

LLHS FEDERATION CONNECTION

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The dedication of Valentine

The story of Valentine is not widely known among Lutherans.

Valentine was a priest in 3rd century Rome. He lived at a time of Christian persecution. Emperor Claudius mandated worship only of the gods of the Council of 12. This made worship of the Triune God illegal. It was even criminal to associate with Christians. Yet, Valentine's dedication to Christ did not waiver. Eventually, he was arrested and imprisoned for performing the marriage ceremonies of Christian couples.

While imprisoned, Valentine taught the blind daughter of one of his guards. In particular, he taught her about God. From his cell, he wrote her letters—perhaps the earliest form of Valentine's cards. Eventually, the Holy Spirit led this girl to faith in Jesus.

On the night before his execution, Valentine wrote one last note to his young student. He urged her to remain faithful to God. He signed it, "From your Valentine." His death sentence was carried out the following day, February 14, circa 270 AD. Legend says that the girl planted a pink-blossomed almond tree near his grave. Today, the almond tree symbolizes love and friendship.



On February 14, messages of affection, love, and devotion flood the world. It is ironic that Valentine's Day and Ash Wednesday—two days that appear to be opposites—are often close to one another on the calendar. The former reminds us

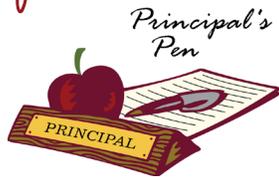
of a human's dedication to the Christian faith. The latter marks the road on which our Savior began his journey to the cross.

However, it would not be wholly incorrect to see the origin of Valentine's Day in Christ's love. During Lent, we hear an unparalleled love story transcending human love. It is the account of Christ's great love for us. It is a love that led him to suffer and die for our sins. Through faith in him alone, we have the assurance of forgiveness and eternal life in heaven.

Our Savior says, **"My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends"** (John 15:12-13).

Thank God for the greatest love of all—Christ's love—that led the one and only Son of God to live and die for sinners.

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Principal's Pen

EXCITING NEWS! It's paid!

Because of the generosity of many for many years, the **LLHS building mortgage has been satisfied**. What this means for the future is no less thrilling: it's **time to focus on opportunities** we had put aside until we retired this loan. A recent staff survey that asked for areas to improve, renew or develop resulted in **more than 80 ideas**, both modest and large-scale projects. It's time to plan!



Best of all? Our new **"Building Improvement Fund"** plans to use **debt-free spending** to accomplish the projects chosen for development.

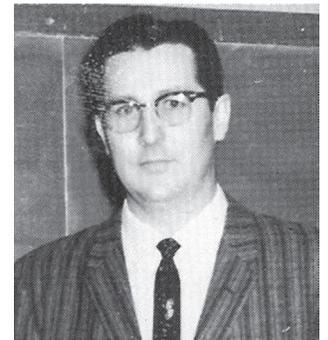
...every good act of giving and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the lights (James 1:17)

In memoriam: Pastor/Principal Lloyd Huebner

1925-2020

Married for almost 70 years, Lloyd and Inez Huebner passed into glory within 24 hours of each other in early December 2020. Pastor Huebner served as our first principal and teacher at LLHS from 1958-1967. He oversaw the transition from Jefferson County Lutheran High School in Fort Atkinson to our current Lake Mills site that began in 1961, and read the dedicatory rite before more than 4,000 supporters who had gathered on campus at the dedication service in November 1963.

A celebration of life service is being planned for June 2021.



While we share in the sorrow of lost companionship, we rejoice with the Huebner family, confident in Lloyd's own words about the treasure of fellowship in faith: "Lakeside is dear to all of us because the Holy Spirit has given us memories which are woven together by the golden thread of our faith in Jesus, pointing us to our eternal home in heaven."
(from his article in the 2008 Lakeside 50th anniversary booklet)

LAKE SIDE "TOP TEN" *of* 2020

While we look forward to the blessings a new year brings, there's value—and fun!—in reviewing the past year. The LLHS good news team took its annual look at the 56 news stories and 734 other Facebook posts shared in calendar year 2020 and narrowed them to 10 newsbits that garnered the most attention or celebrated God's blessing on our school, students, and LLHS community. Read the full article at

llhswarriorstories.wordpress.com



10 February speaks to forensic dominance: read about Lakeside's tenth straight conference championship

9 July graduation is a beautiful new close: another first: outdoor graduation service on the football field.

8 February doesn't VEX these seniors: our 3-year old robotics program sends a team to state competition

7 February rolls in another new club: the new co-op bowling team strikes competition

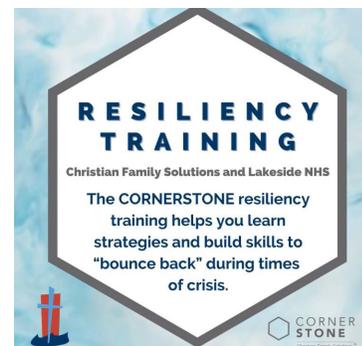
6 March lights up a brighter future: swapping LED lights for fluorescents brings 5-digit savings

5 September-November (& July) gets us back to play: all our fall sports team had seasons to celebrate

4 June & July march to the beat of a different drum: band members went on the road in a new way this summer

3: August brings two new STEM Academy courses: Our STEM Engineering track is complete with the addition of Aerospace Engineering and Engineering Essentials. Other courses in the PLTW™ track are Intro to Engineering Design and Principles of Engineering.

2: December begins another LL first in the nation: We are the first high school in the nation to offer resiliency training through a curriculum titled "Cornerstone: A Faith-fueled Resilience Program," a program developed by Christian Family Solutions.



1: March-December turn lemons into lemonade: Both faculty and students used the spring shutdown to show their adaptability and growth mindsets in the brave new world of virtual schooling. More than 20 teachers report they utilized at least two—and some up to nine—online tools they had not used prior to the shift to online, ranging from the very common Zoom online meeting, Google Classroom assignment management, and Screencastify video recording technologies, to more interactive apps such as Flipgrid, EdPuzzle, Kahoot and 20 other teacher-reported tools.

Student commitment to their education was borne out in the 4th quarter honor roll that did not show a decline from previous quarters. Students also learned Zoom and other tools, but perhaps even more critical were the development of patience and positive attitudes, exemplified by initiatives such as student-led "Lift teams" that lifted the spirits of teachers and the community through encouraging and service-minded activities, such as when students showed their appreciation for teachers by making at home visits and leaving some cookies—and love. (Teachers reciprocated with pictorial passage collages,

reminding Warriors that they were still in teachers' hearts and prayers.)

While the consensus is that returning to in-person instruction has been good for both students and teachers, the "forced" shift in spring has had residual benefits when it comes to support services for absent students during the fall semester of the 2020-21 school year, and an overall preparedness for future "pivots." Some other notable stories from the year that are connected to pandemic cancellations include:

- Some teachers put their creativity on display during online time with students. Read examples online!
- With FFA assistance, Admissions Director Steve Lauber interacted with the second graders missing their annual campus visit when he sent a video, seed packets and instructions to their elementary classroom teachers for virtual botany class.
- With his videographer's hat on, Mr. Hackbarth created the Lakeside edition of "Some Good News" where we could see familiar faces, take a stroll down memory lane, and see how our Warrior witnesses were lights in their community.
- The 9th annual Grand Event fundraiser was required to move to an 100% online event late in the game and the Warrior family showed their generous support by raising over \$80,000 even when they could not gather for fellowship and feasting.
- We held a virtual Academic Awards event to celebrate another year of academic effort and student leadership.
- In May, soph Will Popp spearheaded a Warrior tribute project, creating a personalized "class of 2020" sign for each of our 92 seniors.
- Because Teens for Christ can't host New Friends in person, Teens remembered those friends by creating and dropping off Blessings Bags. Each bag included crafts and treats, handwritten notes, and pictures from past New Friends afternoons.
- No grandparents to campus, so we held a Grand Connection Day mail station. Thanks to over 200 sets of grandparents, 199 students received cards, photos, and gifts. On Veterans Day, we displayed submitted photos of vets and lined sidewalks with more than 100 flags.

