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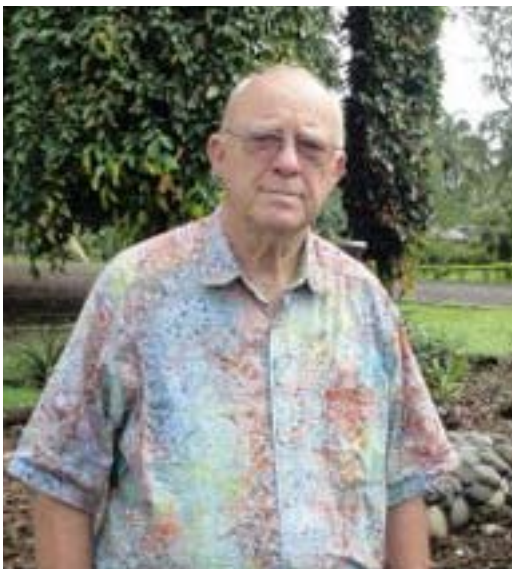
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Alumnus Leads Development of Lutheran University in Papua New Guinea



The trail started at SPCH, wound through Missouri, Tennessee, Nebraska, and led to Papua New Guinea. Taking that trail was Lee Schluckebier (SPCH '56, SPC '58) who is the project director for the new Lutheran university in Papua New Guinea.

“How can a farm boy from northeast Missouri be in a position to help establish a Lutheran university half a world away?” That is the question Lee has asked himself many times. “The answer that I return to is the high school education I received at SPCH. Even though it was for only the last two years of my high school career, those two years helped prepare me for my future career.”

Upon graduation from SPC, Lee married Shirley Ann Friesz. They have three married daughters with families. Their oldest, Gwyn, teaches at Our Savior Lutheran School in Arlington, Va. Robin, their second daughter, is a nurse at the National Cancer Institute in Bethesda, Md. The youngest, Sarah, teaches at Messiah Lutheran School in Lincoln, Neb.

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From the SPAA President...



Greetings Alumni!

Fall sports and activities are in full swing on campus creating memories for the students involved, and bringing back memories for alumni.

What do you remember about your days here? Share your memories with us!

This is **YOUR** newsletter! Do you have something interesting to share about yourself or a fellow classmate? Unusual job, life experiences, travels, or how Saint Paul influenced your life...just a few ideas.

If you are interested in submitting an article or simply an idea for a story, please contact the Alumni Office at splhsalumni@yahoo.com; 660-463-2238, ext 517.

We would love to hear from YOU!

In HIS Service,

Sara N. (Rotermund) Larsen (SPLHS '94)

Your Vote Counts

With a financial gift to the Saint Paul Alumni Association, alumni are asked to identify their favorite Saint Paul teacher. Teachers eligible for consideration must have taught for at least five years and not be currently on staff at Saint Paul Lutheran High. A list of teachers is posted on the alumni website, www.splhs.org, click on ALUMNI, then Alumni Updates.

Refer to the mailing you received announcing the posting of this newsletter. Cast your vote on the right side of the sheet.

Which professor will have his/her picture in the frame? Your vote may give the answer. The teacher who receives the most votes will have his/her photo displayed in Biltz Hall for the coming year and be identified as so honored by the alumni. Lando Otto, Emil Weis, and Earl Fuhrmann have been so honored by the alumni.

This is an opportunity to express appreciation to a faculty member you hold in high esteem. This is a small honor we can give the men and women who gave so much to the education that set the pattern for our life.

With a little over two months remaining in this year, your vote means much. December 31 is the deadline for 2011 voting.



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From the Executive Director... Be an Example



Most of the alumni who return to campus want to look at their old dorm rooms. We recently had a group of ladies visit us who had lived in Moeller back in the early 60s. They wanted to see if the furniture was still the same. It was. (The chairs have been replaced from time to time,

but the combination desk/dresser/mirror configuration has lasted more than 50 years.)



Moeller Hall was home for Jill Searles Lund (SPC '74).

I am thinking that their experiences were more than just about the furniture. The dorm was an adventure. At Saint Paul it was about best friends learning to live together every day for nine months at a time. It was about parents trusting us to live out our faith away from home. It was about growing up and maturing, discovering our God-given talents and looking forward to our various vocations with like-minded people.

What is different today? The statistics do not look good these days for the typical high school student to make it through college within six years. Less than half of the students in our nation's government schools are not prepared for the academic, social, or spiritual challenges of our "modern" colleges.

So. We have identified three areas that contribute to the success at the university level. The first is, of course, academics. From the very beginning our focus has included a heavy dose of college prep work. Today that includes being able to communicate and write well. Our students are able to receive over two dozen college credits from our own faculty. It is not

surprising that most private schools are also able to prepare their students for rigorous academic achievement.

As far as the spiritual tests that students will face, I believe the world is getting meaner. Every year we have students come back with stories of college professors demeaning them for their faith, their Christian worldview and morals. Our job is to equip them with God's Word as they witness their faith to a dying world. Many Christian schools, I am sure, are doing the same thing.



Moeller Hall was home for Rosalind Thiel and Eun Hye Bae (SPLHS '08).

But we have dorms! Many an 18-year-old has gone off to college with great expectations, only to find that class work got in the way of parties. A high percentage of students don't even make it through the first year. They did not have the chance to learn how to balance time and friends and homework in a dorm setting. Very few high schools today are able to offer this.

The Saint Paul experience enables our students to grow academically, spiritually, and socially so that there are fewer bumps in the road as they matriculate into life — and they will do these things with their best friends who lived in the top bunk or across the hall. If you are one of these people, I hope you realize what you were given and that you will pray for the work that continues here at your alma mater.

Rev. Paul Mehl (SPCH '78, SPC '80)

Alumnus Leads Development of Lutheran University in Papua New Guinea *(continued from page 1)*

“Little do we realize at the time that the Lord is preparing us for a future ministry,” Lee said. “I had no idea that the Lord would have me serve Him and the church in Papua New Guinea. As I reflect, I see the Lord preparing me for a ministry at retirement in this faraway place.”

Papua New Guinea, a developing nation in Southeast Asia, has had a steady influence of Lutheranism starting in 1886 when the first German missionaries entered the country. Through the years there have been Lutheran churches from America, Germany, Canada, Australia, and other countries supplying missionaries.

The Lutheran influence placed an emphasis on the parish church, the parish school, and health services. According to Lee, “Education and health services became key elements of the mission effort of Lutheran missionaries bringing Christ to the people.”

To further the educational mission of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Papua New Guinea (ELCPNG) and the Gutnius Lutheran Church of Papua New Guinea (GLCPNG), Balob Teachers College was founded in 1965 and the Martin Luther Seminary in 1966. The seminary educates pastor and church workers in English.



Martin Luther Seminary Chapel

After the majority of Lutheran missionaries were withdrawn in the 1980's and early 1990's, the leaders of the two national bodies realized the need for a strong educational program culminating with a Lutheran university meeting international standards.

In 2005 a committee was formed with representatives from the ELCPNG, the CLCPNG, and the Morobe Provincial government to move towards the development of a Lutheran university. In 2006 a Memorandum of Understanding was signed by the bishops of the two church bodies and the governor of the Morobe Province to bring into existence the Lutheran University of Papua New Guinea.

By July 2006 a project director for this undertaking was needed. Who has an educational background, is true to the Lutheran Confessions, and has a knowledge of the country? The name of Lee Schluckebier surfaced.

Lee had the educational background. After his two years at SPC, he took a teaching position at Zion Lutheran School, a one-room school in Blackburn. In the early 60's he took a teaching position at Trinity Lutheran School at Orchard Farm (rural St. Charles) as the principal, teacher for grades 4-8, and the youth director.

In 1972 Lee accepted the call to be principal and teacher of the upper grades at St. Paul Lutheran School in Sedalia. Later he took the position of principal at Mark Twain Elementary School in the Sedalia 200 School District. The following year he was assigned to Heber Hunt Elementary School in the Sedalia district.

During these years Lee took on additional studies. While at Orchard Farm, he completed his B.S.Ed. at Concordia Teachers College, Seward, in 1968. “I immediately began my studies for a master's degree at the University of Missouri, St. Louis, which I completed in 1972.” In 1973 he began his doctoral studies at the University of Missouri, Columbia, completing an ED.D in May of 1976.

It was then a move out of Missouri in 1987 to Memphis, Tenn., to serve as principal at Christ the King Lutheran School. In 1993 Lee accepted the call as Associate Professor of Education at Concordia University Nebraska in Seward. “While serving at Concordia University I had the privilege of being the Graduate Dean, Director of Special Programs, and teaching various education courses.” He taught Old Testament Literature and History in the Life Long Learning program.

A turning point occurred in 1998 when Lee represented Concordia University at the first conference on Lutheran Education in Australia. “During that time I met Mr. Brent Kilback, principal of Highland Lutheran International School in the highland of Papua New Guinea. In 2001 I was invited to teach religion at Highland Lutheran School during Concordia's summer break. This relationship continued through 2005 with my teaching at the school for various lengths of time, including a sabbatical leave.”

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It is easy to see why the name of Lee Schluckebier came to mind for a project director. “The vision and mission were the first items I helped develop which would guide the development of the Lutheran university and would be central to the university’s future.”

The vision: LUPNG will insure a sound, Lutheran Christian quality and model-educational tertiary institution for the citizens of Papua New Guinea.

“The vision is accomplished through the mission of the Lutheran University,” Lee said.

The mission: The mission of the Lutheran University of Papua New Guinea is to conscientiously educate individuals through “Teaching,” “Research,” and preparing them for “Service” in the church and community as servant leaders.

According to Lee, “The university will be a 21st century institution placing emphasis on technology using Instructional Management Systems and the social media as a delivery system. The library will place an emphasis on technology in the area of e-books and data-based research materials. Based on the vision and mission, the use of technology will be the foundation for the delivery system. The Lutheran University wants each student to have access to his enrolled course materials 24/7.”

Under Lee’s guidance the project office has developed human resource manuals for national and expatriate lecturers and staff. He has also assisted with the development of an administrative handbook.

A work in progress is developing an in-service workshop for future lecturers introducing them to interactive teaching using Learning Management Systems to make available the curriculum to the student 24/7. Lee stated, “This project also includes an interactive teaching classroom model moving the lecturers for lecturing in the classroom to a mixture of teaching techniques presenting the curriculum.”



In preparation for the first intake class in 2013, 17 Balob Teacher College lecturers (left) have completed their Master of

Education degrees sponsored and paid for by the Lutheran University where they will be faculty members.

Lutheran University will begin with two schools, Primary Education and Theology. Presently, Lutheran University is collaborating with Queensland University’s School of Nursing and Mid-wifery to develop a nursing degree program. They are also collaborating with two universities, one in the United States and the other in Australia, to develop an agribusiness school that will prepare students to work at the local level improving the agricultural economy.

Lee has been working with the development of a master plan (photo below) for the construction of the university over the next 20 to 30 years.



For the present time, a former unused building on the Martin Luther Seminary campus has been remodeled to house the administrative offices, the Evangelical Lutheran Church of New Guinea’s office, and a video conference room.

Funds by the National Parliament have been authorized and received to begin construction of dormitories for men and women, as well as a classroom building. Major maintenance of the classrooms and cafeteria of Martin Luther Seminary will be completed in time to receive the university’s first intake class.

The Lutheran University of Papua New Guinea will be the first Lutheran university in Southeast Asia and the Pacific Islands Region.

The next major step facing the Lutheran University, according to Lee, “is securing the services of highly qualified individuals to provide the needed leadership preparing personnel to take the university into the 21st century as a leader in tertiary education using the latest educational technology. It is with God’s guidance and grace that the Lutheran University of Papua New Guinea will be an institution preparing students with a Lutheran Christian worldview.”

Alumni Jottings

To share information about yourself in the next newsletter (mid-February), please use the lower half of the page recently sent to you announcing the newsletter posted on the Web. Mail to Alumni Coordinator, P.O. Box 719, Concordia MO 64020, along with your financial support.

Correction

In the previous alumni newsletter we mistakenly mentioned Elizabeth Inman Pettit's husband as Michael. His name is Joshua. We apologize for the error.

SPCH '31, SPC '33, John Uhlig, Carlsbad, Cal., writes, "I am probably one of your oldest alumni! Class of 1933. Born in 1913. Living in a retirement community. Still lead my Bible class here. We reached session 500 in September. The Lord is good! His grace is our blessed assurance." (See page 15 for oldest living SPC alumnus.)

SPCH '40, SPC '42, Harlan Wendler, Springfield, Ill., writes, "Went to the alumni reunion at Concordia Seminary in June. Out of 200 I was the oldest alumnus present. Would be interested in knowing who is the known oldest SPCH living alumnus. In September it was 75 years since I started Sexta at SPCH. As far as I know only seven of the original class are still living." (See page 15 for oldest living SPCH alumnus.)

(According to our records, living members of the SPCH Class of 1940 are Walter Baepler, Norbert Becker, Ralph Frese, Edward Hackmann, Mark Heilman, Martin Thieret, and Harlan Wendler. We have no information on George Gunther and Arthur Peters. Editor)



SPCH '44, SPC '46, Alfred Rodewald, Concordia, and his wife Ruth celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. They were married Aug. 12, 1951, at Vallonia, Ind., by Rev. H. M. Hansen, Ruth's father. After serving as pastor of St. Paul's Church in Concordia, the

couple retired in Concordia, having now lived in the community for 38 years. They have five children: Michael of Pretoria, South Africa; Kathryn Oetting (SPC '74) of Concordia; Christine Small (SPCH '75, SPC '76) of San Diego, Calif.; John (SPC '82) of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; and Benjamin (SPCH '85) of Kansas City.

SPCH '47, Albert Meier, Denham Springs, La., was inducted into the LSU College of Science Hall of Distinction on May 6, 2011. The program booklet states, "In 1964, he joined the LSU faculty as an associate professor and rose through the academic ranks. He was an Alumni Professor at the time of his retirement in 1994. A devoted teacher, he taught vertebrate physiology and endocrinology. He mentored 27 doctoral students and 45 master's students, many of whom went on to become medical doctors or professors. Along with former student, Dr. Anthony H. Cincotta, he formulated a drug that showed promising effects dealing with type 2 diabetes and lipogenesis. In 2009 the FDA granted approval and in 2010 it became available as one of the leading treatments for type 2 diabetes. Meier holds 40 U.S. and foreign patents associated with avian and mammalian reproduction or treatment of obesity and diabetes."

SPCH '50, SPC '56, Marvin Schedler, Wilmington, N.C., writes, "Celebrated my 50th anniversary of ordination on June 26, 2011. Ordained at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Sedalia by my father, Rev. J.C. Schedler, pastor at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Stover. I served churches in Minnesota, Iowa, and North Carolina."

SPCH '51, Harold Kaden, Sacramento, Calif., writes, "Even though there were only four from SPCH '51 present for our reunion last June, it was a great time to visit, especially to see what has been done with Biltz Hall! Thanks."

SPCH '52, SPC '54, Donald Miesner, Ballwin, recently completed his book, *Keys to Revelation: Messages in Letters, Symbols, and Patterns*. For more about the book, read the article on page 14 of this newsletter.



SPCH '59, SPC '61, Ralph Guetersloh, Galena, writes, "My wife, Susie, and I are retired and living in the Ozark Hills near Branson. Our daughter and son-in-law and family have moved from Karlsruhe, Germany, back to the west St. Louis area, thus much closer to visit."

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SPC '59, Quentin Almstedt, St. Charles, writes, "Being retired, having served in four parishes in three different districts and vicaring in a fourth district — one dual parish with a campus ministry and another large congregation with a Christian elementary school — following a period of high school teaching math and physics (M.A. from Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., B.S. Concordia, River Forest). SPC was surely influential in the Lord calling me to become a parish pastor (Springfield 1969).

SPC '59, Norman Bahlow, Farmington, writes, "As a retired pastor, I have been preaching at various congregations in Missouri and Illinois as opportunities arise. For the past several years I have lived with relatives near De Soto. In August I moved to Farmington where I have been working for a company inspecting chrome automotive parts. For the past few years I have been in contact with Emmanuel Matirongo, a Christian evangelist, and his family in Zimbabwe. I met Emmanuel while he studied briefly at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis. Emmanuel and his family continue to ask for our prayers and for any financial assistance for their family needs and mission outreach endeavors. If interested, contact Pastor Bahlow at 1005 W Columbia, Unit 11, Farmington, MO 63640; 314-686-0950."

SPC '61, Ellen Scheidt Eich, Mount Airy, N.C., writes, "I've agreed to play the organ three Sundays a month for the next year at First Presbyterian Church in Mount Airy. Their previous organist served the congregation for 46 years. It's an honor to carry on for them."

SPCH '64, SPC '66, James Shears, Bartlett, Tenn., retired on Feb. 20, 2011; plays on the Praise Team at church; works part-time at Family Christian Stores; and gets in a few rounds of golf.

SPCH '64, SPC '66, Thomas Krause, and SPC '67, Miriam Mueller Krause, Overland Park, Kan., have lived in Overland Park for the past 24 years, and "birthed" Lord of Life Lutheran Church in Leawood, Kan., in 1987, after serving 15 years in Texas. Since retirement from the pastoral ministry, the Krauses are busy arranging and leading Holy Land tours to Israel, Greece and more. Tom presently serves as interim Executive Director of Lutheran Urban Mission Agency of Kansas City, and is also chairman of the board of the Vitae Foundation, a national pro-life media ministry. Miriam leads Bible classes, mentors women, and speaks to women's groups. They are blessed with four married children and 12 grandchildren (with another one due in December).

SPC '64, Edwin Rumerfield, Lebanon, Ore., is still serving full-time as pastor at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. "Thanks to St. Paul's College for preparation for this service."

SPCH '70, William "Skip" Pope, San Antonio, Texas, recently completed the Certificate in College Teaching at the University of Texas at San Antonio, and was accepted into the Graduate Certificate in Higher Education Administration program.

SPCH '78, SPC '79, Tim Wesemann, St. Louis, writes, "Our daughter Sarah was married and now lives in Bay City, Mich. We adopted our foster child, age 4, whom we've had since her birth. So we have a daughter teaching preschool and one in preschool! Also a son in North Carolina and one at Valpo."

SPCH '80, Danl Connelly, Fort Monroe, Va., (moved from Fort Lewis, Wash.) has been promoted to Lieutenant Colonel and is the new Deputy G-2 at the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC).

SPCH '85, Ben Rodewald, Kansas City, has been elected president of Lutheran Leadership Education (LLE), replacing his father Alfred Rodewald, SPC '44, SPC '46, who retired from the position. LLE provides scholarships for full-time church worker students.

SPCH '89, Steve Sommerer, Carlyle, Ill., writes, "Remembering with love our dear friend and classmate Cory Muehler who went to be with our Lord and Savior 20 years ago. The class of '89 was blessed to know him and share his life. Trusting in Jesus, we look forward to the day we gather together before His throne. Christ has risen, indeed."

SPLHS '06, Sammy Williams, Kansas City, and Geoffrey Hughes were married March 5, 2011. Her bridesmaids were Karinann Benson (Class of 2006), Tana Dehning ('05) and Crystal Kirchhoff ('06). In May 2010, Sammy earned a B.A. degree in psychology/criminology from Drury University in Springfield.

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SPLHS '94, Heather Heimsoth, Ellisville, married Timothy Liebnuau on Sept. 4, 2011, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Ellisville. To the right of Heather are her parents, Orlyn (SPCH '65, SPC '67) and Diane (Griffith) (SPC '66). To the left of Timothy is Heather's brother, Andrew (SPLHS '89). Heather teaches second grade at St. John's Lutheran School. Timothy is a product manager for Savvis Inc. of St. Louis.

SPLHS '07, Candace Wagner, Sweet Springs, and Michael Merrick were united in marriage Sept. 17, 2011, at Zion Lutheran Church at Blackburn. Candace graduated from Independence College of Cosmetology in 2011 and is employed by Salon Elite in Concordia. Michael is employed by All Pro Electrical Technologies, Inc. at Warrensburg.

SPLHS '08, Paul Hoppmann and SPLHS '08, Jessica Mourey are engaged and plan a December 30 wedding at St. Paul's Church in Concordia. Both attend the University of Alabama in Mobile. Paul will graduate in December 2012 with a degree in exercise science. Jessica will graduate in May 2012 with a degree in geology.



SPLHS '08, Kelly Heins, Columbia, is one of three student leaders from the 32-member Alumni Associations Homecoming Steering Committee for this year's Mizzou homecoming as they handle the blood drive, parade, talent show, and many other activities. In the classroom Kelly is majoring in elementary education. Her biggest surprise about college life is "I actually can do my own laundry."



SPLHS '11, Katie Kruse, Concordia, was second runner-up in the queen pageant at the 2011 Concordia Fall Festival. Katie is a freshman at University of Central Missouri, majoring in pre-occupational therapy, and planning to specialize in pediatrics.



Can You Identify?

Can you identify the five students in this photo, the year it was taken, and the activity they represent? The first alum to provide the answers by emailing the alumni office at splhsalumni@yahoo.com will receive a pewter Christmas ornament with a picture of Baepler on it.



Unfortunately no one identified the cheerleaders leading the audience at the 2001 awards banquet in singing the Alma Mater. The cheerleaders are, from left: Tali Hinck, Sarah Legband, Krista Yunker, Alyssa Martens, Annie Hinck, Jackie Kim, Jessica Fabry, and Katie Mitkos.

In Memoriam

SPCH '39, SPC '41, Herbert Mirly, Charlotte, N.C. died May 17, 2011. He served parishes in Jacob and Gillespie, Ill.; Philadelphia and Ambler, Penn.; St. Louis; and Charlotte.



SPCH '40, SPC '42, John Deterding, Frankenmuth, Mich., died August 19, 2011. He served congregations in Minnesota and Iowa before accepting the call to St. Lorenz Lutheran Church in Frankenmuth where he served for 25 years. He retired in 1987.

SPCH '40, Edward Hackmann, Rio Rancho, N.M., died April 20, 2011. He served parishes in Anita, Iowa; Eagle and Seward, Neb.; Ann Arbor, Mich.; St. Catharine's, Ontario, Canada.

SPCH '43, Paul F. Uhles, Granbury, Texas, died March 11, 2011. He served parishes in Hillsboro, Hamilton, and Borger, Texas, and served as a United States Navy Chaplain.

Lois, wife of John Senter, SPCH '49, SPC '51, Metamora, Ill., died July 3, 2011, after 15 months in a hospital and nursing home.

SPCH '52, Charles Schaefer, died in 2008. No additional information is available.

Class of '53, John F. Recks, Fort Wayne, Ind., died March 17, 2011. He served parishes in Natchez, Miss.; Worden and Quincy, Ill.; and Palmyra.

SPCH '56, SPC '58, Arno H. Meyer, Topeka, Kan., died February 11, 2011. He was a missionary in Taipei, Taiwan, and served parishes in Alta Vista, Wichita, and Topeka, Kans.

SPCH '58, David Bodenstab, Independence, died January 15, 2004. He retired from the Teamsters Union in 1996.

SPC '61, Theodore Palisch, St. Louis, died April 6, 2011. He served his teaching ministry in St. Louis from 1972-2004.

SPCH '68, SPC '70, Dennis Meyer, Omaha, Neb., died Aug. 2, 2011. After graduating from Concordia College, Seward, in 1971, he taught at Zion Lutheran School in Worms (Saint Libory), Neb., until 1975. From 1975-1977 he taught and was principal in the public school in Saint Libory. During these years he attended Kearney State College to earn his masters degree in elementary administration that included a principal's certificate. In 1977 he and his family moved to Grand Island and Dennis went into real estate business for himself. The next move was in 1985 to Omaha where he was a mortgage loan officer for Great Western Bank.



SPCH '72, Deborah Doepel Reynolds, Stuttgart, Ark., died May 2007. Her heart failed following liver transplant surgery. Her liver had failed due to Hepatic Portal Sclerosis, a disease of unknown cause of the portal vein that shuts down the flow of blood to the liver. Deborah's original goal was to be a Lutheran school teacher. Though that goal was not realized, her position at the Dale Bumpers Agricultural Research Center did enable her to touch the lives of many people from all walks of life. "Today," her mother Carolyn Doepel writes, "some of those people are members of St. John's Lutheran Church in Stuttgart. They were looking for a good education for their children and she directed them to St. John's School. The daughter of a Chinese couple not only went to the school but was later confirmed. She is now grown, lives elsewhere, but who knows what seeds may have been planted. It seems that the Asian people who came to visit or work at the research center were particularly impressed with Debbie. She appeared to have had a knack for understanding their heavily accented English, and because of her education, she used proper English rather than slang, making it easier for them to understand her."

Family of Five Alums Works Together to Build Dairy Farm



The Heins family: Benjy, Sarah, Chris, Cindy and Paul .

“I will never marry a farmer,” was the emphatic statement Cindy Loeber Heins (SPC '82) made in her high school years while living in the dairy farm community of Freistatt.

After high school in Monett, it was a college education at SPC. While acquiring her education, Paul Heins (SPC '81) entered the picture. A marriage made in heaven can have its beginning at SPC. Between semesters in her Prima year, Cindy, untrue to her Freistatt statement, became a farmer's wife, finished her SPC education, and took on farm life.

Paul Heins? His parents, Vernon and Aileen, were dairy, hog, and row crop farmers in Higginsville, where Paul attended high school. After Paul graduated from Central Missouri State University in Warrensburg in the winter of 1983, he and Cindy took over the 50-cow dairy operation from Paul's parents and started farming full time.

Amidst the duties with the cows, hogs, and crops, Paul and Cindy were now looking forward to their own family. The Lord blessed them with three children: Chris (1986), Benjy (1988), Sarah (1991).

All three children graduated from SPLHS. Chris ('04) and Benjy ('07) went on to Concordia University Nebraska in Seward, both graduating with a degree in business administration. Sarah ('10), currently a sophomore at CUNE, is planning on entering the DCE program.

As the family was growing, the milk barn and equipment became outdated. They had maxed out the old facility's capabilities at 100 cows. The decision was made to build a new facility that would support future generations should the children or grandchildren want to come back to the farm.

Neighbor-friendly

During the 1990s, Paul and Cindy bought 600 acres adjacent to the home place. “We wanted to respect our neighbors,” Paul said, “so we built a buffer zone of a half mile around where we wanted the new facility.”

Finally in 2006, they started moving dirt for the new facility which would include housing for 665 cows, a milking parlor, and calving facilities.

“We wanted our facility to be cow-friendly, people-friendly, and neighbor-friendly,” Paul explained. “To that end we designed and constructed the new facility.”



Benjy smoothing concrete during construction of the new facility.

The design and most of the construction were done by the five Heinses and their team of employees. They poured 500 loads of concrete and fabricated 11 semi truck loads of steel. The dream became a reality in the fall of 2009 when they started milking at the new facility. It was truly a family project!

Cow-friendly

You might expect to see a herd of cows grazing in acres of pasture. That is not the case at the Heins dairy farm. The 665 cows are housed in 41 by 461 foot two-row free stall barns which focus on cow comfort. Fans and misters keep the cows cool in the summer. To keep out the cold north winds of the winter, curtains can be lowered on each barn.

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Family of Five Alums Works Together to Build Dairy Farm *(Continued from page 10.)*

The cows are bedded on sand. “Sand bedding is the gold standard for dairy cows,” explained Paul. “Sand bedding boosts milk production and improves milk quality.” When cows want to lie down, they drop to their knees. Chris compares this cow comfort to the comfort in playing beach volleyball. “When we take good care of the cows, they take good care of us.”



Each cow kicks out about 50 pounds of sand per day as she moves to the milking parlor, to the feed alley, or to the drinking troughs. That’s about 16 tons of sand in the alleys each day. And then there is the manure to deal with.

Environment-friendly

To take care of these issues, each barn is flushed eight times a day with water from four 20,000 gallon tanks that are located at the top of each free stall barn. The barns are sloped to allow the water to carry the sand and manure to the far end where the sand separates out to be washed and then reused. The manure travels to a settling basin where it will be used for fertilizer in the fields. The liquid flows into the man-made lagoon where it will either travel back to the flush tanks for reuse or will be pumped to the center pivot irrigation system to water the crops.

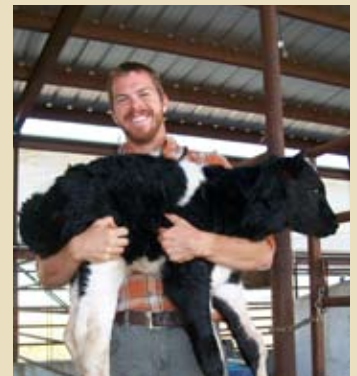
Worker-friendly

While the work is still hard, special care was given to make jobs easier, cleaner, and more efficient at the new facility. The 665 cows are milked twice a day, 20 cows at a time. It takes two people about nine hours per milking, one to do the milking and the other to herd the cows to and from the parlor and to do other chores. The 665 cows produce about 6000 gallons of milk per day. The Heins family employs ten full-time workers as part of their team.

Heins Family Farms

Paul is the general manager, handling purchasing, financial planning and analysis, and overseeing the planting and harvesting of the 1200 acres of corn and soybeans. Cindy works with bookkeeping, payroll, and helping Chris with the health of the cows. Chris is the dairy herd manager. He oversees the day-to-day operation of the dairy, including care of the calves, the milking operation, the cows’ health, and personnel.

“My dad has given me a tremendous amount of responsibility and put a tremendous amount of trust in me,” Chris said. “I think it’s pretty neat. Dad and I work closely together. I get to work with my mom several hours a day.”



Chris and a newborn calf

After graduating from CUNE in May, Benjy opted to work for Nebraska Equipment (a Case IH farm implement dealership) in Seward. While Chris has always had a love for the cows, Benjy’s interests have been with fixing and running machinery. He plans on returning to the family farm sometime in the future.

Sarah helped with the concrete work during the construction and did some milking at the new facility. When at home, she contributes to the farming operation by using her cooking and baking skills, keeping the men well fed.

For good reason this operation is known as Heins Family Farms. At the Heins farm, it’s a family operation as the family works together, each enjoying what they do best.

Visitors

Around a thousand have stopped by to see the farm. The most famous visitor probably has been Fredbird, the mascot for the St. Louis Cardinals, in connection with Midwest Dairy Association (MDA).

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Family of Five Alums Works Together to Build Dairy Farm *(Continued from page 11.)*



Sarah and Fredbird

Chris and Paul have been featured on radio commercials played on the Cardinal Baseball Network for MDA. Cindy narrated a video, featuring Fredbird and the Heins family at the dairy, that played on the JumboTron at Busch Stadium throughout the summer. It can be viewed on You Tube by clicking here http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dIdh0-3Hy_E

To God Alone Be the Glory

The Heins family started with 50 cows 28 years ago and now manages 665 cows in a state-of-the-art dairy operation. Paul, Cindy and their children have stated, "We believe farming is one of the best jobs on earth. Nothing compares to working with family, seeds popping out of the ground, or a newborn calf kicking up her heels. Overcoming challenges, the satisfaction of hard work, and seeing generations learn from each other provide great rewards. We praise and thank God for His many blessings."



Aerial view of the new Heins Family Farms dairy facility which includes the main building (far left) with its state-of-the-art milking parlor, hospital pen, and maternity pen; to the right are three 41x461 foot free stall barns; lower left are 130 individual calf huts; four flush tanks; three grain bins; and feed storage to the right of the buildings. At the top right are the two manure basins, and to the left of them is the lagoon. *(Aerial photo by Stan Oglesby.)*

DQ Sandwiched Between SPC and a New Lutheran High

Some came to SPC and SPCH with a vocation in mind only to have it change. Some come wondering if they will make friends, and leave with a girl friend. Those two situations describe Tom Kasten, SPC '71.

Tom came to SPC in 1969 with the preaching ministry in mind, but changed to the teaching ministry. "I met the young lady who would become my wife." Ruth Fellbaum, SPC Class of 1972, is the young lady who left SPC after one year and entered Concordia College in Seward with Tom in the fall of 1971.



Ruth attended one year at CCS. Tom completed two years and graduated in 1973 with a teaching degree. That summer Tom and Ruth were married, and moved to East Detroit, Mich.,

where Tom began his teaching ministry.

"In 1976 I accepted the call to St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School in Hamel, Illinois. Rural life agreed with us. While there our two daughters, Nancy and Kelly, were born."

In 1962 Tom's parents, Oscar and Irene, purchased the DQ in Centralia. In the summers Tom helped his parents at the DQ. "In 1980 my Dad celebrated his 65th birthday and was looking for help. I resigned my call to St. Paul's and began working full-time at the DQ. From 1980 to 1985 I had the privilege to work side by side with my dad."

During that time they added a drive-thru window, cakes, a limited food menu, yogurt, and hand-dipped ice cream.

In 1985 a son, Joel, was added to the family.

"In 1986 Dad got serious about retiring and sold the DQ to Ruth and me. We operated it as a Limited DQ until 2001 when we moved to our new location, 427 South Poplar, a new building. We have the full line of DQ products and Brazier foods.

"We have been in the building for ten years and have completed a remodeling project to update the Grill and Chill concept, and we have also added Orange Julius products.

"For 50 years the family has been in the DQ business. Ruth and I are grateful we can continue to serve the people of Centralia with the DQ products."

Owning and managing their own business has provided opportunity to pursue other passions. "At Trinity Lutheran Church in Centralia, Ruth has been in the choir, the Friendship Guild, LWML, the Altar Guild, and PTL. She is also involved with two organizations for women that do service projects in the community."

Tom has also been active at Trinity, serving on the board of elders, board of education, and the preschool board, as well as the church council.

"I have been blessed to serve on the foundation board and the association board for a new Lutheran high school for the area. In 1999 the area churches came together to organize a Lutheran high school. The school opened in 2003 with 13 students meeting in the Baptist Church education building. The school has grown to 103 students, and is planning an expansion to its 25,000 square foot facility to accommodate anticipated growth."

Tom and Ruth serve on city boards, are active with the local chamber of commerce, and are members of the local Corvette club. "We relax by participating in events with our club and other clubs in the region."

Other alumni are in the area, and Tom and Ruth take time to socialize with the alums as they relive their days at SPC.



If traveling though Illinois on I-70, I-64, or I-57, exit to Centralia, pull up to 427 South Poplar and DQ.

For Tom and Ruth, their lives go through SPC, Seward, the teaching ministry, the DQ business, and serving the Lord in church and community. "Ruth and I are thankful for the many blessings we have received through the years. The Lord has been good to us."

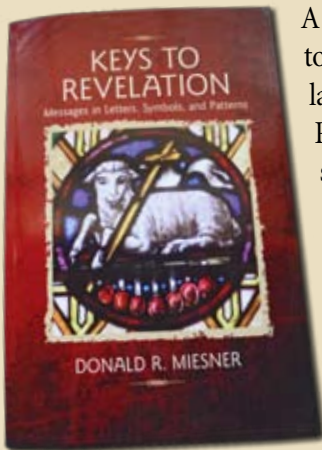
Alumnus Provides Reader with Keys to Revelation



Donald Miesner, SPCH '52, SPC '54, and Professor Emeritus of Concordia College, Bronxville, N.Y., recently completed his book, *Keys to Revelation: Messages in Letters, Symbols, and Patterns.*

Although many helpful commentaries exist on Revelation, Don's *Keys to Revelation* in its 153 pages hits all the highlights, with many fresh observations. Its intent is to make the reader comfortable with the challenging symbols of the book and to stimulate further study of its Gospel treasures.

How this book is unique in its coverage: The chapters



A separate chapter is devoted to explaining John's picture language found throughout Revelation. Another chapter shows in detail how the use of numbers unlocks the meaning in difficult passages.

Ten parallel elements of the seven letters to the churches are delineated within the first century culture, and are applied to present day life

in terms of their goals, the threats to faith, and the Gospel rescue points.

Two chapters are devoted to the attacks of the "unholy trinity" (the dragon, the beast, and the false prophet) and to the overwhelming victory granted the church militant (the 144,000) as she marches to glory.

Battles and cities

The millennium and Armageddon are presented in climactic form, both as aspects of the salvation and blessedness of the saints and the defeat of the wicked. Don explains, "Both of these key concepts dovetail perfectly with Jesus' clear teaching in the four Gospels. The Armageddon victory is twice retold with increasing power and amazing parallels."

The two opponent cities (Babylon and the New Jerusalem) as well as the two opposite women (the Harlot and the Bride) depict the extreme contrasts between evil and good. "These chapters," Don states, "develop the dramatic final victory of the faithful over the demonic elements of secularism. John's unique patterns spin out seven series of seven, including the seven scattered beatitudes which summarize the theology of the book."

How this book is useful

Bible class teachers, as well as individual readers, will find the ten thematic chapters of *Keys to Revelation* helpful for understanding and assimilating the encouraging messages of Revelation.



Preachers will discover the background information and the applications of the seven letters, as well as the various in-depth pictures of the Apocalypse, to be fertile resources for sermon preparation. "The explanations of John's symbolic language will serve as 'key' for unlocking and grasping 'the Revelation of Jesus Christ,'" Don stated.

How to order the book

Keys to Revelation is available through Concordia Writers Cooperative, a division of CPH. Contact Don by email at donmies@gmail.com for full directions on how to order.

Former Instructor Honored at Seminary's Commencement



Dr. Wilbert Rosin has had a distinguished ministry in the church, serving at four synodical institutions and Concordia Publishing House (CPH). Concordia Seminary in St. Louis noted that fact by awarding Dr. Rosin the Distinguished Alumnus Award at its May 20 Commencement.

Dr. Rosin and Dr. Dale Meyer, president of the Seminary

This ministry began on the SPC campus. Upon graduation from the seminary in 1947, Dr. Rosin came to SPC as an instructor in European and American history, economics and sociology. He started a choir for freshmen and sophomores (the other four classes were eligible for the college chorus). He taught piano and organ students and started a public relations program.

During his 14 years at SPC he endeared himself to the students. Most alumni holding reunions from that era invite Dr. Rosin to attend. They fondly recall his teaching and the influence he played in their lives.

In 1961 Dr. Rosin joined the faculty at Concordia College, River Forest. He was chairman of the social science department and became Dean of Graduate Studies.

Dr. Rosin became president of Concordia College in Milwaukee in 1977. The college since has become Concordia University Wisconsin.

In 1979 he was called to teach church history and become the academic dean at Concordia Seminary, Fort Wayne. For a time he was the acting president there. Under Dr. Rosin's leadership the seminary regained accreditation with the Association of Theological Schools, and for the first time acquired accreditation with North Central Association.

Dr. Rosin, in 1988, was called as a theological editor at CPH. He served as acquisitions editor, developer, and copy editor for seventeen books in the Concordia Scholarship Today series.

At CPH, he wrote the two-page Commentary Faith bulletin inserts, discussing contemporary issues and how Christian faith relates to them. Dr. Rosin reviewed books for the CPH bookstore, often eight to ten books a week.

Dr. Rosin's academic achievements include a Fulbright grant to study in India for the summer of 1963. In 1997 Concordia University, St. Paul gave him the Aeterna Moliri award. In 2008 he received the Apostle Paul award from Saint Paul Lutheran High, and now in 2011 the Alumnus of the Year award from the St. Louis seminary.

Since 1990 Dr. Rosin has been serving as substitute organist at various St. Louis churches.

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Who Are the Oldest Living Alums?

Recently this question was asked about the high school and college alumni.

Searching our data base, we find that Arnold Neben, living in Callaway, Neb., is the oldest SPCH graduate, graduating in 1928.

The oldest SPC graduate is Robert Schaller, living in Phoenix, Ariz., graduating in 1930.

There are three alums for which we have no information: Paul Kollmeier (SPC '28), Richard Griesse (SPC '29), and Ben True (SPC '29).

The alumni office would appreciate information on the three alumni as well as learning if anyone is a graduate older than the men mentioned above.

Alumnus Returns to SPLHS to Supervise Dorm



As a student at SPLHS, Brian Beerman (SPLHS '04) lived at his Concordia home with the family. Now as an alumnus he lives in Heilman Hall on the SPLHS campus.

He returns to campus as the dorm counselor for 18 upperclassmen. Brust Hall,

the men's dorm, could not handle all the male students. The second floor of Heilman is home for the overflow.

Sixteen of the 18 students are international students. In addition to two Americans, Heilman students come from Norway, Slovakia, Kenya, Taiwan, China, Japan, and Korea. "They have blended together, get along fine, and are a great group of students. It has been a joy to build a relationship with them," Brian said.



Brian loves sports and as a student played football, basketball, and baseball. The past several years at SPLHS he has served as the assistant coach for boys basketball and baseball. He continues in that role this school year. "This is another way to get to know the kids, teach them the fundamentals of the game and the competitiveness of the game. It's fun to pass on to the kids what I learned," Brian explained.

As soon as students receive their driving permits, Brian will teach the rules of the road and teach a driver's education course.

After his SPLHS graduation he attended Concordia University Nebraska, then transferred to University of Central Missouri in Warrensburg to pursue an education degree. He graduated earlier this year with a degree in physical education.

His desire to pursue physical education was fueled by the guidance and leadership of SPLHS P.E. teacher and coach, Monte Pitsch. "He not only taught me a lot about basketball, but inspired me to be a leader and also a coach."

Brian continued, "My parents are educators. It is nice to work on the same staff with my dad (John, SPC Class of '70). My mom (Jan Bethke, SPC '69) taught across town at Concordia Elementary School."

Alumni Office Moves to Fine Arts



At the end of July the alumni office moved from Biltz Hall to the Fine Arts building. The alumni office is on the first floor, directly across from the entrance.

The phone number remains the same, 660-463-2238, but the extension number has changed to 517.

The mailing address remains the same, P.O. Box 719, Concordia MO 64020, and the email address is the same, splhsalumni@yahoo.com.

Camp Facility Named for Alumnus



When you visit Heit's Point Lutheran Camp, east of Lincoln, nestled in the Ozarks, you probably will be greeted by Delbert Rinne (SPCH '39). Delbert is known as Mr. Hospitality. He is also known to have his homemade wine available at social hours for adult gatherings.

Now living at Heit's Point Camp, Delbert sees first hand the needs of the camp. One need was an activity center for people of all ages, and especially a place for activities when the weather does not permit outside activity.

Delbert was so dedicated to this idea that he offered one half the money in the form of a challenge grant for such a facility. Soon the total amount was collected, ground was broken, construction began, and volunteers gave many hours to make Delbert's dream come true.



July 16, 2011, the Rinne Activity Center was dedicated with a ceremony and a luncheon. The facility provides a court for basketball, volleyball, indoor activities, and areas for table games or just visiting.



On hand for the dedication was Dr. Ray Mirly (SPCH '62, SPC '64), president of the LCMS Missouri District. He recalled how Delbert wanted to be a pastor. Not following that route, Delbert found other ways to minister for his Lord. "Now in his later years he came here to minister. He came here to live a life to serve."

You never know where you will find Delbert. He may be chopping wood, helping in the kitchen, serving desserts, gathering wood for a bonfire, getting the mail, greeting people. Delbert is always on the move, doing what he can to serve people and the camp.

Delbert says, "I live my life to the glory of God." Dr. Mirly concluded his remarks by saying, "Thank you, Lord, for giving us Delbert, for giving Delbert a heart of ministry."



Vernon Grefe (SPC '53), right, a member of the Heit's Point Board of Directors, outlined contributions made by Delbert for Heit's Point. "They include a cedar house, 12 acres of land, a tractor, two pickups, and a wood splitter."

"The 12 acres has ponds and woods used for outdoor education," stated Mark Nolte, camp executive director.

Vernon further commented, "Many people know Delbert. When they come to Heit's Point they ask, 'Where's Delbert?' It is his spirit that has made the biggest impact at Heit's Point. He is the patriarch of Heit's Point and sets the example for the staff and board."

Vernon concluded, "We thank God that many of us have had the privilege to serve with him and pray that we may serve many more years together."

Alumnus Tosses No-hitter in Championship Game

Pitching a no-hitter is not new for Adam Maddox (SPLHS '07). He accomplished that feat in 2005 against Santa Fe High School in Alma.

In July 2011 he again held the opposition hitless. The only blemish was the six walks he issued. The win also won the league championship for the St. Joseph Mustangs. Adam and the St. Joseph Mustangs are in the (Missouri, Iowa, Nebraska and Kansas) MINK league.



Adam recalled he wasn't getting the low strike which resulted in the six walks. "Our defense helped me get out of those jams."

As the game progressed Adam felt like a loner on the bench. His teammates kept their distance from him, "thinking they might jinx me with a no-hitter in sight."

"But the fans didn't keep their distance, yelling and shouting with every positive move in the late innings. The loudest roar was in the final inning, especially when the ump called 'Strike three' for the final out."

It was Adam's third strikeout.

"It was a great experience and a game I will never forget." Adam ended the season with a 4-1 record and a 1.69 earned-run average.

At SPLHS Adam had a 23-3 record during his four years of pitching. In his senior year his ERA was .41.

When he wasn't pitching, he was behind the plate. "He was undoubtedly the best catcher we've had in many years," said Monte Pitch, SPLHS Athletic Director.



Adam, a member of the University of Central Missouri team, pitched in the D-II College World Series in Cary, N.C. last spring. Attending the game were Derek Abel (SPLHS '00) second from left, his wife Sara and son Conner, who live in Hampton, Va.; Adam, his sister Amelia (SPLHS '13), his parents Donna and Brian, and his grandparents Jack and Bev Hollingsworth.

Baseball and pitching are in Adam's blood. He took the mound at Missouri State in Springfield (2008-2010) and currently does the same at University of Central Missouri in Warrensburg. His family and friends wonder what mound he will ascend in the future and do what he loves: pitch the baseball.



The eighth annual Saints Golf Tournament at the end of August was a great success, according to Monte Pitsch, SPLHS Athletic Director. Over \$9,000 was raised with 108 golfers participating. Pictured left are the participating alumni.

In the eight-year history of the classic, over \$60,000 has been raised for the SPLHS athletic department. Sports equipment, a trailer, and weight room equipment have been purchased with the funds.

"Thank you, alumni, who participated as golfers, sponsors, or donors," said Pitsch.

Fall Sports Begin with Wins

The big question on campus after two weeks of sports competition was, "Who will be the first to lose?" Football started out 2-0; volleyball had a 6-0 record after two weeks; soccer was 4-0. Lady Saint golfers took medals. The victory bell was receiving a good workout.

Since the opening weeks, football absorbed a defeat as did volleyball in tournament play and soccer also has tasted a defeat.

As of October 12, football is 4-3, 4-3 in conference play; volleyball is 25-4, 4-0 in conference play; soccer is 14-1. The Lady Saints volleyball team took first place in the I-70 Conference tournament.

Singing Saints Tour Goes Southwest



This picture of the Singing Saints dates back to 1987

The 40th annual tour for the Singing Saints is March 2-10 as they perform in the Southwest. The tentative schedule is shown below.

Friday, March 2 | Branson, Missouri

Saturday, March 3 | Owasso, Oklahoma

Sunday, March 4 | Tulsa, Oklahoma

Sunday, March 4 | Denton, Texas

Monday, March 5 | Giddings, Texas

Tuesday, March 6 | San Antonio, Texas

Wednesday, March 7 | Midland, Texas

Thursday, March 8 | Roswell, New Mexico

Friday, March 9 | Dodge City, Kansas

Saturday, March 10 | Emporia, Kansas

If you are interested in hosting the Singing Saints in 2012 or in the future, contact Bill Gasau at wmgasau@yahoo.com.

Alumni Reunions Being Planned

The alumni office is aware of the following classes planning a reunion. If you know of a class planning a reunion that is not mentioned below, please email the alumni office at splhsalumni@yahoo.com.

SPCH Class of 1952 — Don Miesner has initiated plans for a 60th anniversary class reunion on the campus May 11-13, 2012. Questions or for information, contact Don Miesner at donmies@gmail.com; 636-527-8171.

SPCH Class of 1962 — The 50th anniversary class reunion will be celebrated in conjunction with the graduation exercises on May 19, 2012. Questions can be directed to the SPLHS Development Office, 660-463-2238, ext 232.

SPC Class of 1962 — Jane Schuette Petri has started working on bringing the class together for a reunion on the campus in 2012 for its 50th anniversary. She can be contacted at dandjpetri@msn.com.

SPC Class of 1963 — The golden anniversary reunion will be the last weekend in June 2013 on campus. Bill Ewald, class president, is initiating the plans. He can be contacted at wm.ewald@cuchicago.edu.

SPC Class of 1965 — Inquiry has been made about a 50th anniversary class reunion in 2015. To express your thoughts, contact Cecil Roth at 314 N. College Ave., Geneseo IL 61254; 309-944-3791; ceejames1@yahoo.com.

SPCH Class of 1968 — Ben Fruedenburg and Terry Herzberg are leading plans for a reunion June 22-24, 2012, in Colorado Springs. Ben can be reached at 7446 Roxbury Dr., Ypsilanti MI 48197; 603-750-2762; freudb@cuss.edu. Terry can be reached at 801 E. Baldwin St., Hacktettstown NJ 07840; 908-979-0024; therzberg@version.net.

SPCH Class of 1972 — Edwin Doepel is heading plans for a 40th anniversary class reunion September 2012 in Concordia. He can be reached at 630-484-7777; pastured@crossroadsconnect.net; 34 Winding Creek Road, Yorkville IL 60560.

SPCH Class of 1983 — Plans for a 30th anniversary class reunion in 2013 are being made. Classmates can contact Teresa Maletich, 2504 Clifton Park Terrace, St. Louis MO 63139; MrsMthrTeresa@sbcglobal.net.

For updates to these reunions, and the listing of additional reunions, go to www.splhs.org, click on ALUMNI, click the tab ALUMNI UPDATES, scroll to REUNIONS BEING PLANNED.

SPLHS Christmas Concert

Concert Band and Singing Saints
Sunday, December 11 – 7:00 p.m.
St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Concordia

**Conversion of Saint Paul Day
The 5th Annual Day of Reflection
January 21, 2012**

26th Annual Benefit Auction & Hog Roast

June 24, 2012

Do you have an item(s) to donate to help raise funds for your alma mater?

See www.splhs.org for more details.

Contact Gloria Burrow in the advancement office at 660-463-2238 ext 231 or at gburrow@splhs.org.