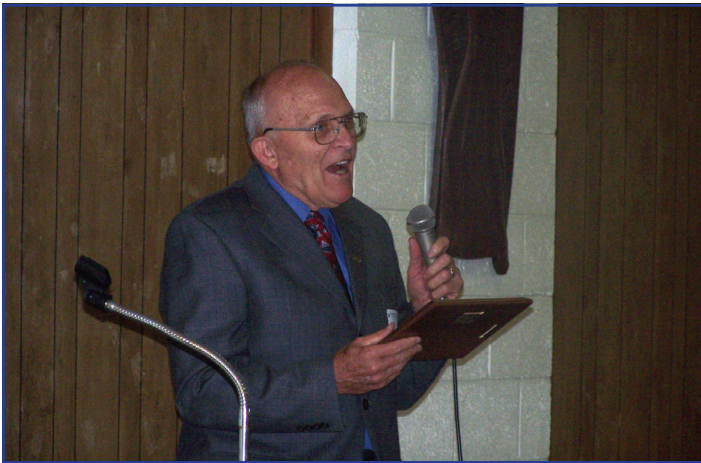


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Alumni celebrate their years on campus



Rev. Robert Lange acknowledged the award for being voted the outstanding alumnus of the year.

"St. Paul's through its instructors and programs of activities gave me the tools to become a good leader, and in that I found my calling. I feel good about that," stated Col. Anita Hill Wolfe (SPCH '78, SPC '80) as she addressed alumni and guests at the June 20 reunion banquet.

Wolfe, a colonel in the U.S. Air Force, stationed at Langley Air Force base in Virginia, stressed the importance of faith, family and friends. Using herself as an example, she related how faith, family and friends were instrumental in her life.

"I am blessed to have had parents who believed in Christian education. My siblings and I are grateful for the positive influence St. Paul's College High and St. Paul's College played in our lives, shaping and molding us for the present and the future," Wolfe emphasized.

Wolfe, who moves frequently with Air Force assignments, explained meeting SPCH and SPC alumni wherever she travels. "It is exciting to meet classmates and other alumni and recall our days in Concordia."

William Gasau (SPC '66) was recognized for his 40 years as history instructor and band and choir director at St. Paul's. Many present had been a part of the Singing Saints. They relived the memory of Gasau's choir direction as they performed two selections at the banquet.

Also recognized was Rev. Robert Lange (SPCH '49, SPC '51) of Fenton, Mo., who received the Outstanding Alumnus Award. Lange, past president of the Alumni Association Board of Directors, continues to serve on the board.

The banquet concluded with former cheerleaders stepping forward to lead the assembly in singing the Alma Mater.



Teacher and student recall classroom days and choir memories. At the reunion banquet, William Gasau was honored for his 40 years of ministry on the faculty, and Col. Anita Hill Wolfe was the banquet speaker.

Photo courtesy of The Concordian.

Saturday morning alumni toured the near by art gallery and Alma Meats in Alma, Schreiman's Orchards and a winery west of Waverly.

The classes of '77, '78, and '79 met Saturday afternoon to visit, describe their present life and enjoy the companionship formed years ago on campus.

The cookout at Concordia Park on Saturday evening attracted many alumni where reminiscing and catching up on life since St. Paul college and high school days were the topics of conversation. The evening concluded with a vesper service in the campus chapel. Former president of St. Paul's College, Dr. Walter Rosin, delivered the vesper message.

The headquarters for the reunion was the renovated Biltz Hall which has sleeping rooms and conference rooms where meals were served.

Homecoming | October 2-5, 2008

Thursday

Volleyball vs Windsor | Bonfire and rally

Friday

Football vs Northwest | World party in the annex

Saturday

Cross Country at SPLHS | Soccer vs Missouri Military

From the Alumni Association President



Rev. Mark Nebel

We learned that the position of Alumni Coordinator no longer will be funded by Saint Paul Lutheran High School after June 30. This development caused concern for our Alumni Association Board of Directors. They asked me to write a letter to the Board of Trustees to express our concern. The following is part of the letter that I addressed to Mr. Ed Brickner, chairman of that board, on April 14:

“We are very concerned about the potential loss of this position. We believe that having an Alumni Coordinator is a great blessing both for the school and its alumni. I have served on the alumni board of directors for sixteen years. The first half of that time there was no alumni coordinator. For the last eight years, Walter Loeber has filled that position. There has been a noticeable, even remarkable, improvement since then in the contacts that the school has with alumni, that alumni have with the school, and that alumni have with one another. One piece of evidence in support of this is the number of class reunions that have taken place over the last few years. These gatherings are not only good for the alumni involved, but they also benefit the school in public relations, recruitment and funding.”

“When the Alumni Coordinator position was established, our alumni board of directors voted to support the funding of it. The figure we pledged was \$15,000 a year for three years. I was treasurer of the board at that time and emphasized that this was an amount we could not achieve at first. I had hoped that we could do so over time. We were assured that the school valued this position as well and would make up the difference in funding for the Alumni Coordinator. Admittedly, the Alumni Association has not covered the entire cost of this position (\$12,000 a year is what we are told). My records indicate that we have contributed roughly \$17,000 to the school over the last three years to fund this position. Considering what is left for the school to supply, we believe that Saint Paul gets tremendous “bang for the buck” from staffing and funding a part-time Alumni Coordinator.”

While the school will no longer help pay a salary for the position, it will continue to provide office space and supplies for the Alumni Coordinator. Walt Loeber has agreed to continue filling this position. We are grateful to both the school and to Walt in making this a feasible position. The Alumni Association will continue to fund this position with as much money as we receive in contributions from you, our alumni, for the Alumni Coordinator. Please consider this need and the fine work that Walt is doing for us when you are asked to support the Saint Paul Alumni Association.

May God bless and keep you in His care.

Alumni Jottings

(To share information about yourself in the next news-letter (mid-October) use the top half of page 5 and send it to the alumni coordinator along with your contribution.)

SPC '38 **Paul G. Kiehl, Chesterfield, Missouri**, died December 7, 2007, in Huntsville, Alabama. He served Grace Lutheran Church in Bellefontaine Neighbors, Missouri.

SPCH '40, SPC '42 **Harlen Wendler, Springfield, Illinois**, writes, “Attended a ‘Winkel’ circuit conference and met a pastor I confirmed in 1964 in Addison, Illinois. He has a very active layman in his church at Sherman, Illinois, whom I confirmed at Harvel, Illinois, in 1951. I met a lady in the Senior Citizen village complex where I live to whom I was pastor in the 1960s. Small world!”

SPC '42 **Eugene Heckmann, Houston, Texas**, died December 2, 2007, in Houston. He had served Texas congregations in Orange and Houston.

SPCH '55, SPC '57 **Walter Stuenkel, Topeka, Kansas**, died February 2, 2008, in Topeka.

SPCH '56 **Herb Harfst, Richmond, Virginia**, writes, “I was blown away by the two, not one, but two articles in the April issues of *The Lutheran Witness*!! It was really great to see you guys shine!! Pass my congratulations to everybody. I was so impressed that I called CPH and got twenty copies of the magazine and mailed them out to everyone in our class. I was convinced that there were quite a few that didn't get the *Witness* and I wanted them all to see the articles.”

SPCH '70 **William H. Pope, San Antonio, Texas**, now Captain U.S. Army, retired, was recently awarded the Vietnam War Medallion by the State of Missouri for serving in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War era. Created by the Missouri Legislature in 2006, the Vietnam War award consists of a medal, medallion, and certificate. Pope also serves as a major in the Texas State Guard.

SPCH '80, SPC '81 **Kay Althage Olsen, San Antonio, Texas**, and her husband Bill are happy to announce their son, Matthew, is now (July 2, 2008) attending the United States Naval Academy as a member of the class of 2012. Matthew graduated from Lutheran High School of San Antonio on May 24, 2008.

SPLHS '04 **Hilary Dohrman Barnett, Sedalia, Missouri**, married Thomas Barnett of Kansas City on June 21, 2008, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Emma. She works for Inter-state Studio and Publishing Company as Marketing and Design Coordinator.

SPLHS '04 **Annie Hinck, Concordia**, graduated in May with high distinction from Concordia University at Seward with a bachelor of science in education. She has accepted the call to teach third grade at Bethany Lutheran School in Morton, Illinois.

SPLHS '04 **Janna L. Virus, Concordia**, graduated in May from Concordia University at Seward with a bachelor of science in education. She will teach kindergarten at Our Savior Lutheran School in Houston, Texas.

SPLHS '04 **Adam Petersen, Kansas City, Missouri**, graduated in May from University of Missouri, Kansas City School of Biological Sciences, with a bachelor of science degree in biology. He plans to continue his education at a dental school.

2008 Alumni Scholarship Recipients

The annual alumni scholarships are awarded at the end of the their junior year to the first and second ranking children of Saint Paul alumni. The scholarships are credited towards tuition for their senior year.



The 2008 first place alumni scholarship of \$500 was awarded to Gideon Pullmann, son of Arlo and Nanette Groene Pullmann of Laurel, Montana, where Arlo is the pastor of St. John Lutheran Church. Arlo and Nanette both graduated from SPCH in 1980 and from SPC in 1981. Gideon was involved with soccer and basketball and was on the academic team. He was the junior class president and will be the senior class president. His career goal is to be a history teacher.

The second place \$300 scholarship was awarded to Josh Grass, son of Larry and Grace Grass of Emma, Missouri. Larry graduated from SPC in 1972 and is a teacher at St. Paul's Lutheran School in Concordia. Josh was a member of the Saints baseball team, and the Athletic Life Committee, and attended Missouri Boys State in June. His career goal is to become an LCMS pastor.



Both award recipients and their parents thank you for the scholarships provided by Saint Paul alumni donations.

From the Pen of the Executive Director



Rev. Paul M. Mehl

In this 125th academic year we had the opportunity to look back and review the multitude of God's blessings that have touched the lives of several generations of students. In the process it came to our attention that we have had a couple of instructors who have given their entire ministry to the church here at Saint Paul. The instructor with the longest tenure was the Rev. Prof. August Schoede who, at the age of 24, was the third instructor hired at this school. He served from 1888 until 1940 for a total of 54 years.

Rev. Prof. August Schoede

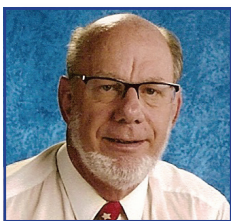
Only two other men have taught here for 40 years or more: Mr. Richard Gove (1964-2005) and Mr. William Gasau (1968-present). Several others have offered their service for nearly that long (Rev. Dr. Norman Gienapp, 1944-1981, Dr. Earl Fuhrmann, 1952-1988, and Mr. Larry Laubenstein, 1970-present). Their longevity brings perspective and continuity to Saint Paul.

The (very) old guard would talk about Schoede, Lobeck, Weis and Spitz. The postwar boys would speak of Gienapp, (Wilbert) Rosin and Fuhrmann. The Boomers have Baacke, Ommen, Mueller, Kurth and Carlton, but also Gienapp and Fuhrmann.



Mr. Richard Gove

Gove, Gasau, and Laubenstein taught for more than a decade with men who had been here since the 40's and 50's. They knew what it was like to transition from an all-boys school to a co-ed institution. They went through the heartache of closing the college department and the loss of friends and colleagues. They also helped us introduce Saint Paul Lutheran High School to the 21st century with a global outreach to over a dozen different countries.



Mr. William Gasau

I do not imagine that this is any sort of accident. Many of us who pray for God's direction for this place are also enabled to see that our Lord's hand is always at work. As the mission fields open up in various areas of the world, we see international students from those areas preparing themselves to be workers in the Kingdom of God. We are finding that this 125-year-old school which prepared young men and women for ministry in the U.S. also reaches across the ponds into the global mission field.

One can debate the demise of the "synodical gymnasium system," the long apron strings of many of today's helicopter parents or any number of financial or sociological issues that keep domestic Lutheran families from sending their students here, but God always has a plan. The Paul for whom this school was named once told the religious groups who were rejecting him, "Behold, we will turn to the Gentiles!" The same instructors who taught many district presidents, college and seminary professors, pastors, missionaries and teachers are today teaching the likes of Sung Hyun Joo (Myanmar/Korea), Ngan Thi Kim Nguyen (Vietnam), Egle Juozaityte (Lithuania), Esther Johnson (Liberia) and Natsuki Kitamura (Japan) as well as Gideon Pullman (Montana), Kaitlin Maves (Kentucky) and Adam Faulstich (Sedalia, Missouri). They are all still "sons who do the Master's bidding."

Phone number for alumni coordinator
is 660-463-2238, ext. 317.
Please note the extension number.

Alumni Phone Brigade a Success

Although our alumni phone brigade is not altogether complete, it is moving along smoothly. Completed class lists are arriving in the development office each week. It has been an exciting experience to reunite so many classes by phone. This type of phone brigade is a first for Saint Paul. Thanks to the tireless efforts of many of our alumni, we not only have reconnected with our alumni but have raised \$6,000. The amount continues to climb.

You may not have received a phone call yet. Rest assured you should be contacted, so you may look forward to getting reacquainted with fellow alumni in the coming months.

This brigade has brought financial support for our school and has supplied updated information on our alumni listings for our database. In the future, the efforts of this brigade will enhance communication.

Saints Golf Classic Coming in August

The fifth annual Saints Golf Classic will be Saturday, August 23, beginning at 8:30 a.m. All proceeds from the event benefits the Saints athletic department.

The tournament is a four-man bogey friendly scramble. The cost is \$275 per foursome. Sponsorship opportunities also exist. Registration forms are on-line at splhs.org.

The first 22 foursomes are guaranteed a spot. Register as soon as possible. For more information email athletic director Monte Pitsch at montepitsch@yahoo.com or call 660-463-2238, ext. 611.

For more information on

- * alumni in the military
- * reunions in the planning
- * other information and stories

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then on the left side, click on ALUMNI UPDATES

Who was your favorite teacher ?

With a 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. The teacher who receives the greatest number of votes will have his/her picture prominently displayed in Biltz Hall for the coming year and be identified as being the teacher honored by the alumni for that year.

Opening of the 2008-2009 Academic School Year

Sunday, August 17, 2008

2:00 p.m.

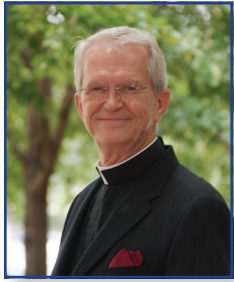
St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Concordia

Preacher: Rev. James Dahlke

Religion teacher at SPLHS and pastor at
St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Ernestville

Hempelmann Retires; continues to

write and lecture



Dr. L. Dean Hempelman (SPCH '57, SPC '59) retired last October after eight years as executive director of the Synod's Board for Pastoral Education. In his retirement, he has not forgotten SPCH and SPC as is evidenced from an article he wrote for pastoral education and is reprinted below.

Hempelmann served from 1993 to 1999 as the third president of Concordia Lutheran Seminary in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, leading the seminary to full academic accreditation.

Prior to that, he served Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, in a variety of positions, including acting president and academic dean, and has been pastor of congregations in Selah, Wash.; Salem, Ore.; and Affton, Mo.

Hempelmann is currently writing a commentary on the pastoral epistles. He has been lecturing in various places including South Africa. The following article, authored by Hempelman, appeared in the January 2008 issue of The Reporter.

Spiritual Formation: Shaped in the home, congregations, school

You hear people speak of their high school reunions, but when it's yours, it especially gets your attention if it's the 50th. Can you imagine? It happened to me! The fiftieth — which looks better written in a word than a number! It brought us back to the campus from whence we graduated — Saint Paul's High School in Concordia, Mo.

A surprising number of alumni returned to visit for the weekend, and what we discovered, to our surprise, is that our spiritual life was firmly established and nurtured while we studied there. It has continued to today.



The SPCH class of 1957 in front of Biltz Hall, from left: front, Dennis Stewart, David Callies, Walter Anderson, John Hannah; back, James Brackman, Glenn Bracht, Neil Sandfort, Arnold Voigt, Paul Bruder, L. Dean Hempelmann, Louis Reith.

One of our professors was there with us. I asked whether the faculty in those years discussed or made plans for our spiritual growth. He said as far as he could remember the topic never came up.

Our weekend discussion highlighted that we were first nurtured in our homes, by our parents, together with the pastor of our congregation. My parents had family devotions every night at nine o'clock in our farmhouse. My sister, the oldest child, actually had to return home for devotion if she was on a date. She could leave again, but this was what it meant to have our feet under our father's table.

There were three steps to devotion: a Bible reading, a Portals of Prayer reading, and a prayer read from the black CPH prayer book that literally had pages falling out. Devotions, spiritual conversation in the field while working or doing chores at night, going to church and school — all of these built the foundation of our spiritual formation.

The Christian day school also contributed mightily to our spiritual growth. We were taught the faith. We worshipped every day. We lived what we believed. And when we didn't, the practice of confession and absolution was in place. Confirmation class was a real plus — memorizing Bible verses, the catechism, and answering questions. And what was begun in grade school was continued in our Synod high school, college, and seminary.

All four levels of school contributed in specific ways to our spiritual growth. I remember teachers, their examples, their stories, and their encouraging words. Spiritual growth was happening, and we often didn't even know it.

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What we learned continued to be applied to life as we entered our life's vocation. We read the Word regularly. We were nourished by those who supplied devotional material, vibrant worship, and classrooms that reverberated with spiritual conversations. Finally, now, we came to realize at our reunion what a wonderful gift of spiritual heritage our church gave us. Thanks to The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod! Thanks be to God!

Spiritual formation commences in the home, continues in the local congregation, and culminates in centers of higher education. As a church, we need to provide guidance to parents by showing them how to live in this era with spiritually upright lifestyles. Each congregation needs to continue to take seriously the charge to all baptized members to pray for others, to offer instruction in the faith, to provide for the preaching and teaching of the Word, and to see that the sacraments are offered and received.

Congregation members are to be examples to one another of the holy life of faith in Christ and love one another even as Christ has loved us. My confirmation verse reminds me of why our schools are crucial to help our brothers and sisters in Christ grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ (2 Peter 3:18).

And when we talk about pastors in preparation and their spiritual formation, it surely can be seen that the home, congregations, pastors, and the church's schools all help to form a pastoral character in candidates — ones who pray, believe, and confess Christ and the cross — and to shape attitudes that lead them to see people as God's precious ones. The church seeks men whose faith in Jesus Christ is nourished regularly by the Word and sacraments in public worship and by a disciplined devotional life.

God's PEACE to you!

Little Blue Jug Award

The Little Blue Jug award is given each year to that class which contributed the greatest number of dollars to the Saint Paul Alumni Association. This year the award was won by the high school class of 1949 with total contributions of \$2,060.

Historically the Little Blue Jug was awarded each fall at homecoming to either the alumni, the students, or the faculty, depending on who had the winning record for the athletic contests of the weekend. The jug with an awards plaque will be displayed in Biltz Hall.

Keep Us Posted!

We want to hear from you! Do you have a new address?
Is there any information about yourself that you wish to pass on to your classmates in "Alumni Jottings?"

Alumnus(a) _____

Year of graduation: (HS) _____ (C) _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

What's new with you? _____

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Three faculty leave; three arrive

With the close of the 125th academic year, three faculty members concluded their ministry at Saint Paul Lutheran High.

Dianne Hinz arrived in 2002 and served as dorm counselor for Moeller (girls) dorm. She also taught Intro to Sociology. In July and August she will be at the Ysleta Lutheran Mission in El Paso, Texas, and then travel to Wisconsin to be close to family.

Carl Williams also arrived in 2002 and has taught physical science, biology, anatomy and physiology, botany, chemistry and physics. He was the assistant basketball coach for the boys, coached girls softball and handled cross country. The Williams family will move to Chariton, Iowa. Carl will teach earth science at Chariton High and biology at Osceola High. He will also be the assistant basketball coach at Chariton High.

Rev. Howard Shane joined the faculty in 2005 as religion instructor and Dean of Chapel. He is retiring and has moved to Sioux Falls, South Dakota, where he will serve as visitation pastor at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church.

SPLHS staff additions

Arriving from Spring, Texas, is Jacob Mooney. He will teach physical science, biology, anatomy and physiology. Before coming to SPLHS he taught sciences at Trinity Lutheran School in Spring. Mooney is a graduate of Concordia University, Mequon. His wife's name is Erin.

Rachel Rust returns to her alma mater. Having lived in Moeller Hall as a student (SPLHS '00), she will now be the resident counselor. Her first three years of college were at Florida Gulf Coast University, and for her final year she transferred to Oakland City University in Bedford, Indiana. She earned a B.S. in Business Administration, majoring in marketing and management. She has been working for her father in the family-owned Rust Construction Company in Seymour, Indiana.

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Faculty member to receive my vote:

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The new religion instructor and Dean of Chapel is Rev. William Heine, from Immanuel Lutheran Church in Sheridan, Wyoming. He graduated from the St. Louis Seminary in 1986. In addition to his pastoral ministry, he served as Wyoming District Education Executive. His wife's name is Melinda. Their daughter Sue, the youngest of four children, is a 2005 graduate of SPLHS.

Educator award given to alumnus



The 2008 LEA Christus Magister award has been presented to alumnus Neil Sandfort, SPCH '57 and SPC '59. In 2003 he was honored as Outstanding Lutheran Educator by the Nebraska District Teachers Conference.

Pictured is the Strengthening Schools and Congregations Team H. Team members are, from left: Rev. Howard Shane, Mrs. Joan Weinberger and Neil Sandfort.

Sandfort is retired, but is part-time student teaching supervisor for Concordia University Nebraska, Strengthening Schools and Congregations consultant for the LCMS School Ministry Department, and author of a weekly devotion on the Lutheran School Portal.

In pre-retirement years, Sandfort was administrative assistant to the president of the Nebraska District LCMS in Education and Youth Ministry and principal/teacher at Calvary Lutheran School in Kansas City and also at Immanuel, Rolla.

"My greatest joy in ministry continues to be equipping God's saints for ministry." This is evidenced in Sandfort's personal mission statement and his life as an educator. "It is my mission to equip the saints for ministry and for eternity by teaching them to know, love and serve Jesus Christ using the gifts He has given them."

William Gasau Reaches Milestone 40 Years at SPCH and SPLHS



William Gasau directs the alumni choir at the All-School reunion banquet. All but four participants had been members of the Singing Saints.

With a BS in Secondary Education, he accepted the call to SPCH to be the director of the combined high school and college band. In 1975 he received his MS in Music Education from Missouri University.

Once on campus, he was asked to direct the Boys Glee Club. In 1968 girls were admitted to the high school and “they wanted to be in the Boys Glee Club,” recalls Gasau. The Singing Saints were born. During these 40 years, Gasau has annually molded sixty voices into a unique sound, covered 30 states on tours, and directed over 1,000 concerts.

If you graduated between 1966 and 2008, the name Bill Gasau is familiar. For most alumni his name is associated with the Singing Saints.

With the 2007-08 academic year, Gasau completed 40 years in the teaching ministry, all at SPCH and SPLHS. From 1964-66, he was an SPC student. He completed his education at Concordia, Seward in 1968.

Gasau has seen quite a transformation at the school over the last third of the school's history. As a student at the co-ed college, only boys were admitted to the high school. Six girls were admitted in 1968. In the 70's, the combined enrollment reached 400. In 1986, the college department closed and synod's only boarding high school remained.

Gasau reminisced, “I've seen the complexion of the student body change — only boys in the high school, then girls admitted. All students were Americans and Lutheran. Now the student body has a mixture of international students among whom are non-Lutherans.”

One of the biggest choir challenges, according to Gasau, “is to teach the international students the correct vowel sounds and pronunciation.”

Over these 40 years, Gasau has taught government, American history, world history, church history, New Testament, music theory, and music appreciation.

His first “1” state rating was in 1970 with the Boys Glee Club. From 1975-1993 the Singing Saints enjoyed 19 consecutive “1” ratings. Four times Gasau and his Singing Saints were selected to perform at the Missouri Music Teachers Convention. In 1989, both the choir and band performed, the only time a 1A school band and choir were selected to perform at the Missouri Music Teachers Convention. Twice Gasau took his choirs to be a part of a mass choir at Carnegie Hall in New York.

For 38 years Gasau has been married “to the love of my life,” Linda Greder. The Gasaus have been blessed with four children: Kristen, Melissa, Nicholas, and AnnaLisa, and eight grandchildren.

Looking back over 40 years at SPCH and SPLHS, Gasau remarked, “In 1968, I was called to St. Paul's. I have always believed this is where God wants me to be and teaching is what He wants me to do.”