



Lustre Links 2017

Alumni/Booster Club Committee

President: Brant Unrau (99)

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From the President:

Greetings from Lustre! It's hard to believe another year has already gone by as we once again approach the Christmas season. It has been an exciting year in Lustre and although the drought did bring challenges to life in a farming community, we have continued to see God's blessing and provision throughout this year.

One of the most exciting events at LCHS this fall has been the installation of a new wood gym floor. This has been a dream of many here in Lustre for years and through God's blessing and peoples' generous giving it has become a reality. The LCHS Foundation gifted a large part of the cost to the school and we as an Alumni Booster Club were able to assist in raising the remaining funds needed to complete the project. Many of you may have seen or been a part of the fundraising competition held on the Alumni Booster Club's Facebook page. Thank you so much to all who gave and helped make this happen. The new gym floor is a beautiful addition to the school. The next time you are in Lustre be sure to stop by and have a look, or better yet come see it at a volleyball or basketball game and support our student athletes.

We were also able to give to other needs that arose at LCHS in the past year. The music stands used by the band and choir were in need of replacement, and we were able to purchase 25 new stands. We also were able to purchase some new hurdles for the track team, a ball cart for the volleyball program and remodel the locker rooms.

The Alumni Booster Club committee has discussed several other projects and we are always looking for ways we can continue to support the work of Christ through LCHS.

Having just celebrated Thanksgiving and looking forward towards the Christmas season we are so thankful for your continued support of the Alumni Booster Club and LCHS. We are thankful to God for His provision and work in changing lives at LCHS. And most importantly we are thankful for His gift of a Savior Jesus Christ and His amazing love and sacrifice. We wish you a Merry Christmas and hope that you can spend it with those you love, and we look forward with anticipation to what the Lord has planned in the new year.

Sincerely,
Brant Unrau (99)

(ff) former faculty
(f) faculty
(fs) former student
(b) booster
LBA/LCHS graduates have
graduate year following name



FUTURE ALUMNI



A daughter, Emma Christine, was born to Roy & Janell Zerbe (07) McKenney on December 16, 2016. They are both music teachers and reside in Billings, MT.

A daughter, Lucy Christine, was born to Benny & Maggie Syme (98) Rizkallah on February 14, 2017. Maggie is a professor in gerontology at Kansas State University. They reside in Manhattan, KS.

A daughter, Amiyah Toni, was born to Anthony (02) & Ronda Olfert (02) Lind on March 20, 2017. She joins siblings ConLai, Juliana & Vera. They reside in Huron, SD where Anthony serves as a Youth Pastor.

A daughter, Israella Shiloh, was born to David & Joni Henze (00) Cogar on April 6, 2017. She joins her sister Hailey. They reside in Billings, MT.

A son, Lincoln James, was born to Jordan (10) & Jackie Ryu (11) Young on May 21, 2017. Jordan is a plant operator, and Jackie teaches high school students online. They reside in Eaton, CO.

A son, Kash Nicolai, was born to Darin (04) & Ashley Pankratz on September 21, 2017. He joins siblings Hannah and Gavin. Darin & Ashley ranch in Lustre, MT.

A daughter, Maizie Renee-Louise, was born to Maxwell & Merrilee Mullet (07) Murphy on November 28, 2017. She joins her brother Braxton. They reside in Portland, OR where they are missionaries with CRU.

THE GYM FLOOR, A DREAM COME TRUE

We wanted to say a big thank you to YOU for your generosity! We also want to thank **Marshall Mullet (04)** for putting the fundraiser on www.lustrechristian.org website. He made the process so smooth and easy. **Brooke Toews (00) Holzrichter** found all of the team pictures to make that part of the fundraiser a reality. If you missed seeing your team, go to Facebook and like Lustre Christian High School Alumni. It is a fun way to



remember and reconnect with teammates. We hope to see you at the gym soon!

The Winning Team is....

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*See you at Senior Night on
Saturday, February 10, 2017*

With This Ring, I Thee Wed

Morgan Young (10) married Kelsey Schile on June 2, 2017 in Mendota Heights, MN. Morgan is working as a CPA at Clifton Larson Allen. Kelsey is a manager at a tanning salon and year round volleyball coach. They reside in Apple Valley, MN.

Tiffany Neufeld (12) married Reuben Garner (fs) on June 20, 2017 in Fort Peck, MT. Tiffany teaches Kindergarten at Nashua, and Reuben works for Macon Construction.

Austin Neufeld (14) married Madison Page on July 15, 2017 where he grew up in Larshan, MT. Austin is currently working at Kay Jewelers while they are both attending MSU. The couple resides in Missoula, MT.

Katherine Zerbe (06) married Ryan VanMeter on September 30, 2017 in Bozeman, MT. Katherine is a Specialty Asset Manager at U.S. Trust, and Ryan is an Investment Analyst with Merrill Lynch Private Banking & Investment Group. They reside in Atlanta, GA.

Francesca Camus (00) married Erik Rominger on September 21, 2017 in Las Vegas, NV. Francesca is performing in Las Vegas & San Francisco, and Erik works at Rolex.

Joni Henze (00) married David Cogar on October 15, 2017. David works at Rimrock GMC & Cadillac. They reside in Billings, MT.

Class of 2017



*Michael Brown: Montana State University - Bozeman
Etien Van de Gruiter: Montana State University - Bozeman
Shelby Reddig: working at Independence Bank in Glasgow, MT*



In Loving Memory

Linda Wall Dirks (52) passed away on December 12, 2016. She cooked at the high school, and her late husband John Dirks served on the LCJS board. She is survived by her children LaVonne (74), Cherylín (76), Kevin (78) and Valarie (81).

Ethel Wall passed away on April 17, 2017. Her late husband Albert served on the school board. They were on the 1st Schmeckfest Committee. She is survived by her children Timothy (61), Dwaine (65), Elaine (65), and Roger (68).

Gerhardt Sauskojus passed away on May 7, 2017. He served on the LCJS school board and spent tireless hours as a handy-man around the school after retirement. He is survived by his wife Gerane and sons Jason (86), Jesse (87), and Jeremy (89).

Gary Neufeld (61) passed away on September 4, 2017. He received 6 medals during his military service. Gary was a helicopter mechanic and a man of strong faith.

***This year the Lustre
EMB & MB Churches Celebrated 100 years of Ministry***

FOUNDATION BOARD

KEITH UNGER (71)
GRANT ZERBE (77)
WILBUR UNRAU (68)

Donald Baker remembered LCJS in his memorial with a large donation to the LCJS Foundation. \$30,000 was used for the new gym floor. We are thankful for his generosity!

Join the 2017-2018 LCJS Foundation 100 Club

In the next few weeks please consider making your \$100 gift to LCJS Foundation and become a member of the 100 club. Now is the time of year for year-end tax credit giving. Your involvement can bring young people to LCJS that would otherwise not be able to come. Drop off or mail your check to LCJS. Thank you for your continued support. Together we can continue to provide a solid Christian education for today's youth.

**For more information on high school happenings visit
www.lustrechristian.org**

Class of 1967 Celebrates 50 years

The class of 1967 held its 50th class reunion in Branson, Missouri in October. Seven of the 13 in our class were able to attend. Marlin (66) & **Bonnie Pankratz (67) Reddig, Daryl (67) & Jean Schmidt (67) Toews**, George & **Dorothy Reddig (67) Keyes, Larry (67) & Connie Wall, Leory (67) & Sharon Toews, Gerald (67) & Bonnie (ff) Unrau**. We had an enjoyable time looking through our yearbooks, challenging each other's memory of events, visiting and taking in the sites of Branson.

Alumni News

Jerusalem Kebede (12) graduated from Grand Canyon University with a major in Forensic Science and a minor in Pre-Law. She is currently working at Spectrum Laboratory as a Microbiology Lab Analyst.

Erin Bartel (13) is graduating from Montana State University - Billings with an associate's degree in nursing. She is working at the Faith Lutheran Home in Wolf Point, MT.

In mid-April the Texas Dept. of Transportation revealed their: "Arc of Innovation: Creating the W. 7th Street Bridge," a 27-minute film extolling the engineering feats of Fort Worth Texas' comparatively low-budget and low-profile connection over the Trinity River between downtown and the busy West 7th cultural district. It debuted at the Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth and has been airing on PBS stations across the United States in select regions. The bridge was completed in October 2013, it's the bridge with the largest concrete arches in the world. And, whereas comparable bridges might take two to three years to complete, this one – thanks to pre-casting technology – was up and running in 124 days, 26 days earlier than the deadline. Each precast concrete arch weighed 280 Tons and **Cade Reddig (02)** was a part of the General Contractor's Team in a role of the Project Engineer & Precast Arch Fabrication Quality Control Inspector. You can find some videos of the construction activities on Youtube if you're interested.

Alan Kliewer (75) was the Big Sky State Games 5k Male Senior Grand Master Champion of 2017. He earned 9 awards at the games including Road Runners Club of America 2017. During his time at LCHS, he lettered all four years in Cross-Country, Basketball and Track.

Dr. Maggie Syme (98) was awarded the Early Career Achievement Award from the American Psychological Association.

Ervin & Angela Rempel (62) wrote a book Unexpected Invitations – Surprises, adventures and opportunities in Mennonite ministry. They thought their journey with God would lead them overseas; however, some unexpected invitations came their way. Rempel.story@gmail.com

Bruce Boyum (75) and Chadd Reddig (90) are owners of Guy's Fab Shop in Havre, MT. Guy's Fab Shop opened June 1st making grain bin hoppers and is off to a great start.

Sarah Zerbe (04) Hanson was awarded the Wyoming Music Educators Association (WMEA) "Outstanding Young Music Educator" 2016. She continues to teach Middle School Band, Jazz Band, & Piano at Centennial Jr. High in Casper, WY. Sarah is in her 9th year of teaching at Centennial.

SEND US YOUR NEWS
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BACK IN LUSTRE? WHAT??

By: Lynette Trimble (80) Froiland

A year ago I was working on a computer at an elementary school in Omaha, NE, never dreaming that life would change drastically in six months. But sometimes, God laughs! My husband, Robin, and I were quite aware that my parents could use some help, however there were SO many things that would have to happen for that to ever be a possibility. Let's just say, our GOD likes to move mountains ... starting by creating an unexpected longing in me for scenes of NE MT ... then came knowledge of a job opening at LCHS, an interview, a job offer, our house selling in 18 days, packing, saying goodbye to our daughters & granddaughter and driving a Uhaul back to Big Sky Country.

Yes, I am "back home," but things have changed and there have been adjustments for my husband, our family and myself. However, when I see a beautiful Montana sunrise or sunset, I wonder if I need to pinch myself. Never in my wildest dreams would I have thought that throughout the last 25-30 years God was preparing me to return to my alma mater as the Office Secretary.

God is GOOD... ALL the time!

ALUMNI ON MISSION

Rachael Traeholt (08) is doing a Christian Ministry Internship at Emmanuel Baptist Church in Billings, MT. She went with a group from this church to Ecuador on a 10 day Missions Trip in August. They taught Daily Vacation Bible School. The people wanted them to teach Bible classes rather than help with the earthquake damage.

Jason (95) & Stephanie Brown have founded **El Roi Outreach International** - a 501c3 nonprofit that currently operates a Primary School in Haiti. Their hearts were drawn to Haiti through adoption. **Dawson (98) & Alicia Olfert** also serve on the Board of Directors of the organization. **Sandro Dorsainvil (14)**, a native Haitian who grew up in Cité Soleil, is founder and administrator of the school. **El Roi Outreach International** currently sustains a school of 300 students with 15 teachers and support staff. To learn more about the ministry check out the website at elroihaiti.com

Tony Fast (04) spear headed a local ministry opportunity. As the result of wildfires this summer, God opened up the opportunity to rebuild fences destroyed on both the Brown and Dutton ranches near Sand Springs, MT. Over a two month time span, and with the help of approximately 40 volunteers from all over the state including **Bill Reddig (98)** and **Warren Fast (78)** as well as a crew from Ohio, they were able to rebuild just over 20 miles of new fence. New friendships and fences were built that will last a lifetime.

LCHS 2017-18

SCHOOL BOARD

KELLY TOAVS – CHAIRMAN/PROMOTION
BOB BROWN (89) – VICE CHAIRMAN/TREASURER
RANDY REDDIG (00) – SECRETARY/DORM
JARED FAST (92) – HOUSING
BRAD TRAEHOLT (86) – LCHS MAINTENANCE
JASON BROWN (95) – TRANSPORTATION
DAWSON OLFERT (96) – YARD

STAFF

WES YOUNG – ADMINISTRATOR
MICHAEL BUTLER – CHOIR, BAND, COMPUTER 1
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NICKY HILKEMAN & NAOMI LORENZ - SCIENCE
LYNETTE TRIMBLE (80) FROILAND – SECRETARY, ADVANCED COMPUTER
TRISHA BYRNE (FS) REDDIG – ART
LYNN UNRAU – LCHS TREASURER, TRACK COACH
EILEEN BAERG TRAEHOLT (65) - CUSTODIAN
LUCAS & NAOMI LORENZ – DORM PARENTS
JEAN SCHMIDT (67) TOEWS – COOK
KIMBERLY WALL (99) KLATT, ABBY TRAEHOLT, TRISHA BYRNE (FS) REDDIG – VBB
RANDY REDDIG (00) & JARED HOLZRICHTER – BBB
RON REDDIG (74) & MARTY SMITH – GBB
DARYL TOEWS (67) – INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE
PASTOR JOHN SKILLMAN & PASTOR FRANK LENIHAN - CHAPEL COORDINATORS

DORM COMMITTEE

*JUSTYN & KIMBERLY WALL (99) KLATT
BILL (95) & TRISHA BYRNE (FS) REDDIG
DARYL (67) & JEAN SCHMIDT (67) TOEWS

Schmeckfest 2017 Committee

**Brant (99) & Lynn Unrau
Bill (98) & Trisha Byrne (fs) Reddig
Bob (89) & Yvonne Brown
Curt (01) & Lisa Toews (00) Neufeld*

Over \$80,000 was raised for the school!

*Save the Date
Schmeckfest
March 23, 2018*

Lustre Christian High School
has a new address:

LCHS
4 Lustre High Cir
Lustre, MT 59225

*Thank you for your
support and donations!*

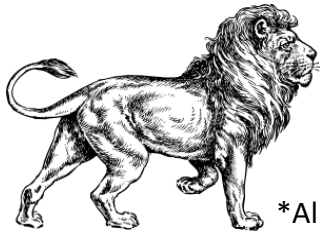
The Newest Lifetime Members

Marjorie East Blackwell Friesen (59)

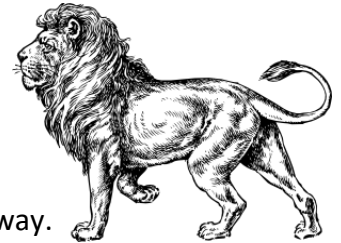
Roger Wall (68)

Stephen Trimble (83)

Carrie Downs (ff)



*All Lifetime Members are displayed on a plaque in LCHS hallway.



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