

# The Celebrating Saint

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## Alumna's son survives Newtown shooting

What is the connection between Concordia, SPLHS, and Newtown, Conn.?

Pastor Gregory Wismar, who was pastor of Christ the King Lutheran Church in Newtown for almost 25 years (he retired in 2011), is a descendant of Pastor Adolph G. G. Franke, who served as pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Concordia from 1847-1851 and 1853-1856. Pastor Franke was married to Friedericke Frerking of Concordia.

One of Pastor Wismar's children is **Elizabeth Wismar Rojas (SPLHS '94)**.



**Elizabeth Wismar  
from the 1994  
SPLHS yearbook**

December 14 started out as a regular day for Elizabeth. She saw that her four children were up, had breakfast, and her first grade son and third grade daughter were ready for another day at the Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown.

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### Tragedy in the classroom

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As school was in session, a gunman forcefully entered the school and went into the classroom where Elizabeth's son was a student. Bullets rang out from the gun that the gunman aimed at the teacher and children.

Children saw their teacher and some of their classmates get hit with bullets. Then the gun jammed. One student yelled,

"Let's run." Nine students ran out of the classroom while two hid in the attached bathroom. One of the students who ran was Elizabeth's son.

He ran out of the school and ran toward home. He and four others were soon picked up on Riverside Road and taken to safety.

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### Life has a different tone

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Life for Elizabeth and her husband Hugo, a veteran Marine police officer, has not been the same. For the time being, they take their children to school and remain with them throughout the day.

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# From the SPAA President

## Happy 2013!

As we begin a new year, the Alumni Association is looking for some new ideas.

Did you know that if you attended this school you ARE a member of the Alumni Association? Help us help you!

Contact the Alumni Office — WHY?

- Keep your mailing address current — let us know when you move. (This not only saves us time, but money, too!)
- Share story ideas for our online newsletter.
- Let us know what you like or share suggestions for improvement.
- Help us find our “Lost Alumni.”
- Plan your class reunion. (We have many resources that help make this task a piece of cake!)

What else can you do?

- Attend an Alumni Association Meeting. (Next one is scheduled for Saturday, April 6, 2013, in Biltz at 1:00pm.)



**Sara had her two future alumni sons, Scout (class of 2027) and Stettler (class of 2023), help her at the Meet and Greet alumni table at the 2012 Homecoming Banquet.**

- Tell others about your experience at Saint Paul.

- Pray.
- Bring your children on campus — it doesn't hurt to plant the seed early!

We want your input and your ideas. Please give us a call, email, or Facebook!

Blessings as we work together to promote and support our alumni and our school.

In HIS Service,

**Sara N. (Rotermund) Larsen (HS' 94)**

## Hopefully no more puddles

Several alumni, Bradley Meineka (SPLHS '07) and Steve Schlesselman (SPLHS '08) along with Steve's father, Don, recently volunteered their time and services to install drainage lines on the baseball and soccer field behind Biltz and Kaeppl Halls. There had been issues with proper water drainage. The installation of a grid-like drainage system will help carry the water away from the field. In early spring the field will be tilled and seeded with new grass.





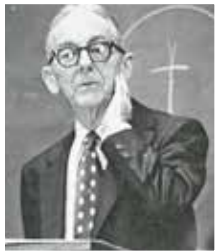
# From the Executive Director

## Teaching discernment

The weekend of Jan. 18-20, I had the opportunity to take a van load of students to St. Louis for a “Taste of the Sem” recruitment weekend. There were about 30 students at the event, 11 of them from Saint Paul Lutheran High School. Of course we ran into a few of our alumni there, both students and faculty members, all of whom began as young high school students to prepare for their vocations.

I can’t help thinking that we have lost something when our church body abandoned the “gymnasium” system that began to prepare students to be discerning workers in the kingdom of God.

Discernment can be a gift that one falls into, but I also believe that it can be encouraged. Sometimes it just takes time.



**Rev. Walter Schwab**

Take, for instance, the study of the Old Testament. At SPCH, you would have sat in class with the Rev. Walter Schwab. You would learn to take notes as fast as your hand could write and you

would learn what an outline looked like. He was a graduate of the old seminary before it even moved to Clayton, and was heavily influenced by “WAM” Walter A. Maier, which is why his classroom lectures came at you like a machine gun.



**Dr. Robert Carlton**

The next OT class would be in the “Jr. College” department of SPC where you would be faced with Dr. Robert Carlton. Here you would learn to summarize every chapter of the

Bible. Dr. Carlton was an old Navy man who had not been raised Lutheran, but came to embrace it later in life. He didn’t have much sympathy for squishy Christians who were trying to coast through life with a lukewarm faith.

Then there were choices in Senior College and eventually the Seminary that would include various personalities ranging from heavy Hebrew parsing quizzes to preaching on the Psalms. By the time you were done, you would have been able to discern that every professor taught that

*“all Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness” (2 Timothy 3:16).* You would also have come to the conclusion that every professor had his own style and personality. One was then able to discern the difference between fact and opinion, between style and substance. You had seen a number of examples.

It has come to the point today that most students who are in our “terminal” schools have had little or no “prep” — which is to say that the ONE professor that they sit in front of probably will have the last word on any given subject and it is left up to the student to discover what the difference is between reality and personality.

Dr. C.F.W. Walther once confided to one of his relatives that his biggest fear for the LCMS was the “emergency pastor.” He said, “They will find false doctrine under every rock.” The first time I read that I didn’t really understand it, but I think it’s starting to come to me. For guys like me, it just takes time.

**Rev. Paul M. Mehl (SPCH ’78, SPC ’80)**

## Remember when...

Founders Hall was one of the main buildings on campus. The old section (left) was built in 1884 and the new section in 1890. “In the old building there would be a kitchen, two dining rooms, one classroom, two bedrooms, one living room, one sick room, and one bedroom for servants.” The new section “would provide an assembly room and three living rooms on the first floor, three living rooms and two class rooms on the second floor, four bed rooms on the third floor.” (Quote from *Praise for the Past; Faith for the Future* by Dr. F. A. Baepler, page 8.)



# Alumni Jottings

To share information about yourself in the next newsletter (mid-July), 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.

**SPCH '39, SPC '41, Orville Bopp, St. Louis,** writes, "Just gave thanks for my 91st birthday last September."

**SPCH '40, SPC '42, Harlan Wendler, Springfield, Ill.,** writes, "My wife Dorothy and I observed our 66th wedding anniversary last June and my 66th ordination anniversary in October. It was 76 years ago I started Sexta at SPCH. The only buildings left on campus from that time are Biltz Hall and Kaepfel Memorial Gym. From that class of SPC '42, Norbert Becker, Ralph Freese, Mark Heilman and myself are all that's left of the original class of 18."

**SPCH '46, SPC '48, Donald Schedler, Cameron Park, Calif.,** writes, "Not much new at my age (83) except for a few more aches and pains. But I did get asked to renew my commitment for presiding at worship once a month in 2013 at a congregation 50 miles south of here and I said, 'yes.'"

**SPCH '49, Harlan Becker, Horicon, Wis.,** and his wife Carol are now 80 years of age. "We are still much involved in music. I continue to ring handbells and sing in the choir. I also continue to play the organ when asked."

**SPCH '49, SPC '51, Robert Lange, Fenton, Mo.,** writes, "On Sept. 2, I was installed as the interim pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Wildwood, Mo., to serve them until a permanent pastor is in place. I had been serving the congregation since its former pastor, **Douglas Balzar (SPC '66)**, died in April 2012."

**SPCH '51, Harold Kaden, Sacramento, Calif.,** writes, "Continue to work as a volunteer at the information booth at the Sacramento International Airport since 2002."

**SPCH '52, SPC '54, James Brockmann, Mesa, Ariz.,** writes, "This fall (2012) I am teaching a deacon training course in Christian doctrine in the Phoenix area."

**SPCH '54, SPC '56, Floyd Gogolin, Burnett, Wis.,** sent this note with his alumni contribution, "The faculty member who was most meaningful to me was Wilbert (and Mrs. Dorothy) Rosin. They employed me to baby-sit quite often which usually meant they were paying me to study as bedtime for the children was early."

**SPCH '56, SPC '58, Alston Kirk, Corpus Christi, Texas,** writes, "Since my retirement, I am serving my fifth interim pastorate at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Orlando, Fla."

**SPCH '61, SPC '62, Marilyn Altvoigt Helmer, Skiatook, Okla.,** informed the alumni office she moved from Cushing, Okla., to Skiatook. "Good move," she noted.

**SPCH '63, SPC '65, Gary Galen, Troy, Ill.,** writes, "Blessed with eighth grandchild on Oct. 15. Looking forward to 50th high school class reunion in May."

**SPCH '73, SPC '75, Douglas Tieman, Sinking Springs, Pa.,** is featured in an article in the Winter 2013 *Broadcaster* (the magazine of Concordia University Nebraska). Doug is the executive vice-president of Caron Treatment Center, a major addiction treatment organization for young adults and adolescents. The article details Doug's leadership and his passion for serving recovering addicts.

**SPCH '80, Judy Brack Ray, Winfield, Kans.,** on Oct. 20 completed a marathon in Kansas City. "I ran it in four hours and 51 minutes. I was #12 of 20 in my age bracket, 359th out of 545 female runners, and 1098 out of 1466 overall. It was the Waddell & Reed Kansas City marathon. The proceeds went to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (fighting blood cancers). My overall pace was 11:08 per mile. It was my goal to run one when I was 50 so that is what I did. I was hoping to end with under a five-hour run and that is what I did. So my goal was met. Now that journey is over and don't plan on trying it again in the near future. Will shoot for shorter runs though. As long as this body will allow me, I plan on trying to hang in there. All is well here. We are trying to finish harvesting beans and planting wheat. That should be accomplished soon." (written Nov. 4)

**SPCH '82, SPC '84, Paul Loeber, Boonsboro, Md.,** writes, "I deployed on 27 Oct 12 to Westover Air Reserve Base, Chicopee, Mass., in preparation to assist the FEMA Region 1 Emergency Power Support Mission following Hurricane Sandy. The EPS provides generators to essential and critical facilities in the event of a catastrophic power failure. My task was to drive and stage my Emergency Command and Control Vehicle for the EPS team and provide communications, network, and other support services as required. Within a week of post Hurricane Sandy landfall, I was sent down to Battery Park, Manhattan, New York City, to provide the command and control work space for the water removal project. Within the next several days, over 500 MILLION gallons of water were removed from the tunnels into and out of New York City, subways, and other key infrastructure pathways. Though not directly involved in the 'unwatering mission,' I provided support to several key and senior US Army Corps of Engineers leaders.

"Recently, I returned from Washington, D.C., where I staged my truck as a command and control platform for Corps of Engineers to preplan and, if needed, execute recovery efforts should something have happened during the Inauguration.

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# Alumni Jottings

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## **SPCH '82, SPC '84, Paul Loeber, Boonsboro, Md. (cont'd)**

"The truck I drive is a customized 2010 International truck complete with work stations, satellite and radio communications, weighs over 39,000 pounds and is 45 feet long and requires a commercial driver's license to operate. The truck can be on the road within four to six hours after being tasked to deploy; however we are usually given 12 hours to prepare. A typical mission could be as short as 7 – 10 days or could go past 30 days."

*(As this newsletter was being written, Paul and his truck were on the East coast to assist in the recovery from the February blizzard that hit the area. Editor.)*

**SPCH Class of '83, David Diercks, Joplin, Mo.,** visited the campus on Oct. 15 along with Grace Loose Haws (SPCH Class of '83) of Delta, Colo. "Much has changed, but much remains the same." Grace is teaching special education in Delta. The visit to campus was their first in 15 years.



**SPLHS '03, Luther Mieser, Imperial, Mo.,** received his Master of Science degree from Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville on Dec. 15, 2012. Luther was chosen by faculty and clinical directors to receive

the Nurse Anesthesia Clinical Excellence Award, and he graduated summa cum laude with graduate academic honors. He and his wife, Heather, live in Imperial, a suburb of St. Louis. He works as a certified registered nurse anesthetist at Christian Hospital in St. Louis.

**SPLHS '07, Kelsie Tieman Overbey, Durham, N.C.,** married Cameron Overbey June 2, 2012. Kelsie has a bachelors degree in social work from Valparaiso University and a masters degree in social work from Missouri University, and is employed as a social worker in Durham. She has been consecrated as a deaconess by the Lutheran Deaconess Association. Her husband Cameron is also a graduate of Valparaiso University, and is presently in graduate school at Duke University.



**SPLHS '08, Steven Schlesselman, Concordia,** is engaged to Jaala Nierman of Concordia, a 2008 graduate of Concordia High. A March 9 wedding is planned at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Emma. Stephen graduated in 2012

from University of Missouri-Columbia with a bachelor's degree in Plant Science. He farms with his father on the family farm.

**SPLHS '09, Adam Faulstich, Sedalia, Mo.,** an offensive lineman on the Concordia University Nebraska football team, was named to the conference second team.

## **SPLHS '07, Stephan Mason, San Antonio, Texas,**

recently graduated with honors from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base at San Antonio. He completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic welfare principles and skills.



**SPLHS '10, Sarah Heins, Higginsville, Mo.,** was inducted Nov. 4 into the Concordia University Nebraska chapter of Phi Epsilon Kappa, a health and human performance honor society.

**SPLHS '10, Sara Parks, Concordia,** was named to the president's honor roll (4.0 GPA) at Northwest Missouri State University at Maryville.

**SPLHS '10, Taylor Vogelsmeier, Concordia,** was named to the academic honor roll (3.5 GPA) at Northwest Missouri State University at Maryville.

**SPLHS '11, Dana Peters, Waverly, Mo.,** was named to the fall semester dean's list at Central Methodist University at Fayette, Mo.

## All-state Information Needed

Were you an all-state athlete for the Saint Paul Saints?

It is our plan to put up an all-state athletic board in our gym lobby. The information we need is your name, year(s) you were all-state, what sport(s), what team all state — i.e., ... 1st team, 2nd team, honorable mention.

Please e-mail your information to athletic director Monte Pitsch at [montepitsch@yahoo.com](mailto:montepitsch@yahoo.com). Please put in the subject line of your e-mail — "Saints all-state." Thanks!

# In Memoriam

**SPC '45, Karl Prohl, Downey, Calif.,** has died according to word received in the alumni office. No other information has been received.

**SPCH '50, Donald Tonjes, Springfield, Ill.,** died July 3, 2012. He worked for the State of Illinois and retired in 1998.

**SPCH '67, SPC '69, Kenneth Kaufmann, Springfield, Mo.,** died July 22, 2012. He served parishes in Oberlin and Cheney, Kansas.

**SPC '80, Wilbur Claude, Verona, Mo.,** died Jan. 30, 2013, at his home. In the late 70s and early 80s he worked at SPCH and SPC as superintendent of buildings and grounds. During that time he attended business classes and in 1980 received an Associate of Arts Degree in General Business. He then attended Concordia University in Milwaukee, and graduated as a Commissioned Lay Minister, serving churches in Kansas and Oklahoma.

## Can you identify?



Can you identify the five women in the photo, the occasion, and the year of the event? The first alum to provide the answers by emailing the alumni office at [splhsalumni@yahoo.com](mailto:splhsalumni@yahoo.com) will receive a Saint Paul afghan which pictures the campus with all the buildings around the campus.



The first person to correctly identify the photo in the fall 2012 issue above was **Dorothy Bushman (SPC Class of 1959)** who named Leona Block, Vivian Block, Alice Hildebrand, Marilyn Boeschen, Lora Schnakenberg, Helen Hildebrand, Carolyn Lehenbauer, Dorothy Bushman, and Alice Limback, 1958 Prima girls. (*see page 7; Dorothy is putting the prize on her Christmas tree.*)

## Baccalaureate Service

Friday, May 17, 2013

10:00 a.m.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Concordia

Rev. Bart Mueller, SPCH '78, SPC '79

## Graduation

Friday, May 17, 2013

1:30 p.m.

Weis Gymnasium

Leonard Fiedler, SPCH '63, SPC '64 (former SPCH principal)

# Alumna's son survives Newtown shooting

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This is a time for healing, trying to arrange life to be able to move forward, being sensitive to the drama going through the minds of their children. A dropped book or spoon, the noise of hammer hitting nail, can set off a reaction. All four of her children have felt the impact of the tragedy.

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## Comfort from family and dogs

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Fortunately for Elizabeth, Hugo, and the children, Grandpa and Grandma Wismar live just a few miles away. They are present every day to help in whatever way possible.

Help, comfort, and care came also from another source, the Comfort Dog Ministry of Lutheran Church Charities.

Ten golden retrievers were taken to Newtown for the children immediately following the tragedy and were in the classroom when classes resumed Jan. 2.

The dogs stayed until the end of January.

To be able to pet the dogs, talk to the dogs, and have the dogs look at you as only a



dog can, has been a blessing and help for the children in their healing process. You can learn more about this caring canine ministry at [www.lutheranchurchcharities.org](http://www.lutheranchurchcharities.org).

Pray for the children of Sandy Hook, the Rojas and Wismar families, and all who are struggling through this senseless tragedy.

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## Words of comfort

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A few days after this tragedy occurred, Pastor Lee Hagan, senior pastor at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Concordia, wrote in *The Concordian*, "We know evil

is real, and we see it all around us. But we speak about a God who takes no delight in evil or death, but a God who desires good for his people. We can speak about One who didn't hide from evil, but allowed Himself to become a victim of it. But Christ was not just a victim, but also the victor.

"He rose triumphant from the grave so we can assure people the reign of terror and evil will one day come to an end when Christ takes us to rest with Him in heaven where there is no pain or suffering, no death or grief, and children need not live in fear. Christ became the victim so we would all be victors through faith in Him."

## 'Can you identify?' Winner



Dorothy Bushman of Concordia was the winner of the Baeppler Christmas ornament which she placed on her Christmas tree.

## SPCH class of 1963 to be honored

The tradition will continue May 17 as the SPCH class of 50 years ago is honored at the baccalaureate and graduation exercises. The school will honor each class member present with a dated medallion to be given to him during the baccalaureate service.

The class will process with the 2013 graduates at the baccalaureate and graduation. At both events, the honorees will wear a gold stole to signify their 50-year graduation anniversary.

Reunion activities will continue with a banquet that evening and a tour of the campus Saturday, along with time for reminiscing. Lodging, meals and visiting will take place in Biltz Hall.

# Alumni select Dr. Wilbert Rosin as 'Favorite Instructor'



**Dr. Rosin as instructor in 1960**

By an overwhelming majority of 2012 votes, Dr. Wilbert Rosin was selected as "Favorite Instructor." Votes may be cast when alumni send contribu-

tions to the alumni office.

The biography and photo of Dr. Rosin will be placed on the lobby wall in Biltz Hall.

Dr. Rosin received his high school and junior college education at Concordia College, St. Paul, Minn. Upon graduation in 1942, he enrolled at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, and graduated in 1947.

## 14 years at SPCH and SPC

His first call was to teach at St. Paul's High School and College in Concordia. For 14 years Dr. Rosin taught European and American history, economics, and sociology, 18 hours a week.

In addition, he started a choir for freshmen and sophomores (the other four classes were eligible for the college chorus). He also gave organ lessons.

In 1954, when only the high school was accredited by the state of Missouri (North Central College accreditation was acquired later), the school needed an additional history instructor. So a graduate of Concordia, River Forest (who then did not have the necessary State of Missouri credits), was assigned to teach the college history courses, and Dr. Rosin, the fully-accredited instructor, taught the high school courses.

## 16 years at River Forest

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

## Two years at Milwaukee

After 16 years at River Forest, he became president of Concordia College, Milwaukee, in 1977. Despite severe synodical opposition and other challenges, the junior college became an accredited four-year institution while he was president. Later the institution moved to a spacious campus at nearby Mequon. Today it is the largest educational institution in The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod.

## Nine years at Fort Wayne

In 1979 Dr. Rosin was called to teach church history and become the academic dean at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, and, for a time, acting president. The seminary was having accreditation problems, but within two years it regained accreditation with the Association of Theological Schools and for the first time acquired accreditation with the North Central Association.

## Five years at CPH

In 1988, Dr. Rosin was called as a theological editor at Concordia Publishing House in St. Louis. He officially "retired" in 1993, after serving as acquisitions editor, developer, and copy-editor (preparing camera-ready copy) for 17 books in the Concordia Scholarship Today series.

For 20 years he wrote 52 (one for each Sunday of the year) two-page *Contemporary Faith* bulletin inserts, discussing contemporary issues and how Christian faith relates to them. He reviewed books for the CPH bookstore, often eight to ten books per week.

## Honors received

Dr. Rosin received a Fulbright grant to study in India for the summer of 1963. In 1997 Concordia University, St. Paul, Minn., gave him the *Aeterna Moliri* award. In 2008 he received the Apostle Paul award from Saint Paul High School, Concordia, and in 2011 the Alumnus of the Year award from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis.

## Dr. Rosin as organist

Since 1990, Dr. Rosin has been serving as substitute organist almost every Sunday and some Saturdays at various St. Louis churches. His current challenge is Widor's *Toccata in F*.

After April 2013, Dr. Rosin, 90, will be at Apt. G117, 709 S. Laclede Station Rd., St. Louis, MO 63119.

## Contribute and vote



**Dr. Rosin on the occasion of his 60th wedding anniversary in 2008.**

Every time an alumnus(a) sends a contribution to the Alumni Association, he/she has the opportunity to vote for a "favorite instructor."

When Dr. Rosin was informed of this honor, he was overwhelmed and said, "I am grateful to the alumni for this honor. I will remember my days in Concordia." To be named "favorite instructor" does carry meaning and significance.

Others who received votes in 2012: Larry Grothaus, Steve Fritzler, Leverage Baacke, Harold Block, Kirk Einspahr, Norman Gienapp, Roland Haas, Dorene Jabs, Ted Jungkuntz, Jerome Ommen, Warren Rubel, Walter Wolbrecht.

Three votes did not count since they were for a previously named "favorite instructor."

Dr. Rosin joins previously named "favorite instructors" Lando Otto (2008), Emil Weiss (2009), Dr. Earl Fuhrmann (2010), Harold Rast and Jerome Schwab (2011).

A list of instructors and instructions for voting is on the SPLHS web site under "Vote for your favorite instructor."

# Alum sidesteps hurricane, flood, earthquake, rock slide, and snow storm

**Jerry Waldkoetter (SPC '64)** is a tour operator (puts together itineraries for tours throughout the United States and some foreign countries) operating out of North Tonawanda, New York. About two years ago he led a tour to Australia and New Zealand.



Psalm 17:8 has significant meaning for Jerry. "Keep me as the apple of your eye, O Lord; hide me in the shadow of your wings." After Jerry tells you the story of his trip, you will see why this verse has meaning for him.

The tour itself was uneventful, but what happened before the group arrived at various destinations and after they left, adds up to quite a story as told by Jerry.

## The trip almost didn't happen

Buffalo, New York, was our starting point on Jan. 17, 2011. My original schedule called for us to go through Washington, D.C.

Six people, not from our group, on the East Coast did not make the tour because of bad weather. They couldn't get to Washington, D.C. If I had stayed with the original schedule our group would not have made the tour in the first place. I changed plans to fly from Buffalo to Chicago. I hesitated on the flight to Chicago due to usual bad weather during winter. But fortunately the weather was good and we were on our way to Los Angeles, and from there on to Australia.

It was 7,085 miles from Los Angeles and 14 hours flying time. I loved it. I met the friendliest couple from Australia, and they gave me a very good insight on their country.

## Australian flood



**Jerry in front of the Sydney, Australia, skyline**

Before we started our tour I read in our newspaper about the flood in Australia that covered an area the size of Germany and France. The flood was between Sydney and Cairns, the first two cities we were to visit. We saw or experienced none of the flood.

## Earthquake in New Zealand

We arrived in Christchurch, New Zealand, in the afternoon. Upon arrival we were told that they had a 5.0+ aftershock that morning. We stayed there three days. Then it was to Queenstown. We were informed after we left that Christchurch had another 5.0+ aftershock. Since the earthquake in September 2010, there had been 5,000 aftershocks.



**Interior of the 131 year old Anglican Cathedral, Christchurch, New Zealand, destroyed by an earthquake one month after Jerry's visit.**

We learned the beautiful Anglican church in the center of the city was destroyed a month later. I had purchased some items in the church's gift shop. I have wondered if the girls who waited on me are still alive. It's very tragic and humbling. Our hotel was across the street from the church. It took a year and a half to rebuild.

## Rock slide



We were on our way from Queenstown to Milford Sound, New Zealand. Just out of town there was a rock slide about a half-hour before we would pass that point. Two boulders the size of mid-size cars came down the mountain. After waiting 45 minutes, our driver drove the motor coach two miles backward down the mountain before we could turn around.

A helicopter with a geologist checked out the mountain and declared all boulders were secure.

We were told they had opened the road to Milford Sound, one lane only. Forty buses did not go to Milford Sound that day. We did!

## No rain in the rain forest

Our tour guide told us that in 20 years of doing this tour to Milford Sound, only three times in that 20 years did it not rain — Milford Sound is in a rain forest.

Guess what? We had a wonderful, sunny, blue-sky day and a beautiful, beautiful boat ride around Milford Sound with hardly anyone around.

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# Alumna enjoys metalworking; creates beauty out of junk

Some artists prefer paint and a canvas to express and practice their skill, others may use clay, wood or pen and ink. **Rebecca Schnackenberg (SPLHS '00)** of Concordia opts for the grit and grime of cutting steel, the hard work of grinding metal and the crack and buzz of a welder fusing seemingly incompatible pieces of metal to form something completely original, something totally her own.



A metal sculptor, Rebecca can take unrelated, ordinary objects, such as door hinges, old bolts and nuts, pieces of farm implements, chains, hooks and pulleys, and arrange them in such a way that it appears they were originally meant to be art.



Rebecca said it's the unique shapes and various colorations that make the used materials come to life. Sometimes, she can look at a piece of metal and inspiration for a new creation is instantaneous. Other times, she finds a piece and knows at some point it will have a purpose.

"I look for anything uniquely shaped," she said. "Sometimes, I know what I could

make, but don't have all the right pieces. So, I wait until I find the right one.

"But, it's really very serendipitous."

In a small shed near her workshop north of Concordia sits a pile of used steel that requires an artist's eye to see the endless possibilities. The cache of steel parts comes from a variety of places. People will randomly give her scrap steel; she sometimes, with permission, goes searching for more material in a person's pile of junk; and, other times she sees things like old wrenches at flea markets or garage sales that would work in a sculpture.

When she prepares to make a new sculpture, Rebecca sifts through the pile of old, rusty metal until she has everything she needs.



"I really like the creative process and putting the pieces together," she said.

In her workshop, she has an assembly line of sorts. Each piece of metal gets sorted, cut to specifications and then prepared for welding.

There is a world of "infinite possibilities" in this small workshop. The pieces of metal can be combined to make any creation Rebecca can conjure up.

"It means my creativity is stifled only by the capacity of my knowledge," she said.

When the smokes settles, the metal cools, Rebecca could have any number of creations before her, but her specialties are variations of birds and other garden sculptures. She likes the birds because they are different and "quirky."

She also makes word sculptures, cutouts of a Kokopelli — a Native American symbol

for mischief — and various other sculptures depicting birdhouses or garden bugs.



Rebecca has long had a passion for art. She remembers at a very early age entering coloring contests and art was always a favorite subject in school.

"I have just always liked art," she said. "I can spend hours doing something creative."

While she was interested in most areas of art for most of her early life, it was not until college that she found a passion for metalworking.

She attended Concordia University Nebraska in Seward, and majored in graphic design. For one assignment in a sculpting class, the professor took the students to a junkyard and had them pick out items to make into a sculpture.

"We were given a short demo on the welder and plasma cutter and from there I was hooked," Rebecca said. "It lets me get dirty and sweaty and, by all means, have a good time while doing it. To me welding is a unique medium for creating the smallest of yard art to the largest of skyscrapers."

After graduating in 2004 from CUNE, she spent time working various jobs — she now works at The Concordian —

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# Passion for baseball leads alumnus to Cardinals

His dream was to play baseball, possibly for the St. Louis Cardinals. He could picture himself behind the plate or on the mound at Busch Stadium.

Such a dream for **Adam Maddox (SPLHS '07)** was not completely shattered. He is with the Cardinals, the Double A Springfield Cardinals, as their Account Representative.

His passion for baseball, and sports in general, has always been a part of his life. Adam's parents, Brian and Donna Maddox, introduced him to athletic competition and instilled in him a work ethic that allowed him to develop his God-given talent.

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## High school, college careers

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Adam was both a pitcher and catcher for the SPLHS Saints. He was named All-State for each of the four years that he played. One of his mound appearances was a no-hitter against Santa Fe in 2005.

Adam was recruited as a catcher for Missouri State University in Maryville. After red-shirting his freshman year, he was converted to a pitcher.

After two seasons in Maryville he transferred to the University of Central Missouri in Warrensburg where he was fortunate to attend the 2011 DII College World Series in Cary, N.C. The UCM Mules finished the season ranked fifth in the nation. During two seasons at UCM, Adam finished 4-0 with three saves and a 2.76 ERA.

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## Second no-hitter

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In the summer of 2011 he pitched his second no-hitter for the St. Joseph

Mustangs in the Missouri, Iowa, Nebraska and Kansas (MINK) league.

College was over; his future was ahead. Baseball was in Adam's blood, but his arm was not strong enough for the baseball field.

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## Applying for baseball job

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"I sent applications to over fifty Major and Minor League baseball teams for an employment opportunity," he said. Adam also made plans to attend the Professional Baseball Employment Opportunities (PBE) Job Fair at the 2012 Baseball Winter Meetings in Nashville, Tenn.

*The owner of the Houston Astros, Jim Crane, was a former UCM baseball player and helped me get an interview in Houston.*

Three days before the PBE Job Fair, the Springfield Cardinals called to offer the position of Account Representative. *It was an easy decision due to the close proximity to home, tradition of success, and the guarantee of a job.*

Two hours after accepting the Springfield offer, the Atlanta Braves called to offer a final interview for a Community Relations position. Adam had made it to the top two candidates from over 500 applications.

*I also had to politely cancel my interview with the Astros. God obviously had a plan, and being closer to home was definitely a bonus to working with the Cardinals.*

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## Working for the Cardinals

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*As an Account Representative I am responsible for group events, fundraisers, and season tickets within my territory which includes Springfield. Adam's territory*



**Adam in his Cardinal red with Fredbird, the mascot of the Cardinals.**

includes everything north of Springfield between Highway 13 and I-44.

*The main groups I work with are schools, organizations, teams, and churches. This requires a great deal of travel and a large amount of time on the phone.*

Adam will also have game-day duties once the Springfield Cardinals season begins. *These can include promotional activities, visiting with season ticket holders, executing group events, and assisting with on-field promotional activities.*

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## To Busch Stadium in October

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The Springfield Cardinals are one of the few minor league teams owned by parent clubs. Next October Adam plans to be at Busch Stadium in St. Louis cheering on the Cardinals when the Springfield Cardinal employees are given opportunity to attend the St. Louis Cardinals playoff games.

# SPLHS student writes book about Alzheimer's disease

(This newsletter usually brings you news about alumni. However, the following article is about a sophomore student at SPLHS, Ashley Richter, who has written and published a book, *Absentminded*, an Alzheimer's story. We share this article in the hope it may be of help to alumni facing Alzheimer's disease in their family. Editor's note)

Ashley began writing stories at a very young age, but she published her first story book, *Absentminded*, during her sophomore year at SPLHS.



Ashley did not intend to write a book. She needed something to work on during study halls at school, so she started sketching the story, and the idea grew into a book.

## Alzheimer's enters family

Ashley has been an advocate for Alzheimer's disease awareness since her grandfather, James Appelquist, was diagnosed with

early-onset Alzheimer's in 2008 at the age of 56.

Since her sixth grade year, Ashley watched her grandfather slowly succumb to the disease. She learned many life lessons throughout the time her grandfather battled the disease.

She fully recognizes that Alzheimer's is not something that impacts only the patient. "Everyone, young and old, is affected in some way when a family member has the disease," Ashley said.

## About the book, *Absentminded*

*Absentminded* is written from the first person perspective. Ashley said she had to write it that way "to really capture the turmoil, anxiety, and dreadfulness of the disease."

Ashley tells the story of Ruth Wickmen, a 54 year-old secretary at Gloryville Middle School, who has everything going for her. She enjoys her quiet, peaceful lifestyle more than anything. Her mind is clear as crystal, and even after more than twenty years, she can still remember exact details from the day she began working at the school. She rarely forgets anything.

That is, until the day she is diagnosed with early-onset Alzheimer's Disease. She begins to lose items, finds it difficult to keep track of her thoughts and gets lost. Her children notice the change and begin to worry.

Readers are taken through the grief of learning about the disease to the struggles associated with coping with the disease and the challenges caregivers face.

## What Alzheimer's takes

Ashley said, "Alzheimer's takes so much more than just your memory. It takes your personality." Ashley's character, Ruth, is a mixture of many different people. "She has my grandmother's job and my grandfather's personality.

"I titled it *Absentminded* because by the end of the story almost every part of Ruth is gone."

## How to order the book

For more information about the book and/or to purchase a copy, contact Ashley's mother, Stephanie Richter at [srichter3@yahoo.com](mailto:srichter3@yahoo.com).

(Information for this article was provided by Gloria Burrow of the SPLHS staff and Nathan St. Clair, former staff writer at *The Concordian*.)

## Annual Hog Roast and Auction Update

We have been blessed to have enjoyed many supporters of the school for the last 25 years of our SPLHS Auction. Thanks to all who have worked and bid, and especially our generous donors. It has been decided after prayerful consideration to scale back our Auction Day. What we DO plan to continue is the meal and a mini auction that will include some of the more popular items such as the selling of the annual tree, the naming of the quad, parking spaces, etc. We hope that everyone will continue to support SPLHS at the end of June at our Hog Roast and continue to find other ways to show your generosity. Thanks for your understanding as we make this change!

## 27th Annual Benefit Auction and Hog Roast

June 23, 2013

Hog Roast dinner 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
Krueger Dining Hall  
For information call 660-463-2238, ext 232.

# SPLHS senior scores tournament first

History was made and headlines were captured in the 2012 SPLHS golf season.



Senior **Nicole Mueller** captured the headlines for herself and the SPLHS golf program with her hole-in-one on the 12th, par-3, 116 yard hole at the

State Golf Tournament at New Bloomfield on Oct. 23.

The Missouri State High School Activities Association is unaware of any prior hole-in-one in a girls state championship meet.

This was Nicole's second trip to the state finals. Last year she advanced to the state tournament, finishing tied for 47th with a 201. This year she finished in a three-way tie for 22nd, totaling 183.

Renee Ravanelli, teacher at St. Paul's Elementary School in Concordia, is the girls golf coach.

Her golf report includes the following:

We played two matches with one other team and won both.

We played four matches with more than one team. We got first two times, second once, and third once. In each match (either with one or more teams, we had a girl who scored in the top three. Four times we had the #1 player.



**Standing, from left, Renee Ravanelli, Lily Burrow, Lexi Burrow, Nicole Mueller; kneeling, Bethany Brown, Madison Pitsch; seated, Taylor Fischer, Cameron Kramer, Kaitlyn Rankin**

We played in three tournaments. We were fifth out of 12 in one, fifth out of six in one, and second out of eight in the third. We always had one player in the top ten or better.

## Alum sidesteps hurricane, flood, earthquake, rock slide, and snow storm

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### Flooding from the cyclone

Auckland, New Zealand, was having a cyclone the day we were in Milford Sound. Auckland is on the northern island of New Zealand; Milford Sound is on the southern island. When we flew out of Auckland for our trip home, we saw water in the fields, but there was no delay at the airport.

### Chicago braces for a snowstorm

We arrived in Los Angeles at 5:30 a.m., January 31. Our flight to Chicago was to leave at 11:00 a.m.

When arriving at the terminal, I immediately saw the weather map on CNN. It showed a snowstorm 40-70 miles from Chicago. We would not

arrive in Chicago until late afternoon. There was no way we would miss this storm.

I checked with a supervisor from United Airlines about flying through Houston or Washington, D.C. He could get us to D.C. but there were not enough seats on the plane from D.C. to Buffalo for our group. We had to fly through O'Hare.

When we arrived in Chicago shortly after 5:00 p.m., not a speck of snow had fallen. Twenty-two, (I counted them) 22 snowplows of different sizes were by our arrival gate with their yellow safety lights flashing, all in a nice neat row, all ready to go, but no snow! We flew on to Buffalo arriving at 9:00 p.m. as scheduled. (O'Hare was closed within 24 hours.)

### About the high temperatures

While in Australia and New Zealand the temperatures were in the 70's. I was wishing I had brought another sweater for evening activities. Within a week of arriving home, the temperature throughout the continent of Australia was 95 to 100 degrees.

### A dream fulfilled

During my sixth grade year at Immanuel Lutheran School in Seymour, Indiana, Mr. Waldo Tagatz taught a unit on Australia. He asked, "Who wants to go to Australia?" Out of 28 students, my hand was the only hand to go up. I finally made it. I am thankful to God for an adventure of a lifetime.

*P. S. I plan on going back!*

# Alumna enjoys metalworking; creates beauty out of junk

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before last summer when she began getting more serious about metal sculpting. She attended night welding classes at State Fair Community College in Sedalia and began acquiring new equipment.



This past summer she took it to a new level working several hours a week in her shop and really working to grow her business — Dos Gatos Designs (Spanish for “two cats”). The name comes from her two cats — Homer and Gizmo.

One piece of equipment she recently acquired that will enable her to do more

specialty work is a Torchmate CNC Plasma Cutter. The automated plasma cutter is controlled by a computer and can cut designs out of sheet metal that Rebecca creates in a computer software program. “For me the CNC is a perfect mix of computer design and metalworking.”



The plasma cutter will allow her to make custom signs, brackets, sculptures and just about anything that can be cut out of a sheet of metal. Her first product from the new cutter was a metal sign with the words “Dos Gatos Designs” at the bottom and her business logo with two cats at the top.

She has begun attending arts and crafts fairs and festivals and recently joined Mid Missouri Artists, Inc. She said being in the artist group will connect her with various art shows and help her network with area artists.



At the festivals and art shows, she enjoys watching people’s reaction to her artwork and meeting new people.

In addition to her metal sculpting abilities, Rebecca is also a talented jewelry maker and graphic designer. To see her artwork, visit Restored Treasures in Concordia across the street from the SPLHS campus, or visit her website [www.dosgatosdesigns.com](http://www.dosgatosdesigns.com).

If you have an old and/or new piece of rusty or unrusty metal, shapely or shapeless, or want more information about her business, or want to place an order, contact Rebecca at [dosgatosdesigns@gmail.com](mailto:dosgatosdesigns@gmail.com).

(This article was prepared by Nathan St. Clair, former staff writer for *The Concordian*. Photos were furnished by St. Clair and Rebecca.)

## Need a new bell

The victory bell is broke and unusable. Possible with all the wins this year, it was just too much for the bell. We are looking for another bell. If you have one or know where we can locate one, please email the alumni office [splhsalumni@yahoo.com](mailto:splhsalumni@yahoo.com).



# SPLHS Notes and News

The **Honor Rolls** for the first semester of the 2012-2013 school year listed a total of 110 students. The Executive Director's Honor Roll (4.0-3.93) listed 23 students. The Principal's Honor Roll (3.929-3.65) listed 37 students. The Honor Roll (3.649-3.25) listed 50 students.

**Enrollment** at the beginning of the second semester was 209, with 111 domestic and 98 international students. Six students did not return for the second semester, and 11 students began their life at SPLHS on Jan. 2. Thirteen countries, including the United States, are represented on campus.



**Senior Alicia Royuk** of Seward, Neb., has been named a Commended Student in the 2013 National Merit Scholarship Program. (NMSC). "The young people recognized as Commended Students represent some of the best and brightest minds in the country as demonstrated by their outstanding performance in our highly-competitive program," an NMSC spokesman said. Alicia plans to attend Concordia University Nebraska next fall.

**Masters of Ceremony** for St. Paul's Lutheran Church "Celebrate the Ministry" in November were seniors Sam Schmidt and Isaiah Roepe. Junior Haley Schemmer explained The Philadelphia Experience (St. Paul's Youth Servant Experience).



**Sam Schmidt**



**Isaiah Roepe**



**Haley Schemmer**



**Marissa Brackman**



**Devon Heins**



**Rebecca Roepe**



**Hadley Rolf**

**2012 I-70 All-Conference Volleyball Selections** for the first team included seniors Marissa Brackman, Devon Heins, and Rebecca Roepe. Receiving **Honorable Mention** was junior Hadley Rolf.

**The soccer Saints** claimed their third straight district crown. They made their fifth trip to the state quarterfinals in the eight years of the program, but lost 2-0 in the quarterfinals.

Before Thanksgiving break, the Alumni Association and Servants of the Saints provided a **celebration dinner** for the student body. The menu was steak, baked potato and green bean casserole. At the meal all activities were acknowledged and the students were applauded for the use of their time and talents for the glory of God and representing the school.

SPLHS, for the eighth consecutive year, was the top school collecting coats and blankets for the needy in the **Kansas City Project Warmth** competition. The school received new computer equipment as its prize.

With the home game against Tolton Catholic High School, Columbia, on Feb. 14, the **regular basketball season** came to an end. The Lady Saints ended with a 18-6 record; the Saints had a 20-4 record. The Lady Saints tied for I-70 Conference champions with a 6-1 record. The Saints finished second in the Conference also with a 6-1 record. Both teams are in the district playoffs, which began the week of Feb. 18.

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Isaiah Roepe



Jon Foster



Aaron Hentges



Matt Krater



Gerhard von zur Muehlen



Tim Mehl

**2012 I-70 All-Conference Football Selections** included on offense, sophomore Luke Stuenkel, junior Gerhard von zur Muehlen, and seniors Isaiah Roepe and Jon Foster. Senior Aaron Hentges was named to the second team. Receiving **Honorable Mention** were junior Tim Mehl, sophomore Peter Lemmons, and senior Matt Krater. On defense, first team, seniors Aaron Hentges, and Jon Foster, and junior Gerhard von zur Muehlen. Senior Isaiah Roepe was named to the second team. Receiving Honorable Mention were junior Michael Nebel, and sophomores Luke Stuenkel and Peter Lemmons.



Michael Nebel



Luke Stuenkel



Peter Lemmons



Cindy Siyi Chen



Angelika Paul



Leah Hoffmann



Logan Burrow



Alicia Royuk



Marissa Brackman

SPLHS placed third (out of ten schools) at the **Science and Mathematics Challenge for Young Women** sponsored by Avila University at Kansas City. Participating were Cindy Siyi Chen, Angelika Paul, Leah Hoffmann, Logan Burrow, Alicia Royuk, Marissa Brackman, Becca Schultz, and Sarah Fink. The team sponsor is Val Krause.



Becca Schultz



Sarah Fink



Val Krause



Devon Heins



Haley Schemmer



Zechariah Gifford

**Concordia Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 5649 and Auxiliary** recognized the winners of the 2012 Voice of Democracy speech contest. Senior Devon Heins shared first place with Nora Faris of Concordia High. Junior Haley Schemmer placed second, and senior Zechariah Gifford placed third.

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Four students participated in the **I-70 Conference Band** event: Ashley Richter, flute; Bethany Brown, French horn; Lexi Burrow, trumpet; and Josh Perrin, percussion.



Ashley Richter



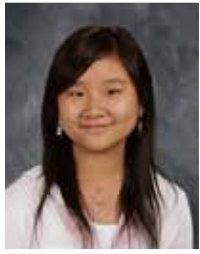
Bethany Brown



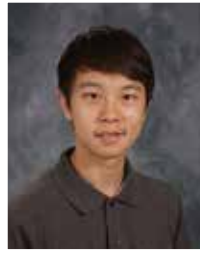
Lexi Burrow



Josh Perrin



Cindy Siyi Chen



Kenneth Lai

**The math team** competed at the Smith Cotton High School math contest in Sedalia and placed first in Division 1 competition. Top senior was Cindy Chen and top sophomore was Kenneth Lai.

**Lady Saints head basketball coach** John Beerman this year began his 19th coaching season at SPLHS and on Feb. 12 won his 300th game. Monte Pitsch started his 12th coaching season for the varsity Saints.



John Beerman



Monte Pitsch



Marissa Brackman



Devon Heins

With 13 points on Dec. 17 in a game against Northwest, Marissa Brackman joined the **SPLHS 1,000 Point Club** with 1,004 points. At the conclusion of the regular season on Feb. 14, she has 1,234 points. With her 1,000 points, Marissa joins 1,000 Point Club members Sarah Dahlke (1995-1999) 1,437 points; Joy Weber (1990-1994) 1,208; and Vanessa Griffiths (2000-2004) 1,074. Devon Heins broke Ashley Bredehoeft's record of 132 career three pointers. Devon ended the regular season with 133.

## Courtwarding Court 2013

February 8 was the date for courtwarding and the students elected Brandon Hoppmann, king; Nicole Mueller, queen; Nathaniel Lutz, prince; Maria Elena Aga Gjon, princess. The pages were Emerson Rankin and Josiah Gerdts. A dance followed the games.



# Alumni Financial News



The Little Blue Jug is awarded to the SPC Class of 1975. They led all classes in 2012 with \$2,450 in contributions to support the Alumni Association. The jug and plaque are encased next to the elevator on the main floor of Biltz Hall.

Annually the jug goes to the SPCH or SPC class that contributes the most in support of the Alumni Association.

## Alumni Budget for 2013

Alumni Coordinator salary .....	\$7,800.00
Two scholarships (\$700 & \$500) .....	1,200.00
Homecoming speaker .....	100.00
Mileage .....	100.00
Newsletter (design, printing, mailing) .....	2,300.00
Supplies .....	500.00
Postage .....	400.00
Student recognition .....	500.00
Contest prizes .....	100.00
Miscellaneous .....	100.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$13,100.00</b>

## 2012 Contributions by Class

Listed below are the 2012 contributions by class, the number of contributors, and the amount contributed.

### SPCH & SPLHS

Class	Contributors	Amount
Class of 1931	1	\$15
Class of 1939	1	500
Class of 1940	5	50
Class of 1941	2	120
Class of 1942	1	25
Class of 1943	1	100
Class of 1945	1	50
Class of 1946	3	150
Class of 1947	3	235
Class of 1948	1	25
Class of 1949	5	1,245
Class of 1951	1	25
Class of 1952	13	1,340
Class of 1954	2	75
Class of 1955	2	50
Class of 1956	4	120
Class of 1957	4	240
Class of 1958	1	50
Class of 1959	6	330
Class of 1960	6	355
Class of 1961	3	200
Class of 1962	8	495
Class of 1963	1	25
Class of 1964	2	150
Class of 1965	1	25

Class	Contributors	Amount
Class of 1966	5	300
Class of 1967	5	200
Class of 1970	2	75
Class of 1971	5	190
Class of 1972	2	125
Class of 1973	4	1,275
Class of 1974	2	225
Class of 1975	16	535
Class of 1976	1	300
Class of 1977	6	375
Class of 1978	2	100
Class of 1980	10	635
Class of 1981	3	225
Class of 1984	2	150
Class of 1990	3	200
Class of 1992	1	100
Class of 1994	3	100
Class of 1996	3	90
Class of 1997	3	140
Class of 2002	1	20

### SPC

Class of 1933	1	15
Class of 1941	1	500
Class of 1942	5	50
Class of 1943	3	220
Class of 1944	1	25
Class of 1947	1	50
Class of 1948	3	150
Class of 1949	1	50
Class of 1950	1	25

Class	Contributors	Amount
Class of 1951	2	520
Class of 1952	1	50
Class of 1954	9	890
Class of 1955	1	15
Class of 1956	4	225
Class of 1957	5	225
Class of 1958	1	25
Class of 1959	4	250
Class of 1960	2	150
Class of 1961	10	705
Class of 1962	10	425
Class of 1963	8	365
Class of 1964	9	405
Class of 1965	2	40
Class of 1966	2	150
Class of 1967	1	15
Class of 1968	4	225
Class of 1969	2	50
Class of 1970	4	85
Class of 1971	4	200
Class of 1972	7	180
Class of 1973	5	250
Class of 1974	5	275
Class of 1975	5	2,450
Class of 1976	2	250
Class of 1977	1	100
Class of 1978	2	175
Class of 1979	4	150
Class of 1980	4	260
Class of 1981	4	175
Class of 1982	6	375

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# 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](mailto:splhsalumni@yahoo.com).

**SPCH Class of 1963** — The 50th anniversary class reunion will be celebrated in conjunction with the graduation exercises on May 17, 2013. Questions can be directed to the SPLHS Development Office, 660-463-2238, ext 232.

**SPC Class of 1963** — The golden anniversary reunion will be June, 28-30, 2013, on campus, using Biltz Hall for reunion headquarters. Information will be sent to classmates late February. Bill Ewald, class president, is initiating the plans. Contact him at [wm.ewald@cuchicago.edu](mailto:wm.ewald@cuchicago.edu).

**SPC Class of 1964** — Gayl Ann Jones Calvin is working to bring the class together for a reunion next summer. Contact her at 816-228-4282 or [gayl.calvin@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gayl.calvin@sbcglobal.net).

**SPC Class of 1965** — Inquiry has been made about a 50th 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](mailto:ceejames1@yahoo.com).

**SPCH Class of 1983** — Plans for a 30th class reunion are being formulated for Sept. 5-8, 2013, in Concordia.

Classmates can contact Teresa Maletich, 2504 Clifton Park Terrace, St. Louis MO 63139; [MrsMthrTeresa@sbcglobal.net](mailto:MrsMthrTeresa@sbcglobal.net).

**SPLHS Class of 1993** — Consideration is being given to a 20-year class reunion this year. Send your ideas and suggestions to Aaron Bronner, 25 S Oswego Dr., Pueblo West, Colo. 81007, [asbronner@yahoo.com](mailto:asbronner@yahoo.com), 509-528-8821.

**For updates to these reunions, and a listing of additional reunions, go to [www.splhs.org](http://www.splhs.org), click on ALUMNI, click the tab ALUMNI UPDATES, scroll to REUNIONS BEING PLANNED.**

## Thought you'd like to know

Stacey Robinson of Montgomery City returned to St. Paul's Lutheran Church to create a work of art of the second tree in front of the former parsonage. The carving is of Jesus, similar to the statue on the altar inside the church. At the base are the manger, cross, and empty tomb. A verse from John 11 is on the back of the trunk.



## Alumni Board of Directors

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The next alumni board meeting is Saturday, April 6, 1:00 p.m., Conference Room B in Biltz Hall. The meeting is open to all alumni.

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Some information for this newsletter was supplied by SPLHS Historical Society, Concordia; Concordia University Nebraska, Seward, and The Concordian.

# Help Locate 'Lost' Alumni

Below are alumni whose current addresses we do not have. Any assistance (address, phone, email) will be appreciated. Email your information to the alumni coordinator at [splhsalumni@yahoo.com](mailto:splhsalumni@yahoo.com).

## From the October 2012 mailing

Alvin L. Bremer, Decatur, Ill.	SPC '65
Kim Davis, Independence, Mo.	SPLHS '05
Lydia Homan, Chester, Ill.	SPC '61
Dustin Inman, Virginia Beach, Va.	SPLHS '96
David Lohmeier, Carterville, Ill.	SPCH '54
Phil Lohrmann, Warrenton, Mo.	SPCH '74
Stephen Pedersen, Dundee, Ill.	SPLHS '92
Heather Henslin Pyle, Rochester, Minn.	SPLHS '92
Jennifer Kiefer Stevenson, Lee's Summit, Mo.	SPCH '81
Dana Reith Talbot, Bozeman, Mont.	SPLHS '89
Tony Yuen, Los Angeles, Calif.	Class of '86

## From the July 2012 mailing

Dorothea Mauller Bean, St. Charles, Mo.	SPC '65
David Braun, Farmington, Mo.	SPC '62
Robert Covington, Cape Coral, Fla.	SPC '76

Nancy Cox, Fredonia, Ariz.	SPC '65
Cindy Lauppe Cruce, Maple Hill, Kan.	SPCH '81
Carmin Roepe Duncan, Waverly, Mo.	SPLHS '93
Christine Camp Fish, Anchorage, Alaska	SPCH '81
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Rebecca Morton, Marengo, Iowa	SPLHS '95
Dajon Ferrell Schafer, Woodbury, Minn.	SPLHS '01
Tracy Slaughter, Lee's Summit, Mo.	SPC '86
Bart Stites, Salida, Colo.	SPCH '88
Cody A. Tebbenkamp, Columbia, Mo.	SPLHS '00

## From the February 2012 mailing

Wayne Heminger, Gardner, Kan.	SPCH '76
Pat Bradshaw Johnson, Sedalia, Mo.	SPC '62
Timothy Naumann, Tacoma, Wash.	SPC '81
Joyce Joredan Peek, Nashville, Ind.	SPC '67
James Shears, Memphis, Tenn.	SPCH '64, SPC '66

## Singing Saints 41st Annual Tour goes Northwest



### Pre-tour appearances

Sunday, February 24 | Immanuel Lutheran Church | Boonville, Missouri  
 Sunday, March 3 | Immanuel Lutheran Church | Carrollton, Missouri

If you are in the area of a Singing Saints concert, come to hear and meet the Singing Saints and Director William Gasau. Traveling with the Singing Saints will be Rev. Paul Mehl, Executive Director of SPLHS.

### The 41st annual tour of the Singing Saints is March 21-28 as they perform in the Northwest

Thursday, March 21 | 7:00 p.m. | Prince of Peace Lutheran Church | Cameron, Missouri  
 Friday, March 22 | 7:00 p.m. | Immanuel Lutheran Church | Lakefield, Minnesota  
 Saturday, March 23 | 7:00 p.m. | Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church | Callaway, Minnesota  
 Sunday, March 24 | 10:00 a.m. | Grace Lutheran Church | Fargo, North Dakota  
 Sunday, March 24 | 7:00 p.m. | Emanuel Lutheran Church | Milbank, South Dakota  
 Monday, March 25 | 7:00 p.m. | Bethlehem Lutheran Church | Rapid City, South Dakota  
 Tuesday, March 26 | 7:00 p.m. | Immanuel Lutheran Church | Alliance, Nebraska  
 Wednesday, March 27 | 7:00 p.m. | St. John's Lutheran Church | Seward, Nebraska  
 Thursday, March 28 | 7:00 p.m. | Zion Lutheran Church | Vassar, Kansas  
 Sunday, April 7 | 7:00 p.m. | St. Paul's Lutheran Church (Home Concert) | Concordia, Missouri  
 Monday, May 28 | Carnegie Hall | New York, New York