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# message from the president



This past weekend, **Mike Fritzier (HS'88)**, the Chair of our Board of Regents, and I attended a meeting of a national school organization that asked for ideas that would contribute to that organization's strategic three-year plan. This reminded me that the strategic plans of both our campuses significantly inform the future direction of our College. While strategic plans can be considered boring, I thought, even hoped, that those reading this *Luther Story* might want to know how the College of their past is working towards a future for tomorrow's students.

The 2011-2016 strategic plan for our High School campus was divided into five themes. Academic programming is at the very heart of our school's existence, and topics in this theme ranged from how much IB should inform our curriculum to how long our class periods should be. Co-curricular

activities was an important theme as it encompasses much of our students' education. The long-term viability of our College required us to consider enrollment and financial foundations, the third theme. Our faculty understandably pressed for professional development, while the development of new facilities and refurbishing of crumbling infrastructure was the final theme. There was great progress in all of these areas with the most obvious being the construction of new facilities and the less obvious the comprehensive plans of our faculty for their professional development to ensure the continuing high level of academics for which the campus is so well known.

Some of these themes carry over into the High School's new plan for 2016-2019; new themes also emerge, including supports for the academic and mental well-being of our students, ensuring that our student body is diverse and inclusive, and enabling our faculty to make greater use of IT in the same pursuit of academic excellence that has driven the campus for 103 years.

At the University campus, we are approximately halfway through our 2014-2019 plan entitled "Meeting the Challenges of a 21st

Century Liberal Arts College." Four easily identifiable areas include academic programming, where efforts to ensure the easy transition of our students from high school to university will probably result in a foundation year for students where the basics of critical thinking and communication will be emphasized and enhanced. Student programming is another critical area, where responses to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission will be considered, as will enhanced efforts to ensure that our campus is welcoming to students of all religions, cultures, and sexual orientations. Recruiting and marketing is an area of emphasis that has already borne fruit, with our enrollments up 18 percent over last year. Finally, we are halfway through a \$5.1M renovation of our forty-five-year-old residence that will provide greater comfort and security for our students.

One can argue these are boring, even tedious, topics, and perhaps for a President's column they are. However, I think it's important for our readers to know that in addition to all the teaching, research, and student support that occurs daily at both of our campuses, our Board, faculty, and staff are also working towards the future viability and vitality of our College.

I hope you are encouraged by the fact that your Luther College will be here, as you know it, yet also prepared for the future, as a result of these strategic plans.



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



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Left - Back page of the 1992-1993  
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# message from the pulpit



Here in Saskatchewan we have a pro team that wins the cup – well, on occasion – but where I come from, that has yet to happen, at least for the Vancouver Canucks. They have thrice made it to the Stanley Cup finals, and there have been riots that last two times upon elimination.

The Cup riots were disturbing and caused a lot of soul-searching. They shook the foundations of our self-image and generated much introspection. Together, the riots caused 6.7 million dollars in damage. One memorable Cup comment was from a Vancouver woman: “This isn’t who we are as a people. We’re a good people. We’re not like this.”

This statement rang false for me. In my view, the riots spoke a lot about who we are. It was a vivid example of the violence that we as people are capable of, and her statement seemed a denial of human evil.

Our current understanding of human nature is very muddled. We sentimentally consider ourselves a good people without any serious examination of that assumption. Who are we really? Are we really all that good?

In his disturbing book, *People of the Lie*, Dr. Scott Peck states that the most dangerous form of evil is when we learn to hide the truth from ourselves. Evil becomes most insidious when we learn to buy into a falsehood and then come to believe it, forgetting completely the truth: the truth is hidden even from ourselves. George Orwell called it “double think.”

With our culture’s tendency to discard Christian scholarship as antiquated, we have lost a tool for precisely understanding human nature. We are moral beings spanning a spectrum of behaviours. We are saints to sociopaths but mostly somewhere in-between, black and white and many shades of grey. Luther’s view was that human nature was originally created by God as good and worthy, but it has been corrupted by sin and is incapable of sound moral judgement. While many may deny the generational transmission of original sin, no one would deny that human nature inevitably and frequently falls short of the target of living a

godly life – no matter how hard we try.

It is imperative that as Christians we work towards a more honest understanding of human nature. Our society is in great danger of people who believe they are good people (even presidential candidates!) yet are unobservant of their own moral actions. Rabbi Burton Visotzky observes that the Genesis stories portray human nature in all its painful honesty; perhaps homiletics would do well to address these stories more.

It is understandable why many reject any suggestion that they are anything less than “good people.” Too often the Church’s message is that humanity is simply corrupt, and only tolerated by God’s grace. The truth is that we are God’s children, capable of good and bad, and called constantly into wholeness and holiness.

Martin Buber refers to Rabbi Simcha Bunim’s teaching that offers an important corrective to our distorted view of human nature: “Everyone must have two pockets, with a note in each pocket, so that he or she can reach into the one or the other, depending on the need. When feeling lowly and depressed, discouraged or disconsolate, one should reach into the right pocket

and, there, find the words: ‘For my sake was the world created.’ But when feeling high and mighty, one should reach into the left pocket and find the words: ‘I am but dust and ashes.’ ”

Who are we? If we can hold on to the Rabbi’s teaching we can be honest: we are dust and ashes... and much, much more.

**Pastor David Peterson**  
Chaplain, Luther College High School

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# Alumni PROFILES

## CHRIS DIXON (HS'86, U'91)

As Design Director of *Vanity Fair*, New York based **Chris Dixon (HS'86, U'91)** aptly describes his work as “the visual side of journalism. You get to tell important stories,” he says, “and work with contemporary and conceptual photography and design. The cycle of reading, interpreting, and designing is endlessly creative—every project is engaging.”

Dixon's description of his work is saturated with the passion he has for balancing and blending journalism and artistry – a passion he says developed while he was completing his high school and post-secondary education. Chris first graduated from Luther College High School (LCHS) in 1986 and then obtained a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Luther College at the University of Regina (LCUR) in 1991. Citing the liberal arts education he received at Luther as “a good base to start from” and further motivated by his strong interest in visual design and problem-solving, Dixon was driven to pursue another degree – in design – and in 1997 he completed a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Communication Design at Emily Carr Institute of Art & Design.

Dixon's impressive resume speaks to his high level of talent. He was hired right out of art school as a creative director at *Adbusters Magazine* – a magazine about politics, the environment, and activism. “I learned so much through the nearly autonomous process of redirecting its design,” says Chris. “After that, I had the incredible opportunity to move to New York and work at the *New York Times Magazine*, introducing me to the heart of journalism.” After two years at the *New York Times Magazine* followed by eight years as the design director of *New*

*York Magazine*, working with countless inspiring photographers, journalists, and editors to produce a creative, design-driven magazine, he eagerly took on the challenge of re-inventing an iconic brand at *Vanity Fair*. “With a design-savvy editor in Graydon Carter, we designed a new logo, developed new layouts in the magazine, section-by-section—drawing out the aesthetic appeal and sophistication of the *Vanity Fair* brand.”

*Vanity Fair*, founded in 1913, covers topics as wide-ranging as business, media, fashion, Hollywood, technology, art, architecture, and culture. In his day-to-day role as Design Director there, Chris oversees all the visual aspects of the monthly magazine, in addition to the websites, social media, visual design of videos, and design for any major events that they host (a large conference in San Francisco or the Oscar Party in Los Angeles, for example).

He is certainly not a one-man show, however, referring to magazine work as “collaborative” in nature. Each month, he works closely with editor Graydon Carter to create all of the magazine's art. He oversees a staff of eight people in the art and design department who team up with photo editors, photographers, writers, and editors to produce each story. “As designers, our job is to read all of the stories and bring them to life visually, using photographs, diagrams, typography, layout design, cover concepts, and photo shoots. With the evolution of the *Vanity Fair* brand over the past few years – developing new websites, social media, a business and media conference, and more – my department continues to expand its reach as we create design work for all of these new platforms.”



**The “world class education and personal focus from teachers” ensures that Luther “has a unique ability to make each student feel valued and truly embraces students for who they are.”**

Clearly, Chris finds his career rewarding in a multitude of ways. He tell us that he looks forward to a future that continues to involve the “incredible talent” that surrounds him – “from photographers to writers to illustrators and editors. I hope to continue growing alongside them as we take on new projects in the changing world of media.”

To learn more about Chris's memories of Luther, please visit [www.luthercollege.edu/high-school/lutherstory](http://www.luthercollege.edu/high-school/lutherstory).

## KALEN EMSLEY (HS'07) AND DERRICK EMSLEY (HS'08)

At only twenty-six and twenty-seven years of age, brothers **Derrick Emsley (HS'08)** and **Kalen Emsley (HS'07)** are CEO and CMO, respectively, of tentree, a successful clothing company founded in 2012 with friend and partner David Luba. The concept of tentree is simple: for every item of clothing or accessory sold, the company plants ten trees as a way of giving back to people and the environment.

Kalen and Derrick's shared passion for the environment can be traced back to their days at Luther College High School, where they heard many speakers talk about the serious issue of environmental sustainability. "We [were] only hearing about the problem," Kalen says, "but no [one was offering up] solutions."

After graduating from the Richard Ivey School of Business at the University of Western Ontario (Kalen in 2011 and Derrick in 2012), the brothers worked in the finance industry and did some travelling. The idea of tentree took root on a trip to Hawaii by Kalen to visit friend David Luba. Talking to some fellow beachgoers about companies who give back to the community or the environment led Kalen and David into a conversation about what they could do. "I said that we should plant trees and he said let's do it by selling t-shirts," says Kalen. "I was good at agro-forestry and forestry, and we both had a business background." Back in Saskatchewan, they canvassed the Luther College community for feedback and to see if there was any interest in their idea: as it turns out, there was a lot.

Interestingly, the name tentree was a result of this feedback. People were not thrilled about wearing a t-shirt that said "onetonne," one of the potential names for the company since one tree takes one tonne of carbon out of the air in its lifetime. The partners also felt that planting one tree per item sold wouldn't be a big enough impact. "We [weren't] in it to make money, so we said what's the most we could possibly do and just get by. Ten trees was the [number] and tentree sounded really cool, so we rolled with it."

Their first ever batch was 100 tank tops, which sold out in two days, and their



customer base included strangers, not just family and friends. "That's when we realized this is a real thing," Kalen says. To date, tentree has planted about 9.5 million trees in twelve countries. Their products are sold on their website and in 350 stores across Canada, with additional stores in the United States and Australia.

The company will only work with other companies who also abide by environmentally friendly practices, and who treat their workers fairly, including providing safe working conditions, fair wages, and equal rights.

"We started tentree because we wanted to help the environment and people and really protect the world that we like to play in," Kalen says. "As the company progressed in creating garments, we had to ask the question, 'How much damage does that do? Are the people who are making these

**"[We were taught] to work smarter, not necessarily harder [at Luther]. We learned to not waste time and to focus in on what we needed to know."**

garments getting treated properly?" The focus was always to help people and to help the environment. Money was never the driver. The more efficient that we get, the more we are able to help other people and give back in other ways. [Giving back] was always just in our DNA."

To learn more about the tree planters they employ and the Saskatchewan restoration projects they have been involved in, as well as their memories of Luther, please visit [www.luthercollege.edu/high-school/lutherstory](http://www.luthercollege.edu/high-school/lutherstory).

## COURTNEY BATES-HARDY (U'11)

“Fairy tales were my first love,” says **Courtney Bates-Hardy (U’11)**. Like many children, fairy tales were a formative part of Courtney’s childhood; unlike many young girls her age, however, she wasn’t just watching the Disney movies. “I was also reading Grimms’ Fairy Tales,” says Courtney. “When I was really young I came across Hans Christian Andersen’s *The Little Mermaid*, which has that horrible ending of her dissolving into sea foam and then becoming a spirit of the air and all of the blood and gore of having her legs split in two. So, I didn’t really have any illusions as far as what fairy tales were really about.” And she still doesn’t, as is evidenced by her debut collection of poetry, *House of Mystery*, which was published in the fall of 2016.

A reader from a very young age, Courtney recalls missing much of the scenery on family vacations because her eyes were focused on a novel. Many of these novels would serve as her introduction to poetry. “*The Hobbit*; *Lord of the Rings*; *Anne of Green Gables*: [they] romanticized poetry and that really encouraged me to seek out Romantic poetry in particular. I was always that weird kid going into the library looking for a book of Shelley poems.”

Courtney, now the Executive Director of the Saskatchewan Book Awards, has always been drawn to literature and the act of creative writing. “I’ve known that I wanted to be a writer for a really long time. I wrote my first poem when I was in grade one or grade two, I think.” Courtney continued to write throughout elementary and high school and was fortunate enough to do a writing retreat in high school. It was at this retreat that she learned how to submit written work to literary magazines. “I just kept sending stuff out – really horrible

stuff – and getting rejected, of course.” Validation finally came, however, in 2009, while she was on an exchange program taking a creative writing class in Australia. Students of the class were asked to submit a piece of writing for an anthology that the school put out, and one of her submissions was accepted. And just like that, she was a published writer.

Back at home in Saskatchewan, Courtney, who graduated from Luther College at the University of Regina in 2011 with a Bachelor of Arts, Honours English, continued to write poetry throughout her undergraduate degree. She recalls taking an English class on fairy tales with University of Regina professor Nick Ruddick. “It all started coming back to me... all these fairy tales that I had read as a child. I found them really powerful.” As she began to write pieces for *House of Mystery*, she weaved different fairy tales throughout “to blend [them with] modern life [and] unpack and twist endings to the fairy tales that we know... to give them a new perspective.” Because part of her aim in *House of Mystery* is to “focus on [fairy tales] connections to real life, [the poems are] not what you typically think of when you hear ‘fairy tale,’” says Courtney. “They’re not just princesses in pink dresses and beautiful castles and happily ever after with your prince. There’s also a lot of sadness, blood, starvation, and a lot of great stuff about motherhood and growing up and how to outwit bad people.” Much like what the feminist revival did for fairy tales in the seventies, Courtney wants to “remind people that, a lot of times, the women in these tales were very clever and revered for outwitting the trickster character.”

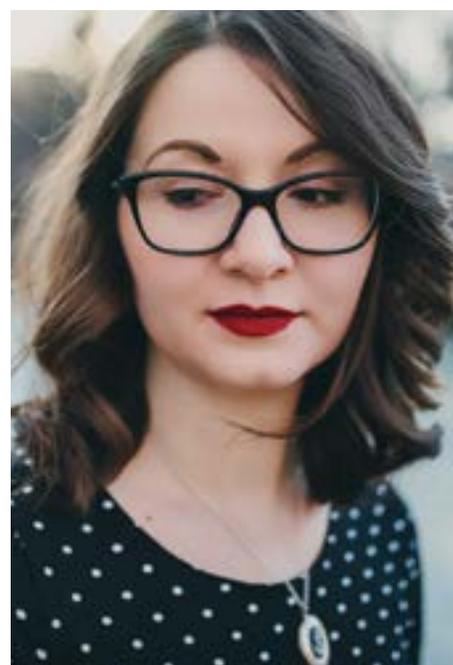


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To learn more about Courtney’s work at the Saskatchewan Book Awards as well as her memories of Luther, please visit [www.luthercollege.edu/university/lutherstory](http://www.luthercollege.edu/university/lutherstory).

**“Small class sizes... helped me adjust in my first year or two. There are a lot of professors who really care at Luther. That first year can be really lonely so it’s nice to know that there’s someone who actually knows if you’re showing up at their class or not and they want you to be there.”**

## DWIGHT NEWMAN (U'96)

**Dr. Dwight Newman (U'96)** recalls that, as an undergraduate, he had already felt drawn to explore issues around how we treat people justly as a society. However, at the time, this interest didn't necessarily translate in his mind into a career in law or academia. "I had thought of law school before, but wasn't necessarily aiming at that." Today, Dwight is a Professor of Law at the University of Saskatchewan (U of S) and Canada Research Chair (CRC) in Indigenous Rights and Constitutional and International Law.

The decision to pursue a law degree came while Dwight was working on his liberal arts degree at Luther College at the University of Regina (LCUR). He graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Economics and Philosophy (Great Distinction) in 1996. During graduate school at the University of Saskatchewan, he received encouragement from his professors to consider an academic career as a law professor. "The final decision was fairly late," admits Dwight. "Once I was into graduate school I realized that this was definitely something that I wanted to do." What followed was many more years of study and many degrees: Bachelor of Law (1999), Rhodes Scholarship (2000), Bachelor of Civil Law (Oxford, England, 2002), Master of Philosophy (Oxford, 2003), and PhD (Oxford, 2005).

As a professor at the U of S, Dwight lectures and does a great deal of research and writing in the area of general constitutional law (for example, issues pertaining to religious freedom), as well as Indigenous rights and resource development, which is the focus of his research as the CRC. In his CRC role, he works extensively with a doctrine called the "duty to consult," which refers to the duty of governments to consult with Indigenous communities about decisions that might impact them.

Dwight is widely considered an expert in his areas of research, having authored over fifty books and articles, many of which have been cited by Canadian courts across all levels, including the Supreme Court. Several factors contributed to the development of his interest in Indigenous rights: first, simply growing up in Saskatchewan provided an awareness of



the issues around Indigenous communities; his undergraduate degree at LCUR challenged him to explore how social justice can be achieved in complicated circumstances; and, finally, his time in law school sparked a passion for issues pertaining to Indigenous groups, since the U of S was itself interested in Indigenous issues and rights.

"In working with the law we get to deal with very important policy questions that relate to how we function as a society," Dwight explains. "These are some of the big unanswered questions for Canada with regard to ... constitutional law questions and what we're doing as a country in terms of facing ... these historic legacies, while also facing the tricky balances that need to be struck in a province like Saskatchewan where there exists both a large Indigenous population and, at the same time, an economy that is very much built on resource industries. Sometimes striking a balance between the claims on behalf of these different interests, the rights of Indigenous peoples, but also having the outcomes that work with continuing to build a strong economy for everyone can be challenging."

Dwight appreciates the opportunity to be part of such an important and historically impactful conversation, one which he says is gradually starting to get more attention. As governments and policy-makers try to navigate the complex legal issues that arise with respect to Indigenous rights and natural resource development, there is no question that Dwight is more than simply a part of the conversation: he is one of those leading the conversation and making historic legal inroads that will be referenced for years to come.

To learn more about Dwight's memories of Luther, please visit [www.luthercollege.edu/university/lutherstory](http://www.luthercollege.edu/university/lutherstory).

**"[Luther is] committed to its students as full human beings and approaches them in that way. [The College cultivates a] close knit environment that brings together students and faculty in a very different way than a lot of other educational institutions."**

# Saying Goodbye



## CONNIE KOROL

Connie Korol started working at Luther College as a cook in the cafeteria at the University campus in March 1995, and was appointed Manager of Food Services in 2006 when Ed MacNeil retired. She spent twenty-one years serving the dietary needs of the students living in the Luther Residence, as well as students and faculty/staff on the university campus and the general public. In the fall of 2012, she implemented a trayless cafeteria to lessen Luther's ecological footprint, which included reducing food waste, water consumption, and use of detergents by the kitchen. She will also be remembered for her famous donuts that were typically reserved for special occasions – until fall 2014, when (much to the delight of certain staff members) they were made available every Thursday at Luther's Connection Café. Connie retired in April 2016.

## PARTING WORDS

**PRESIDENT, DR. BRYAN HILLIS:** “Connie supervised our food services operation at the University campus at a time when dietary needs were evolving with ever greater complexity. Whether it was students who wanted to be vegetarian, who

had to avoid grains, or who had special needs for religious reasons, Connie aimed to serve them all with grace and kindness. I wish Connie all the very best in her well-deserved retirement.”

**DIRECTOR OF FINANCE, MARK DUKE:** “During Connie's time at Luther she successfully transitioned our cafeteria to meet rapidly changing food preferences and international student dietary needs and navigated the never-ending budget challenges. We'll all miss Connie's cheerful disposition and positive approach to life and especially her Thursday morning home-made donuts which were legendary on campus. Connie used the phrase 'Leave a better world than you found' to end her e-mails. Well, Connie, be assured that you left our Luther world better than you found it.”



## KAREN NYE

Karen Nye spent fourteen years in the Academic Office at the University campus serving the academic needs of Luther students. Starting as an Academic Clerk in December 2002, she was promoted to the Registrar's Assistant position in 2006, a role that also included advising students academically. Students knew they could

rely on Karen, as she always had their best interests in mind and she worked hard with them to ensure their success. Faculty and staff on campus greatly appreciated Karen's attention to detail, and would constantly send her items to review, as she would inevitably find an error that everyone had missed. Karen was integral to the success of Luther's Spring and Fall Convocation each year; the College's personalized Convocation ceremony and lunch is cherished by Luther graduates as an opportunity to celebrate their achievements with their families. Karen retired in September 2016.

## PARTING WORDS

**ACADEMIC DEAN, DR. FRANZ VOLKER GREIFENHAGEN:**

Dear Karen:

“Outbound, your bark awaits you. Were I one Whose prayer availeth much, my wish should be Your favoring trade-wind and consenting sea.” (J.G. Whittier)

Thanks for all you did for Luther! Godspeed as you travel into retirement. May your way be good and beautiful!

**REGISTRAR, TATUM CRUISE:** “Karen was a wonderful addition to the Academic Office team. She mentored new staff members as they learned the academic policies and procedures. She was dedicated to our students and would continuously advocate on their behalf. She managed College events such as Convocation beautifully and meticulously from behind the scenes. We miss Karen and her counsel already and wish her the very best.”



### HERB STOEHR

Herb Stoehr's talents and expertise spanned almost three decades at Luther to the benefit of the entire College. In September 1988, Herb started in maintenance at the University campus. Eventually, his role expanded to include IT, until 2011, when he was promoted to Manager of Facilities, in charge of the facilities at both campuses. Herb was responsible for researching and implementing all of the new classroom technology at the University campus in the early 2000's. He was the first person on the University of Regina campus to work with an Instructional Designer. Instructional Designers engage in a theory and research-based process of designing and implementing instruction for better learning. Herb worked tirelessly in the planning and design of the High School Facilities Renewal Plan project, which started in 2012, and he was instrumental over the next four years during the construction of the new Student Commons area, gym, fitness centre, and multi-purpose classroom, and the rejuvenated old gym and stage. Herb retired in September 2016.

### PARTING WORDS

**PRESIDENT, DR. BRYAN HILLIS:** "Herb has done so much for both the University (LCUR) and High School (LCHS) campuses. By learning all he did about computer intricacies, he held our hands as the LCUR campus was ushered into the digital age. At the LCHS campus, he was instrumental in some of the most exciting developments of our new buildings and ensured that the most tedious of details were done well. We will miss Herb in so many ways at both our campuses."

**DIRECTOR OF FINANCE, MARK DUKE:** "Herb was known for his creative solutions to the challenges that came from managing the nearly quarter million square feet of classrooms, offices, residence rooms, cafeterias, and other spaces at Luther. He put the same effort and attention to detail in the smaller projects, too numerous to count, such as refurbishing computers for international students or making the residence lounges more gamer-friendly, as he did the larger projects. We'll miss Herb's 'can-do' attitude and his commitment to our community, but wish he and Lori all the best in a well-earned retirement."

**WE ARE ALSO SAYING GOODBYE TO THREE STAFF MEMBERS AT LUTHER COLLEGE WHO HAVE MOVED ON, AND WE WISH THEM ALL THE BEST IN THEIR FUTURE ENDEAVOURS.**

**Amanda Abs** spent two years as Manager of Finance for the High School campus. She worked tirelessly and cheerfully to streamline financial reporting systems.

**Daryl McKinnon** spent two years filling in as part of the Music Department at the High School campus, which allowed Melissa Morgan to teach part-time while writing her doctoral dissertation. Daryl was previously "retired" from Peacock Collegiate in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan. Everyone appreciated his genial nature, as well as his willingness to work with faculty. He brought much expertise to Band, Orchestra, Musical, and Candlelight.

**Vicky Walsh** spent nine years working as a cook in the Luther Cafeteria at the University campus and more recently acted as the Interim Manager of Food Services for a couple of months this Spring during the transition from Connie Korol to Moe Mathieu. She always had a cheerful disposition, and she will be remembered for her delicious coffee cakes and mouth-watering donuts.

# Lorne & Evelyn Johnson Foundation donates \$40,000 to Luther College High School

The Lorne & Evelyn Johnson Foundation has invested in the mission of Luther College High School by providing \$40,000 to cover the costs of student tuition for students who enter Luther College from Mother Theresa Middle School. Several students from the school enroll at Luther each year. The \$40,000 helps cover the annual tuition, busing costs, and meal plans for five students.

The mission of Mother Theresa Middle School is “to provide an enhanced holistic Saskatchewan Ministry approved, faith-based middle school education to highly motivated marginalized students who live in inner city, Regina, Saskatchewan. MTMS aims to help break the cycle of poverty

amongst its target families through the application of its unique model.”

“Lorne and Evelyn Johnson were visionary philanthropists in our community. Their Foundation has contributed to building the cultural and educational backbone of our province for nearly fifty years.” commented Christina Attard, Executive Director. “This most recent gift represented a unique opportunity to support students who have great potential but face social and economic barriers to success. Our hope is that it will help both Luther College High School and Mother Teresa Middle School in taking a 360-degree, collaborative approach to ending systemic poverty.”

Luther College gratefully acknowledges the financial support of the Lorne & Evelyn Johnson Foundation. The Foundation was established to respond to the changing needs and opportunities of the community, and provides grants to eligible charitable organizations in cultural, health, education, environment, recreation and social service sectors. The Foundation is a long-time supporter of Luther College, including their support of the *A Time To Build* capital campaign, and other previous projects.

Luther College students come from a wide range of socio-economic backgrounds though all are united by the common purpose of wanting to ensure they are well-prepared for a university education.

# The Dilawri Foundation provides \$500,000 to Luther College High School students



Back Row (L-R): Callan Willimott, Holly Gilroy, Jayden Dreher, Matthew Wiens, Thomas Goldade, Samuel Girgis  
Front Row (L-R): Jennifer Wani, Judy Wani, Ajay Dilawri (HS'86), Isaac Foord

The Dilawri Foundation, established by cofounders Ajay, Tony, and Kap Dilawri, announced in September 2016 a half-million dollar donation to Luther College High School. The donation will establish the Dilawri Award for Students of Promise.

This award is for students of academic promise who would otherwise not be able to afford to attend Luther College High School due to financial constraints. As an alumnus, **Ajay Dilawri (HS'86)** has a strong connection to Luther College High School.

“Luther College offers a variety of scholarships, bursaries, and financial aid programs to assist families. This gift goes a long way towards enhancing our College’s ability to educate students from all financial backgrounds,” says Luther College President Dr. Bryan Hillis. “The Dilawri Foundation’s generosity to Luther will have a positive impact on the daily lives of up to seven of our students every year.”

Luther’s reputation for delivering a high-quality education within a Christian context makes it one of the most

academically respected high schools in Saskatchewan—producing graduates who impact lives, become well-respected community leaders, and make significant contributions to society. Luther is proud to be the alma mater for Ajay Dilawri and others in the Dilawri family.

“We are proud to support organizations that provide equal access to education regardless of a student’s financial situation. Investing in Regina’s youth is special to our family as we have strong personal and business ties through Dilawri Group of Companies,” says Ajay Dilawri. “I know personally that Luther College offers a liberal arts education that centers on individual attention, teaching excellence, and a global perspective in learning. The Dilawri Foundation believes in those values.”

# Karl & Kathy Tiefenbach: creating a FAMILY LEGACY

By Maureen Harrison



Photo Credit: Andrea Norberg

To say the Tiefenbachs have had a long connection to Luther College is an understatement.

**Arnold Tiefenbach (HS'31)** was amongst the first students to attend Luther College after it opened in Regina, Saskatchewan in 1926, and later returned in 1949 as Reverend Tiefenbach to be the Dean of Men and teacher of Religion, Science, and Latin. As a child, his son **Karl Tiefenbach (HS'73, U'76)** remembers tagging along with his dad when he went to school. "I don't remember a life without Luther," indicates Karl.

When it was time for Rev. Tiefenbach's children to go to high school, Karl says it was expected that he and his three siblings, **Mark (HS'70)**, **Joan (HS'71)**, and **Peter (HS'77)** would attend Luther College High School.

In his Grade 12 year at Luther, Karl met **Kathy Atchison (HS'76)**. They might not have met had it not been for Kathy's sister **Margaret (HS'72)** wanting to attend Luther, and both Kathy and her brother **Gord (HS'74)** happily followed in their sister's footsteps. "It was definitely the right direction for our family to take. All three of us had a great experience at Luther," says Kathy. She remembers high school as being a lot of fun. "I felt a freedom to be who I was, while also being encouraged to develop further." Luther also offered a spiritual support to Kathy's faith through daily chapel and her involvement in the choir, where they often sang sacred music. The teachers at Luther also had a big impact. Kathy was taught by a mix of long-time faculty members, such as Laurie Mang, Blake Carson, and Gladys Christie, and the new "vibrant" teachers, like Rick Nostbakken, Barb Wright, Berbel Knoll, and Gerry Harris, who joined the faculty during her time as a student.

For Karl, Luther provided a good mix of academics and co-curricular activities, with special memories of Paul Liefeld, Garry Korven, Coach Dick Stark, and Pastor C, Al Christiansen. He made many life-long friends on and off the basketball court and "proudly" recalls his 1-4 win-loss record in LIT. Upon graduation in 1973, Karl transitioned seamlessly to the Luther University campus, taking a noon-time class between shifts as a \$1.75/hour vacuum cleaner specialist.

Karl and Kathy were married in the spring of 1977. During the next several years, the Tiefenbachs were busy with children and careers but kept in touch with Luther through class reunions, the annual Candelight service, and LIT.

In the 1990's, Kathy's nieces, **Lyndsay Duncombe (HS'96)** and **Jennifer Duncombe (HS'99)**, attended the High School. A few years later, Karl and Kathy's own children became students: **Ricky**

**(HS'01)**, **Sarah (HS'03)**, **Joey (HS'05)**, and **Taylor (HS'05)**. "It was wonderful seeing our kids go to the same high school," recalls Kathy. "It was almost like getting a do-over! In fact, they even had some of the same teachers."

Karl and Kathy feel that their children benefitted from habits developed at Luther, in the classroom as well as through sports and the arts. They each had "a chance to shine." All four Tiefenbach children developed a strong pragmatic social justice conscience that Karl and Kathy attribute, in part, to their experience at Luther: "Luther really taught our kids to think, and instilled in them a respect for life-long learning."

Karl and Kathy believe that Luther provides a safe but challenging environment for students to develop their natural abilities. "Luther helps develop kids not only for university, but for life in general," says Karl. "At Luther you are free to question and express yourself." They both feel that Luther does a very good job of welcoming people of other faiths without sacrificing its Lutheran heritage and the Christian tradition.

When asked about why they have chosen to leave a bequest to Luther in their wills, Karl says, "Luther has been such a big part of my life, it's natural to want it to continue. We want to honour the people who laid the foundations, support those working so hard today, and encourage the future generations of students."

"Plus we have two grandchildren who are Future Luther Students," adds Kathy. "It would be pretty special to see a fourth generation take their place at Luther." "Making a bequest to Luther in our will is really like leaving a gift to another one of our children," says Karl.

For further information on leaving a bequest to Luther College in your will, please contact Maureen Harrison at 306.791.9175 or [maureen.harrison@luthercollege.edu](mailto:maureen.harrison@luthercollege.edu).

# THANK YOU TO THE KRAMER FAMILY

At the Entrance Awards Ceremony on September 20, 2016, Luther College High School recognized the Kramer family of Tim, David, and James Kramer for the new Kramer Family Scholarship. Tim, father of David and James, attended the ceremony so that the school could show their appreciation to the Kramer family. The Kramer family has generously donated \$1.5 million to Luther College to establish this award. The Kramer name is familiar to many as they owned a long-standing business, Kramer Tractor, in Regina, Saskatchewan.

This is a family of outstanding and quiet philanthropy, whether it is for Luther College or other organizations around Regina.

The gift has allowed the High School to cover the tuition, dorm fees, school supplies, a clothing allowance, and other education-related expenses for up to ten Aboriginal students per year, depending on their needs.

Tim Kramer's two sons are alumni of Luther College High School. **David (HS'01)** is a lawyer and Vice-president of Agrium and **James (HS'05)** is the owner and Manager of Fionn MacCools restaurant and pub in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

The Kramer family made this outstanding contribution because of what the school has meant to David and James Kramer. They are happy to have the Luther community know about their gift in the hopes that others will continue to support Luther College.

# LIT AND THE REGINA SPORTS HALL OF FAME



Gillian Leach (HS'16) and Brock Lumbard (HS'16) at the Regina Sports Hall of Fame display.

School alumni return regularly to attend the games. Other schools have emulated the tournament in Saskatoon, Winnipeg, Calgary, Edmonton, and Raymond. Teams representing these cities have all won this event during the long-storied history of LIT.”

Luther College thanks the larger community of students, faculty, parents, and fans who have played a part in LIT's success over the past sixty-four years.

The Regina Sports Hall of Fame is a non-profit association formed to honour the people and teams who have contributed to sports in Regina. The display site is in the Co-operators Centre inside Evraz Place, pictured here with **Gillian Leach (HS'16)** and **Brock Lumbard (HS'16)**, who represented LIT at the announcement of this year's Hall of Fame recipients.

The Luther Invitational Tournament (LIT) was inducted into the Regina Sports Hall of Fame — Class of 2016. LIT is being recognized as a patron of basketball in the city.

The Hall of Fame described LIT in this way: “Founded in 1953, LIT is a senior high school basketball tournament that

promotes sportsmanship, hospitality, and high-level competition. Traditionally held during three days in February, the annual event is organized by Luther's student body, with ten committees comprised of ten to twenty volunteers to handle media, decorations, hosting duties, scorekeeping, concessions, and clean up. LIT promotes the values of volunteering and leadership.

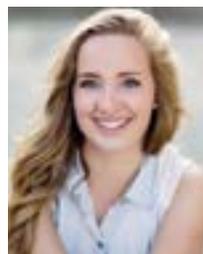
# THE JENIFFER FARO AFFELDT MEMORIAL MUSIC PERFORMANCE AWARD



Jeniffer Faro Affeldt (HS'86) in 2006



Betsy and Randy Faro, Jeniffer's parents



Jeniffer's daughter, Emmelyn, has had several lead roles in her own high school musicals, much like her mother did. Randy says, "It was like watching Jeniffer up onstage." Jeniffer's two children, Emmelyn and Truman, live in Tumwater, WA.



The Faro's present the first Jeniffer Faro Affeldt Memorial Music Performance Award scholarship to Milissa Grande (HS'16).

The 2016 Baccalaureate Ceremony at Luther College High School was one of joy, celebration, and achievement, but also remembrance.

The ceremony on June 29, 2016, marked the first time Luther College awarded the Jeniffer Faro Affeldt Memorial Music Performance Award.

The scholarship was established thanks to the dedication of former music director Dr. Carl Cherland, who initiated the award, and the many friends and classmates who contributed financially to honor Jeniffer's memory. Jeniffer passed away in 2006 during a mountain-climbing accident in British Columbia. Jeniffer was very much involved in the musical life of Luther College both as a soloist in the Luther Choir and in the musicals. She is also

fondly remembered as a student with spirit, elegance, and grace.

Now, ten years after her passing, Luther College awarded the scholarship to the first recipient, Milissa Grande. Milissa received the award as an outstanding singer in the Luther College Choir. Milissa played Elsa Schraeder in last year's high school production of *The Sound of Music*.

On hand to present the award were Jeniffer's parents, Pastor Randy and Betsy Faro.

Many College alumni will remember the Faros, as Randy was a teacher at Luther College High School for thirteen years from 1981-1994 in the ethics department. Betsy also tutored special needs high school students for numerous years in the 1980's.

When asked what honoring Jeniffer's memory in this way means to them, Randy and Betsy responded: "Supporting the musical pursuits of young women is a fitting tribute to our daughter, for whom music was an integral part of being alive. We are greatly comforted by knowing that Jeniffer's zest for life and love of singing is supported and continued at Luther."

The scholarship is now endowed at Luther College, which means there are enough funds for the award to be presented to a new recipient each year in perpetuity. "We know this scholarship will help our Luther community both remember Jeniffer's presence among us and foster music, as it was such an important part of her life," says Dr. Cherland.

# NEW YEAR, **NEW MANAGER**, NEW MENU



In July 2016, Luther College at the University of Regina welcomed **Moe Mathieu (HS'88)** as our new Manager of Dining Services. Moe is an alumnus of Luther College High School and an honours graduate of Holland College in PEI, where he holds a culinary arts diploma and an

applied culinary arts degree. He also holds a journeyman Red Seal Chef Certification and comes to us from Saskatchewan Polytechnic in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, where he had been a Culinary Arts Instructor since 2009. He is the former part-owner of the Willow on Wascana and Beer Bros., and has many years of restaurant experience, both as a chef/caterer and manager.

Luther Cafeteria offers all-you-care-to-eat dining, and everyone — including alumni and friends of the College— is welcome!

Moe has created a new menu for the Luther Cafeteria, where a different global flavour will be featured each month alongside Canadian cuisine for the 2016-2017 school year. With his passion for local cuisine and talent for creating delicious flavours, we are sure he will definitely have you coming back for Moe-r!

Visit [www.luthercollege.edu/luther-cafeteria](http://www.luthercollege.edu/luther-cafeteria) for a list of the 2016-2017 menu

themes, a copy of the weekly menu, Cafeteria hours, and prices.

Want to receive daily updates of our lunch menu? Like LCURFoodServices on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/LCURFoodServices](http://www.facebook.com/LCURFoodServices)) or follow us on Twitter @LCURFood.

## YES, WE DO CATERING!

The catering team at Luther College at the University of Regina is here to help make your event memorable. We work within your budget to provide quality, delectable cuisine, and can cater events either on- or off-campus. No event is too small — contact Moe today at 306.585.5033 or [luther.cafeteria@uregina.ca](mailto:luther.cafeteria@uregina.ca) for a consultation and estimate.

Alumni and friends of Luther College who mention this ad will receive 25% off their first booking.

## UPCOMING 2016 - 2017 LUTHER COLLEGE AT THE U OF R ALUMNI EVENTS

**NOVEMBER 27, 2016 - ADVENT SERVICE OF LESSONS & CAROLS/ PRESIDENT'S CHRISTMAS RECEPTION**  
1:30 - 3:30 p.m. — Luther College at the University of Regina, Luther Chapel, Second Floor

Bring your family to the Advent Service of Lessons & Carols (1:30 p.m.) followed by the President's Christmas Reception (2:30 p.m.) and enjoy Christmas goodies and children's crafts. Please RSVP the number of people attending by Friday, November 25, 2016, to Michelle Clark, Manager of Alumni, at 306.585.5144 or [michelle.clark@luthercollege.edu](mailto:michelle.clark@luthercollege.edu).

**FEBRUARY 14, 2017 - DATE NIGHT**  
6:00 - 8:30 p.m. — Luther College at the University of Regina, LC 100

A special evening for alumni who met their spouse/partner at Luther, including a three-course meal by our new Manager of Dining

Services, Moe Mathieu, and entertainment. Tickets are limited.

*(Editor's note: LCUR couples! If you met at Luther, let me know by emailing Michelle Clark at [ualumni@luthercollege.edu](mailto:ualumni@luthercollege.edu)).*

**MARCH 2017 - LATIN CUISINE NITE WITH SPECIAL LOCAL GUEST CHEF**  
6:00 - 8:30 p.m. — Luther College at the University of Regina, LC 100

**APRIL 8, 2017 – FAMILY EASTER EGG HUNT & BRUNCH**  
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. — Luther College at the University of Regina, LC 100

For more information, to RSVP, and/or to buy tickets, visit [www.luthercollege.edu/lcur-alumni-events](http://www.luthercollege.edu/lcur-alumni-events).

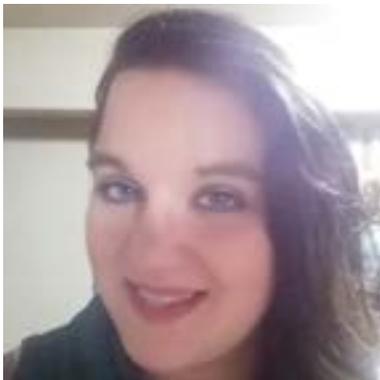
# MEET THE 2016-2017 LCUR PEER CHAPLAINS

University is a key moment of transition in a student's life. The person they were, the friends they had, the values they grew up with are all going to be looked at and experienced in a new way. Some they will keep, some they will reform, and others they will leave in their past. This is an exciting time for personal and professional growth, freedom, and inspiration – but can also be a lonely, overwhelming, and stressful time.

The multi-faith peer chaplaincy team at Luther College at the University of Regina is one way for all students to explore questions and make community on campus. Our Peer Chaplains come from a variety of denominations and faith backgrounds, and our purpose is to be a safe place to explore and challenge our faith and our ideas. Each Peer Chaplain takes on two projects (one per semester), applying their God-given talents and abilities to befriend, support, and encourage those around them. Offering community events and support is the backbone of chaplaincy, along with providing worship on campus.

Contact Luther College Multi-faith Chaplaincy at 306.585.5028 or [uchaplain@luthercollege.edu](mailto:uchaplain@luthercollege.edu) and ask us any questions you might have. We have experience and experiments on life in your community.

## THE PEER CHAPLAINS FOR THE 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR ARE:



**STACIE FOSTER (EVANGELICAL)**  
Year: Third  
Faculty: Luther Arts  
Majors: English and Political Science  
Minor: Theatre Performance  
Project: Exploring Student Christian Movement and possibly opening a chapter of this group on the UofR Campus.



**LILA GAERTNER (LUTHERAN)**  
Year: Third  
Faculty: Education  
Major: Middle Years  
Project: TEA TIME with students... stress relief



**JOSHUA HENDRICKSEN (LUTHERAN)**  
Year: Fourth  
Faculty: Luther Media, Art, and Performance  
Major: Music Performance  
Project: Music and leadership in worship



**MEGAN KOOT (WICCAN)**  
Year: Final  
Faculty: Luther Arts  
Majors: Religious Studies and Linguistics  
Minor: Theatre Performance  
Project: "ASK THE \_\_\_\_\_." The Blank is a Rabbi, Imam, Buddhist Monk, or other spiritual leader. Students gather to ask whatever questions they might have. Megan is opening up the conversation for multi-faith understanding.

# on campus

## HIGH SCHOOL

### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWEST ALUMNI, THE CLASS OF 2016!

The valedictorian for the Class of 2016 was **Kaitlyn Kasha**. Here's an excerpt from her speech that describes the Luther College feeling of community.

"When I came to Luther I finally felt like I had found a community of people who respected me for me. From the very first day I knew that this was where I belonged. I finally felt accepted and even appreciated for my nerdiness and weirdness. I'm not saying that we all got along all the time, because we didn't. But I have never thought that any of us didn't belong here. Luther has felt like home to me, and I have been so happy and lucky to have spent the past four years here, with all of you. We have grown together and grown up together. We have been a community of freshmen, a community of seniors, a community of faith, of basketball, of music, of scholars, a community in stressful, sad, and joyful times...Luther is a community for life, not just for four years."



Valedictorian Kaitlyn Kasha (HS'16) with teacher Ms. Renee Wilkinson



Graduates line up to head into the 2016 Baccalaureate Ceremony.

To read Kaitlyn's full speech, visit [www.luthercollege.edu/high-school](http://www.luthercollege.edu/high-school) under Alumni & Friends.

### SACRED CHAPEL GROUNDS

Every Luther College alumni who attended the High School remembers attending Chapel each day. For many, it is one of the most significant memories of their high school experience. Principal Dr. Mark Anderson spoke to students recently about its importance:

"The place where you sit today was once described by Pastor Fry as sacred ground. On an obvious level it is sacred ground because it typically houses chapel, which often is our time to contemplate the sacred. But it's also sacred because it is a communal place of equity. We all come as seekers and learners, equally and humanly compelled, frustrated, and intrigued by the great mysteries of life.

This is the time and place when it is most obvious we really are a community. But chapel is also sacred because it is a truly unique opportunity. Unlike the vast majority of high schools across Canada—and probably around the world—we devote 20-30 minutes a day, five days a week to gathering students and employees to worship, to reflect, to broaden our understandings, to be spiritually challenged or uplifted, to be entertained, to hear of others' accomplishments. We are given the opportunity to actively listen to both religious and non-religious viewpoints that we may or may not agree with, to grow spiritually, to think critically about what we believe and don't believe, and to consider why we hold the views we do. . . . For all these reasons and others, I would suggest to you that chapel is a rare opportunity, one that many of our alumni tell us they didn't fully appreciate until later in

life, one that is integral to a Luther College education."

To read Dr. Anderson's full speech about Chapel, visit [www.luthercollege.edu/high-school](http://www.luthercollege.edu/high-school) under Student Life.

### NEW SOUND SYSTEM IN THE MERLIS BELSHER HERITAGE CENTER

Thanks to our generous donors and parents, Luther College High School has installed a new sound system in the Merlis Belsher Heritage Centre. The new equipment gives Luther College one of the most advanced theatre sound systems in a high school setting.

The sound system was purchased using funds from our spring appeal campaign, which raised \$42,005, and a matching gift from Merlis Belsher, as well as the funds raised by the second annual Black & Gold Gala by parents of current students.

As always, your gift to Luther ensures that our students have access to outstanding programs and facilities. Thank you for your support!



The sound crew for musical – Nicole, Josh and Jacob – using the new mixing console.

**CALGARY ALUMNI BARBEQUE**

Luther College High School alumni in Calgary, Alberta, got together for a barbeque at the home of **Janet Kuchinka (HS'57)** earlier in June 2016. Thank you to everyone who stopped by for supper and a chance to reminisce and reconnect around the fire!

Congratulations to **Leona Campbell (HS'51)**, who won the Luther sweater door prize.



Leona Campbell (HS'51)

**HOMECOMING 2016**

Luther College alumni from the classes of 1956, 1966, 1976, 1986, 1991, 1996, and 2006 gathered to reunite at Homecoming this fall, September 30-October 1. Thank you to all the alumni who volunteered to recruit their classmates and friends to attend, especially the class of 1996's **Derek Ford** and **Tara Matt**. Special thanks also to **Duane Schellenberg (HS'96)** for the Toast to the College and to **Larry and Gail Fry** for their Toast to the Alumni.

We were honoured to hear **Sharon (Dyksman) Stuart (HS'56)** play the piano for us at the banquet. She had this to say about Homecoming:

"We now have another fabulous memory of the honoured halls at Luther College. We will always remember the lovely banquet and having the opportunity to greet and sit with our friends and having the time to recall some of the escapades from the old days! Just hearing the tributes, sharing the memories, and watching those younger grads with such happy faces and

'sentimental' eyes that we all share was so very meaningful. The changes in the building, the additions, the new programs, and the thoughtful planning that has gone into all of the work is inspiring. The future is bright and secure for the community of students who will attend Luther College."

On the back cover you will find photos from the weekend's events – the reception, chapel, brunch, tours, and the banquet.



Sharon (Dyksman) Stuart (HS'56) performing *Fairest Lord Jesus* at the Homecoming banquet.



The Class of 1996 gathers at their 20th reunion.

**SAVE THE DATE FOR HOMECOMING 2017 ON SEPTEMBER 29 & 30, 2017. OPEN TO THE CLASSES OF 1957, '67, '77, '87, '97, AND 2007.**

Homecoming will include Friday night class parties, and chapel, brunch, and a banquet on Saturday.

From the Class of 1957, Ron Brown and Bob Gordon are helping to organize your reunion.  
Contact Bob at 306.242.0988.

The Class of 1967 Reunion Planning Team is:  
Wayne McElree - 306.535.8822  
Joan Nielsen - 306.531.8691  
Rae Haverstock - 306.586.9759  
Daryl Shirkey - 306.949.8665

Volunteers are needed for the Classes of 1977, '87, '97, and 2007. Please email [lchsalmuni@luthercollege.edu](mailto:lchsalmuni@luthercollege.edu) if you can help.



# on campus

## UNIVERSITY

### LUTHER'S CANADIAN ROOTS EXCHANGE YOUTH RECONCILIATION INITIATIVE TEAM HONOURED WITH AWARD

Luther College at the University of Regina had the privilege of working with the Canadian Roots Exchange (CRE) national organization as part of our Strategic Initiatives Planning for 2015-2016. On May 4, 2016, Luther's 2015-2016 CRE Youth Reconciliation Initiative Team was presented with the RCE Saskatchewan Education for

Sustainable Development Recognition Award for their work on increasing awareness and educating the public about Indigenous history and culture. The team, consisting of Lindsay desRoschers, **Austin Josephson (HS'10, U'15)**, Lee Prosper, and Giselle Yee, has been called "the most highly involved team to date" by Vibhor Garg, Co-Executive Director of Canadian Roots Exchange. Luther's commitment to CRE continues with a new team of students for 2016-2017.



Austin Josephson (HS'10, U'15), Dr. Shaunee Pete, Executive Lead for Indigenization at the University of Regina, Lindsay desRoschers, Lee Prosper, Giselle Yee, Dr. Mark Dockstrator, President, First Nations University of Canada; and Dr. Franz Volker Greifenhagen, Dean, Luther College.

### SPRING & FALL CONVOCATION

Spring Convocation was held on June 2, 2016, where Luther awarded a total of fifty-one degrees and certificates to forty-nine graduates. The Luther Medal of Distinction was awarded to **Katherine (Katie) Ottley (U'16)**. Fall Convocation was held on October 21, 2016, when

Luther awarded ten degrees and certificates to ten graduates. **Marcia Mitschke (U'16)** received the U of R Faculty of Science Dean's Medal and the University of Regina President's Medal. Congratulations to all of our grads on their hard work and achievements.



Katherine (Katie) Ottley (U'16)



Dr. Vianne Timmons, President of the U of R, presenting Marcia with the President's Medal. Photo Credit: Trevor Hopkin, UofR

### MINI-RESIDENCE ALUMNI REUNION

On August 13, 2016, we welcomed "home" eleven alumni from the 1990's including **Meghan (Hunt) Braithwaite (U'98; resident from 1993-1995)**, **Dean Braithwaite (resident from 1992-1993)**, **Larry Caderma (resident from 1991-1995)**, **Kyle Channing (resident from 1992-1993)**, **Beverly (Tarnes) Dzikowski (U'92; resident from 1991-1995; RA from 1992-1994)**, **Jason Hammond (U'96; resident from 1991-1993)**, **Tera (Stainbrook) Lowrie (resident from 1991-1993)**, **Lachlan McWilliams**

**(U'94; resident for fall 1992)**, **Frances Nederhoff (resident from 1995-1998; RA from 1996-1998)**, **Laura (Shadboldt) Quirk (resident from 1992-1997; RA from 1995-1997)** and **Jay Quirk (resident from 1992-1997)**, and their families to attend a mini-residence reunion. The memory-filled day, initiated by Laura Quirk, included a flood of stories from alumni as they looked through yearbooks and pictures from the archives, toured the Luther Residence, ate brunch in the Luther Cafeteria, and toured the U of R campus.



Dean Braithwaite, Megan (Hunt) Braithwaite (U'98), Larry Caderma, Laura (Shadboldt) Quirk, Jay Quirk, Jason Hammond (U'94), and Lachlan McWilliams (U'94) in front of the Luther Residence south entrance.

**NEW FACULTY & STAFF**

Luther College at the University of Regina is pleased to welcome **Moe Mathieu (HS'88)** as our new Manager of Dining Services, **Michelle Wagner (HS'07, U'11, U'13)** as our interim Library Coordinator, and **Justine (Solie) Esplen (U'13)** as our interim Academic Services Specialist. We are also pleased to announce that **Karen Prior (HS'05, U'11)** has returned to Luther as our new Academic Advisor.

**ALUMNI TASTE TEST LUNCHEON**

On August 30, 2016, nineteen LCUR alumni who work on the main campus (University of Regina) or federated colleges, joined us for the Luther Alumni Taste Test Luncheon. They were the first on campus to sample a few select dishes as Moe Mathieu, our new Manager of Dining Services, unveiled the new LCUR Cafeteria and Catering menus for 2016-2017.

*(Editor's note: There are over 50 LCUR alumni that work at the University of Regina/Federated Colleges.)*

**AWARDS CEREMONY**

Every year Luther College hosts an awards ceremony in the fall to recognize the outstanding achievements of our students. This year Luther College awarded \$72,000 worth of scholarships to 103 students (a 13% increase from 2015). The awards

ceremony also serves to recognize students with exceptional academic standings. Forty-four students were named to the Dean's Honour Roll. To qualify for the Dean's Honour Roll, students must have obtained a minimum GPA of 85%.



Back Row (L-R): Joseph McLellan, Adam Kalyniuk, Brendan Anderson, Kiera Mitchell, Alexis Urszulan, Ann King, Madeline Reimer, Taylore Beechy, Ashley Bradley, Meghan Jorgensen, Mattea Polivka  
Front Row (L-R): Dayen Young, Kimberly Tran, Jasmine Tsui, Jessica Leeper, Brynn Martin

**ALL COLLEGE****WELCOME NEW BOARD OF REGENTS**

Luther College would like to welcome two new members to our Board of Regents: Lyndon Carlson and Gregory Swanson.

Lyndon retired from Farm Credit Canada as the Executive Vice President and Chief Marketing Officer in 2016, and Gregory is a lawyer with McKercher LLP.



Luther College Board of Regents (2016-2017) Back Row (L-R): Daryl Nelson, Daranne Harris (HS'95), Mike Fritzier (HS'88; Chair), David Solheim, Antoinette le Roux, Meredith Cherland, Bruce McDowell, Jeff Christiansen (HS'84, U'90), Murray Knuttila Front Row (L-R): Karl Tiefenbach (HS'73, U'76), Beth Drozda (HS'84, U'87), Janet Bjorndahl (U'79), Gregory Swanson, Lyndon Carlson, Karen Pflanzner Missing: Laurel Garven (HS'06)

# class notes

**Courtney Bates-Hardy (U'11)** launched her recently published collection of original poetry entitled *House of Mystery* on October 7, 2016, at the University of Regina. The collection is described as “a beautifully dark and vivid collection of poems that tears down our familiar ideas about fairy tales. These are not poems about privileged princesses who live happily ever after; these are poems about monsters, mothers, witches and mermaids. They explore the pain of change and womanhood, and transform the way we think about fairy tales.”



**Katie Bergmann (U'11; Luther resident, 2007-2008)** currently works as Director of Communications for the Set Free Movement, an international non-profit organization combating human trafficking and working on developing operations in Canada. She also published a book entitled *When Justice Just Is* in December 2015. The first person she met at Luther College was a fellow resident in the same quad. They both opted to move in early to the LCUR Residence, so they were the only two residents hanging around on their floor. They got to know one another a little that evening

and during the ensuing year. After graduation, they stayed in touch over the years through e-mail and then re-connected in person two summers ago, when her friend introduced Katie to a friend of hers who became Katie's boyfriend. Two years later, the couple are still in a relationship and are going strong!

**Jennifer Billan (U'12)** celebrated her wedding at the Luther College Chapel (University campus) on August 27, 2016, officiated by Pastor Sean Bell, chaplain at Luther College's university campus. “Thank you to Luther College at the University of Regina and their amazing staff for going above and beyond to help make our special day truly memorable—from helping us create the perfect room setting, to creating a unique and delicious menu within our budget, to helping our photographer get on top of the roof to take some amazing photos. And thank you, Pastor Sean Bell, for guiding us through this blessed journey and for giving us the most genuine, love-filled ceremony!”



**Thomas Boxall (HS'98, U'01)** entered the IT industry after convocation from Luther College at the University of Regina in 2001. He worked for ISM Canada (an IBM company) for six years as a software developer, and two years ago he moved to Lexcom Systems Group to become a Solution Architect. He now holds the position of Manager of Application Development and is responsible for an international team of developers. He always had a knack with computers, and while at Luther College High School he would spend many hours programming applications like dice-rolling programs, and communication tools that worked with a radio modem. “One Saturday I had spent the entire day

programming a program that would play classical music. I hadn't saved my program all day. Unbeknownst to me, my friend JC Hunter was rewiring his lamp next door. JC unfortunately shorted his lamp and threw the power breaker for the floor. I lost over eight hours of work. JC heard me swearing through the wall and, true to nature, shorted the breaker three more times that weekend as a prank.”

**Merlis Belscher (HS'53)** made a \$12.25M gift to the University of Saskatchewan in October 2016. The donation will give a new home to the Huskies and community hockey. Belscher's gift is the largest donation from an alumnus and individual in the university's history. Luther College has also been a grateful recipient of Belscher's philanthropy, the most significant of which was his contribution to the *A Time to Build* campaign and renaming of the old gym as the Merlis Belscher Heritage Centre.



Jennifer Billan's friends and family at her wedding. Photo Credit: Stewart Manhas



**Cam Brooks (HS'86)** has been married for fifteen years and has two girls. Cam has been working for IBM for almost twenty years. He and his family make their home in New York (just upstate from NYC), but they are currently living in London, UK on a two-year assignment.



Luther College welcomed back alum and current Board member **Jeff Christiansen (HS'84, U'90)** to alumni chapel. Thank you to our special guests who also returned to hear Jeff speak (pictured above): **Gerry Harris, Dick Stark, Steve Haddad, Jeff's mom Barb (Mrs. C.), Jeff, and Berbel Knoll.**

The score was very well-received by an enthusiastic audience.

**Thomas Fahlman (HS'14)** currently works at Wal-Mart while attending class at Saskatchewan Polytechnic. His special memory of Luther is the love and support he received from all of the faculty and his friends at the High School over the years of his fight with cancer.

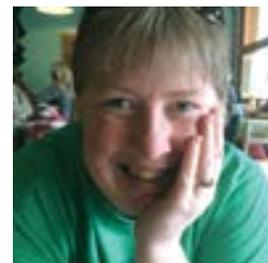
**Astrid Friesen (Luther resident, 1998-2001)** works in Estevan, Saskatchewan, and is doing lots of volunteering in her spare time. She is also in an international choir with members from both Canada and the United States.



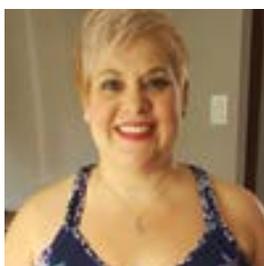
Former LCCHS faculty members **Larry and Gail Fry** visited Stockholm in September 2016. They took this photo from the *Nobel Prize over the Decades* display of Henry Taube at the Nobel Museum. **Henry Taube (HSU'33)** was a Luther alumnus and a Nobel Prize winner.

**Carolyn Greve (U'12)** completed a master's degree at the University of Montreal and is now working at Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada.

Regional Library out of Weyburn, Saskatchewan, and currently works for the Regina Public Library.



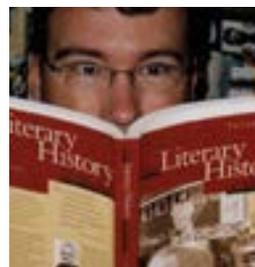
**Lesly-Anne Hudie (U'01)** currently works in Disability and Safety Management. Disability management centers on reactive programs to bring injured workers back to work as soon as is possible, and safety management centers on a proactive approach to safety training, ergonomics, and risk management.



**Ronaleen (Toth) Carlson (Luther resident, 1996-1997)** has been a teacher with Regina Public Schools for twelve years and currently teaches at Balfour Collegiate. She completed an Education degree with a major in Social Studies and minors in English and Special Education, as well as a master's degree in Educational Psychology.



**Jason Cullimore (HS'90)** received the Classical Composition of the Year award for "Along the King's Road" at the 14th Annual Western Canadian Music Awards on October 15, 2016. The day after the award, the premiere of his new concert score for the classic silent horror film "The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari" was performed by eight Regina Symphony musicians and conducted by former RSO conductor Victor Sawa, in sync with a screening of the film at the Conexus Arts Centre.



**Jason Hammond (U'96; Luther resident, 1991-1993)** spent nearly a decade in the Canadian book publishing industry, working in both Saskatchewan and Alberta, after convocating from Luther College with a Bachelor of Arts in English in 1996. He returned to school in 2006 to complete a master's degree in Library and Information Science from the University of Western Ontario. After convocation, he worked for a year and a half with Southeast

**THANK YOU AND CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR WINNERS!**

Thank you to the 513 High School and thirty-seven University alumni who responded to our May 2016 alumni on-line survey.

The winners of the three \$500 Travel Vouchers (courtesy of Marlin Travel – Regina) were **Richard Barnsley (HS'61), Gwen Evans (U'89), and Connor Wright (HS'04).**

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**Susan (Hoffos) Hoffos Nixon (U'95)** moved with her husband to Nanaimo, British Columbia, from Edmonton, Alberta, six years ago. They have two girls, Julia (six) and Kaitlin (four). She has been working at Seniors Village as a Recreation Therapist for the past five years. Even though her family lives in British Columbia, they are still avid Saskatchewan Roughrider fans!



**Sunny Jung (HS'05)** graduated from Luther College High School and moved to Winnipeg, Manitoba, to attend the University of Manitoba. She received a Bachelor of Science (Psychology) in 2009, a Bachelor of Education (Middle Years) in 2011, and a D.M.D. (Doctor of Medicine in Dentistry) in 2015. Sunny currently lives in Toronto, Ontario, fully enjoying city and professional life as a general dentist. A recent reunion with Luther graduates in Toronto after about ten years brought back all those cherished memories, especially the dorm life, and made her realize how much she's been valuing the education and experiences from Luther. She hopes to

reconnect with more Luther alumni at sunnyjung05@gmail.com.

**Lisa King (HS'83)** received the Dr. Robert and Norma Ferguson Award for Outstanding Service to the University of Regina and the Alumni Association at the University of Regina 2016 Alumni Crowning Achievement Awards on October 6, 2016.

**Nicole Maisley (exchange student and Luther resident from January – April 2013)** returned to York St. John University in England and graduated. After graduation, she moved to Sydney, Australia, and worked at St. John's College within the University of Sydney for a year as their receptionist, and as of May 2016, started a new job as a Clubs and Societies Coordinator at the Sydney University Union. Special memories of Luther include playing Cranium.

**Ian McLeod (U'78; Luther resident, 1973–1975)** currently works at Douglas College in New Westminster (Vancouver), British Columbia, as the Chief Information Officer (CIO). He has been happily married to wife Dori for thirty-eight years, and is proud grandpa to four dear grandchildren: Avery, Owen, Ian, and Frase. His special memories of Luther include "Muckby, of course, and late nights of chess and bridge in the quads. No memories of studying, though."

**Emma (Love) Morris (HS'07, U'14)** completed a master's degree in Cultural Heritage and Resource Management at the University of Winchester in Winchester,

England, in 2015 and returned in October 2016 to graduate. She loves being back in Regina, Saskatchewan, where she lives with her husband and their dog. One of her favourite memories of her time at Luther is the water fights during welcome week that always seemed to get a bit out of hand.



**Alison Nagy (U'14)** is currently completing a master's degree in Public History from the University of Western Ontario (Western). Through this program, she completed an internship with Canada's National History Society this summer. She remembers working in the Luther Library for a few years, and absolutely loved helping students and faculty with their research, working on archival digitization, and assisting students to find materials. This really helped her decide what she wanted to pursue in graduate studies, and she has very fond memories of her time at Luther College!

**Soren Nostbakken (HS'97)** currently teaches at Bedford Road Collegiate in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. His main subjects are History and World Religions, and he works in both the academically gifted and IB programs. He and his wife Andrea (who was a dean at the High School, which is how they met) had their first child last year: Elsa May Nostbakken. Soren's favourite times at Luther were always when his dad, Rick Nostbakken, would sing in chapel.

**Lori (McFadzean) Parks (HS'94, U'99)** achieved her Bachelor of Science (Biology) at the University of Regina as a Luther student in 1999 and then completed a Bachelor of Actuarial Science (Environmental Systems Engineering). She currently works at SaskEnergy/TransGas, managing programs related to air emissions and resource conservation.

**Jonathan Pedde (HS'10)** graduated from Oxford after completing his two years there as a Rhodes Scholar. He received his Master of Philosophy in Economics in July 2016, and moved to New York City. He began working as an Associate for McKinsey & Company in October.



**Bill Schwarz's (HS'60)** artwork (above) is being showcased at the Rouge Gallery in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. Bill also has an active law practice in Cambridge, Ontario. Visit [kirkwoodwagnergallery.com](http://kirkwoodwagnergallery.com).

**Gavin Semple (HS'63)** was named the 2016 ABEX Business Leader of the Year by Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce in September 2016. Gavin is the chairman of the Brandt Group of Companies. Gavin and his brother Jack also received honorary doctorate degrees (the highest recognition the University can bestow) at the 2016 Spring Convocation ceremony at the University of Regina.

**Leah Sharpe (Luther resident, 2001–2003)** received the Volunteer of the Year Award at the third annual International Association of Business Communicators (IABC) Communicator Awards Gala (Regina Chapter) in June 2016.



**Andrea Dawn Stenerson (HS'85, U'89)** currently lives on Vancouver Island. She works at 460 Realty and is really excited to be launching her career as a realtor in beautiful British Columbia. Prior to embarking on this new exciting endeavour, she was the owner/operator of Dawning Era Consulting, a registered art therapist, and also attended Mount Royal University, taking Interior Design. She has two sons: the eldest, Krystian Watts, works at Nanaimo Chrysler and the youngest, Kai Watts, is in grade 8. She continues to play soccer and pursue her love of music as a volunteer within her community. She looks forward to reconnecting with Luther alumni and would be more than happy to work with any alumni transferring to the area and looking to find a home.



**Don Vinge (HS'52) and granddaughter Maia**

**Justice Peter Whitmore (Board of Regents, 1997–2009)** received the Canadian Bar Association (CBA) 2016 Community Service Award in June 2016. The Community Service Award was created to recognize the valuable contributions of members who have demonstrated outstanding dedication, service, and commitment to the communities of our province. A former chancellor of the diocese of Qu'Appelle, he was also one of six recipients to receive the province's 2016 Anglican Award of Merit presented by the Anglican Church of Canada.

**Patricia Wilson (U'86, Luther resident, 1982–1986)** has worked for the City of Regina for twenty-five years and is currently the Director of Water Works. She is involved with Regina Little Theatre and Regina Summer Stage, mostly backstage. She remembers playing cards until the wee hours in the Residence Director's suite, and the video weekends in the quad, where they would rent a machine and ten or so movies and run them all weekend in the lounge. One

more: watching the final episode of M.A.S.H. in the TV pit in the basement.

**Don Vinge (HSU'52 and past faculty member, 1957–1960)**

“My years as a student and faculty member in the fifties were life changing! I congratulate Luther College for being honoured recently by the Regina Sports Hall of Fame. In my years as LIT Director in 1958, we invited the first out-of-province teams from North Dakota, Alberta, and Manitoba. We also initiated the concept of an LIT Special Guest, the first being Ms. Noel McDonald Robertson, the captain of the Edmonton Grads basketball team that dominated women's basketball internationally for decades. In addition to active student leadership, the LIT was supported by a parent committee led by the Roy Weaver and Ted Kidd families, along with Mrs. Irma Douglas, wife of Premier Douglas. **Lorne Schemmer (HS'54, HSU'55)** contributed extensively to the expansion of the LIT concept. My career included thirty-two years overseas and twelve years in Edmonton, Alberta. I was a teacher and

later the Director of the Canadian Department of National Defence Schools in Europe, and was also Director of The AFCENT International Schools at the NATO Headquarters in the Netherlands, and later Director of International Schools in Munich, Frankfurt, Dresden, Weimar and Regensburg after retiring from the Edmonton Public Schools. Our son Peder was born in the Netherlands and recently returned from ten years at The International World Youth Academy in Beijing, China. The photo to the left shows my granddaughter Maia, the daughter of Peder and Nallely, originally from Mexico, a truly international family. Thank you Luther College!”

**Ary Williams (HS'11)** recently graduated with a bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering at the University of Saskatchewan.

**Victor Yeung (HS'05) and Stephen Hsieh (HS'05)** toured Luther College High School this summer with their tour guides, Larry and Gail Fry. Victor currently lives in Hong Kong. He says, “the smells really brought me back to Luther and I still remember the day arriving at Regina airport and stepping into the dorm. Some of my best memories and friends are from Luther.”

# class notes

## OBITUARIES

**Richard Caemmerer Jr.** (who painted the mural in the Rex Schneider Auditorium at the University campus) passed away on February 18, 2016, surrounded by his family.

**Warren Champ (HS'47)** passed away peacefully on February 5, 2016, at the age of eighty-eight. Warren attended Luther College High School for two years and, following graduation in 1947, he became a businessman like his father, Wesley, both in Regina, and in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. He married Kathleen Beatrice Gray in Regina on August 5, 1950 and they had four children: Diane, Robert, Thomas, and Margaret. In 1968, the family moved from Regina to Saskatoon, where Warren established, and served as president of Mine Supply Company Limited.

**Dean Dickson (HS'56)** passed away on March 30, 2016, at the age of seventy-seven. Dean grew up in Regina, Saskatchewan, and attended Luther College High School for four years. An accomplished track-and-field athlete and all-star running back in High School, he competed as a sprinter and high jumper in the Canadian trials for the 1956 Melbourne Olympics, and was one of the first student-athletes from Saskatchewan to play on a U.S. College football team, playing for four years at Colorado College in Colorado Springs, where he completed a bachelor's degree. He received a bachelor's degree in Education at the University of Saskatchewan, and a master's degree at

the University of Northern Colorado. Dean went on to be a teacher, administrator, businessman, and football coach, coaching the Saskatoon Hilltops. He was inducted into the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame in 2013. He and his wife, Sharolyn, have five children.

**Charles (Charlie) Fox (HS'54, HSU'55)** passed away on July 16, 2016 at the age of eighty-one. Born on the prairies, he attend Luther College High School for four years, graduating in 1954, and completed his first year of university at Luther in 1955. His first marriage to Donna Milne gave him three sons: **Randi (U'87)**, Duane, and Sheldon. In 1961, Charlie was ordained in Regina, Saskatchewan in the Lutheran church, and for the next forty year his life was full of experiences, mostly centred on social justice, as a Lutheran minister, a probation officer, historian, songwriter, poet, and musician. In the 1990's, Charlie and Donna went their separate ways. After retiring from the ministry, Charlie became a financial planner. He met and later married Verna Conway, and they lived in Kelowna, British Columbia for a number of years, travelling extensively, and eventually retiring to Vancouver Island.

**Arthur Goll (HS'50, HSU'51)** passed away at the age of eighty-four. Arthur was born and raised in Melville, Saskatchewan. After graduating in 1950, he completed his first year of university at Luther College High School in 1951. He obtained a bachelor's degree in Agricultural Sciences from the University

of Saskatchewan in 1955. During his career with Ag Canada, he became a national expert in the inspection and labelling of dairy products, and authored a dairy product inspection manual. Arthur was very proud of his Saskatchewan roots and he gave back to his community through his involvement with ESL tutoring, mentoring students, the Cub Scouts, and community service.

**Calvin Haverstock (HS'61)** passed away on April 17, 2016, at the age of seventy-two, following a short battle with cancer. Calvin attended Luther College High School for three years and participated in S.R.C. and played on the football and hockey teams. Upon graduation in 1961, he attended the University of Saskatchewan, obtaining a Commerce degree. He began his career with IBM, which he enjoyed for sixteen years, before moving into CEO roles at several high-tech companies. He married **Sandra (Young) Haverstock (HS'60)** in 1963 and they raised two children, Shannon and Brennan. Career changes and advancements took the family from coast to coast. In retirement, Calvin enjoyed golf, grandfathering, and a good game of cards. Christian faith was a cornerstone of Cal's life, and he was a very active contributing member of his church community. He is also survived by his brother **Rae Haverstock (HS'67, HSU'69)**.

**Ron (Bill) Hill (HS'50)** passed away at the age of eighty-seven. He attended Luther College High School from 1948 to 1950, where he

met his wife, **Doris (Richter) Hill (HS'51)**. They were married in 1952 and had three children: **Roxanna (Hill) Korinetz (HS'72)**, **Lisa (Hill) Wright (HS'79)**, and **Ronald W. Hill (HS'81)**.

**James (Jim) Hockley (HS'50, HSU'51)** passed away on April 26, 2016, at the age of eighty-three. Jim was born and grew up in Indian Head, Saskatchewan, but he always wanted to explore the world. After graduating in 1950, he completed his first year of university at Luther College High School in 1951, then attended the University of Saskatchewan. History was his passion, and he furthered his studies at the University of Oregon and at Harvard, obtaining master's and doctorate degrees. He spent a year in Paris, learning French and studying at the Sorbonne University. His teaching career took him to Columbia University in New York and the University of Toronto. But the farm always called him home. He managed the farm business on a part-time basis and eventually gave up teaching altogether when his parents could no longer manage. Jim and Elaine married in 1995 and spent twenty-one happy years together.

**James Murray Hooker (HS'57)** passed away on July 12, 2016, at the age of seventy-five after a hard-fought battle with cancer. Murray grew up in the farming community of LaFleche, Saskatchewan, and graduated from Luther College High School in 1957. After attaining a Bachelor of Arts with accreditation towards a Bachelor of Education from the University of Saskatchewan,

he taught school in Quesnel, British Columbia, North Battleford, Saskatchewan, and Theodore, Saskatchewan. He would eventually leave teaching to pursue a career with the Department of Highways, specializing in Human Resources, and then to the Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration (PFRA) for four rewarding years. In 1977, Murray accepted an offer to be the Regional Human Resources Manager with Human Resource Development Canada (HRDC), Government of Canada, retiring from this position in 2001.

**Donna-Lynne (Koch) Hughes (HS'64)** passed away on June 1, 2016, at the age of sixty-nine. Born in Regina, she grew up on her family's farm at Edenwold, Saskatchewan. After graduating from Luther College High School in 1964, she obtained a teaching degree from the University of Regina and broadened her knowledge of the world by traveling for a year in Europe, then returned home where she worked as a teacher in Balgonie and Edenwold, Saskatchewan. She married Daryl Hughes and together they raised three children. She brought smiles and laughter to those around her while enjoying conversation, dancing, music, being a chef, and savouring a glass of wine. She delighted in traveling throughout Canada with her family, as well as to Europe, Hawaii, Mexico, and the Oregon Coast with her husband. A great listener, Donna-Lynne had a huge heart and warm smile, and enriched the lives of people around her with her

compassion, wisdom, and guidance.

**William Krell (HS'51)** passed away on June 1, 2016, at the age of eighty-three. William was one of six siblings who all attended Luther College High School in the 1950's — the late **Lily (Krell) Patterson (HS'47, HSU'50)**, the late **Leah (Krell) Diemert (HSU'50)**, the late **Sophie (Krell) Knoch (HSU'50)**, **Marie (Krell) Christiansen (HS'52)** and **Violet (Krell) Jacob (HS'54, HSU'55)**. Shortly after graduation in 1951, William ran a family farm with his wife, Ruth, and was a leader in his community of Stoughton, Saskatchewan. The Krell family has a scholarship at Luther College High School in tribute to their parents' contribution to their education. The Fredrick & Magdalena Krell Scholarship is awarded to an entering student who demonstrates qualities of compassion, sensitivity, desire for learning, reverence for life, and faith in God. William's sister Violet says, "Bill would not have risen to the stature which he did had it not been for the influence of Luther College."

**William Lutek (attended Luther College High School, 1947–1948)** passed away on February 3, 2016, at the age of eighty-five. An engineer by trade, he managed chemical plants for Domtar in Hamilton and National Silicates in Mississauga for many years. After retirement, he devoted his life to church work and tennis.

**Anne (Pfeifer) Miller (attended Luther College High School in 1927)** and cousin

of **Hertha Pfeifer (HS'49, HSU'50)** passed away on June 10, 2016, at the age of 105. She was born in Lemberg, Saskatchewan, to John and Henrietta Pfeifer, and attended Luther College High School for grade 10. As a young woman, she worked in the Saskatchewan Legislative Building in Regina, Saskatchewan, until she married Mart Miller in 1937. Together they raised four boys. When Mart retired from the Royal Bank, they moved to Victoria to be near her father and her brothers, the late **William Fife (attended Luther College High School in 1929 for grade 10)** and **Warner Fyfe (HSU'45)**, and sister, **Lillian (Pfeifer) Trent (HS'46)**. Anne drew on her strong faith to provide energy and guide her life's work.

**Tyler O'Connor (HS'00)** passed away suddenly on August 16, 2016, at the age of thirty-four. He attended Luther College High School for three years and graduated in 2000. He loved spending time with his young son, family, and friends, and was an avid golfer, hunter, and auto enthusiast.

**Edith (Johnson) Ripplinger (HS'49)** passed away on July 23, 2016, at the age of eighty-six. She attended Luther College High School for four years and graduated in 1949.

**Jeanie (Shaw) Wagner (HSU'40)** passed away on July 5, 2016, at the age of ninety-four. Jeanie was born in Kingussie, Scotland, and came to Regina, Saskatchewan, at the age of two, where she lived until her passing.

She graduated from the University of Saskatchewan, having attended her first year of university at Luther College in 1940, and taught in Grenfell, Saskatchewan, and at Central Collegiate in Regina prior to marrying **Frederick Wagner (HS'26, HSU'27)**. Together they raised two children: **Elisabeth Wagner (HS'71, U'74)** and **Alan Wagner (HS'76)**. Jeanie would later complete a master's degree and teach at the University of Regina for over twenty-five years, touching the lives of many students. Jeanie supported many charities, particularly international relief, environmental causes, and the New Democratic Party.

**Grant Watson (HS'79)** passed away suddenly on June 17, 2016, at the age of fifty-six. Grant grew up at Shoreacres, across the lake from Regina Beach, Saskatchewan, and attended schools in Sifton, Bulyea, and Strasbourg, Saskatchewan, before arriving at Luther College High School. Upon graduation in 1979, he studied at SIAST in Moose Jaw to become a journeyman carpenter and went on to become manager of the family business at the Home Hardware Building Centre in Regina Beach. He enjoyed snowmobiling in the Canadian Rockies, in the Yellowstone area, and on North Saskatchewan trails, and boating at the Regina Beach Yacht Club with friends, as well as winter holidays in warmer climates.

**Ian J. Wilson (Luther College High School Dean of Men from 1952-1953)** passed away on April 15, 2016,

at the age of ninety-three. Born in Christchurch, New Zealand, he immigrated to Canada in 1947 and settled in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, with his wife, Bette. After graduating from the University of Saskatchewan in Arts and Education, he moved to Regina, Saskatchewan, where he became the Dean of Men at Luther College from 1952-1953. He returned to Saskatoon in 1954 to teach at Bedford Road Collegiate for two years, then became a lecturer at the Saskatoon Teachers College from 1956 to 1963 before he was appointed as the first Principal of the new Saskatchewan Technical Institute (now Kelsey). In 1974, he was appointed Deputy Minister of Education and moved back to Regina. In 1980, he returned to Saskatoon one last time when was appointed Chair and CEO of the Saskatchewan Legal Aid Commission. He retired in 1987.

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# The Luther College Story Continues

By Richard Hordern, Past President of Luther College



The mixed voices glee club, or chorus, around 1930; directors Miss Mees in the center of the front two.

## A Brief History from Mrs. Schneider

A recent and appreciated gift to the archives came from Luther's retired Director of Music, Dr. Carl Cherland. In 1983, he contacted Mrs. Elsa Schneider and asked for her memories of the music program at Luther. Mrs. Schneider had been one of the original teachers at Luther Academy (later known as Luther College), coming in 1926 when her name was Miss Mees. Several years later she married Luther's President Rex Schneider, which meant that she no longer held a staff position; however, she remained very active as a volunteer in assisting with Luther's music program for many more decades.

She remembered the "choir" as evolving out of the Boys' Glee Club and writes: "In the first [year] of Luther (1926) I was a "math" teacher. It was a small faculty and each of us was required to develop extra-curricular programs. I was assigned to Girls' Physical Education and Music.... We organized a boys' Glee Club. None of the members could read (musical) 'notes.' It became a matter of rote learning. We gave concerts in nearby communities. These communities

had little entertainment and our programs were appreciated. The boys wore jackets – stripes of Luther colors. The programs were a bit corny. The German language was often used."

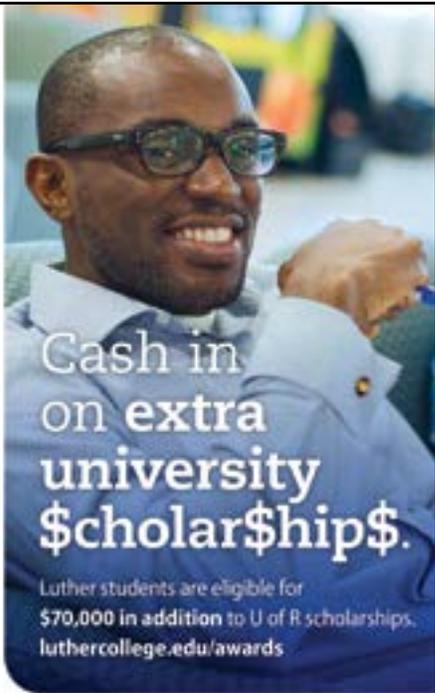
By the 1930's, as more girls enrolled, both boys and girls participated in the Glee Club. Although the Luther College "choir" was first organized for the weekly radio broadcasts from Luther College, starting in 1936, Mrs. Schneider more clearly remembered the Sunday morning worship services, held in the chapel (today's music room), in which both Luther students and members of Christ Lutheran Church participated. It was for these services in the new chapel that the Luther "chorus" or "choir" replaced the glee clubs.

"The chapel provided an auditorium for our use. Here we started the first Christmas Candlelight Program. It took the place of the Boys' Glee Club. In the years that followed, the audiences became larger and overflowed. In 1951 when the gym was built, we had a place where (larger) audiences could be accommodated. About that time our [national church's] Hebron

College in Nebraska was closed and we received their blue choir gowns. We supplemented these by borrowing black gowns from Trinity Church in Regina. I shudder a bit today when I recall that the chorus members each carried a lighted candle in the processing and all during the program. Fortunately, no accidents. The audience mothers wept to see this 'angelic' group."

Mrs. Schneider also expressed her thanks to Dr. Cherland for his fine work in continuing the Candlelight tradition. "You are to be congratulated!"

*I appreciate hearing from alumni and friends who can contribute historical details and/or memorabilia for the Luther College Archives. Please do not hesitate to contact me at richard.hordern@luthercollege.edu or write c/o Luther College at the University of Regina, 3737 Wascana Parkway, Regina, SK, S4S 0A2.*



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1. Gathering in the Student Commons
2. Memory lane
3. Singing hymns during Homecoming chapel
4. Touring the new facilities
5. Checking out today's classrooms

6. Warm hugs
7. Catching up with old friends
8. Duane Schellenberg (HS'96) - Toast to the College
9. Gail and Larry Fry - Toast to the Alumni

10. Lots of laughs during the open mic
11. Class of 1966 gathers at the Friday Homecoming reception
12. Class of 1991 celebrates their 25th reunion

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