

Huron Valley Lutheran High School:
Continuing to Grow in Christ

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“God’s Word is our great heritage, and shall be ours forever.”¹ These words echoed from room to room before bedtime in a small house in Wayne, Michigan during the early 1980s. It was a song that meant so much to a mother that she sang it as a lullaby to her four sons. She knew the song well because she learned it during her years as a student at Michigan Lutheran Seminary. She hoped that by singing these words her sons would not only be comforted by its content, but also moved to attend her alma mater when they grew up.

Out of those four sons, none of them attended Michigan Lutheran Seminary. But the words of that hymn never left their hearts during their high school years. While they didn’t experience the joy of attending one of our synod’s wonderful institutions, they were still able to dig into their great heritage everyday. They were still able to sing hymns, psalms, and spiritual songs with fellow Lutherans. They were still able to learn about creation as opposed to Darwinism, Bible dating versus carbon dating, and how to remember their baptisms. They were able to express their faith freely in school because they attended Huron Valley Lutheran High School in Westland, Michigan.

Huron Valley Lutheran High School is Born

In November 1972, a meeting was called at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Ann Arbor, Michigan by Wisconsin Synod Lutherans wishing to begin a Lutheran high school in the metropolitan Detroit area.² Huron Valley Lutheran High School, though only supported by individuals and not yet congregations, was born that day.

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² The Michigan District Forward in Christ Celebration Committee. *Michigan District History 1833-2000*. p. 340.

While holding classes in a rented building in nearby Wayne, Michigan, Huron Valley Lutheran began training future generations to grow in Christ. During this time, supporters of this school began searching for a site that Huron Valley could call its own. In December of 1977, the dreams of those Lutherans in the metropolitan Detroit area seemed to come true! 25 acres of land on Grains Lake in Ann Arbor was purchased. They now had a site; all they needed was a building. The growing number of students caused the association to move their students to a larger facility, yet they still didn't have enough money to build on the site at Grains Lake. Leasing from John Hill Junior High School in Inkster would have to suffice for the time being.³

Just as is true for many Wisconsin Synod congregations, Huron Valley soon began to realize their own monetary problems. While they owned the beautiful landscape of property in Ann Arbor, they seemed not to have the money to build there. Rather than wait any longer, the association decided to sell their property and buy an existing building. McKee School was purchased from the Wayne-Westland School District in October of 1984.⁴

Rev. Edward Zell, pastor at Darlington Lutheran Church in Ann Arbor and coach of the HVL girl's softball team, remembers heated meetings about Huron Valley's identity and their problems putting a building on their site in Ann Arbor. "One gentleman walked out, upset at the decision to sell." The Lutherans in the Ann Arbor area were upset and thought this was a hasty decision. They were excited about having the high school so close to them, regaining their sense of ownership.⁵

³ Ibid.

⁴ Ibid.

⁵ A conversation with Rev. Zell on November 22, 2007. Although the Ann Arbor Lutherans were upset at that time, this did not affect the future of Ann Arbor Lutherans attending HVL. In conversations with a few

Since 1984, Huron Valley Lutheran has remained at its present location on Cowan Road in Westland. While it is a small school with few classrooms, the Lord has blessed that building. Recent additions, such as a fully functioning gymnasium, which will be discussed later in this paper, have caused the small school to grow.

Growing in Christ

During the author of this paper's time at Huron Valley, the theme that was plastered over the brick and cement walls was "Growing in Christ." The students were taught to see how God's Word applied to them and how they could continue to Grow in Christ even after their graduation. This paper will examine how Huron Valley Lutheran trained its students to Grow in Christ to be faithful Lutherans, whatever their vocation may be.

Growing in Christ: How?

What is Huron Valley Lutheran's purpose? "Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it (Proverbs 22:6)." Huron Valley Lutheran exists to train students in the way of the Lord. They exist to keep students in the way of the Lord, throughout their lives, so that they will not turn away from the Lord. How do they do that? "How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them (Romans 10:14)?" In order to train students in the way of the Lord, Huron Valley Lutheran needed trainers; they needed teachers.

of the Ann Arbor students, they recalled making the 30 or more minute drive into Westland with fondness, declaring it to be one part of their high school memory they enjoyed most.

Principal Rev. Karl Peterson, Mr. Herbert Kluth, and the Rev. Neal Schroeder were the first of many teachers to serve God at Huron Valley Lutheran.⁶ Students and colleagues remember the men and women who trained them to “Grow in Christ” with fondness. Teacher Grace Mattek⁷ recalls Huron Valley Lutheran’s first principal with great appreciation. “I would have to say that the colleague that has shown themselves (sic) to be an exemplary servant of God was our first principal, Karl Peterson. His whole personality reflected a Christian love that was reflected in how others respected him. He was a very dedicated man who worked tirelessly for the high school without complaint.”⁸

Regarding his colleagues, current principal Dan Schultz remarks, “I respect them all for the body has many parts and works together as one. A faculty has many parts and who is to say one is more important than the other?”⁹ While this sentiment is true, it seems as though two of Huron Valley Lutheran’s teachers stand out in the minds of their former students. They also happen to be two of Huron Valley Lutheran’s longest tenured teachers; Grace Mattek and Tom Schwartz.

Ms. Mattek arrived at Huron Valley Lutheran in 1978. Her sense of humor¹⁰, care for her students, and care for her Savior was always on display. One student remembers going to Ms. Mattek to chat about problems some students were having with another teacher. “It was just after PJ [then Rev. Tom Johnston] left and students had difficulty trusting any other teachers. Ms. Mattek spoke with me and reminded me that while

⁶ Michigan District, *Michigan District History 1833-2000*.

⁷ See Appendix A for a list of teachers at HVL, past and present.

⁸ Email interview with teacher Grace Mattek on December 4th, 2007.

⁹ Email interview with Principal Dan Schultz on December 4th, 2007.

¹⁰ Having the first name “Grace,” Ms. Mattek often threatened her students by letting them know that their “time of grace,” their time of fun and games was over, always finishing with her trademark line, “No pun intended.”

teachers are sinners, too, God has placed teachers where he wants them, and God works all things out for his purposes, which are also for our good.”¹¹

Through her teaching of History, English, Health, Physical Education, Typing and Government, Ms. Mattek was always able to keep her students’ attention. Stacie Graves remembers watching her teacher do a cartwheel in front of everyone during class to get her point across.¹²

Mr. Schwartz arrived at Huron Valley Lutheran in 1989. Teacher Pete Baganz enjoys working alongside Mr. Schwartz and sees him as a model teacher. “Mr. Schwartz is always the most evangelical person I have ever met. He never will say evil about anyone. He is here working two or three hours every night, most days on weekends, and most days over summer.”¹³

In addition to teaching Math and German, Mr. Schwartz also taught many students how to be a Christian. Many students remembered times when he would either stop class altogether to make sure that everyone understood or spend hours after school working individually to catch anyone up to the rest of the class.

Part of Mr. Schwartz’s German curriculum always included learning the Lord’s Prayer as well as many other religious pieces of information in the German tongue. His love for his Savior has shined through as he is always one of the first to greet alumni at Huron Valley events, not only remembering the student, but even the play name they used for German class. His sincerity in concern for the well-being of others has served Huron Valley for many years, and the school would not be the same without him. But

¹¹ Interview with a graduate who wished to remain anonymous. The teacher, Tom Johnston, who resigned, was charged with molestation of Huron Valley students.

¹² Discussion with Stacie Graves, class of 2000, on November 22, 2007. Stacie doesn’t remember what the point was, but remembers that Ms. Mattek would do anything to get her point across.

¹³ Email interview with teacher Pete Baganz on December 4th, 2007.

one of the best parts about Mr. Schwartz is his humbleness. He very rarely takes credit for the long hours he puts in. His attitude shows his desire to train young men and women in the way of the Lord.

Growing in Christ: Together as Lutherans

To its students, Huron Valley Lutheran offers two very special things. Teacher Grace Mattek, now in her 30th year at Huron Valley Lutheran, summarizes the first well: “I have seen a lot of changes to the school over the years, both in personnel and physical changes, but the one thing that has never changed is the desire on the part of those who support Huron Valley Lutheran High School, to give a solid Christian Education to all who walk through the doors of the high school.” “Two things come to my mind immediately when I think what HVL has to offer over our local public schools. The first thing would be more individual attention and instruction because of class size...I feel that HVL has been successful on many occasions helping students that would probably have fallen through the cracks in another setting.”¹⁴

Alumni and friends of Huron Valley Lutheran have become familiar with using the term “family” when referring to themselves. This term is encouraged. Teacher Pete Baganz notes, “I have never seen any other high school with the feeling of family that HVL has. People from many different classes through the years still seem to have a special connection and play together on the same softball teams and do things together that even classmates didn't do at other schools.”¹⁵

¹⁴ Email interview with teacher Grace Mattek on December 4th, 2007.

¹⁵ Email interview with teacher Pete Baganz on December 4th, 2007.

Due to the small student body, Huron Valley Lutheran is able to offer something that many other schools are not able; attention. Especially at the high school age, young people are always looking for attention, and at HVL they are surrounded by positive attention. While the athletics teams were not always the most successful¹⁶, students were encouraged to pick up a sport, and because of low class sizes, most sports didn't have tryouts, and some didn't have reserves! If a student chose to play, he was able to play. The same was true for other extra-curricular activities such as Chorus, Band, and Drama.

Growing in Christ: to be Future Faithful Lutherans

The number of students who graduated and have gone on to serve God in the public ministry could be counted on one's fingers. However, Huron Valley Lutheran has always encouraged men and women to pursue this vocation. With classes in Latin, German, and Spanish, young men can fully fill the language requirements to enter Martin Luther College on the Pastor Track. Young men and women are shown wonderful examples and given great reinforcement by the teachers at Huron Valley to become teachers themselves. Public ministry always has been, and will always remain a viable option for many of the graduates of Huron Valley, whether many or few see it come to that conclusion.

However, public ministry is not the only option for men and women trained at Huron Valley. They are equipped to attend major universities, and work in a variety of

¹⁶ The wife of one alumnus reminds him daily how her softball team won many district titles, while his team remained in the cellar. The Huron Valley "Hawks" compete in Soccer, Basketball, Baseball, Softball, Volleyball, and Cheerleading in Class D of the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA).

settings.¹⁷ But that doesn't mean that just because they stop attending schools affiliated with the Wisconsin Synod, that they are no longer Lutherans. Huron Valley sees its purpose to train young men and women in the way of the Lord so that when they are old, they will not depart from it. Huron Valley accomplishes this by teaching about Christ.

In the recently renovated chapel, every school day students hear the Word of God and devotion. Every day they come together in prayer to start their day and are dismissed with God's blessing. Every day the students follow how the Old Testament points forward to Jesus and how the New Testament looks at Christ's actions in their religion classes. While the Holy Spirit works in ways that are hard for us to outwardly judge, teachers are convinced by the fruits of faith shown by the students that God's Word is having an affect on these young people's lives.

Principal Dan Schultz comments, "A new student in grade 9 [who] is not a member of any church and has very little church background has made two comments this first semester. She told a girl next to her in chapel to be quiet [because] she wanted to listen to chapel as she is learning a lot. This same girl came to me this morning to request [that] a prayer be said in chapel for her grandpa who is having brain surgery."¹⁸

Teacher Pete Baganz echoes, "This year we have a Freshman boy named [----] who was picked on in public school and then suspended for trying to fight back. He now fits in well at HVL, his grades have risen dramatically, and he is happy to hear God's Word in Chapel and religion classes."

¹⁷ Just off the top of my head, I can think of two nurses, an assistant to the district attorney, a lawyer, a professional athlete, an actor, and a radio disc jockey—all graduates of HVL.

¹⁸ Email interview with Principal Dan Schultz on December 4th, 2007.

But, most importantly, by God's blessing, his Word taught at HVL not only changes lives during their time inside the school building, but for their whole lives.

Permit a longer story told by teacher Grace Mattek:

One situation involves a young man who came to HVL many years ago from a difficult home situation. When he first entered HVL he had a lot of emotional and behavioral problems that disrupted classrooms. He lived with his grandparents and they were very supportive of HVL's efforts to work with their grandson. The grandfather even repaired and replaced several areas where his grandson was destructive. This young man eventually graduated from HVL, went into the Marines, and today has a successful career. He also has become involved in his church. His grandmother told us that if it had not been for the efforts of the high school, her grandson might not have become the man he is today. Over my time here I have seen many situations similar to this one, where a young person is in trouble and after a time here has made a tremendous turn around with their life. Of course, that is not always the case...but for all those young people who were helped, Huron Valley has been a tremendous force in their lives.¹⁹

Growing in Christ: Physically

In the fall of 2005, Huron Valley Lutheran saw one of its biggest dreams come true; they built and dedicated their own gym. Up until that point, indoor sports were played in the grade schools of the conference of congregations that officially support the high school, or in rented facilities, or even worse, played entirely on the road.

The gym meant many things for many people. "It has given Huron Valley an identity, a home that brings together all the different people who are a part of the HVL family, but up until the construction of the gym, were distanced from HVL because they didn't have anyplace to come together."²⁰ "The gym gives us validity as a "real" school. It brings people in to events like Sporting events, concerts, and events that we host for

¹⁹ Email interview with teacher Grace Mattek on December 4th, 2007.

²⁰ Ibid

congregations. People who would never see HVL otherwise are now connected to it by these events.”²¹ “It shows, finally, a feeling of moving forward onto a better and brighter future.”²²

On the day of dedication, then WELS president Karl Gurgel compared the new gym to the tower of Babel and warned all in attendance that now that Huron Valley finally had its gym that it had hoped and prayed and saved and scrimped so long for, the focus of the school was to still remain where it always has been, on Christ.

Growing in Christ: Hope for 35 More Years

It would be a surprise to some alumni²³ to see that enrollment has almost reached the century mark that it entertained for some time in the 80s. It would be a surprise to many alumni if enrollment ever grew far beyond that. But, finally, all that doesn't really matter. What matters is what has always mattered. If Huron Valley continues to be surrounded by supporters like those who started the school in 1972, if they continue to train students to grow in Christ (whatever the years theme may be), if they continue to spread their great heritage from age to age, God will continue to bless them as he has in the past. Soli Deo Gloria.

GO HAWKS!!

²¹ Email interview with teacher Pete Baganz on December 4th, 2007.

²² Interview with Nick Wisniske, class of 1998, on November 23rd, 2007.

²³ See Appendix B for a list of all of the graduates of Huron Valley through 2006.

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Personal interviews on November 22-23, 2007

Stacie Graves, class of 2000

Nick Wisniske, class of 1998

Rev. Edward Zell, Jr., girls' softball coach

Email interviews on December 4th, 2007

Teacher Peter Baganz

Teacher Grace Mattek

Principal Dan Schultz

Appendix A

Principals

Rev. Karl Peterson 1975-83
Dr. Frederick Nell 1983-1988
Mr. Paul Wichmann 1988-1996

Mr. Thomas Schwartz 1996-1997
Mr. Timothy Plath 1997-2005
Mr. Dan Schultz 2005-present

Teachers

Dr. Frederick Nell 1976-1988
Mr. Neal Kluth 1975-1978
Rev. Neal Schroeder 1975-1976
Mr. David Golisch 1976-1979
Dr. Gudmundson 1976-87
Rev. Dennis Smith 1977-1983
Mr. Robert Fink 1978-1988
Mr. James Bates 1979-1986
Ms. Grace Mattek 1978-present
Mr. Steve Grosinske 1983-present
Rev. Thomas Haar 1983-1987
Mr. Allen Dohm 1986-1990
Mr. Dave Kolander 1986-1994

Rev. Miller 1987-1991
Mr. Thomas Schwartz 1989-present
Rev. Thomas Johnston 1993-1997
Mr. Tod Batholomew 1994-2000
Mrs. Virginia Witt 1996-1999
Miss Natosha Wright 1996-1997
Mr. Peter Baganz 1996-present
Mr. Steven Pagels 1997-1998
Mr. Matt Foley 1997-1998
Rev. Jay Kempf 1998-1999
Mrs. Kris Ruth 1999-present
Mr. Jim Ott 2000-present
Rev. Matt Schaewe 2000-present

Part-Time Teachers

Mr. Gielow
Mr. Spaiser
Mr. Smith
Mrs. Smith
Rev. Lenz
Rev. Schulz
Mr. Doletzky
Mrs. Griep
Mrs. Fink
Rev. Vertz
Mrs. Baer
Mrs. Batholomew
Mr. Hein
Mrs. Sinischo
Vicar Carter
Rev. Schwab
Mrs. Grosinske
Rev. Ristow
Mrs. Carter
Mrs. Karowich
Mrs. Luedtke
Rev. Winterstein
Rev. Dose

Rev. Hartley
Rev. Wilde
Mrs. Smiertka
Mrs. Filter
Rev. Weber
Dr. Thompson
Mrs. Press
Mrs. Hartley
Mrs. Van Patten
Mrs. Lefler
Rev. Tryggestad
Rev. Berg
Rev. Schroeder
Rev. Andrus
Rev. Gibbons
Rev. Zell
Rev. Hoff
Rev. Steinbrenner
Mrs. Tami Banter
Mrs. Brenda Belongia

Appendix B

Class of 1978

Susan Bergemann (Behmer), Brian Campbell, Mark Gielow, Franklin Patton, Darlene Reinke (DeWulf)

Class of 1979

Elizabeth Babler (Hartman), Darrell Behmer, Alan Bogenschutz, Elaine Bogenschutz (Timmerman), Lorri D'Angillo, Robert Gruenewald, Rodney Johnson, Kirk Kuhfeldt, James Merrill, Brenda Pawoski (Zeinstra), Bobbi Jo Ramp, Kim Redinger (Cady), Ken Reinke, Willaim Streety, Mark Wihide, Lorri Boulanger (Thiede)

Class of 1980

Kevin Ash, Larry Blunk, Glenn Davis Jr., Sherry Diekhoff (Bornholdt), Sandra Smith (Favors), Brian Gielow, Catherine Gielow, James Hillburg, Derrick Jennings, Jeffrey Patton, Terri Schuster (Fendt), Tamara Soss (Hauptrecht), Karen Stockdale (Shaffer), Martin Sylvester, Sherryl Tagala (Smith)

Class of 1981

Linda Adamson, Steve Blunk, Diane Briley (DeWulf), Pamela Bustard (Eisinger), Christopher Cagle, Debra Charboneau (Smith), Kraig Clements, Cheryl Degrande (Mears), Debra Fischer (Novotny), David Glazier, Deanna Harper (VanPatten), Kenlyn Hobley, Rodney Hoeft, Nancy Kendrek (Hillsburg), Sarah Lindoff (Luedtke), Lori Martin, Laura Pitt (Schaffer), Brad Ramp, Susan Ricken (Roberts), John Robinson, Susan Rohde (Weber), Christopher Stobb, Pastor Martin Wildauer, Robert Zienstra

Class of 1982

Mark Behmer, Rebecca Bradley (LeLand), Lori Briggs (Hartman), Jennifer Corry (Jenkins), Phillip Doletzky, Pamela

Fitzpatrick (Clements), Errol Gilbert, Scott Henzi, David Hobley, Peter Luedtke, Gail Martin, Roddy Morey, Jennifer Plichta, Vicki Prieskorn, Roxanne Steraman, Dave Sylvester, Karen Sylvester (Haller), Fred Tamer, James Tamer Jr., Frank Watts

Class of 1983

Julia Briggs (Boik), John Briggs, Mark Casmer, Pam Cora (Kessler), Dan Hartman, Thomas Irvine, Deborah LeClerc (Corner), Carla Lindenau (Nelson), Brian Milne, Barbara West (Tepper), Curt Peters, Jon Vertz

Class of 1984

John Anderson, Christopher Biedenbender, Rich Briggs, Diane Burkheiser (Young), Warren Cole, Charles Cora, Lisa Dest (Baer), Kathy Gast (Alexander), Ernest Haller, Katherine Harris (Kessler), Christopher James (Deceased), Doris Ballinger (Kennedy), Dawn Kuhfeldt (Warden), Leann Lambert (Eisinger), Darrin Reed, Ken Rohde Jr., Ronald Sayre Jr., Jackie Fessenden (Tepper), Trudy Tietz (Hoeft), Karla Zedan (PuffPuff)

Class of 1985

Andrea Anderson (Boik), Lisa Baehman (Schairer), Joan Dostal, Jeffery Haines, Beth Last (Seim), Elisabeth Lau (Wildauer), Amy Dantzer (Lundh), Michelle Mach (Malia), David Neighbor, Susan Neighbor (Goff), Jeffery Prieskorn, Michael Prieskorn, Ronald Rhodes, Suane Senior (Humphrey), Laura Shepard, Roman Tafelski, Kevin Gilbert

Class of 1986

Melanie Banners, Karen Boik, Tonia Carter, Eric Braun, Amy Eudis (McBain), Todd

Haines, Amy Handley (Luedtke), Amy Hobley, Martha Ramirez(Johnson), Donald Kasbohm, Russell Kennedy, Beth Milne, John Mitchell, Tony Mitchell, Beth Oliver (Milne), Diane Peters (Alexander), Sybil Ruth (Humphrey), Eric Schmidt, Bryan Spaller, Amy Swalwell (James), Eric Trapp, Elizabeth Wheeler (Hoeff), Veronica Travis (Krantz)

Class of 1987

Richelle Bradley, Katie Boggia (Baer), Roseanne Kalicki (DeChant), Mark Grassel, John Haase, Annette Hartley (Stobb), Steven Karowich, Linda Knivila, Terri Koers, Carl Lentz, Rebecca Lonske, Molly MacDonald (Biedenbender), Douglas Neighbor, Shaunda Page, Anne Preiskorn (Schaffer), Daniel Reddeman, Todd Swan, Phil Trapp, Robert Young

Class of 1988

Lisa Berry (Hively), Brook Boggs, Robin Brodbeck (Tafelski), Sandra Corner, Joseph Dostal, Mike Haller, Shannon Huetter, Michael Lentz, Dawn Loos, Philip Mears, Jamie Prieskorn, Mark Schairer, Robert Shollack, Stephen Shollack, Dawn Stien (Mitchell), Michelle Stockwell, Michael Tiefel, Lori Thompson (White), Cheri Grassel (Wolfe)

Class of 1989

Jerome Bradley, Stacy White (Guiles), Heather Haller (Ohlsson), Mark Haller, Monica McInnis (Braun), Alan Harmala, James LeSarge, Michael List, Christopher Lonske, Jeffrey McCotter, Tonya McCutcheon (Banner), Tracy Peterson, Jennifer Denmon (Dengel/Roberts), Thomas Shollack, Patricia Siese (Bennett), Tony Spaller, Kristi Wisniske

Class of 1990

Catherine Skoop (Cutler), Alexander DeRuiter, Amie Dreyfus (Bartz), Paul

Gerwolls (Deceased), Kimberly Blake (Hauler), Marci Hannewald, Matthew Henzi, Paul Knickelbein, William Kowske III, Paula Mayworm, Carlynda Ouelette (Chrispen), Jason Owens, Shawn Peterson, Kelly Lupro (Priebe), Katherine Ritchey, Robert Robbins, Christine Schwartz (Johnson), Matthew Stobb, Thomas Story, Thomas Thomas (deceased), Renee White (Cretal), William White Jr.

Class of 1991

Kay Dekett (Seelow), Elizabeth Gerwolls, Jennifer Grihorash (Prieskorn), Kathren Hallauer, Brenda Hivley (Guenther), Andrew Hively, Suzanne Knickelbein (Reddeman), Kimberly Lentz, Scott Mosher, Dawn Nightingale (Hartley), William Ohlsson Jr., Cynthia Worley (Richards)

Class of 1992

Andrew Barthel, Jacquelyn Baryo (Russ), David Bennett, Kristen Carnell (Fowler), Kevin Doletzky, Gregory Hannewald, Sandra Kramer (Dengel), Nancy Henzi (List), Nicole Maliszewski (List), Maria O'Neil, David Page, Marvin Purdy, Gary Schamlz, Shannon Schmalz (Parks), Christopher Schoenberg, Brian Shepard, Christina Thomas, Aaron Thompson, Jennifer Weber (Kowske), Derek Wynn

Class of 1993

Carl Cutler, Shawn DeRuiter, Douglas Hartley, Amy Henry, Andrew Loos, Eric Marcereau, Jeffery Mitchell, Arthur Priebe, Brenda Ryan (Mayworm), Jason Schmidt, Edward Shattleroe, Melton Stoudemire

Class of 1994

Jonathan Cyr, Terri Hornblower (DeRuiter), Jamie Kittle (Frank), Forrest Graves, Amy Powell (Haines), Rachel Honaway (Doletzky), Mark Hannewald, Rachel Laycock (Luedtke), Dennis Osiwala, Eric Ruth, Shawna Shoenberg, Steven Sordahl,

Benjamin Stobb, April Sullivan, Craig Yarmuth, Daniel Young
Honorable mention for Timothy Barthel

Class of 1995

Jason Batkoski, Matthew Butzky, James Doletzky, David Gumbis, David Hartley, Andrew Hoeft, Kevin Lyttle, Martin Meier, Nicole Mousseau, Josef Schmidt, Rachel Schuetz (Wichmann), Aaron Zahn

Class of 1996

Adam Conger, Kristy Cyr (Kraepel), Amy Gauss (Cyr), Rachel Tyra (Haddad), Rebecca Haddad, Joshua Hoepner, Benjamin Husby, Steve Johnston, Faith Vasicek (Kolb), Kenneth Lindeman, Jonathan Lutz, Scott Ohlsson, Gary Rombyer, April Rumics, Michelle Ohlsson (Ruth), Shawn Schmalz, Nicole Travis (Kightlinger), Emalie Wichmann, Daniel Zahn

Class of 1997

Elizabeth Ash, Adam Bartel, Katherine Afsari (Berg), Lori Conger, Dominic Davidson, Angela Faust (Pelligrino), Steven Gereau, Curt Guiles (deceased), Melissa Gumbis, Meagan Johnson, Joshua Knofski, John Kotila, Kevin Kovak, Phillip Lutz, Corinne Whitaker (Martin), Amy Frederick (Mohacsi), John Nielson, Lisa Nielson (Costie), Justin Walling, Daniel Whitaker

Class of 1998

Joshua Falk, Joel Hartley, Thomas Husby, Kimberly Lemke (Kraepel), Heather Hakim (LaPrairie), Michael Lindeman, Jason Manzel, Jared Ridenour, Sara Romine (Tacia), Jeremy Zahn, Nick Wisniske

Class of 1999

Amy Brandenburg, Adam Davidson, Anya Day, Stephanie Graves, Patrick Hoepner, Brian Johnson, Andrew Knofski, James

Martin, Katie Orlandoni, Shaun Peters, Adam White

Class of 2000

Rene Arnal, Kari Ruggiero (Campbell), Jessie Cherundolo, Karin Donahee (Kraepel), Stacie Graves, Justin Greer, Jeremy Husby, Gretchen Jaschob (Grosinske), Lauren Tempie (Jackson), Andrea Johnson, Danielle DeRuiiter (Joly), Alan Kleinke, Kelly Mieczarz (Kovak), Katie Lutz, Vickie Martin, Sean Staley, Jessica Thompson (Whitaker)

Class of 2001

Thomas Brisbey, Amanda Cherundolo, Robert Cromwell, Angela Knofski, Tabitha Knofski, Steven Macdonald, Philip Meyer, Samantha Neumann (Pelligrino), Michael Orlandoni, Regina Piscunere, Rachel Zahn (Zahn), Cassandra Husby (Zell)

Class of 2002

Wade Babbitt, Sarah Brisbey, Tyler Cording, Stephen Davidson, Jenny Kleinke, Zach Morris, Randy Schuman, Sarah Street

Class of 2003

David Anderson, Marisa Ficken (Babbitt), Jacob Bartholomew, Daniel Block, Donna Brancart, Joshua Dorow, Kenneth Flowers, Joshua Ficken, Andrea Joly, Timothy Kovak, Anne McDonough, Lauren Merian, Audrey Metzger, Joshua Meyer, Lisa Noel, Nathaniel Pingilley, Daniel Schultz, Deanna Schuman, Amanda Smith, Justin Terry,

Class of 2004

Joel Butzow, Lauren Greer, Zachary Grosinske Nicklaus Husby, Matthew Kubik, Jamie Lindeman, Glenn Metzger, Brandon Michell, Christopher Offman, Brietta Peters, David Staley

Class of 2005

Crystal McClure (Brandt), Logan Cording,
Tavis Greene, Keri Koch, Kristen Merian,
Teresa Murphy, Andrew Romain, Rebekah
Schultz, Justine Smith, Matthew Stockdale,
Nicole Sweet, Philip Wendland

Class of 2006

Janet Algrim, David Block, Jon Cromwell,
Daniel Doletzky, Jacob Ficken, Jeremy
Friemark, Matthew Frisco, Erik
Gruenewald, Carmen Gutierrez, Brittany
Hickman, Adam Kipfmiller, Zachary
Mousseau, Lori McDonough, Micheal
Nocella, Bryan Offman, Vince Pelligrino
Lindsey Pyle Scott Ross Brad Schmidt John
Sharrow Renee Wendland Richard
Zabrzenski