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The Crusader

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Prepared to BUILD

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Dear Friends of Mayer Lutheran,

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ as we begin the 54th school year at Mayer Lutheran!

In June, my wife, Shirlee, and I had a chance to take the trip of a lifetime. We spent three weeks with our son touring China. Daniel teaches English in a Chinese school and eagerly introduced the "Middle Kingdom" to us.

We saw Pandas and a giant Buddha at Chengdu, the financial district in Shanghai, rugged beauty at Jiuzhai Valley National Park, an army of 24,000 terra cotta warriors in Xian, and the Forbidden City in Beijing. We even spent two days with Mayer Lutheran scholar and international student, Jiayu "James" Zhu, and his family in Nanchang! One of the most remarkable sites we experienced, though, was a four-hour hike on the Great Wall of China.

The Great Wall stretches more than 13,000 miles from Hushan in the east to Jiayuguan Pass in the west. Built between the Fifth Century B.C. and the Seventeenth Century A.D., the structure is the most amazing construction project in history. This remarkable feat of engineering was designed to keep invaders from the north at bay.

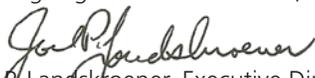
Considering all the time, expense, and labor that went into the Great Wall, we are reminded that, in the end, it failed to achieve its purpose. Mongol invaders swept into China numerous times. The project was a failure. Today, the Great Wall is crumbling and it is estimated by some that, without government intervention, much of it will disappear in the next century. What a shame! All that work for nothing!

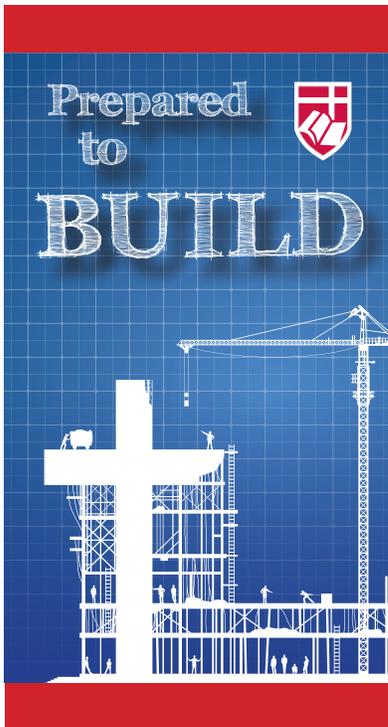
This year's school theme, "Prepared to Build," is based on Psalm 127:1: *Unless the LORD builds the house, they labor in vain who build it.* (NKJV) As we start the new school year, lots of planning for construction projects are underway. We now have direct access to Highway 25 thanks to the new roundabout completed this summer. The band room has been re-configured and a hallway reclaimed on the north side of our campus. Soon, a new stage shop will emerge next to the Fine Arts Center to serve both our drama needs and our industrial arts program. And, when the Lord enables us to procure funding, the field house/school-entrance reconfiguration will begin. Indeed, we are planning some exciting things!

Unlike the builders of the Great Wall, our plans include an entirely different purpose. We are not building to keep people out of our school but rather to invite them in. As we continue to lead the movement in preparing Christian leaders among our young people, we are seeking not to add grandeur to our campus or strike fear into our enemies. Rather, we yearn for more families to join our mission and hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ, a message that truly changes lives. Our purpose for erecting physical buildings is driven by our desire to serve God and His most valuable creation—people. After all, we seek to build strong, dedicated, faithful servant leaders, not walls! Our 3,100 alumni are a living, breathing, serving result of the blessing of building that has gone on for the past 54 years and will continue for a long time into the future. Certainly, with God as our builder, our efforts to prepare Christian leaders will not be in vain!

I pray that you will continue to support and encourage the building of Christian leaders at Mayer Lutheran and that many more will join our essential work. With the Lord as our builder, we fear no one, not even Mongol invaders!

Building Together with the Lord,


Joel P. Landskroener, Executive Director
Mayer Lutheran High School



**UNLESS THE LORD
BUILDS THE HOUSE,
THOSE WHO BUILD IT
LABOR IN VAIN.
PSALM 127:1, NIV**



To submit information for publication in *The Crusader*, please contact Renae Johnson at rjohnson@lhsmayer.org or 952-657-2251. Materials due by the 14th of each month prior to publication.

Spreading the Word

Meet Lori Henning



You may not see her walking the halls of Mayer Lutheran High School, but Lori Henning is most definitely part of the daily online presence that is MLHS. Lori is guiding the school and ministry of MLHS in the social media initiative that has taken over much of our daily communication. We thank Lori for sharing her talents and gifts in this area and her heart for seeing small communities succeed in this ever-changing world of technology. Here is a bit more about Lori:

ABOUT LORI

I was born and raised in Southwestern Minnesota. Growing up in greater Minnesota inspired my passion for community development and the small businesses within them. I have witnessed hard-working community advocates and business owners creatively utilize minimal resources to build legacies that compete globally. I have also witnessed failed businesses and dying communities; not because the champions of each were less inspired or passionate, but most often because they lacked resources available to larger businesses and communities.

Although it was not intentional, my career and life journey has uniquely prepared me to bring skill sets typically available only to the largest companies and communities to help smaller businesses and communities strategize for success.

I have a B.A. in Organizational Management and Communication and am a certified Behavior Specialist. I am a seasoned professional with extensive experience working in both the non- and for-profit business sectors. I like to think I am an engaging public speaker, facilitator, and trainer on a variety of topics and I have spoken to and worked with groups, companies, and organizations across the state of Minnesota. You can read more about Lori at www.2SmartWomen.com.

MLHS Welcomes Aboard...

Katie Baumann and Megan Polzin



Katie Baumann moved to the area from St. Louis one year ago with her husband, Joshua, and 4 children (Jack, Lucas, Reid, and Annalyse). Joshua is the school administrator at Zion and for the first time ever, all four kids will attend school there. Katie is returning to the work force as a media center supervisor (Mon., Tue., and Wed. mornings) after 9 years at home with her kids.

Katie was born in Lincoln, Nebraska, and attended Concordia University in Chicago where she earned a degree in secondary English education and a minor in coaching. Katie and her family live in Lester Prairie. She enjoys making cakes for special occasions, writing, reading, and working out.



This is Megan Polzin's 8th year in the classroom. She received her B.S. in Education from Concordia University, Seward, Nebraska in May of 2006. After teaching in Nebraska, Florida, and Illinois, she is elated to be back in Minnesota. Born in McCook, Nebraska, Mrs. Polzin was raised about 45 minutes north east of Mayer in Blaine, Minnesota. She has been married to her husband, Mr. Bryan Polzin, for 11 years and together they have a one-year-old daughter, Piper Louise, and are happily expecting their second daughter in December of this year. She is very thankful that God has given her the opportunity to work this school year at Mayer Lutheran with such a great faculty and student body.

Mrs. Polzin is teaching American Literature to juniors

and seniors. While helping students develop their close reading, critical thinking and effective writing skills, this course gives an overview of the development of the many different literary philosophies that have influenced American authors.

We are SO-O-O Social!

To kick off the 2015-16 school year, we are ramping up our communication efforts utilizing Facebook and Twitter. If you are 'on' either, make sure you 'connect' with us. If not, consider trying out either one or both. We are excited to experience Mayer Lutheran through your eyes and to share our message around the world.

FACEBOOK

www.facebook.com/mayerlh

How you can help improve our Facebook presence:

- LIKE our page.
- LIKE, SHARE, and comment on our posts!
- TAG yourself in our photos.

TWITTER

@MayerLutheran

HASHTAG

#YouWill

(use this hashtag when you want to show the world what life is like as a student, teacher, coach, administrator).

How you can help our Twitter presence:

- Follow us! Favorite, Retweet, and quote our tweets.
- Tweet at (@MayerLutheran) us so we can see experience Mayer Lutheran through YOUR eyes!
- Don't forget to use our #YouWill hashtag.

@MayerLutheran #YouWill Campaign:

Look for our yard signs, t-shirts, and flutter flags and when you have an opportunity (not while driving!), snap a photo and post/tweet them and note the location you found them. Wear your t-shirts out and about and take a photo of and share it. Let's see how far away our signs and clothing can travel. Any guesses which country our t-shirts will show up in first?

Have something you want us to post or tweet? Send us a message on Facebook or DM us on Twitter. Thank you in advance for helping us become SO-O-O Social!



ADMISSIONS DEPARTMENT NEWS

By Dan Perrel, Director of Admissions | dan.perrel@mayerlutheran.org | 952-657-2251 x1011

YOU WILL

Google, what an amazing tool. It seems to say a lot for a company when their name is converted nationwide into a verb and is no longer merely a pronoun. Our ability to “google” even obscure details with a high degree of confidence that we’ll find an answer is mind boggling.

Who has time to put all that stuff out there in the cyber world? Oh well, I’m just glad it’s there.

Just last week, I searched for instruction on repairing and adjusting the carburetor on my rear-tine garden tiller. Google to the rescue! With a few taps on my keyboard a list of instructions that would have taken hours to go through was instantly available to me.

It is no surprise then that if you google “should I send my child to a Christian school” you’ll be greeted with a jumbo list of input. What was surprising to me though was the glaringly large number of authors that scream against Christian schooling. It seemed to me that after my review of many such articles, you could identify a group of common threads or themes among the detractors.

Here are three themes that stood out: the faculty aren’t as well trained or qualified as their public counter parts; a Christian school is by definition underfunded and therefore lacks opportunities for student growth, but public school have terrific opportunities for kids and are therefore better because they have significant financial resources at their disposal; Christian education, especially bible believing education doesn’t permit young people to ask hard questions, but just forces conformity while public schools are open to and encourage differences and challenges to the status quo.

While that list could take quite a while to deconstruct in detail, how about if we just keep it simple for now. The Readers Digest condensed response is our Mayer Lutheran promise: At Mayer Lutheran **you will** experience instructors that are exceptionally well trained, exceptionally passionate about their subject area, and exceptionally dedicated to delivering an outstanding Christ-centered educational experience. Second, **you will** have opportunities for growth (intellectually, socially, and spiritually), and we will continue to expand those opportunities so students can explore new areas of development in the sciences, technology, and arts. Lastly, **you will** be encouraged to ask hard questions, not hindered. **You will** be nurtured in critical thinking skills. **You will** be encouraged to address social challenges, academic challenges, and religious challenges to a Christ-centered life.

But just remember, education isn’t the answer to our children’s future—Jesus is. So, why should you send your child to Mayer Lutheran High School? You should send them because **you will** be investing in your child’s growth, success, and maturity in a world that desperately needs strong Christian leadership. That investment, well, that investment is a value at any price.



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#YOUWILL
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On A Mission

This summer, several Mayer Lutheran High School students participated in summer mission trips with their local churches.

CAMP RESTORE IN NEW ORLEANS, LA, June 13-20, 2015.
St. Paul Lutheran, Lester Prairie, MLHS students: Callie Sebora and Christopher Nelson.

We spent our week working with Camp Restore at four different non-profit organizations throughout the metro New Orleans area. Days were spent at the Rescue Ranch (a horse farm that rescues abused and neglected horses as well as working with at-risk youth providing them mentoring, training, tutoring, and equine companionship), and the ARC Bead Center which collects used Mardi Gras beads and employs adults with special needs to sort the beads and re-sell them.

CHEYENNE RIVER RESERVATION, SD, July 2015
Trinity Lutheran, Waconia, MLHS students: Eric Telford, Alex Telford, Gabby Flatebo, Nevin Waldron.
MLHS students joined the multigenerational GO! Team for a week at the Cheyenne River Reservation in South Dakota. The trip included work projects, Kids Club, and service events. The ministry has an ongoing relationship with the Lakota people that brings physical improvements, and spiritual transformation to one of the poorest areas of the country.



Callie Sebora at the ARC Bead Center and Christopher Nelson at the Rescue Ranch.

Family Teamwork: Gabby Flatebo, Jody Flatebo, Judy Classen.



Nevin Waldron, Jack Seltz, Alex Telford, Eric Telford, Parker Grahn, Kevin Telford

ACTIVITIES DEPARTMENT NEWS

By Kris Gustin, Activities Director | kris.gustin@mayerlutheran.org | 952-657-2251 x1217

Kris Gustin, MLHS Activities Director



(The following is a press release from July 28, 2015)

Mayer Lutheran High School Announces Interim Activities Director

Mayer Lutheran High School announced today that Kris Gustin, current teacher and coach at Mayer Lutheran, will assume the duties of Interim Activities Director for the 2015-16 school year. Mr. Gustin will replace Tim Bierbaum, who announced earlier this summer that he will take an administrative and teaching position at a Lutheran high school in Illinois.

Mr. Gustin has served at Mayer Lutheran for twelve years as English teacher and women's varsity basketball and softball coach. He is the Department Chair of the Languages Department and also directs the Student Activities Team. A resident of Norwood Young America, Mr. Gustin will be Activities Director on an interim basis for the 2015-16 school year.

"I am humbled to be offered this position and am eager to begin planning for the upcoming school year," shared Gustin. "The activities department is a big part of our school and I know I have my work cut out for me, especially since I'll still be teaching three classes a day. I love the challenge and am blessed to have a family who supports my work."

"Kris has been a valuable member of our school community for quite a while and we are thankful that he is willing to take on the many responsibilities the position requires," said Principal Kevin Wilaby. "With almost ninety percent of our students involved in activities outside of the classroom, the role of activities director has never been more essential to our ministry. Kris has always been an active leader on our campus and I'm sure he will find great success in his new role."

"When we found out that the position of A.D. was open in late June, we worked quickly to gather candidates and conduct interviews," added Executive Director, Joel Landskroener. "Throughout the process, it became evident that finding the best fit for our school would be difficult so late in the summer. Kris has stepped up to take on the challenge. He brings enthusiasm, dedication, and a willingness to learn and grow as he assumes the many tasks involved in leading our program."

If you have questions regarding our activities program, please contact Mr. Gustin at 952-657-2251 x1217. Please keep Mr. Gustin in your prayers as he takes on his new responsibilities.



Fall Activities and Sports Contacts

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FALL ACTIVITIES

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Bowling

Robert Luecke, 952-381-4413
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Concert Choir

Jim Strehlke, 952-657-2251 x1304

Band, Jazz, Pep or Lessons

James Dulas, 952-657-2251 x1205

Drama, Fall Musical
information to come

Joyful Noise (Praise Team)

Jim Strehlke, 952-657-2251 x1304

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Kris Gustin, 952-657-2251 x1105

S.A.D.D.

Deb Kelzer, 952-657-2251 x1012

Joelle Grimsley, 952-657-2251 x1215

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Kathy Martin, 952-657-2251 x1404

Quiz Bowl/Knowledge Bowl

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STEM Club

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Be sure to follow the news and events at MLHS on our

Facebook page: www.facebook.com/mayerLHS

You can also catch up in an instant on

Twitter at twitter.com/mayerlutheran



September

- 1 Volleyball—C Squad** 4:15 PM
Volleyball—B Squad 5:30 PM
Volleyball—Varsity 7 PM
Away at Waconia High School
- Girls Soccer—B Squad** 5 PM
Girls Soccer—Varsity 7 PM
Home vs Big Lake High School
- Boys Soccer—B Squad** 5 PM
Boys Soccer—Varsity 5 PM
Away at Big Lake High School
- 3 Girls Soccer—B Squad** 5 PM
Girls Soccer—Varsity 7 PM
Away at Jordan
- Boys Soccer—B Squad** 5 PM
Boys Soccer—Varsity 7 PM
Home vs Jordan
- 4 Football—Varsity** 7 PM
Home vs Lake Crystal-Welcome Memorial
- 7 NO SCHOOL, Labor Day**
- 8 Volleyball—C Squad** 4:45 PM
Volleyball—B Squad 6 PM
Volleyball—Varsity 7:15 PM
Away at Watertown-Mayer
- Girls Soccer—B Squad** 5 PM
Girls Soccer—Varsity 7 PM
Home vs Hutchinson
- 10 Volleyball—C Squad** 5:30 PM
Volleyball—B Squad 5:30 PM
Volleyball—Varsity 7 PM
Away at Tri-City United
- Cross Country Meet** 4 PM
Away vs Rockford
- Boys Soccer—B Squad** 5 PM
Boys Soccer—Varsity 7 PM
Home vs New Prague
- 11 HOMECOMING**
Boosters Pork Chop Dinner 4:30-6:30 PM
Football—Varsity 7 PM
Home vs Sibley East
- 12 Girls Soccer—B Squad** 10 AM
Girls Soccer—Varsity 12 PM
Home vs Watertown-Mayer
- 14 Football—B Squad** 6 PM
Away vs Sibley East at Arlington FB Complex
- Boys Soccer—Varsity** TBD
Away at Glencoe-silver Lake
- Girls Soccer—B Squad** 5 PM
Girls Soccer—Varsity 7 PM
Home vs Glencoe-Silver Lake
- 15 Cross Country Meet** 4 PM
Norwood Young America High School
- Volleyball—C Squad** 4:45 PM
Volleyball—B Squad 6 PM

- Volleyball—Varsity** 7:15 PM
Home vs Bethlehem Academy
- 17 Volleyball—C Squad** 5:30 PM
Volleyball—B Squad 5:30 PM
Volleyball—Varsity 7 PM
Away at Sibley East
- Boys Soccer—B Squad** 4:15 PM
Boys Soccer—Varsity 5:30 PM
Away at Spectrum Ath. Cmplx, Elk River
- 18 Football—Varsity** 7 PM
Away at Norwood Young America
- 19 Boys Soccer—B Squad** 11:30 PM
Boys Soccer—Varsity 3 PM
Away at Southwest Christian
- Volleyball Tournament** 9 AM
MN State University, Mankato
- 21 College Info Night** 7 PM
MLHS
- Volleyball—C Squad** 5:30 PM
Volleyball—B Squad 5:30 PM
Volleyball—Varsity 7 PM
Away at Hutchinson
- Football—B Squad** 4:30 PM
Home vs Norwood Young America
- 22 Cross Country Meet** 4 PM
At Crown College
- 23 Parent/Teacher Confer.** 3:30-8:30 PM
Half Day of School
- 24 Volleyball—C Squad** 4:45 PM
Volleyball—B Squad 6 PM
Volleyball—Varsity 7:15 PM
Home vs Glencoe-Silver Lake
- Boys Soccer—Varsity** 7 PM
Home vs St. Agnes
- 25 Football—Varsity** 7 PM
Home vs Lester Prairie
- Volleyball Tournament** 4 PM
At Midwest Volleyball Warehouse
- 26 Boys Soccer Tournament** 9:30 AM
Watertown-Mayer High School
- Cross Country Meet** 10 AM
At Milaca
- 28 Girls Soccer—B Squad** 4 PM
Girls Soccer—Varsity 5 PM
Away at Mound Westonka High School
- Boys Soccer—B Squad** 5:45 PM
Boys Soccer—Varsity 7 PM
Away at Mound Westonka High School
- Football—B Squad** 5:15 PM
Away at Lester Prairie
- 28 Volleyball—C Squad** 4:45 PM
Volleyball—B Squad 6 PM
Volleyball—Varsity 7:30 PM
Away at Buffalo Lake-Hector

New SpiritWear Procedure

SpiritWear is clothing decorated with Mayer Lutheran and Crusader logos. SpiritWear is available via an online store hosted by BSN Sports. The online store will be open three times a year (tentatively scheduled for August, November and March) for families and students to purchase MLHS SpiritWear. Please contact Casie Paulsrud with any SpiritWear questions (casiepaulsrud@gmail.com, 612-810-2106).

www.bsnsports.com/my-team-shop/

CELEBRATE HIS HARVEST BRICK OVEN KICK-OFF PARTY

It's Pizza time!
Saturday, Sept. 26, 6pm
Location TBD

Tim & Kris Huinker are hosting the 4th Annual Celebrate His Harvest Brick Oven Pizza gathering. Enjoy Huinker's amazing custom-created pizzas, MN brewed ale, and yes—there will be the annual Corn Hole Tournament!

If you purchased your tickets for this event during the 2014 Celebrate His Harvest event, you're good to go—just show up! Can't remember if you purchased a ticket? No problem... contact Renae Johnson at 952-657-2251 x1002.

Great news! We have room for more people at the party. Tickets are \$25, available at the MLHS office or pay at the door.

This party is a blast every year so don't miss out!

Tim & Kris Huinker
Rolling Hearth Bistro*

* Mobile wood-fire brick oven—catering, events, reunions, parties, and more. We bring the bistro to you!

MLHS HOMECOMING

SEPTEMBER 7-11, 2015



Take a stroll "On the Boardwalk" as Mayer Lutheran's 2015 Homecoming has planned a jam-packed week of festivities all along the way!

POWDERPUFF FOOTBALL and **IRONMAN VOLLEYBALL:** Monday, September 7, 4 PM, MLHS football field. Ironman follows in the gym.
CORONATION: Wednesday, September 9, 7 PM, MLHS Fine Arts Center
HOMECOMING FOOTBALL GAME: Friday, September 11, 7:00 PM.
BOOSTER CLUB PORK CHOP DINNER: September 11, 4-6:30 PM
HOMECOMING DANCE: 9-12 AM, MLHS Fine Arts Center

STUDENT DRESS UP DAYS:

Tuesday, September 8—Comfy Day
Wednesday, September 9—Beach Day
Thursday, September 10—Jersey Day
Friday, September 11—Crusader Day

MLHS Homecoming 2015 Pork Chop Dinner

Friday, September 11
4-6:30 PM



MLHS Booster Club
Pork Chop Dinner

Sept. 11
4:00-6:30 PM
Crusader Football
vs
Sibley East
7 PM

A graphic of a red and white striped tent. Above the tent, the text 'Attention MLHS Alumni!' is written in a cursive font. Below the tent, the text reads: 'VISIT THE MLHS HOMECOMING ALUMNI TENT!' in bold, followed by 'FREE game entry with Pork Chop dinner purchase', 'Catch up with former classmates', and 'Register for prizes • Special alumni gifts!'.

Counselor's Corner

By Debra Kelzer, Guidance Counselor | deb.kelzer@mayerlutheran.org | 952-657-2251 x1012

On your mark, get set, go! We are ready to begin a new school year. I hope your summer has been filled with many blessings and you've had the chance to spend time with family and friends, relaxing and enjoying your time together.

My goal is to meet with the seniors during the months of September and October, making sure they are on the right track for graduation and making the necessary college plans. Hopefully, you and your senior have had the chance to do some college visits over the summer, preparing them for that next step. Plan on attending our College Information Night, September 21, 7 PM to help you with that journey.

I will be keeping track of the four year plans for all of the underclassmen along with their academic progress throughout the year. I look forward to working with parents in making the best experience possible for your child at Mayer Lutheran. May you feel God's peace this school year!



PREPARING THE NEXT GENERATION OF CHRISTIAN LEADERS



GENESIS
VIRTUAL ACADEMY

Because the future matters

Genesis Virtual Academy (GVA), Mayer Lutheran High School's online school, is now in its fourth year! GVA is serving Lutheran School and Homeschool students from South Dakota, Michigan, Wisconsin, Iowa, Indiana, Ohio, Missouri, Arkansas, South Carolina, and Minnesota.

Our high school, middle school, and elementary programs offer over 300 classes from which students and parents can choose. Genesis Virtual Academy's biggest asset is our teachers. We are blessed with an exceptional team of caring, professional instructors who in turn bless GVA students!

"The teachers are awesome! Any questions you may have, the teacher will help you until you understand."

"Definitely take a class through Genesis. You can work at your own pace and is less time consuming than a normal class would be. Also, connecting the work to faith is a plus because you're using religion to explain science and vice-versa which is great."

"Online classes are a great way to study and review—whatever the online class is. You don't have to worry about what other people will think about your grade. The only ones who will see your grade will be you, the teacher, your parents, and the school principal."

For more information about Genesis Virtual Academy, visit our website at www.genesisva.org or contact us at info@genesisva.org.

**Expanded Course Offerings • Remedial Classes • Credit Recovery
Economical Solutions • Customized Services • Advanced Placement**

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Become a MLHS Host Family

Host families are families who would like to experience an exciting cultural exchange and broaden their perspectives on the world. They are excited to share American culture, language, and values to a student from across the globe, and are therefore, the most important people in an exchange student's life. Their guidance and love allows the student the most memorable, unforgettable experience, not only by sharing their lives, but also by sharing God's love with a young child from across the globe. What better way to make a difference in the world- one child at a time!

The students arrive with round-trip airline tickets, complete medical insurance, tuition, school fees and personal spending money for the duration of their stay. The exchange students show appreciation to the host family with a monetary gift for the academic year. To apply to be a KoAm host family, please contact KoAm National Coordinator, Mrs. Haewon Park at 800-521-6640 and/or by email at administrator@koameduall.org. or contact Kevin Wilaby at 952-657-2251 x1008 or kwilaby@mayerlutheran.org.

We are looking for a host family for "Kevin" who is profiled below:
Keonwoo (9th, male)—Nicknamed Kevin.



Compassionate and adaptive, this laid-back student would like to be a movie producer when he grows up. He is not so outgoing as to lead or step out,

but he is cooperative and helpful to those around him. His favorite subject is PE, and he loves to play soccer and piano. His favorite foods are chicken, rice, and salad, but he is not picky about food. He is honest and openly admits to his mistakes. He has attended school at Mayer Lutheran during the Spring 2015 semester and would love to return to the U.S. for the 2015-16 School year.

2015-16 MLHS PHONE DIRECTORY

Dial 952-657-2251, wait for the prompt, then dial the telephone extension for the desired room.

	EXT.	OFFICE/ROOM
ADMINISTRATION		
Jopp, Paulette	1001	Office Manager
Wilaby, Kevin	1008	Principal
Christopherson, Barb	1010	Mayer Knights
McCalla, Corrine	1014	School Nurse
Kris Gustin	1217	Athletic Office
Attendance Line	1501	
Activities Line	1502	
ASSOCIATION OFFICE		
Loehrs, Karen	1003	Business Assistant
Johnson, Renae	1002	Communications Assist.
Landskroener, Joel	1007	Executive Director
Perrel, Dan	1011	Recruitment
Kelzer, Debra	1012	Counselor
FOOD SERVICE		
Schurmann, Lori	1013	Kitchen
BUILDING MAINTENANCE		
Johnson, Bob	1015	
TRANSPORTATION DIRECTOR		
Loontjer, Gary	1104	
	952-836-6025	
FACULTY		
Alvarez, Adela	1109	109
Aurich, Dean	1102	102
Baker, Kristen	1103	103
Dulas, James	1205	205
Gesch, Heidi	1201	201
Grimsley, Joelle	1215	215
Gustin, Kris	1217	105
Hoback, Barbara	1203	203
Burdick/Baumann	1402	Media Center
Lane, David	1209	209
Lemke, Heidi	1303	303
Loontjer, Gary	1104	104
Martin, Kathy	1404	Media Center
Masters, Tim	1107	107
McClintock, Matthew	1305	305
Polzin, Megan	1105	105
Strehlke, James	1304	304
Thomas, Gerald	1650	305
Wismar, Stefan	1101	101
Faculty Workroom	1050	
Wood Shop	1213	213
Room 211	1211	211
Server Room	1406	

MLHS Class of 1980 35TH CLASS REUNION*

September 26, 2015

Dalgren Golf Course, Chaska

Start out the day with a best ball golf scramble at 2 PM. No golfing experience required. Please arrive by 1:30 PM to get the teams organized. (9 holes of golf w/cart: \$32/person, payable that day.)

Social Hour: 4:30–6PM; Meal: 6 PM–Texas BBQ; Open Bar

\$25/person, covers food, gratuity & room rental. Payment is due PRIOR to September 19. Checks payable to Mark Matthias, 6586 Crest View Lane NW, Rochester, MN 55901. If attending, please email Mark (keys2manor@chartermi.net) so we can get a head count prior to the Sept. 19 deadline. Can't make it? We would still like to hear from you, give us an update!

Feel free to bring old & current pictures, yearbooks, etc.

*We would like alumni from the Class of 1979 & 81 to join us at 7 PM. Please extend the invite to them.

Hope to see you there!

Class of '80 Reunion Planning Committee

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September Menu

- 1 Cheese Burger or Fish Sandwich, French Fries
- 2 Mr. Rib or Hot Dog Wrap, Mac and Cheese
- 3 Sesame Chicken, Rice
- 4 Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce, Bread Sticks
- 7 NO SCHOOL
- 8 Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy
- 9 Fajita or Buffalo Chicken Wrap, Curly Fries
- 10 Corn Dog, French Fries
- 11 Pulled Pork Sandwich, Au Gratin Potatoes
- 14 English Muffin Breakfast Sandwich, Tater Tots
- 15 Wild Rice Soup, Bread Sticks
- 16 Italian Dunkers w/Sauce, Smiles
- 17 Sloppy Joes, Nachos
- 18 Pizza, Batter Bites
- 21 Chicken Sandwich, French Fries
- 22 Pork Chop or Chicken Filet, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy
- 23 Tomato or Chicken Noodle Soup, Toasted Cheese Sandwich
- 24 Hot Ham and Cheese Sandwich or Mini Corn Dog, Tater Tots
- 25 Taco in a Bag, Curly Fries
- 28 French Toast Sticks, Pork Links, Tri-Taters
- 29 Chicken Alfredo, Garlic Toast
- 30 Mr. Rib or Hot Dog Wrap, Smiles



The Power of a Praying Mom

Moms in Prayer (MIP) provides the moms of the Mayer Lutheran High School community an opportunity to pray together for our children's protection, challenges, health, friendships, character, fears, faith, and more.

We will pray that our children know and live with the Truth that Jesus is their Lord and Savior and stand boldly in their faith. We will pray for teachers and staff within the school. We will pray that MLHS will be directed by biblical values and high moral standards. We will be an encouragement and positive support to our school and families.

We will meet Friday mornings throughout the school year, as designated with the school calendar and personal schedules. Our first gathering will be September 4 from 8:30-9:30 AM. Regular attendance is encouraged and benefits the group and each individual. If there are two that can meet, we will pray. If our scheduled prayer time on Friday morning does not fit your schedule, please consider being a part of an email MIP group.

MIP covers our children, teachers, staff, and school in prayer and so many times we have witnessed, in awe, the way God has answered. Pray about how you can be a part of this ministry, to seek God on your child's behalf and grow your faith and relationship with the Lord, as it is strengthened through purposeful, Spirit-driven prayer time, along with other MLHS moms.

Specific details to MIP will be discussed during our first meeting(s) or email. If you have questions or are choosing to join MIP please contact: Chris Butenhoff at bootc@citlink.net or 612-719-4660. Let's pray for the preparation of the next generation of Christian leaders! 1 Cor 1: 9-14

THANK YOU!

46th Annual Summer Sale

The Mayer Lutheran High School Summer Sale Committee would like to thank all of our friends and supporters... Those of you who donated, shopped, and volunteered helped make this year's summer sale a great success.

Over \$9,000 in proceeds from this year's sale will help in campus improvements.

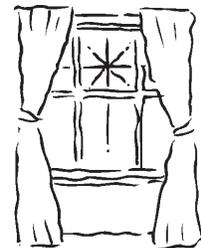
Items not sold were donated to Orphan Grain Train, Children's Chance, Soles4Souls, Bethesda, and Carver County Recycling Center.

FOOTBALL TAILGATE



Join Crusader fans before every home football game and try tailgating the Crusader way! Bring a chair, a dish to share, and enjoy free grilled meats compliments of the **MLHS BOOSTER CLUB** beginning at 5 PM at the Crusader Corner picnic area. (near the ticket booth by the football field)

GO CRUSADERS!!



I CAN SEE CLEARLY NOW!

The MLHS Mission Trip Team is offering their service this fall for window washing.

We will send a team to your house or business to wash windows in exchange for a donation to our mission trip.

If you have questions, or would like to set up a window washing time, please contact Dave Lane at dlane@mayerlutheran.org.

DS DRIVING SCHOOL WEST

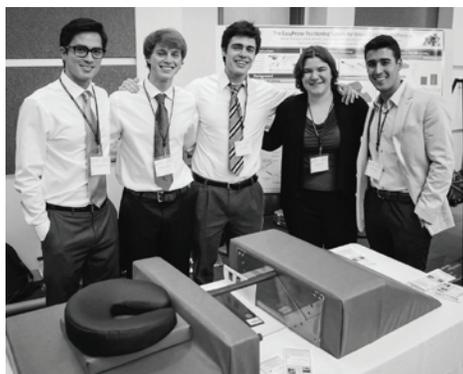
DS Driving School West FALL DRIVERS EDUCATION CLASSES will be held October 26–November 6, 3-6 PM. at Mayer Lutheran. Spring session is Feb. 29–March 11, 2016, Sign up on-line at dsdrivingschoolwest.com.

Where are they now?

Sarah Bening, Class of 2011

Marcus Lane, Class of 2007

I graduated this past spring from the University of Minnesota with a degree in biomedical engineering. While there, I spent four years in the marching band, an activity that my entire family of Mayer Lutheran alums got to enjoy (photo right). My sister, Maria (Class of 2010), graduated from the University of Pittsburgh with a degree in neuroscience in 2014, and this fall she'll be starting medical school at the University of Minnesota. I'll also be going back to school in the fall, pursuing a PhD in biological engineering at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. My program takes (on average) 5.5 years to complete, with about two years of classes and research followed by a few more years of research to complete a thesis. While I don't know exactly what research project I'll be working on at MIT, I do have a few examples of creative projects from my time as an undergraduate that each give a different picture of the work done by



biomedical/biological/bio engineers.

Pictured above is my senior design team with the prototype we built this past year. We designed a support and positioning system to be used with radiation therapy for breast cancer treatment. The opportunity to talk with radiation oncologists in the University of Minnesota medical school and observe treatments at their clinic in Wyoming, MN, helped us identify the needs of patients, doctors, and technicians. We focused on making treatment more comfortable for patients,

hoping to limit small movements and adjustments that could lead to damaging radiation hitting vital organs in the chest cavity such as the heart and lungs. By the end of the year we had collected preliminary data supporting our claim that our design led to less patient movement, results we got to share at a major medical device conference on campus in a student design competition.

I also worked on an individual research project studying sickle cell disease under the direction of one of my biomedical engineering professors. Sickle cell disease is caused by a single mutation in the gene encoding hemoglobin, the oxygen carrying protein in the blood. Mutated hemoglobin can polymerize into stiff fibers, occasionally leading to painful blockages in the microvasculature or bursting of red blood cells (hemolysis) while shortening the lifespan of those with the disease. Building upon the thermodynamics and statistics I learned in my classes, I developed a computational model in Matlab of this polymerization process. I wrote my undergraduate honors thesis about this model and how it can be used to predict and develop new therapies for sickle cell disease. Finding cheap and effective therapies is crucial not only because therapy options are currently limited, but also because sickle cell disease is common in areas of Africa and India that don't have access to the same health care system we have in the United States.

During the summer of 2014 I researched endometriosis as part of the Amgen Scholars Program at MIT. Endometriosis affects nearly 10% of reproductive aged women. Pain resulting from ectopic tissue growth (uterine cells growing outside of the uterus) can be so bad that it forces girls to stay home from school. My project focused on macrophages, immune cells that kill pathogens, clear cellular debris, or promote tissue repair, depending on the situation. In the nine weeks I was there, I completed experiments which suggested that macrophages, when in the



Sarah and her "band" of supporters: Sarah's dad, John Bening (MLHS 1980); Sarah (MLHS 2011); her mother Rachel (MLHS 1981); and sister Maria (MLHS 2010).

unique chemical environment presented in endometriosis, may be helping this ectopic tissue survive in places it shouldn't. With an increased understanding of the cells and chemical signals involved in endometriosis development, more successful and targeted treatment strategies will hopefully be developed to help women suffering from endometriosis.

Marcus Lane Accepts the Call



Marcus Lane (2007) was installed Sunday, July 26, at Lamb of God Lutheran Church in Seattle, WA. Marcus was ordained into the ministry in June at his home congregation, Trinity Waconia, this past June. He and his wife Vanessa are expecting their first child in October. Congratulations to the Lane family!

THE LAST WORD

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New Year: Many Challenges Opportunities, Same Mission



Summer is winding down and the 2015-16 school year has begun. There is anticipation of what may be and there is trepidation about what might be. Each student will make memories, experience success, and face numerous challenges and opportunities to mature.

High school can be a rollercoaster experience for students. Social life is very important and often high school students find their value in the affirmation they receive from peers. It is not that they don't need it from teachers, coaches, and parents; but peer affirmations give them a sense of belonging within their social circle. Adults need to have their eye on the adolescents that fall within their sphere of influence. Adults need to be ready to 'fill the buckets' of the high school students they have relationships with since the challenges that students face can and will deplete their energy and spirit.

High school is a time of social, relational, and intellectual discovery. This is the time when students begin to develop their intellectual voice and the courage to use it. Every high school student must become comfortable with who they are,

apart from who others say that they are. They must learn to build relationships with peers and adults. Relationships that are genuine, rather than based on superficial things like appearance and perceived status.

Mayer Lutheran places great value in nurturing students to find their way in a safe and secure Christ-centered environment. Students find strong supportive relationships with their teachers, coaches, advisors, and other students. These relationships allow students to explore ideas, attempt new things, and grow in skill and knowledge that will serve them well into the future. As all of this happens, Jesus Christ is intentionally present in the classroom through instruction and discussion, in drama rehearsal through the relationships between the actors and actresses, and in the arena of competition as athletes and opponents compete against each other and then gather to pray.

The 2015-16 school year will be a great year. No one knows exactly what successes, challenges, or new opportunities will come but we do know that through it all, Christ will be at the center. Keeping Christ at the center, that is what Christian leaders do.

PREPARED TO BUILD!

Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. Psalm 127:1, NIV

Calling all Builders!

As parents of students at Mayer Lutheran High School, you understand the value of Christian education. You have chosen to enroll your child here. You took the initiative, explored possibilities and opportunities, prayed, wrestled with the decision to enroll your child, and, with God's help, you decided to partner with Mayer Lutheran to prepare your child for Christian leadership. What an incredible blessing that is for your children, your family, and to Mayer Lutheran!

This year is an incredibly important "building season" for Mayer Lutheran. No doubt you have seen the construction outside the school. We are asking for your help to begin construction on the inside as we build Christian leaders one child at a time.

*On **Friday, October 30**, Mayer Lutheran will host its annual Celebrate His Harvest Dinner and Auction at a new location—The Lafayette Club in Wayzata. Celebrate His Harvest exists to:*

- Provide financial resources needed to continue the legacy of Mayer Lutheran in preparing the next generation of Christian leaders by helping raise funds for student tuition aid.
- Connect all parts of the Mayer Lutheran community—past, present, and future families—for a special evening of fundraising, fellowship, and festivities.
- Tithe from our proceeds to a mission recipient that furthers Christian leadership, away from our campus.
- Give GOD all the glory for His blessings to our ministry.

We need every family to join us in preparing to build a successful event. Tickets go on sale early September. All parents have been assigned an area to help, so please check the work list that was mailed in August. Please contact Committee Chairs, Kim Martin at 612-964-2684 or Jenn Fisher at 612-508-1143 for more information. Thank you!!





REGISTER NOW FOR A CHANCE TO WIN

Mayer Lutheran High School
**18th Annual Crusader
Charity Golf Classic**

Saturday, September 12, 2015
Island View Golf Course, Waconia

GREAT PRIZES!

**Fat Tire Bike
Big Green Egg Grill
Set of Titleist Irons
and much more!**

All skill levels are welcome at the MLHS Crusader Classic Charity Golf Tournament!

The Crusader Charity Classic begins with a light lunch and a 1pm shotgun start. End a great day of golf with a delicious steak dinner. Register as a team or as an individual. A four-person "scramble" format plus plenty of contests and prizes gets everyone into the game.

TOURNAMENT SPONSORSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE. Your business will be featured in the golf program, on participant give-aways, on the course as a hole sponsorship, banquet tables, and at the awards ceremony. Golf participants make it a point to patronize our sponsors.

The success of the tournament has also been made possible by **PRIZE DONATIONS.** Donations may be given out as a prize for various events during the tournament or as a drawing. Special recognition is given to prize donors at the event and in tournament promotional materials.

For more details, call Renae Johnson at 952-657-2251 x1002 or golf committee chairman Craig Anderson at 763-315-0746.

Thank you for your support...we look forward to seeing you at Island View on September 12!

