**University, Brookings**  
**Agricultural Business**  
**Graduated with High Honors**  
**National Honor Society**  
**Class President**



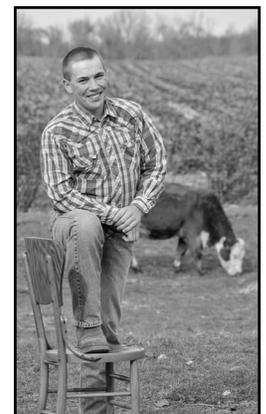
**Adriana Freitag**  
**Andy Freitag**  
**Nanci Oskerson**  
**South Dakota State**  
**University, Brookings**  
**Interior Design**  
**Graduated with High Honors**  
**National Honor Society**  
**Class Secretary**



**Cody Greve**  
**Jeremy Greve**  
**Jessica Greve**  
**South Dakota State**  
**University, Brookings**  
**Graduated with Honors**



**Elizabeth Oothoudt**  
**John & Deb Oothoudt**  
**Bethany Lutheran**  
**College, Mankato**  
**Photography & Graphic**  
**Design**  
**Class Vice President**



**Caleb Roiger**  
**Nathan Roiger**  
**Lynn Schwieger**  
**MN West Technical**  
**College, Jackson**  
**Welding & Farming**  
**Graduating with Honors**

***Class Verse: We walk by faith, not by sight. —2 Corinthians 5:7***

***Class Flower: White Rose***

***Class Colors: White & Sky Blue***

# ending as no one could imagine



**Lydia Steinhaus**  
**Paul & Lynn Steinhaus**  
 Concordia University, Chicago  
 DCE/LTE Biology &  
 Apologetics Emphasis  
 Graduated with High Honors  
 National Honor Society  
 Student Council President



**Dylan Stevens**  
**Richard & Lisa Stevens**  
 Work



**Jordan Wiederhoeft**  
**David & Heather**  
**Wiederhoeft**  
 Alexandria Technical &  
 Community College  
 Carpentry



Above: Rev. Dr. Lucas V. Woodford, President of the Minnesota South District, LCMS, gave the Commencement Address. He was willing to change his schedule to come a day early to help us avoid the predicted rain. A busy man, he gave press interviews before and after the ceremony in regards to churches being allowed to worship.



***These eleven graduates received \$332,906 in college scholarships. Collectively they also earned 120 Post-Secondary Educational Option Credits that will be applied to their college transcripts.***

***Nine were named to the Spring Honor Roll***

***Nine participated in Athletics***

***Nine participated in Music***

***Seven performed in Drama***

***Three participated in Year Book***

***Three will participate in college athletics***

***Four will participate in college music.***



Above: Class Speakers were Alexys Flohrs (left) and Lydia Steinhaus.



**Faithful servants on the MLHS Board of Directors:**  
 Left-right, Rev. Adam Carnehl, Jason Schuder, Jason Meinert, Garrett Schock, Brenda Shane, Kevin Behrens, Angie Fischer, and Marty Miller. Not pictured: Chris Engelby.

## Schmeckle Foundation Grants \$20,000

Now all aspiring musicians in area Lutheran schools have the opportunity to develop their musical talents. Last summer the Schmeckle Foundation awarded MLHS \$20,000 to purchase band instruments for elementary students on which to learn. With that funding we have purchased one oboe, six trumpets, two alto saxophones, four trombones, six flutes, and six clarinets. Elementary band students can choose an instrument to learn on for free. Proceeds from the "Play It Again" Golf Benefit provide scholarships for elementary band lessons. Free instruments and lesson scholarships now makes music learning affordable for them!

Music Director Lisa Carnehl did an excellent job purchasing the instruments and getting the "Making Music with Children" program started. In addition to individual lessons at the Lutheran elementary schools in Northrop, Truman, and Fairmont, she implemented group evening practices at MLHS. This new, exciting program was just taking off when COVID-19 hit and everything came to a halt. In June, Lisa and her husband, Rev. Adam, welcomed a baby boy, Teddy, into their family. Daughter Gwen is two years of age. Lisa plans on being a stay-at-home mother but hopes to stay involved at MLHS as a volunteer.



Good, talented music directors are hard to find. God answered our prayers by sending us Mr. Phil Schult to teach band and choir. Phil was born and raised in Fort Wayne, Indiana. As the son of Lutheran teachers, he started his musical training on trumpet with his elementary band director, his father. He continued his education at Concordia Lutheran High School in Fort Wayne, where he was the principal trumpet player for 3 years. Upon his graduation, Phil attended Concordia College in River Forest, Illinois, where he studied under Dr. Richard Fischer. He was the principal trumpet player for 2 years in the Wind Symphony.

After graduation with his Bachelor of Music Education degree in 1987, Phil accepted a call to Walther Lutheran High School in Melrose Park, Illinois, to be an elementary instrumental music teacher, high school jazz band co-director, basketball and golf coach. Subsequently, he has served schools in Lakewood, Colorado; Wyoming, Iowa; and Maitland, Florida.

With over twenty years of teaching experience, Phil brings knowledge, expertise, and a passion for teaching instrumental music to God's children and he is extremely excited to begin the next adventure in Minnesota.

Phil, along with Kim, his wife of 30 years, have six grown children: Joshua, Krista, Kyla, Leah, Micah, and Nadia. Three of his children reside in Chicago, Illinois, and three reside in the Orlando, Florida, area. Phil and his wife, Kim, will move their tiny house with them and will be living in Granada.

Phil is excited to build the Music program by introducing elementary students to band instruments and helping them develop their God-given talents. The goal of the "Making Music with Children" program is to foster the love of music in our children. "Learning music and developing talents builds confidence in young children that enhances their learning capabilities in many other areas. It is proven that music helps students with ADHD and other learning problems. Musical training creates new brain connections in children. Taking music lessons increases brain fiber connections in children and may be useful in treating autism and Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD). -Source: Radiological Society of North America, November 21, 2016. Phil plans on beginning band lessons with students as early as grade four, but students in grades five through eight are welcome to start also. He will also have larger group lessons and rehearsals, with concert performances as the goal. Now young, aspiring musicians have the opportunity to develop their talents. For more information email Director Phil at [philschult@martinlutherhs.com](mailto:philschult@martinlutherhs.com).

Phil is an avid golfer and excited to be a part of the "Play It Again" Golf Benefit which raises funds to provide lesson scholarships for elementary students attending St James, Northrop; St Paul's, Truman; and St Paul, Fairmont. Phil and Kim came to Minnesota for the "Play It Again" Golf Benefit in June and were glad to help with it. In 2019 the event raised \$4,600, and this year we set a new record raising \$6,400 net profit. A record number of golfers enjoyed the picture-perfect day and several new hole sponsors gave their support—all which contributed to making the event such a success. Thank you to Reinke Farms, Vernon Center; McDonald's, Fairmont; Atlantic Bottling Company, Atlantic, IA (2 holes); Michael Bettin Trucking, Fairmont; Peterson-Anthony Insurance, Fairmont & Trimont; Miller Sellner Implement, Fairmont; Citizens Community Federal Bank, Fairmont; Lily Creek Farms, Welcome (2 holes); Buchan Bremer Crop Insurance, Fairmont (2 holes); Greg's Heavenly Homemade Ice Cream, Amboy; GHE/RM Driving, Granada; Anonymous donor on behalf of St James Lutheran Church & School, Northrop; Hog Slat, Fairmont; Thrivent Financial, Fairmont & Blue Earth; Profinium Financial, Fairmont & Truman; and Ekstrom Drainage, Truman. Pictures can be seen at [www.martinlutherhs.com](http://www.martinlutherhs.com).

# OH! What a KNIGHT! Dinner Auction

The third time was *The Charm!* After re-scheduling and much consideration, the committee decided to have the OH! What a KNIGHT Dinner Auction socially distanced and outdoors for anyone who felt comfortable attending. Gerhardt Catering accommodated us by serving delicious sandwiches from their food truck, Atlantic Bottling Company donated Coke products, and Schwan's Foods donated ice cream treats. Thrivent Action Team money was used to purchase gift certificates from area business. Many businesses, parents and supporters donated items to give us a fantastic auction line-up. Over 125 MLHS friends brought their lawn chairs and enjoyed a balmy evening. Bidding sky-rocketed and items sold with a great deal of fanfare. Thank you to all who helped raise over \$53,400 for the MLHS Ministry.



Rev. John Bennett opened the evening with prayer and thanksgiving.



Dustyn Hartung (volunteer auctioneer) and Lisa Trueblood bowed their heads.



Gerhardt's Food Truck was a busy place providing sandwiches and fresh-cut fries.



Live auction items were placed on the flat rack. Auctioneer Alley's sound truck made it possible for all to hear.



Dylan Kallemeyn of Colonel K Auctioneering also volunteered his expertise. Scott Halverson (back) served as emcee.



Guest spread out and relaxed in their lawn chairs.



It was a beautiful, breezy night to sit on the MLHS lawn.



Guests were all smiles as they left, saying they had a great time and giving to the Exit Basket.

Thank you to everyone who helped and gave so generously!  
 Scott & Dawn Halverson  
 David & Amanda Bergt  
 Jeffrey & Susan Bolen  
 Jason & Melissa Engel  
 Dave & Elaine Hurn  
 Kristi Prafke  
 Scott & Brenda Shane  
 Jeremy & Melissa Sailor  
 Larry & Annette Bremer  
 Dylan Kallemeyn  
 Dustyn Hartung  
 Dan Gahler  
 Lisa Gravlin  
 Ethan Hurn  
 and many others!

## In-person Classes Begin August 25th

Students and staff are looking at the new school year with excitement and trepidation, joy and fear, and enthusiasm and hesitation.

People's emotions are raw. Isolation, fear, uncertainty, and mistrust have taken over. Many are starved from lack of spiritual guidance and peer support.

At MLHS Christ is our leader. We have the freedom to focus on THE TRUTH—every day in every way.

No matter what happens, God is

in control of our future. We will pray for each other. We will work together. We will support each other. We will be flexible. We will learn together.

**Honoring Christ  
Welcoming All**

**New Students  
Always Welcome**

Parents and students in grades 9-12 are invited to enroll today to be blessed by an extraordinary high school experience in these extraordinary times.

There are two things we know for sure. One, Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Two, things in our lives will be different. Fall sports have already changed. Soccer will continue. Football and volleyball have been moved to the spring. We may not know what the future holds, but we know WHO holds the future.

## School Year Theme Focuses on Jesus

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**"When I am weak,  
then I am strong—the less I have,  
the more I depend on Him."**

2 Corinthians 12:10

## Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

\*All events are subject to change. Please go to [www.martinlutherhs.com](http://www.martinlutherhs.com) for updates

August 25	First Day of School 2020-2021
September 24	Thrivent Tuition Savings Plan Seminar
October 15-17	Fall Rummage and Bake Sale
October 19	NHS Red Cross Blood Drive
October 25	Class of 2024 Baked Potato Dinner 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
October 25	Delegate Meeting 1 p.m.
October 30	7th & 8th Grade Step UP Day
November 2	Grandparents' Day & NHS Induction 11:30 a.m.
November 6-7	Drama Production at Fairmont Opera House 7 p.m.
November 14	Mission Possible Benefit Knight
November 15	Martin Luther High School Sunday
December 12	Christmas Concert at FOH 7 p.m.
January 16	Generation to Generation Antique Auction 9:15 a.m.
January 24	Children's Winter Carnival
January 24	Lutheran Schools Week
January 26	"Minnesota's Firsts" History Day (snow date Jan 28) 9:15 a.m. grades 5-8 & 12:30 p.m. grades 9-12 Open to the public
February 22-26	Snow Week
February 26	5th & 6th Grade Step UP Day 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
March 13	Fine Arts & Science Festival
March 14	Soup and Sandwich Benefit 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
March 14	Delegate Meeting 1 p.m.
March 16	Sacred Concert
March 21	Waffle Brunch by Class of 2022 10 a.m.
April 8-10	Spring Rummage and Bake Sale
April 17	Oh! What a KNIGHT! Dinner Auction 4:30 p.m.
April 26	NHS Red Cross Blood Drive
May 1	Prom
May 15	Pops Concert 7:00 p.m.
May 26	Recognition & Awards Night 7 p.m.
May 30	Graduation
June 19	Play It Again Golf Benefit for Music Department 1 p.m.
June 27	"Let Freedom Ring" Grilled Pork Loin Dinner 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
June 27	Delegate Meeting 1 p.m.



### Get a \$500 Tax Credit Using Tuition Savings Plan



Information provided by:

**thrivent**<sup>®</sup>  
Education Specialists in  
Fairmont & Blue Earth

**Thursday, September 24th**  
**5:30-6:45 p.m.**  
**Free Event with Catered Supper**  
**RSVP to 507-436-5249**

Learn how to map out a path to a more secure financial future.  
Take advantage of the new Minnesota tax law changes  
that gives parents and grandparents  
up to \$500 in tax credits each year.  
Applies to savings plans for parochial K-12 and college tuition.

## Keeping the Ministry Strong Soli deo Gloria

Even in the midst of the chaos and turmoil of a pandemic, one thing is abundantly clear: **God, our Father, wants the Martin Luther High School Ministry to continue.** Enrollment has increased—we have students to nurture! The outpouring of prayers, words of support, cooperation, volunteerism, and financial gifts has been extraordinary in these extraordinary times.

It is our prayer that pastors, parents, students, staff, alumni, community, and our family in Christ continue the walk to *"Prepare students for discipleship until Christ's return."*

Your support is vital. Tuition paid by families doesn't cover the actual cost to operate the ministry. Your gifts make up that difference. Memorials,

honorariums, outright gifts to General Operating or Student Tuition Aid, Knight's Brigade membership, and estate gifts continue to feed and sustain God's Work. You are invited to visit our website and be a Partner in Ministry with MLHS.

If you have questions contact Marge or Paul. We welcome your visit—anytime.

# JOIN THE KNIGHTS' BRIGADE



**A CERTAIN  
GOD  
in uncertain times.**

**God's Ministries face  
constant adversaries.**

**Please enlist in the  
KNIGHTS' BRIGADE  
to keep the  
Martin Luther High  
School Ministry  
strong for generations  
to come.**

**"Prepare your shields,  
both large and small,  
and march out for  
battle!**

**Harness the horses,  
mount the steeds!  
Take your positions  
with helmets on!  
Polish your spears,  
put on your armor!"**

**-Jeremiah 46:3-4**

Consistent donations and income provide stability, allowing MLHS to run in a professional manner reflecting Christ-like integrity. The KNIGHTS' BRIGADE was formed to strengthen the Ministry. Fellow Christians are asked for their charity.

Your gifts given on the 1st of the month will provide:

- ◆ Student Tuition Aid

Your gifts given on the 15th of the month will support:

- ◆ Religious Materials
- ◆ Library Materials & Subscriptions
- ◆ Computers
- ◆ Technology Infrastructure
- ◆ Science Equipment
- ◆ Art Supplies
- ◆ Other Class Room Resources
- ◆ Accreditation Expenses
- ◆ Curriculum Updates/  
Software
- ◆ Continuing Education for Teachers
- ◆ Memberships & Dues
- ◆ Internet & Telephone Service
- ◆ Website Expenses
- ◆ Utilities
- ◆ Marketing Resources
- ◆ Office Supplies & Equipment
- ◆ Facility Improvements & Upkeep



## How to enroll in EFT Giving

- ◆ To enlist online:  
Go to [www.martinlutherhs.com](http://www.martinlutherhs.com)  
Click on the "GIVE NOW" button and choose the level at which you would like to join, which fund you would like to support and click on "continue" to complete your enrollment.
- ◆ Your first donation will be deducted on the date you select.
- ◆ Deductions will continue until you specify otherwise.
- ◆ For assistance call Marge Thiesse, Director of Development at 507-436-5249.

## As a KNIGHTS' BRIGADE member you will receive

- ◆ A yearly receipt for your tax-deductible donation
- ◆ Your name on the MLHS Donor Recognition Wall
- ◆ The satisfaction of knowing that you are helping teens benefit from a Lutheran high school education.
- ◆ The comfort of knowing that you are guarding one of God's Ministries.

\* Please note: Gifts given as memorials, honorariums, donations for specific projects, ticket or auction purchases, or exit basket challenges or donations do NOT count toward membership levels. Only those gifts designated "KNIGHTS' BRIGADE" will qualify

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As an aside: everyone will reunite with the ground from which we were taken. To put it more bluntly, we are all going to die (unless Jesus returns first, which He might, very soon). There is no mask, no diet, no medicine, no voodoo that will prevent us from dying if the Lord has "called our number." Now do not get me wrong; masks, diets, medicines, etc., all have their place in allowing us a better quality of life (for the purposes of sanctified living). I also want to make clear that fatalism is not the same as freewill. Jesus wants us to operate with a choice. Let's face it, though; death is not a pleasant thought for any of us, but it does not need to be a significant concern for a Christian. The entirety of the New Testament calls death "sleeping." St Paul asks, "Death, where is your sting?" - 1 Corinthians 15:55. It is our window of transition to be with Jesus in paradise - Luke 23:43. This Faith provides us a peace that surpasses our understanding, and we should encourage one another in that fact - 1 Thessalonians 5 (read this chapter - great summary!).

Ok, so where is the evidence for all this hocus pocus. Let me offer some evidential speculations. Why speculation, you ask? Because any study, or public interpretation of the evidence, is not done from a "cursed is the ground" foundational view. Public scientific information is not coming from a Biblical point of view. The road is narrow, and for scientists, even narrower, unfortunately. Hence these answers are speculative, but rational and evidential.

Food: There is a reason Monsanto is in business. Plants are losing and continue to lose nutrient density. Plants are also losing their ability to fight off pests (emerald ash borer). Yes, plants do have an immune system. Monsanto was not needed in the time of Joseph - Genesis 37-50. Today plants need a little help, and we may need Flintstone gummy vitamins. Plant derived vitamins might also need help as some need to be methylated to be useful, to some, not all.

Viruses: Our medical community continues to find "new" viruses that mess with people. Conventional wisdom will suggest that the virus evolved to now impact humans. Let me offer this suggestion, which was implied earlier: Our immune system is progressively getting worse, and bugs that bother us now were not as impactful with a stronger immune system of the past. The immune system is not the only system that is a mess. This bad to worse assumption can easily carry into conversations on every major body system, hence methylated vitamins.

Bigger and more storms, famines, and catastrophes: All have easy links to climate change/global warming. Climate change is fairly evidential, but the cause(s) that have been suggested do not seem to fit the reality of the problem. But the Bible will point to a time that would have easily created a HUGE pile of ice about 4000 years ago, and that ice is still melting today, as a result decreasing the stability of the planet and the entire ecosystem and ALL of its inhabitants.

So what do we do? (Write off the author as "nuts"? ) We follow the advice Jesus offers as the bad becomes really bad; Do not fear, have faith, love your neighbor, and look out for false teachers, who turn you from the truth. False teachers are not just poor "church" leaders/pastors. They could have the title of doctor, professor, news media personality, or blogger of the moment. What truth? You may ask. The truth the Bible offers in everything (there is a whole lot of Romans 1:22 out there....), most certainly that of the reality of Jesus. Jesus clearly believed in the progressive curse of the ground. Shouldn't we? The labor pains clearly signify Jesus' return. So, What does it mean to get ready for Jesus to come again? It means; Do not fear, have faith, love your neighbor (do not let masks be a stumbling block to your neighbor, wear them respectful of the company you keep), and look out for false teachers. It means do your homework. Trust the Biblical narrative of history. It fits seamlessly into our present set of circumstances. Research what I shared. Read your Bible. Get to know Jesus on a much deeper level. It means be vocational in your "regular" lives in these extraordinary times. And if this whole thing is right, it is only going to get more interesting. Fear is and has been the driving force in the decisions made for mandates and guidelines given to the public. Jesus' statement not to fear, not to worry - Matthew 6 & 24 - is going to be a **primary differentiator** among the lives of people. There will be those living and motivated by fear and those motivated by the Grace of God through Christ. It will be an **opportunity** to let your light shine and answer the questions for the Hope you have - Matthew 5:16 & 1 Peter 3:15. Steps of faith will be in stark contrast in culture. It is an opportunity! Our foundations need to be firmly rooted in God's plan revealed in His inspired revelation, the Bible - Proverbs 9:10. The fields are ripe. Let's share/**teach** this Good News! There is a lot to be done. Be a doer - James 1:22! *Come Lord Jesus, Amen!*

Paul Steinhaus, Principal



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- Zion Lutheran, Lewisville

All member churches are committed to providing spiritual and financial support.

Congregations are represented by delegates which comprise the governing body. All churches are to encourage student enrollment and promote MLHS as an extension of their ministry.

Full Member support is 6% of annual budget in monthly payments from the congregational treasury. (4% for congregations with elementary schools.)

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## Mission Statement



Preparing students  
for discipleship  
until  
**Christ's return**

## Vision Statement



**Martin Luther High School**

is:

**P**artnered with Families and Congregations

**E**mpowered by the Gospel

**A**cademically Accredited

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**E**ngaged in Excellence