



Martin Luther High School

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A Choice Worth Making...

Dear Friends in Christ,

The educational Ministry of Martin Luther High School has weathered many storms since 1983 when classes began with 19 students in grades 9 and 10 in a rented storefront in downtown Northrop. Through God's blessings and the support of thousands of people, the MLHS Ministry has developed and grown.

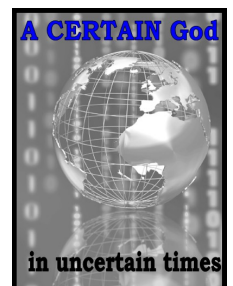
In the past 32 years:

- ◆ Hundreds of young men and women have been wrapped in prayer and touched by a Christian high school atmosphere.
- ◆ Four hundred forty graduates have stepped into the world equipped with the Wisdom that only a Lutheran school can provide.
- ◆ Religion classes, chapels, devotions, Bible studies and God's Word are still woven into the hearts and minds of students.
- ◆ The school itself has undergone many changes and improvements—all by the grace of God.
- ◆ Wonderful teachers have come and gone—and today God still provides us with an exceptionally qualified, dedicated, God-fearing staff to whom parents can confidently entrust their teens' minds, hearts and souls.
- ◆ MLHS academic offerings and nurturing guidance continues to do an extraordinary job of preparing teens for college, careers and life.
- ◆ MLHS technology infrastructure and equipment has kept pace with the rest of the world.
- ◆ Athletics, Fine Arts and other extra-curricular activities still play a part in building the character of our young adults—all from a Christian perspective.
- ◆ The Student Tuition Aid Endowment Fund has grown to over \$330,000 providing for immediate needs and for the needs of future generations.

Soli Deo Gloria!

In these uncertain times the MLHS Ministry faces many challenges. The devil seeks to destroy by using every means possible—overt and covert. This enemy does not want us to carryout our Mission Statement which is:

"...Helping Young People *Excel academically* and lead *active Christian lives* through *Christian training and nurturing.*"



In view of the many challenges the MLHS Ministry faces, we, the MLHS FINANCE and VIP Committees, are rallying the troops and asking you to enlist in the "KNIGHTS' BRIGADE"!

The enemy's overt methods are obvious and terrifying: atheists, satanic cults, beheadings, wars, flagrant attempts to censor pastors and religious views.

The covert operations are more insidious because they catch Christians unaware. They include apathy, complacency, re-directing our passions to worldly things and internal conflict. The false notions of "Christianity is outdated," "man's politically correct teachings are better" and "I'm a good person, so I don't need Christianity" are causing man to fail at following the Great Commission. Internal turmoil within God's church is removing our focus from "Go ye therefore and teach all nations."

You may ask: "Why should I join the KNIGHTS' BRIGADE?"

1. God has repeatedly put his stamp of approval on the MLHS Ministry by providing, blessing and guiding. We must do our part to keep it strong and competitive. We cannot fail our Lord!

You may ask: "Why do you need me now?"

1. A decline in student enrollment two years ago has impacted the tuition flow. Even though enrollment is projected to increase, we are facing an income shortage.
2. Tuition income covers about 50% of operational costs, making outside support critical to MLHS success.
3. Even though every effort is made to be frugal and operate efficiently, costs continue to spiral upward.
4. Some families who want their teen to be blessed by a Lutheran education need tuition help.

You may ask: "Why did you spend money on a new gym floor if you need money to operate?"

1. Some of Melvin Logemann's gift was used for general operating, some was placed in the Student Tuition Aid Endowment Fund and some was set aside for something special. The family wanted to see Melvin's gift used in way that would honor his memory for a long time into the future. After much prayer, research and discussion it was decided that a gym renovation would benefit students the most and enhance the Ministry the best. *It is our prayer, that others will follow Melvin's example and mirror his generosity to God's Work.*

You may ask: "How can I help the MLHS Ministry?"

1. Pray! Pray for students, parents, staff, Ministry faithfulness, enrollment and finances. *"The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."* -James 5:16
2. Speak! Tell others about MLHS. Encourage them to use the Ministry God has given us by enrolling their teen!
3. Volunteer! Can you tutor a student? Mow the grass? Help at the Rummage Sale or Auction? Fold a letter?
4. Come! Join us for chapel, visit a class, use the gym/weight room to exercise, or come to games and dinners.
5. Share! Examine your heart and give of the blessings that God has entrusted to you to feed His ministries.

You may ask: "What is the KNIGHTS' BRIGADE?"

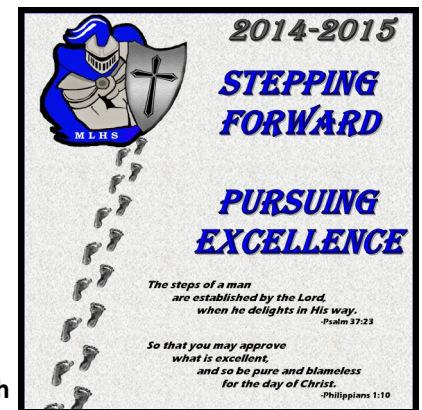
1. It is a group of faithful Christians who love teens and wish to help touch their lives through Lutheran education by giving "over and above" gifts to MLHS on a monthly basis.

You may ask: "How do I join the KNIGHTS' BRIGADE?"

1. Pray about your decision.
2. Decide what your best gift should be.
3. Select the giving date and giving level you prefer as outlined in the enclosed brochure.
4. Return the completed enlistment form to the MLHS office or give to a FINANCE or VIP COMMITTEE member.

The faithful, monthly gifts of the KNIGHT'S BRIGADE will provide stable, regular nourishment to the MLHS Ministry. They will affect the lives of teenagers, help families and allow the MLHS students and staff to continue "Stepping Forward and Pursuing Excellence" for the future.

Please join us in our quest of strengthening MLHS! If you have any questions, please contact one of us. We welcome the opportunity to discuss the good things happening with the MLHS Ministry with you. Thank you!



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