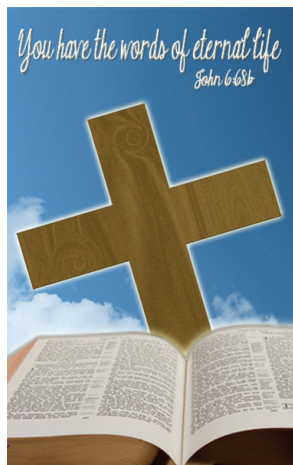


PARENT CONNECTION



A monthly newsletter for parents of Luther High School students



Christmas Greetings

As we make preparations to celebrate Christ's first coming, in faith we also look forward to Christ's second coming. May our worship and activities center on the blessings Jesus our Savior won for us through His birth, life, death and resurrection. May our lives "declare the praises of him, who called us out of darkness into his wonderful light." (1 Peter 2:9)

"Let us all with gladsome voice
Praise the God of heaven,
Who, to bid our hearts rejoice,
His own Son has given.

O Lord Christ, our Savior dear,
Bless us and be near us.
Grant us now a glad new year.
Amen, Jesus, hear us!"

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Concert Opportunities

The Concert Choir will appear at the **WXOW Holiday Concert** at Viterbo College on Monday, December 9. Watch for the rebroadcast of this concert on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day! The Music Department will present a **Christmas Concert** on Sunday, December 15 at 2:00 p.m. This concert will feature the Concert Choir, the Cantate Choir, Sound Foundation, Handbells and the Concert Band. Everyone is welcome

to attend. This year's theme is "Standing Beside The Cradle". Exciting news! **Koine** will be performing a multi-media presentation of the Christmas Story called "Immanuel Lux". The concert will be at Luther High School on Tuesday, December 17 at 7:00 p.m. Please join us for this amazing event! If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Biltz at 608-783-5435 x103 or bilijon@luther.k12.wi.us.

School Closings - Semester Exams

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.

First semester exams are scheduled for Monday, December 16 through Thursday, December 19. Should weather prevent semester exams on any scheduled day, those exams will be administered on Friday, December 20. The exam schedule is available at Luther's website under "Student Life." Should school be canceled on December 20 the exams scheduled for that day will be administered after the Christmas break on January 2, 2014.

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Christian Counseling Helping Luther Students

In the last two years, several Luther High School Students have made use of the Member Assistance Program offered through Wisconsin Lutheran Child and Family Service. The program gives Luther students and staff the opportunity to speak via a web camera to licensed counselors at no cost to the student. This service is made possible by a generous donation from a Luther High School supporter. If your student has a need and would benefit from this program, please contact Pastor Jon Bilitz at bilijon@luther.k12.wi.us or (608) 783-5435 x 310. Recognizing the benefit and blessings of this service, Luther High would like to continue to provide it. If you are able, please consider designating a gift to Luther High School for the Member Assistance Program.

Chileda Classic



We hosted the Chileda Classic on Monday, Oct. 6th, 2013 at Cedar Creek. It was a beautiful day when the 15 teams competed. Approximately \$2000 dollars was raised for Chileda. These funds will be used to buy sturdy outdoor playground equipment for the children they care for. Thanks to everyone who volunteered to make the meet a success. A special thanks to Ralph Mann and Mark Dahl who donated their time as WIAA officials.



Honor A Teacher

Chances are there was an outstanding teacher or individual who inspired you or your child in some way this year or in past years. Are you looking for a way to honor teachers and staff who made a difference or had a profound effect in your child's life? Ask your child who they appreciate and join us in recognizing and honoring them! Honor Onalaska's Teachers and Staff is a tribute program that provides members of the community with the opportunity to recognize teachers and staff members. By making a donation to the Onalaska Foundation for Educational Excellence, you can celebrate our excellent teachers and staff. The foundation provides funds for innovative educational programs or creative projects that will help inspire both teachers and students to achieve educational excellence. With each donation, the honored teacher or staff member will receive a thank you card with your name and personal note to accompany the card. We will notify the person honored of your gift to the foundation without disclosing the amount. What a great way to thank an exceptional teacher or staff member! Times of the year when you may want to use the Honor Onalaska's Teachers and Staff Tribute Program are Teacher Appreciation week, Christmas, birthdays, end of the school year or anytime of the year. All tax deductible donations, large or small, are welcomed and appreciated. With your support, we can continue to make a difference. To honor a teacher please go to our website at www.onalaskaeducation.org and click on the "Honor a Teacher" link.

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Holiday Scrip

Make your holiday shopping simple this year by giving the gift of Scrip! You can avoid all of the lines at the stores by stopping in at Luther to pick up your gift cards. There are so many different vendors and different denominations to choose from - something for everyone! Check out the list available on Luther's website (www.luther.k12.wi.us) under "Advancement" then "Scrip".