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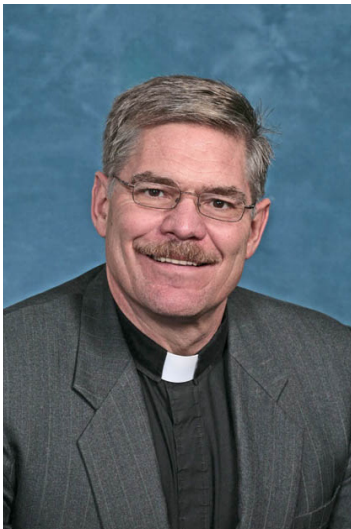
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Alumni Elected to LCMS Leadership Roles



Four alumni were elected to offices at the July 2010 convention of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

John Wohlrahe (SPCH '71), was elected second vice president of the synod. In 2007, he was elected third vice president.

After his SPCH graduation John attended Valparaiso University to study civil engineering. In 1973 he entered the U.S. Navy, and after basic training in San Diego, he served on the U.S.S. Kennedy. It was during a deployment to the Mediterranean that he decided to study for the ministry.

Following his discharge from active duty in 1976, John continued his education at Concordia College, Ann Arbor, Mich. He then attended Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. He vicared at Zion Lutheran Church, Anchorage, Alaska (1979-80), where he also met his future wife, Julie Ann nee Schulz Wohlrahe. The couple has three children. *Continued on page 11.*

From the SPAA President...



WE DID IT!

I'm sure you've noticed if you're reading this. But we did it! We made the switch to a completely online version of the SPAA Newsletter. And what a great switch it has been!

Due to our desire to be able to expand the information we could share, while keeping costs down, we have put our entire newsletter online. Because of this switch, we are able to publish more articles, use many more pictures — in their full-color format — and publish all alumni jottings that are sent to us.

What do you think? Are you enjoying the new format? Are you appreciating the pictures we're able to publish? Have you encouraged other alums in your life to check out the newsletter online? If you know anyone unable to check the newsletter online, have you encouraged him/her to contact the alumni office for an alternative? Let us know!

We hope you do like the change. And we hope you'll send us ideas for articles, as well as alumni jottings about you for inclusion in the next newsletter. Let us know — call us at 660-463-2238, ext 317, or e-mail us at splhsalumni@yahoo.com.

Because being connected is what we want to be!

Because of Him!

Beth (Royuk) Pester (SPLHS '92)

(This is Beth's final article as SPAA president. She has completed her term on the SPAA Board of Directors. We thank her for her commitment as a board member and as president of the board.)

SPAA Officers Elected



Sara Rotermund Larsen (SPLHS '94) was elected president of SPAA at the October 2 board meeting. She had been serving as vice president.



Mark Nebel (SPCH '82, SPC '83), Red Bud, Ill., was elected secretary.



Russell Kruse (SPCH '80, SPC '81), who was serving as secretary, was elected vice president.



Markus Reinke (SPCH '60) continues as treasurer.

Continuing to serve on the SPAA board are Leonard Goldammer (SPCH '56), Kansas City; Alvin Lange (SPCH '55, SPC '57), Jefferson City; Peter Lange (SPLHS '87), Eldon; Judy Marshall (SPC '72), Concordia; Curt Nierman (SPLHS '91), Lincoln, Neb.; Ed Nierman (SPCH '59), Concordia; Lambert Runge (SPCH '49), Lee's Summit; and Sam Ziegelbein (SPLHS '03), Lohman.

Concluding their terms were Beth Pester, (SPLHS '92) Seward, Neb.; Nikol Ziegelbein Wendt (SPLHS '97), Rapid City, S.D.; and Don Nordmeyer (SPCH '52, SPC '54), Wentzville.

From the Executive Director... Weis Gymnasium



On November 7, 1959, Moeller Dorm and Weis Gymnasium were dedicated as the campus began to sprawl out toward the east into the old Stuenkel farm. Since the 1920s Kaeppel Hall had served as the school's only indoor athletic building. Prior to that the boys had to play

outside, sometimes having to shovel snow from basketball courts in the winter.

The new gym cost \$300,000 in 1959 and boasted a collegiate-sized basketball court, seating for 912 on wooden roll away bleachers, and locker room facilities for 400 males and 200 females (the high school department didn't enroll girls until 1968). It was heated by the same campus steam system that warmed most of the other buildings on campus.



Red doors were removed and replaced with glass doors to enhance the entrance.

This past year we were blessed with an estate donation which was used to update our 50-year-old gymnasium. Most of the original plumbing was done with galvanized pipe which, over the years, corroded to the point that it was unusable. All of the plumbing has been replaced with automatic faucets

for the sinks, lavatories, etc. The old steam heating system had been replaced by new HVAC six years ago, so much of the old steam piping was also removed.

The foyer of the gym was enlarged by taking out the office and moving it into the old classroom/weight room. We also made room for the Saints Store, re-tiled the floor and ceiling, repainted the walls and doors and installed new glass entry doors. The entry is now brighter, bigger, and more welcoming.



The area pictured above is to the left as you enter the foyer of the gym. It is an open area where people can gather to visit or wait for others to arrive. The athletic director's new office is to the west.

Can more be done to update Weis Gymnasium? Of course! Just about all of our buildings have plans for improvement — but we also have to be cost conscious, especially during these difficult times. The goal, of course, is not to have nice buildings but to have adequate facilities for our students to work and live in.

Weis Gymnasium has served this campus well for sporting events, physical education classes and many a late night open gym. With the new upgrade we pray that it continues to fulfill its purpose for years to come.

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

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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.)

SPC '40, Theodore Michalk, Giddings, Texas, writes, "God willing I hope to celebrate my 90th birthday on Sept. 24, 2010. I served as missionary in India, then as pastor in Evansville, Ill. Upon retirement moved to Giddings where my parents (Pastor and Mrs. A.F. Michalk) were living and needed help. Because of age, this may be our last opportunity to contribute."

SPCH '40, SPC '42, Harlan Wendler, Springfield, Ill., and his wife Dorothy celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary on June 23rd.



SPCH '43, Harry Hoth, Colorado Springs, Colo., shares a photo of his class. Harry is the one in the center wearing the hat. He joined the Marine Corps after graduation. Later he entered the radio and television business in Colorado.

SPCH '47, SPC '49, James A. Lange, St. Charles, writes, "My wife Grace and I are enjoying life at Breeze Park, a senior living facility in Saint Charles County. Fellow SPC alumnus Reuben Stohs and his wife Jane are our neighbors. We appreciate them."

SPCH '49, SPC '51, Carl C. Reiter, San Antonio, Texas, writes, "I conducted the marriage of my grandson, William Johnson (home from Iraq), on Aug. 21 in Port Angeles, Wash. Since we were that far north, my wife and I took a cruise to Alaska."

SPCH '54, Marvin Frerking, Robins, Iowa, writes, "I've been retired 14 years from electronics with Rockwell/Collins. I'm active in church and trying to find a publisher for a Christian book I've written. I also work on electronics as a business/hobby in my basement."

SPCH '55, SPC '57, Alvin Lange, Jefferson City, writes, "On August 15 the congregation that I have been serving since 1980 had a retirement celebration to mark my 47 years of pastoral ministry since my ordination in 1973. My wife (Sylvia Schutte Lange, SPC '60) and I plan to continue to live in our home in Jefferson City and worship with our congregational family at Faith Lutheran Church."

SPCH '55, SPC '57, Elmer Reuscher, Sanford, Fla., writes, "My wife Joyce and I will celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary in November. I retired from the parish ministry, but continue to teach (adjunct faculty) at Seminole State College of Florida."

SPCH '56, SPC '58, Lee Schluckebier, Seward, Neb., writes, "I am retired as Professor of Education from Concordia University Nebraska. Since 2006 I have been serving as project director for the development of a new university, The Lutheran University of Papua New Guinea in Lae Papua New Guinea."



SPCH '58, SPC '60, Alan Harre, Staplehurst, Neb., former president of Valparaiso University, received the Distinguished Alumnus Award from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, at the May 21 commencement exercises.

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SPC '58, Henry Rowold and Phyllis Miller Rowold, St. Louis, along with five other veteran missionary couples, made a presentation to the recent LCMS convention, marking 42 years of service among Chinese people. Henry recently retired from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, having taught missions and Old Testament.

SPCH '59, SPC '61, John and SPC '61 Eileen Knobloch Frerking, North Palm Beach, Fla., write, "In March 2010, we enjoyed a trip to Egypt (Nile River cruise), Mt. Sinai (St. Catherine's monastery), Petra, Arauin (Jordan), Amman, Jerash (in Jordan), Damascus, Aleppo, Palmyra (in Syria), and Baalbek, Lebanon.

"Then in July we went to Jerusalem to celebrate the 50th anniversary of some special friends. Following this we went to Spain. Our travels included Pamplona for the running of the bulls, San Sebastian for swimming at their beautiful beach, Burgos and Leon to see the cathedrals, and then we joined a group to walk the last 110 miles of the Camino de Santiago, an ancient pilgrimage route to the city of Santiago de Compostelo. We walked an average of 12 miles per day. Wonderful trip."

SPC '59, Jane Hemminghaus Judge Lane, Edwardsville, Ill., writes, "Following graduation, my teaching career covered about 15 years, raised four children, served 12 years on the Unit 10 Collinsville, Ill., school board, and participated in two Kiwanis Clubs, a downtown revitalization organization, and am now retired from running an office products and business forms printing company. I travel with my husband Rocky Lane and keep up a lovely home with a lake-front view. God has truly blessed us."

SPCH '60, John Roock, Bluffton, S.C., writes, "Had a great time renewing friendships at the 50th reunion."

SPCH '60, SPC '62, Don Kirchhoff and Jane Masek Kirchhoff, Ann Arbor, Mich., write, "In 2008 we retired from full-time ministry. Don served 40 years at his first call, Mt. Olive in Miami, Okla. Jane served 25 years teaching in the church's preschool. We moved to Ann Arbor to be near one of our sons and his family. The other son and his family live in Tulsa. We have five grandchildren, one of whom has lung damage and will be on a ventilator for several years. Don is serving part-time as assistant pastor at Christ our King, Saline, Mich. We enjoyed the 50th high school reunion this past May."

SPCH '62, Paul Beckgerd, Mt. Vernon, Ind., is retired and enjoys his family, and still enjoys the St. Louis Cardinals baseball team.

SPCH '62, SPC '64, Norbert Firneheber is pastor of Triumphant Love Lutheran Church in Austin, TX. His wife, **SPC '65, Geanie Brockman Firneheber,** is a marriage and family therapist. "We met at SPC 46 years ago — one of the best decisions."

SPCH '63, SPC '65, Gary Galen, Troy, Ill., retired from the parish ministry June 30, 2009, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Edwardsville. "I keep connected with lots of alumni in the Southern Illinois District."

SPC '63, Christine Millies Jennison, Sanford, Fla., writes, "I have retired from teaching so now I can really get to work."

SPC '64, Edwin Rumerfield, Lebanon, Ore., informs us he is still pastor at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Lebanon.

SPC '68, Rachel Otto Markham, Anderson, Calif., writes, "After graduating from Concordia, Seward, I taught in three Lutheran schools, taught animal classes at the Los Angeles Zoo, adopted and homeschooled a daughter, traveled abroad, taught in the public school system and county adult education classes. Currently retired and living with my husband of 38 years in northern California."

SPCH '74, SPC '76, Sam McPeek, Lafayette, La., is working on his Ph.D. in rhetoric at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. "This is my last semester of course work. My dissertation will be on 'Religious Rhetoric and the Radio: A rhetoric examination of the sermons on The Lutheran Hour.' I am trying to pass a Latin proficiency exam. Somewhere Doreen Jabs is laughing at the idea, and Dr. Gienapp is saying, 'You've got to know...'"

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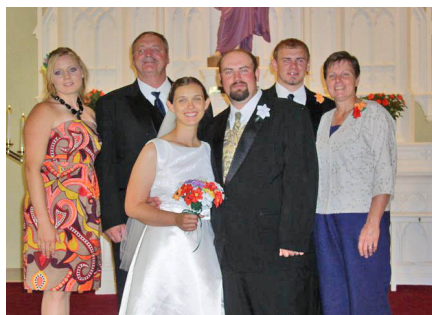
SPC '80, Ken Wesemann, Concordia, marked the 25th anniversary of his ordination with a special service arranged by the members of Shepherd of the Valley in Oak Grove. Ken, the Advancement Director at SPLHS, conducts the worship at Shepherd of the Valley on Sundays.

SPLHS '95, Elizabeth Brothers, Columbia, received her Masters Degree in Biology in 2009 from Southeast Missouri University in Cape Girardeau. She is now working for the U.S. Geological Survey in Columbia.

SPLHS '97, Nikol Ziegelbein Wendt, Rapid City, S.D., and her husband Trevor were blessed by the birth of their first daughter, Elliana Rose, on Aug. 20. The baby was baptized on Sept. 5th at Peace Lutheran Church in Rapid City.



SPLHS '00, Kimberly Dahl Schwartz, Clayton, N.C., graduated in Aug. 2009 with an A.A.S. in veterinary medical technology from Central Carolina Community College in Sanford. On April 8, 2010, "I gave birth to a beautiful baby girl named Hannah Elizabeth."



SPLHS '03, Levi Jaster, Concordia, and Emily Kramer, former art instructor at SPLHS, were married August 7 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, in Concordia. Levi and Emily live in Emporia, Kan.

SPLHS '06, Caleb Kruse, St. Louis, married Brittany Marris in St. Louis on June 12. Caleb has begun his first year at the seminary in St. Louis.



The seventh annual Saints Golf Tournament at the end of August was a great success, according to Monte Pitsch, SPLHS Athletic Director. Over \$8,000 was raised with over 100 golfers participating. Pictured above are the participating alumni.

In the seven-year history of the classic, over \$50,000 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.



John Rodewald (left; SPC '82), Mike Rodewald (center) and Ben Rodewald (SPCH '85), sons of Alfred (SPCH '44, SPC '46) and Ruth Rodewald, attended several of the recent World Cup soccer games in South Africa.

John and his two children of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and Ben of Kansas City were in South Africa primarily to visit Mike, his wife Cindy, and their three sons in Pretoria, South Africa. Mike is the Africa Regional Director for LCMS World Mission.

In Memoriam

SPCH '36, Elmer Griesse, Yakima, Wash., died May 15, 2010. He served as a missionary in India; parishes in Pocatello, Idaho; Battle Creek, Iowa; Tobias, Neb.; Natchez, Miss.

SPCH '38, Percy Ruppel, Dorsey, Ill., passed away earlier this year.

SPCH '42, Edward Tippin, Covington, La., died March 15, 2010. He served parishes in Sebring, Fla., and Metairie, La.

SPCH '47, Herbert Koenig, Perryville, Mo., died April 3, 2010.

SPCH '53, SPC '55, David Nickel, Lancaster, Pa., died March 25, 2010. He served parishes in Spring Valley, Ormiston, Coronach, Galilee, Saskatchewan, Canada; Scribner, Neb.; Alpena, Mich.

SPC '55, Eugene Bush, Bakersfield, Calif., died May 27, 2010. He served parishes in Sykeston and Fessenden, N.D.; Dubuque, Iowa; Lima, Ohio; Bakersfield, Calif.

SPCH '55, Quentin Wesselschmidt, Wildwood, Mo., died May 12, 2010. He served parishes in Hillsboro, Ill., and St. Louis. He was also a professor at the St. Louis seminary.



SPCH '71, Kathleen Reece Feistel, West Bend, Wis., died August 27, 2010. She was a 12th generation Mayflower descendant and the first graduate of Wisconsin Lutheran College in 1974 with an Associate in Arts Degree. She then graduated from Marion College with a

Bachelors Degree in Business Administration, and both a Bachelors Degree and Masters Degree in Holistic Nutrition from Clayton College. She was just shy of completing her Doctoral Degree in Holistic Nutrition from Clayton College. She also designed the curriculum and certification program for floral design in southeast Wisconsin.

Kathleen, through example, led many people to learn the way of Christ. She touched many people worldwide through her e-commerce web site www.thebetterhealthclub.com. She also devoted much time sharing ministry at both the Crisis Pregnancy Center in Hawaii and in various nursing home choirs. She also devoted time to providing a better life for orphans in Tanzania. She served at both the Wellspring Community Church in Hartford, and Kona Coast Chaplaincy in Kona, Hawaii.

After battling illness causing her to be bedridden, Kathleen was determined to and succeeded in bettering herself. She began researching nutrition and was so successful that she took the Wisconsin state title two years in a row in both the "dead lift" and "bench press" competitions. She not only enjoyed motorcycle rides and golfing, but she loved spending time with her family, especially with her grandson Jeremiah.

SPLHS '01, Sarah Schelp, Emma, Mo., died August 5, 2010. She was attending Northwest Missouri State University at Maryville, majoring in art education and was completing her degree. She lived her entire life in Emma, was a member of Holy Cross Lutheran Church, and an active member of the Concordia Community Theatre. Her two sisters, also graduates of SPLHS, are her twin Rebecca (SPLHS '01) and Abigail (SPLHS '06).



Delbert Rinne Doesn't Act His Age

Most people at age 89 are willing to sit back and take life a bit easy. Not Delbert Rinne (SPCH '39). Delbert is almost as active today at Heit's Point Lutheran Camp at the Lake of the Ozarks as he was during his 32 years as an AAL representative in the Marshall, Missouri, area.

"Delbert represents everything I want to be," stated Mark Nolte, executive director of Heit's Point Camp. "He is strong in his faith, compassionate with people, willing to help no matter what, and gives all credit to God."

If you come to Heit's Point for a conference, a family gathering, or just a few days of relaxation, you will meet Delbert, Mr. Congeniality. He will meet you, greet you, welcome you, secure wood for your bonfire, serve you dessert, and be sure you have everything you need for an enjoyable visit. He may even serve you some of his homemade wine and beer.



Delbert waits for his next camper. He is at every meal to make sure everyone has a dessert.

During his 89 years, Delbert has met people and assisted them with their insurance needs as an AAL representative. "That experience trained me to fulfill my ministry at Heit's Point," Delbert explained. "I

credit the Lord for my ability to meet and serve people."

In 2002 Delbert first came to Heit's Point as a volunteer, to put the roof on the Blunk bunkhouse. That experience opened the door for Delbert to be involved with the camp ministry.

Delbert was a volunteer who came to Heit's Point to put a roof on the Blunk bunkhouse.

In October 2002, Delbert moved to Heit's Point to serve as a resident

volunteer. In exchange for Delbert's activities at the camp, Heit's Point would provide him with lodging, utilities and meals.

Nestled in a wooded area of the camp is Delbert's four-room cabin. When he is not on duty, he can be found relaxing on his porch enjoying the sounds of nature.

In one of those relaxing moments he reflected on his SPCH days when he wanted to study for the ministry. "I couldn't handle the Greek. So I waited for the Lord to turn me in another direction. I'm happy the Lord could use me in my AAL work, but I'm very happy now that the Lord uses me at Heit's Point."



Delbert has not forgotten Saint Paul Lutheran High. He has set up a charitable gift annuity from which he receives an income, and "when the Lord takes me to heaven, then Saint Paul has the money. I thank the Lord I can do that."

Reflecting on the camp ministry, Delbert explained, "I believe in Heit's Point and its ministry." Seeing the ministry and being involved with it, Delbert conceived the idea of an inside facility for sports and other activities to be used especially in bad weather.

To back up his dream, Delbert has made a substantial gift to make the Delbert Rinne Pavilion a reality. His dream is coming true as construction has started. "We are a family camp for young people to senior citizens, and we need this facility to encourage people to come here," Delbert stressed.



Give Delbert his tractor, a chainsaw and four or five volunteers and he has heaven at Heit's Point.

"Delbert is the most giving, compassionate, gracious person I have ever known," commented Betty Nicolaisen, services director. "He touches the lives of so many people that come here. One question from people who come back year after year is, 'How is Delbert and will he be there when we are?' You can really see God's love through him."

Delbert has a host of duties and responsibilities, most of which he has taken upon himself. "No one can come to Heit's Point without being affected by Delbert," said Bill Buehle, chairman of the board of directors. "He is the inspiration for this place with his friendly welcome and open arms. He is a reflection of God's helping hands."

At a recent servant event, one of the attendees had just experienced the death of his grandfather. Delbert heard about this, sought out the boy, invited him to split wood with him, provided the boy with care, love and concern. The response: the boy has adopted Delbert as his grandfather.

Delbert was married to Arlene Wachter for 50 years. She died in March 2001. The Lord blessed the Rinnes with six children: four sons and twin daughters.

If you talk with Delbert, you will note there are two subjects on his mind: the Lord and Heit's Point.

After 41 Surgeries Tom Hudspeth Is on the Move

It has been four years since the life-changing event for Tom Hudspeth, SPCH '77, SPC '79. "Even though the doctors were betting their paychecks that I would not make it through that first night, my wife Cheryl told the doctors they did not know who they truly had in that room," Tom explained. Below is his story.

On May 12, 2006, I left my home enroute to a school district in northeast Kansas to provide a seminar on the school administration software that had been purchased from me.

At 6:42 a.m. I was heading north, about 40 miles from my home on US 69. There was a lot of road construction as they were making the two lane into a four lane highway all the way from Kansas City to the Oklahoma border. I was on a four lane section that was being funneled into a two lane section via a switchback. The road was exceptionally narrow and I was forced across the line by equipment. I collided head on with another vehicle.

I was in the larger of the two trucks and survived. The other driver did not. I finally found this out just prior to my eighth of 41 surgeries to put me back together. I remember nothing until a month after the accident. Questions were not getting the logical answer I so desperately needed to grasp what was going on.

The first surgery was eight hours and the doctors were betting their paychecks whether I would survive. They gave me less than a five percent chance to live. Cheryl told them that I was a fighter and do not count me out.

My right arm was amputated ten days after the accident due to a bile infection. My jaw was wired shut which meant I could not tell the nurses and doctors about my arm hurting severely. Finally I was able to write the word pain with my left hand. I had no feeling in my fingers so it made it hard to write.

I broke every bone in my body except my back. I chipped only three vertebrae which numbed my left hand. Pins and screws were put in my left hip, rods in both femurs and screws in my right heel. My lower left leg was pinned with 15 pins and held together by an external fixator. My left leg finally healed by July 2009 with multiple plates and screws. Airport security is always a lengthy process.

The worst part of the whole accident was dealing with having something to do with taking someone's life. I felt a

heavy weight for the longest time. I still receive counseling to help me deal with all the issues. I have asked the Lord for forgiveness for anything that was my fault, and have prayed many prayers for the family of the other driver.

Over two million dollars has been expended for my medical treatment. Fortunately for Cheryl and me this was a work related accident and was covered by Workers Compensation. The worst is having to go back to court every time I need additional treatment or any modifications to the home to make it easier for me to get around.

After four years my life is laid back and enjoyable. Due to the long-term disability insurance Cheryl urged me to take years ago, we live comfortably.



I continue to tinker around in my wood workshop, occasionally turning out a wooden baseball bat or building a new piece of furniture. I just opened my custom made/ designed online furniture store at www.TandDwoodworks.com.

Twice a month I participate in the Southeast Kansas Amputee Support Group to help fellow amputees and to counsel pre-amputee patients in area hospitals.

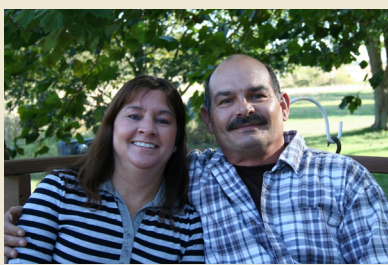
God has blessed most of us with two arms, hands, legs and feet to work the rest of our bodies. I have found through the use of prosthetics, technology allows the reconstruction of the human body. The Lord never promised a bed of roses for our journey through life, but He gave us the ability to make the best of what we have no matter what befalls us.

I thank my classmates, fellow alumni, faculty and staff at SPLHS for the prayers and kind thoughts expressed to me and my family over the past four years.

It's More than a Trailer Park to David Shaw

For 24 years David Shaw (SPCH '76), and his wife Linda, have owned and managed Oak Park Estates, a 17-acre manufactured home community in Grandville, Ill.

In the late 1970's, the first property purchased by David's father Robert Shaw, grandmother Susan Van Dyke and great aunt Jean Archer was Land-O-Lakes Mobile Home Park in Elkhorn, Wis. In 1984 they purchased Oak Park Estates. David and Linda have owned and managed the facility since 1987.



David and Linda are more than the owner and manager of the 103 spots in the trailer park. They are involved in the daily operations, and reach out with a concern for all the people, especially the children.

"We have a lot of single parents in the trailer park. Parents are off to work and many times the children have to shift for themselves." David takes a personal interest in these children. Many are without fathers.

"I find something for them to do. I establish a relationship with the children, listen to them, help them, and offer words of encouragement."

David has found that some kids have no self-respect. "They feel no one cares for them. When I sense this feeling, I do everything I can to help them achieve, learn and develop a skill."

Sam was such a boy. With nothing to do, he seemingly was going nowhere. David took him under his wing, offered to play some one-on-one basketball. Sam agreed, and David saw his skill, but it needed a lot of development. David worked with him, taught him everything he knew about basketball, and encouraged him. High school days approached. Trying out for the team was Sam, and one of the varsity players was Sam from Oak Park Estates.

David helped a young girl find herself, and develop self-respect, as he explained to her a positive life style. "What kids need is someone to take time for them, display an interest in their life." After the mom and daughter moved from the trailer park, David received a card from the young lady with the words, "Wish you were my dad."

"Maybe that's why the Lord led me to own and manage this trailer park, namely, to help young people." But David also finds adults need help. Some cannot make payments for their trailer space. "I won't turn them away or send a bill collector after them. I let them work at the grounds, doing maintenance work to pay for their rent."

The daily operations keep David and Linda on the move. "We maintain and repair most utility lines and grounds, mow, do the snow removal, and sell new and used homes. In addition, we do all the bookkeeping. It's like running a small town."



For David, it is a rewarding and at times frustrating business. "At the end of a day or week or month I look back and find gratification and satisfaction to see these children grow up and have a future, to have been a little help to a parent who is struggling to make ends meet."

When not working the business, David enjoys auctions, taking photos, and working in the garden with his two German shepherds.

Oak Park Estates is one of four properties owned by David and his brothers and sisters. Land-O-Lakes Trailer Park in Elkhorn, Wis., is managed by his sister Margaret Shaw. Scenic Ridge Camp Grounds in Whitewater, Wis., is managed by his twin sisters Julie Michaels and Michelle Hoeft. Brother Michael Shaw manages the Boat and Fishing Lodge at Lake Julianna in Auburdale, Fla.

David and Linda have two children, Apryl Stewart (28) and Ryan (26). Apryl and her husband Mike made them grandparents with McKenna Addison Stewart born August 26, 2010.

"As I look back to my days at SPCH, I see how classmates and other students along with the faculty had an effect on my life. Little did I realize that the Lord would use me to have an effect on the lives of others, children and adults. I thank the Lord for this opportunity."

Alumni Elected to LCMS Leadership Roles

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In September 1984, John returned to Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, having received the Walther Faculty Development Fellowship. In addition to his studies, he was a guest instructor at the seminary, a Naval Reserve Chaplain, and from 1986-87 was Assistant Director of Concordia Historical Institute. He was awarded the Doctor of Theology degree in May 1987, with a major in historical theology and a minor in systematic theology.

On August 7, 1987, John returned to active service in the U.S. Navy, and as a Navy chaplain served eight tours of duty. He retired from the U.S. Navy at the rank of captain with over 35 years of active and reserve service.

In addition to his part-time position as a vice president of the synod, John is the pastor of Concordia Lutheran Church in Geneseo, Ill.



Michael R. Lange, (SPCH '80, SPC '82), was elected to the Board for International Mission, West Region.

Michael is the son of Robert (SPCH '49, SPC '51) and Nancy Lange of Fenton. He is married to Kristi Peck Lange. They are the parents of four children.

Upon graduation from the St. Louis Seminary in 1988, Michael served Redeemer Lutheran Church in Wayzata, Minn., until 1994. From 1995 to 1997 he was Missionary-at-Large in Dixon and Brentwood, Calif., and since 1998 he has been pastor of Resurrection Lutheran Church in Brentwood. He is presently the senior pastor of the 300-member congregation.

Michael comments about his election, "My work as a Missionary-at-Large, my exposure to multiple ethnicities all through my life, and some of the areas that I have been privileged to serve over the past 22 years of pastoral ministry in our Synod, districts, and especially in the community have given me an excitement for serving on our International Mission Board."

Arlo Pullmann, (SPCH '80, SPC '81) was elected to the Commission on Theology and Church Relations.

Also attending and graduating from high school and college with Arlo was Nanette Groene who in 1983 became his wife. They are the parents of six children, all of whom have attended SPLHS. Naomi is their sixth child and her graduation next May will close the book on this Pullmann generation at SPLHS.



For the past 18 years Arlo has been pastor of St. John Lutheran Church in Laurel, Mont., 15 miles from Billings where he grew up. "Because of the proximity, a few members of the congregation knew me as a boy, taught me Sunday School, and had my father as their pastor. The parents of two other alumnae, Debra Vogel Farrar (SPCH '79) and Shelly Vogel Clemens (SPCH '82), are members of my congregation."

Arlo and his congregation have hosted the Singing Saints three times in the past ten years. The Pullmann children have been members of the touring choir.



Gregg Hein (SPCH '79, SPC '80) was elected to a second three-year term on the Board of Regents of Concordia University, St. Paul, Minn. He served as a lay delegate to the last three conventions.

He has lived in his home town of Billings, Mont., since 1998 when he returned to manage the family business, a wholesale heating and cooling distributorship. The business was recently sold to Gensco of Tacoma, Wash. Currently Gregg is employed by Gensco's Billings branch.

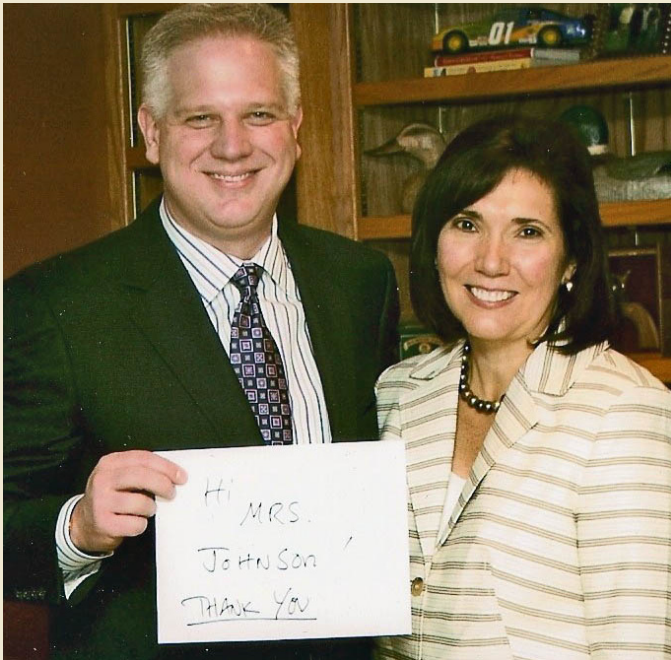
He and his wife, DeAnn, have six children, with five of them still at home. The family is closely involved with Mount Olive Lutheran Church and Mount Olive Lutheran School Classical Academy.

Almost Meeting Glenn Beck

For some people, when you have the opportunity to hear and possibly meet a person like Glenn Beck, you drop everything and go. But for Pat Bradshaw Johnson (SPC '62) that was not possible.

Pat was a third grade teacher at the Smithton elementary school. She retired from teaching 12 years ago. One of her former students, Sarah Gordon, now a pediatrician in Jefferson City, came to Sedalia to visit Pat and invite her to attend a meeting with Glenn Beck as the speaker.

Pat wanted to go as she is a big fan of Glenn Beck, but was unable to drop everything and go. Sarah went to hear Glenn Beck by herself and had the opportunity to personally meet and visit with Glenn Beck.



Sarah related she was happy to be present, but sad because her third grade teacher who is a big fan of his, was unable to come with her. Beck quickly wrote the words “Hi Mrs. Johnson Thank you.” on a piece of paper and held it up when their picture was taken. On her way home Sarah brought Pat the picture with the Glenn Beck greeting.



Pat has not forgotten her alma mater. With her artistic ability she designed the 125th anniversary banner for the school. Rev. Howard Shane (SPCH '62, SPC '64), her good friend since their days on campus, accepted the banner design by Pat.

Pat recalls her SPC days when Howard was in high school and she in college. “We developed a friendship, even like brother and sister. I used my artistic talents to make ‘Howie’ a wall hanging with his favorite Bible verse. He still has it framed and hanging on his wall. And now the banner I could design... well, I am blessed that the Lord has led me to find ways I can show praise and honor Him.”

Schoede, Gove, Gasau and Laubenstein Portraits Unveiled



Before the 2010 homecoming banquet, four portraits were unveiled in the north dining room (former student union) commemorating the forty years each of the men has contributed to the education at SPCH, SPC and SPLHS.



August Schoede came to St. Paul's Gymnasium in 1887 from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. He was 24 years old and arrived at St. Paul's as the second called professor. From January to August 1888, he was the only professor at the school. While Schoede taught every

subject in the curriculum, in later years he confined himself to mathematics, science, and German shorthand. He retired September 1, 1940, after having spent his entire career of 54 years at St. Paul's.

Richard Gove is an SPC '62 graduate; '64 from Concordia, River Forest. He was called to SPCH in 1964 where he taught physical education, drivers education, and history. He also taught psychology on the college level. He served as the school's athletic director, coached football, basketball, baseball and track, and was the school's principal for many years. In 1994 Principal Gove became Headmaster Gove as he led the school for 10 years.



William Gasau is a SPC '66 graduate; '68 from Concordia, Seward. He was called in 1968 to be an instructor of music and religion, but the bulk of his teaching would include band, choir, history and U.S. government. In the early '70s the SPCH choir began to take tours. Singing in the choir was a goal of many students who would be challenged with collegiate-level music, go on a tour during spring break. For several decades the members of Mr. Gasau's choir would receive a "1" rating at State contests.



Larry Laubenstein is a '70 graduate of Concordia, Seward. In 1970 he was called to SPCH as an instructor of German and literature. By the early '80's he was teaching college level courses in English and composition.

His first year of coaching football (1970) was under head coach Jesse Kunkel. When Jesse left football to work in development, Larry became the head football coach, a position he has held ever since. He has also led the track teams and has coached basketball and baseball.

Can You Identify?



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

Unfortunately no one identified Dan Bremmer, Anne Huey, Paul Gerike, and Dr. Earl Fuhrmann in the last newsletter. The year was 1976.



Athletic Field named Larry Laubenstein Field



At the conclusion of the recent 22-8 homecoming victory over Sweet Springs, the football team gathered at midfield. Coming out of the stands were former Saints football players who had played under head coach Larry Laubenstein. Monte Pitsch, SPLHS athletic director, presented Larry with a plaque and announced that the athletic field would now be named “Larry Laubenstein Field” in honor of his 40 years on the SPLHS faculty, 37 as head football coach. The alumni, with Coach Laubenstein, gathered at the sign which will be erected on the scoreboard.

Class of '49 Holds Reunion



Attending the reunion were, back row, left: Bob Strickert, Ellis Rottmann, Donald Balster, Donald Stenzel, Donald Pape, Marvin Rehkop; front row, left: Bob Lange, Lambert Runge, Harlan Becker, Paul Jilg, Ray Schnacke.

Eleven of the twenty-three still living class members of the SPCH Class of '49 gathered in Biltz Hall on July 25 and 26 to celebrate those years which bound them to one another and also to celebrate the journeys on which God had led them.

One of the spontaneous favorite activities was for those who once lived and studied in Biltz Hall to identify where their bedrooms and their study rooms were, for Biltz is no longer what it was then. Also of interest were the old campus pictures hanging in the hallways and in some of the rooms, the prominence of the "Little Blue Jug," and the many pictures of people from the 40's and 50's. Alumnus Ed Nierman and his helpers selected these pictures from the archives.

A catered banquet on Sunday evening was enhanced by Harlan and Carol Becker leading the group in a sing-a-long of songs popular in the 40's and 50's, and identifying melodies from that era as Carol played them. A lot of sharing was done. Wives shared how they first met their husbands and classmates shared remembrances of those who were not with us as well as of the professors we had. Ellis Rottmann closed the formal part of the evening by reminding us that all the "foolishness" which went on then at St. Paul's and which happened since has been redeemed by the blood of Jesus shed for our forgiveness.



Enjoying the evening, are left, Lambert Runge, Nita Runge, Bob Strickert, Eunice Stricket, Marvin Rehkop, Nancy Lange.

Monday morning Donald Balster led us in "Morning Prayer." After a short walking tour of the campus, Dr. Ken Wesemann, Director of Advancement for Saint Paul Lutheran High, led a discussion of the present status of the school and future plans and fielded numerous questions raised by the class members.

Following lunch Paul Jilg led a trivia contest relating to the high school years of 1945-49. Prizes were given and a lot of memories were shared. Robert Strickert concluded our time together with a brief service of thanksgiving and sending.

Throughout the two days lively interaction took place among the attendees as they caught up with one another's lives, remembered those events which bonded them together, and rejoiced in being brothers and sisters in Christ.

Attending were Donald and Marian Balster, Willowbrook, Ill.; Harlan and Carol Becker, Horicon, Wis.; Paul Jilg, Little Rock, Ark.; Robert and Nancy Lange, Fenton, Mo.; Donald and Betty Pape, Ft. Wayne, Ind.; Marvin Rehkop, Henderson, Nev.; Ellis and Joyce Rottmann, Manchester, Mo.; Lambert and Juanita Runge, Lee's Summit, Mo.; Raymond and Ruth Schnake, Effingham, Ill.; Donald Stenzel, Chesterfield, Mo.; and Robert and Eunice Strickert, Atlanta, Ga.

SPCH Class of 1980 Holds Reunion



The 30-year reunion of the SPCH class of 1980 was held Aug. 6-8 on the campus. Biltz Hall was the meeting, eating and sleeping headquarters. Included with the 17 class members present were spouses and children. A special guest was one of their instructors, Steve Fritzler.

Meals (including a banquet) and fellowship, a 5K walk/run at the athletic field, a picnic at Concordia (Southside) Park, and a tour of the campus were part of the reunion.

Pictures tell the story. See more by going to www.splhs.org, click on ALUMNI, then Alumni Updates, scroll down to Past Alumni Reunions. The photo at the left will appear. Click on the photo and see what the class did at their reunion.

Homecoming Score Board

Golf | Three Lady Saints earn sectional berths with their finishes at the Class 1, District 5 Tournament

Volleyball | Lady Saints over Lone Jack, straight sets, 25-14 and 25-17.

Football | Saints over Sweet Springs, 22-8

Cross Country | Lady Saints take first at SPLHS invitational

Soccer | Saints win Smith-Cotten Tournament

Volleyball | Lady Saints second in Warrensburg Tournament



Sara Larsen, SPAA president, designed and made the above display which portrays the work of the alumni office. The display was first used at the 2010 homecoming banquet.



A beard contest was held at the 2010 Concordia Fall Festival in celebration of the city's sesquicentennial.



Among the winners were alumni Orlyn Heimsoth (SPCH '65, SPC '67) for the best characterization (Robert E. Lee), and Chris Virus (SPCH '93) for the most unique. The overall champion was Chris Virus.

Photos furnished by The Concordian.

Vote for your favorite instructor

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.

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. Currently, a photo and bio of former Saint Paul teacher Emil Weis is on display in Biltz Hall.

SPLHS Christmas Concert

Concert Band and Singing Saints
Sunday, December 12 — 7:00 p.m.
St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Conversion of Saint Paul Day

The 4th Annual Day of Reflection
January 22, 2011

25th Annual Benefit Auction & Hog Roast

June 26, 2011

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

Singing Saints Tour Goes Southeast

The 2011 Singing Saints tour is scheduled
for March 11-20. Anyone interested in
hosting a concert in Kentucky, Tennessee,
South Carolina, Georgia, panhandle of
Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana,
Arkansas, or southern Missouri, contact
Bill Gasau at wgasau@splhs.org.

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 e-mail the alumni office at
splhsalumni@yahoo.com.

SPCH Class of 1956 — Herb Harfst, chairman of the
reunion committee, has begun planning for the 55th
anniversary reunion in 2011. The reunion will take place
on the Saint Paul campus, June 18-20. Herb may be
contacted at herbharfst@earthlink.net.

SPCH Class of 1961 — Their 50th anniversary will be
celebrated in conjunction with the graduation exercises
on May 20, 2010.

SPC Class of 1961 — The 50th anniversary class reunion will be
the weekend of June 24-26, 2011, in connection with the SPLHS
Hog Roast and Auction.

SPC Class of 1963 — The golden anniversary reunion will be
the last weekend in June 2013 on campus.

SPCH Class of 1966 — Plans are to have a class reunion
to celebrate the 45th anniversary in July of 2011. Bruce Wurde-
man is the contact person. He may be reached at [bruce.wurde-
man@lhm.org](mailto:bruce.wurde-
man@lhm.org); or 660 Mason Ridge Dr.,
St. Louis MO 63141; or 314-596-1131.

SPCH Class of 1968 — Dennis Meyer is leading the
planning for a reunion June 22-24, 2012, in Colorado Springs.
He may be reached at dmeyer6867@aol.com.

SPCH Class of 1971 — The 40th anniversary of the class will
be observed with a reunion on campus June 24-26, 2011. Mike
Flandermeyer is the contact person. He may be reached at
m71fland@sbcglobal.net; or 3010 Sherwood Lane, St. Charles
MO 63301, or 636-925-0126.

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.