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Alumni Newsletter

St. Paul's College

Saint Paul Lutheran High School
Concordia, Missouri

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Capital Campaign moves forward as chapel is being designed

In Christ Jesus He raised us...in order to show in the coming ages the immeasurable riches of his grace...Ephesians 2:6-7

Our campaign continues to move forward as Kara (Fiene) Bouillette (SPLHS '96) of Berkebile Nelson Immenschuh McDowell Architects, and Bob Ulmer of Brunn-Ulmer Construction, work together to finalize the design for the Kaepfel Hall renovation project. We are currently working in what we call the silent phase of our campaign. So much has already begun to take shape "behind the scenes" as we prepare to recruit more volunteers and seek additional support. With that being said, we have two significant changes at Saint Paul to announce.

Welcome, Dr. Wesemann!



On October 1, 2007, the Rev. Dr. Kenneth Wesemann began to settle into his office as our new Advancement Supervisor. In this role, Dr. Wesemann will be coordinating the areas of Development, Recruitment, Public Relations, Alumni Relations and Communication.

Both he and his wife Regina (Aukamp) are 1980 graduates of St. Paul's College. Kenneth went on

to graduate from Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, with a Master's in Divinity and later earned a Ph.D. in Psychology from Southern Illinois University in Carbondale. He has been a parish pastor, a psychologist, and an advisor on personal growth at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne.

Dr. Wesemann brings to this position a great deal of relationship skills and a passion for this ministry. We look forward to him putting his expertise in these areas to good use here at Saint Paul Lutheran High School and Ministries.

Godspeed, Rev. Christiansen!

The Rev. Keith Christiansen who began his tenure here at Saint Paul in October of 1997 leaves us exactly 10 years later in October of 2007. What he leaves behind is a legacy that includes a \$3.1 million renovation of Biltz Hall (the Schroeder Memorial Leadership Center) and a growing institute for pastoral and lay education affectionately known as SPIFE (Saint Paul Institute for Education).



Rev. Christiansen and his wife Kaye will be relocating to Nebraska where they will be starting a new web-based family ministry known as "Faith Moments."

(In January of 2008, look up www.faithmoments.com)

From Lady Saint to Packer Backer

Alumni of Saint Paul are scattered across the country and throughout the world. Where they go after graduation is as diverse as the alumni themselves. All follow a path that is guided by the Lord and serve Him wherever He has led them. The path usually takes them away from their hometowns and the familiar surroundings of the area in which they grew up.

Such was the case for Jaki (Oetting) Ahlemeyer. A Concordia native, she now lives with her husband, Rev. Mike Ahlemeyer, and their three children — Payton, 5, Tatum, 2, and Brodie, 6 months — in Green Bay, where he serves as pastor of Faith Lutheran Church.

Jaki graduated from Saint Paul in 1997. She spent two years at Truman State University in Kirksville. From there she went to Purdue University in Fort Wayne and studied secondary education.

She has found her calling for this time of her life at home. Jaki said, “I stay home with my kids, but I may try teaching when they are older.”



Jaki and her three children are ready to enter Lambeau Field for a Packer game

Memories about her high school days of 10 years ago are, as with many people, nostalgic. Jaki remembers playing on the Lady Saints basketball team and the instructors at Saint Paul who helped shape her goals.

“Mr. Gasau and Mr. Beerman helped influence me toward going into education,” Jaki said. “I liked their teaching styles. Mr. Gasau’s history classes left me wanting to learn more. Mr. Beerman got me thinking about coaching.”

Her graduating class had its 10-year reunion at the June auction/benefit dinner. She said she loves following the Saints sports teams. Her younger brothers, Kendall and Cameron Holsten, graduated from Saint Paul in 2006. Kendall played baseball and is enrolled at the University of Central Missouri in Warrensburg. Cameron is in the Marines, presently stationed in Iraq. Her older brother Tim Oetting, who graduated from Saint Paul in 1995, is a plant engineer at a natural gas power plant in Spencer, Iowa, and has applied at the St. Louis seminary to study for the ministry.

When her younger brothers were in the Singing Saints, the Ahlemeyers arranged for the choir to perform at their congregation. Families from the local Lutheran high school, Northeast Wisconsin Lutheran High School, which covers the Fox River valley area, housed the choir.

“It was good for them to see a traveling choir like the Singing Saints and hear their choice of music,” Mike said.

The Ahlemeyers met in 1999 on a blind date while Jaki was attending Purdue and he was a seminary student at Concordia Seminary in Fort Wayne. They were married in the Seminary chapel in 2000. Mike’s first call was to Holy Trinity in Terryville, near Hartford, Conn. They served there for about two and a half years before taking the call to Green Bay.

Mike, who grew up in Wisconsin, has his own memories of a former SPC professor, the late Rev. Robert Carlton.

“I was at Concordia (University) Ann Arbor, (Mich.) and Rev. Carlton was one of the deans,” Mike said. “He taught some of the Greek I and II classes and told lots of stories about SPC.”

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Now that Jaki has been a resident of “Title Town U.S.A.” for three years, and married a Green Bay Packer fan, she has become a “Packer Backer.”

“I married into it; I had no choice. But even growing up (in Concordia) with the (Kansas City) Chiefs, there was still something unique about the Packers,” Jaki said. “The year I graduated was when they won the Super Bowl.”

With over 2,300 alumni scattered across the U.S.A., until recently Jaki was the only graduate living in the Home of the Packers.

The Ahlemeyers said they enjoy their life in Packer land and find their ministry there fulfilling and rewarding.

Written by Cindy Roerig Ebers (SPC '73)



NEXT GENERATION OF SAINTS LOCK IN TUITION!

Are you interested in securing today’s tuition rate for the future? We can open a special Visionary Tuition Fund for your child now and lock tuition in at the rate it is now in 2007-08. When your child arrives at SPLHS his/her tuition will be retroactive and revert to the tuition rate of this current school year. Alumni, contact Gloria for full information on this exciting opportunity to secure funding for your child!

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Alumni Jottings...

(To share information about yourself in the next newsletter (mid-February) or on the alumni Web site, email the information to splhsalumni@yahoo.com, or mail to P.O. Box 719, Concordia, MO 64020.)

SPCH '44, SPC '46, Ralph Weinhold, Seattle, Washington, died March 30, 2007, in Seattle. He served parishes in Wisconsin and Colorado.

(For the complete list of Alumni Jottings, go to www.splhs.org, click on ALUMNI, on the left click on ALUMNI UPDATES.)

**SINGING SAINTS, CONCERT BAND,
AND STRING ENSEMBLE
CHRISTMAS CONCERT**
Friday, December 21
7:00 p.m.
St. Paul's Lutheran Church

2007 alumni scholarships awarded

The Saint Paul Alumni Association, through its secretary Russell Kruse, recently presented the alumni scholarship awards to Sierra Schnakenberg and Jillian Mueller.

These scholarships are awarded to the highest- and second highest-ranking students in the junior class who are children of alumni. The money is credited to their tuition costs for their senior year at SPLHS.



Sierra, the highest-ranking student, is the daughter of Kevin (SPCH '86) and Debra Sue Schnakenberg of Higginsville. She received a \$500 scholarship.

Jillian is the daughter of Rev. Bart (SPCH '77; SPC '78) and Jana Mueller of Lakefield, Minn. She received a \$300 scholarship.

Sierra and Jillian thank you, the alumni, for the scholarships they received.

The junior year for both girls was packed with activities in addition to their academic work. Sierra was involved in the academic team for which she was awarded a varsity letter, the math team and the National Honor Society in which she was elected co-chairperson of the Buzz Book Committee.

In her involvement in Teens for Life she participated in the Life March in Washington, D.C., and helped at the Lutheran Good Shepherd Home in Concordia. She received a varsity letter in choir and went on the spring tour. She was elected class treasurer for 2008.

Her long-range plans are to obtain a Master's Degree in Library Science to be a librarian. In preparation for that degree, she plans to attend either University of Central Missouri in Warrensburg or Concordia University in Seward to obtain an undergraduate degree in accounting, education, English or finance.

Jillian participated in volleyball and was a cheerleader for basketball. She was a member of Teens for Life, the Singing Saints, and the band. She served as chairman for student government, a residential assistant in Moeller dorm, and assisted Art MacLean with student recruitment.



For the 2008 academic year she was elected president of the National Honor Society, and vice president of the student body. In her senior year Jillian plans to continue her involvement in her extra activities, including golf and track.

Jillian aspires to serve as a United States Senator. To prepare for that she will major in political science and after graduation from college seek work in the government system. She would also like to start her own magazine someday.

Admissions Dates to Save



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| Thru Oct 31: | Special Application fee of \$25 with a completed application packet. |
| October 11: | Admissions Open House, Baepfer 107, 4-7 p.m. |
| October 11-14: | Parents and Homecoming Weekend |
| November 9-10: | Fall Play, "The Odd Couple" |
| November 16: | Meet the Saints basketball preview |
| December 21: | SPLHS Christmas Concert |
| February 24: | Admissions Open House, Biltz 2 p.m. |
| February 25: | 6-8th Jr. High Lock In registration form & \$25 due |
| March 7: | 6-8th grades Jr. High Lock-In, Weis Gym |
| March 30: | Singing Saints home concert |
| April 1: | Early Bird deadline for new students |
| May 1: | Saints Summer Camp registration forms and deposit of \$85 due |
| May 17: | SPLHS Baccalaureate 10 a.m.
SPLHS Graduation 1:30 p.m. |
| June 1-4: | Saints Summer Camp |
| June 20-22: | SPLHS All-School Reunion |
| June 22: | SPLHS Benefit Auction and Hog Roast |
| July 1: | Early Bird option 2 deadline for new students |

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Gloria A. Burrow, Director of Recruitment

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U.S. postage stamp features alumna

Not many are chosen to appear on a U.S. postage stamp. One who has that honor and distinction is alumna Theresa Barrett, SPCH 1989.

"Bear," as she was known in her SPCH days, serves in the Air Force. From 1993-2000, while at Andrews Air Force Base in Washington, D.C., she served two remote tours, one to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (post Desert Storm), and a year remote to the Republic of South Korea.



Theresa was involved with a presidential inauguration and was a model for a postage stamp issued in 1997. Featured on the stamp are women from the five branches of the military. Theresa is the first one on the right.

Theresa is a charter member of the Women in Military Service for American Memorial. She was involved with the memorial from groundbreaking in 1995 to dedication in 1997. At the ground breaking she handed out the silver plated shovels to the women who actually "broke ground."

Theresa attended and eventually led women's history tours, sponsored by Andrews Air Force Base, to local schools. She and other military service women explained their jobs as helicopter pilots, police officers, and providing presidential support. In October 1997 she was selected by General Wilma Vaught for a CNN interview about the memorial.



Saints sign to play soccer, volleyball, basketball, baseball

Concordia University in Seward received four graduates from the class of 2007. Katrina Mehl and Yong Gun Sung signed letters of intent to play soccer for the Bulldogs, and Esther Mehl to play volleyball. Tyler Bredehoeft signed a letter of intent to play basketball for Grant Schmidt at Concordia, Seward.

Adam Maddox was headed to Northeast Texas Community College to play baseball, but at the last minute changed directions in favor of Missouri State University in Springfield.



Tyler Bredehoeft (front, left) signed a letter of intent to play basketball at Concordia University, Seward. With Tyler at the signing were his mother, Holly Bredehoeft (SPC '82), SPLHS basketball coach Monte Pitsch (back, left) and his father, Clark Bredehoeft.

Adam Maddox (front, right) signed a letter of intent to play baseball at Northeast Texas Community College, Mount Pleasant, Texas. Since the signing, Adam has enrolled at Missouri State University in Springfield. With Adam at the signing were Saints baseball coach John Beerman (front, left), Maddox's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Brian Maddox, and his sister Amelia.



Yong Gun Sung signed a letter of intent to play soccer at Concordia University, Seward. Yong Gun has made the team and was in the action when the Bulldogs played Avila in Kansas City at the end of August. With Jung Gun is SPLHS soccer coach Luther Schmidt.

Katrina Mehl signed a letter of intent to play soccer at Concordia University in Seward. Word received is that she has made the traveling squad. She is accompanied at the formal signing by her mother, Susan Mehl, father, John Mehl (SPCH '77, SPC '79) (back, left) and SPLHS soccer coach Luther Schmidt.



Photos above are furnished by The Concordian.



Esther Mehl, daughter of Paul (SPCH '78, SPC '80) and Luci Mehl (SPCH '78, SPC '80) signed a letter of intent to play volleyball at Concordia University, Seward.

ALL-SCHOOL REUNION • JUNE 20, 21 & 22 • SAINT PAUL CAMPUS



Day of Reflection

Conversion of Saint Paul Day
125th Academic Year Anniversary
Saint Paul Lutheran High School

Conference Speakers:

Rev. Dr. John Wohlrahe Jr. —
Chapel Speaker & Banquet Emcee
SPCH 1971
3rd Vice President, LCMS

Dr. Jan Lohmeyer —
“Lutheran Education in the 21st Century”
Lutheran school historian
Lutheran High School teacher

Rev. Dr. Ken Schurb —
“Luther and Education”
3rd Vice President Missouri District, LCMS



Banquet Honorees:

Rev. Dr. Walter Rosin (President SPC & SPCH 1971-1980)
Rev. Dr. Wilbert Rosin (Instructor 1947-1961)

Date: January 25, 2008

Place: Saint Paul Lutheran High School, Concordia

Registration Cost: Pre-registration by January 15 - \$15
After January 15 - \$20

Registration cost includes lunch and evening banquet

Registration by email kheins@splhs.org or phone 660-463-2238, ext. 244

Alumni Board pledges involvement

At its October 13 meeting, the Alumni Board of Directors heard a report from Michael Fuchs, advisor to the Capital Campaign, as to how the alumni board can be involved with the campaign. The board agreed to work with and assist individuals to contact their class members for support of the ministry at SPLHS. At the January 26, 2008, meeting the board will receive details and procedures for involvement.

The board welcomed two new board members, Steve Six (SPCH '56) from Spring Valley, California and Leonard Goldammer (SPCH '56) from Kansas City.

The board accepted the resignation of Rev. James Rhiver (SPC '61), St. Louis, who served 25 years on the board, and also from Sara Hagemeyer (SPLHS '96) from California, Missouri.

It was announced that the Saint Paul Alumni Celebration dinner at St. John's Lutheran Church, Ellisville, will be February 17, 2008.

The board heard that the “Little Blue Jug” will be placed in the trophy case in the walkway between the gym and annex.

It was reported to the board that in 2008, when alumni send in contributions for support of the Association, they are also to vote for their favorite faculty member. Eligible faculty members are posted on the Web site, www.splhs.org.

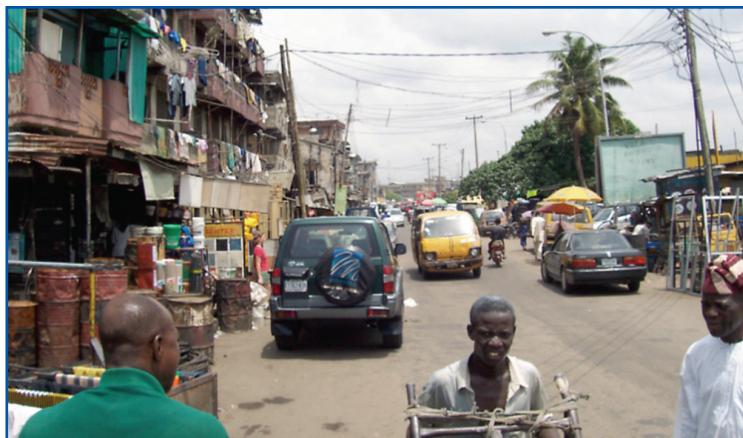
Click on ALUMNI, then “Alumni Updates, then “Eligible Faculty Members for your Vote.” Place his/her name on a sheet of paper and send with your contribution. The faculty member with the greatest number of votes will be recognized.

The next alumni board meeting is January 26, 2008, at Biltz Hall on the SPLHS campus.

Challenges abounded for Alum Joel Loesche (SPCH '76-'79) in Lagos

It was just after dusk when the British Airways 747 landed, and all I could think about were the numerous Web sites painting a very gruesome picture of this part of Africa. There were discussions of how filthy Lagos, Nigeria was.

Traffic was a serious problem for the city of near 14 million people as traffic lights and signs were merely a “suggestion.” Several of the paved roads may have been smoother if they were still dirt. And there was even an article stating that counting bodies floating down the creek was “ordinary.”



What was I getting myself AND my family into? Basic “freedoms” were not available. Just walking down the street was not recommended. Rent for our 3-bedroom flat was \$43,000 per year, plus a \$10,000 per year maintenance fee. A head of iceberg lettuce, when available, was about \$20.

I was the Operations and Procurement Manager at a gas turbine power plant on the Lagos Lagoon. During my residency, there was an average output of about 3,000 MW for the entire country. In the U.S. that would supply enough power for about 3 million people. Lagos is a city of 14 million, and Nigeria's estimated population is about 130 million.

There was a constant challenge on every front inside the fence line and out: personnel problems, customs and immigration issues, political matters, customer payment concerns, getting parts and services into the country, kickbacks and bribes, social responsibility.

My challenge was to find a way to simply get my operators and personnel to understand that they had the ability within themselves and with the help of each other to strive for improvement.

If you want to read Joel's complete article (the above is a condensed version), go to www.splhs.org, click on ALUMNI, then click on “Alumni Updates” and to the article by Joel Loesche. If you would like to hear more, you can email Joel at jloesche@juno.com. He and his family have moved to the Houston area with a new company...that could result in another tour in Lagos.