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# MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

This past month I had the pleasure of travelling to Hong Kong to reconnect with alumni I have been fortunate to come to know. Then I was able to go to Seoul, Korea where I enjoyed meeting alumni I had not yet met. This experience reminded me a) of the great responsibility we have at Luther College for educating young people from great distances and very different cultures and b) how fortunate we are to have international students studying at Luther College as they bring such a richness to our College. I was especially reminded of this at the All College banquet, occurring the first night I returned. Our international students were well-represented among the presenters as well as among those who received the "LC" awards, awards given to students for their unique contributions to the life of the College.

This international aspect of our College is blended with the 'rooted-ness' of our College in its history, tradition of excellence and religious context. A good example of this 'rooted-ness' is the new legislative Act incorporating Luther College. Our new Act was approved in early December by the Saskatchewan legislature, where our former students are well represented (Lyle Stewart, Dustin Duncan, Carla Beck, Warren McCall). MLA Delbert Kirsch (Batoche), yet another LCHS alum,

graciously agreed to shepherd our new bill through the legislature where it received support from both political parties.

A new Act of incorporation for Luther College was necessary because our old Act, from 1969, needed updating. The Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) was no longer comfortable with some of the language; these changes will not affect the College's operation in any way. Our required corporation meetings were tied to the national convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC) which, after this year, will only occur every three years, not frequent enough for a nimble institution like Luther College. That being said, this is a good time to thank the ELCIC for enabling our corporation meetings at their national conventions these past decades. Thank you!

Our current Board, under the leadership of our Governance Committee, was particularly well-equipped to write this new Act. Though it is dangerous to single out individuals, since the entire Governance Committee worked so hard, one Regent, Karen Pflanzner, deserves special mention. In her day job, Karen works for the Government of Saskatchewan, guiding the writing of legislation for various corporations. Karen gave up many evenings and weekends

ensuring that our new Act would satisfy legislative requirements. We are very grateful to Karen and the entire Governance Committee for their work.

But back to my main point, namely the 'rooted-ness' of our College represented in this new Act. With this new Act, every year, there will be an Annual General Meeting (AGM) for the corporate membership of the College. This membership will consist of our past and present Regents, as well as various representatives from the College and church community. These AGM's will take place at one of our campuses where the corporate membership will learn more about the College. We are convinced that having the corporate membership more locally present and therefore more knowledgeable about the College will enhance the sustainability of the College.

We thank all those who have made this 'rooted' aspect of our College a legislative reality as we celebrate the international and open character of our school.

Bryan Hillis (U'78), Ph.D.  
President, Luther College

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# MESSAGE FROM THE PULPIT

Sometimes a plan really comes together and something magical happens.

On January 16, the Multi-Faith Peer Chaplains and I hosted another iteration of our Soup Group. The idea of Soup Group is to feed students and to raise awareness of different social justice and contemporary religious issues while building a sense of community. The theme of this particular event was "Head Coverings in Religion."

It was a wonderful and panic-filled moment when the Multi-Faith Peer Chaplains realized that more than 30 people had turned up. I rushed away to the kitchen to find more soup and bowls to feed the 47 people who attended. The Luther Lounge outside the Chaplain's Office was quickly re-organized so we could all hear our guest speakers and find a place to sit and eat. The room grew louder as individuals and groups of people began to introduce themselves.

We then heard from our presenters: three young women, who spoke about head coverings in their religious traditions. Each shared personal stories about what it means today to be one who wears

a hijab (Muslim), a turban (Sikh), or a kippa (Jewish). All three women spoke about historical meaning and religious symbolism. Beyond this, they shared much about their lived experience of embracing and struggling with aspects of their own religious traditions.

We strive to look at the whole person and dig into deeper questions.

It was a successful event at that point, but then something deeper happened . . .

I should note at this point that the majority of students who attended were from either a Sikh or Muslim tradition. As the presenters concluded their talks, the audience had the opportunity to ask questions. The questions moved from basic questions of clarification to much deeper, honest, and more personal questions about stereotypes and application of obscure rules: "My grandmother told me that Sikhs can't eat Halal meat. Is this true, and why?" "Do people make fun

of you, too?" "Why do people think Sikhs and Muslims are the same? We are so different." The atmosphere in the room was one of trust and open conversation, as those present risked honest and open exchanges in their genuine desire to understand one another.

This is one example of the diversity of experience and education that Luther College continues to offer. We strive to look at the whole person and dig into deeper questions. We continue to ask, "What does it mean to be Luther College now?" Rooted in our Lutheran heritage, I pray that we will keep digging and pushing deeper and wider as we open ourselves and our students to what it means to be human, seek vocational clarity, and live to love and serve our neighbors.

Pastor Sean Bell  
Chaplain,  
Luther College at the University of Regina

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# ALUMNI PROFILE

Written by Lynette Piper and Angela Bethune

## MICHELLE BEVERIDGE (HS'88)

### WHEN PASSION AND PURPOSE COLLIDE

There's no doubt about it. Michelle Beveridge is a dynamic change-maker who knows how to get things done.

Her activism and social responsibility have taken her all over the world, where she's helped shape policy and communicate a call-to-action on issues ranging from the inequities facing poor rice farmers in Guyana to the challenges facing Saskatchewan's Indigenous youth.

The Luther College alumna (HS '88) grew up with a strong sense of purpose.

"My parents were very involved in social justice issues and were also politically active," she recalls. "They took me out of school for a day during an election when I was 13. I rode my bike to and from the polls to get the voting numbers, which helped determine where voting was weak and doors needed to be knocked."

Michelle says Luther provided a sense of belonging and a nurturing environment that she craved.

"My very first memory was my excitement over finding my locker and meeting two people on either side of me that became really good friends," she smiles. "Some people search for that sense of belonging their entire lives – the kind that grounds you and gives you the confidence to try new things and see how far you can go. I felt I belonged at Luther."

She went to Queen's University after she graduated, and then returned home to complete a degree in journalism at the University of Regina, which is where she met her husband, Jason Warick, renowned investigative journalist for CBC Saskatchewan. They have two children, Angelina, 13, and Taras, 10.

After working with CBC right after graduating, she moved to Saskatoon with Jason and began freelancing, but soon found herself working for Oxfam Canada, eventually as Oxfam's policy and program specialist on international trade and agriculture during the World Trade Organization negotiations. "I was in Guyana talking to small rice farmers who were dealing with high rates of suicide in their communities because they were losing their market to huge American rice corporations. When you see policy played out in such a profound way, you can't help but feel a sense of responsibility to the injustices in the system. I wanted to help make the system fairer."

Michelle's face lights up as she talks about her passion for making policies real. "It's important to show the impact that policies are having on people's day-to-day lives. Telling their stories is a way to make it real," she enthuses. "Powerful stories can motivate people to act. They can help change behaviours and that can change policies. This is what attracted me to journalism as well as campaigning."

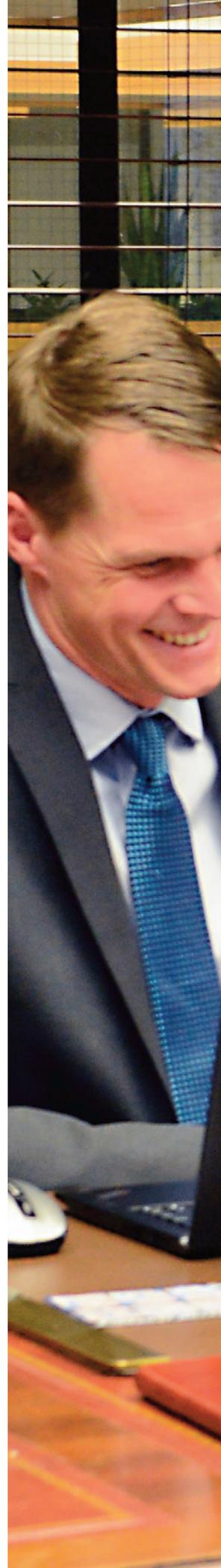
Michelle has been trying to make an impact here in Saskatchewan as well. Working as their campaign managers, she helped get a Saskatoon MP, a Saskatchewan MLA, and Saskatoon Mayor Charlie Clark successfully elected – all within a year.

Currently her role is Chief of Staff to Mayor Clark. She is his chief advisor and is responsible for ensuring his priorities continue to move ahead, which includes increased investment in the downtown and an economic growth strategy for the city.

A project she has helped lead is Saskatoon's proposal to the federal government's Smart Cities Challenge. Saskatoon made it to the finalist phase with ConnectYXE, an innovative technology and data hub that works in partnership with community organizations and institutions to address the cycle of Indigenous youth incarceration. Michelle spoke to Prime Minister Trudeau and federal Ministers about the importance of this proposal. A highlight was when the Indigenous youth involved in the project said they wanted to tell their stories to emphasize the importance that this technology would have had on their own lives when they were in crisis.

"It was their idea to organize this Sharing Circle and they spoke from the heart. Personal stories like that demonstrate how policies and programs can make a real difference and change lives."

Michelle says her relentlessness and downright stubbornness probably plays a role in her success at getting things done. "I have two mottos. The first is GEPO – which stands for Good Enough, Push On. You have to keep pushing forward and can't get stuck in perfectionism. The other is Make It Work. Keeping an open mind and being open to diversity of thought is so important. You have to stick with it and find different ways to get things done when you run into obstacles."





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Michelle at work as Chief of Staff to Saskatoon Mayor Charlie Clark (photo credit Heather Fritz)  
Michelle, her husband Jason and children Taras and Angelina show their Rider Pride

# ALUMNI PROFILE

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## GRACE (GANSORN) DREVER (HS'92)

### A PLACE WHERE NO ONE IS LEFT BEHIND

Some kids breeze through high school with an easy confidence, great grades, and sights set on promising careers in law, medicine, or finance. **Grace (Ganshorn) Drever (HS'92)** admits she was not one of them. In fact, Grace says she might not have received her diploma at all had it not been for her dedicated Luther teachers.

"When I first arrived at Luther, I was really behind in my sciences, and my teacher, Mark Becker, worked with me during lunch hours and after school to make sure I could keep up with the others. He was so dedicated," she says thoughtfully. "I struggled with health issues throughout my teens. Mr. Becker was one of the big reasons I graduated. He came to see me in the hospital and brought me books and read to me. His dedication touched me greatly."

Grace smiles as she recalls the mentors who took an admittedly shy, anxiety-ridden teen under their wing and made her feel like she belonged and that she could succeed. "Oh Pastor C – he was one of my biggest supporters!" she enthuses. "I had so many troubles with anxiety, but Pastor C (Allan Christiansen) was amazing. It's like he knew I was struggling, and he'd say – 'come on, let's talk'. He got me through some pretty tough times. He even came to my Grade 8 graduation – he and Pastor (Don) King. They cared and wanted us to succeed."

Grace says extra tutoring and one-on-one attention from the teachers is what makes Luther so unique. Grace's best friend, Jodi Hawkin, was another student who benefitted from Luther. "Oh, she was trouble," Grace laughs. "We fought constantly back then, but today she's one of my best friends. I remember Dr. (Mark) Anderson, our English teacher, had the patience of Job. They all did. And no one gave up on her. She's now a teacher herself and has worked with kids that society has given up on. I'm sure it's because of the example that Dr. Anderson and the others set."

Grace is proud of the fact that her daughter, Allyson, now in Grade 9, is the fourth generation of her family to attend Luther.

"My grandpa Milton – who passed back in 1996 – went to Luther for a year. He was the oldest of eight siblings, and after a crop failure, he had to leave school and help at the farm. But it must have left an impression on him, because when he had a family of his own, he made sure that my dad Clifford Ganshorn went to Luther (from 1959-1961 in grades 9 and 10) and my aunt **Marion (Ganshorn) Molloy (HS'60)** as well. Then, when my dad grew up, he thought it was important to do whatever it took to send my brother **Phil Ganshorn (HS'93)** and I to Luther, even though money was tight. Luther is a big deal in our family." Grace's cousin **Joyce Molloy (HS'87)** is also an alumna. Grace's aunt Marion told us that the year Milton attended was the first year that Miss (Emilie)Walter was the Dean of Women. "She was still there for my three years of attendance. I still think she is my favorite role model for my younger years. Luther gave me and my daughter, Joyce, the tools to proceed to a higher education and for that I am grateful."

Allyson says being from a multi-generational Luther family is pretty unique. "When I first met Mr. Becker, he couldn't believe that Grace was my mom. He said: 'I remember when you were just born!'"

Grace says, "People from all walks of life attend Luther because they know the teachers really care and bring out the best in young people – whatever path they might take."

For Grace, that was finding the courage to be herself, and to explore her creative side. She has had careers on her family's grain farm, in a greenhouse, a craft store, and as a baker. "I then spent 14 years working for Balloons and Designs by Fred, which was so much fun and brought joy to others."

"My life is good. I'm happy raising my family and contributing in whatever way I can. If anything, I want to show other kids who might struggle that they, too, can find their place. I will always be grateful for everything Luther gave me, and everything it's now giving my daughter."

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Alumni Clifford Ganshorn and Phillip Ganshorn



Milton Ganshorn, back row, third from left, on Luther's baseball team in 1929

Allyson Drever and Grace Drever



# ALUMNI PROFILE

Written by Amber Peters (U'06)

## DR. KIMBERLEY SAMKOE (U'01)

### CHANGING COURSE FOR A LOVE OF RESEARCH

As an undergraduate, **Kimberley Samkoe's (U'01)** interest in science and medicine were pointing her toward a career as a medical doctor; however, her passion for research was also formidable. In the end, she *would* don a white coat, but it would be in the research laboratory, not in the healthcare system.

Kimberley first discovered the appeal of research work while completing her Bachelor of Science degree. While still intending to apply to medical school after convocating in 2001, Kimberley headed to the University of Calgary to spend a year working. A meeting with a Department of Chemistry professor to discuss work as a research assistant was a turning point: "By the time I left his office, he'd convinced me to at least try a Master's Degree," she recalls.

Her work as a graduate student only deepened her love of research work, and the allure of medical school began to fade: "I really liked grad school. With research, you're doing something different every day and problem-solving, which is my favourite thing to do. It's extremely rewarding. I'd found something I was more interested in than medical school." As a Master's student, she took advantage of the option to challenge the candidacy of the PhD program and made the decision to forgo medical school altogether if she passed the qualifying exam, as this meant she would be able to bypass her Master's and head straight into her PhD. And that is exactly what happened.

In 2007, she completed her PhD and began a post-doctoral fellowship at Dartmouth College, where she remains today as Assistant Professor of Surgery at the Geisel School of Medicine as well as a faculty member in Optics in Medicine. She currently runs a research lab with a post-doctoral fellow and two PhD graduate students, and is also involved in running a clinical trial that is researching improving a technique called Florescence Guided Surgery, which assists surgeons in being better able to distinguish healthy from cancerous tissue.

Kimberley's work has not gone unnoticed. In August 2018, she received an NIH R37 MERIT award (Method to Extend Research in Time) from the National Cancer Institute. The award adds an additional two years of funding to the five years of funding she received from her Research Project Grant (R01). "I didn't expect to be nominated," she says of the R37 grant. "Typically they are awarded to more senior scientists, doing extraordinary research."

In the grand scheme of things Kimberley is still a relatively new researcher in her field. As such, being honoured with this grant is indicative of her success. In acknowledging her achievements, however, Kimberley also gives credit to those around her: "It's to Dartmouth's credit and the people that I work with there. The research team that I'm involved with and have been since I was a post-doctoral fellow – we're really collaborative. I have very successful colleagues who are giving with their time, support, and knowledge. I've had wonderful mentorship and support."

Indeed, Kimberley sees mentorship and support as truly rewarding aspects of her job: "Part of how I got here was the interest and support of people when I was going through school. They pointed me [in the right direction], so I really try to take it upon myself to have conversations with students – about life – how to balance life and being a researcher – that's one of the most rewarding parts. When you get someone in your lab and you can see that they become inspired to solve that problem, take the next step. You can see it click for them and become a passion."

For Dr. Kimberley Samkoe, the continual search for answers that will improve human life and human health motivates her like nothing else: "I'm not a doctor treating patients, but the work I'm doing is directly relevant to humans. The work we're doing can improve patient outcomes and that's so exciting."



**REMEMBERING LUTHER:**

“I had heard that Luther provided a really personal experience and there were always going to be mentors, people to help you with class selection at Luther. And I’d heard really good things about the small class sizes — better student experience — and I did feel that was the case, especially compared to my friends.”



# ALUMNI PROFILE

*Written by Amber Peters (U'06)*

## JENNA TICKELL (U'13)

### DISCOVERING A HERITAGE

Like many of her peers, **Jenna Tickell (U'13)** began her undergraduate degree with a clear goal in mind: get a degree, be a great therapist. But her time at Luther would change more than just her credentials; it would change her life.

Jenna, whose background is equal parts Metis, First Nations, Irish, and Scottish, did not have a connection with her Indigenous roots when she began her bachelor's degree. "The images and notions I was presented with about Indigenous people over the course of my life — I didn't identify with them. All I had were those stereotypical images and misconceptions; it's hard to take on an identity that you know nothing about."

It wasn't until beginning her university studies that she came to learn about the history and culture of Indigenous peoples in Canada, and she realized that the preconceived notions she held weren't true. For the first time in her adult life she acknowledged, and felt empowered by, that part of her heritage.

Jenna is grateful for the guidance of staff and faculty that she met at Luther: their support, encouragement, and advice were important in bringing her to the place she is today. It was in a Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women class, taught by Women's and Gender Studies and Religious Studies professor Dr. Brenda Anderson, where she first publically owned her Indigenous heritage. "My entire life has changed because of my education," Jenna states. "[It] has made for meaningful relationships and a career."

While writing her Honours paper, which argued that the inclusion of Indigenous history in the school curriculum should be standard practice, Jenna attended a public lecture by Sylvia Smith, a University of Regina (UofR) graduate student. Smith was presenting about a program called Project of Heart (POH), which teaches about the history of the residential school system in Canada, and the implications of that history — which still

reverberate today. The program was created by Smith as a part of her Master of Education program to be used as a tool for teaching Indigenous history in Canada's school system. Jenna recognized that POH was exactly the type of educational programming she was calling for in her Honours paper.

In 2016, Jenna facilitated the inaugural POH course offered by LCUR. The course was free and open to everyone — students, community members, university faculty and staff. The program, which met its maximum of forty students, was a hit and has been offered each year since.

In February 2019, she was hired for a six-month term by Luther as an Indigenous Educator, a role created by the College to act on their commitment to the Truth and Reconciliation process. In this role, she is working with faculty and staff at LCUR to help determine how the College can most effectively contribute to the reconciliation process, both within its own walls, and in the greater community.

Jenna is also a graduate student at the UofR, working on her Special Case Master's in Women's and Gender Studies, and is in the process of writing her thesis entitled "Canadian Matchmakers: How Colonialist Policies United Indigenous Women and Chinese Bachelors on the Prairies." She hopes to defend this spring.

Although she is hesitant to nail down exactly what her future career looks like, Jenna knows "it will be heart-based. I want it to mean something," she says, "and to make a difference." To ensure that her career choices meet those ends, she says her work (collectively) will be something hard on the heart — emotionally challenging, empowering, and centred on health and well-being. "[My] career will be mixed. Overall I want to be doing those three things throughout my life. I want to live and give back and be part of the community."



**REMEMBERING LUTHER:**

“There’s something about [Luther] that’s warm and inviting. [I] always looked forward to my Luther classes.”



Jenna and Canadian Senator Lillian Dyck at a lunch in 2015. Senator Dyck is currently on Jenna's MA committee.  
Bottom L to R: Regina Indian Industrial School (RIIS) Cemetery – SK's 51st Provincial Heritage Property. The plaque at the RIIS Cemetery.

# 2018 DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS

## RECOGNIZING DON KING AND ARTHUR KRENTZ



Rev. Dr. Don King - 1  
 Dr. King with Erna Huget, Rein Sommerfeld and Morris Anderson - 2  
 Dr. King speaking at a graduation ceremony - 3  
 Dr. King (back row, left) with other faculty having a fun dress-up day - 4

## REV. DR. DON KING

Rev. Dr. Don King served both campuses of Luther College in roles that have covered nearly every facet of the College's operations. Don and his wife, Pat, began their life at Luther College in 1966 and remained directly involved for thirty years. Don was instrumental in several important initiatives, including the successful campaign and construction of the Luther College university building and initiating the chaplaincy, student services, and residence programs. Pat was involved in serving, supporting, and cooperating with Don in many ways during their Luther journey.

Don's work at Luther College began in 1965 as a Board Member while he was a pastor in Weyburn. In 1966, he was hired as the Director of Development & Alumni Relations and the High School Christian Ethics teacher. He coordinated the campaign to raise the necessary funds for the construction of Luther's building on the University of Regina campus.

When the university campus was established in 1971, Don served as the university's Chaplain, as Dean of Students, and as Religious Studies instructor until 1980. He then served as Principal of the High School from 1980 to 1991.

Under his leadership, the High School adopted the International Baccalaureate program and completed the construction of a new classroom and library wing.

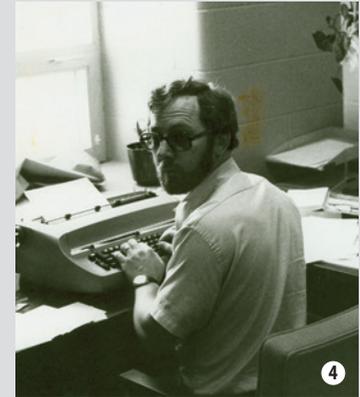
As Principal, Don served on a provincial committee that recommended to the government that schools such as Luther be designated as "historical high schools." This was enacted into provincial regulations in 1991. That July, Don became the President of Luther College, a position he held for three years. Don completed his service by returning to his first role with the College, serving as Director of Development in his last year.

Don and Pat's four children are alumni – **Robert King (HS'77)**, **Paul King** and his wife **Nancy (both HS'79)**, **Dawn Pearcey (HS'80)**, and **Lisa King (HS'83)**. Lisa also served Luther College in the alumni office for two years. Two of Don's grandchildren, **Carly (HS'09)** and **Mitchell (HS'13)** are alumni and a third, Sawyer, is enrolled through Luther College at the University of Regina.

Nominations are open year-round to nominate someone in the Luther community for the 2019 recipient of this award.

Luther College's Distinguished Service Award, established in 2011, is granted to individuals who have shown dedication to and support for Luther College and its mission through their ongoing loyalty, commitment, outstanding contribution, and service.

The 2018 Distinguished Service Award recipients are Rev. Dr. Don King and Dr. Arthur Krentz. The awards were presented during the Founders' Day Dinner on November 14, 2018. The Founders' Day Dinner, held each fall, recognizes and honours the generosity and spirit of Luther College's many benefactors, past and present, who have participated in the establishment and growth of the College.



Dr. Arthur Krentz - 1

Art teaching his logic class in 1975. - 2

(L-R): Art, Mrs. Spencer, Mr. Spencer, Don King, Ken Spencer (U'92, Luther Resident 1981-1985) in the early 2000's at the LCUR Awards Ceremony - 3

Art in his office in 1976. - 4

## DR. ARTHUR KRENTZ

Dr. Arthur Krentz served Luther College at the University of Regina for thirty-four years, and was instrumental in establishing the academic program. Throughout his career, he emphasized the need to create a balance between pursuing progressive ideas and preserving traditional roots.

One of three founding faculty members at the university campus, Art arrived at Luther in 1971 with his wife, Caroline, having accepted the position of Professor of Philosophy. He was appointed academic dean a year later, and served Luther in this role on three different occasions: from 1972–1977, 1982–1983, and 1990–1995. During his time as Dean, Art hired a number of faculty members who embodied the academic context and mission of Luther. These key hirings formed the core faculty of Luther College for the next several decades; some of them remain at the College today. He established an academic office with a Dean's assistant, secretary, and eventually a registrar, to better serve students and meet their daily needs. Art also advocated and successfully engineered the computerization of the College's university campus including the academic office, in the early 1990's, long before others recognized the need.

Art assisted in establishing a variety of scholarships, bursaries, and awards, which provide financial support for students from enrollment through graduation. Throughout his many years of service at Luther, Art remained a popular lecturer and mentor to many students; alumni continue to comment on his passion for his subject and his care of students. Perhaps most importantly, he formed numerous long-lasting friendships with his colleagues.

At the time of his retirement in 2005, Art was the longest serving staff member at the university campus. Following his retirement, Art continued to give back to Luther by establishing the Emil & Natalie Krentz Scholarship in Humanities and Fine Arts in 2009. Art and Caroline's children, **Nathan (HS '90)** and **Adrienne (HS '91-93)**, are also alumni of Luther College.

**“Our Distinguished Service Award recipients have given selflessly to the College in so many ways.”**

**President Dr. Bryan Hillis (U'78)**

# LCUR FACULTY & STAFF SERVING THE COMMUNITY

## THE PHILOSOPHY OF ETHICAL AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT



**Dr. Roger Petry (U'90)** might be known around Luther College at the University of Regina as an Associate Professor of Philosophy, but when not teaching classes he keeps himself busy as a coordinator for the Regional Centre of Expertise on Education for Sustainable Development in Saskatchewan (RCE Saskatchewan). Dr. Petry sat down to talk to us about the important work that RCE Saskatchewan does within our province.

### What is RCE Saskatchewan and how are you involved with it?

An RCE is a way of making our world more sustainable by thinking globally about the future of our planet and acting locally within our ability for positive change. Currently over 168 RCEs have been acknowledged worldwide since 2005 by the United Nations University (UNU). RCE Saskatchewan was a very early RCE, having been acknowledged by the UNU in 2007.

My involvement began even earlier, in February of 2005 with the launch of the UN Decade on Education for Sustainable Development (2005–2014). Starting in the summer of 2005 and for the next year and a half, I, along with the late Lyle Benko (another first co-founder of RCE Saskatchewan), worked with local partners in our region to identify our top sustainability issues. We then developed a lightweight, voluntary governance structure for RCE Saskatchewan.



### What goals does RCE Saskatchewan work towards?

The goal of the RCE program is to use education to advance sustainable development: development that meets the needs of the present generation without jeopardizing future generations. These RCE initiatives connect universities and other post-secondary institutions with schools, local organizations, policy makers, and community sustainability practitioners. The UNU realized that communities know their most pressing sustainability issues (environmental, economic, social, or cultural) and the local organizations with capacities to address these.

A central feature of all RCEs is a focus on education. This education includes not only formal education but training occurring within corporations and governments, and broad forms of public education (libraries, museums, community organizations, or public media).

The RCE recognized early on that new local “living laboratories” needed to be developed in rural areas, towns, and cities. The RCE pursued “Ecomuseums” as this off-campus living laboratory model. Ecomuseums are not buildings but rather community networks that champion living cultural and ecological heritage “on the land.” Luther College students through our Ecomuseum course worked with several ecomuseums at their early stages, including the Calling Lakes Ecomuseum. The Calling Lakes Ecomuseum champions water quality issues in the Qu’Appelle River system. It has worked with the RCE around larger regional water issues, including wetland loss, illegal drainage, and the impacts of mining on water quality and quantity on the prairies.

### Why did you want to become involved with RCE Saskatchewan?

As a specialist in ethics I naturally ask questions about “the elephant in the room,” namely, how can our global economy address the needs of the worst off while respecting those of future generations? This brings to mind the important saying that “to do development you need to be clever, but to do sustainable development you need to be wise.” If this is true, the knowledge of philosophers is central to advancing the sustainable development agenda. The RCE provides me, as a scholar, with a direct avenue for learning from, engaging, and transforming Saskatchewan communities for sustainability. The global network of RCEs builds further relationships with equally committed and capable individuals and organizations. As a scholarly movement, RCEs provide, in my view, our best chance to successfully advance the UN Sustainable Development Goals and I am happy to play my part.



From Top: Dr. Roger Petry (U'90)

RCE Tour of UNESCO Redberry Lake Biosphere Reserve near Saskatoon, SK

RCE Discussion Groups in Hafford, SK

## TEACHING A COMMUNITY THROUGH HISTORICAL COOKING

Chef **Moe Mathieu (HS'88)** is a busy man, managing the Luther College Food Services at the University campus, which includes the Luther Cafeteria as well as conference and catering services. However, for the last ten years he has found the time to make the long trip up to La Ronge, Saskatchewan, each year to teach Aboriginal and Historical food to high school students.

It all started when Connie Haugen, a teacher at the Churchill Community High School in La Ronge, met Moe at a Skills Canada Saskatchewan competition where he was a judge. The mission of Skills Canada Saskatchewan is to promote and engage Saskatchewan youth in skilled trades and technologies. Connie was at the competition with students from her "Professional Cooking" class and she approached Moe, who holds a journeyman Red Seal Chef certification, about the possibility of him coming to her school and helping her students better prepare for next year's competition. Even after finding out that it was all the way up in La Ronge, he did not hesitate and agreed to help immediately. "It's amazing," he laughs, "how these little random encounters can create these unique opportunities."

Moe, who is Metis, describes his teaching as historical cooking, because he likes to give a lesson on the history of the food, not just how to prepare it. For example, instead of teaching a simple lesson about taking pasta and boiling it, he explains the history of wheat, how it affected our ancestors, where it came from, and how it is important to life.

After the success of the first class in La Ronge, he was asked to come back again. This time he would be teaching in the Friendship Centre for the community. They spent the first half of the day going over historical cooking and the latter half was spent going over hors d'oeuvres and things to make when entertaining guests. With this class Moe was now a part of the community, and ever since he has returned a few times each year, staying for three to five days at a time.

It's a commitment that Moe enjoys because he gets to see the impact of his classes on the students and the community. His trips are still planned with Connie, and they try to plan his visits around the school's Aboriginal days. On Aboriginal days, elders will come into the class and show the students how to traditionally cook culinary items such as fish and bannock. Moe will take the same inspiration and showcase traditional foods in another way, such as bison and wild rice done as a stylized plate.

The scheduling for Moe's visits does not always work out, and sometimes Moe suggests other chefs to take his place. At other times, a more creative solution has to be found. In his first year at Luther, for instance, the La Ronge students travelled to Regina and stayed in the Luther Residence. The class was turned into a mini-cooking camp and retreat, an experience that left a lasting impression on the students.

After a decade of sharing his enthusiasm for historical cooking with students in La Ronge, Moe has made a real connection with the community. "It's exciting when you can see the passion for cooking light up in someone who was never introduced to it before." It has become more than simply an act of community service, as he has seen the students grow and come back to help him teach. Others have gone on to culinary school themselves, inspired by the classes.

"Anyone technically could teach the class," Moe admits. "But I want to teach. This experience is wholly different from my regular day. . . when you make a connection with people like that, why wouldn't you want to go back?"



From Top: Chef Moe Mathieu (HS'88)  
Chef Moe doing a flavour demo with the students.  
Chef Moe showing students how to make pasta.



Central Evangelical Lutheran Church – courtesy David Solheim

# A CHURCH LEGACY LIVES ON

*Written by Angela Bethune*

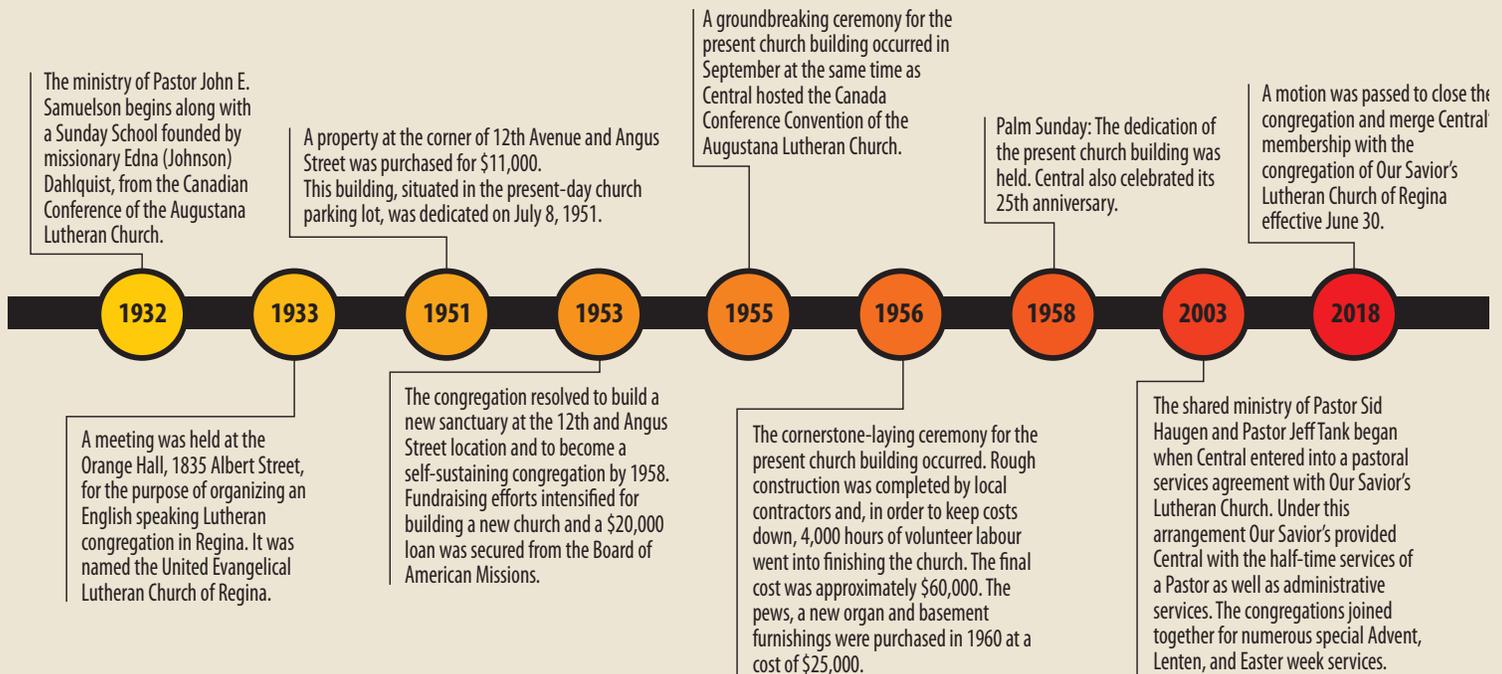
The last worship service has been held and the final hymns have been sung. After 85 years, the doors at Central Evangelical Lutheran Church closed one last time on June 24, 2018. For many congregations, the decision to close a church is a difficult one, and it was no different at Central Lutheran.

Daryl Nelson is a board member of Luther College, and a lifelong member of Central Lutheran. “We closed because of dwindling financial and human resources. Most of our membership moved to Our Savior’s Lutheran Church. However, we still had some financial resources left with the church building and its contents. It was decided we’d sell the church building and fixtures and use proceeds from there and any other remaining financial resources to donate to various organizations.”

This decision was an important one for the congregation, because it would allow them to continue their work and legacy through the mission of Luther College, as well as various other charities.

“The congregation considered a number of possibilities and it eventually came to the approximately half a dozen that were chosen. We wanted to honour all the contributions of the various members of 85 years who donated their time, finances, and other resources to build up Central Lutheran Church,” says Daryl.

# HISTORY OF CENTRAL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



The proceeds from the sale of the church allowed donations to be made to Canadian Lutheran World Relief, the Saskatchewan Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, Luther College High School, Kinasao Lutheran Bible Camp, Indigenous Christian Fellowship, and Our Savior's Lutheran Church.

The church had an affinity for Luther College High School. "Over the years, several children of Central Lutheran members were students of Luther College, and a couple were teachers there. It's also just a recognition of Luther's fine record of educating people within a Lutheran tradition and Christian context," explains Daryl.

Luther College High School will be using the donation to support the capital campaign and a new bursary for students in need. "We were aware of the need and had a desire to have the money put to good use in the community. Besides supporting Luther in their capital projects, setting up a bursary in Central's name gives our church ongoing recognition for a number of years. And, it allows us to help fund some students' education, who may not have been able to [attend Luther] otherwise," says Daryl.

Thanks to their generosity, Luther College High School will begin offering the Central Evangelical Lutheran Church of Regina Student Bursary in the 2019-2020 academic school year. A portion of the donation is also being put towards the *A Time To Build* capital campaign, which is wrapping up its final stages.

The decision to close came after several years of doing their best to continue despite their challenges. During the last 15 years, Pastors Sid Haugen, Jeff Tank and Amber Hoffman of Our Savior's Lutheran served Central Lutheran through a shared ministry. This began in 2003 when Central entered into a pastoral services agreement with Our Savior's, under which Our Savior's provided Central with the half-time services of a pastor as well as administrative services. As "Partners in Worship", Our Savior's and Central's congregations joined together for numerous special Advent, Lenten and Easter week services. Despite their decreasing resources, this arrangement allowed Central to carry on for 15 more years until 2018, when the congregation passed a final motion to close their doors.

Daryl notes, "We want to convey to other churches who are or will be in the same situation [as Central] that a shared services agreement can be a model for them, and there are various wonderful opportunities for the use of any remaining resources upon closure. Others may see this and decide it's the best plan for their future too."



The exterior of the church as it looked before closing in 2018 – courtesy Jeff Tank

# DONOR PROFILE

Written by Lynette Piper and Angela Bethune

## BOB & VIOLET (KRELL) JACOB (HSU'56) & (HS'54, HSU'55)

### A LEGACY OF GIVING



Violet and Bob Jacobs visited Luther in 2018 to present the scholarship established in legacy of her brother William.

Bob and Violet (Krell) Jacob of Winnipeg have built their lives around the biblical teaching: "Your first tenth is the Lord's." This is a reference to the act of "tithing" or giving the first 10 per cent of what you earn to do God's work.

Through the years, this retired pastor and his wife, a former public health nurse, have made it their mission to support charities locally and around the world, including the Red Cross, the Cancer Society, Salvation Army, Plan Canada, schools in Central America and children's aid in India, the Bible Society, Lutheran World Relief, and many more. As passionate Luther alumni, the Jacobs are also generous Luther College donors and believe that giving back to others helps keep them grounded in their faith.

"We really are the fortunate ones," begins **Violet (HS'54, HSU'55)**. "We see a lot of need and it's only natural to want to help. Giving reminds us that everything we have is a gift from God and we are grateful."

Violet recalls that as a young couple starting out in the early 1960's, there often wasn't quite enough money to go around, but they never wavered from their priorities. "Sometimes we had to borrow from the Lord's Treasury Box (our family tithing box) to supply our needs. When pay day came again, we always put that money back in," she offers. "We just learned to make do because we never claimed that first one tenth as our own. That money came off first."

It's a selfless philosophy that has inspired a legacy of giving for the Krell family. When Violet's brother **William Krell (HS'51)**, passed away in 2016, he left a gift in his will to establish a new scholarship at Luther. "He absolutely loved his Luther years which, he said, changed his purpose and his outlook on life. It meant so much for him to go on to the University of Saskatchewan, because of Luther."

That sense of pride and service to others was nurtured in part from the family's Lutheran faith, but also because of the siblings' strong foundation received at Luther College. Violet and her older sisters, **Lily (Krell) Paterson (HS'47, HSU'50)**, **Leah (Krell) Diemert (HSU'50)**, **Sophie (Krell) Knoch (HSU'50)** and **Marie (Krell) Christiansen (HS'52)**, as well as their brother William (Bill) all attended Luther College and lived in the school dorms. In 1949-50, five siblings stayed in the dorms the same year, setting a record for Luther. Providing the means for that education did not come easy for this Stoughton farm family, and it meant selling grain, cattle, eggs, and cream just to afford the tuition and housing.

In 1999, the Krell siblings established a scholarship in honour of their late parents, Frederick and Magdalena. "We wanted to do something special that acknowledged their tremendous effort to ensure that we got a good education and to assist others to attend Luther. My mom always told us to get a good education because nobody could take that away from us."

Violet says her Luther teachers displayed an exemplary level of dedication. "I remember Mr. Liefeld helped me register for Grade 12. When I completed my first year of university and was registering for the degree nursing program at the U of S, I discovered that I needed Grade 12 physics, but I didn't have it," she recalls. "He said, 'Why didn't you take physics?' and I bravely told him:



Bob Jacob in 1955.



Violet Krell in 1954.

‘Mr. Liefeld, you were the one who registered me.’ I think he was shocked at the oversight. So, he arranged for me to come to his house at 8:00 a.m. every morning from the end of April until June for a condensed course in physics. Now that’s dedication.”

Violet’s husband **Bob (HSU’56)** also attended Luther for first year university. He was the first in his family of six to finish high school and had the support of his parents, Tony and Karoline Jacob, to attend Luther. He went to U of S and Lutheran Theological Seminary, earning a Masters of Divinity Degree. Ironically, however, the two never met at Luther. “I went to the Luther College bookstore to buy some used books and what do you know, I bought a few books belonging to Violet Krell,” laughs Bob. “I didn’t know her at the time because she had already left Luther for university in Saskatoon. When I was at Seminary, Violet and I met at a Lutheran Students Association meeting. As Violet recalls: “He asked me out for coffee and that was the beginning of it all.”

The couple married and built a life for themselves in Winnipeg, which has included more than five decades of pastoral service to the church in three congregations. When the couple started having their family of six children, Violet took time out from her nursing career to manage the home front, and then returned to nursing 18 years later. Their eldest daughter Lori (Jacob) Brooks also attended Luther for grade 11 and 12 in 1978-1980.

While the couple is now retired, their charitable work is ongoing, and so is their generosity. They together visited over 2,000 homes to establish a New Mission Congregation and a church building in Birds Hill, a bedroom community near Winnipeg. They also have 11 grandchildren, all pursuing educations and careers. Bob adds, “We keep busy on so many fronts, including being active as alumni of Luther College. It’s an amazing educational organization that ensures the excellent standard of education continues.”

To ensure those high standards remain, the Jacobs say they plan to continue their Luther philanthropy for the rest of their lives, and even after they’re gone. “We give because we’re reminded that we are not only servants to God, but to all people,” says Bob. “Giving is a natural extension of that service to others.”

## IN MEMORIAM

With sorrow and remembrance, we share the names of these Luther College alumni and friends on their passing.

**Ivan Morley (HS’45)**

**Don Peterson (HS’46)**

**Sonja (Hanssen) Hardy (HS’48, HSU’49)**

**Donna (Myrvold) Nicurity (attended 1951-52)**

**Dale Mohr (attended 1952-54)**

**Ernie Everingham (HS’54, HSU’55)**

**Beverly Blakely (HS’56)** – her siblings Charlene (HS’60), Valerie (HS’64), Douglas (HS’65) are all alumni. Their father Leonard was on the Board of Regents from 1962-1968. The Winifred & Leonard Blakely Memorial Scholarship was established by the family in 1965 and continues to this day.

**Kathy (Cunningham) Brunes (HS’57)**

**Alison (Cookson) French (HS’57)**

**Dale Frombach (HS’58)**

**Rick Elder (HS’61)**

**Neil Robinson (HS’62)**

**Heather Mitton (HS’70)** – Classmate Eric Sommerfeld (HS’70, U’79) says Heather was a school leader, outstanding athlete, and wonderful person. “Heather was a bright light at Luther during her time there, and those of us who knew her will miss her big laugh, her smiles, and warm heart.”

**Lee Cowie (U’83)**

**Scott Beck (HS’90)**

**Ashley Luther (HS’06)** – Known in her professional modelling career as Elly Mayday, Ashley lost her battle with ovarian cancer.

**Monica Vollhoffer (friend of Luther College)**

*In the Fall 2018 In Memoriam section, we misspelled Sharrin Harper’s maiden name which is Haas. We omitted Glenda Gunn’s maiden name, which is Ireland, and she was an alumna of HS’57 and not HS’58. Our apologies to all.*

## CORRECTIONS

*On the Fall 2018 issue cover, we incorrectly labelled Bob Steadward. He is an alumnus of the High School (HS’64), not the High School/University campus. Dr. Volker Greifenhagen returns to teaching in Fall 2019 not Fall 2020 (although he was quite happy to read that his sabbatical had been extended by a year).*

# ON CAMPUS HIGH SCHOOL

## LUTHER'S FIRST LORAN SCHOLAR

Grade 12 student Chan-Min Roh was selected as a Loran Scholar in February 2019. Chan is one of 35 young Canadians who received the award out of a pool of 5,089 applicants. The Loran Scholarship recipients are selected based on their integrity, courage, compassion, grit and a high level of personal autonomy. Chan is the first Luther student to receive this prestigious honor! The Loran Award is valued at \$100,000 over four years at a partnering university.

Chan-Min is captain of the school soccer team, leader of the debate team, co-leader of the peer support group and a member of the senior choir. In addition to his studies at Luther, Chan-Min served on the leadership committee of Saskatchewan's Youth Parliament as the Minister of Constituent Affairs, and he participated in a mission trip to Tijuana, Mexico, where he helped construct homes for local families. This spring he represented Saskatchewan in a national debate tournament in Halifax.

Chan-Min is set to graduate from Luther in June. He plans to attend the University of Toronto, where he will be taking political science. "After four years of Luther my dreams are the same in that I want to change the world and make a lasting impact on my community. But, the way I want to do that is clearer – law, or public service or diplomacy. I've thought of the paths that I can pursue to obtain that ultimate goal."

## IMPROV NATIONAL SILVER MEDALISTS!

Luther College students are silver medal champions! Our improv teams are becoming increasingly known for their skills, as both our senior improv teams competed in the provincial tournament hosted at Luther in February. The Grade 12 team 'Plaid Lads' won that tournament and went on to represent Saskatchewan in the nationals in Ottawa where they won second place, bringing home a silver medal to Luther!

## G20 SUMMIT

Five Luther students had the opportunity to visit Beijing, China. Chan-Min Roh, Josie Harrison, Emma Krause Snow, Vanessa Hu, and Suyenna Huang participated in the Model G20 Summit. The topic related to Smart Cities and Technology. These students, along with faculty member Kim Greenman, also had the opportunity to meet members from the Canadian Embassy.

## MULTICULTURAL NIGHT 2019

*Submitted by Luke Lumbard, Grade 12 student and SRC President*

In the fall of 2017, Mayson Sonntag, the President of the Luther Student Representative Council, presented the idea of creating a "Mini-Mosaic" at Luther. A short month later Mayson's dream became reality and the first-ever Luther Multicultural Night was hosted in the Merlis Belsher Heritage Center. This night was meant to highlight not only the diversity of Luther College, but also encourage dorm students to share their cultural heritage.

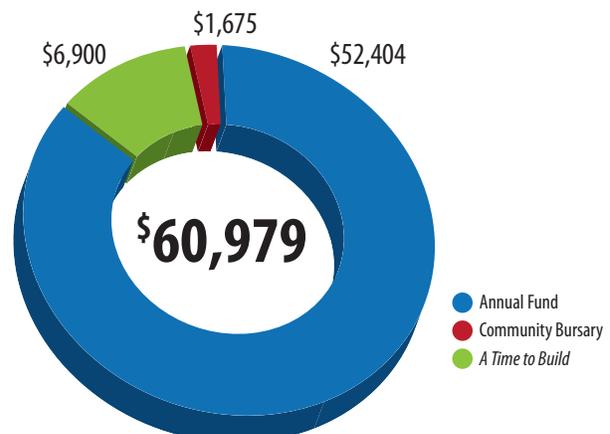
Each student who volunteers sets up a booth with both information and food relating to his or her culture. Cultural entertainment is also featured along with flags and posters from all of the represented countries.

After receiving positive feedback from parents, staff, and students, the SRC knew that this event was 'a must' to repeat. A year later, the 2018-2019 SRC hosted the second annual Multicultural Night. The SRC is thrilled to report they hosted twice the number of booths and entertainment. This event was also one of the most profitable events the SRC has hosted in the past ten years, and as a result over \$3,000 was donated to Plan International.

The SRC hopes to see you at the third annual Multicultural Night next year!

## FALL APPEAL 2018 RESULTS

The annual Fall Appeal fundraiser raised a total of \$60,979. Of the total amount raised, \$52,404 was directed to the Annual Fund to help purchase or cover the costs of the items such as musical instruments, new desks, chairs and whiteboards, financial aid, computers, and more. The remaining donations were directed to the *A Time To Build* capital campaign (\$6,900) and the Community Bursary (\$1,675). Thanks to your donations, our tradition of excellence as an independent school can continue!





# ON CAMPUS HIGH SCHOOL

## LUTHER HOCKEY

Luther alumni took to the ice in their annual game, held shortly before Christmas. The Luther Lions hockey team are also City Champs in 2019! The team is coached by faculty members Shawn Stieb and Terry Enns.

## PARENT PHILANTHROPY SUPPORTS LUTHER

The Luther Parents' Association was recognized for its commitment to philanthropy this year with an award for Outstanding Community Group from the Association of Fundraising Professionals. For the last four years, Luther parents have raised money for various school projects, totaling more than \$150,000.

The Class of 1988 was represented at the Parents' Association "Totally Throwback" '80s fundraiser, which raised nearly \$30,000 for music and athletics equipment for the school this past November.

Part of each L.I.T. is a chance for alumni to come back and play in the alumni game! This year was the first time we had three generations for the game, former faculty member **John Persson (HS'61, HSU'62)**, current faculty member **Derek Persson (HS'91)** and alumnus **Will Persson (HS'18)**, shown here.



## L.I.T. 67

*Submitted by Luke Lumbar, Grade 12 student and SRC President*

On November 23, 2018, over 100 Grade 11 and 12 students gathered in the Luther cafeteria to commence planning for the 67th annual L.I.T., February 7 to 9. Two weeks after this, 'mythology' was voted in as the theme. A month later on January 14, after Pre-L.I.T., all 16 teams had been selected. Finally, after two months of work and community, L.I.T. 67 had begun.

Effort is one of two things L.I.T. is all about. Before the tournament even began, countless members of the staff, students and faculty had already contributed well over a thousand hours of time. Artwork, advertising, team organization, and more, were all areas that committees continually worked on prior to the tournament to ensure success. This work ethic shown by L.I.T. volunteers is one of the many pillars supporting this tournament's success.

Teamwork is the second part of L.I.T. With so many students and staff dedicated to the tournament's success, L.I.T. provides the perfect opportunity for teachers and students to work together and learn from one another. New relationships are formed across all grades; after the tournament has passed, the community remains unified, held together by the bonds created through L.I.T..

Ironically, effort and teamwork are also the two most central pillars of Luther College High School. Hence, L.I.T. has and will always be a perfect reflection of Luther, in the sense that it teaches students to work hard and builds community.

**If you want to go fast, go alone.  
If you want to go far, go together.**

*African Proverb*

This year's special guest, Glen Nelson, also valued teamwork and effort. One of Glen's most well-known philosophies was: people do not get what they deserve but get what they have earned. This highly successful basketball player and coach perfectly embodied not only the ideals of the tournament, but also the model Luther community member. *(Editor's note: Glen passed away in January 2019, shortly before the tournament began.)* Glen's daughters Alexis and Katie Rae represented their father at L.I.T. and acknowledged his legacy.

Boys LIT 67 Champions: Winnipeg Sturgeon Heights Huskies

Girls LIT 67 Champions: LeBoldus Golden Suns



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## FALL 2018 APPEAL RESULTS

Thanks solely to donations made by alumni and friends to the 2018 University Fall Appeal, we raised \$12,500 of our \$14,000 goal for a new service provided by the Luther Library called "Textbooks for All." This initiative provides students with access to textbooks for all Luther courses free of charge, thereby helping reduce the financial burden of university students. The cost to provide this service to students is approximately \$3,000 per semester. Thanks to your gift, the Luther Library will be able to provide every student taking a Luther College course with access to free textbooks for **two full academic years!** THANK YOU!

## KEEPING TOES TOASTY

Every November, the University of Regina collects socks through their Toasty Toes Sock Drive for the Salvation Army, which distributes the socks to those in need. This year, Luther College at the University of Regina (LCUR) collected and donated a total of 278 pairs of socks for the drive: 98 pairs were donated by LCUR faculty and staff contributions and 180 pairs were donated through LCUR Residence alumnus Jonathan Michell.

Jonathan became aware of the sock drive when one of his two sons misplaced a sock while on the UofR campus one weekend playing soccer. In a Facebook post, he stated that it was "fate and muscle memory" that took him and his family straight to LCUR after no success in the Kinesiology Building. A staff member working the Luther coffee shop led him to the Luther Residence Assistants, "who just so happened to be running a sock drive for the homeless. With sincere promises of repayment in kind, the day was saved and the socks were procured with time left to spare." Jonathan would indeed keep his promise by replacing not only the pair that was given to his son but an additional 179 pairs of socks, donated by Wheaton Chevrolet where he works.

Through this extraordinary response of Jonathan and Wheaton Chevrolet to a misplaced sock, and through the generosity of LCUR faculty and staff, Luther's contribution to the drive nearly doubled the already 320 pairs collected by the UofR campus. Way to go Luther! #LutherProud

1 - Anika Tabassum, a first-year UofR Arts student, is thankful for Luther's Textbooks for All Program.

2 - (L-R) Luther residents Brendan and Treighton, with LCUR Manager of Communications, Michelle Clark dropping off a total of 278 pairs of socks to the UofR KHS Main Faculty Office for the Toasty Toes Sock Drive.

3 - Residence alumnus Jonathan Michell and Manager of Residence Rhonda Litzenberger with the 180 pairs donated by Jonathan's workplace (Wheaton Chevrolet).

4 - Kaitlynn Bitternose, CRE 2018-19 member.

5 - Holly Bardutz (third from left) and her Neurolinguistics students, with Dr. Ekong (far right).

6 - Jenna Tickell and participants engaged in POH 2019.

7 - Summer Leigh Cardinal, CRE 2018-19 member.

## BRINGING VOCATION INTO THE CLASSROOM

On January 28, 2019, Dr. Chris Ekong gave an interactive guest lecture for Luther sessional Holly Bardutz's fourth-year Neurolinguistics class, which is about language and the brain. Dr. Ekong is a Regina neurosurgeon and a clinical professor of Neurosurgery at the University of Saskatchewan, and took time after a full day of work to talk to the evening class with his presentation, "The Brain Behind Human Speech: A Neurosurgeon's Perspective." The lecture was very educational and provided a real-world perspective, which was thrilling to the students, many of whom are considering careers in speech pathology.

## ABORIGINAL INITIATIVES

### *Project of Heart*

Luther College at the University of Regina (LCUR) was proud to host the fourth iteration of *Project of Heart*, a nine-week free program created by University of Regina graduate Sylvia Smith and open to all community members and ages. *Project of Heart* facilitates a safe space for reciprocal learning about the residential school system in Canada. The children and families who were and still are affected by this piece of our colonial history are commemorated using an artistic approach. This program aligns with the goals of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

This year the program, which was facilitated by alumna **Jenna Tickell (U'13)** and attended by thirty-seven participants, featured publications from the Regina Indian Industrial School Commemoration Association, including Douglas Stewart's recent publication, *The Regina Indian Industrial School (1891-1910): Historical Overview and Chronological Narrative*, and a film by Janine Windolph and Trudy Stewart entitled *RIIS from Amnesia*.

### *Canadian Roots Exchange*

This is the fourth year that LCUR has partnered with the national organization Canadian Roots Exchange (CRE) to bring together a Regina CRE Youth Reconciliation team. Together with the U of R Aboriginal Student Centre, Luther College works with trained youth, Indigenous and non-Indigenous, who lead monthly events for university students and our community on reconciliation themes that address numerous actions from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's 94 Calls to Action document. This year we were proud and excited to support and learn from team members Kaitlynn Bitternose and Summer Leigh Cardinal.

A highlight of the year for the CRE team was being invited to the Saskatchewan Legislature on March 6, 2019, and being officially recognized and welcomed as CRE guests to the legislature by both the Sask Party and the NDP.



# ON CAMPUS

## LCUR ALUMNI VALENTINE'S DAY DATE NIGHT – FEBRUARY 14, 2019

Twenty alumni (ten couples) who met at Luther as day students or while living in the Luther Residence were treated to a 3-course meal with wine pairing suggestions, musical entertainment, a rousing (and very competitive) game of Luther trivia, and a walk down memory lane with tours of the Luther College Residence.

## MIDNIGHT BREAKFAST SPRING 2019

The bi-annual Midnight Breakfast was held on Wednesday, April 17, 2019. This end-of-semester tradition includes faculty and staff cooking and serving breakfast to all of the students living in the residence one evening during final exams. This well-loved tradition, which dates back to the 1980's, provides a break from the stress of exams and an opportunity for socializing and interaction between the residents and faculty and staff. Many former residents consider the Midnight Breakfasts among their fondest memories of their time in the Luther College Residence.

## NEW BEGINNINGS

After three and half years as the part-time Alumni Relations, Development & Communications Assistant, we said goodbye to **Amber Peters (U'06)**, who moved on to a new position with SGI. During her time at Luther, Amber increased engagement on all LCUR social media platforms, composed captivating Alumni and Donor Profiles for the *Luther Story*, and ensured material on the LCUR website was current and appealing. We thank Amber for her dedication to Luther, and wish her all the best with her new opportunity.

We welcome Stephanie Cyca as the new part-time assistant. Stephanie has bachelor's degrees in Arts (English & History) and Business Administration from the University of Regina. She is also the copywriter for Marsh Digital, a Regina-based digital marketing agency that assists clients with website optimization/analytics and digital advertising campaigns across Google, YouTube, and social media.

1 - Jeremy (Luther Resident from 2000-2002) & Yolanda Hansen (U'06 and Luther Resident 2002-2004) fell in love at Luther. 2 - Valentine's Day Date Night 2019 was held in the Luther Chapel. 3 - Spring 2019 Midnight Breakfast faculty and staff volunteers 4 - Stephanie Cyca





# AUGUST 2021

## LUTHER COLLEGE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF REGINA'S 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY!

**Mark your calendars for August 2021  
when LCUR and the Luther College Residence  
will celebrate 50 years.**

All alumni (academic and residence) and their families  
are invited back to LCUR to join in the festivities.



## **2019 LUTHER LECTURE – SEPTEMBER 30, 2019** *featuring Dr. Azza Karam*

Dr. Azza Karam, a senior advisor at the United Nations on Culture and Social Development, and a lead facilitator for the UN Strategic Learning Exchanges on Religion, Development, and Humanitarian Issues, will be the 2019 Luther Lecturer. Dr. Karam's work focuses around gender and interfaith issues.

**Visit [www.luthercollege.edu/luther-lecture](http://www.luthercollege.edu/luther-lecture) for more information.**



Alumni Dinner in Hong Kong



Craig Wilson speaking in Chapel

# CLASS NOTES

## 1970s, 1980s & 1990s

**CRAIG WILSON (ATTENDED 1979–1981)** is a television news producer and writer. He's spent most of his nearly three-decades-long journalism career at CBS News in New York City. He currently is the news producer for CBS News Sunday Morning with Jane Pauley and a writer for the CBS Evening News with Jeff Glor. Craig is the recipient of two Emmy Awards. He has also won two Writers Guild of America Awards for best news writing: the first for his coverage of the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq in 2003; the second for writing a CBS Special on the death of Mohammed Ali. In 2012, he was among the recipients of a Columbia DuPont Award for CBS's coverage of the "Newtown Tragedy" — the massacre of twenty children and six adults at the Sandy Hook Elementary School in Connecticut. Craig's career in journalism began at age 14 as a paperboy for his hometown *Medicine Hat News*.

**PAUL CHAN (HS'82)** organized another successful President's Dinner for alumni in Hong Kong. Drs. Bryan and Joanne Hillis visited Hong Kong and Seoul, Korea, in April 2019. More to come on this visit in the next issue of the *Luther Story*, Fall 2019.

**DAVID MCHATTIE (HS'85)** was recently elected Chair of the Board of Directors for the Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters, Canada's oldest industry association, and was also elected Vice-Chair of the Board of Directors of the Petroleum Services Association of Canada, the voice for 450,000 of Canada's 550,000 people working in the energy industry.

**KYLA WENDELL MCINTYRE (HS'95)** received a Global Citizen Award from Saskatchewan Council for International Cooperation. In receiving her

award, she was called "a peace builder. She works alongside students from diverse countries, cultures, languages, and perspectives, teaching English as an Additional Language, creative writing, and mindfulness. In 2017, she developed a Mindful Creative Writing course that helps develop compassion, tolerance, peace-building skills, authentic communication, self-confidence, conflict resolution, and kindness for self and others. She is helping to create a culture of peace while giving the practical skills to achieve this."

**BURTON FREITAG (HS'95)** is married, with a young son who is five. Burton holds the position of First Officer, piloting Boeing 737 aircraft at WestJet. He facilitates crew resource management courses to flight crews. His memories of Luther include: "living in the Dean of Boys suite in the early 1980's with my Mom and Dad (Ben and Darlene Freitag) when I was four and five years old. It was the most wonderful, fun place I think that a young lad could run around, and grow up for a couple of years." He also remembers Mr. Moon's convenience store across the street, "helping" Barry Otten (Rhonda Otten's Dad) and the cafeteria staff, "helping" Edwin Wagner on his rounds in the early 80's, and meeting many of the long-term teachers and staff at that point, and through the years.

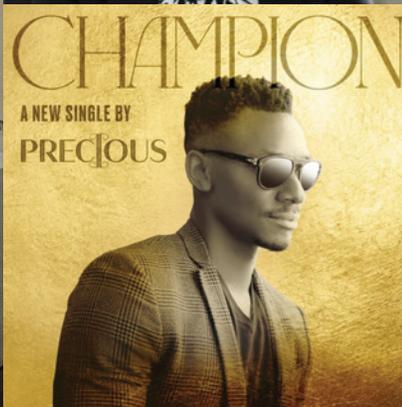
**ELIZABETH CHERLAND (HS'97)** was recently hired as an Assistant Professor of Music at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, Minnesota. She begins in September of 2019 and will conduct the Choir of Christ Chapel, the Lucia Singers, and teach choral methods as well as other music classes. Elisabeth will complete her Doctor of Musical Arts degree at the University of Washington in the summer of 2019. Her husband Kent is a pastor, and her sons Elijah, 11, and Leif, 8, will make the move with her.



Top: David McHattie  
Bottom: Elizabeth Cherland



Joel Beres



Top: Chelsea Coupal  
Bottom: Precious Onungwe



Mikayla Missel

**MARJA HORDERN (HS'98)** was ordained to the ministry in January 2019. She is presently serving at the Redvers United-Lutheran Shared Ministry in Redvers, Saskatchewan. She is a third-generation pastor, following the footsteps of her father, Rev. Dr. Richard Hordern, and grandfather, Rev. Dr. William Hordern.

**JOEL BERES (HS'99)** was the recipient of the 2018–19 Elmer Schmidt Memorial Award (Curling Coaches Award) presented by Curl Regina and the RHSAA. This award goes to a coach who has a love for curling and promotes it within our community and to our youth. Mr. Beres — curling coach, faculty member, and alumnus — has spent many years coaching many Luther curling teams and enthusiastically promoting the sport with young people. Thanks for all you do for us, Mr. Beres!

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**ALEXANDRA DONNELLY (HS'10)** received her Bachelor of Science degree in Cellular, Molecular and Microbial Biology from the University of Calgary in 2015 and received her Master of Science degree in Biomedical Technology focusing on bone and joint health as well as business integration, also from the University of Calgary, in 2016. She is currently pursuing her Master's of Health Administration and is working for Alberta Health Services on a Provincial Leadership Team within the Seniors Health Portfolio. She resides in Calgary, Alberta, and spends her spare time in the mountains or on the soccer field.

**KATY DECOSTE (HS'16)** premiered her first play, *Red Wood*, at the New Works 2019 Festival in Edmonton, Alberta in February.

**PRECIOUS ONUNGWE (LUTHER RESIDENT FROM 2011–2015)** released his first single, "Champion." His new single is "a message to present and future self that there is no room to make excuses for not achieving dreams. It is about not allowing negativity to put a ceiling on aspirations, but to face whatever comes, and win triumphantly — like a Champion."

**CHELSEA COUPAL (U'12)** has been shortlisted for three 2019 Saskatchewan Book Awards. Her first book of poetry entitled *Sedley* is nominated in the following categories: First Book Award, Saskatchewan Arts Board Poetry Award, and City of Regina Book Award.

**MIKAYLA MISSEL (U'19 AND LUTHER RESIDENT FROM 2014-2019)** participated in the Bachelor of Fine Arts graduating exhibition called *UnRest – Perspectives on Embodiment*, held in the UofR's Fifth Parallel Gallery. The exhibition publicly celebrates the students' educational success and futures working towards careers in the arts. Mikayla's piece, entitled "Flower Along the Path," speaks about her own personal journey, life, struggles, and the people and moments who have impacted her. Each flower has been carefully selected based on its meaning and grouped in a way to tell her story through the use of bright colours and abstract forms. She looks forward to finding her way in life and working as an artist in some fashion after convocation.

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