

# REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES

Thank you to the following people who directed their memorials for their loved ones to Luther High School...

IN MEMORY OF:



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# CYMBAL

Newsletter

A Congregational Connection From Luther High School

## From the Dean's Desk

### WHERE DO YOU RANK?

Sometimes it seems as if everything needs to be ranked these days. Basketball teams strive for a higher ranking for their playoffs or tournaments. Movies that are ranked high on the all-time list probably get more attention than those that are not. Approval ratings for politicians are updated to give a picture of how well people believe that politician is doing. Everyone wants to be ranked at or near the top. We all want to be #1!



The apostle Paul didn't rank himself very highly. As a matter of fact, he considered himself the lowest of the low. His history of rejecting Jesus and persecuting the Church stung him throughout his life. Toward the end of his life, Paul wrote these words to Timothy: "Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst." (1 Timothy 1:15) Paul had no misconceptions about who he was – the chief of all sinners.

Where do you rank on that list? Wouldn't it be helpful for us all to adopt a dose of Paul's humility? There is tremendous value in considering our sins and contemplating how far we have fallen short of God's glory. As we have opportunity to reflect this Lenten season, we glimpse again the agony of Jesus – agony caused by my sins and yours. Jesus wants us to give up the idea that we can be good enough (or at least better than others). He wants us to see the futility of our own efforts to save ourselves and honestly admit our sins. Why? Because when we see ourselves as terrible sinners, we see Jesus' love more clearly. He came to earth to save – you, me and all sinners. We rejoice in our low ranking – because it points us to the greatest of all time – our Savior Jesus.

*-Pastor Jon Bilitz*

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## BUILDING UPDATE



The new classrooms are currently in use and the faculty and students are getting settled in. We are coming down to the home stretch on the Chapel/Auditorium construction with the estimated completion being early April.

*Thank you for your continued support!*

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## Luther Light

Congratulations to the Luther Light for March, Mitchell Muller, son of Chris and Diane Muller from Onalaska, WI. Mitchell is a member at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Onalaska and prior to Luther he attended St. Paul's Lutheran School.

While at Luther, Mitchell has participated in many activities including Robotics (9-12), Student Council (12), and National Honors Society (11-12). He has also served as Class Vice-President (11) and Class President (12). Mitchell's athletic career has included being the C-team Basketball Manager (9), Basketball Statistician (10-12), Track Statistician/Manager (11-12), Baseball (9) and Cross-Country (12). For music, he participated in Cantate Choir (9-10).

Mitchell has volunteered at his church teaching Sunday School & Vacation Bible School, and he has also assisted church with Power Points and Livestream. His hobbies include keeping up with current events, listening to music, hanging out with friends, and he also helped with local 2016 campaigns.

Mitchell plans to attend UW-Madison to major in Political Science.



**Mitchell Muller**

*Luther Light is awarded through student/faculty nomination, based upon those whose life and attitude serve as a model for others and display evidence of the stewardship of blessings and gifts that God has given.*

## Luther High UPDATES:

### New Director of Mission Advancement



Praise the Lord of the Harvest for leading Mr. John Byus to accept the Call to become the Director of Mission Advancement at Luther High School! John has taught at First Lutheran School in La Crosse for a number of years. He and his wife currently have one son at Luther and two more at First Lutheran. He will assume his duties at Luther High School on July 1. John will be responsible, along with others, for advancing the mission of Luther High School, "Keeping Christ in high school education." He will help guide the school through the rapidly changing environment of education in the 21st Century. He will serve as a liaison between the school and Association congregations, between the school and various organizations, and between the school and individuals. Welcome John!

### LHS Call Update

God has and is providing special opportunities to pray for our Called workers:

- Mr. Hagedorn accepted a Call to serve at Shoreland Lutheran High School (Sommers, WI).
- Mr. John Byus accepted the Call to serve as Luther High's Director of Mission Advancement.
- Pastor Bilitz accepted a Call as Pastor of Campus Ministry in Madison, WI.
- Mr. Mahnke returned a Call to serve as Martin Luther College's Director of Academic Computing.
- Mrs. Lussky shared that she will retire at the end of the school year due to health reasons.
- Luther High School's Board of Control extended Calls to Pastor Jared Oldenberg (Dean of Students and assistant football coach) (Call returned), Miss Kathy Georgson (Spanish instructor), and Mr. Jeff Schoenherr (math instructor and varsity baseball coach). Miss Georgson and Mr. Schoenherr are still prayerfully considering the Calls.
- Pastor Lisk after prayerfully considering the Call to serve the dual parishes of Ontario and Kendall, WI has returned the Call and will continue to serve at Luther High.

We give thanks to God for the faithful work of these and all Called workers at Luther High. We also pray that God continues to bless their service in God's kingdom of grace and supplies Called workers to meet the needs of the schools and congregations involved with these Divine Calls. To God be the glory!

## Supporting OUR STUDENTS

2017  
The Big Knight

Registration Open!  
[www.lutherhigh.org](http://www.lutherhigh.org)

A Knight in the  
**Roaring 20's**

Register Today! Register Today!

**April 28, 2017**

The Big Knight auction proceeds are given to the Tuition Assistance Fund and a special project at the school. Consider attending or donating to this big night! For more information, contact Lisa Wassermann at [wasslisa@luther.k12.wi.us](mailto:wasslisa@luther.k12.wi.us) or (608) 783-5435 x1150. More details at [www.lutherhigh.org](http://www.lutherhigh.org)!

## DRAMA PRODUCTION

LHS is proud to present *The Pirates of Penzance* at Luther High! This year's spring drama features a comedic operetta - a style that features singing with a witty script. The drama students have been working hard and are excited to perform this zany tale of pirates to offer fellowship to others & exhibit the talents the Lord has given them. Come join us and experience the performance arts LHS style!

**March 10th & 11th @ 7:00 pm**  
**March 12th @ 2:00 pm**

