



HighLites

"Preparing Christian Leaders—One Student at a Time"

A Monthly Newsletter

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If the root is holy, so are the branches. Romans 11:16

Did you ever notice a sign that was in the front entrance at Lutheran High? It was a big wooden carving of a tree and the main root is going down into the ground. It's the Taproot Club logo. To the left of the sign were boards with names of people who have donated to the Taproot Club.

This is a group of many wonderful people who care deeply about *"Preparing Christian Leaders ~ One Student at a Time"*. They see the value of their investment for the students of today, but also for the church of tomorrow. Those students will become the next generation of church leaders and we are in desperate need to prepare them to do so!

I did not know anyone on the list or the story behind the group until I attended my first Taproot Club dinner. I can say that I am proud to be part of this group now and have not regretted joining that first year.

The money raised each year goes into two main categories. The first is to build an endowment that is used for the betterment of the school. The fund recently provided a major gift to the Worship & Fine Arts building addition on our campus. The second is to help close the gap for the annual school budget.

Each fall this group meets to celebrate Christian education. This year we are meeting at Pine Hills Country Club for dinner and a program. The program consists of senior student speakers who share what their experience at Lutheran High has provided to their faith development. I will also give an update of the school and the many blessings that LHS has experienced over the past year. We also have a special keynote speaker who has benefited from a

Lutheran/Christian education in some way throughout their life. Past speakers have included Mark Baden the Channel 12 meteorologist (Metro-East Lutheran Alum); Dr. Pat Ferry, President at Concordia University Wisconsin; Dr. Jim Pingel, a famous author and former Executive Director at Sheboygan Lutheran; Todd and Carol Dekker, proud parents of three alumni of LHS; retired LHS teacher, Jenni Pickel; and this year we are blessed to have former Governor, Marty Schreiber (Milwaukee Lutheran Alum), who champions Alzheimer's care around the state.

This year we are also honoring a long-time supporter and parent of alumni with the Christos Award. Our honoree, Atty. David Gass, has provided hours of labor, guidance, and outstanding service to LHS. Dave has played several key roles over the years in making Lutheran High school the school it is today.

To all of our current parents, alumni parents and good friends of LHS, please consider joining us this year to celebrate the many blessings of Sheboygan Lutheran High School, even if it is your first time. Talk with someone who has attended in the past and they will tell you what a warm event the Taproot Club dinner is and what a great cause it supports. We want you to experience the joys in ministry partnership that come from being part of this group. It is surely a blessing that you will be glad you came to experience.

We hope to see you there!

In His Service,
Paul W. Gnan, Executive Director

Meet Mr. Derek Bult, Principal at LHS

In 2020, LHS restructured and moved Al Holzheimer to an Athletic Director/Registrar position and Called Derek Bult to be the new Principal. Derek and his family moved in July from Sioux Falls, South Dakota, to Sheboygan to join the Crusaders. Derek, a Concordia Nebraska graduate and Sioux Falls native, had been the Principal at Lutheran High School of Sioux Falls. He received his Masters Degree in Education at Concordia-Seward in 2010.

Derek and his wife, Rachel, have four children; Dannielle (11), Nora (10), and twins, Jacob & Isabella (8). The Bults are attending The Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer and Rachel is teaching music at Bethlehem Lutheran Elementary School.

Derek enjoyed playing football in college, enjoys hunting, fishing, camping, and a multitude of other outdoor activities, and is now a COVID19 social distancing champion! *Welcome Derek!*



Bible 'n Bakery

Senior Citizens are invited to our monthly Bible study led by LHS Executive Director, Paul Gnan.

In order to be more efficient with our spatial needs, we will provide coffee and bakery instead of a full breakfast along with our regular Bible study this Fall.

Join us in the LHS Commons at 8:30 a.m. for a Bible study, discussion, and fellowship.

The fall breakfast dates are Tuesdays: Oct. 20 & Nov. 17.

RSVP to the school office at 920-452-3323.

LHS Taproot Club

Exclusive but not exclusive! One and all are invited to be a part of Lutheran High's **Taproot Club**. The donations to the Club go directly to supporting the operating fund of LHS. Donations can be made year-round and we celebrate at an annual dinner with a keynote speaker. It's a great evening for a good cause!

And LHS hasn't presented the **Christos Award** in a few years so we plan to honor one of our humble volunteers. The Christos Award is given to an individual or couple who does not currently have a child attending LHS, but retains a sincere love and servant heart for the ministry and mission of LHS.

The Taproot Dinner will be held on Thursday, Oct. 8 at Pine Hills. **Our guest speaker is former WI Governor, Marty Schreiber.**

Contact Carmen in the LHS office for more information.



Fall Sampler Concert

The Music Department at LHS is in full swing and gearing up for the Fall Sampler Concert.

The concert will be held in the LHS Gym on Monday, October 12 @ 7 p.m.

Live-streamed for the general public for viewing at home. Look for the live-stream link on the LHS website.