



## PENNIES FOR SEARCHING

Easter greetings to you in the name of our crucified and risen Lord Jesus Christ! He has risen! He has risen indeed!

One of the biggest challenges in providing a Lutheran High School ministry is financing the amazing number of expenses associated with running such a useful enterprise. Like the rest of the world, prices continue to increase each year. Health insurance premiums grow by more than ten percent each year. Utilities and maintenance costs are more expensive. Even the cost of sports officials increases at a rate faster than overall inflation! Certainly, preparing the next generation of Christian leaders comes at an enormous cost as our annual budget topped the \$2 million mark this year.

Of course, I'm not telling you anything new. Family budgets are being stretched in many ways. With gasoline costing more than \$3.00/gallon and food becoming more expensive for a variety of reasons, raising a child is no small economic wonder. According to the United States Department of Agriculture, the middle-income, two-parent family cost of raising a child from birth to age 18 is \$170,460. If you earn more than \$65,800 each year, the calculated cost increases to \$249,180. (See <http://moneycentral.msn.com/articles/family/kids/tlkidscost.asp> for the stats.) The bottom line is that raising kids, and running a Lutheran high school is not cheap.

Thankfully, many faithful people understand the need for Mayer Lutheran High School for today's families and also know that the budget for our school needs their help. Last year alone, more than \$400,000 was raised to provide everything from scholarships to gymnasium renovations. By God's grace, the Lutheran High School in Mayer Foundation continues to grow funds to provide for the future needs of MLHS students. Many faithful donors from all over the country help to offset the rising costs of educating each scholar.

You are invited to join our vigorous and growing list of donors. Gifts of all amounts are deeply valued and enthusiastically welcomed. One interesting way to raise funds for MLHS is to use the computer. Thanks to a program offered by **GoodSearch**, you can contrib-

ute to MLHS every time you perform an online search. **GoodSearch** is a *Yahoo*-enabled search engine that provides gifts to all kinds of charities, including MLHS. If you want to help in this way, simply do the following:

1. Go to **[www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com)**.
2. In the middle of the page is a box labeled, "*Who do you goodsearch for?*" Enter: **Mayer Lutheran High School**.
3. Click the *Verify* button. Once verified, the tool bar will read **Mayer Lutheran High School (Mayer, MN)**.
4. Go to the search box and use it to search the Internet. You have the option to add a **GoodSearch** toolbar to your web browser to make searching in the future much more convenient. For each search made in the name of MLHS, we receive a penny.

Big deal! A WHOLE penny! Look at it this way: If each of our current 246 students performed one search per day during the school year (274 days), MLHS would receive \$428.04. If a family of four did it each school day, the amount would be \$1,712.16—without doing anything out of the ordinary other than searching online, a task many of us do frequently. Just like in your home and mine, every penny does count.

As we celebrate the resurrection and rejoice in the eternal life we all share in Christ, we remember as well the enormous cost of salvation—the Son of God's very life. No matter what rising expenses confront us today, we live joyfully, knowing that the ultimate payment for our souls has been made so we can have a secure future with the Lord and all the saints in heaven. The search is over. He has risen! He has risen indeed!

In Christ,

Joel P. Landskroener





## TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH

BY KEVIN WILABY



How would you define yourself? Parent, student, grandparent, grandchild, husband, wife, brother, sister, cousin, aunt, uncle, employee, employer, supervisor, athlete, musician, actor, actress, friend, confidant, servant, redeemed, chosen, created, called, forgiven, and so on. We can find ourselves somewhere on this list. Think about the responsibilities that come with each term. For example, a parent's list of responsibilities might include love my child unconditionally, teach my child, set an example and be a mentor for my child, discipline my child, provide for the needs of my child, and be a taxi driver.

I would like to consider our role as witnesses. We are witnesses every day in every way. The role of witness has been placed upon us by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. In the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20) we are told to go and make disciples of the world by teaching them what Jesus first taught His disciples, and then you and me, through God's Word. We have heard of this commission throughout our lives. It is hard to find a Sunday worship service, Bible study or Sunday school class in which we are not reminded to share the love of God and the Gospel message with others. For many of us, it was part of our formal education as we attended Lutheran Schools, where the message of salvation through faith in Christ was spoken about on a daily basis. We were taught that in our words and actions we become witnesses to others.

So how are we doing when it comes to witnessing? During this school year, Mr. Lane and Mr. Strehlke have reminded the Mayer Lutheran High School student body, faculty, and staff of our calling to be witnesses. In doing so, they shared Acts 1:8 with us, which says, "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Through the power of the Holy Spirit, which God has provided to each of us, the ability to share Jesus with others at any given moment exists.

How do we use this ability in Jerusalem, Samaria, and Judea? These places remind us that our witness begins where we are at right now (Jerusalem). From Jerusalem the witness spreads to other places and people (Samaria and Judea). Is it easier to be a witness on Sunday morning when surrounded by other believers? When taking our witness to our workplace, into our social circles, and into the world, is the light of Christ visible to others through us? Be encouraged, knowing that the Holy Spirit is in you, giving you ability and courage you need to share the Gospel message with others.

The Mayer Lutheran High School community has provided an environment where witnessing has been taught and practiced. Being a witness for Jesus is being a Christian leader. Christian leaders continually respond in words and actions to the love of Christ within them. Consider all the students who entered Mayer Lutheran to receive their high school education and left with a new or strengthened commitment to respond to the love of Christ with their lives. Students and faculty have gone on mission trips and participated in service projects together. Consider all of the students who have gone on to be pastors, teach-

ers, missionaries, Christian business owners, devoted Christian employees, devout members and leaders of their congregations, and parents who make sure their children understand the way to heaven.

When does our school community come together with an opportunity to witness Samaria and Judea? Consider our co-curricular program, specifically athletics. Every year the Mayer Lutheran High School community interacts with thousands of people from other communities. In this interaction, we find opportunities to let the light of Christ shine through us. When we come together with the incredible school spirit that our community musters, we create an environment for our teams to use their God-given abilities. In our cheering and encouragement of our players and coaches, in our appreciation and respect for the talents of others, and in the way we handle the disappointments and frustrations found within any athletic competition, we provide a witness in Jerusalem, Samaria, and Judea. How significant is this witness? It is hard to tell in any given instance, but for someone it might be the most important witness they have ever seen as they see Christian life in action.

Being a witness for Christ is the calling that we share. May the light of Christ and the Gospel message be ablaze in the Mayer Lutheran High School family, so that all of the world can see it and understand it through the power of the Holy Spirit.



## CAREERS, CREDITS, COURSES AND COUNSELING

BY KATIE STIFTER



### Communicating with your Children

Healthy communication within the family is vital. Having open and honest communication creates an atmosphere in which family members are able to display love and admiration for one another as well as express their differences. Learning healthy communication patterns enables family members to express their needs, wants, and concern for one another.

Through healthy communication, families are able to resolve the unavoidable problems that arise in all families.

Communication involves the ability to pay attention to what others are thinking and feeling. In other words, an important part of communication is not just talking, but listening to what others have to say.

### Strategies for Building Effective Family Communication

**Communicate frequently-** One of the most difficult challenges facing families today is finding time to spend together.

**Communicate clearly and directly-** Indirect and vague communication will not help to resolve problems, and it could also contribute to lack of intimacy and emotional bonding between family members.

**Be an active listener-** It is essential to actually listen to what others are saying. Pay close attention to verbal and non-verbal messages and seek clarification if you don't understand. Active listening means acknowledging and respecting the other person's point of view.

**Create an emotionally safe environment for open communication-** Parents, especially, are responsible for providing a safe environment that allows family members to openly express their thoughts and feelings. The ability to be open and honest will set the stage for trusting relationships.

**Think about the person with whom you are communicating-** Take into consideration age and maturity. If parents communicate with their child the way they would a spouse, the child may not be old enough to understand.

**Pay attention to non-verbal messages-** A child may say something verbally, but their facial expression or body language may tell you something completely different.

**Be positive-** Verbally compliment and encourage one another. Use the sandwich technique, compliment-correct-compliment.

### Other News

**Schedule requests** are done! You can view your student's requests on the Power School website. If you have any questions/concerns, please feel free to contact me.

If you are aware of a student in need of a prom dress or would like to donate a prom dress or accessories, please contact me.

## SPORTS AND NOTES

**Congratulations to the boys basketball team on a fine season!** The team worked hard throughout the season and had a great showing in post-season competition. Way to go Crusaders!

**Assistant Track Coach** MLHS is in need of an assistant track coach. Please send a cover letter and a resume that lists your coaching experience to [tbierbaum@lhsmayer.org](mailto:tbierbaum@lhsmayer.org) or snail mail: MLHS 305 5<sup>th</sup> Street NE Mayer, MN 55360

**JV Volleyball Coach** MLHS is in need of an assistant volleyball coach. Please send a cover letter and a resume listing your coaching experience to [tbierbaum@lhsmayer.org](mailto:tbierbaum@lhsmayer.org) or snail mail: MLHS 305 5<sup>th</sup> St. NE Mayer, MN 55360

**Parents of Seniors** - Scholarship information for 2008-2009 is available on the home page of our website at [www.lhsmayer.mn.org](http://www.lhsmayer.mn.org); you can also click on Mrs. Stifter's staff photo.

**Spring Sports** are underway! All participating students, must have a current sports physical on file in the school office.

Where are all of the spring sports teams practicing? All over the school. Students are doing wind sprints in the fine arts lobby and the parking lot, hurdles are set up each afternoon in the senior hallway. Softball players are in the gym along with the pole vaulters, golfers are putting in the fine arts lobby with masking tape marking the hole, and the distance runners are running their route throughout the school. Ahhh... the sounds of spring!



### MISSION TRIP 2008—2009 BY MR. DAVE LANE

Sign up has begun for next year's mission trip to Juarez, Mexico. As of this writing, it is filling up fast. The theme for the trip is 1 Peter 4:10

**"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms."**

#### Dates (tentative):

**Saturday, December 27, 2008 - Saturday, January 3, 2009**

#### The Dream:

- To take 50 people (approximately 30-35 students and 15-20 adults)
- Encourage three families in desperate need by building them each a home.
- Run a combined Vacation Bible School at San Lucas Lutheran Church (Mon. – Weds.).
- Distribute 200 Spanish Bibles, New Testaments, or Bible story books.
- Run a basketball clinic with a Gospel outreach (Thurs. and/or Fri.).
- Spend time in worship with our brothers and sisters in Christ at San Lucas.
- Share Jesus by loving kids for a week.
- Have our own faith stretched and challenged.
- Tell anyone who will listen about Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world.



### ROUGH DRAFT TO PERFORM AT MLHS



Saturday

May 10

7:00 PM

\$5

**AWARDS  
ASSEMBLY  
MAY 18  
2:00 PM**



### STUDENT ACTIVITIES

#### TEAM (SAT) BY KATHY MEIER

"Island Paradise" is the theme for the 2008 Junior/Senior Prom, set for Friday, May 2.



Prom Tickets can be purchased from March 25 - April 4. Current Juniors and Seniors are eligible to attend prom. Underclassmen or students from other schools may attend if asked by a MLHS Junior or Senior. Pick up a registration form from Mrs. Meier, Mr. Gustin, the school office, or online. There are 3 options available:

- #1 Prom and Post-Prom
- #2 Prom only
- #3 Post-Prom only.

Please read the choices and conditions carefully, and then return the entire form with signatures to Mrs. Meier with a \$60 check payable to LHS. Student guests from other schools must also complete a registration form. Please purchase tickets by Friday, April 4. (All ticket purchases are non-refundable.) Once tickets are purchased, table reservations may be made.

The *schedule for the evening*.

**6 PM - Grand March** begins in the auditorium. Please arrive by 5 PM to take pictures at various photo opportunities in the lobby and on stage, or pose for professional photos by Mr. Thomas in the Media Center. Students will board the busses at 7 PM.

**7 PM-Midnight - Prom** will begin at "The Grand Ballroom at Mall of America" in Bloomington with a delicious dinner, fol-

lowed by the dance. The prom is chaperoned by faculty members.

**12:30 - 3:30 AM - Post Prom**, a night of fun and games, will be at the



Nickelodeon Universe at Mall of America. Parents will chaperone the post-prom event. The Sponge Bob Square Pants Rock Bottom Plunge, Avatar Airbender, Splat-O-Sphere as well as old favorites



Rip Saw Roller Coaster and the Log Chute are just some of the rides the students will enjoy. They also have the opportunity to play arcade games and midway carnival games!

**5 AM -** Students will return by bus to LHS where they will head for home and probably sleep the day away!

Special Notes- All Junior parents are asked to remain after Grand March to help the committee with "un-decorating."

**SENIORS** - Please bring in a baby picture for the Senior video. We would also like to include candid pictures of groups of seniors throughout their high school or elementary school years. Bring to Mrs. Meier by Friday, March 28.

**LOOKING AHEAD: SENIORS and Senior Parents** - Just a reminder that the Senior Video will be shown to the public on *Sunday, May 18* immediately following the Student Awards Assembly. Then join us in the cafeteria for a reception for the seniors and their families, along with the faculty. **Please bring an appetizer to share.** Beverages will be provided.



# DEPARTMENT NEWS—SCIENCE

## PHYSICS DAY @ TWINS STADIUM

On Tuesday, April 3 students from the current physics and calculus classes will be participating in the First Annual Physics Day as the Minnesota Twins host the California Angels in the season opening series at the Metrodome. Pre-game activities will get the students ready to carry on a plethora of physics activities during the game. Activities will involve velocity, center of restitution, center of percussion, impulse, momentum, and more. Lots of cool physics pun and the opening of a new baseball season all in one!!

## NEW COURSES ADDED

Two new courses have been added in the science department to help meet the needs of the students of Mayer Lutheran High School. *Conceptual Physics* has been added to provide a less math intensive look at physics and the world around us. This semester course will be a great companion course to the existing Everyday Chemistry and will be an excellent study for students not planning on majoring in a physics or engineering course of study in college. *Independent Science Research* is being added to provide a real-life lab experience for students interested in majoring in a laboratory science course of study in college. Efforts are being made to find neighboring research labs that are willing to support high school interns for a semester or year-long experience. If you work in such a laboratory and would be willing to study the possibility, please contact Mr. Loontjer to start the process. Preliminary meetings for placement of our first intern at Receptors LLC in Chaska are underway.

## NEW EQUIPMENT PURCHASED

Through a generous grant from the Minnesota Independent School Forum, the science department has been able to add technological tools for use in science lab studies. Funds have been used to purchase laptop computers, probes, and interfaces for data collection of all sorts. Stop by to see the latest gear!

## SUMMER SCIENCE

Don't forget to sign up your grade 4-9 students for some summer science fun.

The July 21-24 Science Camp involves all sorts of **FLYING THINGS!**

# BUILDING BRIDGES: A PHYSICS EXPERIMENT



The bridge must fit in the space. Last minute adjustments...



Please note the different bridge designs...



Two pails full!



The bridge on the right was able to withstand the weight of three full pails of sand.

Well done Erin Eklof!

## SERVING YOU AT MLHS

To reach MLHS please dial 952.657.2251. When the phone is answered, dial the desired extension

Teacher	Extension
Adela Alvarez	302
Dean Aurich	301
Don Beiswenger	232
Tim Bierbaum	318
Diane Bisping	231
Kevin Boozikee	304
Carol Sue Esser	308
James Dulas	232
Heidi Gesch	235
Joelle Grimsley	226
Kris Gustin	303
Barbara Hoback	306
Sabra Horn	222
Paulette Jopp	221
Dave Lane	351
Joel Landskroener	305
Bruce LeClere	309
Karen Loehrs	224
Gary Loontjer	416
Robert Luecke	310
Kathy Meier	400
Lori Schurmann	230
Jim Strehlke	313
Katie Stifter	229
Gerry Thomas	315
Dave Werner	316
Kevin Wilaby	317
Mike Zimmer	228
Absence Line	401
Events Line	402
Emergency Line	403

To email a teacher, use the first letter of their first name and their full last name followed by @lhsmayer.org.



## STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Mayer Lutheran High School recognizes students that exemplify what "the next generation of Christian leaders" will look like. Whether a student is a shining light academically or a servant-leader within our school, their church, or the community, we desire to highlight these Christian leaders through the Students of the Month program. Honorees are often nominated by the faculty, but if you are aware of a student whose story is exemplary please contact Mr. Dave Lane, Director of Spiritual Life.

### KINDRA BOELKE



In nominating Kindra, Mr. Dulas stated, "Kindra was a member of the 2008 Lutheran School Honor Band in Las Vegas as a clarinet player and was given a solo in the concert. She was also chosen for the Dorian Band Festival at Luther College and made the top honor band. She also performed the most entries for the area Solo/Ensemble contest. Kindra shows a great attitude toward excellence by choosing to do the extra work that preparing for an Honor Band entails. She is active in every aspect of the Mayer Lutheran band program, has shown great improvement this year as clarinet section leader, and leads by example. It is nice to see a musician who is not afraid to challenge herself and achieve more than is expected."

Kindra is a senior from Cologne, where she lives with her parents, Rodney and Pam, and three siblings. Kindra attends Zion Lutheran Church in Cologne, where she also attended grade school.

The best part of MLHS? Kindra says, "It's the small town atmosphere where it's really relaxed and you get the one-on-one attention, which really helps." Kindra says her most challenging classes are Physics and Calculus. She is also involved in volleyball, basketball, softball, and baseball. Outside of MLHS, Kindra enjoys "being outside on the farm, hanging out with my huge bunch of cousins and relatives, attending honor bands, and chatting with friends." She also helps with chores on the farm.

When asked what has helped her do well in school, Kindra replied, "My parents stressing that good grades can take you places, working hard, and pushing my self to become better." Kindra's most loved Bible passage is II Corinthians 8:10-12, "And here is my advice about what is best for you in this matter: Last year you were the first not only to give but also to have the desire to do so. Now finish the work, so that your eager willingness to do it may be matched by your completion of it, according to your means. For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what he does not have."

Future plans for Kindra involve attending college, possibly St. Ben's, and having a family of her own.

### SHARON WHIGHTSIL



Sharon was nominated for her work with the MLHS girls basketball program. Mr. Loontjer stated, "Sharon has been an integral part of the 'support staff' for the girls basketball program. Her attendance and help at the games assures the coaches of a job well done. Her servant heart guides her work and she never fails to do the unnoticed extras that the coach and team need and appreciate. Thank you Lord for Sharon Whightsil!"

Sharon is a sophomore from St. Bonifacius, where she lives with her mother Pam, whom she calls her hero "for giving up so much for me to be happy." She attends Redeemer Lutheran Church in Wayzata, where she also attended grade school.

At MLHS, Sharon enjoys "the small class sizes and being able to connect with all the students." She says her most challenging classes are Chemistry and Algebra II. She is also involved in drama, and girls basketball. Outside of school, Sharon enjoys "hanging out with friends and teaching Sunday School."

Her favorite Bible verse is Philippians 4:13, "I can do everything through him who gives me strength."

When asked what has helped her do well in school, Sharon stated, "Commitment to doing my homework and keeping up with my work."

Future plans for Sharon include college with a degree in Early Childhood Education.

### STEPHANIE AURICH



In nominating Stephanie, Mr. Loontjer stated, "Stephanie's cheerful demeanor and her desire to do her best make her an easy choice for Student of the Month. Her hard work in and out of class results in excellent scores and the respect of her classmates. She is an excellent partner in lab activities. May the Lord continue to bless Stephanie in her ministry here at MLHS."

Stephanie is a sophomore from Mayer, where she lives with her parents, Dean and Becky, and has three brothers, a sister, and a sister-in-law. Stephanie attends St. John Lutheran Church in Hollywood, and attended grade school at St. Mark's Lutheran School in New Germany.

The best part of MLHS? Stephanie says, "The Christian environment, and everyone here is very friendly." Her most challenging classes are Chemistry and American Literature. Stephanie is also involved in soccer, weight room training, and track. Outside of MLHS, Stephanie enjoys doing things with friends, rollerblading, and just being active. She also has a paper route.

Stephanie's most loved Bible verse is Proverbs 3:5-6, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways, acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight."

Future plans for Stephanie include attending college, with a possible major in Early Childhood Education.



## A SEASON TO CELEBRATE

By Co-Chairs Jeanette Schmidt and Jayne Gassen

While the temperature is barely above zero today, there is one lonely bird perched in a tree. It seems as if he knows something the rest of us can hardly believe. Winter will end and spring will finally appear. This single bird is a reminder that winter cannot last forever. While winter is the most intense season here in Minnesota, each has its own character. Spring will usher in the promise of new growth and the milestone of graduation for some, confirmations or weddings for others. Summer brings the celebration of family and vacations. Fall has a feeling completely unique; a crispness to the air, sweatshirts and football.

Next fall will bring with it a new experience to Mayer Lutheran High School. **Celebrate His Harvest Dinner-Auction** will be held at the University of Minnesota Landscape Arboretum on Friday night, November 14. This will be a special evening designed to do just what the title states: to come together to Celebrate what God has done, is doing, and will do in the future among this community, while raising funds in a creative way for student resources. The evening will include a silent auction, a delicious served dinner, and a live auction in the beautiful Great Hall and MacMillan auditorium of the Arboretum's Visitor Center.

This spring is a crucial time for **Celebrate His Harvest**, and we need your help. We are looking for creative silent and live auction items. Starting thinking of unique home items, Christmas gift ideas, jewelry, restaurant gift certificates, interesting experiences like golfing, fishing trips, a cabin getaway. We are looking for items large and small, for men, women, children, and even pets. Do you have a hobby? Woodworking, beading, cooking for a crowd or maybe photography? Would you consider starting now to create that special one-of-a-kind piece that could possibly bring out a bidding war among friends? Do you love to decorate for Christmas? How about donating three hours of your time to help decorate someone's home next December. What are you gifted to do? Call us and we will help you put your gifts together with a creative auction item, or, if we know what you're good at, we may just call you!

A unique category we will be including in the silent auction is entitled "Great Gatherings." We will be putting together four special themed evenings throughout the

# CELEBRATE HIS HARVEST



*Planting the Seeds of the future*

Friday, November 14, 2008

Mayer Lutheran High School Dinner & Auction, Minnesota Landscape Arboretum 6:00pm.

year for a limited number of participants. For example: The Smiths might host "An evening in Italy" for ten couples on a pre-selected evening in January. The first ten couples to sign-up for this Great Gathering during the silent auction will enjoy the Italian themed evening at the Smiths. Do you love to throw theme parties? Could you and a friend go together and host a unique themed evening: a Mystery Dinner, a Backyard BBQ? What creative evening could you come up with?!

In addition to creative auction items, an event of this size needs several additional components to be successful. First of all, prayer. Would you keep **Celebrate His Harvest** in your prayers? God is at the center and it is the goal of the steering committee to always keep Him there. Second, whether you have a student at MLHS now or if your student is only in kindergarten, plan on attending the event. And especially if your student has long since graduated, plan on attending to reconnect with those you shared auditorium seats and bleachers with all those years! And finally, be willing to volunteer as specific needs come up.

When those creative auction items hit you, call any of the following:

Jayne Gassen	952.657.2705
Jeanette Schmidt	952.443.0055
Michelle Hove	952.448.7225
Chris Buttenhoff	952.955.3215

We look forward to hearing all your wonderful ideas! God has some exciting plans in store for this event.

# Let's Celebrate!



## CONGRATULATIONS—DREW FLEMING

Drew Fleming is a sophomore at Mayer Lutheran High School who, along with Joey Stadnick and Matt White, spent wrestling season commuting to Watertown-Mayer High School every day as the bell signaled the end of 7th hour. These young adults worked hard during the season and each improved and enjoyed a successful wrestling season. In fact, Drew Fleming had such a successful season, he earned first place in State for his weight class. This was Drew's first appearance in the state tournament—nice start.



Fleming defeated Matt Nelson of Big Lake in the Championship match for class AA. Of the championship match Drew said, "He (Nelson) kept making mistakes and I capitalized on them. It was an exciting way to end the state meet weekend."



Joey Stadnick

Drew Fleming

Matt White

## MIKE ZIMMER ACCEPTS A CALL TO SERVE AT THE MN SOUTH DISTRICT

Dear members of the Mayer Lutheran High School family,

Eight years ago I accepted the Call to serve Mayer Lutheran High School as Dean of Academics. Seven weeks after I began at Mayer my life was turned upside down when our son died in a car accident. Some of you did not even know me back then, but that event forever changed my time here at Lutheran High. Following Jake's death, I strove to pass off my administrative duties so I could take time to grieve and ponder the new direction God had for my life. As many of you know, it took six years to off-load those duties.

During these past two years I have been blessed to have the time to step back and prepare for the next venture God had in store for me. God has given me rest. My time in the classroom with my students has been wonderful. I pray my contributions in Admissions have helped enrollment rebound. I have been encouraged to watch Mr. Landskroener and Mr. Wilaby come in and embrace the vision of preparing the next generation of Christian leaders. God is good.

God's plan for me unfolded last month when I received a Call to serve our district in revitalizing and supporting congregations around the mission of the Great Commission. It is not a position I solicited or sought. I believe God has led me to this new ministry. I now prepare to leave shortly after the end of this school year.

Many changes have occurred at LHS over these past eight years. Yet the purpose of preparing the next generation of Christian leaders has remained a centerpiece of our mission. I will forever hold this school and its mission in my heart and prayers.

While my son's death altered my time here it was still only a temporal event. I encourage you to never take for granted Our Father's eternal gift of Jesus and the eternal life we have because of His blood. May your life be forever impacted by Christ's death and resurrection.

In His service, Mike Zimmer



### MLHS AND THE KNIGHTS SUMMER CAMPS

#### JUNE CAMPS

#### JULY CAMPS

#### AUGUST CAMPS

**Boys Basketball**  
 June 9—12  
 Grades 7—9; 9 AM—Noon  
 Grades 4—6; 12:30—3 PM  
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**Dance Camp**  
 June 9—12  
 Grades 4—9; 6 PM — 8 PM  
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**Boys Baseball**  
 June 16—19  
 Grades 4—6; 9:30 AM —Noon  
 Grades 7-9; 12:30—3 PM  
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**Archery Camp**  
 June 23—26  
 Grades 4—6 1:30—3 PM  
 Grades 7-9 3:30 —5 PM  
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**Girls Basketball**  
 June 23—26  
 Grades 4—6; 8 —10 AM  
 Grades 7- 9; 10:30 AM —1 PM  
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**Music Camp**  
 June 30—July 3  
 Grades 5—9; 11 AM —12:30 PM  
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**Pottery Camp**  
 July 14, 15, 17, 18 (no Wed.)  
 Grades 4—8; 2 — 4 PM  
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**Drawing Camp**  
 July 21—24  
 Grades 4—8; 1 — 3 PM  
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**Painting Camp**  
 July 28—31  
 Grades 4- 8; 8 — 10 AM  
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**Math Camp**  
 July 21—24  
 Grades 4—8; 12 —2:00 PM  
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**Spanish Camp**  
 July 14—17  
 Grades 4—6; 11:30 AM— 1:50 PM  
 Grades 7—9; 2 — 4 PM  
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**Drama Camp**  
 July 14, 15, 17, 18 (no Wed.)  
 Grades 4—8; 9 —11 AM  
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**Science Camp**  
 July 21—24  
 Grades 4—6; 8:30—10 AM  
 Grades 7- 8; 10:30—12 Noon  
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**Soccer Camp**  
 July 28- 31  
 Grades 4- 8 6 — 8 PM  
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**Model Aviation**  
 July 28—July 31  
 No age limit; 6:30 — 8 PM  
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**Volleyball Camp**  
 Aug 4—7  
 Grades 4- 6; 8 — 10 AM  
 Grades 7—9; 10:30 AM — 1 PM  
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**Football Camp**  
 Aug. 4—7  
 Grades 6—9; 6:30 — 8:30 PM  
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**Summer Camps at MLHS** will once again offer a great variety of options for students in grades 4—9. Summer camps are a great way to keep busy this summer. When signing up for a camp, please register according to the grade your child will enter for the 2008-2009 school year.

New camps this summer include

**Art Camps** — taught by Mrs. Heidi Gesch and Mr. Dick Dorn.

**Science Camp**—taught by Mr. Gary Loontjer and his wife, Mrs. Sue Loontjer.

**Archery Camp**—taught by Mr. Jeff Byrne. Students will learn the basics of Archery. improve their accuracy and safety awareness!

**Music Camp**—taught by Mr. Jim Strehlke. Students in this camp will perform on Thursday, July 3 at the band shell in Waconia as the culmination of their camp.

**Spanish Camp**—taught by Mrs. Adela Alvarez. Students will learn the basics of Spanish by playing games, performing skits, and for the younger group, having lunch together!

**Mark Your Calendar!**

Barb Christopherson, Summer Camp Coordinator, can be reached at Mayer Lutheran High School 952.657.2251 x227 or bchristopherson@lhsmayer.org



April 2008

Mayer Lutheran High School

SUN

MON

TUE

WED

THU

FRI

SAT

Milk and Bread served daily. Menu is subject to change. With written request from a parent or guardian, lactose intolerant students will be provided with lactose reduced milk.

1  
Internet  
Presentation  
7:00 PM

2

3

4  
One Hour Late  
Start

5  
Grade School  
Spelling Bee

Wind Ensemble Tour April 1-6

Sesame Chicken  
Rice, Broccoli  
Fresh Fruit  
Fortune Cookie

Soup, Toasted  
Cheese, Carrots  
Peaches

Pork Chop, Pattie  
Mashed Potatoes  
w/gravy, Corn,  
Apple Sauce,  
Banana Bread or  
Pumpkin Dessert

Spaghetti w/sauce  
Cole Slaw, Garlic  
Toast, Pineapple

6

7  
Foundation  
Meeting 5:30 PM

8  
Chili w/cheese  
Mac & Cheese  
Green Beans  
Fresh Fruit  
Rice Krispie Bar

9  
Pizza, Batter Bites  
Raw Veggies  
Pineapples

10  
Large Group Band  
Contest @ Annan-  
dale 1:00 PM

11  
Lasagna, Hot dish  
Cole Slaw, Garlic  
Toast, Peaches

12  
National Honor  
Society Induction  
7:00 PM

Shrimp Popper  
Mini Corn Dogs  
Tater tots, Carrots  
Pears

13

14  
Crispito or  
Quesadilla, Rice  
Peas, Peaches

15  
Chicken Nuggets  
Mashed Potatoes  
w/gravy, Corn,  
Pear, Apple Crisp

16  
Wednesday  
In the Word

Taco or Fajita  
Curly Fries  
Lettuce Salad  
Fresh Fruit

17  
Roast Beef, Sand-  
wich, Batter bites,  
Carrots, Pineap-  
ples  
Cookie

18  
Hot Dog Wrap or  
Ham & Cheese on  
a bun, Baked Po-  
tato, Baked Beans  
Apple Sauce

19

20

21  
Chicken Pattie  
Or Mr. Rib w/bun  
Chicken Rice Pilaf,  
Green Beans, Pear

22  
Turkey w/gravy  
Mashed Potato  
Corn, Cranberries  
Stuffing, Dinner  
Roll  
Apple Sauce  
Cake

23  
Blood Drive  
Sub Sandwich  
w/fixings, Baked  
Potato, Carrots  
Peaches

LEA Convention  
No School

24

25

26

27

Wind Ensemble  
Concert 7:00 PM

28

Pizza, Smiles  
Lettuce Salad  
Peaches

29

Pork Chop or Slug-  
gers, Mashed  
Potatoes w/gravy  
Corn, Fresh Fruit  
Brownie

30

Italian Dunkers w/  
sauce, Tater Tots  
Carrots, Pears

May 1

May 2  
1/2 day of School

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**PREPARING THE NEXT GENERATION OF CHRISTIAN LEADERS**

 **UPCOMING EVENTS AT LHS**

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|-----------------|--|
| March 29        | Placement Testing 9 AM–12:30 PM            |
| March 31        | Grade School Music Festival                |
| April 1         | Internet Safety 7:00 PM                    |
| April 1–April 6 | Wind Ensemble Tour                         |
| April 4         | One Hour Late Start                        |
| April 5         | Grade School Spelling Bee                  |
| April 7         | Foundation Meeting 5:30 PM                 |
| April 12        | National Honor Society Induction 7:00 PM   |
| April 16        | Wednesday in the Word                      |
| April 19        | Placement Testing 9:00 AM –12:30 PM        |
| April 23        | Blood Drive                                |
| April 24–25     | No School LEA Convention                   |
| April 27        | Wind Ensemble/Jazz Band Concert 7:00 PM    |
| May 2           | Half Day of School–Prom                    |
| May 6           | Area Administrative Assistant Appreciation |
| May 7           | MLHS Teacher Appreciation Luncheon         |
| May 9           | Grade School Track Meet–No School          |
| May 10          | The Band–Rough Draft at MLHS               |
| May 15          | Principal Appreciation Luncheon            |
| May 16          | One Hour Late Start                        |
| May 19          | Delegate Meeting 7:00 PM                   |

For Track, Softball, Golf and Baseball information, please visit  
<http://www.mnriverconference.org>

**General Information about  
Summer Camps**  
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**Surfing In Minnesota?**

**Your kids do it every day.  
Find out more  
April 1, 7:00 PM**

Have you wondered what MySpace and FaceBook are all about? What are your children doing when they are online?

Are your children safe on the internet, or do they just think they are? Karina Berzins, Training and Education Coordinator from the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force of the Minnesota BCA will discuss the dangers of social networking sites.

Learn tips that will help keep your children safe while online.

