

REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES

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CYMBAL



RISE UP &
BUILD
Nehemiah 2:18

What a wonderful and exciting time for Luther High School! At the November Conference of Delegate's meeting, it was approved to move forward with a multi-million dollar capital campaign to fund a chapel/fine arts building, additional classrooms and extensive renovation projects. This effort is being called Rise Up & Build. We truly have some exciting and challenging opportunities as we begin a capital campaign!

We are in the process of getting organized and gathering a team to lead the campaign effort. These leaders will spearhead this initiative connecting with LHS friends and congregations. Initial planning includes reaching out to our constituency beginning this winter, with continued plans to reach every congregation during the next year. We pray that all of our friends and supporters will be receptive to our message and learn of the many different ways to be involved with the Rise Up & Build campaign!

THE BIG KNIGHT 2016

Save the date for The Big Knight, the annual dinner/auction fundraiser that benefits the students of Luther High School. The event is a great opportunity to meet new people, have a fun night out and support the students of Luther High!

If you would like to help, donate, or attend the event, please contact Mary Bilitz at 608-783-5435 x110 or bilmary@luther.k12.wi.us. We are very excited to return to The Cargill Room at The Waterfront in downtown La Crosse this year. Please plan to join us on April 15, 2016 for *A Knight In The Wild West!*

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FROM THE DEAN'S DESK

Here's a challenge for you this Christmas holiday: find some people who are homeless or have fewer blessings than you. Bring them to your house for Christmas dinner and offer them your bed to sleep in for the night. Ask them if they are willing to trade places with you for a couple of days. Could you do it? Would you do it?

We sometimes don't want to go out of our way for people who we feel are "inferior" to us. We like the comforts of our own lives and don't want to give those things up. Thanks be to God that Jesus did not have that attitude! He willingly gave up the perfection of heaven to come to this sin-plagued earth – not for himself, but for us lowly, inferior sinners. Jesus, the Son of God, switched

places with us. He gave us his perfection and he suffered the agonizing death we deserved. What love!

The baby in Bethlehem's manger is our God in the flesh! Have we heard the Christmas story too often to still marvel

"The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us")
Matthew 1:23

at such a miracle? God came to earth and lived with people to win for us the forgiveness of sins and life with him in heaven! "The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son and they will call him Immanuel" (which means, 'God with us' - Matthew 1:23). Ponder anew this Christmas the miracle of the Savior's birth, the miracle that saves.

~Pastor Jon Bilitz, Dean of Students

**"We Preach
Christ Crucified"**
1 Corinthians 1:23a

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

January marks the start of an area Bible class hosted by the La Crosse Coulee Region chapter of WELS Kingdom Workers. These Bible classes will be held in the Commons at Luther High School on the four Wednesdays of January at 7:15 p.m. The general theme for this year is: *Watch your life and doctrine closely.* The dates and topics are as follows:

January 6 - Leaving a gay lifestyle for God's grace.

January 13 - What the Bible says about marriage, divorce and remarriage.

January 20 - The Conclusion to the Sermon on the Mount (judging others, prayer, false teachers).

January 27 - Luther in Mid-career (1530-1537) - building the church. Join us as often as you can!

LUTHER LIGHT



The Luther Light for December is Adam Bilitz, son of Pastor Jon & Mary Bilitz from La Crosse, WI. Adam is a member at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Onalaska and prior to Luther he attended St. Paul's Lutheran Grade School.

While at Luther, Adam has participated in Football (9,10), Basketball (9), Baseball (9-12), Football Manager (11,12) and Basketball Manager (12). He has also been a part of Drama (11), Student Council (9-12), NHS (11,12), Pro-Life Knights (12), Wings (12, currently serving as President), was the Class President (9-11) and is currently serving as the Student Body President.

Outside of school, Adam has been a Day Camp teacher, helped coach Jr. Knights Baseball, volunteered at the Good Steward Resale Shop and last summer he went on a mission trip in Watertown, NY.

In his spare time he enjoys sports, spending time with family & friends and loves to play board games & cards.

Adam plans to attend Martin Luther College in New Ulm, MN pursuing a degree in Elementary Education with a Coaching minor.

COMING UP...

12/13:
Christmas Concert
1/6, 1/13, 1/20, 1/27:
WELS Kingdom Workers Bible Study

3/1:
Kindergarten Fun-n-Fitness

3/4:
6th Grade Knight for a Day

3/11-13:
Drama Production

HELP NEEDED

The Luther High Home Maintenance Classes were recently blessed with a grant of \$1000.00 from the Onalaska Foundation for Educational Excellence. The criteria of the grant were innovative ideas in classroom education. Our submission was for a Flesh Sensitive Table Saw.

Mr. Rupprecht submitted the grant as an enhancement to continued safety in the Home Maintenance classes. Nearly 50% of industrial arts accidents are from the table saws. The addition of this innovative style of table saw will be valuable.

The grant is contingent on raising the remainder needed for purchase by May 2016. We need \$2000.00 to meet the requirements of the grant. If you would like to help, please submit donations to Luther High School earmarked Table Saw Grant.