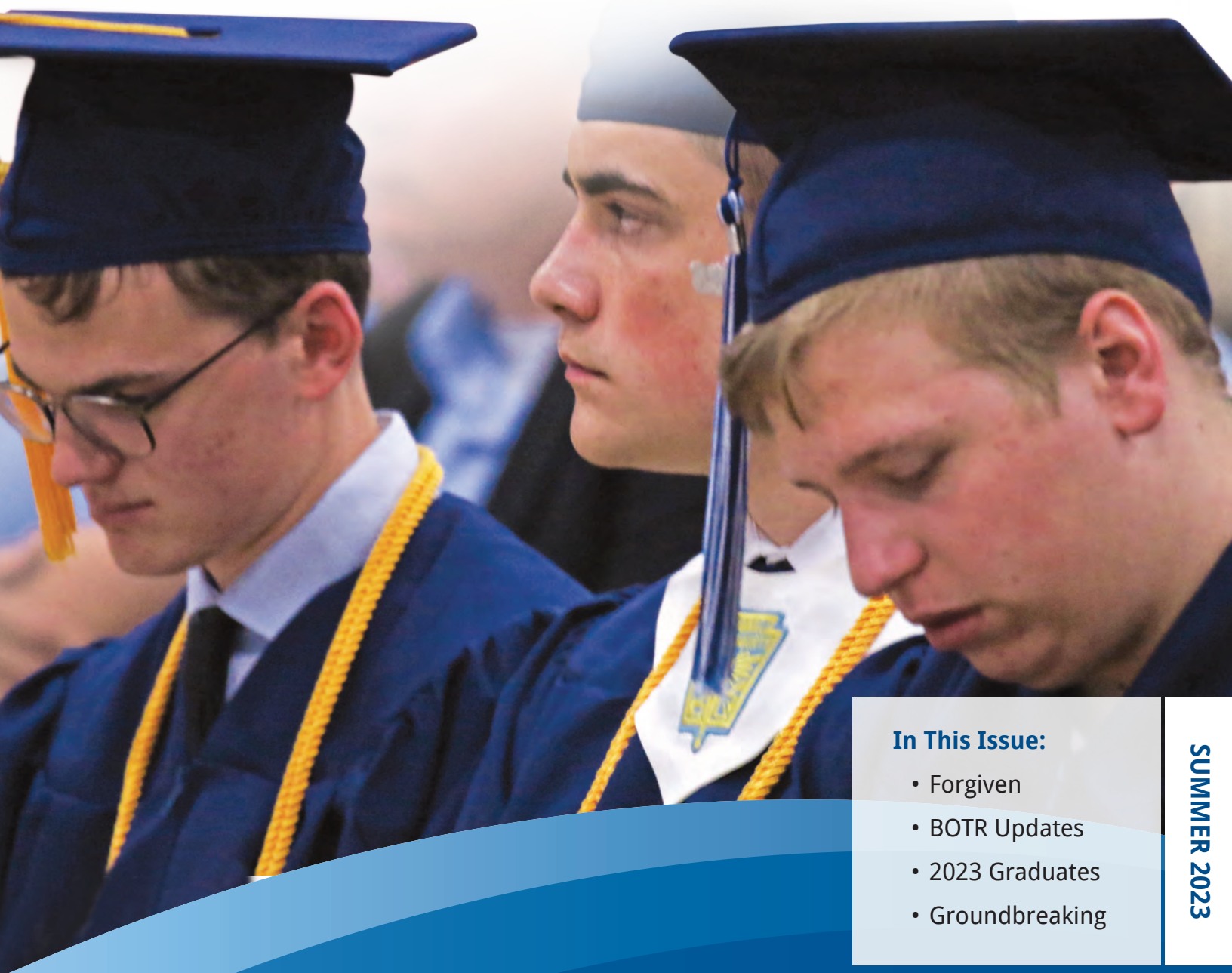


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*Training students for Christian lives*



## Forgiven

*"In Him and through faith in Him we may approach God with freedom and confidence."*

Ephesians 3:12

**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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The young man sat on a chair in my office. He was in my office because he had broken school rules and the Ten Commandments. He knew he was in trouble and had admitted what he had done was wrong. He just didn't say a great deal or express much emotion. That changed when I shared this message: "Now that you've confessed that you've sinned, I want to let you know that I forgive you and Jesus forgives you, too." When he heard those words, the young man started to cry. Mind you, this was not some young freshman boy. He was a

and Gospel an important part of the mission of MVL: "training students for Christian lives on earth and for eternity"? We pray that such correction in high school actually teaches them to grow spiritually, so they are not confronted by a much stronger example of the Law.

That's what makes MVL so special — and our Lutheran elementary schools, too. We preach Christ crucified not only in our chapel devotions and religion classes, but in the ways in which we counsel and discipline our students. We

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junior, and a big guy. But knowing he was being showered with the love and forgiveness of Jesus was enough to start the tears.

With a multitude of variations over the years, I've had the privilege to talk with students who were in similar positions. What a blessing it is to talk forgiveness to young people who need the sweet message of the Gospel after they have been confronted by the Law! How important it is that we as Christian parents and teachers confront sin with the Law, but then just as importantly, share the Gospel message of forgiveness with our young people.

don't just address the sinful act. Rather, we show the sinner the sin, and then, his/her Savior in Jesus Christ. When we discipline our students, we want them to remember the consequences of sin. But, we also want them to remember and understand the grace that they are shown through Jesus.

I pray that never changes at Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School!

*Tim Plath  
MVLHS Principal*



**· FORGIVEN  
· FREE  
· FAITHFUL**

Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School  
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freedom and confidence.  
-Ephesians 3:12

Isn't that combination of Law



# What a Year It's Been

Greetings again from MVL! I pray you are all having a blessed summer!

It was a little over a year ago that the MVL Association Delegates prayerfully decided to relaunch the Building on the Rock campaign, and what a year it has been since! At that time, the goal of the Campaign Committee was to raise 6.8 million dollars in gifts and pledges to get the building project started. I'm very humbled to say that the Lord has led the hearts of His people to recognize the blessing MVL has been the past 40 years. Now we begin the building of a historic new addition to continue those blessings for the next 40 years and beyond! The construction has begun, and the science wing, welcome center, and fieldhouse are starting to take shape. With our growing enrollment, we are very excited to have this project underway!

Please feel free to follow along with the building progress on our livestream on the MVL website,

and look for regular updates on Facebook.

We thank God for so many who found it in their hearts to support MVL and this project with their gifts and through their prayers. Association Alumni, grandparents, current and past parents, and supporters have made this dream a reality!

We ask for your continued support as we look to complete the funding of this project, provide an excellent Christ-centered high school education, and welcome many new families to our growing MVL family! What a year it has been! We continue to thank our Lord and look forward to a prosperous future!

If you have any questions on how to contribute to the Building on the Rock project, please contact me by phone (507-233-8669) or by email at [jbuboltz@mvlhs.org](mailto:jbuboltz@mvlhs.org).

*Jim Buboltz  
Dean of Students &  
Mission Advancement Director*

## MVL Building On The Rock Construction Update

If you haven't been by MVL lately - and I don't blame you if you haven't, as it's quite difficult to get to - there's definitely lots happening! Major excavation took place behind the school for the new science wing, and all the footings and poured walls for that area were finished the end of June. The 750 rock piers needed under the new gymnasium were also completed the end of June, and by the end of July, the footings will be poured for that area as well. Even the front of the existing school is looking quite different already, as sidewalk and pavement have been removed for the new entrance and commons area. The three-tiered landscaped feature between the two entrances has been totally removed as well. Many thanks to the football team and other volunteers who helped salvage those landscape blocks for repurposing later on in this project. Our precast walls should start arriving in late August. You can see live progress on our "Building On the Rock Livestream" at <https://mvl.org/> on the bottom of the home page. Please pray for God's continued blessings on the project as we move ahead!

*David Bendix  
Chairman of the BOTR  
Building Committee*





# Class of 2023

*Class Verse: Jeremiah 1:19*

*"They will fight against you but will not overcome you, for I am with you and will rescue you,"  
declares the Lord. "*

On May 25th, 2023, forty-three students graduated from Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School. Pastor Timothy Smith, from St Paul's in New Ulm, led the group in worship. Natalie Hennig and Gracen Lukasek were the class speakers, and Isaiah Carlovsky led the assembly in prayer. The class hymn was "In Christ Alone," and the class flower was the chrysanthemum.

God has blessed these young men and women with four years of rigorous, Christ-centered education. With the education attained and the gifts they've strengthened over their years here at MVL, they will certainly touch many lives as they move forward to their future careers and vocations. Thirty of the graduates will be attending four-year institutions. Of this number, five will attend Martin Lutheran College, eleven will attend Bethany Lutheran College, and one will head to Wisconsin Lutheran College. This means that almost forty percent of the Class of 2023 will be attending one of our Christian colleges! Seven students will attend two-year institutions, and another six graduates will move directly into the work force. The total gift aid and scholarships earned from the class totaled \$1,145,332, with \$1,079,332 coming from college scholarship awards, and \$66,000 coming from outside or competitive scholarships.

We pray that these young adults will put their education to good use and God would continue to bless them in all their future endeavors!

**Congratulations Class of 2023!**









## Faithful Service Ends with School Year



The close of the school year saw the end of service for two of our teachers. They will both be moving on to new chapters in their lives.

Becky Rogotzke has been teaching at MVL since the fall of 2018. She summarized her service and departure in this way:

*"I was blessed to spend most of my five years at MVL with juniors, teaching American Literature and Composition all five years. I supervised online classes four of the five years and taught Consumer Math one year as well. My plans for the future are somewhat uncertain as I wait to see where God's plans lead. I hope to spend some time writing, crafting/ quilting, and traveling while looking for opportunities for service in God's kingdom!"*



Jakob Casper joined the MVL family in the summer of 2022. During the past year, he taught U.S. History, U.S. Government, Economics, and 9th-grade Physical Education. He will be moving on to Bloomington Lutheran where he will teach 7th grade homeroom and reading for grades 6th through 8th.

We are grateful for the time, energy, and dedication Becky and Jakob shared with MVL and our students over their years of service.

## National Recognition

In October of 2022, the officials of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation announced the names of over 16,000 semifinalists in the 68th annual National Merit Scholarship Program. These academically talented seniors have an opportunity to continue in the scholarship competition for one of the 7,250 National Merit Scholarships that total almost \$28 million. To be considered for a Merit Scholarship award, students must score high enough on the October PSAT/NMSQT they take in the fall of their junior year. Semifinalists are the highest scoring entrants in each state and represent less than the top one percent of each state's high school seniors. MVL was proud to have two students become semifinalists this year! Both Isaiah Carlovsky and Isaiah Rogotzke were honored with this impressive achievement.

In February, both individuals found out that they had advanced on and were named finalists in the National Merit Scholarship Competition. The National Merit Scholarship Corporation will inform Finalists whether or not they are a Merit Scholarship recipient between April and July of 2023. Congratulations to both Isaiahs on their remarkable achievement!



# Memorial & Honorary Gifts

The following memorials were received February 21, 2023, through June 30, 2023. 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

Chad Apitz	\$ 1,430.00	Edgar Kiecker	\$ 1,728.00
Walter & Elviera Becker	\$ 20.00	Nancy Kosel	\$ 50.00
Jerome Bentz	\$ 20.00	Delbert Kramer	\$36,659.58
John & Olga Bentz	\$ 20.00	Mollie Kuhlman	\$ 753.00
Donald Bode	\$ 10.00	Shirley Madsen	\$ 50.00
Bruce Boerner	\$ 5,349.15	Dorothy Martens	\$ 20.00
Delores Bleick	\$ 2,535.46	Wayne Noga	\$ 20.00
Laurel Engquist	\$ 100.00	Edgar Poehler	\$ 100.00
Irene Fischer	\$ 25.00	Hope Redlin	\$ 10.00
Donald Fosburgh	\$ 620.00	Gene Rodewald	\$10,168.51
John Gawrisch	\$ 1,000.00	Marlene Rolloff	\$ 20.00
Bob Gibbons	\$ 50.00	Ronald Schilling	\$ 75.00
Janet Graupman	\$ 250.00	Julianne Shaw	\$ 210.00
Violet Hansen	\$ 20.00	Donna Shult	\$ 140.00
Mary Hartten	\$ 20.00	Mark Shult	\$ 440.00
Dorothy Hein	\$ 100.00	Bev Simonsen	\$ 140.00
Patti Hesse	\$ 10.00	Tom Wilking	\$ 60.00
Chris Hippert	\$ 10.00		
Gloria Jenkins	\$ 10.00		
Bruce Johnson	\$ 100.00		

## In Honor of

Chris Knepp's birthday	\$ 165.00
Irma Mclean's 90th Birthday	\$ 260.00
Marv Meihack's 90th birthday	\$ 90.00

## Upcoming Events At MVL

**August 17th - Grade 10th-12th Picture Day (2 sessions)**

**12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.  
5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.**

**August 17th - New Student Orientation  
5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.**

**Opening Service/Installation  
August 27th - 1:30 p.m.**

**August 28th - First day of school for Freshmen**

**August 29th - First day of school  
Sophomores-Seniors**

## 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

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**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

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**Peace Lutheran Church**  
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St. Peter, Minnesota

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**Zion Lutheran Church**  
Sanborn, Minnesota

**St. John's Lutheran Church**  
Sleepy Eye, Minnesota

**Zion Lutheran Church**  
Winthrop, Minnesota





## Breaking New Ground



On Sunday, May 21st, 2023, a large group of MVL supporters gathered in the current parking lot for a groundbreaking service near the site of the new addition. Pastor Matt Moldstad led the service, and Pastor Paul Meitner was the preacher for the event. All the planning, praying, and diligent work has finally seen this project come to fruition!

In the picture above, Pastor Moldstad and Pastor Meitner look on while seven individuals break ground on the new addition. From left to right are Scott Trebelhorn (MVLHS Board of Directors Chairman), Dave Bendix (Building Committee Chairman), Scott Uemhofer (President, RW Carlstrom Construction Company), Val Holzhueter (BOTR Capital Committee), Natalie Hennig (MVLHS Student Body President), James Buboltz (MVLHS Director of Mission Advancement), and Dr. Timothy Plath (MVLHS Principal).

The day after the event, the work began! How fitting that the first work on the new building project was completed by alumni and future alumni of MVL! Pictured to the right are Landen Merseth, Ty Sexton, Ethan Holtmeier, Brent Krohn, and Eric Westphal.

If you haven't done so already, we hope you will consider a donation to this very important project! For more information, please call the school office at 507-354-6851 or email Jim Buboltz at [jbuboltz@mvlhs.org](mailto:jbuboltz@mvlhs.org).

