



HighLites

"Into the Light"

1 Peter 2:9-10

A Monthly Newsletter

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Do Our Children Know the Right Answers?

Did you happen to get a new book for Christmas? I received the book *Superfreakonomics* and one on Patton, Montgomery, and Rommel (World War II generals)—both which I can't wait to read. Perhaps someone gave you the new *Lutheran Study Bible* (make sure you put that one on your birthday wish list if you did not get it).

One of the bestselling books in 2009 was Dan Brown's *The Lost Symbol*. Brown is also the bestselling author of books you might have heard about—*The Da Vinci Code* and *Angels & Demons* (both books were turned into major motion pictures). I am sure that *The Lost Symbol*, like his other works, is a page-turning fictional yarn. Brown's works, however, do not always paint Christianity and the Christian religion in a positive light.

In a recent interview, Dan Brown revealed that he began to give up on religion when his pastor was unable to defend the book of Genesis. When he was a young man, Brown read a book about the big bang occurring billions of years ago, yet he knew that the Bible taught that "God created heaven and earth and the animals in seven days." He struggled with the question: Which view is correct? He went to his pastor asking the question "Which is right?" The minister supposedly replied, "Nice boys don't

ask that question." Brown's faith in the Bible as the Truth, already uncertain, was shattered.

This interview, excerpted from *Answers* (2010) magazine, demonstrates the value and life-saving importance of a Christian education, from preschool through high school (and beyond). Brown was a young boy who had an innocent but important question—a question that many other young boys and girls have each and every day. Most secular schools answer the same question Brown had from a secular worldview that has no room for God. Our Lutheran day schools, Lutheran High School, and local pastors answer this question, and all other questions that students might have, from a Biblical worldview—where everything begins with God. What answer do you want your child or grandchild to hear and know when they ask a question of such significance?

Recently, I visited with a local pastor who was lamenting the fact that two young families had left his church because he was teaching Creationism or, as he put it, teaching what the Bible says about the origins of life. These two families simply could not accept the once-a-week confirmation lessons the pastor was teaching from the Bible when contrasted with the daily, secular onslaught their children were being taught from public school textbooks

and that they themselves were being exposed to daily in our culture. The pastor told me he did not know if these two families, who left his church, are faithfully and regularly attending another church.

Whether the question is about the origins of life, about our sinful nature, or about the divinity of Christ, rest assured that our Lutheran elementary schools, Association pastors, and Lutheran High School answer all of our students questions with the Truth. If we cannot believe one part of the Bible, how can we believe other parts—especially the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ!

Knowing the right answers, being surrounded by faithful loving teachers and pastors who share God's Word and the love of Christ, can be a matter of spiritual life and death. Thank goodness and thank God for Lutheran schools! Thank you for supporting these Lutheran schools—where the spiritual answers we all hunger and long for are taught daily from God's Word, where students learn about the Word that became flesh, and a Savior who loves them despite our sinfulness.

In Christ,

Jim Pingel

Executive Director

Save the Date!
**Lutheran High Annual
 Dinner Auction**

Friday, April 9 - Preview Night

Complimentary Auction Preview
 featuring cash bar and food - Starting at 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 10 - Auction & Dinner

30th Anniversary and Million Dollar Sales
 Celebration Event - Starting at 4:30 p.m.



Your Donations Are Needed

Desperately Seeking : Packers, Badger and Brewers tickets! Please consider donating a pair of your season tickets to be auctioned off. Your donation of other auction items will also be greatly appreciated.

Desserts: Please consider donating your best torte, layer cake or special dessert for the "Dessert Auction"

Check out our website at www.lhsauction.com to find an expanded wish list and more information about this years "Do Not Miss" event!

Thank you in advance for your support!

CLC Honors Band



These four musicians were selected to participate in the Central Lakeshore Honors Band with special guest, Michael Leckrone, the director of Bands at UW Madison. Pictured left to right, Mattias Gugel, Amanda Dillman, UW Band Director Michael Leckrone, LHS Music Director Matt Thiel, Sam Ames and Adon Brown.

Lutheran High Students of the Month

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

Senior - Jessica Kanz

Bethlehem Lutheran Church - Sheboygan

Junior - Robert Holt

Trinity Lutheran Church - Sheboygan

Sophomore - Nicole Beine

St. John the Evangelist - Kohler

Freshman - Rebekah Yurk

Trinity Lutheran Church - Sheboygan