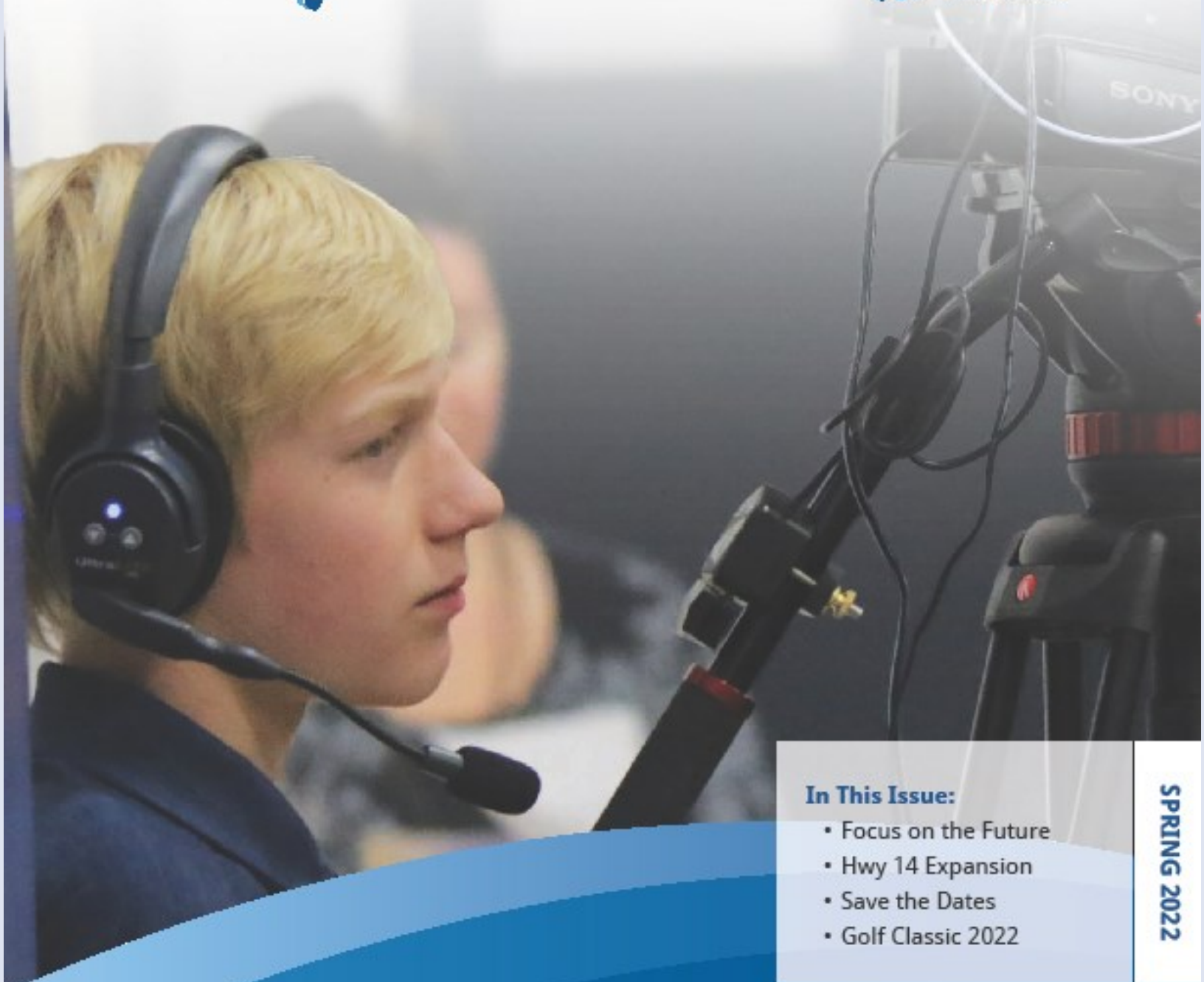


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*Training students for Christian lives*



## Focus on the Future

Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School uses God's Word in a Christ-centered education to assist families in training students for Christian lives on earth and for eternity.

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In this issue of *HiLites*, we want to keep our "Eyes on Christ" as we "Focus on the Future." "Eyes on Christ" is our theme for the 2021-2022 school year and has been an integral part of our chapel devotions. Our theme is based on these words from Hebrews, chapter 12: *And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, <sup>2</sup>fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.*



*"Rather than be afraid of change, let us look to our Lord as we face the future."*

As we look to the future, we can be certain of one thing: there will be change. In a Lutheran high school like MVL, every four years we have a completely new group of students in our school. Staff members change too, as they find new employment opportunities, change locations, or retire. Faculty members receive and accept calls, both in and out of MVL, as they continue serving our Lord in new ventures. Change happens.

What does the future hold for MVL? Will the school's enrollment grow? Will the Building on the Rock Campaign,

which was suspended two years ago, be relaunched soon? If teachers accept calls in or out of MVL, who will teach the various classes? Will new courses be offered? If change is inevitable, how will that impact the many activities MVL offers its students? Rather than be afraid of change, let us look to

our Lord as we face the future. Hebrews 13:8 states, *Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.* For more than 40 years MVL has faithfully proclaimed the Gospel to its students. God will continue to bless our ministry as we work with our students, their parents, and our association congregations to share Jesus with our students each and every day of the school year.

*"..Change and decay in all around I see: O thou who changest not, abide with me."*

Tim Plath  
MVLHS Principal

# MVL and Highway 14 Expansion

On or about March 15, 2022, construction will begin on the expansion of Highway 14 between Nicollet and New Ulm. Regardless of what you have heard about the construction, there is one point on which all of us can agree: there will be an impact on MVL. MNDOT will be purchasing approximately eight acres of MVL's property for right of way purposes. It is likely we will have to move our softball fields or make some changes. If you've driven by MVL, you've already noticed that our large concrete sign out front has been moved.



The greatest change that will be the various detours that will impact travel to and from MVL. Those detours will change as the project progresses. The detours and accompanying information about the project can be found on the MNDOT website:

<https://www.dot.state.mn.us/d7/projects/14newulmtonmankato/index.html>

This link, along with some written directions for the detours, can be found on MVL's website:

[www.mvl.org](http://www.mvl.org).

## Coming Soon at MVL.....

March 18, 19, and 20—**Band Fest**—see website or call school for more details

March 26— **MVL Booster Club Auction** at Turner Hall in New Ulm beginning at 5 p.m.

April 24—**End of Year Sacred Concert** at MVL beginning at 7 p.m.

May 5, 6, and 7—**Spring Musical "Annie"** presented at the State Street Theater in New Ulm  
Friday and Saturday evening beginning at 7 p.m., Sunday matinee at 2 p.m.

May 14—**Prisms Concerts** at MVL, 5 p.m. and 8 p.m.

May 29—**Graduation** in the MVL gymnasium at 2 p.m.

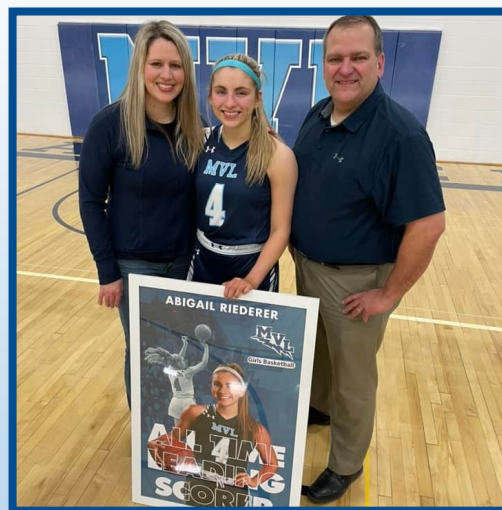
July 11—**MVL Golf Classic** at the New Ulm Country Club with sign-in starting at 10 a.m.



# Making Their Mark; New Records Set

## MVL Girl's Varsity Basketball

Congratulations to Abbie Riederer for becoming the all time lead scorer of MVL Girl's Varsity Basketball Team. On Friday, February 11, 2022, Abbie scored her 1637th point, surpassed the previous record set by Jessica Merseeth in 2003. Abbie is a senior at MVL and has been playing guard on the girl's varsity basketball team since her freshman year. Last November, Abbie signed her National Letter of Intent to play basketball for Upper Iowa University next fall. Abbie is pictured here with her parents, Jon and Anita Riederer. Way to go, Abbie!



## MVL Knowledge Bowl

Waterville-Elysian-Morristown hosted a Knowledge Bowl meet in Mankato on Thursday, January 13th. Thirty-One teams from twelve schools participated in the meet. The top three placing teams were MVL Black with 144, MVL Blue with 113, and Jordan Gold with 102. The score of 144 eclipsed MVL's record for points at a meet. The old record was set in 2020 with a score of 141. The MVL Knowledge Bowl is led by Mr. Heath Dobberpuhl and Mr. Bradley Nehls. The students participate in 4 regular season meets each year, with up to another four post season events, if they continue to advance.



MVL Black, pictured above, left to right: Mark Spengler, Josiah Guenther, Isaiah Carlovsky, and Donovan Witte.

# DRAMA, DRAMA, DRAMA

Are you looking for a little culture or a fun evening out? If so, look no further! Did you know that MVL's Drama Department puts on two productions each year? Between the fall play and the spring musical, approximately 65 students are involved each year in various ways. Jennifer Uher serves as the director for both productions. Karyn Clemons and Rebecca Berg share the role of producer. There are countless hours of practice and preparation put in to both events. The students typically start practice about 10 weeks prior to the production. Besides the actors, many students are involved in a variety of supportive roles. These include backstage manager, props person, set painting, assembling flats, moving sets during the show, and helping with costumes, make up, and hair. Other students help with lighting and sound (when it's at MVL). The students in the Desktop Publishing Class help create the poster and program design. Working as a team and seeing it all come together is a very rewarding and exciting experience for all involved.

This Spring the MVL Drama Department will be putting on the musical "Annie." It will be held at the State Street Theater in New Ulm on May 6th, 7th, & 8th. On Friday and Saturday it will be held at 7 p.m., with a Sunday matinee at 2 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at the door, and are \$6 for adults and \$4 for students and children. We hope to see you there!



## Class Reunion: 1982 and 1983

Is it possible that 40 years have passed so quickly? As hard as it is to believe, the first and second graduating classes of MVL will be celebrating the many years of blessings showered on them at their 39th/40th class reunion this summer! The reunion will be held Saturday, July 23, in New Ulm, MN.

The planning is under way for a full day of fun activities! The day will begin with a brunch out at MVL and will end with supper at the New Ulm Country Club. There is an optional private tour of Schell's Brewery late afternoon. The cost for the event will be \$40 per guest with the Schell's tour, and \$30 per guest without.

Any funds remaining after the event, will go to MVL. Watch your mail in the next weeks for registration information. Call Deb (Koestler) Kuck at MVL with any questions, or if your address has changed recently. She can be reached at (507) 233-8656 or [financial@mvlhs.org](mailto:financial@mvlhs.org).

## Certified Nursing Assistant Class

In an effort to continue expanding our offerings and help with providing productive and preparatory classes for all occupation fields, MVL added a Certified Nursing Assistant Class this past fall. The course was offered through Oak Hills Living Center in New Ulm. The students paid a course fee up front, but were then reimbursed if they worked for Oak Hills for a set number of months after completion of the course.

Most of the feedback from the three student who took the course was positive. They appreciated the fact they were able to work on the book and online portions of the class during the school day. The clinical and skilled lab days needed to be completed on site during scheduled, 8 hour, weekend days. With outside jobs and activities, those were a bit more challenging to schedule. The students felt the course was worthwhile and quite beneficial. One student noted that it was good practical experience for her chosen career.

After completing the course and passing the state test, they are now able to work as CNAs in area nursing homes or hospitals. With the growing needs for professionals in medical field, we are hoping this will be of interest and helpful to students going forward!

## Seeing in Three-Dimension

This year MVL is blessed to have four families who share the unique and challenging situation of having three children attending MVL during one year! As fun as it is to have the kids together, there is the struggle of paying tuition for three students at once, as well as juggling all the activities. These families, as all MVL families, find the value of a Christ-centered education worth the effort and expense. At the recent MVL



picture day we were able to get all 12 students together for a photo. The students/families are as follows from left to right: Rylee, Olivia, and Claire Woller; Luke, Peter and Ella Schlei; Jens, Nils, and Astrid Quist; and Thomas Wosmek and Jack and Carl Kom (blended family). May God continue to bless these, and all MVL families, as they strive to train their children for Christian lives on earth and in eternity!



# Memorial & Honorary Gifts

The following memorials were received October 1, 2021 - February 10, 2022. Unless otherwise designated, memorial gifts to MVL are invested in the General Fund Endowment, which accrues earnings that are used for the operating budget.

## In Memory of

Roger Altmann	\$ 20.00	Don & Minnie	
Randy Arndt	\$ 10.00	Raddatz	\$ 320.00
Walter & Elviera		Robert Rausch	\$ 115.00
Becker	\$ 45.00	Jody Retzlaff	\$ 545.00
Jerry Bentz	\$ 530.00	Lila Rolloff	\$ 20.00
John & Olga		Scott Rudenick	\$ 60.00
Bentz	\$ 45.00	David Schlei	\$ 1,120.00
Roger Besemer	\$ 215.00	Richard Spoon	\$ 45.00
Leroy Black	\$ 550.00	Carol Stoltz	\$ 850.00
Dan Boehlke	\$ 130.00	Elizabeth Thom	\$ 25.00
Carter Brandes	\$ 80.00	Gwen Tjernagel	\$46,518.07
Aaron Carlovsky	\$ 400.00	Bob Vogt	\$ 25.00
Jeanne Cordes	\$ 200.00	Diane Vonderharr	\$ 20.00
Peggy Cummings	\$1,465.00	Tasha Wendland	\$ 500.00
Mary Dalueg	\$ 550.00	Tom Zeman	\$ 20.00
Irene Fischer	\$ 25.00	Nelson	
Shirley Fluegge	\$ 100.00	Zimmerman	\$ 20.00
Connie Hopp	\$ 20.00	<b>In Honor Of</b>	
Eileen Hunter	\$ 25.00	Lorraine Olson's	
Doug Kramer	\$ 60.00	Birthday	\$ 50.00
Hazel Maasz	\$ 25.00	Lila Arndt's 90th	
Steve Melzer	\$ 315.00	Birthday	\$ 50.00
Floyd Palmer	\$ 500.00		

## On the Cover

At MVL, we provide experiences in many areas. A newer, future-focused organization, is the Media Club. It gives students hands on experience with technology in this fast paced, fluid field. Jacob Guenther is shown here, helping broadcast the live streaming of the MVL Christmas Concert this past December.

## MVL ASSOCIATION CHURCHES

St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
Arlington, Minnesota

Courtland Lutheran Church  
Courtland, Minnesota

St. John Lutheran Church  
Fairfax, Minnesota

Norwegian Grove Lutheran Church  
Gaylord, Minnesota

Immanuel Lutheran Church  
Gibbon, Minnesota

Mt. Olive Lutheran Church  
Mankato, Minnesota

St. Mark Lutheran Church  
Mankato, Minnesota

Zion Lutheran Church  
Morgan, Minnesota

St. John's Lutheran Church  
New Ulm, Minnesota

St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
New Ulm, Minnesota

Zion Lutheran Church  
New Ulm, Minnesota

Trinity Lutheran Church  
Nicollet, Minnesota

St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
North Mankato, Minnesota

Peace Lutheran Church  
North Mankato, Minnesota

St. John Lutheran Church  
Redwood Falls, Minnesota

St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
St. James, Minnesota

Norseland Lutheran Church  
St. Peter, Minnesota

St. Peter Lutheran Church  
St. Peter, Minnesota

## MVL Golf Classic 2022

On Monday, July 11, 2022, MVL will once again host the annual Golf Classic at the New Ulm Country Club. Grab your clubs and head on over for this favorite MVL event! The money raised during this event is directed to our Tuition Assistance Fund. This fund provides tuition grants for students and their families, helping to reduce the cost of Christian education at MVL. The Tuition Assistance Fund helps make MVL affordable for some families who may otherwise struggle to pay the tuition.

We would like to thank the generous sponsors and participants who were involved in the 2021 MVL Golf Classic, which raised over \$20,000 for tuition assistance! What a blessing to have such support!

This year the \$125 fee per golfer includes 18 holes, a shared cart, and supper. As in the past, mulligans will be available for purchase the day of the event. There are some new, fun

surprises that will be added this year, so watch for more information on those. The MVL Golf Classic will also begin one hour earlier than it has in the past. Sign in will begin at 10 a.m., with a shot gun start at 11 a.m. The grill will be open all afternoon for purchasing lunch and beverages. Supper, with an awards presentation, will begin at 5 p.m.



The sponsors who chose to support this fund in the past are kindly invited to join us again this year. There are several sponsorship levels with each level providing some very nice benefits. More information will be available soon on the school website and on the MVL Facebook page. Mark your calendar for an exciting day, which not only provides a fun fellowship opportunity, but supports a very important need here at MVL.

Registration can be done online via our website, [mvl.org](http://mvl.org), or by calling the school office at 507-354-6851.