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# STORY



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# message from the editor



It has been almost a decade since I crossed the auditorium stage that June morning in my brilliant blue gown to accept my certificate from Academic Dean Dr Bryan Hillis, while President Richard Hordern looked on. After lunch at Thorn Hall with my mother, sister and fellow Luther graduates, I made my way to the University of Regina convocation ceremony being held at the Conexus Arts Centre to receive my mint green sash, degree and “the end” card (with a maiden name of Yaskowich, I was the last of 432 students to cross the stage). That was the “end” of my five-year-long journey at university and Luther...or so I thought.

My journey began when representatives from Luther College (Mary Jesse) and Campion College came to visit my high school in grade 12 promoting the federated colleges as an option when attending the University of Regina. Because of my upbringing, I remember thinking “how could I go wrong?”

and chose Luther. Little did I know that by simply checking the box beside “Luther College” on my application form that day, I would be making one of the smartest decisions of my life. During my first year of university, Luther acted as my home base. I took a couple of Luther classes, studied with classmates in the student lounge or caught up on sleep on the couches. I even attended the infamous Halloween cabaret that year with friends I had met in my Luther classes who also lived in the Luther Residence. Although I would venture from my “home” as my studies progressed, I always knew that Luther would be there as my support. Through the ups and downs of my five years at university, I remember that Jodi was always there with a smile when I stopped by the Academic Office to ask a question, Mary Jesse was always available to help me make sense of my course schedule (including why I had to take Computer Science for a Geography degree), and student advisor Brenda Anderson

was always prepared to offer guidance. (She also tried to convince me to switch my major to Religious Studies but that’s another story).

It is funny where life’s journey takes you. I am now back at Luther after almost a decade since convocation and loving every minute of it. I am sure many of you have experienced your own journey while at Luther College and have left with your own memories that will last a lifetime. Our hope is that this special 100th Anniversary issue of *The Luther Story*, filled with facts, interesting tidbits and memories, will take you on a historical odyssey of Luther College. Whether your journey at Luther was some time ago or very recent, we hope you are able to reflect on the great times and fellowship you experienced as part of the Luther family.



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Senior editor of *The Luther Story*



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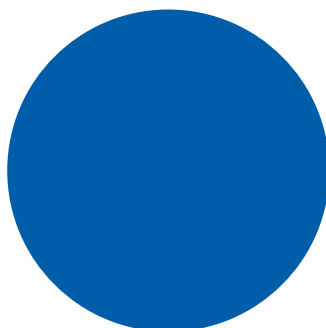
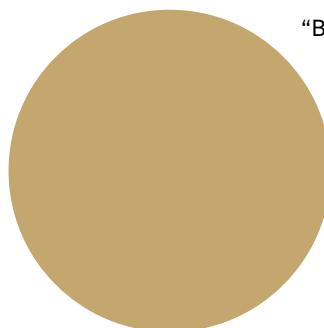
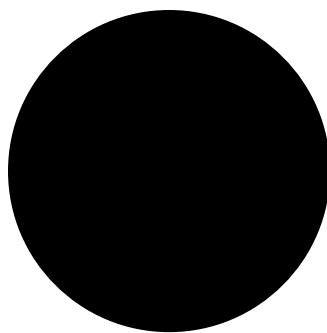
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# message from the pulpit



**2010 Board of Regents at the 100th anniversary of the 1st Board meeting**

Back row (L-R): Richard Pedde, Karl Tiefenbach (HS'73), Michael Fritzler (HS'88), Reid Robinson, Dr Don Lee

Front row (L-R): Murray Hilderman (HS'84, U'90), Tamara Emsley, Rev Lindsay Hognestad, Dianna Waffle, Dr Martin Bergbusch

“I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. ”

—Joel 2:28 NRSV

On Monday 20 September 2010, I attended the Luther College Board of Regents meeting held in Christ Lutheran Church in Earl Grey, Saskatchewan. The meeting had been planned to coincide with the 100th anniversary of the first board meeting held in Earl Grey of what would become—three years later—Luther College. As we sat around the tables in the church, we gave thanks for those men (as the original Board were all men!) who one hundred years before had met in Earl Grey to plan for Luther College. The first board members met with both concern and vision. Their concern was for their children’s education; their vision was inspired by their Christian faith. What they wanted was a Lutheran school for boys that would foster their sons’ Christian faith and honour their German heritage. Moreover they were willing to work to make their dream a reality. They had vision, an imaginative plan for the future, and to it they added provision, acting to supply the money, goods and labour needed to build the school they sought. Throughout they were sustained by their sense that God was building Luther College with and through them.

One hundred years later, Luther College is a co-educational institution on two campuses in which many languages are heard. Some of the original vision has changed as the needs of the community have changed. What has remained is Luther College’s commitment to provide an excellent education and doing so as a Christian organisation, embodying the values of the One we profess. To keep the vision alive we need both God’s Spirit and a willingness to contribute our labour and our resources to the next one hundred years of our educational ministry in this province. God is still building something in and through us.

*Pastor Cheryl Toth*  
Pastor Cheryl Toth  
Chaplain, University campus

## message from the president

Photo courtesy of the Photography Department, U of R.



For this column, *Luther Story's* editorial committee asked me to write about what Luther College has meant to me personally. The problem in my doing this is that this could sound merely like a President advocating for the College he represents. But the truth is I really do think that Luther College has been very formative in my life. Here is a brief overview of how that happened.

I come from a very conservative religious background where I learned much but where my perspective was seldom challenged. For example, in the public high school I attended, I gave a speech entitled "Creationism vs Evolution" in which I 'proved' creationism. When I arrived at Luther College at the University of Regina, my personal and religious assumptions were challenged in the philosophy, psychology, logic, humanities and math classrooms;

my head was reeling after some of those difficult days. But it was in the offices of faculty like Art Krentz, Paul Antrobus, Phil Engstrom and Roland Miller that I learned how good scholarship and religious faith can understand and challenge each other, even while co-existing in one young brain.

Add to that the worshipping community led by Don King in the orange, shag-carpetted 'Upper Room' where so many debates and lasting friendships were made, and my experience was truly the embodiment of 'quality'—in fact, excellent—education occurring within a Christian context. Such experiences sustained me in places like Oxford and Chicago where the challenges, both scholarly and religious, were equally life-shaking.

Returning to teach at Luther's University campus, which had been so formational for me, was a huge privilege. What I soon learned here was that this tradition of academic excellence had strong roots in the High School campus, whose students were always the best prepared and most articulate in my classes. When our daughters were ready to begin high school I knew as a parent who wanted the best university preparation for my children that Luther College High School (LCHS) was where they

should attend. What amazed me about our daughters' experience was how much fun they had, something I would not have expected given the high academic standards there.

So whether one considers the vision of Luther College in the traditional "Quality education in a Christian context" or in the University's new slogan—"Think deeply. Act passionately. Live faithfully."—Luther College at both campuses continues to pursue the highest standards of academic excellence. And yet this excellence of scholarship is done within a caring, Christian community where chapel life still matters deeply and Christian motives like serving others, social justice and being faithful stewards of our Lord's created world still matter greatly.

How thankful I am to the College's founders who began that vision, to all our faculty and staff at both campuses who consider it their privilege to continue the vision, and to our Maker for shepherding us all through 100 years of service!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bryan Hillis".

**Bryan Hillis (U'78)**, PhD  
President, Luther College



# LUTHER COLLEGE 100TH ANNIVERSARY BOOK

By Emily Chastkiewicz



Richard Hordern

With a special interest in local and church histories, Richard Hordern was the ideal person to write a book dedicated to the last 100 years of the school. “I think with any institution or school you always have the ongoing question of ‘What’s your mission? What’s your purpose?’ Your original mission and purpose isn’t exactly what you do now, but you need to know where you’re from.” As a Religious Studies professor since 1978 and President of Luther College from 1994-2005, Richard Hordern has had the privilege of meeting and interacting with students and alumni at the University over the last four decades. He has also witnessed the obstacles that Luther has encountered but notes that, throughout these difficulties, Luther has “always been able to bounce back, to find a way back, because people believe in the school, and they believe in what [Luther is] doing.... [people] know that there is a dimension in Christian education in a school like Luther that you can’t get at a public school system.” While one purpose in writing this book is to

consider the concerns of Luther’s Presidents and Board members over the years, Richard points out that another goal is to put Luther’s story “into the wider context of education in Saskatchewan, and the wider context of education in the Lutheran church in North America.” He truly believes that both are “very important contexts that molded and shaped” Luther as a strong, academic institution. Richard’s “biggest surprise” in researching for the book was his discovery of events in the late 19th century that led to the establishment of Luther Academy in Melville, Saskatchewan. He thinks that the people who know Luther College will also be “very surprised and interested to read the early history and the founding of the school.” The story of Luther College over its 100-year history is one of “being confronted with many challenges” and overcoming these challenges.

Richard Hordern’s book will be unveiled at the wine and cheese reception held on Friday 11 October 2013.

Recently discovered picture of the original faculty who first served on the Royal St campus in 1926.



## INTRODUCTION

As Richard Hordern would tell you, it is not an easy task to condense all of Luther's rich history and achievements into one book, let alone into 20 pages – but that is what we have attempted to do for you. The following pages will provide you with a condensed timeline of significant events in the life of the College along with images, tidbits and memories of Luther alumni, faculty and staff. Of course, we couldn't include everything!—but we hope that this taste of Luther history will inspire you to read the complete history of Luther College by Richard Hordern to be unveiled at the 100th Anniversary celebration in October. *The Luther Story* committee would like to thank Richard Hordern for sharing his research from the book for this issue's timelines.



## MEMORIES

A lively account of a Valentine's Day party from a 1920s issue of the school paper – The weather was very mild, so a sleigh-ride party was decided upon. Three great bob-sleds were hired and everybody piled on for the sleigh-ride; even several members of the faculty took part. You had to be a good man to hold your place on one of those sleighs and fortunately for the ones that took tumbles the snow was deep and soft...Hot coffee and hot dogs awaited the sleigh-riders on their return. After everyone had refreshed himself the Valentine mail carriers distributed the mail.

*Excerpt taken from Ken Mitchell's Luther: The History of a College.*

# 1910s

## tidbit:

The Academy had electric lights and a typewriter but no running water. Water was hauled from town at a special charge to students. On weekends, hot water was available in the kitchen at no charge for anyone who had to shave.



*First three teachers at the Luther Academy. (L-R): Behrens, Schmidt, Allwart.*



# 100 YEARS OF LUTHER



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1. 1912 ground breaking.
2. 1912 ground breaking.
3. Rev John Fritz at the 1912 ground breaking.
4. 1912 ground breaking.
5. 1912 laying of the cornerstone.
6. Luther Academy.
7. Pastor Heinrich (Henry) Schmidt.
8. Academy brass choir in 1915 with Henry Schmidt.
9. First Glee Club (1915–1916).
10. Academy orchestra in 1918 with director Carl Behrens.

## 1910

The US-based German Lutheran church known as the “Joint Synod of Ohio and Other States” approves an Academy for western Canada and elects a board. The Academy will offer general “higher education” to all and also prepare young men who wish to enter the Synod’s seminary, “Luther Seminary,” in Saint Paul, Minnesota.

## 1910

In September, the first board meeting is held in Earl Grey, Saskatchewan.

## 1911

A major fundraising campaign begins: \$15 000 is to be raised in western Canada and \$5 000 in the US.

## 1913

After **groundbreaking (1–4)** and **cornerstone laying (5)** ceremonies, dedication of the finished **Academy (6)** building is held in November. The building is located a mile from the centre of Melville, Saskatchewan. Funded entirely by donations, the total cost of the school is \$22 000. The three-story (plus basement) brick building includes a dormitory for 56 male students, three classrooms, a library, a kitchen, dining area, and chapel. With no indoor water, there is a spacious “six-seater” outside in back. Today, the Luther Academy building has been restored as a regional heritage site and houses the Melville Heritage Museum.

## 1913 – 1926

**Pastor Heinrich (Henry) Schmidt (7)** is appointed Director (President) of the Academy and is consistently known as “Professor Schmidt.” He continues to teach at Luther College until 1949.

## 1914

Classes begin on 5 January 1914 with three teachers. The first semester enrolment is 32 students, including 2 girls, and 2 foreign students. Although no dormitory plans had been made for girls, they still attended continuously. Almost all of the students were assigned to Grade 7 and 8, with a half dozen assigned to Grade 9. All instruction is in English except for Religion which, of course, can only be properly understood using German. The twice daily Chapel services are also in German, as is the service at St Paul’s Lutheran Church in Melville, which all students are required to attend on Sundays. This pattern continues even after the Academy moves to Regina, Saskatchewan.

## 1914

The Academy teaches a wide range of subjects including traditional high school curriculum, plus German, Greek, Latin, business, agriculture, civics, and penmanship. All boys at the Academy are required to wear to class a suit jacket, white shirt and collar, and necktie. This dress code continues after the Academy moves to Regina.

## 1914–1918

The “Great War” collapses the Melville economy and stalls fundraising. Enrolment remains static until the end of the war.

## 1915

The Academy is supporting a “ministry to local German youth,” meaning pastoral visits to, and conducting worship services with, German prisoners of war being held at nearby prison camps.

## 1915

Director Schmidt organises a “**Brass choir**,” (8) which later evolves into a band, and a male “**Glee Club**” (9) which also functions as a male choir. As enrolment increases, an “**Orchestra**” (10) evolves. All students are required to sing as a mass chorus twice a week. Music lessons are mandatory for all students who wish to continue on to the seminary.

## 1917 or 1918

The first class “graduates” from Luther College. General practice is for a “Commencement” ceremony to be held in Melville’s St Paul’s Lutheran Church.

## 1918

Capital University in Ohio recognises Grade 12 at the Academy as equivalent to their first year of university.

## 1918

The school closes early in December due to the “Spanish flu” epidemic, and a few months later an Academy student dies from the flu. The subsequent church convention gives special thanks to the professors for their work nursing students who are ill.

## 1919

The church proposes moving the Academy to Regina (where there would be indoor plumbing!) and converting the Melville building into an orphanage for children whose parents have died during the influenza outbreak. It would also be a ‘seniors’ home. These plans are quickly approved by the church and fundraising begins. The Academy building would eventually become one of the first orphanages in the province.



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## tidbit:

Boys returning to the dorm “after hours” could enter by the coal chute in the back of the building. Dirty, but it worked.

1. Karl Holfeld in 1956.
2. Rex Schneider, Principal from 1926–1965.
3. In 1926 prior to opening (with no front sidewalk).
4. Elsa Mees.
5. 1926-1927 hockey team with Herc Meyer.  
Front row (L-R): Mike Krauss (HS'28), Jap Worth, Siegfried Kullmann, Ed Krempin, Henry Ast. Middle row (L-R): Alfred Kraus (HS'27), Alvin Fritz, Luther Abs, John Brodt. Back row: Herc Meyer.
6. The dining room at Luther College.
7. First graduating class of Luther College in 1927.
8. 1928 Glee Club in Melville, Saskatchewan.
9. 1928 kitchen staff.
10. Herc Meyer (front row, third from the right) with the Regina Roughriders in 1930.
11. 1926 Luther College dedication in Regina, Saskatchewan.

### 1921

**Karl Holfeld (1)** is the first Luther graduate to be hired to teach at Luther.

### 1922

The national church (Ohio Synod) launches a major fundraising campaign, “A Million for Missions,” for capital improvements at its schools. A new Academy will be built in Regina, Saskatchewan, and will be largely funded by the national campaign, which will include intensive canvassing of church members in western Canada.

### 1925

Enrolment at the Academy is 56.

### 1925

A cornerstone laying ceremony for the new Academy Building in Regina, Saskatchewan is held.

### 1926

**Rex H Schneider (2)** is appointed Director (President) of Luther Academy. In Canadian terms he would be addressed as “Principal” or “Professor.”

He is immediately given the nickname “Prexy” which is US slang for “President.” In the early 1940s, he receives an honorary degree and becomes “Doc Schneider.”

### 1926

In August, Capital University in Ohio recognises Luther as a Junior College, accredited to teach one year of university courses. Thus Luther Academy changes its name to Luther College. In 1927, the University of Saskatchewan also recognises Luther as a Junior College and accepts its university-level classes for credit. Almost all male graduates who continue their studies go to Capital, whereas female graduates more often go into Nursing or Normal School.

### August 1926

A **dedication ceremony (11)** for Luther College is held. The total cost of the building is around \$130 000 and in addition to the major fundraising campaign of the church, local fundraising is needed for furnishings and equipment.

### September 1926

Classes begin on a snowy and muddy day in September. **Planks of wood (3)** are the only way to get to the front door from Royal Street. Enrolment is 108, including 13 female students who now have their own area in the dorm. The curriculum includes Grade 8 to first-year university, plus a Conservatory of Music offering individual lessons and group performance opportunities. The Board soon applies to the national church for permission to construct a girls’ dorm and a gymnasium.

### 1926

Luther’s first female faculty members are **Elsa Mees (4)** from Ohio and Agnes Scheffler from Alberta. Along with Rex Schneider, Herc Meyer, and other unmarried faculty members, they all live in rooms in the dormitory.

### Winter 1927

Hockey is Luther’s first organised sport and the team is called the “**Luther Huskies (5)**.” The School

colours are black and gold, copied from the Luther Seminary in Saint Paul. Baseball and girls’ basketball are other early sports, with rugby being added a few years later. The girls’ basketball team is called the “Pandas” and they play at the YMCA. The school purchases weekly time at the YMCA so Luther students can use the gymnasium and facilities. Physical education is a required class for the university students.

### 1927

There is a year-ending banquet for the boys, and a separate year-ending banquet for the girls. Both become annual traditions.

### 1929

The operetta *Marrying Marion* is the school’s first musical, performed on the stage of the brand new Darke Hall (Regina College).



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# 1920S



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tidbits:

## MEMORIES

Henry Ast (one of eight men who enrolled in first-year university classes in 1926)—It was a muddy day and we had to use all kinds of makeshift ways to get into the school over boards, etc., from Royal Street to the front door. Here in the hall I was greeted by Dr Rex Schneider, the new principal, who made it a practice to welcome everybody at the door.

*Excerpt taken from Ken Mitchell's Luther: The History of a College.*

Dr Rex Schneider (regarding the dining room)—Students were assigned places with a senior or a teacher at the head of each table, who served the food family-style. Each month the seating arrangements were changed so that students would become well-acquainted. Waiters were students and received free board. Dessert was only three times each week but there was plenty of bread and corn syrup at all meals.

*Excerpt taken from Ken Mitchell's Luther: The History of a College.*

- The first Dean of boys and athletic director, Herc Meyer (10), played in the 1929 and 1930 “Grey Cup” games down east for the Regina Roughriders. Teacher Alvin Fritz (1930-34) was approached by the Chicago White Sox to play for them but instead he went to graduate school.
- The Aintry Grocery (across Dewdney from where Christ Lutheran Church was later built) is the local confectionary store that students visit when they can. To make it possible to go there in the evening, when students are not allowed to leave campus, it is officially classified as being “on the Luther campus.” After the Aintry closes many years later, the local confectionary was operated by Mr Moon.
- After a couple of years in Regina, a majority of Luther students are not Lutheran. The majority at this time are Presbyterian, Anglican, and United Church. Never again would Lutherans be a majority of the student population. All faculty and staff were Lutheran for many more years.





1938-39

**MEMORIES**

**Leonard Peterson (U'36)** – No doubt, when I was a student at Luther, it was a miracle that enough funds were found to pay the profs a skimpy salary and keep the classrooms warm in the winter. There was certainly no squandering of funds for sports. We had a workout once a week in the YMCA gym and pool. The football field was buffalo grass and weeds. But that was a good field in our league. Most of the fields were dust or mud.

*Excerpt taken from Ken Mitchell's Luther: The History of a College.*

**Margaret Belcher (U'39)** – It is a Saskatchewan winter evening, with drape drawn across the long windows of the lounge against the early dark. The Christmas tree has already been set up, and is standing tall in the corner near the fireplace. Miss Walter, Dean of Women, has been out herself to choose the tree, and her friends from the kitchen staff are helping her to put it up. But she undertakes on her own the elaborate job of trimming it, with new blue lights this year, to match the deep blue of the rug in the elegant lounge of the new “dorm” – Miss Walter’s pride.

*Excerpt taken from Ken Mitchell's Luther: The History of a College.*



*Muriel Peterson Jane Johnson*

*Muriel and Jane in 1938–1939 (in front of the Legislative buildings).*



## tidbit:

The college tuck shop sells baked beans on a cone. It is a popular (and nourishing) treat.

1. Luther College in 1939.
2. Excerpt from *Tatler* in 1943.
3. Girl's dormitory during construction in the late 1930s.
4. President's house during construction.
5. President's house finished.
6. Mrs. Schneider.
7. Miss Walter and G. Christie.
8. Inside chapel in the 1930s.
9. Front sidewalk of Luther College in May 1931.
10. Female students in 1936–1937.

### 1930s

The Great Depression, known as the “Dirty Thirties” in Saskatchewan, begins. Faculty members initially take a pay cut of 10%; later their salaries are cut in half. Lower enrolment makes faculty positions redundant and several faculty leave Saskatchewan for greener pastures where the Depression is not as severe. Some faculty have always lived in the dorm; many who have moved out return to save money. The yard north of the school is converted into a community vegetable garden. Most of the other Junior Colleges and private high schools in Saskatchewan close during these years. **Luther (1)** is one of the few survivors.

### 1930s

Elsa Mees is the Luther College Choir director, while Luther's chemistry teacher, Paul Liefeld, directs the band and orchestra. Elsa also gives voice lessons to Luther students as part of the curriculum. After Elsa Mees retires, Howard Leyton-Brown, Max Laidlaw, Mel Bowker, Jeanne Wagner, Gary Brunner and others lead the Luther College Choir.

### 1930

Enrolment is 183 but then drops drastically and slowly climbs back to 133 by 1938.

### 1932

Luther's first Jewish student, Victor Samuels, is allowed to enroll with his rabbi's permission.

### 1932

As money becomes more difficult, Luther graduates seek further education by going to the University of Saskatchewan, in Saskatoon, rather than making the trip to Capital in Ohio. However, some Luther students still go to Capital as late as the 1950s.

### 1934

**The Tatler (2)**, a biweekly student newspaper, replaces *The Luther Canadian*. Issues feature school and alumni news, and are mailed to alumni.

### 1937

Construction of the **Girls' Dorm (3)** and the **President's House (4–5)** is made possible by a gift from the Women's Missionary Federation of the American Lutheran Church. **Mrs Rex Schneider (6)** (formerly Miss Elsa Mees) is credited

with the lobbying to make the buildings a reality. The new girls' dorm is officially named Federation Hall. This is the biggest construction project Regina has seen since the market crash of 1929 and the Luther campus becomes a popular evening entertainment for the people of Regina many of whom go on a walk to inspect the building progress.

### 1937

**Miss Emilie Walter (7)** begins the tradition of a Christmas tree in the Blue Room.

# 1930s





### 1939-45

The first Regina boy killed in the Second World War, Peter Lay, is a Luther alumnus. He dies in a flight training accident.

In a strong display of patriotism, the boys' dorm is run according to military procedures. Luther teachers organise Air Cadet Squadron No 32 for high school boys, while senior and university students enrol in OTC, which is in cooperation with Regina College. Girls canvass door-to-door to raise money for the war effort, and learn supporting roles, such as signaling. Every morning a colour guard marches from the front door out to Royal Street to raise the flag and there is a sunset ceremony every evening as the flag is taken down.

During the war, over 300 Luther students and alumni are in the military service; **16 do not return home (1)**, including James C Black (1937), W Martin Chambers (1936), Maurice G Church (1936), Hubert U Ford (1940), Dennis B Froud (1937), Harry O Fysh (1939), J Edwin Gardiner (1934), Cecil D Heming (1939), Peter CE Lay (1933), William McCausland (1931), Archibald S McTavish (1934), Gordon A Pearce (1938), Richard A Scott (1937), R Burns Scott (1940), Ronald A Seaker (1936) and Kenneth Spring (1936).

Luther alumni, who were fluent in German, are often assigned as guards in the German POW camps established around Saskatchewan.

### 1945-1950

Enrolment continues to increase during the war years and grows rapidly to 226 when the war is over.

Rex Schneider is the founding President of Canadian Lutheran World Relief, established to help postwar Europe including assistance to refugees coming to North America. A number of students from Germany find their way to Luther College.

Rex Schneider takes initiative in getting the various Lutheran churches of western Canada, representing different ethnic and theological traditions, to agree on supporting the seminary in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. His efforts result in Luther grads no longer needing to go to the United States to attend the seminary.

# 1940s

1. In Memoriam to the 16 Luther students and alumni who did not make it home -from the 1945 "Black & Gold," the school yearbook.
2. Drill 1940s air cadets.
3. 32 Luther Squadron in July 1944.
4. Henry John Ast's Air Cadets of Canada certificate.
5. Henry Ast.
6. Instructional notes for Air Cadet officers' Qualifying Course in 1929.
7. Air cadets uniform in May 1942.
8. Dorm life in the 1940s.
9. Dedication of ensign 1940s air cadets.
10. Excerpt from the Tatler.
11. Erb, Ast and Liefeld in 1941.

# 100 YEARS OF LUTHER



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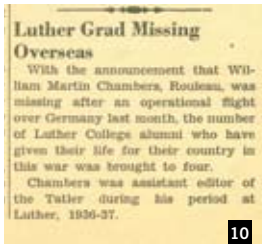
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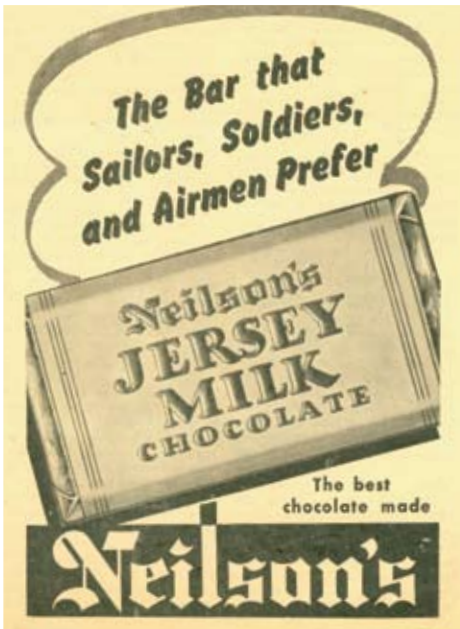


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## MEMORIES

Henry Ast (5) (who became a teacher at Luther in 1936) – We had a trumpeter in the morning to get the boys out of bed. We had a drill at noon and classes after school and after supper. I was the Commanding Officer and Walter Erb was the adjutant. Paul Liefeld with the other men did a lot of teaching in the scientific end of things such as air frames, signalling, plus helping with the drill, and Drum and Bugle Corps. I was the chief drill man. I think the works we did helped some of the boys who went into the Air Force, and the system of running the dorm like a military setup helped the deans.

*Excerpt taken from Ken Mitchell's Luther: The History of a College.*



*Excerpt from the Tatler in the 1940s.*



*Morning wake up call.*





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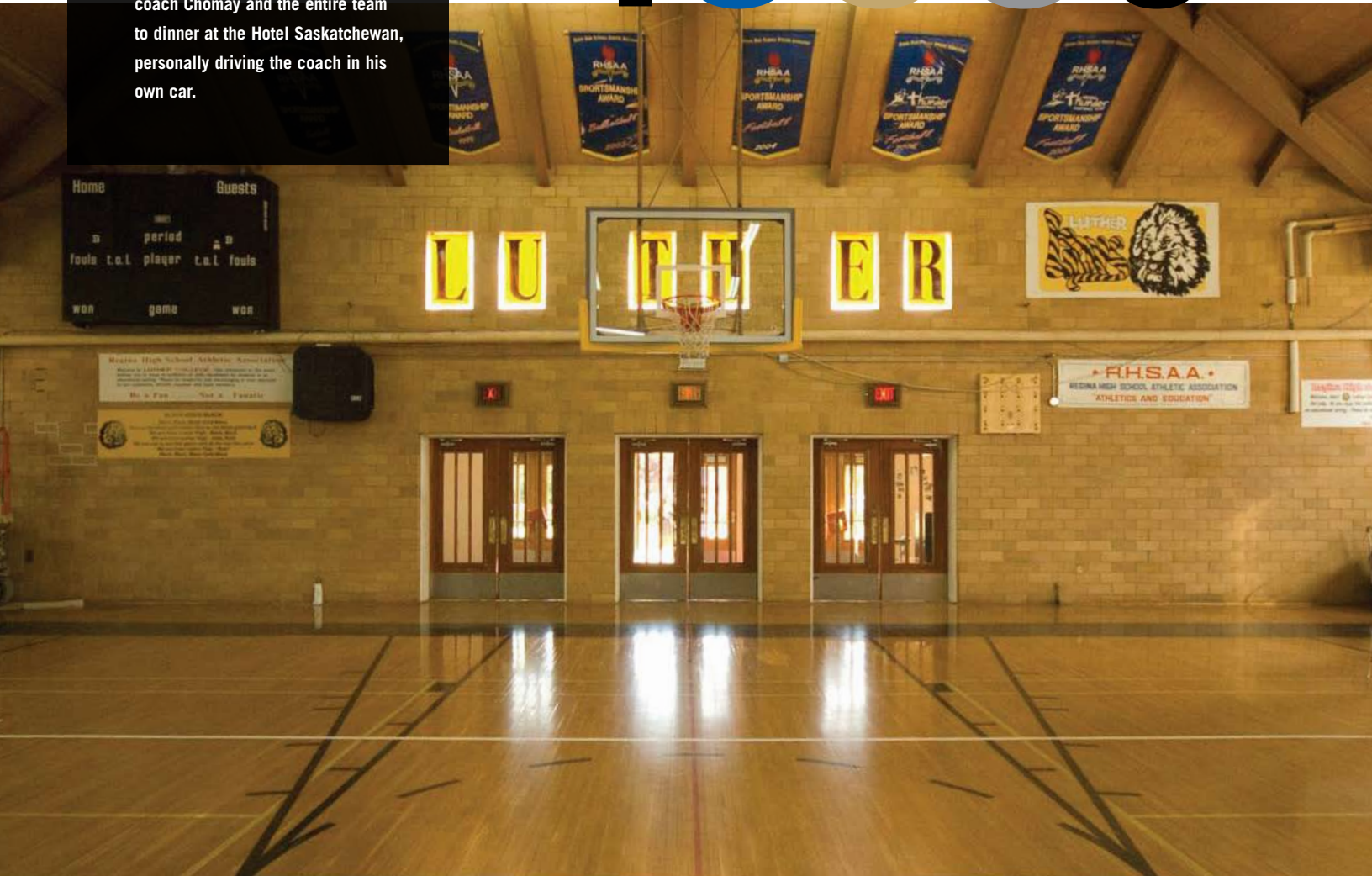
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- First time some newly appointed faculty are not German Lutherans.
- Tommy Douglas, Premier of Saskatchewan, is frequently seen in the Luther gym because his daughter Joan is on the Senior Girls' basketball team. When the team wins the provincial championship, he treats coach Chomay and the entire team to dinner at the Hotel Saskatchewan, personally driving the coach in his own car.

# tidbits: 1950s



Luther College High School gym in 2012.

# 100 YEARS OF LUTHER



1. All College Banquet.
2. The new gym in 1951.
3. Cheerleaders in the 1950s.
4. 1952-1953 Luther College Lions Basketball Champs. Front row (L-R): Glen Eng, Merlis Belsher (HS'53), Herman Schoenrath, Ron Turner. Back row (L-R): John Chomay (coach), Morley Bruce, Paul Swedburg, Cliff Schemmer (HS'53), Bill MacRae (HS'53), Jerry Mullin (HS'53), Lorne Schemmer (HS'53), Randy Hoffeld (HS'54) (manager).
5. The dining room in 1949-1950.
6. Orchestra in the 1950s.
7. Luther Lions football team in 1957.
8. Luther students in 1957.
9. Luther choir in 1955.
10. Band in 1952.

## 1950s

The annual year-ending "Boy's banquet" and "Girl's Banquet" is combined as the "All College Banquet (1)."

## 1951

Luther celebrates its 25th anniversary, the 25th year of service by Rex Schneider, and the opening of the **new gym (2)**. Alumni begin to hold annual banquets and publish an alumni magazine. *The Tatler*, previously sent to alumni, becomes more of a literary magazine.

## 1951

The student body is now 40% Lutheran, the highest percentage since 1927, and higher than it will ever be again.

## 1951

The new gym makes many new activities possible, including indoor sports and organised **cheerleading (3)**. It is believed that the Lion becomes Luther's mascot around this time. **Basketball (4)** replaces hockey and rugby as the most popular spectator sport. Another

operetta by Gilbert and Sullivan is performed but this time it is held in the school's gym.

## 1953

Luther's first full-time Athletic Director Jan (John) Chomay organises a special one-day basketball tournament. The College gives this tournament strong support as a one-time promotional event to show off the new gym. Every high school in southern Saskatchewan is invited and, in the end, 16 teams participate. The next year another tournament is held on a smaller scale, involving 8 teams from the Regina area, and depends heavily on the students and parents to organise it. It quickly becomes a popular annual event for everyone in Regina and is soon being called "**LIT (or Luther Invitational Tournament)**". In 1967, teams are invited from every province in Canada. The event promotes not only basketball, but more importantly good sportsmanship.

## 1953

Luther students rally for permission to hold dances. Soon Luther students are allowed to attend dances in the community provided that no teachers are present (the teachers would obligingly leave at the proper time). It is remembered that Mrs Schneider was influential in having the school offer "Singing Games," which looked a great deal like dancing, but Principal Schneider could say, in all honesty, that Luther does not sponsor or support any "dances," just "singing games."

## 1956

Enrolment is at the 300 mark with all of the rooms in the girls' dorm at triple occupancy. Shortly after the expansion of "consolidated high schools" in rural Saskatchewan, there is a sharp drop in Saskatchewan students living in the dorms.



## MEMORIES

Mary Isabel (Belcher) Houston (U'45) – I took my first year of University at Luther College in 1944-45. I was a non-resident student because my older sister, Margaret, was teaching French at Regina College, so she and I boarded in the home of a Miss Armstrong on Retallack Street, about a thirty minute walk for me. I obtained my noon meal at Luther which included my introduction to sauerkraut. We were a small, closely-knit, friendly class who had a great respect for our teachers. My professors were Miss Willison, French; Paul Liefeld, Chemistry; Dr A J Pyke, Mathematics; Henry Schmidt, Political Economy; Luther Pflueger, Religious Studies.





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**1961**

Luther alumnus Greg Brandt (HS'55 and U'56) is given a Rhodes Scholarship, the first of five that will be awarded (so far) to Luther alumni.

**1961**

A series of Lutheran Church mergers means Luther is now affiliated with "The American Lutheran Church." The new church makes drastic cuts to the annual operating grants given to its schools. Luther begins a more serious development of its fundraising abilities, supporting annual operations, to compensate.

**1961**

International students come from Trinidad. Luther's first student from Hong Kong is Josephine Chang. There are now fewer Saskatchewan students in the dorms, and by the 1980s a majority of students in the dorm are from Hong Kong.

**1963**

Recognition is given to the **50th anniversary (1-2)** of the founding of Luther Academy in Melville, Saskatchewan. Enrolment at Luther is now around 360 students with 15 full-time faculty positions.

**1964**

The Province of Saskatchewan decides to give private church schools an operating grant of about \$85 for each Saskatchewan student registered.

**1964**

**Rex Schneider (3)** and **Emilie Walter (4)** both retire from Luther College.

**1964**

**Morris Anderson (5)** is appointed President and Principal. He is the first President who is not a pastor and is not German.

**1964**

Luther receives the offer to "federate" with the Regina Campus of the University of Saskatchewan and begins to study the matter. After serious deliberation, a major

fundraising campaign begins. Pastor Don King of Weyburn, Saskatchewan is hired to assist with the fundraising. Rex Schneider is brought out of retirement to assist in the fundraising campaign. In 1968, the Federation agreement is finalised and soon **construction (7)** begins on a building at the University campus. This is the College's largest fundraising campaign to date.

**1964**

A new alumni magazine – *Luther* – is produced. It evolves into *The Luther Story*.

**1967**

The Canadian District of The American Lutheran Church becomes an autonomous Canadian Church, known today as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC). To the present day, the Board of Luther is elected at the church's national conventions.

1. 50th anniversary service ceremony.
2. 50th anniversary head table.
3. Rex & Elsa Schneider.
4. Emilie Walter. Photo submitted by Elaine Zinkhan-Turnbull (HS'64).
5. Morris Anderson, Principal and President from 1964–1974, President from 1974–1986.
6. Ground breaking for University campus.
7. Construction of the University campus.
8. Luther College, University campus, completed (north entrance).
9. LCHS Luther Lions 1964 football team.
10. 1967–1968 LCHS badminton team.
11. Grad 1963. Front row (L-R): Donna Fletcher (HS'63), Rose Marie Stenzel (HS'63), Betty Jean Hogg (HS'63, U'64), Karen McKenzie (HS'63), Doreen Zinkhan (HS'63). Back row (L-R): Gordon McGregor, Mike Fisher, Bill Wright, (unknown), Mervin McElree (HS'61). Photo submitted by Donna (Fletcher) McGregor (HS'63).

# 1960s



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Construction begins on the University campus. (L-R): Don King, contractor, Morris Anderson.



Miss Luther Lion in 1963.  
Photo submitted by  
Donna (Fletcher)  
McGregor (HS'63).

## MEMORIES

Donna McGregor (Fletcher) (HS'63) – Luther College was a family affair. My brother Dennis (HS'64), sisters Dianna (HS'67) and Bonnie all attended in addition to myself. Some of my fondest memories include Freshie Day (my senior Karen Berglund (HS'60) made me lunch at her house and the only “embarrassing” thing I had to do was propose to our teacher, Mr Vinge), Annual Gymkhana (we had to wear blue bloomer outfits for gym and the show which I am still teased about to this day!), my friend Rose Stenzel (HS'63) winning Miss Luther Lion in 1963 (even though she had tried to colour her hair a few days before and it turned green) and our grad party (after the party at Carolyn Pantel's (HS'63) house, we were all invited to Linda Treppel's (HS'63) farm for breakfast. I got home at 6:30 am and at 7:30 am, my mother was calling me to get ready for my sister's wedding that afternoon). Thanks to Luther I made many lifelong friends whom I stay in touch with even though they now reside in different parts of the country and

beyond. To this day I still run into friends from Luther from time to time (after 50 years, I saw Doreen Zinkhan (HS'63) when dropping off my granddaughter at school; our daughters are friends and our grandchildren are in the same classroom).

Elaine Zinkhan-Turnbull (HS'64) – This is my favourite photograph of our much-loved Dean of Women, Miss Emily Walter (4). The image was taken at the front doors of the girls' residence in 1963 (I lived in the residence from 1960-63). I love this photograph because it reveals the warmth, sweetness and shyness which Miss Walter (“Wallie”) tended to hide beneath her deeply felt sense of duty and responsibility. She was responsible after all for the well-being, safety and security of some 60 young women from various parts of Saskatchewan and Canada. We were richly blessed to have Miss Walter as our Dean of Women. She was also a brilliant woman, a graduate of Columbia University.



# 1970S



*Berbel with the girls' dorm "powder puff" football team in 1976.*

## MEMORIES

Berbel Knoll (LCHS teacher from 1975–2007 and Principal from 1995–2007) – In the late seventies, I was the Dean of Women at the High School. In those days students were not allowed to make phone calls from the hallway pay phones after lights out (10:30 pm) and certainly were discouraged from ordering in food. It was after 11:00 pm and I was back in my suite. The evening was warm so I opened my window and this had the added advantage of allowing me to keep an ear open for trouble. The girls' dorm was a magnet for the young men in the area. A while later I did hear voices and stuck my head out of the window in time to see a rope tied to a box of pizza being pulled up to the second

floor. I quickly calculated to which room the offending pizza was heading and sprinted up the stairs. With a short knock on the door I burst into the room in time to seize the pizza as it passed through the window. I can still recall the look of surprise and horror on the faces of the girls. Naturally I had to confiscate the pizza; then left without a word. I don't recall exactly how the story ended, but I hope I took the illegal pizza back into the room and enjoyed it and had a good laugh with the girls. I would be absolutely thrilled to see the girls from Room 25 plus accomplices, and hear their version at the Anniversary celebration!



*Clive Rodham (architect) hands the key of the new LCUR building to Harold Dietrich (Chairman, Board of Directors) as Morris Anderson (President) looks on.*

1. Richard Nostbakken.
2. Second floor of Luther College, University campus.
3. LCUR Professor Paul Antrobus.
4. Students playing Muckyby.
5. LCHS handbell choir.
6. Dr Martin E Marty at 1978 Luther Lecture.

7. LCUR Elizabethan Evening in 1984.
8. Bryan Hillis at convocation in 1978.
9. LCHS camera club in 1971.
10. Reunion of the first LIT team in 1977 at the 25th anniversary of LIT.



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**1970**

Morris Anderson and others negotiate the ability of Luther and other private schools to have an associated relationship with the Saskatchewan Teachers Federation, making pensions for the High School teachers possible.

**1970**

Barry Faires and **Richard Nostbakken (1)** begin producing the High School's musicals. Their first "Broadway musical" is *Oliver*, followed by productions including *Man of LaMancha*, *Fiddler on the Roof* and *Mame*. The Broadway musical becomes an annual tradition.

**1971**

In September, classes begin at Luther's new university campus, a \$2 million complex of **academic facilities (2)** and cafeteria, with the first dormitory on the University campus. The official opening ceremonies are held in October.

## MEMORIES

Dr Meredith Cherland (current Board of Regents member) - For 30 years, Carl Cherland directed the Luther College Choir. Alumni remember funny things such as the outrageous green velvet jacket and bow tie Carl wore for Candlelight services during the 70s. The order "All eyes up front!" during a rehearsal meant "Look only at the conductor!" Kathy Atchison Tiefenbach (HS'76) once crawled into rehearsal late, on her hands and knees, while the choir kept their eyes to the front and suppressed their laughter. Carl's students called him "Chuck" behind his back for 20 years, until the nickname finally disappeared. There were shining musical moments: Peter Tiefenbach (HS'77) remembers the joy of singing a Bach fugue and Stravinsky on choir tour. Elfreda Pitt (HS'88) remembers singing "I am the Resurrection and the Life" in the atrium of the Parliament Buildings in Ottawa. Daranne Harris (HS'95) remembers "Lo How a Rose E'er Blooming", still her favourite Christmas carol. I remember the beauty and the excellence. For Carl, the Music Room at Luther was always sacred ground.

**1971**

At the University campus, **Professor Paul Antrobus (3)** and others invent the game of **Muckby (4)**, played in early spring when the hockey rink north of the residence has largely melted, leaving lots of Regina "muck" to slog through. The only necessary equipment was two garbage cans and a football. It is not certain if any of the rules are meaningful. The game receives attention in some national sports news outlets and is a tradition for many years until the University stops flooding the rink.

**1972 to 1976**

Luther adopts a new (and its current) logo based on the idea that "in Christ is found God's will and design for man, plus the capacity to grow in knowledge and understanding of the world and its creator." "Quality Education in a Christian Context" evolves as the school's motto and mission thrust, following discussions at the University campus.

**1974**

Luther now counts 4 000 living alumni.

**1974**

The position of "Principal" is separated from the position of "President." Morris Anderson continues as President and Rudy Selzer is appointed Principal at the High School.

**1975**

Luther hires its first full-time music teacher, Carl Cherland. He is hired as part of President Morris Anderson's vision for expanding and enriching music education at Luther College.

**1976**

Luther acquires three octaves of English handbells and Luther's **handbell choir (5)** begins.

**1977**

The first "Luther Lecture" is held and is the first "lectureship series" on the Regina campus.

Internationally acclaimed historian of Christian history, Jaroslav Pelikan (1923-2006) of Yale University was the first speaker in the series and **Dr Martin E Marty (6)**, of the University of Chicago, the second. Marty will return to speak at the 2013 Luther Lecture held in conjunction with the 100th Anniversary in October.

**1977**

University faculty organise as a bargaining unit within the larger University's labour union ("Faculty Association"). Luther is able to do occasional teaching of courses in religion, under the University's rubric of a "Humanities" program. Luther's faculty under the leadership of Dr Roland Miller plays a significant role in establishing the University's Religious Studies Department.

**1977**

"**Elizabethan Evenings**" (7) are an annual musical event at the University campus.

**1978**

**Bryan Hillis (U'78) (8)** is the first student to graduate with a major in "Humanities - Religious Studies" from Luther College at the University of Regina.



# 1980s

- 1. Installation of Rev Don King as Principal by Rev AJ Tiefenbach in 1980.
- 2. Sister Anne Keffer, LCUR Chaplain, Richard Caemmerer Jr, Morris Anderson and Roland Miller observing the new mural at LCUR in 1981.
- 3. 75th anniversary festivities in Melville, Saskatchewan.
- 4. Mr Moon is feted during chapel time at the High School in 1984.
- 5. Dr Don Lee, President from 1986-1991.
- 6. Al Christiansen with LCUR students in 1983.

- 7. Christmas dinner at LCUR in 1981. (L-R): Russ Husum (HS'72, U'76), Anne Selzer, Rudy Selzer.
- 8. LCHS faculty, staff and alum playing in the gym in 1980. (L-R): Janet Campbell (librarian), Hertha Pfeifer (HS'50), Morris Anderson, John Persson (Physics and Chemistry), Richard Nostbakken (English and Art).
- 9. Morris Anderson at the 1981 Luther Lecture.
- 10. LCHS faculty and staff in the 1980s.
- 11. LCUR faculty and staff in 1981.

**1980**  
**Pastor Don King (1)**, chaplain at the University campus, is appointed Principal of the High School, beginning what is often remembered as ten years of amazing growth at the High School. By the end of the decade, enrolment climbs to 500 and Luther wins the LIT.

**1981**  
 A **mural (2)** is painted in the Luther College Auditorium/Chapel by Richard R Caemmerer Jr that depicts the Christian creed in both traditional and contemporary symbolism. Reading from left to right, the shaft of light descends to a view of the earth as seen from space, recalling creation narratives. In the centre, appearing like a highway intersection connecting the right and left elements, is the great Greek cross. To the right, enveloping aspects of the Saskatchewan landscape, are fire and water – symbols of the spirit and our life in the body of Christ.

**1983**  
 Luther Alumnus Dr Henry Taube (H'33) receives the Nobel Prize in Chemistry.

**1984**  
 The High School begins to offer the “International Baccalaureate Program,” which strives to promote international understanding and peace and provides an enriched curriculum that both covers and extends beyond regular curricula in its depth and detail. It emphasises the development of the necessary critical skills that university-bound students need to master. It is arguably the most significant curriculum change of the past seventy years.

**1984**  
 On 31 October, the much beloved **Mr Moon (4)** retires from the Aintree Confectionary and is feted during chapel time.

**1986**  
 Morris Anderson “retires” from Luther College.

**1986**  
**Dr Don Lee (5)**, a longtime Board member and professor at the University of Regina, is appointed President. He is the first President with an earned PhD. A year later, Morris Anderson is brought back as Director of Development, and major fundraising campaigns are launched for new classroom wings at both High School and University.

**1988**  
 Major festivities are held for the **75th anniversary (3)** of the College, including special ceremonies at Melville, Saskatchewan where the old Academy building has been restored and given a Heritage designation.

**1989**  
 The High School dedicates its **new classroom wing (right)**, including library, art studio, and elevator for accessibility.

**1989**  
 The Luther community performs Hayden’s Creation in celebration of the 75th anniversary of Luther College.

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*Dedication ceremony of the new LCHS classroom wing in 1989.*

## MEMORIES

Lindsay (Ganson) Collins (U'85) - I enjoyed my time at Luther (Sunday nights in the cafeteria, talent shows, hypnotists, Molson Houses, Quad parties) and made many great friends that I still keep in touch with.

Susan Jo (Schaller) Letwin (U'88) – I remember deciding to take a class at Luther as I had heard how much other students had enjoyed classes there. I took my first Logic class with Art Krentz. I understood the class (finally) after dropping it at the UofR. I took many classes at Luther after that and enjoyed all of them. I ended up getting a Religious Studies degree as a second degree (after getting my BEd). Part of the reason for my decisions was that I enjoyed the helpful,

caring professors and other staff at Luther. I took a meditation class at Luther which was great for reducing stress! Luther has always been like a warm, caring family of people rather than an institution. My husband even booked a dorm room at Luther many years after I graduated. We had tickets to see The Rolling Stones in Regina and there were no hotel rooms available. He had the idea of booking a dorm room and the staff at Luther treated us wonderfully. Since it was summer we had a whole floor to ourselves. The rooms had single beds so we were offered two rooms. It was sure fun sneaking into my husband's room. I felt like a kid again!





## MEMORIES

**Robert Warnock (U'91)** - My memories of Luther College (University Campus) are the warm welcoming atmosphere and nice, friendly staff. Being part of a smaller student body was particularly helpful during the first two years of university for me. Individualised student advising was great. Dr Mary Vetter was wonderful as my student program advisor. Through Dr Vetter and Luther College, I obtained my first teaching assistantship. What a wonderful experience! It led to more teaching experiences in my 3rd and 4th years and into graduate school. I loved working with students in the biology labs.

**The King Family by Stephen King (U'94)** - Given that eight of us attended Luther, the King family has a lot of fond memories of the college. Our family tradition began there in the early 1930s, when our father, James, took his first year of university at the high school. Because of the depression, he was unable to complete his degree, but he always spoke fondly of his time at Luther - and in particular, of playing football there. As a result, when it came time for the

seven King children to begin attending university, Luther was a natural choice for all of us. I vividly remember the first time I visited the college, because I was seven years old and was helping move my oldest brother into residence. In subsequent years, three of my other siblings lived in residence as well, and although the rest of us lived off-campus during our undergraduate years, we all registered at Luther and took as many classes as we could there. We loved the sense of community at Luther, the academic support the college provided, and the education we received from wonderful professors like Dr Nick Terpstra. Because my family spent so much time there over the years, I sometimes joke that Luther College could be called "King's College," like its counterpart at Cambridge. But all joking aside, I'm glad that Luther is Luther. It has its own identity, its own sense of place, and its own commitment to students and their success. I'm proud that my family could be a small part of Luther's 100-year history, and at the same time, I'm proud that Luther has been such a large part of my family's history.

1. Don King, Luther College Chaplain from 1971-1980, Professor, Principal from 1980-1991 and President from 1991-1994.
2. Expansion of the Anderson wing at LCUR from 1989-1991.
3. Construction of the new chapel in the LCUR Anderson wing from 1990-1991.
4. Dedication of the Anderson wing in 1991.
5. Richard Hordern, LCUR Professor from 1978 to present and President from 1994-2005.
6. LCHS graduation in 1993, the same year that Luther College celebrates its 80th anniversary.
7. LCHS students cheering at the 1996 LIT.
8. LCUR students playing shinny in the LCUR parking lot in 1993.
9. Retirement tea for LCHS Pastor Christiansen in 1995.
10. 40th anniversary of LIT in 1992 at the Agridome (now Brandt Centre).

# 1990s

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**1991**

**Pastor Don King (1)** is elected President.

**1991**

At the High School, part of the new art studio is sectioned off and becomes a “computer laboratory.” A course in computers is offered but some wonder whether it is the students or the teachers who are learning the most.

**1991**

The new classroom wing at the University campus features classrooms, chapel, library, and academic offices. Student fundraising for the past many years is dedicated to installing an elevator to ensure accessibility. Several years later this new building is named “**The Anderson Wing**” (2) to honour the roles that Dr Morris and Betty Anderson played in the life of the College. The new wing contains a special archives room where documents and photographs from Luther’s history are preserved. One classroom has expensive wiring installed so that someday it can be filled with computers connected to the internet as a “smart classroom.” (WiFi comes first.)

**1994**

**Rev Dr Richard Hordern, (5)** who has taught Religious Studies since 1978 at Luther’s University campus, is named President. Don King is appointed Director of Development to assist with fundraising.

**1994**

There is a drastic drop in the number of Hong Kong students in the High School residence but soon students are attracted to Luther from a dozen different countries of the world. South Korea becomes the largest geographical source of dorm students.

**1994**

The national church makes clear what had been suspected for several years: that it would no longer be able to assist Luther in capital fundraising campaigns. Luther is now on its own.

**1994-95**

The “Black and Gold Challenge” Fundraising campaign, seeking emergency funds to overcome a major deficit problem at the High School, raises \$230 000 so the High School can continue to operate. Together with other gifts for scholarships and trust funds, this may be the largest annual amount ever

received by the College.

This is in addition to the donation by teachers of 5% of their salaries, which they continue to make until the budget is balanced. Their salaries are already below the Saskatchewan Teacher’s Federation (STF) pay scale when this commitment is made.

**1995**

The senior girls’ volleyball tournament is established. Soccer is revived and becomes one of the most popular sports at the High School, especially due to the large number of international students who enjoy soccer. LIT is featured on TSN.

**1996**

A celebration of the 25th anniversary of the University is held on campus.

**1996**

Luther counts 8 000 living alumni as frequent alumni homecomings allow the College to expand their known mailing list.

**1997**

The College develops a “website” and soon announces that alumni can submit their class news to the alumni office using what is being called “e-mail.”

**1998**

After inspection and evaluation, Luther College High School is accepted into the membership of the Canadian Association of Independent Schools.

**1998**

The annual provincial operating grant per Saskatchewan student increases from about \$2 400 to about \$5 000 per year. Teachers are now paid 100% of the STF salary scale. A pension and benefits program is introduced for the High School’s support staff.

**1998**

The University campus receives national news attention when it sponsors a “Scholarly Writing Award” for the Saskatchewan Book Awards, the first such award in Canada.

**1999**

Total enrolment is 1412 (429 at the High School and 983 registered at the University). This includes an estimated 300 Lutherans. At the High School, there are more students affiliated with the Roman Catholic Church than any other single denomination.



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## MEMORIES

Jacqueline (Beshara) Lamasan (HS'05) - What stands out the most to me from my high school experience at Luther College is the feeling of family. From the moment I entered LCHS, I could tell that the hallways and classrooms were filled with the memories of generations of students before me. Everyone has a place at Luther College, whether a student's strengths are academics, music, sports, or one of the many activities available to students. Friends made at Luther are life long as are the mentors found in teachers, deans, and older students. Most of all, Luther College brings people with different interests and backgrounds together under one faith. My faith formation at LCHS is my most treasured memory of my high school experience. My experiences at Luther College strongly influenced my choice to become a high school teacher in hopes of passing on my faith, which found its grounding at LCHS, to others. Congratulations on 100 years, Luther! May God continue to bless you in the many years to come!

Thomas Richard Miles Boxall (HS'98, U'07) - When I think back to my time at Luther College High School, two memories pop out. My first memory was while I was living in the dorms. I was the resident computer programmer, and as such I would spend many hours writing the greatest dice rolling program, or programming my computer to play "Stairway to Heaven" when it was loading. My neighbour and friend, JC Hunter was an aspiring electrician and would be tinkering with several devices in the next room (lamps, speakers, etc). One day while I was working hard on my latest creation, JC shorted out the power for our floor. I lost three hours of programming. JC just heard my cursing through the wall. To play a prank on me, he decided to short out the power an hour later. Much to his enjoyment, I was cursing again, only this time I could hear his laughing through the wall. Needless to say, I learned to save my work from then on. The second memory was of the annual Dorm LIT. After all the excitement of each LIT, it was the job of the dorm students to clean up the gym. This was a great time to play some basketball, eat lots of pizza, and best of all, stay up way past curfew. Some of the best years of my life were at Luther College (High School and University). I would like to personally thank Luther College for moulding me into the person I am today.

Nathanael Bergbusch (current grade 12 LCHS student and SRC President) – Luther has been a High School where I have felt that I can work towards building myself into the person that I aspire to become. There are so many different outlets for learning that you really feel that you have developed yourself a good deal when you get to grade 12. I will miss the sense of community and extra-curricular events such as All College, badminton, improv games, SRC, musicals and the winter formal when I graduate from Luther in June. These activities help build students into leaders and make Luther an awesome place to go to school.

1. Richard Hordern (middle) with two members of the Melville Heritage Society at Luther College's 90th anniversary celebration in Melville, Saskatchewan.
2. Dr Bruce Perlson (HS'62), President from 2005-2010.
3. Dr Bryan Hillis (U'78), LCUR Professor and current President.
4. Rev Dr Rebecca Larson (HS'68).
5. Demolition of the old stage at LCHS in 2012 as part of the new building program.
6. Artist's rendering of the new gym (2012).
7. LCHS alumni basketball game in 2012.
8. All College Banquet in May 2002. Front row (L-R): Karen Prior (HS'05, U'11), Erin Ogilvie, Jacqueline (Beshara) Lamasan (HS'05), Lindsay Almas (HS'05). Back row (L-R): Will VanEngen, Daniel Stubbins (HS'05), James Kramer (HS'05), Sean Gross (HS'05). Photo submitted by Jacqueline (Beshara) Lamasan (HS'05).
9. LCHS Candlelight Services.





# 2000s

## 2001 to 2005

The Luther Spirit Campaign exceeds its goal of \$2.5 million to repair and renovate the High School's buildings and grounds. Generous gifts from alums Gavin Semple and Merlis Belsher for repair of the gym immediately make it possible for the College to work on planning a new gymnasium.

## 2003

Celebration of the **90th anniversary of Luther (1)** College is held in Melville, Saskatchewan.

## 2004-2005

Total received charitable donations to Luther College this year exceeds \$1 million, the largest amount ever received in a single year to date.

## 2005

**Dr Bruce Perlson (HS'62) (2)** is appointed President, the first President who is also an alumnus of the school.

## 2010

**Dr Bryan Hillis (HS'78) (3)**, Professor of Religious Studies at Luther College at the University of Regina, is named President.



*LCUR international students. Front row (L-R): Ryan Hunter, Alexandria Li, Brianna Vaags. Middle row (L-R): Chika Nakano, Geng Haicheng, Rebecca Maki-Runsas, Yeji Lee, Fernanda Vera Rodriguez, Shoko Kazunobu. Last row: Williams Usama.*

## 2010

The University campus launches a new motto for the campus: "Think deeply. Act passionately. Live faithfully." The High School campus maintains the motto "Quality education in a Christian context."

## 2012

After 18 months of strategic planning, it is decided that the High School will begin a \$17.3-million-dollar building and renovation program wherein a new **gymnasium (6)**, Fine Arts classrooms, and Student Commons Area will be constructed, with major renovations also occurring in the heritage gymnasium and locker rooms. Upgrades to

other utilities are also initiated. The fundraising campaign accompanying this construction project is entitled "A Time to Build," from Ecclesiastes 3:3.

## 2012

The student body at the High School consists of 76% who are Canadian, 19% who are international, and 5% who are First Nations.

## 2013

The Luther Residence at the university campus consists of 48% international, with the majority of students coming from China, Nigeria and Brazil.

## 2013

On 10 to 13 October, Luther College will celebrate "A Century of Faithfulness" in Regina, Saskatchewan. The festivities will include the annual Luther Lecture featuring Dr Martin E Marty, a celebration banquet including guest host Brent Butt, a chapel service with **Rev Dr Rebecca Larson (HS'68) (4)**, Luther College High School alum and part of the coalition that won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1997, family activities, campus tours and more!

1. Ron Jakobs (HS'71), Dianne Krell (HS'71), Andre Jefferson and Mr Anderson in the late 1960s. 2. Paul Antrobus, (unknown), Bryan Hillis (U'78) and Pastor Don King at the LCUR Luther Luncheon in May 1978. 3. LCUR faculty in the 1980s. Standing (L-R): Philip Engstrom, William Stahl, David Scott, Bruce MacDonald,

Richard Hordern, Arthur Krentz. Sitting (L-R): Roland Miller, Paul Antrobus. 4. Morris Anderson and Erna Hergert. 5. LCHS boys' basketball team with "Coach" (Dick Stark). 6. Boy's Dormitory in the late 1940s: L Jim Hockley (HS'50) and R Bruno Hoever (HS'50). 7. Board of Regents in October 1976. Front row (L-R): Dr Harvey

Stalwick, June McGregor, President Morris Anderson, Harold Dietrich (HS'48), Lloyd Bowman (HS'34). Back row (L-R): Rev Irvine Hohm (H'46), Dale Hardy, Dr Scribner, Dr Don Lee, Rev Wilfred Raths (HS'35), Harold Hepting (HS'57), Rev Don Scott, Rev Cherland.





# 100 YEARS OF LUTHER

**8.** LCUR students on the balconies of the Luther Residence in the 1970s. **9.** Girl's Dormitory, LCHS main building and construction of new gym in the 1950s. The RCMP Barracks is in the background. **10.** Paul Liefeld teaching chemistry at LCHS. **11.** LCUR Professor Paul Antrobus dressed up for Halloween. **12.** Phone

booth fun in the 1960s. Kneeling (left) Donna Fletcher (HS'63), (right) Shirley Gorski, (far right standing) Karen McKenzie. Photo submitted by Donna (Fletcher) McGregor (HS'63). **13.** Sadie Hawkins in the 1960s. (L-R): Derrill Proctor (HS'63), Betty Jean Hogg (HS'63, U'64), Thane (Allan) Kaldor, Shirley Gorski, Gordon

McGregor, Donna Fletcher (HS'63), Karen McKenzie (HS'63), Dave Busse (HS'63). Photo submitted by Donna (Fletcher) McGregor (HS'63).





14. LCUR Variety Night in 1973-1974. (L-R): Arthur Krentz, Erna Stan, Tom Strutt, Gerry Weinbender (U'72), (unknown), Jim Dale, Paul Antrobus, Thelma Whitley, Morris Anderson, Rein Sommerfeld. 15. LCHS photo club in the 1980s. (L-R): Mike Wellman, Rob Geradts

(HS'80), Shawn Stoneham (HS'80, U'84), Vonnie Shields (HS'82). 16. Dieter Borchardt and staff in 1958. 17. LCUR Opening Service in 1978. 18. Carl Cherland and the LCHS Senior choir in the 1990s. 19. LCUR Residence Christmas quad (3S) decorations in 1990.

20. Girls in the dining room in the 1940s.



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**21.** Girls' bowling team in the 1950s. (L-R) Ethel Lemon (HS'52), Evelyn Beck (HS'51), Rosanne Myers, Doris Bieber, Pat Kinnon (HS'53). **22.** LCHS faculty form a jug band to perform in chapel to kick off the new school year in the early 1980s. **23.** LCHS production of *The*

*Sound of Music* in 2010. (L-R): Brianna Levesque, Laura Hillis, Israel Runge, Sarah Hognestad (HS'11), Ary Williams, Sarah Bergbusch, Russell Stanley, Fraser Hird (HS'11), Erin Johansen (HS'11). **24.** LCUR "Luther Lashers" at the 2005 Dragon Boat Festival in Regina,

Saskatchewan. **25.** Class of 1928 or 1929 with Professor Pflueger in the background. **26.** Girls softball from 1948-1952.



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27. Dr Pyket and the astronomy club around 1950.  
 28. Alumni banquet in the LCHS gym around 1964.  
 29. LCUR Upper Room in 1974-1975. (L-R): Susan Murray, Barry Vall (U'75), Barb Spafford, Janet Hapke (U'76), Stuart Appenheimer (U'76), Jamie Fonger,

Pat Hutcheon, Don King, Steve Kirkland. 30. 15th anniversary dinner in 1941. Back row (L-R): Otto Frehrmann, (unknown), Rev Henry Kroeger, (unknown), Dr Rex Schneider, Rev Fricke, Elsa (Mees) Schneider.  
 31. The LCHS Luther Lion mascot. 32. Luther Lions vs

Notre Dame football game at LCHS as part of the 2005 homecoming celebrations. 33. Mother and Daughter Banquet in the 1930s.



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# 100 YEARS OF LUTHER

**34.** LCHS Biology teacher, Randy Brooks (top of cliff), on the biology field trip in Montana in June 1989.

**35.** LCUR students cleaning off after playing a “mucky” game of Muckby. **36.** First Luther Lecturer, Jaroslav Pelikan, in 1978 at LCUR. **37.** LCHS faculty perform a

“Survivor” skit in a fall pep rally in the 1980s.

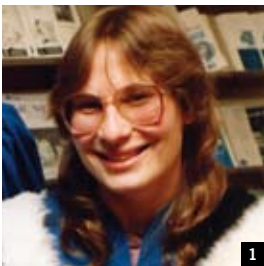
**38.** Vivian Norbraten and Lorne Warnes (HS’59) at the 75th anniversary. **39.** LCUR 1982-1983 Residence Assistants. Front row (L-R): Wally Matheson, Ross King (U’84), Hal Priestley, Mike Andrews (U’91). Back row

(L-R): Gwen Amy (U’86), Irene, Mary-Lynn Charlton (U’84), Cyndy Black.

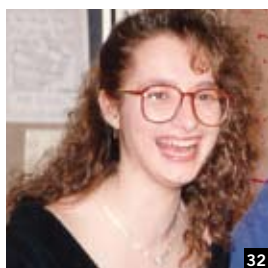
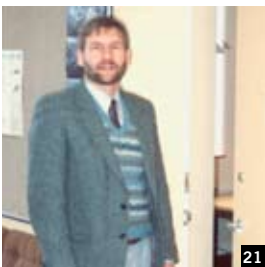




Can you identify these Luther faculty and staff?







1. Brenda Anderson
2. Mary Vetter
3. Mary-Lynn Charlton
4. Dick Stark
5. Fred Wagner
6. Arnold Tiefenbach
7. Dieter Borchardt
8. Barbara Wright
9. Herb Arndt
10. Mel Bower
11. Kerry Stoehr
12. Lois Huckerby
13. Roland Miller
14. Russ Green
15. Teri Berglund
16. Gary Corven
17. Mary Jesse
18. Jim Dale
19. Kim Lettrel
20. Paul Letfeld
21. Brian Chappell
22. Franz Volker
23. Morris Anderson
24. David Scott
25. John Persson
26. Don King
27. William Stahl
28. Bryan Hills
29. Nick Terpstra
30. Tom Strutt
31. Yvonne Petry
32. Rhonda Litzenberger
33. Don Lee





ANNUAL LUTHER LECTURE  
DR MARTIN E. MARTY  
THURSDAY EVENING



PERFORMANCE BY  
JACK SEMPLE  
FRIDAY NIGHT



MC & PERFORMANCE  
BY BRENT BUTT  
SATURDAY NIGHT



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**THURSDAY 10 OCTOBER 2013**  
4:30 pm (tentative)  
Luther Lions vs O'Neill  
Titans Football Game,  
Luther College High School  
Football Field

7:30 pm  
Luther Lecture:  
Dr Martin E Marty  
Luther College at the  
University of Regina,  
Rex Schneider Auditorium

**FRIDAY 11 OCTOBER 2013**  
6:30 pm  
Registration Sign-in and  
Late Registrations,  
Queensbury Convention  
Centre Lobby

8:00 pm-2:00 am  
Wine & Cheese Reception  
including Book Launch,  
Queensbury Convention  
Centre (Salons A-C)  
  
Debut of the Luther 100th  
Anniversary Music by Jason  
Cullimore and Poem by  
Gerald Hill

Rotating performances  
by Jack Semple, Peter  
Tiefenbach, Dennis  
Hendricksen (Ministry of  
Groove), Shane Reoch, Ben  
Hognestad and other Luther  
alumni

Decade and Class  
Gatherings & Photo  
Montages and Displays

Supervised Children's  
Activities (including snacks)

**SATURDAY 12 OCTOBER 2013**  
8:30 am-2:30 pm  
Hockey Tournament and  
Family Skate,  
Brandt Centre

11:00 am-12:30 pm  
Brunch at the High School  
and University campuses

12:30-1:30 pm  
Debut of the Luther 100th  
Anniversary Play by James  
Ostime, High School  
campus on the new stage

1:30-4:00 pm  
Campus Tours and  
Children's Activities at the  
High School and University  
campuses

*BONUS: The Saskatchewan  
Roughriders home game  
against the Edmonton  
Eskimos will be projected  
onto screens at both  
campuses starting at 2:30 pm.*

6:00 pm  
Reception and Social Time,  
Queensbury Convention  
Centre (Salons A-C)

7:15 pm  
Celebration Banquet,  
Queensbury Convention  
Centre (Salons A-C)

*\*Special Guest MC and  
Performance by Comedian  
Brent Butt (best known  
for "Corner Gas")*

**SUNDAY 13 OCTOBER 2013**  
11:00 am-12:30 pm  
Brunch at Luther College,  
High School campus

1:00 pm  
Closing Service  
Presided over by National  
Bishop Susan Johnson and  
Saskatchewan Bishop Cindy  
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Rev Dr Rebecca Larson  
(HS'68), Luther College  
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to [michelle.clark@luthercollege.edu](mailto:michelle.clark@luthercollege.edu) and we  
will make sure they are  
included in the weekend  
celebration.

# Luther Alumni Giving Back

By Emily Chastkiewicz



To Jason Cullimore (HS'90) Luther College is "a place where education is a process that applies to the whole individual, and

students learn that they are part of a community, which offers opportunities for personal and intellectual growth that are unique and special." He remembers when his International Baccalaureate (IB) classes for English and biology would have "lock-ins" at the university, where they would spend a final few days studying (and socialising) on the weekends before the IB exams. These weekends, Jason recalls, were "an amazing mix of exploring ideas and cementing the friendships that we had developed." Now a music history instructor at the University campus, and independent composer, Jason reflects on how Luther has had a profound influence on his career and personal development: "Luther College embodies a community of caring, thoughtful people who share a love of learning and a desire to engage each other's minds, helping learners to develop both thinking skills and character. I treasure my memories of being a student at Luther College, and know that the influence of the many lessons I have learned, and experiences I have enjoyed while working as part of this amazing community has helped me in innumerable ways, as I face the challenges and joys of life." When Jason was asked to compose a piece of music for Luther College's 100th Anniversary, he saw it as an opportunity to celebrate the values of an institution that he believes has had a wonderfully positive impact on the students, faculty and staff that pass through its halls who then, in turn, share their skills and talent with the greater community. He hopes that when

his composition is performed during the weekend celebration listeners "will find something of the joy I feel when I think of the lessons I learned and friendships I made at this remarkable institution.... As a place which has shaped my values in a very personal way, and which continues to encourage its members to contribute to the betterment of our community and of our world, Luther College rightly deserves to be celebrated."



As a graduate of both the High School and University, Erik Norbraten (HS'82, U'87) appreciates how Luther College put him "on a good path."

Erik's greatest memories of High School include participating in LIT Blitz Nights, Rick Nostbakken's art class, biology field trips, shooting hoops at lunch, writing finals in the gym amidst the hissing radiators, the "scum song" and "hanging out" at Mr Moon's Confectionary. To these memories he adds "great people" and "lots of laughs." After graduating in 1982, he made his way to the University of Regina, where he received his Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in 1987, majoring in painting. He also attended Nova Scotia College of Art and Design in 1992, where he received a Bachelor of Visual Communications degree. Currently, Erik is a Graphic Design Artist working at Arcas Advertising in Regina as an Associate Creative Director. He continues to paint and has participated in several group and solo exhibitions over the years. Erik believes that Luther's traditions "really set it apart." As a way of giving back to Luther College, Erik together with Richard Nostbakken designed the 100th Anniversary logo (featured on the front of this issue) as

well as a poster, banner bug, post card and advertisements. "We've done many projects together over the years," said Erik, "so I couldn't turn him down! It's great to give back to Luther by being involved in the 100th Anniversary."



James Ostime's (HS'01, U'05) fondest memories of Luther are the occasions and events at the High School that involved the entire

school: "Whether it was the musical, Fine Arts Night, LIT, or even daily Chapel, it is amazing to me now that so many students came together to support and enrich one another." James received his Bachelor of Fine Arts from the University of Regina in 2005 and currently writes and edits articles, plays, and advertising copy for associations such as The Metis Archival Project, Prairie Forum, Saskatoon Well Being Magazine, Dealfind.com, and Canadian Journal for Native Education. He is proudest of his creative endeavours at Luther and has been fortunate enough to continue writing one-act plays for the High School over the last several years. He is always so impressed by the hard work and dedication of Luther students. To honour the institution that has given him so much, he has written a play, entitled One Hundred Years, for the 100th Anniversary celebration. "The education I have received, and the friends I have made in this community, will stay with me forever."

# LUTHER COLLEGE BUILT ON THE



**2013 LUTHER COLLEGE  
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE  
AWARD RECIPIENT  
RICHARD (DICK) STARK**

By Lisa King (HS'83)

Known to many as “Coach,” Mr Richard (Dick) Stark was honoured with the 2013 Luther College Distinguished Service Award at the Founder’s Day Dinner this past January. This award recognises individuals who have shown dedication to and support for Luther College and its mission. Dick’s passion, commitment, time, talents, and love for Luther have remained strong for over 40 years. As a coach, teacher, mentor, volunteer, and tireless fan at numerous Luther events and games, Dick is a mainstay in the Luther community.

Having played for Moose Jaw in the first LIT in 1953, Dick later returned to Luther in 1969 as the head coach of the senior boys basketball team. With the exception of a few years when he coached junior basketball, the University of Regina Cougars and then left to work in British Columbia, Dick spent 30 years at Luther coaching football, basketball, baseball, track and field, teaching math and physics and being involved in many extra-curricular activities. He is currently on the Building Committee for the renewal and expansion project at the High

School and is a regular at many athletic and school events. I had the pleasure of asking Mr Stark (as I will forever call him) a few questions about his dedication to Luther.

**WHAT IS ONE OF YOUR EARLIEST MEMORIES OF LUTHER THAT HAS STAYED WITH YOU?**

For me, one of the real outstanding parts of Luther is that every day the entire school body and the faculty and staff come together to share and learn during chapel. It is a unique element to Luther and I am happy that is still happening.

I was also struck by the commitment of the staff to the students and the college. I generally arrived at the school at 7:00 AM (my farm boy mentality still lingers) to prepare for classes. At 7:30 AM I joined the kitchen staff and some of the maintenance staff for a short coffee break before the dorm students came for breakfast. On these occasions and many others, I came to appreciate their commitment to Luther.

**WHY DO YOU STAY SO CONNECTED TO LUTHER?**

I believe in the work of the school and feel it is important to support the people doing the work to assist the students. I know many of the grandparents, parents and students as well as many of the staff, and I like to lend my help with the extra-curricular activities. I enjoy watching the games from the perspective of the

leadership of the players and their reactions to calls and plays and not having to worry about the Xs and Os. Luther is about relationships and friendships. Being a small school helps students to get to know each other and the faculty better. Those connections can last a lifetime.

**WHY IS THE BUILDING RENEWAL AND EXPANSION IMPORTANT FOR LUTHER?**

It is about giving the students the best educational experience we can. It is about looking forward for the next 50 years. We will need to rekindle the feeling of the old gym into the new gym, and that is where alumni can help, as well as the new generations of students who will benefit from the new construction.

The impact Coach has had and continues to have on the many students and alumni is summed up nicely in this quote from Brent Allison (HS'88): “Dick was one of a few leaders in my life who is equally good at capturing both hearts and minds. Laura Laird (HS'88) and I have plenty to thank Dick for and we hope he knows that many of us still consider him a role model. You can imagine the lives Coach touched and the positive impact that has grown across generations from his mentorship—an incredible legacy.” Indeed.



# GENEROSITY OF FACULTY & STAFF



My name is Sherry Soroka and I am proud to be an ambassador for Luther College. I am not an alum of LCHS but it is near and dear to my heart. It's really bizarre how I came to Luther in 2004, but I believe I am where I belong. I worked in the office as an administrative assistant and realised this school was special, from that first day. It was the only school I worked in that you could feel 'love in the air'. By that, I mean staff and faculty who worked here were dedicated for their whole career. They were committed to the school and its students for the long haul. Even I felt a sense of commitment and accomplishment when I saw the students I got to know over their four years here graduate. We're a small high school and everyone works as a community to assist wherever necessary for these students to succeed, whether it was letting them into the school after hours to get homework, making a bagged lunch because they didn't have

time for a lunch break, providing extra help with assignments, making copies of a presentation for class, or making overheads for the decorating committee for LIT. My favorite aspect of Luther is 'chapel'. Once a day the whole school comes together in the gym to stop, catch our breath and just be. It is a sacred time for me.

I make the choice to be a positive influence on those around me and have been told they can tell I'm smiling on the phone... I have made many phone calls to parents when students were absent from school. I got to know some parents' voices better than their faces. My yearbook every year is full of "I shall miss your smile" and "thanks for the pink slip." Hey, I miss your smiles too. I'm a mother and a grandmother and some of these kids, especially the young ones from overseas, still need that little extra attention, a smile or just an ear to listen to their frustrations with the new language, culture or roommate. I was always happy to be there for them. By the second semester, most of these kids were spreading their wings and not stopping so much to 'chat'. They were finding their way and doing it with grace and confidence.

My giving began early in my career here, whether it was my time, my talent or money. The school is a very busy place and it also supports many good causes. The staff and faculty are very involved in outside charities as well. It is contagious

and even now, I am inspired by their charity to give what I can. I also support my church, cancer, diabetes, heart and stroke, Souls Harbor, Canadian Red Cross and Canadian World Relief. I feel it's important to give back because I have been so blessed. I believe everyone "matters" and I do my best every day to live that way. My husband, Dave, and I are very involved in service work outside of Luther as well. We are very busy and very happy.

For the last two years, I have worked in the alumni office. My favorite part is re-connecting with alumni I have met over the years. I enjoy hearing them ask if a certain teacher is still here. I can usually say 'yes'. It brings a smile to their face and I see the memories flash before their eyes of a special moment in class with that teacher. The teachers do the same thing when they see alumni. Thank you, Luther, to be able to serve!

## LUTHER COLLEGE BUILT ON THE GENEROSITY OF FACULTY & STAFF (con't)



*LCUR faculty and staff having a well deserved rest after cooking and serving the midnight breakfast in 2001.*

### A CULTURE OF GIVING DR MARK ANDERSON, PRINCIPAL, LUTHER COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL

Luther College has flourished for one hundred years and continues to flourish into the twenty-first century due to the remarkable generosity of the faculty and staff who give back to the College in countless ways. Working at Luther is a call to service, a call to helping people in ways that often demand considerable self-sacrifice. Faculty and staff at Luther frequently give of their time, their talents and their money because they believe so strongly in the students they are serving and the mission of Luther College.

#### **Financial Support:**

In keeping with the spirit of service leadership, faculty and staff do what they do in a quiet, self-effacing manner. For example, whenever a student or family experiences unforeseen financial or personal challenges, Luther employees directly donate from their pay cheques to cover tuition

fees, medical expenses, or whatever is required. Some establish funds and generous scholarships, while others donate anonymously to the College's general operating funds.

Over the last 100 years, the faculty and staff at the High School have frequently been called on to ensure the institution's solvency. For many decades, faculty accepted significantly lower wages than

those being paid to educators in other school divisions. In the 1990s when the school faced serious financial challenges, teachers donated 5% of their salaries to the "Black and Gold Challenge" until a balanced budget was achieved. Over 80% of the current faculty and staff are giving of their finances or time to the "A Time to Build" campaign. Since the late 1960s, 58% of the faculty and staff at the High School have contributed \$739 600 to Luther College with donations ranging from \$10 to \$10 000. These are examples of our employees' faithful dedication to Luther. When asked why he

chooses to give to Luther, Shawn Stieb says, "Luther was a home to me for a long period of time. I have a strong connection to the physical building. I believe that the liberal arts education at Luther is a rather unique opportunity for students in our province."

Over the last 40 years, the faculty and staff at the University campus have generously given \$568 400 to Luther with donations ranging from \$5 to \$1 200. These donations typically support scholarships, the faculty and staff assistance fund, and the annual fall appeal. Of the 89 individuals, four are High School alumni, 12 are University and three are graduates of both campuses. Dr Mary Vetter and her husband Dr Dave Sauchyn give generously to Luther because they "want to see Luther's programs enhanced," and "want to help students have the tools to flourish in their university education."

### Volunteerism:

Faculty and staff have also donated considerable time to various programs and events. The level of volunteerism provided by Luther employees, current and past, is unrivalled. At the High School this includes everything from running extra-curricular programming (choir, musicals, athletics, tournaments like LIT, drama, etc), to building, repairing and cleaning the physical facilities, to planting flowers, to laying paving stones, to helping maintain the beautiful campus. At the University, volunteers have assisted with residence events such as the annual midnight breakfast and

“Living Internationally” (a social event to introduce and educate students about the diversity of the residence), orientation, Luther University Student Association (LUSA) “Study Blitz” (faculty tutor students each semester before final exams), chapel, and community service.

This commitment doesn’t end with retirement either. Whether it is helping with events like the rooth Anniversary, LIT or the musical, retired employees feel such a strong connection with Luther College and its mission that they readily volunteer their time, wisdom and talents as well.

Albert Einstein once said, “Only a life lived for others is a life worthwhile.” If so, the faculty, staff and retirees of Luther College have been leading worthwhile, fulfilling lives for nearly a century. Our current faculty and staff demonstrate on a daily basis that a commitment to the call to service is still central to life at Luther College, and will remain so into the future. We can be proud of and grateful for this community of generosity.

Lisa McIntyre (HS’07 and volunteer on the A Time to Build Campaign Cabinet) – When I look back on my time at Luther College High School I think of the many skills I developed in my short four years at the school. Luther provided me the opportunity to be involved in just about everything. I was able to discover my love of event planning and organization. With the help of faculty and staff I received guidance in planning events such as the Senior Girls Volleyball Tournament and LIT.

Not only did I discover my love of planning but I developed great organization and time management skills that have carried me through my university career and now help me every day in the real world. I will always remember Luther as one of the best experiences I have had in my life and the institution that helped create the success I have now.

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**1 & 2.** Construction of new gym (February 2013). **3.** New stage almost complete (March 2013). **4.** Stage reconstruction. **5.** Future Luther students.



# class notes

The Luther Story is available online. To read to the digital edition, visit [www.luthercollege.edu/lutherstory](http://www.luthercollege.edu/lutherstory).

**CORRECTION:** Please note that in the 2012 FALL issue, Kevin Miller U'10 was incorrectly labeled HS'10. Our apologies to Kevin.

## HIGH SCHOOL

**Susan Barber (HS'80, U'84)** was named one of "Canada's Top 100 Most Powerful Women" in 2012 by the Women's Executive Network. She was also the recipient of a YWCA Women of Distinction Award and has been named a "Woman of Influence" by *Saskatchewan Business Magazine* and *Fine Lifestyles Magazine*. In 2007, she received the Community Service Award from the Canadian Bar Association.

**Patricia Corkal (Astorga) (HS'82)** shares that 1981-1982 was a very memorable year in her life: new country, culture, Luther, LIT and best of all, choir!

**Chris Dewart (HS'72)** is the President of Central US Konica Minolta Business Solutions Inc.

**Tom Flath (HS'79)** taught school in a number of communities throughout Saskatchewan. After the sudden passing of his first wife, Lynda, in 1999, Tom moved home to the family farm in Stoughton, Saskatchewan. Tom was remarried in 2002 to Lori Cline of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. Their daughter, Katie, was born in 2005. After a 10-year run on the farm, Tom decided to get back into teaching and joined his wife, Lori, at the Estevan Comprehensive School. He began teaching Industrial Arts in the fall of 2011. If he has a special memory of Luther College, it is simply the people. There were many interesting and unique individuals that he shared his time with, including the staff. Believe it or not, his favourite activity at Luther was probably choir with Dr Cherland.

**Trista Gargol (HS'12)** and currently a student at the University of Regina in Education was awarded in the spring of 2013 the Gold Medal from the Royal Conservatory of Music for receiving the highest grade in her grade 10 piano exams. Congratulations Trista!

**Terence (Terry) Gordon (HS'59)** has retired after a varied, challenging and always interesting career... now travelling, boating, golfing, hiking, tennis and learning. A special memory is holding the initial Grade 12 graduation/dance that stands out as a memorable, unsurpassed high school event!

**Myles Mintzler (HS'77)** is currently working for Black & McDonald in Project Controls at the Husky Sunrise site in Fort McMurray, Alberta.

**Adam Nelson (HS'07, U'11)** received his Masters in Public Policy from the University of Calgary on 13 November 2012.

**Aaron Scherle (HS'90)** shot this photo of his wife (below), **Pam Husak (HS'90)**, in beautiful Sedona, Arizona, on Valentine's Day 2013. The pair lives in nearby Phoenix, Arizona.



**Tegan Siganski (HS'11)** has been very involved in theater since she graduated. She has worked and acted in 6 plays and has become the preferred stage manager at St Thomas More College. A favourite memory at Luther was being a part of the *Tatler*. It was so amazing to have her work published, also to have people comment on them. She still can't believe she was given the opportunity to be editor.

**Shawn Barry Whatley (HS'92)** remembers wonderful times living in the dorm for 2 years (grades 11 and 12) with Mark Becker as the Head Dean. Upon leaving Luther, he went on to complete his undergraduate degree from Queen's University and then two graduate degrees from the University of Toronto. He has such fond memories of his time in residence at Luther—the greasy fries (hope they are now gone!) and the beautiful people he

was surrounded by, many of whom he is still in touch with today.

## UNIVERSITY

**Brenda Beckman-Long, PhD (U'88)** has received a tenure-track appointment as a professor of English and Canadian literature at Briercrest Bible College and Seminary. She has taught English in the Department of English and Luther College at the University of Regina and at the Canadian Bible College, Regina, Saskatchewan.

**Katie Bergman (U'11)** is currently living in Cambodia until June 2013, working as a research coordinator and campaign manager with a new livelihoods project called Safe Migration & Trafficking Awareness with Samaritan's Purse. Samaritan's Purse is a Christian non-profit organisation that serves the physical, spiritual and emotional needs of those suffering from war, poverty, natural disasters, disease and famine. See photo below.



**Jeff L Chura (U'93)** is a Lieutenant-Commander Maritime Surface and Sub-Surface (MARS) officer in the Royal Canadian Navy.

**Ross King (U'84)** was recognised with the prestigious 2012 Governor General's Literary Award in the category of non-fiction for his book *Leonardo and the Last Supper*. This marks the second time that Dr King has received this recognition, having won the award in 2006 for *The Judgment of Paris: The Revolutionary Decade that Gave the World Impressionism*.

## OBITUARIES

### 2012

**Jean Mary Davies (Dale)** passed away on 9 June 2012 after a valiant battle with cancer. Predeceased by her loving husband, Arthur, she will be greatly missed by her family and friends. She was born and raised in Regina, Saskatchewan where she attended Luther College High School for grades 9-11 (1939-1942). Jean met Arthur, her husband of 55 years, in Esquimalt while both were in the Navy. They married in 1944 and lived in both Victoria and Vancouver, British Columbia before moving to Surrey in 1990. Jean returned to school at age 49 where she graduated with honours from Vancouver Community College. She worked until retirement at AR Lord Elementary in Vancouver, where she was able to utilise her creative abilities and her caring nature. She was active in the Lutheran Church, lawn bowling, genealogy, numerous hobbies, crafts and courses. Her favorite activities were baking and crafting with her grandchildren. An accomplished world traveler her most memorable adventure was a safari in South Africa. Jean made numerous trips to Australia. Jean will be remembered for her tenacity, kindness, generosity, and for her love and dedication to family and friends.

### 2013

**John Boxall (HS'63)** passed away on Wednesday 20 February 2013 at the age of 68 years old. John will be lovingly remembered by his wife Rosemarie; his 3 daughters: Barb (Rick) and their daughters Jaida and Callie; Leea and Melissa; brother Larry (Trudy) and their children Debbie, Colin and Pam; as well as numerous cousins and extended family. John was a loving husband, father and grandfather and will be dearly missed.

**Frances Arlene Bryde (HS'50)**, better known as Arlene, passed away peacefully on Tuesday 26 February 2013 at the age of 82. She was predeceased by her parents Emry and Kay Driver, her husband John, brother

Duane Driver and her special grand-dog Harvey. She is survived by her sons Brent and Trevor, daughter Lana (Lyle) and extended family. She was born in Weyburn, Saskatchewan and was raised on the family farm in the Osage area. She attended Luther College High School in Regina, Saskatchewan and upon graduation obtained her nursing degree in 1953. After working at the Grey Nun hospital and the Providence Hospital where she met and married John in 1954. In 1972 they moved to Regina. She was a gift to us all that knew and loved her. We always said she had healing hands.

**Colon Robert Kruger (HS'66)** born on 27 June 1948, passed away peacefully on 20 January 2013 at his home in Ladysmith, British Columbia. He graduated from Luther College High School in 1966, attended McGill University in Montreal where he earned a BA, and back to Saskatchewan to earn a Bachelor of Education. Colon taught school for 30 years in Lloydminster, Saskatchewan and Duncan, British Columbia. He is survived by his children Chris Kruger (Victoria, British Columbia) and Kim Kruger (Auckland, New Zealand).

**Dr William Schneider (HS'33)** passed away on Monday 18 February 2013 in Ottawa, Ontario at the age of 97. William was born in Wolseley, Saskatchewan on 1 June 1915. He attended Luther College from 1929-1934 for grades 9-12 and his first year of university followed by a BSc (Honours) and MS from the University of Saskatchewan in 1937 and 1939, respectively, and a PhD from McGill University in 1941. From 1943-1946, he worked for the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute. In 1946, he started as the Director of the Division of Pure Chemistry at the National Research Council and was then promoted to Vice-President (scientific) in 1965 and finally President in 1967. Following his retirement in 1980, he became a chemical consultant and established a biotechnology company in Ottawa, Ontario. Dr Schneider has been recognised for his contributions

to chemistry through numerous awards and honours including fellowships in the Royal Society of Canada, the Royal Society of London and Chemical Institute of Canada (CIC), receiving the Order of Canada in 1976, and being named a CIC Lifetime Achievement Recipient in 2009. The announcement of the award of the CIC Medal to him in 1961 quoted Dr Schneider as saying that his chemistry and physics teachers at Luther, Liefeld and Behrens, were instrumental in awakening his interest in science. He is survived by his two daughters: Judy, and Joanne Schneider of Highland Grove, Ontario.

**Isobel (Bell) Selinger** passed away on Friday 5 April 2013 at the age of 80. Her brilliant red hair was true to form since she was a little spit-fire. She was predeceased by her father Frank; mother Grace; siblings Merv, Bill, Edie and her special twin sister Beth. Isobel is survived by her children Janice (Jim) Leibel, Norm (Darcie) Selinger, Darrel (Shelly) Selinger, Tammy (Frank) Bevan; grandchildren Trina Millard, Jamie (Jayne) Leibel, Jonathan Selinger (Allison), Chrissy Selinger (Travis), Jess-Ann (Derric), Brett, Cori Selinger, and Madison Bevan; great grandchildren Austin and Walker Millard, Aven and Saige Leibel and Connor Selinger; sisters Frances Jardine, and Red (Doreen) Ford and many nieces, nephews, and friends. Isobel, also known as "Grandma," worked at the Luther College High School cafeteria from the 1980s until 1998. We lost not only a very brave but also a very wise woman. We love her and will miss her always.



### LUTHER COLLEGE 1945-1947 ERA

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