



Lustre Links 2025

Alumni/Booster Club Committee

President: Brant Unrau (99)

Vice President: Levi Brown (18)

Secretary/Treasurer: Lisa Toews (00) Neufeld

Asst. Secretary/Treasurer: Jennifer Neufeld (95) Reddig

From the President:

Greetings from snowy Lustre, MT! As we enter into the Christmas season and the calendar year draws to a close, it's a great time to look back and reflect on all that God has done in the past year. It has been a busy year in Lustre. Although the dry year did bring challenges to life in a farming community, we have continued to see God's blessing and provision throughout this year.

This year the Alumni Booster Club was able to provide funds in support of numerous important projects on the LCHS campus. We were able to give \$5,000 towards replacing the carpet in the dorm. This helps bring new life and longevity to student housing. We also were able to give some money towards a future project of updating siding on the dorm building.

This summer some major updates were needed to the coal boiler which provides heat for the entire LCHS campus. The Alumni Booster Club was able to give \$5,000 to assist with the cost of this project. A backup generator was installed, and the alumni gave \$2,000 towards that project. This fall we were also able to purchase a storage and charging cart for the laptop computers that are used by students in class each day.

One last update that you may see if you live in the area or come visit the school is a new sign for the school on highway 438 north of Nashua. Be sure to look for it next time you visit Lustre. The Alumni Booster Club continues to discuss other projects, and we are always looking for ways we can continue to support the work of Christ through LCHS.



The "Friends of Reynolds" program continues to bring in funds for the alumni along with NFHS. Thank you for choosing LCHS Alumni Booster Club for your shopping and watching!

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. 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. 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, Elise Anita, was born June 13, 2025 to Michael (17) and Kaitlyn Toavs (18) Brown of Lustre, MT. She joins a brother Jesse. Michael works for Brown Farms, and they live in Lustre.

A daughter, Riley Avery, was born on July 29, 2025 to Brad and Amanda Lenihan (12) Henning. She joins a brother Iver. They live in Virginia where Brad serves in the US Navy.

A son, Weston James, was born July 12, 2025 to Evan (16) and Kaylena Bartel. They live in Wyoming where Evan is a paramedic for Cody Regional Health and a volunteer fire fighter.

A son, Jasper Xia, was born May 12, 2025 to Will and Ziling Xia (14) Goldberg. Ziling is a nurse, and they live in Liberty Lake, WA.

A son, Declan Michael, was born April 7, 2025 to Michael and Sherelyn Butler (ff). Michael serves as a youth pastor at First Baptist Church in Newport, OR.

A daughter, Yvonne, was born March 14, 2025 to Aron Cho (11) and his wife Yuri. They live in Seattle, WA, where Aron works for Boeing.

A daughter, Gemma Rose Zerbe, was born December 3, 2025, to Coney (05) and Heather Zerbe. She joins 2 brothers and 3 sisters. Coney is in construction in Absorkee, MT.

Class of 2025



Byron Ewing was accepted into the Lineman Program at Montana Tech beginning in January.

Jaden Gibson is attending MSU-Northern in Havre, MT. She is majoring in Graphic Design.

Mason Hilkemann is attending Montana Tech. He is majoring in Biological Science.

Abby Olfert is attending MSU-Billings. She is majoring in Radiology.

Rachel Pew is attending Harding University in Searcy, AR. She is majoring in Dietetics & Nutrition.

Clay Reddig is in an electrician apprenticeship with Rocky Mountain Electric in Bozeman, MT.

Meredith Valentine is in New York. She plans to go into law enforcement.



WEDDINGS



Kassie Kirkaldie (19) and Elijah Willardson were married September 6, 2025, in Gallatin Gateway, MT. Kassie is a lab assistant at Medscan Laboratories and Elijah is a service operator at Haliburton. They live in Williston, ND.

Aron Cho (11) and Yuri were married in 2024 in South Korea.

In Loving Memory



David Wedel (89) passed away November 11, 2025, in Glendive, MT. He leaves behind his sister Terri. He was very active in his church and was well known for organizing the Eastern Montana Bible Camp Annual Motorcycle Ride. Many LCHS alumni enjoyed going on the motorcycle trip. He worked for Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline Company.

Mark Sauskojus (72) passed away May 25, 2025 in Green Bay, WI. He leaves behind his wife Penny, 2 children, and 6 grandchildren. He worked for CNH Industrial testing 4-wheel drive and 4-wheel drive assist tractors prior to production.

Ted Wiens (50) passed away July 20, 2025. He leaves behind his wife **Stella Peters (53)** Wiens. They had 6 children. He leaves behind 14 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. He was a carpenter of custom built homes and a pilot.

Arden Unrau (55) passed away January 4, 2025, in Washington. He leaves behind his wife Darlene, 2 daughters, **Melissa Unrau (95) Kujala** and **Bethany Unrau (97) Hunt**, and 6 grandchildren. He was a farmer and rancher in Lustre before moving to Washington. He served in the US Army National Guard, a volunteer on the Lustre Ambulance, and was a Gideon.

Florence Unrau (55) Chambers passed away December 30, 2024 in Billings, MT. She had a long career as a nurse in Buffalo, New York. She and her husband had a sign business for many years.

Foundation Board

Keith Unger (71) – President

Grant Zerbe (77) –Vice President

Wilbur Unrau (68) –Secretary/Treasurer

The LCHS Foundation held its annual 100 Club Heritage dinner on October 20th, attended by 60 supporters of LCHS. A roast beef dinner was prepared and served by the girls' basketball team as a fund-raiser for their upcoming trip to the tournament in Manhattan on December 12 & 13.

Neil Zerbe (72), LBA/LCHS graduate and retired Navy Commander, was the guest speaker. He told many interesting stories of experiences in his career and he encouraged the young people of Lustre to look for and take advantage of the many opportunities that will come their way.

The evening was a celebration of the Foundation reaching a total of **over \$1 million granted** to LCHS since the beginning in 1998. We are grateful to God and to the many supporters who have participated in reaching this goal. The total value of the investments is currently over \$1.6 M, and the grant to be given next May will be \$66,793.

Please continue to support the Foundation so that LCHS will receive increasing funding over the many years to come. Thank you

For more information on high school happenings visit

www.lustrechristian.org

Greetings from Lustre Christian!

Here is a brief summary of the sporting seasons since the last Lustre Links. The basketball season of the 24-25 year kicked off in late November. The girls were coached by head coach **Lisa Toews (00)** Neufeld, assisted by **Sadie Brown (19)** and the boys were coached by **Randy Reddig (00)**, assisted by Justyn Klatt.



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The girls lost some key seniors from the previous year, but showed a lot of fight throughout the year. Early in the season, the girls traveled down to the Bozeman area to play some tough competition. It was a great team experience for all involved. The season was derailed a bit by some tough injuries, but the girls continued to improve. Lauryn Holzrichter **broke the long standing single game points record** at the District tournament against Frazer. She scored 40 points in the game! Despite a tough injury about $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way through the year, Kencia Brown was still selected All Conference and All State! They ended the year with a record of 7-13. The future is bright with young talent returning this season.

The boys were looking to build on their back-to-back state appearances from the years prior. The team started off hot with some big wins against Class B Manhattan who would go on to make the Class B State tournament and against Manhattan Christian who ended their season 2nd at state. The boys ended their regular season 15-3 after dropping 2 to Scobey and 1 to Circle during the regular season. They then went on to place 2nd at the 3C District tournament in Wolf Point and 2nd at the Eastern C Divisional in Sidney. They earned their way to their 3rd consecutive State Tournament in Butte, MT! The Lions opened the State tournament with a rematch with Manhattan Christian. The boys fell in a tough fought game with a push in the second half that fell short. They rebounded on day two and beat Bridger to keep the season alive. The boys then lost to Scobey in loser out play, finishing another successful season 20-7. Johnlee Pierre and Cam Reddig were selected All State. Byron Ewing and Clay Reddig were also selected All Conference for the boys. All Glory to God!

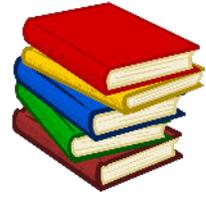
As soon as State basketball was over, track coached by Lynn Unrau, **Brooke Toews (00)** Holzrichter and **Becca Unger (00)** Reddig started the following Monday. Both the girls and the boys teams had successful years. The girls had state qualifiers for the first time since 2021. Two girls, Sidney Klatt and Lauryn Holzrichter made it to the state meet in Missoula. Sidney qualified in the 1600 and the 3200. Lauryn qualified in the 300 hurdles. The boys had another very strong year as a team. They won the 3C District, placed 3rd at Divisionals, and got 4th at State as a team! There were 8 boys that competed at the State meet: KJ Brown, Johnlee Pierre, Yoseph Lee, Byron Ewing, Prestyn Klatt, Mason Hilkemann, Diek Olfert, and Kayden Charette. Notable performances include Johnlee Pierre winning the Long Jump, Triple Jump, and the 300 hurdles at the state meet. Prestyn Klatt got 2nd at state in the 1600. Prestyn also **broke a 50 year old school record** in the 800 earlier in the year. Johnlee Pierre was able to best his own **school record** in the long and triple jump. Mason Hilkemann was able to **break his own record** in the shot put as well. Very proud of all the hard work these athletes put in.

The 25-26 Lady Volleyball season was filled with a lot of growth and development under the leadership of Mary Zerbe and **Kimberly Wall (99)** Klatt. They began the season with a new setter, new hitters, and a new libero. The team was young, but very scrappy in how they played defense throughout their season. The Lady Lions opened with an exciting 5-set match vs. Froid-Lake in the Lions' Den and by mid-season, they pushed both Circle and Scobey to call the 1st time-out of the night in the Den. The scrappy Lady Lions finished 4th at Districts, just shy of moving onto Divisional. It was exciting to see them move up in rank in our district, which is a strong District including the Class C State Champs!

As always, it is great to be a Lion! We thank everyone for their support! All glory to God! Go Lions!

Randy Reddig (00)
Lustre Christian AD

Academic Olympic Team 2025



LCHS placed 1st in the written and 4th in the oral round at Academic Olympics in Glasgow, MT. Mason Hilkemann, Rachel Pew, Andy Ponce-Curl, TJ Cumpio, and Monica Uy competed at the event, each one bringing home awards. Mason earned top senior honors. He placed 1st in Science, Mathematics and Social Studies, getting 2nd in English to his teammate Rachel Pew.

Congratulations and keep up the hard work in the classroom!

MUSIC FESTIVAL



Under the direction of Pastor Wayne Hathaway, the LCHS concert band received superior ratings at this year's District Music Festival. The concert choir, directed by **Mindy Backus (ff) Olfert**, received excellent ratings. The Jazz Band also received superior ratings and qualified, along with nine other solos and ensembles (26 students altogether!), to compete at the State Level in Billings last May.

Congratulations to our musicians and teachers!

ALUMNI NEWS

Timothy Lenihan (14) was promoted to Captain on November 14, 2025. He and his wife, Annika, live in Billings, MT.

Clayton Zerbe (02) was named the 2024-2025 Montana Official of the year for Boys Basketball. These officials represent the highest standards of integrity, sportsmanship, and dedication.

Jurine Unrau (66) was awarded the Fort Peck Summer Theatre 2025 Volunteer of the Year. Her warm smiles and dedication made every show day brighter. She lives in Glasgow, MT.

Roberto and **Heather Wall (97)** Atienza visited Lustre from the Philippines this fall. They serve in the Children's Shelter of Cebu. They spoke at AWANA.

Jasiah Hambria (23) received NCAA Division III All-American collegiate honors in high jump at Minnesota State Moorhead. He is majoring in digital media management/marketing.

Nikki Reddig (02) Doolan received the 2025 Telitha Lindquist Greiner Excellence in Teaching Award. She teaches in Ogden, UT. She also completed her Masters of Science Curriculum and Instruction from Western Governors University.

Aron Cho

Aron Cho (11) completed community college in the Seattle area, continued pursuing studies in Supply Chain Management while gaining experience across several industries, and went on to earn his Master's degree from the University of Washington. He is now working as a Procurement Agent at Boeing.

LBA /LCHS classes of 1974-1976 had their 50th Class Reunions at Branson Missouri. These three classes have been doing their reunions together after their own ten year reunions. Those attending were Bob (74) and LaVonne Reddig (76) Johnson, Marty (73) and Betty Johnson (74) Senner, Ron (74) and Kate Reddig, Joleen Fauth (75) Beggs and Merrill (76) and Sharon Kauffman (ff). Also attending was Marion Ensz who attended LBA through his junior year. He was much appreciated as well with his wit and zeal for a good time. Time was spent visiting with each other and eating together whenever it worked. The first night after everyone was there and catching up with each other it was decided to go to a recommended Mexican restaurant. Everyone headed out and two groups were wondering where the others were after waiting for quite some time. Then finding out there were two restaurants one being of the recommended type and the other not so much. Some won that night, some lost. The Sight and Sound production of David was the highlight of the trip. What a fantastic show depicting much of his life over two plus hours. Miniature golf, sightseeing and everyone going to the variety of shows whether together or individually made up the rest of the time there. Many of the group stayed extra days to take in more activities in Branson. A great time was had by all!

The Newest Lifetime Members

Jeanette Heinrichs Johnston (69)



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

Join the Club! Send a \$100 donation today!

From the LCHS Board Chairman:

The 2025-2026 school year is in full swing and we've had an excellent start to the year. God has blessed us with an amazing staff which includes many returning faces as well as some new ones. Wes Young has once again graciously stepped into the Administrator position and is doing a great job in leading our school each day.

There are 31 kids in the high school, 7 of whom are dorm students. LCHS is blessed with having a Christ centered and dedicated staff and we are also thankful for the prayers and support of this great community! God continues to be faithful as we seek to serve him obediently. Please keep praying for LCHS while we strive to let the light shining in us be greater than the light shining on us.

Prayer requests:

1. For God to continue to work in and through the staff and students.
2. For continued healing in Sarel's body during his battle with cancer.
3. For guidance and direction for the school board.
4. For financial stability of the school.
5. For each student to grow spiritually desiring a deeper relationship with God.

To stay updated throughout the year on all of God's answers to prayer, scan the QR code to sign up for the LCHS prayer letter. On behalf of the LCHS School Board, we pray that God continues to bless you and your loved ones as you walk with him. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



Justyn Klatt
LCHS Board Chairman

LCHS 2025-26

School Board

Justyn Klatt – Chairman/Promotions, **Jared Fast (92)** – Vice Chairman/Yard,
Clayton Zerbe (02) – Secretary/Finance, Jeff Damboise – Technology and Security,
Mike Hilkemann – Housing, **Curt Neufeld (01)** – School Building,
Darin Pankratz (04) – Transportation

Staff

Wes Young – Administrator
Pastor Wayne Hathoway – Bible
Jenn Zerbe - English (online)
Nathan Lu – Math
Bobby Ivester – Social studies
Nicky Hilkemann - Science
Marshall Mullet (04) & Sarel Mattheyser - Technology
Lynette Trimble (80) Froiland – Secretary
Lynn Unrau – LCHS Treasurer, Track Coach
Eileen Baerg (65) Traeholt - Custodian
Jones and Melissa Cumpio – Dorm Parents
Torri Bell – School Cook
Mary Zerbe, **Kimberly Wall (99)** Klatt – GVB
Randy Reddig (00), Justyn Klatt – BBB
Lisa Toews (00) Neufeld, **Sadie Brown (19)** – GBB
Angie Reddig (93) Smith – International Representative
Pastor Frank Lenihan - Chapel Coordinator

Dorm Committee

* **Wes (ff)** & Joy Young
Jean Schmidt (67) Toews
Michael (17) & **Kaitlyn Toavs Brown (18)**

Schmeckfest 2025 Committee

***Jared (92)** and Susan Fast Sarah Brown
Roy (88) and **Jodi Reddig (92)** Neufeld Zach Brown (19)
Jan Pankratz

*Schmeckfest this year served just over 600 people and raised over \$106,000 for LCHS!
Thank you for your unwavering support of our school!*

Save the Date: Schmeckfest March 27, 2026

Do you have alumni news that you'd like to share?

Email us at lchsalum@gmail.com

Matching Gift Challenge

Thanks to a matching donor, every dollar donated to LCHS, up to a total of **\$25,000**, will be matched **DOLLAR for DOLLAR**. Please join us in multiplying the impact of your generosity. Visit our website <https://www.lustrechristian.org/support-lchs/giving/> or scan the QR code to make your contribution.



At LCHS, we believe in equipping young people academically, spiritually, and socially to embrace **God's calling** for their lives. We prepare students to "press on toward the goal for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 3:14).

Small Class Sizes - Biblical Worldview - Dorm Students - Local Students

Your gift today will go twice as far to strengthen LCHS: supporting academic excellence, dorm life, student activities, spiritual formation, and community outreach.

Thank you for standing with LCHS, and for helping shape the lives of students for Christ.