

# HighLites

"Into the Light"

1 Peter 2:9-10



A Monthly Newsletter

December 2009



*I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.* John 10:11

Times are tough. Our country is at war. Jobs are being lost and slow to return. People are sick with diseases, viruses, and sicknesses of all kinds. Our culture is morally bankrupt and in decay. Unborn babies are being mass-murdered in the name of choice and body ownership. The litany of our society's decadence and destruction could go on and on. To be sure, we have never needed Christian leaders more than we do today!

Too bad that this leadership void is being filled, in many cases, by ranchers instead of shepherds. Noted Christian author, Harry Leeder (2008) recently explained that it is no accident that Scripture calls us to be Christian leaders who are shepherds not ranchers.

## Ranchers and Shepherds

The comparison between ranchers and shepherds is interesting. Ranchers drive herds and shepherds lead flocks. Ranchers crack the whip and create fear. Shepherds call the sheep by name and set the pace. Which one are you more like—a rancher or a shepherd?

Too many leaders today, some even in the church, are acting like ranchers. Many of these rancher leaders create unnecessary fear about impending financial doom, a dreary future, or crises that apparently have no answers nor any glimmer of hope. Often times ranchers recklessly charge into the next fail-safe human solution without remembering to cast their anxieties onto the Lord and ask for His direction and guidance.

Of course, we know that Jesus Christ is the Good Shepherd who laid down his life for the flock—the dumb and ignorant sheep that would be you and me. He has redeemed us through the blood He shed on the Cross of Calvary. Praise God!

Through the blood and love of Jesus Christ—and his example of shepherd leadership, Lutheran High has been blessed in so many ways. One of those special ways is through the continuing support of our Association congregations. Your congregation, in

fact, continues to be a shepherd to the families and students who attend Lutheran High. You pray for our faculty, staff, and students each Sunday. You know our families and students by name. Your financial and volunteer commitments to Lutheran High, as individuals and as a congregation, demonstrate how you and your congregation set the pace and value a Christian education beyond eighth grade. Quite frankly, we could not **Prepare Christian Leaders—One Student at a Time** without you or your congregation's support and encouragement.

So during this Christmas season, we say thank you to all of the members of our Association congregations. Thank you for being a shepherd to our high school youth—the future of our church. Thank you for leading the way in Christian education. Your giving, prayers, and enthusiastic support reflect the love of our Savior—the Good Shepherd.

Merry Christmas!

In Christ,

*Jim Pingel*  
Executive Director



## The Importance of Being Earnest

Under the direction of 2003 Alum Laurie Kretschmar Dillman, this three act comedy provided great entertainment for Lutheran High audiences and a great learning experience for cast members.

Our thanks to Laurie and her talented cast and crew for sharing their talents both on stage and off! We also thank those that were involved in the technical aspects of sound and set design.



## Cross Country Teams Achieve State Ranking

What a blessed season for this year's Cross Country teams! The girls team finished third at the State Cross Country Meet in Wisconsin Rapids, and the boys team finished tenth.

The girls finished 1st, 2nd, or 3rd in every meet they competed this season. The boys won a number of meets and always did their best. To God be the praise and glory.

## Christmas Concert O Come Let Us Adore Him

Monday, December 14  
7:00 PM Weill Center

Konzertchor-Treble Choir-Chamber  
Choir- Jazz Band - Symphonic Band

The Board of Directors is hosting a  
Pre-Concert Alumni and  
Parent Reception  
for the Classes of 2001-2009  
and Taproot Members

6:00 Upper Foyer Reception  
RSVP to LHS at 452-3323 by  
December 9

## Lutheran High Students of the Month

have been chosen based on their service, behavior, leadership, attitude and academic achievements.

### Senior - Mary Berg

Trinity Lutheran Church - Sheboygan

### Junior - Rachel Bohnhoff

St John Lutheran Church - Plymouth

### Sophomore - Nick Redeker

Bethlehem Lutheran Church - Sheboygan

### Freshman - Liz Falconer

St. John Evangelist - Kohler