



LCS Apologist

Alumni Newsletter

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Serving Our Lord, Supporting Our School

Welcome to the LCS Apologist Alumni Newsletter

Welcome to the new *LCS Apologist* Alumni Newsletter! You might be wondering about some of your old friends or how your high school is doing since you moved on. Now there is a way to stay in touch – a link to your alma mater, Lincoln Christian School. Our hope is to provide LCS alumni with an informative and useful way to stay in touch with friends, family and teachers from LCS. Our Alumni vision statement is to Serve our Lord, Support our School. Our Alumni mission statement is to live out our faith in Jesus Christ our Savior through all our endeavors and to graciously support Lincoln Christian School with our prayer, resources and abilities.

Our newsletter name comes from our desire to support and uplift the school that



gave us a solid Christian education. Apologist is defined as: \A*pol'o*gist\, n. One who speaks or writes in defense of a faith, a cause, or an institution; especially, one who argues in defense of Christianity. There is no doubt that our children are liv-

ing in challenging times and there exists a great need for an educational institution that is founded on the principals of Christian living. An institution that not only will educate young people, but will also provide a cornerstone of truth from which their values, morals and ethics can be built. LCS is such a school and is doing a tremendous job of "Teaching about God's World in the light of God's Word" as their motto so poignantly states.

As a small group of volunteers, we realize that we can by no means fully represent the diverse population of LCS alumni. That's why we're calling all alumni to write, call or email with your comments and support. We want to hear what God has been doing in your life since the glory days at Lincoln Christian School.

Don't forget your roots!

– by Rob Rexilius, LCS Bible Teacher & Youth Pastor

In March of 1981 I dipped my toes gingerly into my relationship with Lincoln Christian School by interviewing for a teaching position at an institution I barely knew. Little did I realize then that would begin a twenty-two year love affair with a continuously changing and ever-evolving ocean of students and staff – young and old, men and women,

followers of Christ, pretenders and rejecters. I think I've seen it all, but many more chapters are yet to be written.

All of us have our own interesting stories of how God sovereignly and creatively merged our lives with LCS, whether it was for one year or thirteen, in the Normal, Berean or 84th Street buildings, under Mr. Kroeker or Peters or Lockyer or Wilson. And all of us can testify to the good and the bad, the positive and negative, the spiritually invigorating and degenerating ways the school and its people have contributed toward shaping us to be the people we currently are. If we do look back at earth once we are in heaven, there will be a pocket of us there who will point at this icon of Christian education in Lincoln, Nebraska,



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Let's Get Together!

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Reunions

as a key ingredient in the foundations of our relationship with God.

Who can forget the crammed halls, moldy corners, tiled gym and recess on the dirt play area or in the "forest" at the back of the Normal Boulevard property? What about the basement rooms we had to reorganize every Friday afternoon and Monday morning, the hours spent in the gravel parking lot around all those cars (a disaster waiting to happen), and the varied use of the hallways of Lincoln Berean church as a sort of "multi-purpose room"? And remember the years of gym floor that was concrete so we had to travel to tiny gyms everywhere for practices and games, the "rock" parking lot that became a mud hole each time it rained or snowed, and the brown carpet that amazingly captured all of our spills and messes?

Through all those years we grew and grew (maxing out at close to 400 in 7th-12th grades and 650 in K-12). We finally built an elementary building and united our

school onto one campus; we hired a second principal; we moved in classes for competition from C-2 to C-1 and even almost to B, winning state championships in several activities along the way; we added lockers everywhere we could cram them, packed our hallways with hundreds of bodies each class break and spilled over

"...ever-evolving ocean of students and staff... followers of Christ, pretenders and rejecters."

into a couple of rooms in the elementary building; we moved a couple of modulars onto the west of the high school; and we eventually put down wood gym floors and stage floors and tiled our halls and multi-purpose room.

These days we're a bit smaller again. But God is still at work. So much remains the same (chapels once a week, daily dress code challenges, brown sack lunches,

research papers, Mr. Boehr teaching elementary music, etc.), yet so much has changed (dozens of staff changes, having a superintendent, four Bible teachers instead of 10-12, National Honor Society, music tech as a class, etc.) Through all these years, God has faithfully blessed and worked in so many ways in the lives of so many people--including you.

What our future holds is in the hands of Almighty God. Our prayer is that LCS will continue to "look at God's World in the light of God's Word," equipping young men and women (including your children, hopefully) to serve our Lord in an increasingly oppositional world.

Thank you for the part you have played in LCS. You have helped shape it in some tiny way into what it is today. Please don't forget about us here. Pray for us. Keep in touch. Stay involved. Don't forget your roots! God has done, is doing and will continue to do great things in and through this school for His glory.

Alumni on a Mission

Because of His Amazing Grace

— by Nick Orduna, 1988 LCS Graduate

What's up everybody? This alumni thing is long overdue but I'm glad we have begun to reconnect with the "old school". I think we all have a lot to be thankful for especially as it relates to our christian education (foundation) and the relationships that we had growing up. I know I'm thankful!

After graduating from Lincoln Christian in 1988, I attended Nebraska Wesleyan University majoring in Physical Education and Health and continued to play a little ball on the side. KC (Dworak) and I were married my sophomore year (December 29, 1990) and two years later she gave birth to our first child, Andre, who is almost 10 years old now and just about ready to finish 4th grade at LCS. We're gettin' old man!

Shortly after graduating from NWU God opened the door for me to return to LCS to teach and coach. Just before I was about to begin my first year of teaching KC had a stroke and lost movement on the left side of her body. God really used this time to



help me grow up as a young man, Christian, husband and father who needed to get serious about all of those roles and responsibilities. KC has almost fully recovered and we have adopted two other wonderful children since then. Mariah is almost 7yrs old and is about to finish first grade at LCS and Isaiah just turned one in January. Children are a blessing from the Lord!

I really enjoyed my teaching and coaching experience at LCS. I taught Physical Education (5th-12th), Jr and Sr High Health, Advanced PE, Sophomore Bible

and Senior Bible. I had the privilege of helping with football and coaching the girls basketball program to their first state championship a year ago.

Last June God called me to the ministry and I am working full time at Faith Bible Church (a block south of the school) as the junior and senior high youth pastor. I know what a lot of you are thinking too? How could Nick possibly be serving as a pastor? Wasn't he the dude who _____? It's

only because of His amazing grace that I am able to do so and I absolutely love it! I look forward to hearing from you and pray that we will remain faithful to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Holla'

Feel free to contact me at: 484-8773 (home), 484-6020 (church) or e-mail me at: nick@faithbiblelincoln.org

In every newsletter we would like to spotlight an alumni and their family who has made ministry their fulltime job. If you know anyone who has attended LCS and is now working in some facet of ministry, please let us know.

"Taking Care of Business" Campaign

What's Done and What Needs to be Done

— by Jason Dworak, 1989 LCS Graduate

What have you done since graduation? You've probably been asked that question a hundred times.

The same question is appropriate for Lincoln Christian School. Since our first graduating class in 1978 the Lord has done wonderful things at LCS:

- Over 10,000 students, K-12, have learned about God's world in the light of God's Word.
- The campus at 84th & Old Cheney Road was established in the early 1980's.
- 5 National Merit Finalists have been prepared at LCS.
- A new elementary facility was built in 1995.
- Bible Class has been held over 55,250 times, K-12.

The second question you are probably asked is: **What are you doing now?** Likewise at LCS we are:

- Introducing an alumni newsletter
- Initiating some important alumni events
- Launching a major LCS campaign "Taking Care of Business"

The purpose of the Taking Care of Business campaign includes 4 key elements:

- #1 Student Retention** – encourage current LCS families to continue their Biblical training of their children at LCS
- #2 Student Recruitment** – equip current families and interested alumni with promotional material to share what God is doing at LCS
- #3 Student Investment** – provide financial support to the daily ministry of LCS which will
 - help eliminate debt and a budget deficit
 - dramatically increase a scholarship fund for tuition assistance for current and future school families
- #4 Parent Involvement** – encourage involvement in the day-to-day activities of Lincoln Christian School

As part of this campaign, the LCS Alumni Association has already raised \$22,000 toward the campaign goal of \$1.5 million. The \$22,000 is the first step in achieving an Alumni Challenge Goal of raising \$80,000 over the next two years. Please consider how you can participate in this campaign both as an act of thanksgiving and sacrifice to help more children benefit from the spiritual and academic training we were fortunate to receive.

Your interest and involvement in the campaign is important to its success. Please review the enclosed reply form and indicate how you will help make a difference at LCS. Thank you for your prayers and tax-deductible contributions.

I will keep you posted on the progress of the campaign and look forward to seeing what God can do through the LCS alumni.



Taking Care of Business ALUMNI Campaign



\$22,000 so far

\$58,000 to go!

Since LCS



A Music Man

— by Tim Fredstrom, 1981 LCS Graduate

I graduated from LCS in the spring of 1981. The next fall, I attended Nebraska Wesleyan University, where I graduated in 1986. Following graduation from NWU, I worked as a producer and arranger of music at Back to the Bible for three years. In 1989 I returned to graduate school at the University of Nebraska—Lincoln School of Music, where I completed a master of music degree in vocal performance in 1991. I taught music for five years at Waverly High School before returning to the University to complete my doctoral studies in music education, where I graduated with a Ph.D. in 1999. I am currently in my fifth year of teaching in the Lincoln Public Schools, where I am the music department chair at Lincoln Southwest High School. For the past three years I have also been on faculty at the University of Nebraska—Lincoln School of Music where I teach graduate courses in music education.

I married Tonya Duensing in 1990. Tonya is an instructional designer for the Gallup Organization. Tonya and I have two children, Nora (age 7) and Will (age 5). We are members of Messiah Lutheran Church (LCMS) in Lincoln, and Nora and Will attend school at Messiah Lutheran School. I am also actively involved in the music ministries of Messiah.

Calling all ALUMNI!

Missing Alumni Addresses: If you know. Let us know

Lynne Benson
Sherrie Russell Benson
Lovina Cole
Monica Cooke
Sherry Thompson Covalt
Tim Garrett
Susan Hageman
Joy Binder Hall
Rebekah Blocksom Hutton
Tamera Harrison McIntosh
Tim Ostransky
Terri Jones Siegle
Ruth Spang
Dena Mishler Twinem
Mark Fagan
David Nilson
Robyn Whitbeck
Deb Wilkins
Matt Bower
John Dallman
Mary Binder Restrepo
Cindy Roseberry Morris
Jeff Sperling
Warren Unruh
Shari Best
Craig Burgess
Deb Bailey Donahoo
Rachel Dority
Cindy Kohler
Todd McChesney
Pam Russell Pryzbysz
Susan Suddarth
Christy Lindholm Virts
Rick White
Janelle Roberts Atchley
Kevin Benson
Dan Dority
Randy Larsen
Robin Anderson
John & Sandy Brauer Cherry
Stacey Eberspacher Cole
Kathy Fredstrom Duhs
Robin Sink Eschliman
Jolene Sperling Nachtigal
Melody Weiler Overstreet
Scott Rice
Hope Bouwens Rose
Janice Ross
John Adkins
Tana Wattnem Ahrens
Alison Blessing
Tammy Hutson Boone
Cyndee Ross Downs
Julia Hartwig Kightlinger
Tricia Eberspacher Lehman
Lynette Wickersham Leppky
Greg Leppky
Bill Meyers
Mike Meyers
Christine Lumbarde Semple
Steve Tullis

Patricia Welsh
LeAnn White
Phil Baker
Teresa Naylor Anderson
Serena Ebbers
Rob Free
Joan Leppky
Christopher Lyon
Heather Mills
Chantell Rust
Kathleen Springer Sovereign
Chris Stock
Kim Thacker
Jennifer Wissel
Mark Dougherty
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