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Training students for Christian lives



Joy

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.
Romans 15:13

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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It's the look in the eyes of the young couple when she says "Yes". Or, it could be the look that parents get from the child that receives just the right toy under the tree at Christmas time. Or, it may be the happy graduate who has completed a milestone in his/her life, by completing the course necessary to move on.

Joy. The seemingly unmitigated adoration in the eyes of those young

experienced suffering and death for us so that we may experience true joy in heaven. What an absolutely unbelievable blessing!

This is the joy that we teach at Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School. There are happy days here at MVL, but there are also those "down" days for students, teachers, and staff. Our teachers help their students to realize and understand that there will

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individuals. Yet, the couple will have disagreements during their engagement and marriage. That special toy will break or be replaced by some other toy. The graduate's joy and excitement will fade when there are more challenges along life's way.

The joy that we experience in the world around us is, unfortunately, always tainted by sin. Since the Garden of Eden, there is always a measure of negativity in the joys we experience here. Yet, one day, we will experience pure, unmitigated joy. God the Father sent His Son to earth for us. Jesus

be tough days when joy is just a distant memory. For us as Christians, however, we can always find joy in the fact that heaven is ours through Jesus. Despite the challenges of the world around us, and the sin that is so prevalent in our lives, we look forward to that day when we will share in joy with our Lord and Savior in heaven. Then, with all the other saints, we can sing praises to our Heavenly Father.

That is true joy!

Tim Plath

MVLHS Principal

New Faces, New Ministries, Joy Filled Service



Michael Wiechmann was born and raised in Mankato, MN where his parents were professors at Bethany Lutheran College. Upon graduating from MVL in 2006, he attended Bethany, where he completed his undergraduate degree in Studio Art, with a minor in Psychology. He then finished a Master of Arts in Teaching from Minnesota State, Mankato.

Michael met his life-changing and joy-bringing wife Kristy at Bethany, and they married. To date, they have been blessed with five exceptional children; Edison, Adeline, Hazel, Autumn, and Annie.

He has enjoyed a really wonderful start to the school year and is working with a creative group of students in a supportive MVL community. This semester he is teaching AP Art and Design, sections of Art Fundamentals, Graphic Design, and Ceramics 1.



Evan Vant Hul was born in Sheboygan, WI, and grew up in Cleveland, WI. He attended Manitowoc Lutheran High School, graduating in 2018. He recently graduated from Martin Luther College.

While he was attending MLC, he met his wife, Chantel Moldan, an alumni of MVL.

Evan teaches Chemistry and 9th Grade Physical Education. He is ecstatic to begin teaching and hopes to share the joys of science with students, so that they learn to enjoy the subject as much as he does! Evan is thankful to MVL for the wonderful opportunity, and looks forward to an exceptional school year!



Jakob Casper was born in Menomonee Falls, WI and grew up in Jackson, WI. He attended Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School, graduating in 2018. He graduated from Martin Luther College this past May.

In his free time Jakob enjoys disc golf, playing guitar, and writing his own music.

At MVL, Jakob teaches US History, US Government, Economics, and 9th grade Physical Education. Jakob is grateful for the help and encouragement he has received from the supportive faculty at MVL. He's thrilled to be part of the MVL family!

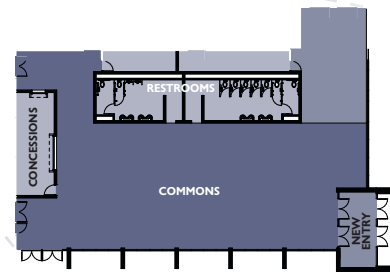
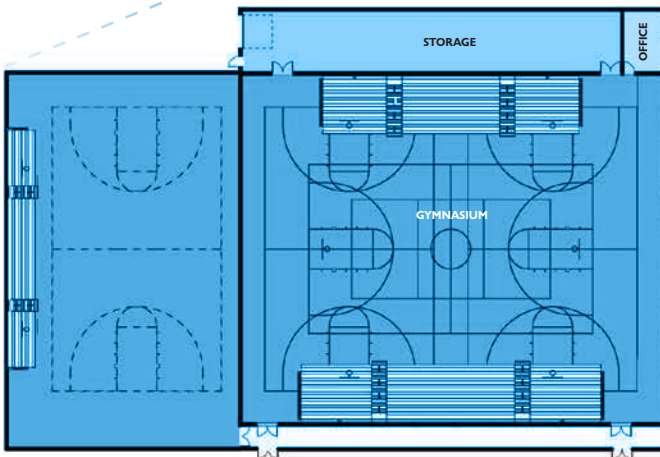
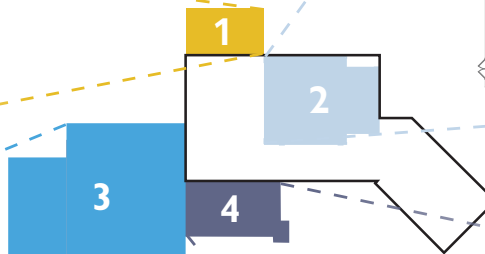
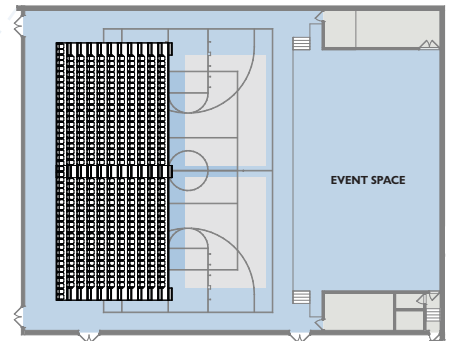
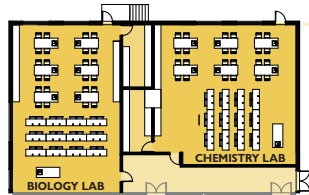
Mark Your Calendars!

- ◆ Veteran's Recognition Program , November 9, 9:00-11:00 a.m.
 - ◆ Fall Concert, November 9, 7:00 p.m.
- ◆ Fall Drama Production , November 11 & 12, 7:00 p.m. & November 13, 2:00 p.m. (State Street Theater in New Ulm)
- ◆ Spirit of MVL Gala 2022, "Our Cup Overflows", November 19, 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.
 - ◆ Thanksgiving Break, November 23 through November 25
 - ◆ Christmas Concert, December 21, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- ◆ Christmas/New Year's Break, December 22, 2022 through January 3rd, 2023



BUILDING ON THE ROCK

The Cornerstone is Christ Jesus himself.
Ephesians 2:20



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MVL IS EXPANDING!

CAMPAIGN *Goal #1*

1

NEWLY CONSTRUCTED SCIENCE LABS/CLASSROOMS

Two state-of-the-art science labs will be added to advance the student learning experience.

Larger classrooms will provide much-needed flexibility for the demands of science and technology education in our modern world. The classroom design focuses on safety and hands-on learning.



“In order to equip our students for the world they are growing up in, we have to constantly be looking at what they need and what is it that will help them.”

Jeff Koepsell, MVL Faculty

CAMPAIGN *Goal #2*

2

EVENT CENTER RENOVATIONS

The current gymnasium will be converted into a multi-purpose event center with upgraded staging, lighting, sound, and retractable theater seating.

These enhancements will expand the opportunities for students to develop performing arts skills that will benefit them beyond their high school years.



“These renovations will provide MVL students with a performing arts experience unlike any other in MVL history. Let us embark on this journey together to make this campaign successful.”

Jennifer Uher, MVL Faculty

CAMPAIGN *Goal #3*

3

NEWLY CONSTRUCTED FIELD HOUSE

The new field house will increase the amount of indoor athletic practice and competition space, an addition that will

better accommodate the schedules of the more than 90% of MVL students who participate in co-curricular activities that build lifelong skills.



“Some might think, ‘It’s good enough.’ But is ‘good enough’ really what we want? If we expect excellence out of our students, shouldn’t MVL be providing excellence in facilities as well?”

Amy Pearson, MVL '93

CAMPAIGN *Goal #4*

4

NEWLY CONSTRUCTED ACTIVITIES ENTRANCE

A new and enlarged activities entrance will welcome visitors to the numerous athletic and fine arts events. The

expanded concessions and new restrooms will better accommodate the vast number of visitors for these events.



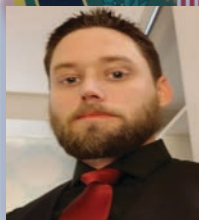
“Being able to show MVL’s continued commitment to all areas of study and improving the facilities is going to help us stand out from other institutions.”

Eric Woller, MVL '90

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Spirit of MVL Gala



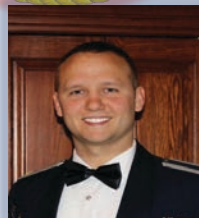
Christian Arceneaux



Brett Beilke



Justin Burk



Mike Compart



Taylor Davis

The Spirit of MVL Gala 2022 will be held at the Best Western in New Ulm, MN, on November 19th, 2022. The theme for the Gala this year is "Our Cup Overflows". At MVL, we feel truer words could not be spoken! Blessings abound on a daily basis, and we are grateful for all of them! Currently we rejoice with the re-launch of the BOTR campaign, we rejoice with new teachers starting their ministries, older ones reaching milestones, and promising enrollment for the years ahead. These are just a few current blessings, but everyday our Lord's generosity is humbling to us.

This year, the money raised at the Gala will fund updating our school security system. In these challenging times, keeping our MVL family as safe as possible, is of utmost importance.



The Spirit of MVL award recipients this year are graduates from the Class of 2006 who enlisted in the military. Christian Arceneaux (Navy), Brett Beilke (Navy), Justin Burk (Marine Corps), Mike Compart (Air Force), Taylor Davis (Army), David Nass (Marine Corps), Benjamin Olson (Navy), Nate Scharf (Navy), Tony Steffen (Marine Corps), and Orin Struck (Army Reserve) are the ten graduates who went on to serve their Lord, by serving their country. It is common for MVL to have a few graduates enlist in a year, however ten is quite remarkable!

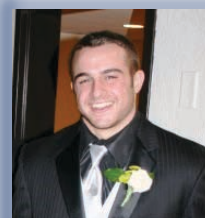
Join us for a night of fun and fellowship honoring these men for their service to their Lord, to MVL, and to their country! The evening begins at 5 p.m. with a free social hour, followed by the ticket meal, awards ceremony, auction, and appeal. The evening winds down with another opportunity for fellowship during the "Afterglow", which is free, and runs from 9-11 p.m. Please consider joining us for one or all portions of this wonderful evening, honoring the recipients, and supporting MVL and our mission to *"Train students for lives here and in eternity!"*



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David Nass



Benjamin Olson



Nate Scharf



Tony Steffen



Orin Struck

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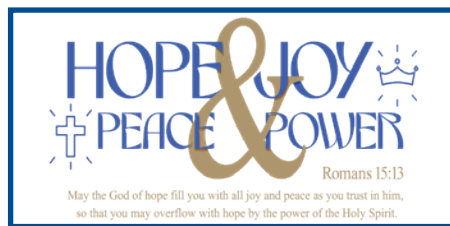
The following memorials were received July 1, 2022, through September 30, 2022. Unless otherwise designated, memorial gifts to MVL are invested in the General Fund Endowment, which accrues earning that are used for the operating budget.

In Memory of

Leila Arndt	\$ 20.00
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Lyle Thompson	\$ 50.00
Jack Ulrich	\$ 110.00
James Unke	\$ 225.00
Lloyd Voges	\$ 20.00
Erna Zahn	\$ 105.00

In Honor of

Craig Morgan
(40 years in
teaching
ministry) \$ 170.00



On the Cover

Two Freshman smile for a photo during Homecoming week. Pictured, left to right, are Calen Norrick and Austin Krohn.

JOYFUL FOR 40 YEARS

After graduation from DMLC, Craig was assigned to Bloomington Lutheran School where he taught 5th and 6th grade, was athletics' director, and coached several sports. In 1995 he accepted the call to MVL to teach Physical Education, American History, Government, and Current Issues, along with coaching baseball and 9th grade boys' basketball. Three years later he accepted the position of Activities Director. Over the course of his time at MVL he has been head baseball coach, head boys' basketball coach, and head girls' and boys' golf coach. MVL has been greatly blessed by Craig's dedicated and humble service.



Craig is celebrating 40 years in the teaching ministry. He is pictured here with his wife, Jill, after the opening service on August 28, 2022.

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MVL does not stand alone today. We are built on the families and supporters of the past 40+ years. We are also built for the families and supporters yet to come. Most importantly, our foundation and future is centered on Christ alone.

You are important for our mission of training students for Christian lives. With your financial commitment and prayers, together we can enhance the academic and activity experiences for MVL students. The costs for this project are estimated at 11.5 million. Please prayerfully consider how best you can impact Christ-centered education at MVL for generations to come.

GIVING OPTIONS	PER DAY	PER MONTH	ANNUALLY	YEARS	TOTAL
From the Heart	\$0.49	\$15.00	\$180.00	5	\$900.00
Foundation Pledge	\$0.82	\$25.00	\$300.00	5	\$1,500.00
Builders Pledge	\$1.64	\$50.00	\$600.00	5	\$3,000.00
Framer Pledge	\$3.29	\$100.00	\$1,200.00	5	\$6,000.00
Bronze Pledge	\$4.93	\$150.00	\$1,800.00	5	\$9,000.00
Silver Pledge	\$8.22	\$250.00	\$3,000.00	5	\$15,000.00
Gold Pledge	\$16.44	\$500.00	\$6,000.00	5	\$30,000.00
Platinum Pledge	\$32.88	\$1,000.00	\$12,000.00	5	\$60,000.00

MVL Mission Advancement is prepared to discuss any questions you have and to help set up a gift plan that works for you. *"Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands" (Psalm 90:17).*


Jim Buboltz


Val Holzhueter

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