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message from the president



During the last few weeks, there have been a number of activities and developments that have reminded me of the history as well as the central vision and mission that resulted in a College like ours called “Luther College.” These revolve around the College’s efforts to celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation and serious consideration being given by our Board to how we might renew our legislative Act. Please allow me to explain.

Dr. Meredith Cherland has taken the lead in organizing a series of activities around Luther College to commemorate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. These have ranged from a “Table Talk” series to ecumenical Bible studies with our Catholic friends at Campion College; see www.luthercollege.edu/reformation-500 for the full schedule. The events have given us a chance to reflect on the reason why Luther College came

to exist in the first place. Over 100 years ago, a group of people cared so much about ensuring the highest academic standards be available in a Christian, notably Lutheran, context, that they established Luther College. Academic excellence was only part of the mission, as those early educators also recognized the critical aspect of developing the entire person, whether that be through extra-curricular activities or the most personal of academic counselling. Luther College on both its campuses remains dedicated to that mission while recognizing that the Christian context now involves understanding and relating to a diversity of religious and non-religious ideologies because the neighbour we are commanded to love has changed from 100 years ago.

At the same time, the Governance Committee of our Board of Regents under the leadership of Committee Chair Dave Solheim, with particular expertise from Karen Pflanzner and the efforts of many others on our Governance Committee, has been studying how we can update the Act which incorporates Luther College. In this updating, our Board has had to consider our relationship to the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada whose predecessor bodies founded the College in 1913. Resoundingly, our

Board has determined that the relationship with the national church should remain even while we recognize that there may be other ways to accomplish this.

So why bother keeping this Lutheran attachment? In writing this, I’m very aware that most of those reading will not be Lutheran and may even be less than sympathetic to the Lutheran emphasis of this column. And I have so little space left to explain!

But allow me to try, even if briefly. Luther College’s mission statement says the following: “Distinguished by the Lutheran heritage of scholarship, freedom, and faith, Luther College . . . seeks to provide the highest quality of teaching and research within the liberal arts and sciences while presenting, reflecting upon, and scrutinizing as broad a spectrum as possible of values and viewpoints.”

While this statement has been critiqued as not being particularly distinctive, it is precisely because of the genius of our namesake, Martin Luther, that we can affirm this statement. Luther, with all his follies and sins, was only able to continue in his search for truth because of the comfort he found in being “justified by grace”; so, too, are we able to hold on to this search for truth within the wider, even secular, context of our Canadian society. Like Luther,

we are “justified by grace,” even as we search for truth through our academic disciplines and our relationships with one another.

To God be the glory for our namesake and the tradition of excellence within the academy which he helped establish—and beyond.

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

message from the pulpit



This year I witnessed remarkable bravery. Perhaps the most courageous thing I have ever seen was demonstrated by a student here at Luther College.

It was actually at a Ministerial gathering, which on the surface doesn’t sound like a threatening place. The February Ministerial gathering of the Regina Conference of the Saskatchewan Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada was hosted here at Luther College. Invitations were sent to other conferences, the food was booked, the chapel was ready – all that was needed was content for the day.

The topic of discussion chosen for this meeting of Rostered Leaders began with one of the questions that has guided my ministry and work here at Luther College: “What kind of Canada do we want to live in?”

I don’t think we want to live in a Canada where we fear our

neighbours. In fact, loving our neighbour is in the top two teachings that Jesus gave: love God, and then love your Neighbour. Canada has long been a mosaic of cultures and religions, but the mosaic is often under pressure as we go through phases of the ‘majority’ fearing one of our ‘minorities.’ Right now, it seems to be Muslims who are looked at with suspicion. With fear and suspicion of our neighbours seemingly on the rise, with the murders in the Quebec Mosque as a symptom of the growing mistrust, and with all the news of fear and division coming from the United States, our Lutheran leadership felt it was important to talk about multiculturalism and how we ought to live together in the unique mosaic we call Canada.

So where is the bravery?

Well, a small act of bravery was Dr. Brenda Anderson coming to lead a conversation about multiculturalism, violence, and our current reality.

The much larger bravery was from my friend Hira Zahid (fourth-year Sociology student and vice-president of External Affairs, Muslim Student Movement on the University of Regina campus). Sitting in our Luther Chapel surrounded by Lutheran Rostered Leaders, Hira spoke with grace and humour about growing up

Muslim in Canada, about the reality and struggle of taking on the hijab (head scarf), and about what it feels like now with the growing tension. It is clear that our Muslim neighbours are feeling the pressure of the fear and mistrust more now than at any other time in their long history as part of the mosaic of Canada.

Today – in Hira Zahid’s courage, in the rostered leaders who listened deeply – I see signs of hope:

- That young students believe that words and reasoned dialog are still valuable.
- That in Canada, in the world, God’s command to love our neighbour (and even our enemy, when it comes to that) is something we still can do today.
- That our young students at the University of Regina are helping us answer the question “What kind of Canada do we want to live in?”
- That a young, bright, hijab – wearing woman who occasionally feels threatened for her choice to wear the hijab would come and speak with hope for the future she still believes is possible here.
- That our Lutheran Church leadership would hear God’s

message of grace and love to all while listening to His command and continue to work towards policies where room is made for all to live in peace as we support one another as neighbours.

So... how are you loving your neighbour? What kind of Canada do you want?

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

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Alumni PROFILES

By Amber Peters (U'06)

SARAH BERGBUSCH (HS'13)

At the age of eleven, **Sarah Bergbusch (HS'13)**, who describes herself as “fairly reserved,” tried out for a part in her elementary school play – a decision that would help set the trajectory of her future. “I didn’t really understand what acting was at that time, so I just tried my best to become a developed character.” To her surprise, “blossoming into a character” not only brought her joy; it also brought a great deal of enjoyment to her audience and, further, provided her with the opportunity to move and connect with that audience. It was the positive reaction from her audience that Sarah says changed her life. “I realized for the first time that I was good at it. Theatre became very important to me after that.”

What helped to develop her natural acting and performance abilities? Why, her years at Luther College High School (LCHS), of course. “Luther had a great drama program,” Sarah recalls. She took advantage of every opportunity to delve into theatre and hone her performance skills throughout her high school days, participating in improv as well as the one-act play and musical every year. Playing Yente in *Fiddler on the Roof* in Grade 11 at LCHS provided her with further confirmation of her ability to transport her audience through her acting. She recalls that after one performance, Mrs. Gail Fry, a teacher at LCHS, came up to her and said, “You were so good up there that I actually believed you were an old woman.”

Sarah soaked up as much knowledge of theatre as she could, taking drama classes offered both at LCHS and outside of high school, including those offered at the Globe Theatre in Regina, Saskatchewan. After graduating in 2013, Sarah continued

her performance and improv activities at the Globe Theatre through teaching and performing, participating in the Globe’s Shumiatcher Sandbox Series from 2013-2016 and performing at the Creelman Dinner Theatre. She also became a member of both *Combat* and *Hitchhikers Improv*, two improv companies around Regina and went back to her improv roots by sharing her years of experience and acting as an improv coach at LCHS for the Canadian Improv Games: Saskatchewan.

Sarah, who also has a passion for travel, is currently studying in Prague on a one-year exchange program as she pursues a degree in Women’s Studies with a minor in Theatre at the University of Regina. While in Prague, she is taking advantage of the performance culture, which at the moment includes immersion in a puppetry workshop with a company called Puppets in Prague. This is not her first go at puppets. In October 2015, she had the opportunity to work with visual artist and puppeteer Tamara Unroe and the contemporary dance company Fadadance on a show in the Sandbox Series called *Wool Gathering*. The show combined puppetry, including a lot of shadow puppets, and visual art with dance.

So, what does the future hold for Sarah? In the short term, she is taking part in a program with the Prague Shakespeare Company – a move that she hopes will help to expand her practice with classical theatre. She also plans to participate in a program with the Theatre Academy in Prague that focuses heavily on creation-based theatre and directing. Ultimately, Sarah is really “focused on learning more about theatre” and working on projects that will “expand [her] repertoire to further [her] career.” And she plans to return to her teaching and



“Luther has some unique opportunities that not a lot of other schools offer.”

performance activities at the Globe Theatre in the fall of 2017, following her return from Prague. Her long-term plans don’t look much different: “Future plans and ambitions would be to continue to learn, work, and grow as an artist. [And] maybe more travel.”

To find out more about Sarah’s memories of Luther, please visit www.luthercollege.edu/high-school/lutherstory.

RACHEL MIELKE (HS'98)

Rachel Mielke (HS'98), CEO and Founder of Hillberg & Berk, a successful luxury jewelry line, says it all started back in high school when she dusted off her mom’s sewing machine. “I discovered a passion for working with my hands. I can remember digging [it] out of the basement and getting her to show me how to thread it.” She began flexing her creative muscles first with fabric and then with jewelry – a hobby that she took with her into university. Jewelry, however, is not the star player of Rachel’s story; its collision between her creative sensibilities and a passion for business is where the real magic happened.

“I knew I wanted to go into my own business of some sort,” Rachel says, “but at the time I was not thinking at all that I would start a jewelry company. It just hadn’t quite triggered yet that jewelry would be a feasible business to start in Saskatchewan.” After completing her Bachelor of Arts in Administration as a Marketing major from the University of Regina in 2003, everything changed. Friends who had purchased her designs encouraged her to set up her first sale at a three-day convention in Regina. The success of that sale was the “light bulb moment” when she realized that creating and selling jewelry could be her business. “And,” she says simply, “it all started from there.”

In 2005, Rachel launched her first company, Urban Pearl Accessories. She rebranded as Hillberg & Berk in 2007 and, shortly after, went into it full-time. Soon after she got the sparkle ball rolling, Rachel realized that she had to step back from jewelry-making and the day-to-day business operations of Hillberg & Berk. This shift provided her with the kind of outsider’s perspective necessary to do what she does best: grow the company. “I don’t even know the alarm codes or where the keys to the store are,” she says with a laugh. While she still loves making jewelry, she also knows she’s exactly where she should be: “I feel like this is just what my perfect career is supposed to look like. I consider myself first and foremost an entrepreneur, before a marketing graduate or a jewelry designer. I am passionate about marketing, creating brands, how brands evolve, and how people grow brands and businesses.”



And Rachel has certainly proven that she can grow her business. Her company has gone from a one-woman operation to a staff of over 150, with stores in Saskatchewan and Alberta. While she may not be the one placing the famous sparkles, she works closely with Lisa, Hillberg & Berk’s head designer, on the direction and designs of the product. “At the end of the day she is executing my vision for the jewelry. It has the exact same aesthetic as it did when I was making everything ten years ago; it’s just that now other people are fulfilling that vision.” And Rachel’s vision – it’s worth noting – continues to garner attention and recognition, from a commission by the Lieutenant-Governor’s Office for a piece for Queen Elizabeth II to being invited to participate in star-studded award ceremonies including the Oscars. Rachel herself has also been the recipient of multiple awards, including being named the Regina Chamber of Commerce’s Young Entrepreneur of the Year in 2015.

Rachel’s achievements are nothing short of impressive. Her passion and sense for business has clearly helped to elevate her success, but underlying this businesswoman’s accomplishments is her

“I felt like Luther was where I blossomed and where I really found myself and where I developed a lot of confidence that . . . really served me well as I started my own business later in life.”

creative edge – the driving force behind that inquisitive and determined adolescent girl who traipsed up the stairs, dusty sewing machine in hand with nothing more than a pattern, the will to learn, and a keen desire to create.

To learn more about Rachel’s future plans, both professionally and personally, the extensive work Hillberg & Berk does with various organizations to promote the success and empowerment of women, as well as Rachel’s memories of Luther, please visit www.luthercollege.edu/high-school/lutherstory.

Alumni PROFILES

By Amber Peters (U'06)

MITRI MUSLEH (U'75)

Although **Mitri Musleh (U'75)** has not lived in the Luther College Residence at the University campus (LCUR) for over forty-five years, he says that it's never stopped feeling like home. This sentiment is manifested clearly to an outside observer as Mitri strolls into LCUR for his interview appointment for this profile. He heads straight to the LCUR Cafeteria, where a conversation with a long-time cafeteria staff member ensues. Incredibly, the staff member he was catching up with worked for Luther all those years ago, when Mitri frequented the cafeteria as a student and tenant of the LCUR Residence.

LCUR Residence first opened in 1971, the same year that Mitri moved to Canada from Bethlehem, his birthplace. Thus, Mitri was one of the first students to move in and call the residence home. He recalls that in 1972 Jim Dale, the Dean of Residence at the time, came to him and told him about another resident student who had just arrived. Ateih, a native of Jordan, was completing his Ph.D. in Biochemistry. Jim Dale thought the two men might get on rather well, and it turned out that he was right. Mitri and Ateih met, became best friends, and never looked back. Indeed, Mitri refers to Ateih as one of his "closest friends" and says, "Ateih was my family". They were even roommates once Mitri moved out of the residence in 1975 upon the completion of his undergraduate degree. Mitri also met Randy Haatvedt while living in the Residence and to this day they remain very close friends regardless of the geographical distance that separates them. These relationships speak to the magic of Luther: so many lasting friendships are born under its roof.

In 1975, Mitri completed his Bachelor of Arts and convocated from Luther with

a double major in Political Science and Psychology. After convocation, he met and married the love of his life, Barbara, and began working in management in the hospitality industry. In 1984, Mitri completed a second degree in Education, although he ultimately decided not to teach.

Though managing in the hospitality industry was work he enjoyed, as he and Barbara started their family, he increasingly found the hours did not allow him to spend enough time with his two young sons. "I wanted to be with my children and see them grow up," Mitri says. He decided to look for a career with a more typical schedule, and in 1988 he began his thirty-year career in social work.

Mitri is grateful for the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of those he works with: "working with students, working with people of need... [being able to] provide someone with advice, financial help, with whatever [direction] you give them [for] school, programming..., or work... it is very rewarding."

In addition to allowing more time with his family, his career in social work gave him both the financial means and the time to pursue other interests: in the mid-1990's, he completed a Master's Degree in Political Science, and since then he has written two non-fiction books and a number of articles on various topics relating to political science.

Having recently retired in August 2016, Mitri says he is looking forward to enjoying time with his family, including his two now-grown sons (one of whom is also a



"To me, Luther . . . was always more than a College. It was a home. I always felt like I belonged."

Luther alum, **Shaadie Musleh (U'05)** and his five grandchildren; completing some home renovations; doing some more writing; travelling with his wife; and not being on anyone's clock. "The plan right now is not to have a plan."

To learn more about Mitri's publications, as well as his memories about Luther, please visit www.luthercollege/university/lutherstory.

AIMEE SCHULHAUSER (U'03)

Running a lemonade stand is a childhood rite of passage; in this way, seven-year-old **Aimee Schulhauser's (U'03)** plan to set one up made her just like every other kid. Her path diverged from the norm, however, in the pages of a coiled Hilroy notebook, the contents of which reveal a detailed business plan for a lemonade stand that included the insight that the location of her family's farm right next to the grain elevator meant that she would have the market cornered: every farmer would pass by her lemonade stand. While the stand never did come to fruition (Mom said "no" to a set-up so close to the gravel road), Aimee's entrepreneurial drive was born. Today she is the owner and operator of three very successful Regina-based culinary businesses – Evolution Catering and Fine Foods (2005); Tangerine (2010); and Schoolhaus Culinary Arts (2014) – and a highly respected chef and businesswoman.

It was Aimee's move to Regina to attend university that first introduced her to her life's work: being away from home meant that she had to feed herself for the first time in her life. "My mom was such a good cook," Aimee says. "Looking back, I took her for granted because we always had great food. It seemed effortless to her." Aimee admits that, at first, she and her roommate ate a lot of packaged, unhealthy foods. The subsequent weight gain was a consequence Aimee was simply unwilling to accept; she determined that she would learn how to cook. This decision changed her life. She subscribed to a cooking magazine and started cooking. "I found that I was actually good at it. And I loved the food I was making; it delighted me. I remember first eating cilantro and thinking 'what is this?! I don't know if I hate it or love it, but I'm going to keep going.'"

Aimee was pursuing a degree in Petroleum Geology, and it was in the middle of one of her most stressful semesters that she told her mom that she thought she wanted to be a chef. Her mom encouraged her to finish her degree and Aimee followed her advice. Days after writing her last final, Aimee packed up and moved with her partner, Dean Hooker, to Calgary, Alberta where she worked for an oil field service company and took night classes in small business management. When the company moved



the division she worked in to Houston, Texas, she accepted their severance offer, viewing it as a sign.

She started cooking school at the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology (SAIT) in 2003. Aimee "loved every second" of her year at SAIT, "I sat in the front row," she says, "I asked for extra projects. I joined every volunteer event that you could do." She had always known that she wanted to be run her own business, and now she "knew that the business would be catering." With her diploma in Professional Cooking in hand, Aimee wrote yet another business plan, then packed up and moved back home to Saskatchewan in 2004.

By 2005, Aimee was busy enough to go full-time, and she decided to rent a space in the strip mall on 14th Avenue for Evolution Catering and Fine Foods. Years later, Aimee's landlord offered her an additional space in the same building. "I didn't know what I was going to put in there," she admits, but ultimately she decided to expand the tiny lunch counter they had out of the catering side into a full-scale lunch location resulting in Tangerine in 2010. Four years later, in 2014, space was available in the basement and she formally launched

"I think of Luther as a customized experience. You will get the one-on-one time — that little something extra — that you need. It's a catered experience, if you will."

her cooking school, Schoolhaus Culinary Arts. Her businesses have grown and she now manages a staff of twenty-three people.

To learn about Aimee's work with the Regina Food Bank, future plans, and her memories of Luther, please visit www.luthercollege.edu/university/lutherstory.

Saying Goodbye

NANCY OSTIME



Vice-Principal Nancy Ostime came to Luther College High School as an intern in 1997, working with Rick Nostbakken and Jeannette Kuiper. Throughout her career,

Nancy taught English and Drama, was the SRC Advisor, and produced many cherished musicals. In 2007, she became Academic Vice-Principal, working with Principal Dr. Mark Anderson and Student Life Vice-Principal Shawn Stieb. As she approaches retirement after two decades in this role, Mrs. Ostime has learnt a thing or two about...

Students: No matter how many times you teach literature you always find something new. The students bring fresh perspectives even if you teach the same text to the same grade on the same day.

Teachers: She can be in a class without her colleagues, yet outside that room she can collaborate in exciting ways. She loves going into the staff room and hearing, "Can you teach me how to...? Have you ever taught...?" "We are lifelong learners, always looking for a way to do it again, only better, admitting the mistakes and recognizing the triumphs. Rick Nostbakken was the calm contrast to my initial nervousness when he said, 'sometimes you're just a stand-up comedian.'

Administration: "We have called ourselves the 'Three-Headed Monster' because we have had a close, supportive relationship, mentoring each other while not always agreeing." They (Mark and Shawn) would quote their favourite sports movies all the time and couldn't understand why she had never watched *Slap Shot*.

Someone who has been both her student and her colleague is **Dr. Julia Mitchell (HS'02)** (pictured above on the right), the high school Guidance Counsellor. "She taught me grade 10 English. It's tough to put into words

everything that she's taught me since – much more than a love of literature, although hers was infectious. As her student, I can attest to her ability to make the unfamiliar familiar, to inspire empathy for even the most unsympathetic characters, and to get to the essential humanity in whatever we were studying. I will miss her tremendously."

Mrs. Ostime's current students speak highly of her: "Mrs. Ostime gave us courage to speak in front of our peers," says one student. Another indicates, "She was 'the fixer' – making time for us, competently changing our schedules again (and again!). She treated us all equally, putting students first, making each of us feel special." Another adds, "There is only one teacher that has changed the course of my life and her name is Mrs. Ostime." Her students will all miss saying, "What time is it? Ostime!"

PARTING WORDS FROM PRINCIPAL, DR. MARK ANDERSON:

From the day Nancy first arrived at Luther College, she carefully nurtured the school's liberal arts pedagogical vision and the students who benefitted from it. For twenty years, Nancy has joyfully, selflessly and humbly educated young people; for ten of those years, she has faithfully undertaken administrative responsibilities. Even though Nancy is genuinely loved for her patience, approachability and kindness, I suspect few are aware of the degree to which she cared for the people of Luther College. As a teacher, Nancy strove to challenge her students to think critically; she cherished the moments of epiphany. She also worked tirelessly as the director of the school musical each year. In her role as an administrator, Nancy modelled compassion, integrity and modesty. Because she was wise, even-handed and even-tempered, students and employees confidently sought her advice. She will be deeply missed for her intelligence, good humour, indefatigable work ethic, generosity of heart, and living out of Christ's second great commandment to "love our neighbours."

CLINT UHRICH



"A truly great mentor is hard to find, difficult to part with, and impossible to forget." says Carolyn Jukes, an English teacher at the High School campus.

This quote summarizes the impact of English teacher Clint Uhrich's retirement come June 30, 2017. Mr. Uhrich began his service to Luther College in September 1986, and spent most of his career at the High School campus. Clint's current students admit he is a "legend." What they will miss most is "his way of holding a computer, taking hockey trips with him, his helpfulness, and his underappreciated jokes."

Sometimes Clint's humour shone through in tough circumstances. Once in his long career he had a student with a 12 percent average. When asked by Principal Anderson what had happened, Clint responded with, "I rounded it up."

His current (and last) students say he raised the standard of literature and fashion at Luther College. From tweed to ties, Mr. Uhrich's wardrobe has been described as "interesting," "quirky," and "Haddad 2.0!"

On a serious note, though, his impact on many of Luther's alumni runs deep. Twin sisters **Michelle Korpan (HS'09, U'13)** and **Roxanne Korpan (HS'09, U'13)** both have fond memories of class with Mr. Uhrich.

"Mr. Uhrich represents some of the best that the school offers students," says Michelle. "Mr. Uhrich encourages his students to piece together information in surprising ways and question how they view the world. I remember the thrill of sitting in class among my seventeen-year-old colleagues, feeling as if my brain was expanding at the limits of my skull (admittedly, I was less thrilled about reading the 800-page Russian novels he assigned!). Mr. Uhrich remains a source of

encouragement, inspiration, support, and much laughter for me."

"Mr. Uhrich once told me he sees teaching as his hobby," explains Roxanne. "He did not mean he does not take teaching seriously – he is convinced and convincing that it is imperative for seventeen-year-old students to grasp the nuance of Hamlet's fourth soliloquy. Nor was he referring to how his work day typically started much earlier than our 7:30 a.m. Theory of Knowledge classes, with a three-hour-long work session of writing and reading and dog-walking. I think, rather, the comparatively mundane signifier 'job' fails to account for the joy he finds in opening up his students' minds and glimpsing inside. Mr. Uhrich offers his students exacting critique and continued validation of their diverse contributions and developing ideas. I left high school with the confidence to throw myself full-force at pursuits I am passionate about, largely because of Mr. Uhrich's mentorship."

Roxanne says it best: "Mr. Uhrich's presence at Luther will both be missed and remembered with gratitude and laughter by his students for years and years to come."

PARTING WORDS FROM PRINCIPAL, DR. MARK ANDERSON:

Clint Uhrich – renaissance man and polymath – will be sorely missed by the Luther community he served so ably in so many capacities. No matter the role – from master teacher, to IB Coordinator, to hockey, track and field, and cross-country coach, to campus "poet laureate," to colleague and friend – he fully engaged each with diligence, deadpan humour, and intelligence.

Widely read and well-educated, Clint generously gave of his time and talents to advance the school's reputation. He worked exceedingly hard for his students and demanded the same in return. They respected the challenge; they responded to his deep command of his discipline and his organized, thorough, and conscientious teaching.

Highly imaginative and profoundly committed to the intrinsic importance of learning and teaching, Clint exuded and embodied Luther College's unique calling to "academic freedom, excellence in scholarship, and the freedom to pursue the truth, all within an awareness of living in God's grace."

MARY VETTER



For the past thirty-three years, Professor of Biology Mary Vetter has touched the lives of students, staff, and colleagues at Luther College. It was a job for Mary's husband, David Sauchyn,

that had prompted the couple to move to Regina from Waterloo, where they were both graduate students. In January 1983, he joined the Geography Department at the University of Regina (U of R) and in September of 1983, Mary also became a U of R faculty member, teaching as a sessional instructor in the Departments of Biology and Geography until April 1984.

In July 1984, Mary began her appointment as Professor of Biology at Luther. She worked half-time for approximately ten years while their three children were small and full-time in the years since, all the while sharing her deep passion for biology and the environment, and inspiring many students. Former student **Candace (Elchuk) Neufeld (U'98)** remembers Mary fondly: "Dr. Mary Vetter was not only the best professor I had in seven years of university, but also an amazing supervisor and mentor. Her encouragement, coaching, and faith in me... gave me the confidence to pursue an M.Sc. in Biology. Her enthusiasm... and the willingness to share her wealth of knowledge... instilled [in me] a love of grassland ecology that inspired me to pursue my current career. Her empathy, patience, gentle guidance, receptiveness to ideas, and open-door policy are all qualities I strive to emulate."

As she prepares to retire, Mary says that Luther has been "such a big part" of her life and her family's life. She leaves with many wonderful memories, both personal and professional: Christmas parties, family BBQ's, brunches, and eating bagged lunches with other faculty and staff; team-teaching opportunities and building relationships with her colleagues – "I just love feeling close to people and chatting in the hallways!" she says. And, of course, the chapel services, which she refers to as "the highlight of [her] week."

Mary's retirement plans won't be a surprise to those who know her. She looks forward to more gardening and landscaping, executing her plans for a bird-butterfly garden, and perhaps taking up beekeeping on a small

scale; ballroom dancing, reading, knitting, and sewing; and continued volunteer work with her church, with refugee families, and with her Community Association. And she will also continue to work on publishing the *Flora of Saskatchewan* volumes.

In spite of looking forward to retirement, Mary expects that it will be a major adjustment: "It sounds busy, but I am a little worried about feeling lost, especially at first. I will miss everyone at Luther, and my work, ... and teaching. I will really miss coming in every day and being surrounded by familiar faces: staff, faculty, and students."

PARTING WORDS FROM DEAN, DR. FRANZ VOLKER GREIFENHAGEN

Mary, you think deeply, act passionately, and, most of all, live faithfully. You embody what Luther College strives for. It is an honour to work with you and to have you as a model. Godspeed to new adventures! For there is a love "being stored up for you like an inheritance... so large that you can travel as far as you wish without having to step outside it." (Rilke)

PARTING WORDS FROM PRESIDENT, DR. BRYAN HILLIS

It is really hard to imagine Luther without Mary Vetter. She has served the College in so many ways: as an amazing teacher; creative, productive researcher; and incredibly devoted administrator (assistant dean, dean and VSSN Director). We will miss her service but even more we will miss her insights, her comforting word, and her always warm presence. I know I speak for the whole College when I say we only wish she were staying and hope we will still see lots of her around Luther College.

REGISTER NOW FOR HOMECOMING 2017



Mrs. Fry visits with alumni at last year's Homecoming.

Luther College High School invites you to celebrate and remember your days spent at Luther College. Homecoming is the perfect opportunity to connect and reminisce with fellow alumni and friends.

This year we honour those in the Classes of 1947, 1952, 1957, 1962, 1967, 1977, 1987, 1992, 1997 and 2007. Homecoming is open to any Luther alumni of any year, whether they graduated or attended for just a few years.

Visit www.luthercollege.edu/high-school/homecoming to register.

We still need alumni from the Classes of 1997 and 2007 to volunteer as a class organizer. Please consider helping to make your 10th and 20th reunions great!

SEPTEMBER 29 & 30 2017

Classes of Honour: 1947, 1952, 1957, 1962, 1967, 1977, 1987, 1992, 1997, 2007

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 Class Reception

7:00 p.m.
Crave Kitchen and Wine Bar
1925 Victoria Avenue

The Lions Den is open to purchase Luther College merchandise.

'Memory Lane' is available to display your memorabilia and Luther's archive materials.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 Chapel, Brunch & School Tours

Luther College High School
1500 Royal Street

11:00 a.m.
Chapel in the Merlis Belsher Heritage Centre (old gym), followed by brunch in the cafeteria

12:30 p.m.
School tours of Luther College, including dorms and new facilities

Banquet

6:00 p.m.
Merlis Belsher Heritage Centre
Entertainment, open mic, speeches and toasts

PRAIRIE CHIC SHINDIG Raises \$31,088!

Submitted by Kim Mack and Antoinette le Roux, Chairs of the Prairie Chic Shindig



Parent organizers of the Prairie Chic Shindig.

On behalf of the parents of our current Luther College High School students, we are thankful to all those who organized the Prairie Chic Shindig in January this year. It was a lovely evening where Luther friends and family as well as the teachers and staff all came together and enjoyed themselves. In contrast with the previous two years when the event was a formal gala, this event had a Western theme with everyone wearing jeans and cowboy boots. Most of us tried either line dancing, square dancing, or calf roping, while others sat around enjoying the company, listening to the music.

We are very proud to announce that we raised \$31,088 that will be used towards technology upgrades at Luther College High School – better classroom connectivity and new computer carts for our students.

This was the third consecutive year that parents have organized the event, which has raised a total of \$100,000 for the school! In previous years, the funds were used to pay for the furniture in the Student Commons and the new audio system in the Merlis Belsher Heritage Centre. All of these items are utilized on a daily basis by every student at Luther.

We would like to thank everyone who contributed to make this event so successful – the committee, every volunteer, and every donor and sponsor. Without your help we would not have been able to do this at all.

The Parent Committee is already getting ready for next year's event – stay tuned to our Prairie Chic Shindig webpage at www.luthercollege.edu/high-school/students-parents/parentfundraiser.

\$40,000 RAISED FOR NEW TECHNOLOGY

Alumni and friends like you have made classroom technology better at Luther College High School. Thank you to the many generous donors who gave to our Fall 2016 appeal. You helped purchase classroom technology and computers for students.

With your help we raised almost \$40,000! Your generosity made this one of our most successful fall appeals ever. Combined with money raised by our parent fundraiser, the

Prairie Chic Shindig, we have reached our goal to purchase more than 60 computers and to upgrade presentation technology in our classrooms!

Luther College High School relies on donations like yours to ensure that our students have access to the technology they need to succeed not only in high school but also in their careers afterwards.

THANK YOU!

Committee Members:

Antoinette le Roux
Kim Mack
Michelle Springer
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Asha Cappello
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A special thank you to our artist Jason Robins and musician Scott Pettigrew for sharing their talents with us.

Founders' Day Celebration 2016



Marilyn and Dr. Don Lee, the 2016 Distinguished Service Award recipient.

Luther College pauses each year to honour the individuals whose contributions allow the College to pursue its mission and fulfill its vision. The evening is named in recognition of all those people, past and present, who have participated in the establishment and growth of the College.

On Wednesday, November 16, 2016, over 110 friends, alumni, faculty, and staff of the College gathered in the Merlis Belsher Heritage Centre at Luther College High School to celebrate the College's donors and supporters. After a reception of food, fellowship, and entertainment provided by **Joshua Hendricksen (HS'08)**, a fourth-year

Fine Arts student at Luther's University campus, Dr. Bryan Hillis, President of Luther College, provided an update on the state of the College. Highlights of the evening included the recognition of twenty-nine donors entering a new cumulative lifetime giving level, the 2016 Distinguished Service Award being presented to Dr. Don Lee, and the unveiling of the *A Time to Build* Donor Wall.

Every gift to Luther makes a difference, and every donor matters. The annual Founders' Day Celebration is one way of showing our donors of how deeply thankful Luther College is for their dedication and support.

A Time to Build Donor Wall



In November 2016, Luther College High School unveiled a donor wall for its historic capital campaign *A Time to Build*. The wall recognizes donations from 2011-2016. It is a constant reminder of the generous spirit that exists within the Luther community. To date, this campaign raised over \$11 million for new classrooms, the Student Commons, the new Semple gym, and a renewed Merlis Belsher Heritage Centre.

"The Donor Wall is a wonderful testimony to the hard work and dedication of the *A Time to Build* campaign, and to the respect and affection with which so many alumni and friends continue to hold Luther College," says **Elaine Zinkhan-Turnbull (HS'64)**. "I was so very touched and happy to see my parents' names on the Donor Wall. My parents sent all three children to Luther College."

Although the Donor Wall has been installed, the campaign continues with \$2.4 million left to raise. There is still room for your name! Contact Maureen Harrison at 306.791.9175 or maureen.harrison@luthercollege.edu if you would like to make a donation or for more information.

Duane Schellenberg (HS'96) LUTHER COLLEGE & THE PATH TO SUCCESS

By Angela Bethune

With an older brother as an example, and a strong interest in basketball, **Duane Schellenberg (HS'96)** decided Luther College High School – and the "university track it puts you on" – was the right place for him.

Beyond the academic environment and high standards, Duane appreciated the strong support he received from faculty. "Teachers, coaches, and staff had a commitment to the students that went beyond regular school hours," says Duane. "There was more support available and not just available, but really genuinely offered from all the staff. You were very much set up for success and the resources were there to help you."

The strong support was not just in the classroom, but in extra-curricular activities too. "Coaches and teachers were as interested in building your character as a person as they were in winning the next game. There was a focus on character-building, conducting yourself with class, respect for others, and sportsmanship. Those values were really a part of that experience."

Once he graduated from Luther in 1996, Duane went to the University of Saskatchewan to earn his Bachelor of Commerce. He then spent a few years working with RBC Capital Markets doing investment banking in Calgary and then San Francisco.

"Once you move beyond Luther, you get out into other places in the world, and that's when you really start to appreciate those values, and it comes through in who you are and how you conduct yourself."

Duane always had a goal to enter a highly ranked business school. He moved to Connecticut as a newlywed with his wife, Jennifer, to take his MBA at Yale. He draws similarities between the mission of Yale and the mission of Luther in that both strive "to educate leaders for business and society." Both schools, he says, have a broader



Luther for a number of years, and more significantly with the *A Time to Build* Capital Campaign. Duane and several other alumni in the Calgary area also help to organize a local alumni reception or gathering every year in the city.

"What ultimately has inspired me to become a more significant supporter in recent years is my engagement with Bryan [Hillis, President of Luther College] and his vision and ambition for the school. Not just to renew the facilities, but to be even bigger and better, and even take it to another level in some respects."

scope of "producing leaders who can be positive for society and not solely self-interested."

Following Yale, Duane and Jennifer moved back to Calgary, Alberta. Duane is currently a Vice President with Calgary-based ARC Financial Corp., a private equity management firm focused on the oil and gas industry. Duane's work is on the origination, structuring, and execution of new investment opportunities. His responsibilities also include working closely with ARC's portfolio companies on corporate strategy, risk management, strategy execution, and financial matters. The Schellenbergs have a five-year-old son, Parker.

"I look back on my time at Luther with such positive memories in many respects. I do think it was very influential in who I have become, in a positive way. A lot of that was the experience, and another part was the relationships forged during that time. I still have a number of close friendships with people I went to school with, and still stay connected with coaches and teachers from time to time as well."

Duane's involvement with Luther continues beyond relationships with people he met there. He has been a strong supporter of

Duane's philanthropy isn't limited to Luther. Very recently, he joined another Luther alum, **Brent Allison (HS'88)**, on the Board of Directors of the Telus Spark Science Center in Calgary. Duane is also involved with the United Way of Calgary as a portfolio advisor, helping the organization evaluate and renew commitments to the various agencies they fund.

However, when it comes to Luther, Duane says he can't emphasize enough the commitment he sees at the school. "One, I think there is strong stewardship of the gifts there. I see such a commitment to community and culture in the staff, that I have total faith that they are going to be good stewards of my gifts. And, I can't emphasize enough the idea of teachers and coaches and staff and their commitment to the students and desire to help build your character as a person."

"There is some real magic there in preparing people to be successful in life. I want to support that opportunity continuing to be there for others as well."

MEET LCUR'S NEW Registrar and Academic Advisor

By Michelle Clark (U'04)



From a Luther University student's first academic advising session to walking across the stage at convocation, Tatum Cruise and **Karen Prior (HS'05, U'11)** are there with them every step of the way.

Tatum Cruise, Registrar (left)

A graduate of Campion College (BA, French) and the University of Regina (Master in Leadership, Diploma in Business Administration), Tatum began her career in the Luther College Academic Office and went on to the Faculty of Arts at the University of Regina, serving as Academic Advisor for eight years before moving to the Faculty of Education in 2012, where she served as both Academic Program Advisor and Manager, Student Program Centre. In July 2015, Tatum began her role as the second-ever Registrar in the forty-six-year history of Luther's University campus. Tatum loves Starbucks coffee (she parks on the other side of campus just so that she can walk past Starbucks every morning to get coffee) and is an avid runner. She ran in the Queen City marathon in 2016 and plans to do so again this year.

Karen Prior, Academic Advisor (right)

An alumna of Luther College High School (HS'05) and University (BA, Psychology) (U'11), Karen began her career in the Luther College Academic Office in 2011 as Academic Clerk. Over the next five years she would alternate between this role and Assistant to the Dean (for two terms) until 2015, when she moved on to Globe

Theatre as their Development Manager. She returned to Luther in July 2016 as the new Academic Advisor. Karen can't live without her tea and is a devoted soccer fan, supporting Liverpool FC.

What They Love About Luther Students

For Tatum and Karen, the relationship with the students at Luther goes beyond simply helping them pick their classes – they both really enjoy how they get to know their students on a personal level and they feel privileged to be part of each student's academic journey, whether for only a semester or their entire undergraduate degree. "It feels like we have six hundred children of our own that we care for and want to see succeed," says Tatum. "We are there for them in the good times and the bad, share in their successes, and even worry about them when we are not at work."

They love that students feel comfortable enough to simply stop by the office (even after graduation) to say hello, to see what they thought of last weekend's soccer match, or to tell them about how they did on their midterms. A majority of the students even have their favourite and will not waiver. "I have had students tell me that 'you're my person,'" says Karen.

The reciprocal relationship can also be very emotional when students show their appreciation. Tatum recalls tearing up after receiving an email from a student who

had finally been accepted to a Pharmacy program after struggling for a couple of years. She was so proud. "Advising can be emotionally taxing at times, as you put your heart and soul into your work day, but when you hear that you helped a student reach their goal, it is all worth it," says Tatum. At the end of the day, both find it very rewarding to work with the students, and show up every day ready to be "professional problem solvers" for the students. "Without the students, we would not be here," says Karen. "The students and the environment is what brought me back to Luther."

What They Love about the Luther Academic Office

For Tatum and Karen, the staff of the Luther Academic Office is a really strong team that goes above and beyond each day because to everyone it is more than just a job. They all care about the students and care about one another, just like a family. The main office is an open concept, where the team can freely interact with students, faculty, and staff. "The unique and collaborative environment allows the office to solve problems by pulling in different resources and backgrounds from each member of the team," says Karen. "There is always lots of laughter as we try to keep the office a positive, relaxed, and comfortable environment," says Tatum. "We hope the students feel that the office is an open and approachable space."

What They Love about the Luther Community

For Tatum and Karen, Luther feels just like home. "During my interview process, I was asked to prepare a presentation on the role of the registrar in a small liberal arts college. I was amazed to see how many people were still at Luther although it had been more than a decade since I had worked in the Academic Office," says Tatum. "When I saw the familiar faces, I was instantly at ease." They both love how welcoming and supportive the community is, and how all of the units work so well together, filling in wherever they can. They really look forward

to Friday lunches where faculty and staff get together to catch up, laugh, and de-stress, and love that everyone, even student staff, is invited to participate in College-organized events such as the monthly birthday celebrations, All-College meetings, retreats, or after-work social activities. They also appreciate how the Chair of the Board of Regents will periodically join faculty and staff at lunch on Fridays or how board members will participate in Luther's Spring Convocation ceremony. The Luther community is truly one big family.

What They Love about Luther's Relationship with the University of Regina and the Federated Colleges

For Tatum and Karen, they really value the strong relationships they have developed with the other advisors and registrars on campus through being part of URAAP, a

group of academic advising professionals on campus that meet on a monthly basis. "You know everyone by name, and it is nice to have someone to call to troubleshoot with or ask for guidance, especially if you are a new advisor," says Karen. Tatum confirmed "through being members of this group, working with the U of R Registrar's Office and the liberal arts faculties, we contribute to the greater University community by participating in a number of committees and offering our assistance to various projects." Tatum and Karen are able to offer the perspective from the federated colleges, where advisors work with multiple faculties.

There is also a great working relationship between Luther and the two other University of Regina federated colleges, Campion College and First Nations

University of Canada. The Registrars meet regularly to discuss best practices and to collaborate on new initiatives. Campion and Luther continue to produce a joint course booklet twice a year to promote their course offerings. This is a long-standing initiative that students ask for by name to help them select their courses each term.

Tatum and Karen appreciate the diverse campus and the opportunities to work with staff and faculty who are student-centred. They both agree that it is rare to find this type of supportive and encouraging workplace environment, and that working at Luther College at the University of Regina is "like nowhere else."

LUTHER COLLEGE RESIDENCE RECEIVES A FACE-LIFT

The Luther College Residence opened in 1971 as the first residence on the University of Regina campus. Open to all post-secondary students, the residence provides students with the convenience of being on campus. The residence includes private, fully-furnished rooms with a full service-cafeteria, and a residence program that offers a number of multi-cultural activities and events.

The 220-room residence recently received a face-lift so that the College can continue its long tradition of providing high-quality and affordable residence and dining service to

students. Upgrades to the building, resident rooms, and bath/shower rooms began in July 2015 and include new windows, heating and cooling system including individual thermostats, lighting, furniture, flooring, electrical upgrade, emergency upgrades (sprinklers and lighting), and domestic water distribution. The north half of the residence was completed in August 2016, with the second half to be completed by August 2017.

Visit: www.luthercollege.edu/residence for a photo gallery of the newly-renovated Residence.



TO CELEBRATE THE FACE-LIFT, WE ARE HAVING A LUTHER COLLEGE RESIDENCE REUNION ON AUGUST 26 & 27, 2017, AND EVERYONE IS INVITED! SEE THE BACK COVER FOR MORE DETAILS.

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NEW ACADEMIC VICE-PRINCIPAL

Luther College is pleased to announce that Ms. Renee Wilkinson (photo, top) has been named the school's new Academic Vice-Principal, effective July 1, 2017. Renee is already well-known in our community as a talented, superb teacher, both in her English classrooms and in her co-curricular undertakings. Her organizational skills, commitment to students, firm belief in Luther's educational mission, and indefatigable work ethic will serve her well as she assumes new administrative responsibilities.

Renee served as our librarian some time ago and since then has taught English Language Arts,

Advanced Placement English and International Baccalaureate English at the Correspondence School, Balfour Collegiate, and most recently at Campbell Collegiate.

When Renee returned to Luther in 2014, she indicated she appreciates that this community "respects and encourages learning as well as the students who pursue it". The same can be said about Renee, who is widely admired for her dedication to educating the whole student.

To read about the retirement of current Academic Vice-Principal Nancy Ostime, please go to page 6.

ALUMNI HOCKEY GAME

The annual alumni hockey game (photo, middle) was another success! Held at the Cooperators Center on December 21, 2016, the game featured a mix of alumni and current members of the High School's Luther Lions hockey team. A big thank you to Mr. Shawn Stieb for his help in making this game happen, and thanks to everyone who came out to play.

ALUMNI HOLIDAY PERFORMANCE

A wine and cheese reception was held over the 2016 holiday season, featuring the music of Bach, Schumann, and Schubert. Several musical alumni shared their talents with us, with performances by Joshua Hendricksen (HS'08), Amy Hillis (HS'08), Brianna (HS'13), Jordan (HS'16) and Kyera Levesque (HS'14), and Jessica Ramsay (HS'11). (photo, bottom)

SAYING GOODBYE TO DAVID KEEPING

David Keeping served Luther College as Interim Director of Finance, and Director of Business Operations (High School campus) over the last five years. David was instrumental in the compilation of the High School campus's CAIS application and the implementation of the University campus's 2014-2019 Strategic Plan. David returned to the Maritimes to be with his family.

"David has been a great asset to the College not only with his strong work ethic and insights but with his jovial nature and collegiality. We will miss him," says President Dr. Bryan Hillis.

ARTISTS IN THE CLASSROOM

Luther College High School will have professional artists working in our drama classes this semester! Thanks to the Saskatchewan Arts Board and Mr. Kris Dueck, we'll see artists like Terri Fidelak, Mitch Doll, Kenn McLeod, Heather Cameron, and Joseph Naytowhow in our classrooms this spring. Their work ranges from visual art to dance to puppetry to play.



65TH LUTHER INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT (LIT) 2017

BY GRADE 12 STUDENT SIMONE MA
The 65th annual LIT highlighted the efforts and dedication of the entire Luther community culminating with a heart-stopping final game. Tournament planning began, as always, by the student committee with the number of members doubling from last year. The theme was Heroes vs. Villains with Marvel's finest cast of characters invading the gyms and hallways courtesy of Luther's outstanding artists. Kevin Vollet was honoured as this year's special guest for his more than 30 years of

commitment to advancing high school sport serving as a teacher, coach and SHSAA Executive Director.

This year's theme could not have been more fitting, as the level of basketball on display was without a doubt superhuman. Players showed dazzling speed, agility, and perseverance. The second ever girls' tournament was won by the Lumsden Angels, who beat the Sisler Spartans by only three points with a final score of 57-54. The boys' tournament delivered a storybook ending and showed the frenetic crowd that packed the Semple Gym what it

means to never give up. The championship game saw the Sisler Spartans battle the Raymond Comets, and when the final buzzer rang it was the Spartans with a come-from-behind 108-105 victory. They tied up the game with only one minute left, causing a complete riot in the gym.

LIT ALUMNI BASKETBALL GAME

Congratulations to Rob Pyne (HS'68, U'74) who won the alumni gift basket at LIT. We would also like to thank him for his time spent volunteering at the alumni basketball game as scorekeeper. Several of our newest alumni from the

Class of 2016 participated. Shown here: Front row: Gabriel Hertz, Emily Digney, Andrew Tran. Back row: Alexandra Hickey, Angela Bongomin, Ally Jackson, Daniel Cherian. Luther College High School also welcomed back members from the 1997 LIT Senior Boys Basketball Team. Shown here: Coach Dick Stark, player Jeff Lindskog (HS'97) and his daughter Sarah, Coach Jason Nicurity, and Coach Mark Gottselig.

SOUTH KOREA LUTHER COLLEGE ALUMNI

BY SUNG SOO SHIN (HS'09)
Korean Luther Alumni had their first gathering on December 18, 2016, in Seoul, South Korea. Founded last year, the Korean Luther Alumni Association planned and organized the year-end party in December. After finding the most suitable place for the event, the group tried to contact and reach out to as many alumni as possible through email and social media. Fourteen Luther alumni with three guests came to this event. We had dinner together and shared memories of Luther.

We also talked about what the Korean Luther Alumni Association is planning to do this year and watched a video clip of Luther teachers and faculty. The video clip reminded everyone of his or her time at Luther. We really appreciated the support to make this event meaningful.

"I think we started the Korean alumni association to remember and appreciate our friendship at Luther. For instance, through annual gatherings, casual hangouts, and commemorating life events together led by alumni association, we wanted to let each one of our alumni know that they are not alone in Korea but make up an essential part of our Luther community with great appreciation," says Sung Soo Shin. "Furthermore, by staying connected with our alma mater and our special people in our memory, we will never forget that we share the same value in Christ and that we all are brothers and sisters after all."

We are going to hold several events in the future and hope that more Korean alumni will come to build and keep lifelong friendships.

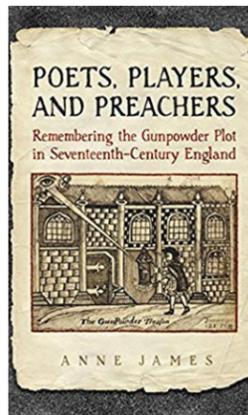


(L-R, Back row): Andrew Yoon (HS'08), Sam Han (HS'09), Daniel Seo (HS'10), Sang Hyun Woo (guest), Ben Lee (HS'08), Ian Yun (HS'09), Michael Lee (guest), Bo Park (HS'03), Jabez Kim (HS'08), Sung Soo Shin (HS'09) (L-R, Front row): Jin Choi (HS'08), Yeaji Park (guest), Tina Hwang (HS'08), Jennie Yoon (HS'07), Yuri Sung (HS'04), Bo La Kim (HS'01), Emily Ham (guest)



Samuel Han (HS'09)

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LCHS Alumni



LCUR Alumni

ALUMNI & FRIENDS LUTHER COLLEGE PAINT NITE FUNDRAISER

Thank you to the sixty-eight alumni, faculty, staff and friends of Luther that got creative in support of the College at our Paint Nite fundraiser held on March 18, 2017. \$15 of every ticket sold went back to Luther for classroom technology at the High School and scholarships at the University. We were also very happy to have alumnus **Mike McKenna (U'14)** and alumna **Haley Gartner (HS'10, U'14)** back at Luther as our amazingly

talented instructors for the evening. It was a great time had by all!

2017 FORWARD TOGETHER LECTURE

On March 16, 2017, the presidents of the University of Regina, Campion College, Luther College and First Nations University of Canada presented the ninth annual Forward Together Lecture: *Barking to the Choir: Now Entering the Kinship of God* by Jesuit Father Gregory J. Boyle. Father Boyle is the founder and executive director of Homeboy Industries in Los Angeles, California.

The Forward Together Lecture was established in 2009 by the presidents to highlight the four institutions' joint commitment to a common academic and social purpose that promotes inclusiveness, understanding, social justice, and human rights.

LUTHER FACULTY BOOK LAUNCHES

On October 25, 2016, Luther Professor Mark Anderson launched his book *Holy War: Cowboys, Indians, and 9/11s*. While 9/11 may have been unique in history, America's response to the attack follows a pattern as old as the country itself. *Holy War* shows how, even today, America draws upon a legacy of racist images of Native Americans in popular culture to justify its overseas interventions.

On November 29, 2016, Luther English Sessional Dr. Anne James, launched her book *Poets, Players, and Preachers: Remembering the Gunpowder Plot in Seventeenth-Century England*. On the night

of November 4, 1605, the English authorities uncovered an alleged plot by a group of discontented Catholics to blow up the Houses of Parliament with the lords, princes, queen, and king in attendance. The failure of the plot is celebrated to this day and is known as Guy Fawkes Day.

NON-PROFIT SECTOR LEADERSHIP & INNOVATION (NSLI) AND SUSTAINABILITY CERTIFICATES

The University campus is excited to be involved with the development and implementation of two new certificates available at the University of Regina.

The NSLI Certificate is an initiative of the Voluntary Sector Studies Network (VSSN) at Luther College at the University of Regina, and is designed for anyone who wants to acquire the expertise to pursue paid employment or voluntary work in the nonprofit sector. All courses are grounded in a community-engaged, experiential learning model.

The Certificate of Sustainability is a joint initiative between the University of Regina, Luther College, Campion College, and the First Nations University of Canada, and the purpose of the program is to provide students with a basic structure for decisions about sustainability and crafting sustainable livelihoods and lifestyles. Implemented in the Faculty of Arts, the Certificate is open to students enrolled in all faculties, including the professional faculties.

LUTHER COLLEGE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF REGINA (LCUR) ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT

Networking Luncheon

On October 20, 2016, thirteen alumni attended a networking luncheon held at Crave. Old friends were reacquainted and new connections were made. President Dr. Bryan Hillis gave an update about activities at the University campus, and Manager of Alumni Relations Michelle Clark asked for feedback and suggestions on how to increase alumni engagement through initiatives such as a mentorship program.

Beer & Bratwurst

On November 9, 2016, eight alumni and fourteen faculty, staff, and friends

of LCUR celebrated Martin Luther's 533rd birthday with German cuisine served by the LCUR Food & Catering Services staff and beer from Rebellion Brewing Co. The Regina German Club Volle Lederpaket Schuhplattler Verein dance troupe, including residence alum **Patrick Kossmann (1996-1999)**, were the entertainment.

Valentine's Day Date Night

On February 14, 2017, eighteen alumni (nine couples who met at Luther as a day student or living in the Luther Residence) enjoyed an exclusive evening out on Luther including a complimentary three-course fine dining meal prepared by LCUR Food & Catering Food

Services, wine, chocolates, and a rose. Entertainment was provided by Jasmine Tsui, a second-year Luther music student, and Chloe Golden, a second-year UofR music education student, who performed three musical selections as well as providing background music for this special event. The couples were also asked to tell us the story of how they met at Luther and their favourite memories of their time at the College. We have included some of these love stories/memories on page 20.

(Editor's note: Learn more about upcoming LCUR alumni events at www.luthercollege.edu/lcur-alumni-events.)



Luncheon



Beer and Bratwurst

GIVING BACK TO THEIR ALMA MATER

We are so very fortunate when our alumni come back to their alma mater to share their experiences and expertise with students, faculty, and staff at Luther, and with the greater University community.

Three alumni recently returned to speak with students in a couple of Luther courses and at our Information Night: On November 23, 2016, **Kevin Miller (U'10)**, an Associate Lawyer at Miller Thompson LLP, spoke to Scott J. Wilson's Critical Reading and Writing class about the relationship between the law and media. On November 24, 2016, **Mary Lynn Beaulieu (U'15)** spoke to potential Luther students at our Information Night

about her experience as a Luther student and how Luther College supported her in her application to med school. On March 13, 2017, **Sabrina Cataldo (U'99)**, a Communications Strategist with the Saskatchewan Arts Board, spoke to Annalisa Raho's Introduction to Graphic Design class about her experience working with a communications company to design a campaign and/or website.

Alumnus **Austin Josephson (HS'10, U'15)** also returned on two occasions, October 26, 2016, and March 6, 2017, to give a presentation entitled "Bromance and Masculinity: A Celebration" as part of a partnership between LCUR and Man-Up Against Violence. The event was an opportunity for

university and community members to come together to share their own personal experiences with masculinity and bromance in a safe and welcoming environment. If you would like to give back to LCUR as a mentor and role model, please contact Michelle Clark at 306.585.5144 or ualumni@luthercollege.edu.



Kevin Miller (U'10)



Mary Lynn Beaulieu (U'15)



Sabrina Cataldo (U'99)

class notes



Kaia Anderson (U'08) is the ESL Coordinator at Luther College High School. She recently completed her Master's degree in TESOL specializing in ESL/EAL program and curriculum design.

Taylor Carson (HS'09) is a lawyer at Kanuka Thuringer LLP, a Saskatchewan law firm based in Regina, Saskatchewan.

Stacey Catell (HS'84) became the Chief Operating Officer for the Regina Pats Hockey Club in January 2017. Prior to this appointment, Stacey had worked for Rawlco Radio for almost fourteen years.

Chad Christiansen (HS'91) has a son currently enrolled at Luther College High School and is a home builder with Spring Green Homes in Regina, Saskatchewan.

Don Dean (HS'56) is a retired farmer. He and his wife of fifty-five years go to Mesa, Arizona, each year. They are both still in pretty good health, and Don hopes to attend Homecoming again in ten years.

Emily Digney (HS'16) is at the University of Regina in the Faculty of Business, with a minor in Science.

Scott Findura (HS'15) is attending the University of Regina.



Nathan Gingrich (U'99) moved to Germany after convocation to study classical and jazz trombone. During this time he taught at the "Musik- und Kunstschule Jena" and played trombone around Europe, including at the "Hochschule für Musik FRANZ LISZT" in Weimar, Germany. In 2006, he moved to Calgary, Alberta, where he joined the Calgary Board of Education and is currently teaching music at William Aberhart High School as well as performing and leading master classes in the area.

Gale Henning de Lint (HS'56) is retired from the Calgary Board of Education. She lives in Oakville, Ontario, and has two granddaughters. She also has the most precious dog in the world – an Australian Labradoodle. (Apologies to all of you who think your dog is the best). Gale likes to travel, sail on their sail boat, and spend the winters in South Carolina.

Matt Haroldson (HS'11) graduated from Business Administration at the University of Regina and also spent two years at school in New York.

Andrew Henry (HS'10) is at the University of Saskatchewan in the Education program. Andrew played five years of Huskie basketball.



Joan (Kessler) Kennedy (U'93) is currently living in Grande Prairie, Alberta, with her spouse, Ryan, and their two daughters, Olivia (18) and Sarah (16). In 2010, she became a Candidate for Ordination with the United Church of Canada and entered the Master of Divinity Summer Distance program of the Atlantic School of Theology in Halifax, Nova Scotia. She completed her MDiv in the spring of 2016, and was ordained on June 5, 2016, in Edmonton, Alberta. Joan is currently serving the pastoral charges of Spirit River and Valleyview, Alberta.



Ross King (U'84) was this year's recipient of the RBC Taylor Prize for his non-fiction book *Mad*

Enchantment: Claude Monet and the Painting of the Water Lilies. Ross's book, based on the French Impressionist towards the end of his career, was selected from a collection of 101 books contending for this prestigious award. Established in 2000 in honour of author and former *Globe and Mail* correspondent Charles Taylor, the RBC Taylor Prize celebrates the best literary non-fiction published in Canada each year, and awards the winning author with \$25,000 as well as the task of choosing the recipient of the \$10,000 RBC Taylor Prize Emerging Writer's Award. Ross is also a two-time winner of the Governor General's Literary Award for Non-Fiction, and his other books include *Ex-Libris* and *Michelangelo and the Pope's Ceiling*.

Michelle C. Korpan (HS'09, U'13) earned her B.A. Honours, majoring in Religious Studies with High Honours at the University of Regina through Luther College, and is now a law student pursuing her J.D. at the University of Saskatchewan.

Roxanne L. Korpan (HS'09, U'13) has her B.A. Honours, majoring in Religious Studies with High Honours through Luther College and her M.A., majoring in Religious Studies, both at the University of Regina. She is now a Doctoral student in the Department for the Study of Religion and Collaborative Program in Book History and Print Culture at the University of Toronto.

Richey Lane (HS'51) tells us the Victoria Square Mall Food Court in Regina, Saskatchewan is a favourite location to have a Coffee Meet & Greet with several members of the Class of '51. They gather three or four times a year, and have done so for the past twenty years! Many stories are shared and enjoyed; some improve each year. Class members include Norman Bray, Lawrence Beach, Henry Borgardt, Don Fenwick, Otto Huber, and Richey Lane.

Marvin Lange (HS'57) was appointed to the position of Colonel Commandant of the RCMS (Royal Canadian Medical Service) in May 2015. This is an honorary appointment, the role being one of enhancing morale and giving more public exposure to the RCMS. In this position, he reports to Princess Anne, who is the Colonel-in-Chief. He also meets regularly with the Surgeon General to offer feedback on the morale of the units as well as meeting with medical units across the country.

Matthew Lawson (HS'95) and his family relocated in January 2017 from Calgary, Alberta, to Melbourne, Australia, in pursuit of some adventure, and an opportunity for their children (Charlotte, 5 years, Bennett, 3.5 years) to have some different experiences. He began his new position as Special Counsel with the law firm of Mills Oakley in Melbourne, while Charlotte started the new school year at their local primary school and Bennett started at his new preschool. His

wife, Karalee, continues to develop her business as they prepare to commence operations in Australia.

Antoinette le Roux (current member on Luther College Board of Regents) was named as one of Canada's top doctors by the College of Family Physicians of Canada. The CFPC presents the Reg L. Perkin Award to the most exceptional family physician from each province. Dr. le Roux was recognized for her outstanding commitment to her patients and for her compassion and dedication.

Mike Maekelburger (Luther resident, 2007-2011), Allan Roehrer (U'13) and Chris Miller (U'11) were (respectively) the director/producer, producer, and editor for Play Creative's film *Motus*, which received the 2016 Ruth Shaw Award (Best of Saskatchewan) at the 2016 Yorkton Film & Video Festival. The film is a visual exploration of the landscape and unique identity of southern Saskatchewan.



Carmela Mendoza (Luther resident, 2013-2014) remembers karaoke, fun prizes and activities, Midnight Breakfast and Brazilian night in the Luther Cafeteria and meeting lots of nice and friendly people while living in the Luther College Residence.

Corinne Norbraten (HS'78, U'81) lives in Vancouver, British Columbia, and sings with the well-known Elektra Women's Choir. Elektra has been invited to sing at the World Symposium of Choral music in Barcelona this summer, and Corinne says it continues to be a privilege to be part of this amazing group!

Dr. Courtney Maltman (U'12) recently joined the practice at InVision Eye Care Centre in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, as one of four doctors.

Soren Oberg (HS'88) visited with Drs. Carl and Meredith Cherland in October 2016 at his home in Massachusetts.

David Orr (HS'60) and former faculty member (1969-1973) wrote his first novel *Encountering Riel*, published by Stonehouse Publishing. He now lives in Sherwood Park, Alberta with his wife, Lynn, and a Persian cat named Katie.

Emily Reaume (HS'16) is taking general arts (pre-law bundle) at the University of Regina through Luther College.

Chris Sandison (HS'09, U'15) is living in Toronto, Ontario, working as a software developer.

Andrew Tran (HS'16) is currently at the University of Regina in the Paul J. Hill School of Business. Andrew is the co-director of events for the Hill Human Resource Club.

Jennifer Tran (HS'15) is in her sophomore year at the University of Pennsylvania.

Eleanor (Campbell) Weber (HS'56) lives in Kelowna, British Columbia, with her husband, Dennis. They have done lots of RV traveling in the past but now live in a condo within walking distance of all necessities, although they both still drive. She enjoys working out at the Y and participating in Girl Guide and church activities. Eleanor has wonderful memories of life at Luther College.



Soren Oberg (HS'88) with Dr. Meredith and Dr. Carl Cherland

love stories

HOW WE MET AT LUTHER COLLEGE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF REGINA

On February 14, 2017, the University campus invited alumni couples who had met each other at Luther to a special, exclusive Valentine's Day Date Night. During the event, the couples were asked to tell us how they met and their favourite memories of Luther. Here are some of their stories:

Sterling (U'79) & Janet (Fehr) Bjorndahl (U'79)

Janet and Sterling first met in November 1976 at a University campus "pre-advent" retreat in Lumsden, Saskatchewan. Sterling had volunteered to take a vehicle, and Janet, who needed a ride, asked to join Sterling as she decided it would be a good opportunity for her to get to know him. The plan worked and several weeks later Sterling invited Janet to Luther worship when they ran into each other in the hallway, and they have been together ever since. Their favourite memories of Luther include Luther Chapel in the Upper Room – a small group with Don King, Barry Vall (intern), and Anne Keffer – and Elizabethan Evenings, with Rick Hordern as M.C. and Carl Cherland conducting the Luther Singers. Their daughter **Judith Bjorndahl (HS'13)**, a High School alumna, is currently a Luther Science student at the University campus.



Dean (Luther resident, 1992 and 1994) & Beverly (Tarnes) Dzikowski (Luther resident, 1990-1995 and Residence Assistant, 1992-1994)

Dean and Beverly met in 1992 while living in the Luther College Residence. Bev was a Residence Assistant living on 4 South and Dean lived on 2 South. They started dating in the Fall of 1992 sometime around the Halloween Dance. After university, they got married in June 2000 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. They had the honour of being married by Pastor David Kaiser, which meant a great deal to Beverly, as she had worked with him during her time as a Residence Assistant. A few of their favourite memories of Luther include playing kaiser, dancing at the Long Branch, Luther formals, and the Luthie awards. They have now been happily married for sixteen years with two beautiful children, their son Taylor and daughter Gracie.



Keir (Luther resident, 2003) & Savanna Glazier (Luther resident, 2002 - 2003)

Keir was at the University of Regina for one semester in Fall 2003 as a foreign exchange student from the United Kingdom when he met Savanna in the Luther College Residence. She was in 3 South and he was in 1 South. After meeting for the first time around the pool table in "The Cellar," Keir asked Savanna to go for coffee at Stone's Throw. They had "the most awkward first date ever... and the rest is history!" Being married by Pastor Cheryl Toth (the University campus's Chaplain) in 2009, hanging out with everyone in the basement, watching movies and listening to the musicians in the Dorms Jam, and Savanna graduating are just a few of their favourite memories of Luther.

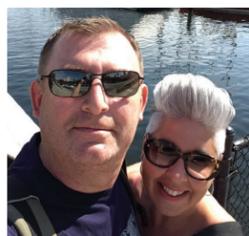
Jeremy (Luther resident, 2000-2002) & Yolanda (Gibson) Hansen (Luther resident, 2002-2004)

Jeremy and Yolanda met at the Luther Residence Move-In on Yolanda's first day at Luther in Fall 2002. Jeremy, who had been living in the residence for two years, was greeting new residents with his friends, inviting them to attend a party he was having in his room, which Yolanda attended. The next day, "sparks flew" when Jeremy spoke to Yolanda in

the supper line and within a couple of weeks they were dating. Jeremy proposed to Yolanda in her dorm room in February 2004 and by July 2005, they were married; Pastor Cheryl Toth officiated at their wedding. Favourite memories include Residence hot tub parties, the cleaning staff – Vesna and Karen – who Jeremy thinks he saw every day, and their Luther classes, where their professors were so accessible and encouraging.

Matt (U'94) & Sara (James) Hanson (HS'88, U'96)

Matt and Sara first met when they were introduced by friends while studying in the Luther Library. Memories of Luther College include hanging out and visiting with friends, breakfast in the Luther Cafeteria, Paul Antrobus's Psychology classes, and Bryan Hillis's Religious Studies classes.



Shane (HS'88) & Melanie (Kovacs) Lightfoot (U'94)

Shane and Melanie both attended Luther University but never crossed paths until first introduced through mutual friends who also went to Luther. Melanie was lured to a friend's pool party under the pretense that Shane would help her study for an Economics exam. They didn't start dating and she didn't pass the exam, but Shane must have left "some sort of a good first impression" as several

months later their mutual friends set them up again. That was twenty-two years ago. Melanie's memories include visiting with friends in the common area on the second floor of Luther, and Shane remembers spending too many hours in the "residents" lounge in the basement with his friends playing pinball, foosball, and cards.

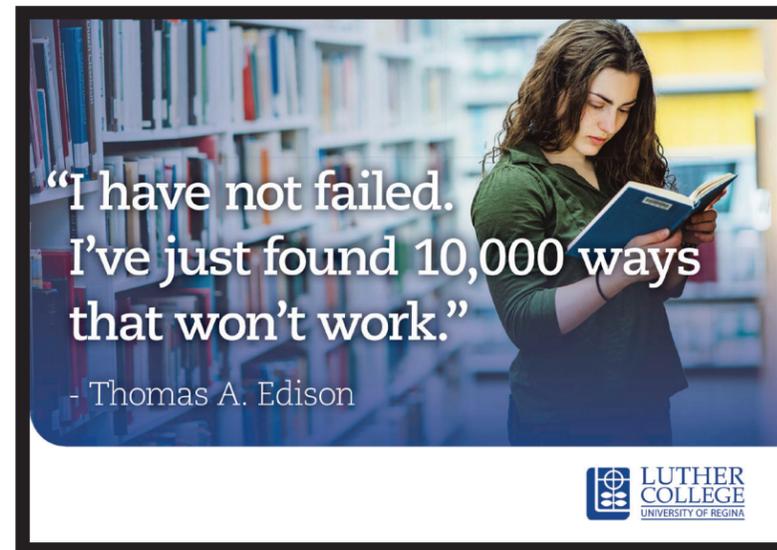
Brodie (Luther resident, & Amy (Bean) McGregor (U'01 and Luther resident, 1996-1998)

Brodie and Amy met after their first week of living in the Luther Residence. As part of the new student welcome activities, they connected with friends from other small Saskatchewan towns and attended the award ceremony for the UR Scholar program. Throughout the semester they got to know one another through mutual friends and seeing one another in the Residence, the Luther Cafeteria, classes and Luther dances. Twenty years later, they are still together and some of their best friends are the people they met during their first week at Luther. They have fond memories of always being able to find a group of people for a pick-up game of football, basketball, etc., the Luther dance (best party every semester), and meeting interesting, friendly and diverse groups of people every semester; with both Brodie and Amy coming from small towns, this was an exciting time.



AJ (U'08) & Jennifer (Yim) Rodier (U'08)

AJ (Anthony) and Jennifer met in Luther professor Gerry Hill's English 100 class. Jennifer referred to AJ as the hot guy in her English class, and he referred to her as the hot girl in his English class. They started dating the night of the Luther cabaret on September 12, 2003. Their favourite memories of Luther include the Luther cabarets, playing pool in the basement, the pranks, hanging out with friends, the Luther staff, and grilled cheese and pizza day in the cafeteria.



HELP SEND WORDS OF SUPPORT

Help Send Words of Support to First-Year Residence Students

Remember what it was like when you moved into the Luther College Residence for your first year at university? Did you feel overwhelmed? Would you have benefited from some kind words of support and inspiration from someone who had been in your place, literally?

The University campus is piloting a Kind Mail project for Fall 2017, where alumni who lived in the Luther Residence write personal notes of encouragement to first-year students now living in their old residence rooms.

How Can I Help?

Contact Michelle at 306.585.5144 or ualumni@luthercollege.edu and she will gladly mail a postcard for you to write your own personal message. Simply return in the postage-paid envelope provided. Please be sure to include your room number if you remember. Postcards will also be available at the Luther College Residence Reunion on August 26 & 27, 2017. See back cover for details.

obituaries

Erwin Biedler (HS'47, HSU'48) passed away on August 16, 2016, at the age of ninety-four. Erwin was born and raised in Jansen, Saskatchewan, and after a farming accident, he returned to school. After graduating in 1947, he completed an Associate of Arts at Luther College High School in 1948. He received a Bachelor of Liberal Arts from the University of Saskatchewan in 1950. He went on to the University of British Columbia, where he earned a Bachelor of Social Work in 1954 and a Bachelor of Laws in 1956. He was called to the Bar in 1957. Erwin married his first wife, Minn, in 1948, and together they moved West, where he completed his schooling and articling, and developed a private law practice in North Vancouver. They raised four children. Erwin and Minn divorced in 1983, and he married his second wife and soulmate, Marjorie Agnew, in 1987.

Doug Chalmers (HS'42, HSU'47) passed away on October 11, 2016, at the age of ninety-two. After graduating in 1942, Doug completed his first year of university at Luther College High School in 1947. He is survived by his two daughters, **Jane Chalmers (HS'72, U'79)** and **Donna Lee (HS'73, U'78)**.

Marg (Dawson) Davis (HS'61) passed away on February 18, 2016, at the age of seventy-two, after a long and courageous battle with cancer. After graduating from Luther College High School in 1961, Marg worked at the Bank of Montreal for over twenty-five

years. Following retirement, she worked in an accounting role until December 2015.

Peter Dawson (HS'56) passed away on December 4, 2016, at the age of eighty, after a battle with cancer. He attended Luther College High School for five years and graduated in 1956.

John Edworthy (HS'71) passed away on November 9, 2016, at the age of sixty-three, after a long battle with cancer. John attended Luther College High School for five years and graduated in 1971. He is survived by his wife, Irene, and children **Alison (Edworthy) Swehla (HS'03)** and **Grant Edworthy (HS'06)**.

Susan Fraleigh (HS'78) passed peacefully on December 1, 2016, at the age of fifty-seven. Susan was born on February 18, 1959, in Wadena, Saskatchewan, to Anita and Terrance Fraleigh. She attended Luther College High School for Grades 11 and 12, where she developed several lifelong friendships and fond memories of her time at Luther. After graduating in 1978, she moved to Winnipeg, Manitoba, where she waitressed and began her studies in business administration at Red River College. Two years later, she moved to Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, where she began her family with Gerry Davies. Susan and Gerry parted in 1992, and a few years later, Don Mullord entered her life. Don and Sue shared a deep friendship and respect throughout their twenty plus years together. When Don became ill in 2013, Susan became his dedicated caregiver and

fierce advocate until his death in early 2015.

Stefan Jamont (HS'08) passed away peacefully on November 28, 2016, at the age of twenty-six, with his dad and his fiancée by his side. A graduate of Luther College High School in 2008, Stefan was active in sports, playing hockey and baseball, as well as loving snowboarding and playing guitar. His big eyes and bright smile will be missed by all who came in contact with him.

Lois (Gerlach) Jopp (HS'44) passed away peacefully with her family by her side on May 7, 2015, at the age of eighty-eight. Lois grew up in Colfax, Saskatchewan, the youngest of three girls. She attended and graduated from Luther College High School in 1944 and Balfour Business College. At one point, Lois was expelled from Luther for crawling through a transom. However, her father could yell louder than the authorities, so Lois was allowed to stay. At the age of twenty-one, she met the love of her life, Alex Jopp. They had two daughters, Susan and Shelley, and were married for fifty years. She is also survived by her grandchildren, **Krisdelee Lytle (HS'04)** and **Brett Lytle (HS'05)**.

Ella (Lange) Krauss (HS'37) passed away peacefully on January 18, 2017, at the age of ninety-seven. Christened Eleonora, but always known as Ella, she was born and grew up on a farm near Mazenod, Saskatchewan, in a family that included three brothers and four sisters. After graduating from Luther College High School in 1937,

she attended secretarial school and eventually returned to Luther to work as a secretary and assistant dean. In June 1944, she married John Krauss and as newlyweds they moved to Windsor, Ontario. Returning to their Saskatchewan roots in 1957, they moved to Smiley, Saskatchewan, where John started working with Imperial Oil. They were transferred to Swan Hills in 1973 with Imperial and eventually settled in Calgary, Alberta, to be closer to the children. Ella also worked for Imperial for ten years before she and John both retired in 1983. Ella is survived by her sister **Martha (Lange) Gough (HSU'36)**, brother **Arthur Lange (HS'42)**, and nephew **Conrad Lange (HSU'65)**, and was predeceased by her brother **Paul Lange (HS'29)**, and sisters **Olga Lange (HS'30)**, **Laura (Lange) Morrison (HS'31)**, **Johanna Lange (attended Grade 11 in 1938-1939)**.

Pastor Walter Kurtz (HSU'47) passed away peacefully on December 22, 2016, at the age of ninety-four. Walter completed his first year of university at Luther College High School in 1947. He was ordained on July 13, 1952, and received a Master of Sacred Theology degree from the seminary in Chicago. He served the parish at Christ Lutheran Church in Regina, Saskatchewan, from 1960 until his retirement in 1985. Walter also served as a member of the Luther College Board of Regents and as a faculty member at the High School campus. His children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and friends will miss his spirit and energy.

Leonard Lomsnes (HS'57) passed away peacefully on February 18, 2016, at the age of seventy-seven, at home with his family by his side. Len was born in Canwood, Saskatchewan, but lived and worked in Big River, Saskatchewan, all of his life. He attended Luther College High School and graduated in 1957.

Margaret (Foster) Lowe (HS'48) passed away peacefully on October 18, 2016, at the age of eighty-six. She attended Luther College High School and graduated in 1948. She is survived by her sister Gladys Foster and brother George Foster, both of whom attended Luther College High School, from 1947-1949 and 1949-1950, respectively.

Jean (Hehn) Manz (HS'41) passed away on February 20, 2017, at the age of ninety-five. Jean was born and raised in Markinch, Saskatchewan, where her father farmed. She was the oldest of three girls. After graduating from Luther College High School in 1941, she became a schoolteacher and married Sieg Manz in 1945. Together they built a life in Regina, Saskatchewan, and welcomed Jane into their family. In 1981, they moved to Winnipeg to be closer to their daughter, but Jean returned to Regina in 1993 after Sieg passed away in 1987. As Jean and Sieg always intended on retiring in the Okanagan, she moved to Kelowna in 2001. Predeceased by her sister **Ruth (Hehn) Barber (HSU'41)**, she is survived by her daughter, Jane (Manz) Eisbrenner (HS'76), and by

her sister and brother-in-law, **Lilian (Hehn) (HS'49, HSU'50)** and **Dick (HS'49, HSU'50) Kinzel**.

Gary Mainprize (HS'57) passed away on December 7, 2016, at the age of seventy-six. He attended Luther College High School for three years and graduated in 1957.

Vernon Sentis (HS'58) passed away peacefully at home on July 7, 2016, at the age of seventy-six. Vernon attended Luther College High School for four years and graduated in 1958. He will be lovingly remembered by his family and friends.

Enid (Humphreys) Skupa (HS'31) passed away peacefully on January 21, 2017, at the age of 103. Enid was born on April 1, 1913, during a raging prairie blizzard, with wolves howling outside the farmhouse. She attended grades 11 and 12 at Luther College High School in Regina, Saskatchewan, and after graduating in 1931 she attended Normal School in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, and became a schoolteacher, like her father. Enid taught at several rural Saskatchewan one-room schools before going to teach in the town of Leroy, Saskatchewan, where she met her beloved Hank. They were married on August 31, 1940, and moved to Regina, where they raised their family, before moving to Vancouver in 1952. After Hank and Enid retired in 1974, they enjoyed many years of RV travel and summers at Cultus Lake.

Robert Warnes (HS'60) passed away on March 5, 2017, at the age of seventy. Bob was born January 24, 1943, in Regina, Saskatchewan, to Donald and Cecilia Warnes. He attended Luther College High School for four years and graduated in 1960. He married Yvonne in 1971 and together they had three sons: **Jason (HS'92)**, **Michael (HS'93)**, and **Timothy (HS'94)**. Bob's interest in technology guided his career path and took him to various occupations. Along with his wife, Yvonne, he spent many years leading Marriage Encounter and served as a leader of The Stephen Ministry, through which were formed lifelong friendships. Bob will be remembered for his deep faith, dry sense of humour and unwavering commitment to his family and friends.

Doris (Lapohn) Zanewick (HS'47) passed away peacefully on February 4, 2017, at the age of eighty-eight. Doris attended Luther College High School for three years and graduated in 1947.



Photo Caption: The late Eva (Gross) Ohlinger (HS'31), the late Enid (Humphreys) Skupa (HS'31), and the late Ella Fricke (HS'31) in 1929.



Reformation 500

1517-2017

On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther nailed his 95 theses to the door of the church at Wittenberg, Germany, and made the Protestant Reformation stick. That was five hundred years ago! Now Lutherans are uniting with other Christians to commemorate the Reformation.

Luther College will celebrate its Lutheran history and heritage, remember its namesake Dr. Martin Luther, and enrich the education of its students at both the

High School and University campus by highlighting for the Saskatchewan community the influence of the Reformation on today's world. Here are some of the events Luther College is supporting and organizing for 2017. From January through April, events included the Table Talk Speaker Series, six 20-minute talks on topics related to the Protestant Reformation or Dr. Martin Luther, followed by discussion and fellowship; the Luther

College Choir Tour, showcasing music to honour Martin Luther and commemorate the Protestant Reformation; and the Luther Bach Choir Concert on Palm Sunday, April 9, featuring music of the Reformation set by Bach, Brahms, and others.

For a complete list and description/details of events planned, and "table talk" videos, please visit www.luthercollege.edu/reformation-500.

Upcoming Events

MAY & JUNE

- Luther College Home Concert – Friday, May 26 at 7:00 p.m. at Christ Lutheran Church
- Hymn Festival – Sunday, June 11 at 2:30 p.m. at Christ Lutheran Church

OCTOBER

- Inaugural Presentation of the Dr. Martin Luther Medal
- Worship Service – October 28 at 3:00 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church
- 2017 Luther Lecture – October 30 at 7:30 p.m. at Luther College at the University of Regina
- **Reformation Day Events – October 31**

NOVEMBER & DECEMBER

- Beer & Bratwurst: Martin Luther's Birthday Party – November 9 at Luther College at the University of Regina
- Bach Advent Cantata – December 3 at Luther College at the University of Regina
- Candlelight Service – December 10 at Luther College High School

THANK YOU

Thanks to the generosity of Luther College at the University of Regina alumni and friends, the University campus reached our goal of raising \$10,000 for a Reformation 500 Scholarship to be awarded to entering Luther students.

Two \$1,000 scholarships in 2017 (and four \$1,000 scholarships in both 2018 and 2019) will be awarded to entering students who demonstrate financial need, an average of 75% or higher, and exceptional service to their school, church, and/or community. The Reformation 500 scholarship was created in 2017 to commemorate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation.

PREFER E-MAIL?

FUTURE CORRESPONDENCE REQUEST – Due to the increased cost of postage and our desire to reduce paper waste, we would like to send you all future correspondence directly related to Luther College (i.e. Luther Lecture, annual appeals, the *Luther Story*, etc.) by email.

If you wish to receive future correspondence directly related to your alma mater in electronic format, simply send an email with the subject line "**Future Correspondence Email**" to Ichsalumni@luthercollege.edu (High School) or ualumni@luthercollege.edu (University).

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from Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada

Luther College Choirs

in Concert

Directed by Dr. Melissa Morgan & Mrs. Deborah Nelson

Christ Lutheran Church
4825 Dewdney Ave.
Regina, Saskatchewan
Friday, May 26, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Luther Lecture



Reframing the Reformation: Religious Refugees in the Early Modern World

Featuring **Dr. Nicholas Terpstra**, Professor of History, University of Toronto (and former Luther College professor)

Monday, October 30, 2017
Rex Schneider Auditorium,
Luther College at the University of Regina
7:30 p.m.

For more information, please visit www.luthercollege.edu/luther-lecture or call 306.585.5144.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

LUTHER COLLEGE RESIDENCE REUNION - AUGUST 26 & 27, 2017



Join us as we celebrate the Luther College Residence's recent facelift! The two-day event will include tours, photo montages and memorabilia, children's activities, meals in the Luther Cafeteria & more!

Visit www.luthercollege.edu/lcur-alumni-events to learn more and to register, or call Michelle at 306.585.5144.

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