

The KNIGHT LIGHT



Martin

Luther Jr/Sr High School, Northrop, MN

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Honoring Christ...Welcoming All



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Martin Luther High School,
(Northrop, MN)

Your Martin Luther Administration, Board of Directors, Faculty, and Staff are busy this summer preparing for the upcoming school year. We praise God for all of the students that are enrolled and pray that their time here will be blessed.

Last March the Class of 2025 hosted a "Getting to Know You" enrollment KNIGHT for incoming freshmen. Students who enrolled that evening signed a "success" commitment form with MLHS Administration. MLHS is dedicated to partnering with parents and congregations to ensure that students achieve success in every possible area, not only academically, physically, and socially, but, most importantly, spiritually. A Commitment Signing was also held in May.

The Class of 2026 has 12 students enrolled and we expect a few more. Pictured below are: 1. **Jayson Matasovsky**, Steven & Brenda, Lakefield. 2. **Madison Sokoloski**, Greg & Sara, Northrop. 3. **Natalie Taylor**, Tom & Becky, Fairmont. 4. **Jackson Luhmann**, , Jordan & Jennifer, Granada. 5. **Norah Chase**, Pastor Tim & Jana, Truman 6. **Elliott Flohrs**, Jeff & Michelle, Truman. 7. **Ashley Singleton**, Matt & Shannon, Fairmont. **Ava Rathman**, Bryan & Angie, Hanska. 8. **Owen Blaufuss**, Steve & Patty, Northrop. Also enrolled but not pictured are: **Grace Rossow**, Jade & Tristy, Trimont. **Katie Schultz**, Pastor David & Michelle, Fairmont. **Braden Roiger**, Lynn & Derek, Fairmont.

New Students Always Welcome

2022-2023 Brings New Changes Trust in the Lord Lean not on your own understanding

Introduction

At the June 26 meeting of MLHS Association Delegates, delegates requested a detailed account of the process that established a Junior High (7th and 8th grades) class at Martin Luther High School. That account follows here, for the benefit of the MLHS Association Congregations.

Background

Within the Association, the possibility of having Junior High at MLHS has been discussed for many years. When St. James Lutheran School in Northrop found itself without a Junior High teacher for the upcoming 2022-2023 school year, the St. James Board of Christian Education and the MLHS Board of Directors decided to pursue a conversation about moving St. James Junior High to MLHS campus. This conversation has pursued a twofold goal: that St. James students would continue in excellent Christian education, and also that, by offering Junior High School, MLHS would be better positioned to bring in more students into the Senior High School.

May 3 Delegates' Meeting

The first, all-important piece of the conversation took place at a special meeting of the MLHS Delegates on May 3. Over 40 delegates from Association and Supporting Congregations were in attendance, including 5 representing St. Paul's Lutheran School in Fairmont and 6 representing St. Paul's Lutheran School in Truman.

In the meeting, discussion by the delegates made clear that, if St. James and MLHS came to an agreement about 7th-8th grade, it would not be appropriate to pass on any financial burden to the two congregations that already operate their own 7th-8th grades; that is, St. Paul of Truman and St. Paul of Fairmont should not have to contribute to two Junior High programs. Therefore, funding for a Junior High at MLHS would have to come from St. James and from tuition collected from the Junior High classes. No financial burden could be passed on to any other Association congregations. In its outreach, MLHS would be entirely supportive of and non-competitive with other Association Junior High Schools, and would focus on recruiting from other area private and public schools (for example, St. John Vianney and St. Mary's Catholic Schools both end their programs after 6th grade).

Delegates also expressed concern about the fact that this move, including possibly hiring a teacher, would need to take place within a very short window of time. MLHS Board members made clear that a transition could take place quickly, be done well, and that a list of candidates for a teacher position was already being discussed.

After discussion and encouragement, the delegates unanimously gave authority to the MLHS Board of Directors to proceed with plans together with St. James Lutheran School.

May 3-31 Discussions

With the approval of the delegates, extensive discussions took place throughout the month of May between St. James Church Council and MLHS Board of Directors. St. James urged MLHS to thoroughly investigate the possibility of adding a Junior High class without adding any staffing costs. MLHS BoD, after thorough consideration, informed St. James that it would not be possible to add a Junior High class without adding a full-time teacher. A plan was then drawn up between MLHS BoD and St. James Church Council to present to the St. James Voters' Assembly.

June 1 St. James Special Voters' Meeting

At a special Voters' Meeting on June 1, St. James, by an overwhelming majority, voted to allow its Junior High to pass into the care of MLHS, and to financially support this move.

The delegates had previously authorized MLHS BoD to come to an agreement with St. James Lutheran. The details of this agreement, as understood and approved by St. James Lutheran Voters, are as follows:

- Estimated expenses for the operation of a Junior High classroom at MLHS are: \$60,000.
- MLHS will hire a full-time teacher.
- MLHS will collect tuition for each Junior High student in the amount of \$3,150/yr.
- St. James Lutheran will support the endeavor with a commitment of \$40,000 annually.
- St. James Lutheran will also provide some tuition assistance for students coming to MLHS Junior High from SJLS. St. James Lutheran will pay the difference between SJLS tuition and the \$3,150.
- These commitments of St. James Lutheran are for three years, through the school year ending in 2025.

It is also acknowledged that \$20,000 has already been donated exclusively for the Junior High from two members of Association congregations other than St. James. In addition, a \$10,000 grant was awarded from the Allen C. Berndt Foundation to be used for staffing for Junior and Senior High School science needs.

**Isaiah 6:8 Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying,
*"Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?" Then I
 said, "Here am I. Send me!"***

Conclusion

It therefore appears that the Junior High class is well-positioned to finish in the black for the 2022-2023 school year without passing on any financial burden to any other Association congregations. MLHS has therefore hired Mrs. Teresa Kiehl as the Junior High class teacher, as expressed at the May 3 Delegates' Meeting. Teresa is a graduate of MLHS, a veteran educator in Fairmont High School, an active member of St. Paul Lutheran of Fairmont, and has been an outstanding example of involvement in the Christian education process especially at St Paul, Fairmont.

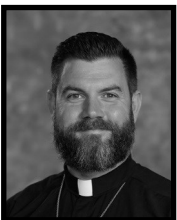
Respectfully,
 Rev. John Henry, Pastor, St. James Lutheran Church and School
 Mr. Paul Steinhaus, Principal, Martin Luther High School

Meet the Teachers for Junior High



Teresa Kiehl is a 1987 ML Alum. She and her husband Brian have two sons Kody (2009) and Mason (2013). Teresa will be the primary homeroom teacher for 7th & 8th. She has a Bachelor of Science in Teaching, Social Studies, with honors, from Minnesota State University, Mankato (1999). She continued her education at St. Mary's College of Maryland (2005) and received her MA in Differentiated Instruction from Concordia- St. Paul in 2017. Throughout her career Teresa has taught many subjects and many grade levels in Virginia and Maryland. She has taught middle, high school and Advance Placement courses at the Fairmont Public Schools since 2007. *"I am willing and able to teach any subject you ask me to,"* says Teresa. She brings experience, enthusiasm, creativity and a love for youth with her. *"As an alum I am looking forward to giving back to Martin Luther and am very excited to be able to help expand the program,"* says Teresa. *"I feel so blessed to have this opportunity."*

"Teresa uses research based strategies to further student achievement. Kids like her, they are learning—and they still like her! She is top of the line. She will do what she is asked to. She is into professional development for the betterment of the kids." says Cheryl Hamp, Special Education Coordinator with Fairmont Area Schools.



Rev. John Henry III is the pastor at St James, Northrop and Zion, Fraser Lutheran Churches. He and his wife Laura have four children. Pastor teaches Junior Christian Religion and will teach 7 & 8 Christian Life. The Henrys came to Northrop in 2020 and immediately became involved at ML. They have donated dinners and services to the "OH! What a KNIGHT Dinner Auction" that sold for fantastic amounts. He is passionate about Christian education and preparing our young people to be strong Christians in this sinful world. *"Christian schools are caring for the future, for the next generation of servants of Christ and leaders in our communities. My family and I are so grateful to be a part of this future God is building."* says Pastor Henry.



Señora Veronica Balderas has taught Spanish I, II and III to grades 9-12 at ML since 2017. She and her husband Juan have three children. 7th & 8th grade students at ML will have Spanish Enrichment classes taught by Señora one or two days a week. She will also teach Spanish Enrichment at St Paul, Fairmont and St Paul's, Truman. The goal of this class is to introduce students to the Hispanic culture and bring a greater understanding of diversity and God's all-encompassing love for all people. This project is funded by "To All Generations" grant from the MN South District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

Veronica enjoys sharing her experiences growing up in Mexico. Her colorful personality adds much to our school life. She says, *"God sent me to the United States and brought me to faith. In Mexico I didn't have faith. Life was harder. We are now living a peaceful life and we found God here. I feel that the Lutheran faith is REAL and PEACEFUL. We feel that we belong here. We wanted a better life for our children and for them to grow in faith."*

Other teachers on the qualified Martin Luther staff will assist teaching as needed. For example, 7th or 8th grade upper level math students can participate in high school level math classes taught by David Bergt or Tom Taylor. Depending on schedules, science, English, Social Studies or music may be taught by high school teachers. **At MLHS the staff is focused on one thing—helping students to be all that God has created them to be!**

2021-2022 School Year Began with High Expectations



The 2021-2022 school year began, as usual, with fun activities. Families got together for a “Back-to-School” party the night before classes began. Students played games and adults got to know each other. On the first day the Student Council led mixer activities. Left: Carter Sailor leans into the relay with Lance Stevens. Right: Students formed a circle and played a guessing game.



Left: Students lined up to say “good-bye” to Pastor Adam Carnehl, Lisa and children after he gave his last chapel. Chapels are held three times a week. We have been blessed with some fascinating guest speakers this past year, such as Muslim converts who are now missionaries, LCMS missionaries in Kenya, and Dr. Jeffrey Burkhardt and Dr. Brian Freidrich both from Concordia, St Paul. At right, candid moment taken of young men fascinated by the message. L-r: Heath Rossow, Daniel Martinez, Chase Hillmer, Isaac Taplin and Lance Stevens in the back.



Each spring and fall students help set up the rummage sale equipment. They learn teamwork, service, and organization through this process, plus they enjoy shopping the sale. Pictured at right is Lily Cyphers shopping and Alyssa Wiederhoeft celebrating her findings.

A joyful heart is good medicine –Proverbs 17: 22



Homecoming week gave the students the chance to have some fun—and they went all out! Sarah Matsovsky, Brianna Petrowiak, Trevor Rosburg, Bethany Petrowiak and Jade Kitzerow went back in time.



National Honor Society Induction was held with grandparents and parents joining students for lunch and the ceremony. Pictured in front are: Josie Clow, Ashley Engelby, Emily Engelby, Sarah Matasovsky, Bethany Petrowiak, Brianna Petrowiak, Jacob Singleton. Back: Mrs. Lisa Kube-Advisor, Mallory Geistfeld, Mariah Geistfeld, Tyson Kube, Trevor Rosburg, Emily Sokoloski, Kambria Steinhause, Hannah Bergt, Sutton Bohlsen, Jakob Fischer, Wyatt Luhmann, Diana Sargent, and Jacob Taylor.



National Honor Society Induction and Grandparents Day was celebrated. The choir sang a beautiful song honoring our veterans. Students and guests took advantage of fun photo-ops and honoring our veterans. Top left: Sutton Bohlsen stands proudly with Grandma Cheryl and Grandpa Jim Becker. Top right: Chase Hillmer enjoyed having his grandparents Dennis and Mary Anne Hagen wave a flag with him. Grandson Lucas and Trevor Rosburg hatted it up with Grandma Lisa. Paige Roiger and Jeanne Schwieger went all out with the glitter, crowns and boas. Love those smiles!

Performances and Recognition



The Drama department presented a hilarious comedy at the Fairmont Opera House called "Shoestring Theater." Top left is Hannah Bergt (Cinderella) and Kambria Steinhaus (Fairy Godmother.)

Students were also treated to the magic comedy show of Will McDaniels. Top right Tyson Kube and Josiah Brakenhoff are determined to "break the mystery" of the handcuffs.



Above left: The Music Department presented the Christmas Concert at the Fairmont Opera House in December. Elementary and high school band and high school choir performed.

Above right: The Spring Concert, "Music Montage" was held at MLHS. Concordia St Paul Christus Chorus made a guest performance on the tour. The ML choir joined them for the last song, "A Blessing."

Left: A precious picture of a beginner band flutist, Abby Ackerman from Immanuel Lutheran School, Lakefield. ML Director, Phil Schult, gives band lessons to four area schools as well as directs the MLHS music program.

Outstanding Students



Athletic Director, Tom Taylor, is pictured with juniors, Jacob Taylor and Hannah Bergt, who were selected by The Minnesota State High School League as 2022 ExCEL Award recipients. The ExCEL Award – Excellence in Community, Education and Leadership – is a unique recognition program designed exclusively for Minnesota high school juniors who are active in school activities, leaders in their schools, and who demonstrate a strong commitment to community service. This award is sponsored by the League's corporate partner Wells Fargo.



Seniors Mallery Geistfeld and Tyson Kube were recognized by Athletic Director, Tom Taylor, as the 2022 MLHS Triple 'A' nominees. The Academics, Arts, and Athletics Award, commonly known as the Triple 'A' Award, honors high school seniors throughout the state who have a 3.0 or higher-grade point average and who participate in League-sponsored athletic and fine arts activities.



Above left: Tyson Kube signed to play football at Dordt University. Among his fan club who celebrated this milestone with him are Grandparents Ken and Marla Kube and parents Brian and Lisa Kube.

Above right: Trevor Rosburg signed with Zielger/CAT of Jackson to participate in 100% paid two-year apprenticeship as a Diesel Mechanic Technician. He comes from five generations of CAT users. Pictured with him is Great-grandmother Norma Schroeder, Grandmother Lisa Rosburg, father Brian, Grandfather Duane and brother Lucas.



Left: Mallery Geistfeld signed with Ridgewater College in Willmar to play basketball. She is pictured with mother Christine and father Bruce Geistfeld.

Serve one another through love-Galatians 5:13



Left: The **KNIGHTS 4 LIFE** group, which is a part of the national Y4 Life organization, marched at the State Capitol during the March for Life. Pictured are: Ashley Engelby, Kambria Steinhaus, Emily Engelby. Row 2: Ryan Singleton, Josie Clow, Alyssa Wiederhoeft, Emma Sailor, Mary Bennett. Row 3: Josiah Brakenhoff, Lance Stevens, Jacob Singleton, Carter Sailor and Jacob Taylor. Above center: During Life Week they organized a prayer walk in which all students visited several prayer stations and prayed for various life issues and those in distress. Top right: Ashley Engelby helped prepare personal hygiene kits for the homeless. They group gathered together personal care items and gave out several dozen kits to Options Pregnancy

Center, The Salvation Army and Shepherds In. Y4 Life is a branch of the Lutherans for Life organization which is focused on the younger generation. Their answer to "Why should we be 4 Life is: 'Our God is the God of Life. In His Word, we learn that God loves all humans; in fact, He loved humankind so much that He sent His Son to die for all human life. This makes all human life important, valuable, and meaningful. Y4Life seeks to equip high-school- and college-aged youth to be Gospel-motivated voices 4Life. Through service, celebration, worship, and education, youth are encouraged to engage in life-affirming activities and become Leaders 4Life in their schools, communities, nation, and world!'" www.y4life.org



The **Student Council** is also committed to serving others. This winter they packed dozens of boxes for Operation Christmas Child. Pictured above are, front row: Mariah Geistfeld, Diana Sargent, Josie Close. Back: Mallery Geistfeld, Jacob Singleton, Mary Bennett and Hannah Bergt. Student Council led a food drive challenge which collected \$675 for Heaven's Table Food Shelf. In January they hosted a Winter Carnival for families. Students provided entertainment, prizes and a parent's lounge. Pictured at center is Wyatt Luhmann overseeing the Toss Game.

Student Council also orchestrates 7th & 8th Grade Step UP Day. They greet students and oversee "The MLHS Olympics" contests.



Pictured at top right is Jacob Singleton placing the Olympic Torch in preparation for the contests.

Left: The 2021 Olympic winners, Elizabeth Bennett, Elliot Flohrs and Norah Chase from St Paul's, Truman.

Right: Tom Taylor had the students' rapt attention in his devotion about battling our gifts and making the best use of our talents.



Give as it has been given to you



Members of the **National Honor Society** are committed to academics, scholarship, service and leadership. NHS members host a Red Cross Blood Drive each spring and fall. In addition to organizing and scheduling, many students donate blood. Left and center: Emily Engelby and MaKenzie Weihe give a thumbs-up while donating blood. Right: Jacob Singleton comes up out of the cold water after getting dunked to raise money for Pennies for Patients. The group raised over \$715 to help children with cancer.



Left: **Spirit Club** members Han-nah Bergt, Jade Kitzerow and Ashley Engelby spend time preparing treats for the student body to “keep up the Spirit.”

Right: Principal Steinhaus accepts a \$2,000 check from Ed Lee, a member of the local Lutheran Laymen’s League to help cover the cost of printing the MLHS Advent Devotions books.



Thank you to the Lee C. Prentice Post Fairmont American Legion for donating TEN \$1,000 scholarships to the Martin Luther High School Class of 2022. First row: Emily Sokoloski, Alyssa Wiederhoeft, Zackary Jenks, Tyson Kube and Thelma Schaal, President of Ladies’ Auxiliary. Second row: Commander Bob Oltman, Paige Roiger, Mallory Geistfeld, Alexis Lawton, Kambria Steinhaus and Mariah Geistfeld. (Not pictured, Josie Clow.) We appreciate your amazing generosity in investing in our youth. They gave out 46-\$1,000 scholarships to graduating seniors in Martin County.

Building Strong Christian Leaders

The Virginia and Martin Krause Scholarship was created to reward students who have exhibited a strong desire to be successful academically, as well as exemplifying a strong commitment to the community through service or having a history of involvement in extracurricular activities. Winners are selected yearly based on this criteria apart from their cumulative GPA. A local advisory committee will review eligible applicants. Martin Krause established this scholarship fund after Virginia passed away in 2015. It is to not only to help current students enrolled at MLHS but also to attract new students who may not be able to attend without financial assistance.

"We were proud that this school is still here after 34+ years – and want it to be here for decades to come." Martin also expressed the desire for more people to follow his example. "I hope others will consider a charitable contribution to Martin Luther through scholarships. It's a wonderful legacy to leave for our next generation. Our goal was for this scholarship fund to last into perpetuity and anyone who would like to join us is welcome."

"Virginia and Marty have been a foundational cornerstone of the school with their past, present and future support," says Principal Paul Steinhaus. "There is no way that a nonprofit is going to survive without these kinds of gifts. We are built on the foundation of our supporters. This is just a great example—a legacy that helps students come to this school and be blessed by a Christian education."

Recipients are selected by the Scholarship Advisory Committee. This year \$12,000 was awarded to qualifying students. Martin Krause is pictured with the 2022-2023 recipients. First row Ashley Singleton, Elizabeth Bennett, Norah Chase, Natalie Taylor, Sutton Bohlsen. Second row: Brianna Petrowiak, Bethany Petrowiak, Jacob Taylor. Thirst row: Jacob Singleton, Lucas Rosburg, Wyatt Luhmann, Jackson Luhmann. (Not pictured: Mason Engel, Ava Rathman.)



Diana Sargent (left) and Jacob Taylor (right) are pictured with Brent Johnson representative of the Lewisville American Legion who selected these students as representatives to Girls and Boys State. Students who have completed their junior year are competitively selected and sponsored by Legion units for this program, where they learn about the political process by electing officials for all levels of state government and actively running a mock government.

The Fairmont Women of Today awarded five-\$100 Gas Cards to graduating seniors in our community. Recipients need to be nominated by an adult from their school. Two MLHS seniors were selected. Left: Marge Thiesse is pictured with Zackary Jenks and Ryan Singleton is pictured with Rebecca Oerman. Each year the Gas for Grads awards focus on one of the three pillars of Women of Today (Service, Growth, Fellowship). In 2022, high school seniors who demonstrated growth in the following areas personal, emotional, academic, social, were selected. Thank you Fairmont Women of Today!

Sam Geistfeld Inducted in 2022 Hall of Fame



"This year's Hall of Fame inductee was an absolute dominant force for MLHS on the basketball court. When I watched him play, it seemed to me that he could score any time he wanted to

"Sam Geistfeld was a standout athlete for MLHS during the 2010-2011 to 2013-2014 school years. He was a two-season athlete participating in both basketball and baseball.

"During his years of playing varsity basketball, Sam was a team captain for two seasons. He earned All Conference Honorable Mention his sophomore year and All Conference his junior and senior seasons. He also was voted to the all area team in 2013 and 2014 and was a KEYC Athlete of the Week. During his senior year he averaged 22.8 points, 13.2 rebounds, 3.3 assists, 1.6 blocks and 2.7 steals per game, shooting 71.4% from the free throw line. Sam scored a minimum of 15 points and hauled in at least five rebounds every single game during his senior year with career highs of 36 points and 18 rebounds.

"Sam was a force, finishing his senior year with 357 rebounds and 616 points to bring his career varsity statistics to a total of 817 rebounds and a total of 1,398 points. Sam currently ranks second all time in points scored for MLHS male athletes.

"In baseball, Sam earned All Conference in 2013. He finished

the 2013 season with a .320 batting average with 10 walks, 9 RBI'S and 7 runs scored. From the hill, Sam pitched 20 and 2/3 innings, striking out 26, and was selected to the Sentinel All Area Team.

"When asked about Sam, former varsity Head Baseball Coach Scott Chirpich replied, 'Sam was one to show up on time, get his work in, never complain, and compete. He was a leader without a voice. Players respected him and he made himself and everyone around him better. I was honored to coach this young man and wish I had eight more players on the field just like him. No one more deserving of being selected into the MLHS athletic hall of fame.'

"While pursuing a degree in agriculture, Sam went on to play basketball at Ridgewater College in Willmar, MN.

"While Sam was at MLHS, he did some great things for us. Whether pitching from the hill or playing under the basket, you could always count on Sam to keep our opponents in check. And so today we would like to recognize him for those accomplishments. Therefore, it is my privilege to induct Sam Geistfeld into the Martin Luther High School Athletic Hall of Fame."

Tom Taylor, MLHS Athletic Director

Generation to Generation Antique Auction



Each January the team from Auctioneer Alley/Land Services Unlimited donate their services to the Generation to Generation Antique Auction. Proceeds benefit the Student Tuition Fund for the current year and the Student Tuition Aid Endowment Fund 50/50. Over the years several thousands of dollars have been raised. Last January the auction raised \$4,100. The 2023 auction will be held on January 14.

Donations or consignments of antiques, primitives and collectibles are welcome. Please notify the school office by November 1, 2022 so that a sale bill can be compiled. Check your barns, attics and basements for the items that are treasured by others and can be put on the auction.

**I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race,
I have kept the faith. —2 Timothy 4:7**



Josie Clow ~^
Brian & Heidi Clow
Winona State University
Nursing
American Legion Post 36 \$1,000
Red Cross \$250.



Lily Cyphers ^
Michelle Cyphers
Work



Mallery Geistfeld ~^
Bruce & Chris Geistfeld
Salutatorian
Ridgewater College, Willmar
Veterinary Technology
Playing Basketball
American Legion Post 36 \$1,000
Red Cross \$250
American Legion Post 561 \$500



Mariah Geistfeld ~^
Bruce & Chris Geistfeld
Iowa Lakes Community College,
Emmetsburg
Early Childhood Education
ILCC Dual Credit \$500
American Legion Post 36 \$1,000
Red Cross \$250
American Legion Post 561 \$500.



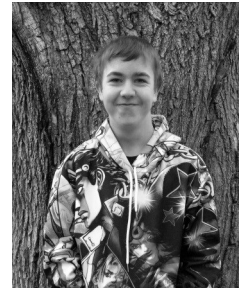
Zackary Jenks ^
Christy Wilson
Jon Jenks
Bethany Lutheran College,
Mankato
Business Administration
BLC \$52,000 Presidential
BLC \$2,000 Lutheran HS
American Legion Post 36 \$1,000



Tyson Kube ~^
Brian & Lisa Kube
Dordt University,
Sioux Center
Education
Playing Football
DORDT \$48,000 Presidential DORDT
\$4,000 Football
American Legion Post 36 \$1,000



Alexis Lawton
Heather Whitehead
Dennis Lawton
South Central Community College,
Mankato
Business
American Legion Post 36 \$1,000



Colter Meinert
Jeff & Patti Meinert
Work



Left: Lisa Gravlin received the Martin Luther Award from Principal Paul Steinhaus for her faithful service to MLHS over the years.



Class of 2022



Paige Roiger *
Lynn Schwieger
Nathan Roiger
Concordia University, Seward,
Elementary Education/Early
Childhood
Clay Target Team
CUNE \$62,000 Academic,
CUNE \$5,000 Shooting Sports
\$1,500 MN Grocers Asso
American Legion Post 36
\$1,000
Allen C. Berndt \$500



Trevor Rosburg ~^
Jenilee Townsend
Brian Rosburg
100% paid apprenticeship w/
Ziegler CAT in Jackson
Technician Apprenticeship
Program for Diesel Mechanics



Ryan Singleton
Matt & Shannon Singleton
Bethany Lutheran College,
Mankato
Media Arts
BLC \$32,000 Opportunity
BLC \$2,000 Lutheran HS



Emily Sokoloski ~^
Greg & Sara Sokoloski
Concordia University,
Mequon
Pharmacy
CUW \$52,000 Presidential
American Legion Post 36 \$1,000



Kambria Steinhaus ~^
Paul & Lynn Steinhaus
Valedictorian
St. Norbert College, Green Bay
Business Administration
& Finance/Data Analytics
playing volleyball.
SNC \$96,000 Trustee
Distinguished
\$2,000 MN Travel
American Legion Post 36 \$1,000



Alyssa Wiederhoeft
David & Heather Wiederhoeft
USD
Psychology
USD \$4,000 Promise
American Legion Post 36
\$1,000
Federated Rural Electric \$700

Indicates:

~National Honor Society
^Graduating With High Honors
*Graduating With Honors

Class Flower: Gerbera Daisy
Class Colors: Champagne Red & White



Left: Faithful servants on the MLHS Board of Directors
Front: Angie Fischer, Stephanie Senne, Brenda Shane, Jason
Meinert. Second row: Garrett Schock, Greg Sokoloski, Kevin
Behrens, Brent Johnson and Pastor Timothy Chase.

Play It Again Golf Benefit

The Play It Again Golf Benefit broke all records this year. Proceeds provide scholarships for band lessons for elementary students and make improvements to the Music Program. With a big increase in the number of students taking lessons, the need for funding increases also. So we amped up the fun and games, enlisted new members, and doubled our goal. Final numbers proved how generous people are when it comes to helping children with the day, raising over \$15,000. Eighty golfers and several guests joined us at the beautiful Rose Lake Golf Course on June 18th for a day of fund (and fun) raising. Over \$7,000 in prizes were given out to the golfers, which added to the fun! View photos at www.martinlutherhs.com under Special Events.

Save the date for Father's Day weekend, June 17, 2023!

Eagles Club "Inspiring young musicians to soar"

Thank you to the committee members who helped launch this membership:

Elroy Geistfeld, Tom Koeritz, Garrett Schock, Joe Oskerson, Brent Johnson, Larry Bremer, Skip Henton and Matt Singleton.

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Kevin Christensen, Rick Uttech, (GHEC/RM Driving sponsor) and Nick Hoffman and Bowdin Bentz (who came from Madison, WI that day just to golf) stand by long-time Hole Sponsor sign for Ekstrom Drainage.

Thank you to the following Hole Sponsors:

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Schubkegel Family, Kalamazoo, MI
Thrivent Financial, Fairmont

**indicates two hole sponsorships



Hannes Slabbert won a \$100 Boekett Lumber Gift Card for Men's Longest Drive on #1



Haley Luther was the happy winner of the signed MN Vikings Helmet.

OH! What a KNIGHT! Dinner Auction

Laughter, smiles and happy faces were present at the OH! What a Knight! Dinner Auction held on April 9. The auction line-up was exceptional due to the generosity and creativity of committee members, parents, students and community businesses. Allen and Dustyn Hartung of Auctioneer Alley and Dylan Kallemeyn of Colonel K Auctioneers donated their services. The top selling item was the "Low Country Boil at the Lake for Eight" presented by Larry and Annette Bremer which sold for \$4,000. Greg & Deb Schulz's "Willow Creek East Coast Seafood Dinner for Eight" sold for \$3,000. "The Burger, Brats, Brews & Bonfire" donated by Pastor John & Laura Henry sold for \$2,700. Guests had the opportunity to meet a \$10,000 Exit Challenge Match—which they met and exceeded. The evening's total net profit was \$82,750.00, which is a phenomenal record-breaker. This has greatly strengthened the MLHS Ministry. **Thank you to all donors and buyers!**



Guests at the VIP Table received the Royal Treatment with special waitresses, desserts and table settings.



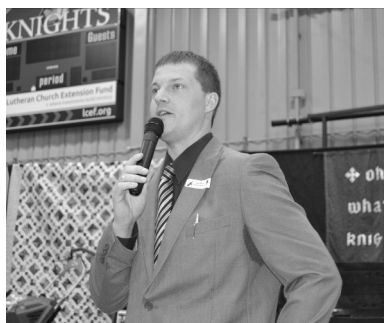
Allen Kahler of Auctioneer Alley has donated his services since this annual event began in the 1990's.



Pastor John Henry III is the winningest Heads & Tails players.



Much to her delight (and amazement), Emma Sailor's Dessert a Month for a Year sold for \$1,400.



Reed Wokasch took on a new role, acting as Emcee for the night.



Four of the Junior boys sold their labor for \$1,800.



Stephanie Zellmer & Rachel Maday had a fun night bidding.

Thank you to everyone who helped and gave so generously!

Scott & Dawn Halverson

David & Amanda Bergt

Michelle Cyphers

Dave & Elaine Hurn

Jesse & Belinda Kitzerow

Kristi Prafke

Jeremy & Melissa Sailor

Larry & Annette Bremer

Pastor Timothy Chase

Jason & Melissa Engel

Matt & Shannon Singleton

Lynn Petrowiak

Allen Kahler

Dylan Kallemeyn

Dustyn Hartung

Dan Gahler

Lisa Gravlin

and many others!

Cash Donors:

Tom & Kathryn Hawkins,

Fairmont

laSalle Meats

Triumph State Bank

Pins & Needles, Mankato

Why Are We Here At MLHS?

Everything boils down to
One Thing:

TEACH JESUS!

Our goal IS
The Great Commission.

At MLHS we have the
greatest tools/
message/wisdom/
knowledge/gospel—ever.



Cost?

MLHS is a priceless ministry.

Can you put a price tag on your child's eternity?

Honoring Christ...Welcoming All

How do we do this?
We use the various
"languages" of
Academics,
extra-curriculars, and
everyday life.
All formalities of
"school" become
avenues to share the
Gospel, and we must be
DELIBERATE –
James 1:22.

Our curriculum is
specifically designed to
share the Gospel
message while
maintaining
excellence in the earthly
skills and knowledge we
are teaching.

Martin Luther High School Endowment Fund

The MLHS Endowment Fund is an integral part of MLHS ministry beyond the annual operating budget. It is a place for those who believe in Lutheran education to give large planned gifts and bequests. It serves as a tool to assure that Lutheran secondary education will be here in our community for the benefit of future generations. It is a legacy opportunity which supports the Lord's ministry at MLHS beyond your lifetime. The endowment serves as a public opportunity to leave a final expression of your faith.

Donors are encouraged to include MLHS in their planned giving. Gifts in the form of Cash, Stocks and Bonds (Securities), Life Insurance and Annuities, Retirement Plans, Items of Property, Real Estate or Bequests from Trusts and Wills are gratefully accepted.

**A Way to
Sustain
the
Ministry You Love
for
Future Generations**

Faithful Donors to the Endowment

Our Goal:\$2 million

Current Funds

Student Tuition Aid

Hazel Flohrs	\$ 94,366.42
Melvin Logemann	\$ 106,768.14
Esther Mohwinkel	\$ 49,697.03
MLHS	\$ 133,325.38
Mervin Tonn	\$ 31,305.41

Fine Arts

MLHS	\$ 1,101.37
Adeline Reibel	\$ 27,239.05

Total as of
6/30/22 \$ 443,802.80

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

*All events are subject to change.

Please go to www.martinlutherhs.com for updates

Upcoming Events at MLHS

Aug 10	Launch Day & Final Registration 7-12	2-8 p.m.
Aug 22	Back-to-School Picnic	5:30 p.m.
Aug 23	First Day of 2022-2023 school year	
Oct 15	Rummage Sale Set up begins	
Oct 20-22	Fall Rummage & Bake Sale	
Oct 23	Delegate Meeting	1 p.m.
Oct 28	7th & 8th Grade Step UP Day	
Nov 4	Drama Production at Fairmont Opera House	12:30 & 7 p.m.
Nov 5	Drama Production at Fairmont Opera House	7 p.m.
Nov 7	Red Cross Blood Drive	
Nov 11	Grandparents Day & NHS Induction	
Nov 12	Mission Possible Benefit KNIGHT	5 p.m.
Nov 13	MLHS Sunday in Association Churches	
Dec 17	Christmas Concert at Fairmont Opera House	7 p.m.
Jan 14	Generation to Generation Antique Auction	9:15 a.m.
Jan 22-28	Lutheran Schools Week	
Jan 24	History Day for Elementary Students	9 a.m.
Jan 24	History Day for High School Students	12 noon
Jan 29	Winter Carnival for Families	1-3 p.m.
Feb 24	5th & 6th Grade Step UP Day	
Mar 11	Fine Arts & Science Festival	
Mar 14	New Student Registration & Family Getting to Know You Knight	5:30 p.m.
Mar 18	ML Saturday KNIGHT Live Appreciation	7 p.m.
Mar 19	Delegate Meeting	1 p.m.
Mar 19	Soup & Sandwich Luncheon for STA	11 a.m.-1p.m.
March 25	Rummage Sale Setup begins	
Mar 30-Apr-1	Spring Rummage & Bake Sale	
April 22	Oh! What a KNIGHT Dinner Auction	4:30 p.m.
April 24	Red Cross Blood Drive	
May 6	Prom	
May 13	Spring POPS Concert	7 p.m.
May 21	Recognition & Awards Celebration & PTL Elections	4 p.m.
May 28	2023 Graduation and Commencement	2 p.m.
June 17	Play It Again Golf Benefit	1 p.m.
June 25	Pork Loin Benefit Dinner	11 a.m.-1 p.m.
June 25	Delegate Meeting	1:15 p.m.

The Martin Luther High School Association

Full Member Churches:

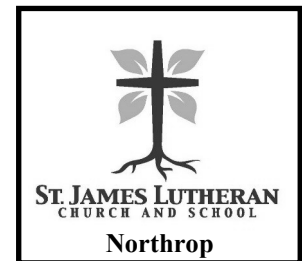
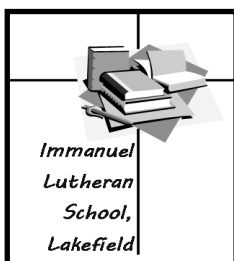
Immanuel Lutheran, Fairmont
Salem Lutheran, Madelia
St. James Lutheran, Northrop
St. John's Lutheran, South Branch
St. John's Lutheran, Willow Creek
St. Paul's Lutheran, Fairmont
St. Paul's Lutheran, Truman
St. Paul's Lutheran, Wilbert
Trinity Lutheran, Fieldon
Zion Lutheran, Fraser

Associate Member Churches:

Immanuel Lutheran, Galena
Our Saviors Lutheran, Winnebago
St. John's Lutheran, Antrim
St. John's Lutheran, Good Thunder
Trinity Lutheran, Trimont

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.)



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
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.

Introducing Special Education Teacher Teri Watt



Teri just finished her tenth year of Special Education teaching. She says, "The students make me smile every day!"

Teri grew up in Lincoln, Nebraska but has lived in many places. She is married to Nate Watt. They have two children, Zachariah (MLHS 2014) and Deborah (MLHS 2017). In 2005 the Watt family boarded a plane to Jos, Nigeria. Zach was 8 years old and Deborah was 6. Nate taught in the K-12 missionary school that their children attended. While there, one of the volunteer opportunities Teri had involved helping the two Special Education teachers work with some students. She enjoyed it so much that she decided to become a special education teacher.

When they moved back to the United States, they ended up in Green Bay, Wisconsin. Teri earned her degree in Special Education in 2012 from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh. She worked at Southern Door Middle School for one year. The Watts moved to the Fairmont area when Nate accepted the call to be the Martin Luther Science teacher and Teri accepted a position as Special Education teacher at GHEC. She taught there for nine years.

Teri has been hired by Lutheran Special Education Ministries to help students learn with Jesus' love at three schools. She will share her love for learning and her love for Jesus at St Paul Lutheran Elementary, Fairmont; St Paul's Lutheran Elementary, Truman and Martin Luther Junior/Senior School, Northrop.

At Lutheran Special Education Ministries we understand that every child is different. They all learn at a different pace and some require a different approach to learning. There certainly isn't a "one size fits all" approach to specialized education. Each one of God's children that we serve demands individualized strategies and tactics.

Studies show that one student in five has a learning challenge. The law guarantees these children a public education. Now families that choose a Christian education can have the guidance and support necessary for success from a Christian perspective. Lutheran Special Education Ministries is eager to meet their needs.

"Teri is truly an expert in individualizing to meet the needs of the students and fully understands the concept of mission work," says Cheryl Hamp, Special Education Coordinator with Fairmont Area Schools. *"She does the work that was previously part of the assignment of many people because she knows the intricacies of due process and the culture and resources of the parochial schools. Using that knowledge, Teri will advance student achievement for those students with unique needs."*

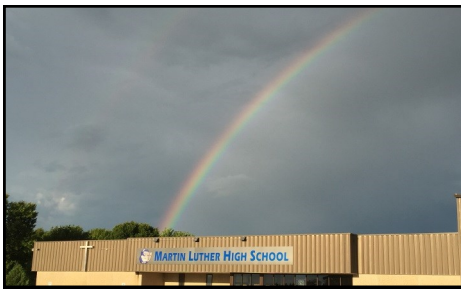
To All Generations Grant Awarded to MLHS



MLHS has been awarded \$14,000 from the To All Generations grant of the MN South District LCMS. The purpose of the To All Generations campaign is to generate funds for Christian education at all levels and ages for the local congregational ministry. Overall goals are to:

- Strengthen existing schools and plant new ones
- Identify marketing and advancement strategies for Christian education
- Increase Biblical literacy among children and adults
- Strengthen leaders for the effort
- Promote a voice for parental choice in education in the state legislature
- Offer assistance in establishing day cares and preschool ministries
- Strategize ways to become more intentional in reaching young families

The grant will fund the "Generating a JESUS Generation" 7 & 8 Spanish Enrichment Program. This is a new curriculum addition that will introduce students to the Hispanic culture and bring them a greater understanding of diversity illustrating God's all-encompassing love for all people. Senora Veronica Balderas will teach Spanish and introducing students in grades 7 and 8 to Hispanic customs. She will travel to St Paul Lutheran School, Fairmont and St Paul's Lutheran School, Truman teaching students there. She will also teach 7th & 8th grade students at Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School, as well as high school Spanish. Grant monies will be utilized to help pay her salary, travel expenses and curriculum supplies.



Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School

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Honoring Christ Welcoming All

New Students
Always Welcome

Mission Statement



Preparing students
for discipleship
until
Christ's return

Vision Statement



Martin Luther High School

Partnered with Families and Congregations
Empowered by the Gospel
Academically Accredited
Christ-Centered and Cross-Curricular
Engaged in Excellence

Please include the
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in your regular giving.
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of fellow Christians
is vital to our
ministry.
Thank you!

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