

PARENT CONNECTION



A monthly newsletter for parents of Luther High School students



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Thanksgiving

Among the many blessings for which we give thanks is the opportunity to worship. The students at Luther High School not only have the opportunity to worship each school day, but also each week in their congregations with their families. The Psalmist reminds us of a faith-prompted response to these opportunities with these words, "I rejoiced with those who said to me, let us go to the house of the Lord." Psalm 122

Now thank we all our God,
With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done,
In Whom his world rejoices;
Who from our mothers' arms
Has blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours today.

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Chicken Q

Thanks to all of the workers who helped organize and staff the 2013 fall Chicken Q on Friday, September 20. Special thanks to Kim Luehmann & Lisa Kilmer for their efforts in coordinating the event and workers. Approximately 650 meals were served this year raising \$2267 for the Athletic Department. This money was added to funds previously raised or donated for a new volleyball net system in the auxiliary gym. The new net system will be identical to the what is used in the ACE gymnasium and can be set-up

or taken down quickly and easily. The total cost of the new system was \$5900. To date, approximately \$800 is needed to completely fund the net system. If you would like to donate to "finish the project", please send your donation to Luther Athletics - Volleyball Net, 1501 Wilson St., Onalaska. Finally, if you would be interested in helping to organize next year's fall project, please contact Joel Babinec at 608-783-5435 x359. We are looking for different ideas and new volunteers to head the project.

Focus On The Ministry

Thirty-five Luther students attended an exciting and informative weekend in New Ulm, MN. Each year our synod's worker training school, Martin Luther College, hosts several Focus on the Ministry weekends where students have the opportunity to visit the campus and learn more about the public ministry. Our students participated in the Focus on the Ministry weekend on October 31 - November 2. Students received tours of

the campus, worshipped in the Chapel of the Christ, attended informational presentations and experienced "dorm life" with the host students from MLC. Focus on the Ministry is a great opportunity for Luther students to become more informed about serving the Lord as a pastor, teacher or staff minister. Please pray that the Lord of the Harvest will lead and call many of these students into the harvest field!

The Big Knight Presents

A Knight in Morocco

Friday, March 28, 2014

At our NEW LOCATION...The Cargill Room at The Waterfront

For more information or to make a donation please contact Mary Bilitz at bilimary@luther.k12.wi.us or 608-783-5435

Save the date for the sixth annual Big Knight! The event will take place on **Friday, March 28, 2014** at our NEW LOCATION, The Cargill Room at The Waterfront in La Crosse. Stay tuned for more information on "A KNIGHT IN MOROCCO." Watch for some changes and many new auction items at this incredible event.

Donations are being accepted NOW. We would like to collect as many donations as possible **before the new year.** If you have a service or a new item valued at \$25 or more that you would like to donate, please contact Mary Bilitz at 608-783-5435 x103 or bilimary@luther.k12.wi.us. Donations can be dropped off in the office at Luther.

Looking for the perfect Christmas present? Give the gift of The Big Knight! **Gift certificates are available now** through December 13 for Christmas gift giving. Contact Mary Bilitz (contact information above) if you would like to purchase gift certificates.

The success of this event is dependent on all of the selfless volunteers, the amazing donations and the wonderful guests that attend the event! If you would like to help with this year's event, donate something to the event or attend the event please contact Mary Bilitz (contact information above).

Please pray for God's continued blessings on this incredible event! We have raised \$40,000, \$50,000, \$52,000, \$55,000 & \$64,000 at The Big Knight in past years and we are hoping to blow those totals away this year! Your support helps this cause immensely!

Senior Pictures

Senior Pictures are due to Mrs. Appold no later than December 1st. Please call (608-783-5435 x306) if there are any questions about how to turn in your photos.

Photography Awards

Art students annually enter photos in the La Crosse Oktoberfest Amateur Photo Contest as part of their Photography unit grade. This year the following students received honors: 2nd in Color - Alex McGuire, 2nd in Black & White - Abby Stephan, 3rd in Black & White - Liz Wilson, Honorable Mentions - Jennie Adickes, Emily Appold, Courtney Balfany, Macey Berg, Chloe Harbach, Nikki Johnson, Alex McGuire, Kendra Owen, RaeAnn Protsman, Audrey Timm & Lydia Wassermann.

School Closings

The motivation for calling off school is for the safety and protection of our students. However, we cannot know the exact conditions in every part of the area from which our students come. If your child normally drives to school, please remember that riding the school-provided bus transportation is also an option. If you feel that the conditions are unsafe, please keep your child at home. If there is no school, the announcement will be given to the radio and TV stations as soon as possible.

Wrestling

All 7th and 8th grade boys are invited to join the high school wrestling team practices beginning Monday, November 18 from 3:00-5:00 p.m. Youth wrestlers can come as often as they are able to make it. There is no cost for this program and no experience is necessary. If you have any questions, please contact Coach Benrud at 608-783-5435 x308 or benrjon@luther.k12.wi.us.

Fruit For Sale!

This year all students who are members of one of Luther's music groups will participate in the Music Department Fruit Sale. The fruit will be store front quality from Kwik Trip. Along with the apples, pears, and citrus fruits, we will be offering clementines and gift boxes of mixed fruit. The sale will also include a cheese and meat gift box for holiday giving. The Music Department looks forward to working with Kwik Trip in getting the highest quality available. Profits from the fruit sale assist the Music Department with the purchase of music, instruments and equipment necessary to support that program. Orders can be placed with any Luther High School Band or Choir member. Fruit will arrive the week of December 9 - just in time for Christmas giving. Final day to order is December 2.