



25th Anniversary of the Lutheran High Golf Tournament

It's time to make your tee time! If you love to golf and love Lutheran High there is truly no better way to spend your time and money. This year's tournament will be held on Saturday, June 11, 2011 at Town and Country Golf Course in Sheboygan.

This is the 25th year that Crusader friends and family have gathered on the links for fun, fellowship, and a good cause.

The traditional array of prizes and events will be offered including valuable cash and awards for the winning teams, a putting contest, door prizes, and a great 19th hole reception to retell the spectacular golf shots of the day. As usual, lunch is included.

Prizes will be given to the top teams, including special awards for the 25th Place Team. We will continue to reward team places in Men, Women and Mixed categories.

The cost for the 18 hole tournament is \$75 if paid by June 3rd. After June 3rd, the cost is \$85. The 18 hole cost includes greens fees, cart, prizes, a sandwich and beverage at "the turn," and a donation to Lutheran High. There is a special rate for senior citizens (60 and over)



**Open House in honor of
"Mr. Lutheran High"
Chuck Benedum
June 11, 2011**

and full time students (at any level) of \$60 if paid by June 3rd.

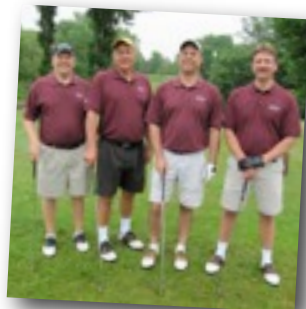
You can also register on line if you would like. Go to the Lutheran High Website (www.lutheranhigh.com) and select Golf. You can pay with a credit card for registration and cash donations.

This tournament is a tremendous gathering of all ages, with students, alumni, parents, past parents, faculty and friends participating in many different ways.

After the Tournament is completed, there will be an Open House in honor of "Mr. Lutheran High," Chuck Benedum. The Open House will run from 2:00 - 6:00 p.m. at the lower level of Town and Country. Refreshments will be served. Chuck is retiring from the classroom this spring. The Open House is for anyone who would like to say thanks to Chuck not just those involved in the Golf Tournament.

If you are unable to attend or if you are asking yourself "What can I do to thank Chuck?" please consider sending a monetary donation for the Benedum Student Mentor and Athletic Scholarship Fund. If this is what you choose to do, your donation may be sent in the enclosed envelope, indicating that the donation should be designated for the Benedum Fund. We know Chuck would be pleased with this gesture.

We thank God for all of the students and parents that Chuck has touched during his many years of service.





Executive Director Jim Pingel

Many biographers and historians who have studied and written about George Washington remain perplexed about the source of George Washington's courage. One historian was impressed with how Washington's courage "improved during times of acute stress" (Jones, 2002, p. 64). Another says that Washington possessed "the courage and the will to go straight on where the road was blackest" (Freeman, 1951, p. 489). Yet another has written that Washington was the "bravest of brave" and "never despaired" (Flexner, 1967, p. 542).

Surprisingly, however, very few biographers have commented on the reason or reasons *why* George Washington was so courageous. The truth is that Washington's courage emanated from his religious faith and the *confidence* he had in his Heavenly Father. Indeed, George Washington's greatest leadership strength was his confidence. Washington's confidence in God gave him courage. And Washington's confidence was inspired by his orthodox Christian faith.

When victory was looking rather bleak for the Continental Army during the tumultuous and gut-wrenching days of the Revolutionary War, General George Washington relied heavily on his faith for guidance and comfort. In his writings, Washington frequently gave "humble and grateful thanks" to God's care, especially "when the clouds were heaviest and seemed ready to burst upon us." Whatever would happen

Confident in the Storm

next in the war with the British, Washington wrote that he submitted everything to God with the "most perfect resignation and cheerfulness," for God had a "valuable purpose" for everything that happened in life. Washington noted how God had been his "only dependence," especially when "all other resources seemed to have fail'd us."

After battles lost or during particularly discouraging days, Washington—sinful as he was—would sometimes turn melancholy and embrace self-pity. As early as January, 1776, Washington lamented that one could not search the "vast volumes of history" to find "a case similar" to his leadership challenge and plight of the Continental Army. Facing "the flower of the British troops" for any duration seemed futile and "too much to attempt." Amidst the storms of war, even General George Washington, America's first hero, doubted, despaired, and worried about the future.

Yet, Washington's daily Bible reading, prayer, and faith would quickly snap him out of his doldrums and lamentations. To a close friend he once wrote: "The prospect is gloomy and the storm thickens." But despite "the difficulties in the course of this contest," Washington's Christian faith moved him to look at these challenges "with more tranquility" and a peaceful understanding that God was ultimately in control. He knew that "God, in his goodness," would "direct" the outcomes of his life. "I am thankful for his protection..." he wrote.

Indeed, when Washington worried about the future, his faith inspired him to act and lead instead of cowering with paralysis. Even though he earnestly desired to retire peacefully to his own "Vine and Fig Tree," Washington knew that God was calling him to lead the Continental Army. Whatever happened, Washington knew that everything would turn out "for the

best and that, in due time, all" would "end well."

Toward the end of the Revolutionary War, when the Continental Army still faced imminent defeat, Washington wrote a touching letter to his brother revealing the confidence and, thus, courage that sprung from his Christian faith. "You ask how I am to be rewarded for all of this?"

Washington wrote of his daunting task as General of the Continental Army. "No reward," could deprive him "the consciousness of having done my duty with the strictest rectitude, and most scrupulous exactness, and the certain knowledge, that if we should, ultimately, fail in the present contest, it is not owing to the want of exertion in me, or the application of every means that Congress and the United States...have put into my hands." Instead, Washington praised God for "whom we are more infinitely more indebted than we are to our own wisdom, or our own exertions" and Who had always displayed "His "power and goodness, when clouds and thick darkness seemed ready to overwhelm us." Washington hoped and prayed for another "manifestation" of God's "bounty however little we deserve it." Washington's resilient confidence in God and His plans was our Founding Father's greatest leadership attribute.

God continues to be good to Lutheran High despite the many challenges and stormy seas we face (see the new Lutheran High Conventional Wisdom section for more details). Our confidence in Jesus and His promises, especially during tough times, is what keeps us moving forward. What a privilege the Lutheran High family has in sharing Jesus' love and forgiveness as we **Prepare Christian Leaders—One Student at a Time.**

In Jesus' Name,

Jim Pingel



Gerald Striegel loves attending Taproot Club Events.

Caring Crusader: Gerald Striegel

finds time to enjoy his second home in Arizona.

Gerry's involvement with Lutheran High started innocently enough. "My congregation—Good Shepherd (Sheboygan)—started to support Lutheran High," he says, "so I figured I should support it personally too." Soon Gerry was attending the annual Taproot Dinner event, Dinner Auctions, and other Lutheran High events. He continues to attend the Auction and Taproot Club events faithfully today. In fact, Gerry is usually the first one to show up for every Taproot Event. "I love the Taproot Club events," he insists. "They always have great programs and I get to see people I have not seen for awhile. Plus it's a great cause."

Thankful that his father taught him to start putting aside 5 percent of his income when he started a paper route many decades ago, Gerry firmly believes that "money can make you money if you stay disciplined." He believes habits are important to form early in life, and he hopes people support Lutheran High early on so that they will continue to do so well into their old age. "I hope the parents who sent their kids to Lutheran High and

benefitted from that experience don't forget Lutheran High after their kids graduate," he says. "People waste their money on all kinds of things today, but Lutheran High is not a waste in the least."

Indeed, while Gerry has supported Lutheran High with his gifts of love faithfully over the decades, he has also named Lutheran High a beneficiary in his will. "I want to keep Lutheran High going as a viable organization," he asserts, "because of the purpose it serves." He hopes that "kids and parents today know they have to make an effort to keep Lutheran High going."

Gerry did not know if Lutheran High would make it in the beginning, but is very thankful that God has seen fit to bless the school for over three decades. "Don't paint me to be saint," he explains. "Many other people sacrifice and have sacrificed more than I have to make Lutheran High go. I'm thankful for all who help this great school work."

Lutheran High is thankful to Gerry as well as supporters and Caring Crusaders all around the world. Thank you for your prayers, positive word of mouth, and financial support.



Lutheran High has many supporters and Caring Crusaders who prefer to live and give behind the scenes. Perhaps as age creeps up on some of them, too, they are not as mobile or able to get out to Lutheran High events with regularity. Nonetheless, they still care and support Lutheran High with their prayers, word of mouth, and treasure. Gerry Striegel is just one of those individuals.

Gerry has spent most of his life in Sheboygan County except for the five and half years he served on a submarine during the Korean War. After the war, Gerry served in the State Patrol for almost 31 years. During the winter these days, he

2011 Auction Success!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone that participated in the auction - donated items, attended the event, and volunteered time and talent!

The evening was a great success and a profit of nearly \$100,000 was reached at this fundraiser. Thanks be to God!

Planning is already underway for next year's auction. If you are interested in being a part of this important fundraiser please contact Jim Pingel or Kathy VandeKreeke at LHS.

**Next year's Dinner Auction will be held on
Saturday, April 14th.**

Mark your calendar now and plan to attend!



LHS Parent, David Ames, did a terrific job as emcee for this year's auction.

Lutheran High Conventional Wisdom



Dinner Auction

Gross proceeds on special event garner almost \$120,000! Student scholarships and classroom technology biggest beneficiaries. Praise God from whom all blessings flow.



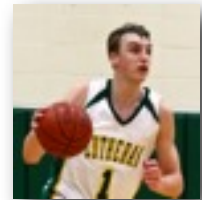
State Honors Choir

Junior Rachel Maxon's selection a first in Lutheran High history. She can act and dance too!



Bo Ryan Express

Sheboygan Area and Division Five Player of the Year, Sam Dekker, receives Second Team All-State selection. He's got game...and one more year of eligibility in green & gold.



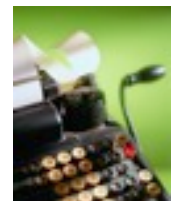
Got Christian Education?

Over 40 Lutheran grade schools and high schools closed in 2010-2011 school year. Other Christian denominations and schools suffer also. Economy, broken families, misplaced priorities, and Satan were leading culprits.



Audit

LHS completes annual audit in January. Despite current and approaching challenges, school in sound financial shape. No mortgage = happiness.



Neat Repeats

Super thrift store in Plymouth helps community shoppers and gives more than \$65,000 to LHS in 18 months. A real rags to riches story thanks to volunteers.

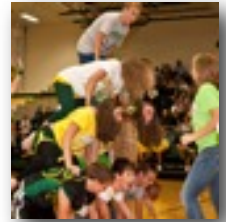


Lutheran High Conventional Wisdom



Enrollment

Incoming Class of 2015 one of Lutheran High's smallest in recent years...also one of the most talented. Class of 2016 looks promising. Small is the new big.



25th Anniversary Golf Tournament

In addition to annual golf event, an Open House honoring Mr. Lutheran High, Chuck Benedum, retirement caps off the afternoon. Chuck for POTUS.



Opening New Doors

With almost \$425,000 raised in gifts and pledges and mortgage eliminated, more work to be done for door #2 (student scholarships). Can you help?



Prepaid Tuition

Over 40 students have their tuition prepaid for the years ahead including one four year old student. Best and brightest on the way.



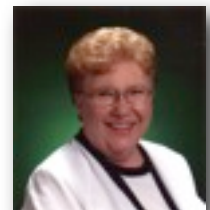
Myron Buss

Founder's retirement from financial career ends three decades of managing Lutheran High's endowments. His place in Heaven assured. 😊



Wills & Life Insurance

Sixty-six couples or individuals have Lutheran High School in their estate plans. And that's just the ones who have told us about it!





“Annie” Delights Crowds at Multiple Performances

Congratulations to the cast and crew of “Annie” for magnificent performances at Lutheran High in April. Matinees were performed for Senior Citizens and for the SALSA grade schools in addition to three other performances.

Special thanks to David Pratt, for directing, and Matt Thiel, for assisting this production. Students were involved in every aspect of the play, on stage, back stage, in the pit band, props and helping with “the house.”

We also thank all the parents that volunteered their assistance with stage assembly, striking the set, ushering, refreshments, tickets, etc.

Neat Repeats Celebrating Second Anniversary

Neat Repeats Thrift Shop was established two years ago to benefit the community and Lutheran High School. God has blessed this endeavor from the very beginning, and we are truly grateful. They will be having a celebration of this anniversary with special sales and promotions. There will be an Open House On Sunday July 10th from 1 - 4 P.M. Look for more information about this celebration in your Church newsletter and on the Lutheran High website, www.lutheranhigh.com.



Neat Repeats Thrift Shop offers a wide variety of gently used items at tremendous savings.

As the weather gets warmer, many people are doing their spring cleaning. That is good news for *Neat Repeats*! Spring and summer are the busiest donation times. Donations can be dropped off at *Neat Repeats* any time the store is open. Store hours are Monday, 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM, Tuesday through Friday, 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM, and Saturday 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM.

If you are interested in volunteering at *Neat Repeats* or have questions, give them a call at 920-892-9100 during regular business hours.

Neat Repeats is located at 2627 Eastern Avenue in the Plymouth Commons Shopping Center between Pick ‘N Save and K-Mart.





Making a Difference Through Endowments

Charles Benedum Student Mentor & Athletic Endowment Fund

The earnings from this endowment provide financial scholarships to families and individual students who require significant tuition assistance and funds to maintain, supplement, and enhance Lutheran High athletic programs.

Crusader Activities Endowment

The earnings from this endowment provide funding for programs specifically dedicated to co-curriculars (athletics, music, drama), outreach and Christian leadership development (i.e. special guest speakers, Christian training and leadership seminars, mission trips and service projects, etc.).

Emily Hughes Memorial Scholarship Endowment

The earnings from this endowment provide tuition assistance for Catholic families based on need.

Friends of Taproot Club Endowment

The earnings from this endowment directly support the mission of the Taproot Club, which is to help raise money for the daily operating costs and expenses of Lutheran High.

Heidi G. Hake Athletic Scholarship Endowment

The earnings from this endowment provide scholarship assistance for students with financial needs and an interest/aptitude in athletics.

Katie Marie Immel Memorial Scholarship Endowment

The earnings from this endowment provide scholarship assistance for incoming freshman based upon need, grades, and participation in athletics.

Leaders for Life Endowment

The earnings from this fund are primarily used to offer scholarship assistance to families and students in need and to provide vital third source funding for the mission and ministry of Lutheran High. This endowment plays a significant role in keeping Christian education affordable for families in the Greater Sheboygan Area.

Teach Me Your Way Endowment

The earnings and interest from this fund are used to provide a Christmas bonus for Lutheran High teachers and staff. As the fund grows, earnings will also be used for tuition assistance to families with the most severe, sudden, and emergency financial needs.



Senator Kohl congratulates Myrna Lastusky and Chloe VanDerWeele for their awards.

Herb Kohl Educational Foundation Award Winners

At a recent luncheon, Myrna Lastusky was recognized as a teacher who has demonstrated superior ability to inspire love of learning in her students, motivated others and provided meritorious service both inside and outside the classroom. She received a \$1,000 Fellowship and an additional grant of \$1,000 was awarded to Lutheran High for use in innovative educational projects.

Chloe Van Der Weele was presented the 2011 Excellence Scholarship. This scholarship recognizes students who have demonstrated academic potential, outstanding leadership, citizenship, community service, integrity and other special talents.

Taproot Dinner

Wednesday,
September 7, 2011
at Pine Hills in
Sheboygan



Each year the members of the Taproot Club join together for a special evening to celebrate and support the ministry of Lutheran High. Taproot members are giving, generous, supportive, fun, and most importantly, mission-minded. They understand that God's gift to us requires good stewardship, prayers, and faithful, consistent financial support.

Watch for more information on membership levels and our featured speaker for this year's event.

Wouldn't you like to be a part of the Taproot Club?

Faith & Finances: Beyond "Later-itis"

While most Americans provide gifts to charity during their lifetimes, only a small percentage make arrangements to leave gifts by will or other estate plan. Why is this?

One reason is that more than half of those who die each year do so without an estate plan in place. And among those who do have an estate plan, many do not include a distribution to a charity.

These factors explain why we at Lutheran High talk so much about wills. We believe it is in the best interest of our friends and supporters to prepare for the future—not only for their family members, but also for those charities they supported during life.

The most frequent reason we hear for a lack of planning is the siren song of procrastination, "I'll do it later." Unfortunately, for many people later never seems to arrive. They die "intestate" (without a will).



The federal tax laws encourage estate gifts and bequests to organizations like your church and Lutheran High by providing a 100% charitable estate tax deduction for such gifts. More importantly, the gifts you leave Lutheran High will help support our mission as we **Prepare Christian Leaders—One Student at a Time.**

If you do not have a will, talk to your financial planner, a lawyer, or trusted friend so that you can take the necessary steps to set up your estate plan. Feel free to call Executive Director, Jim Pingel, and ask him for references to help you get started in your estate planning. Avoid the procrastination disease—"Later-itis"—and get your will completed. Be a good steward of the

possessions God has given you and cherish yet another way you help your church and Lutheran High School serve God for generations to come.





Spring 2011 Music Tour

After 52 hours and over 3,200 miles on a bus, the students who participated in the 2011 Music Tour to Texas arrived back at home with many special memories. The students traveled to St. Louis, MO, Jefferson City, MO, Broken Arrow, OK, San Antonio, Houston, Fort Worth and Plano, Texas.

The students did a wonderful job of witnessing through their music at the concerts, and during their time of fellowship at host homes. Daily devotions were centered on the music that was performed during the trip.

Thrivent Choice Dollars Benefit Lutheran High

Lutheran High has received over ten thousand dollars in Choice DollarsSM since the program began. The Thrivent ChoiceSM program lets members recommend where some of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans' charitable outreach funds go by directing Choice Dollars.

Eligible members are designated Choice Dollars, based on insurance premiums, contract values and Thrivent Financial volunteer leadership. Choice Dollars can be directed to Lutheran organizations you prefer nationwide, including your local Lutheran congregation and Sheboygan Lutheran High School. Choice Dollar amounts range from \$25 to \$2,500 for eligible members.

You can designate your Direct Choice Dollars online at www.thrivent.com or call 800-THRIVENT (800-847-4836) and state "Thrivent Choice."

Honoring with a Legacy Leaf

Since its inception, Lutheran High has been blessed to receive memorial gifts celebrating the memory of people by loved ones. These gifts, varying in quantities, have been some of the most precious and special we receive. They are truly heartfelt gifts. Many special memorial gifts have been inscribed on our tile wall, but it is now running out of space.

Lutheran High has installed a Memorial Tree with individual leaves at the entrance to the west gym lobby. Those who wish to make memorial designations of \$500 or greater can have a special loved one's memory live on by having his or her name inscribed on an individual leaf. In fact, if one wishes to give a memorial in honor of someone who is still living—perhaps in honor of a father, mother, child, graduate, grandfather, or grandmother—this opportunity is also available.

These special Legacy Leaf gift designations will directly help fund Lutheran High's Leaders for Life Endowment Fund—a fund dedicated to providing scholarship assistance for families who cannot afford the full tuition of Lutheran High. In other words, not only will a loved one's name be inscribed in perpetuity on a Legacy Leaf, but the gift will be used to help share the Good News of Jesus' resurrection for decades to come with students and families who need the financial assistance.



Eye on Alumni: Class of 1991

Editor's Note: In the Spring and Summer issues we featured profiles of the Class of 1991



Jason & Jennifer (Hertel) Jurss

Jenny: We both agree that since we go to a high school every day as teachers, it pretty much feels like we ARE still in high school—but with far less drama and not nearly the amount of fun!

Jason: My favorite memories of high school were intentional paper jams in Keiper's typing class, Homecoming bonfires, senior class trip to Toronto and Niagara Falls, and wasting time between school and late basketball practices.

Jenny: My favorites were of birthday parties, volleyball, cheerleading, tennis, and the track team. I didn't excel at any of these, but I was happy to be a part of the team. Float building, senior class trip to Toronto, dressing up for spirit weeks, accounting class with Mr. Z., Spanish class, art classes with Mrs. Berg, sing-along chapels led by Ms. Mueller, dances, and carpooling are other great memories.

Jenny: For the past ten years, I have been employed by the Grafton Public School District. I teach Spanish 1 at John Long Middle School and Grafton High School. Jason has been teaching and coaching at Milwaukee Lutheran High for 12 years. We have two sons, Joe (11) and James (9), who

both attend First Immanuel Lutheran School in Cedarburg.

In my spare time, I enjoy reading, scrapbooking, walking, and traveling. Jason enjoys running, snowboarding, and coaching. Since we are both teachers, we have been blessed with the opportunity to travel during our summers. This is precious time spent with family.

Jason: Something I now know that I wish I knew in high school is that it turns out my parents actually DID know best most of the time. Who knew? Running in the summer actually DOES make you a better cross country runner. Who knew? Dairy Queen pay checks do not need to be immediately redeemed for music CD's.

Jenny: Something I now know that I wish I knew in high school is that time sure seems to fly by as we get older. Sometimes high school felt like it would never end and we just wanted to grow up so fast. I have learned to enjoy each day that God has blessed us with, and I really do

try to make a conscious effort to not take things for granted.

Jenny: Something our classmates would be surprised to know about us is that we see kids in our own classrooms that remind us of ourselves (scary!) and many of our classmates. Jason's stereo from sophomore year can still shake the house!

Jenny: Sending students to a Lutheran High school really is worth the effort and sacrifice. It really does raise Christian leaders and it's a great community to be a part of.

Jason: I am a Lutheran High school teacher now because of the fun I had in high school, the caring attitudes of the teachers, and the impact they had on the lives of their students.

Jenny: I am grateful for the friendships I have maintained since high school. I have wonderful memories of my time at Lutheran High, and I am thankful to my parents for making sacrifices so that I could attend.



Jason and Jennifer Jurss still attend basketball games, cross country and track meets, and events like Harvestfest when they can. "We will be a part of the LHS family for many years to come!"

Please e-mail your news and notes to laska@lutheranhigh.com for future newsletters.

Also look for Sheboygan Lutheran High News on our website www.lutheranhigh.com and on Facebook!



Alumni Engagements



Anna Reseburg - LHS Class of '06 is engaged to Michael Parmley. Anna is a graduate of UW Stout with a Bachelor of Fine Arts with a concentration in Graphic Design. Mike is also a graduate of UW Eau Claire. Mike and Anna are both employed by Land's End of Dodgeville, WI. Their wedding is planned for August 2011.

Cody Preder - LHS Class of '02 is engaged to Alyssa Dysert. Their wedding is planned for August 27, 2011 at St. John Lutheran Church, Random Lake.



Alumni Weddings



Renee Winter - LHS Class of '84 married Richard McKellips on April 2, 2011 in Hopkins, South Carolina. **Rachel Bohnhoff - LHS Class of '11** and **Josh Bohnhoff - LHS Class of '07** provided music.



Lora Mueller Arndt, Jodi Baird Damrau, Paula Hueppchen, Steve Foerster, and Robert Karstaedt - LHS Class of '84 as well as **Kathleen Doherty - LHS Class of '04** and **Josh Bohnhoff - LHS Class of '07** traveled to South Carolina for the festivities.



In Memorium

Susan Eichstaedt - LHS Class of '82 passed away March 5, 2011.



Alumni News and Notes



Matt and Sarah Leibham were pleased with the turnout at the Bean Bags Tournament held to benefit Tony and Julie Baker.

Tony Baker - LHS Class of '98 has been battling cancer over the last couple of years. On Saturday, March 26th, classmates, friends and family gathered at a Bean Bags Tournament for his benefit

at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Wauwatosa, WI. Funds raised were used for medical expenses and also for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society and the National Stem Cell Donor Program called *Be The Match*. Tony underwent a bone marrow transplant on May 19, 2011. **Matt Leibham - LHS Class of '98** and his wife, Sarah, organized the event.



Alumni Births



Daniel Jabs - LHS Class of '02 and his wife Beth were blessed by the birth of their daughter, Abigail Elizabeth Jabs, born December 2, 2010. They currently live in Omaha, NE where Dan works at Midwest Laboratories as Director of Compliance and QA, and Beth is a part time clinical laboratory scientist, and full time mom.

David Jabs - LHS Class of '04 is one of her sponsors.

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SHEBOYGAN LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL
Class of 2011
TOP TEN

SETH MENZER **JESSICA CHRISTIAN** **JACOB WHEELER** **KARL NIMMER** **TESSA TIMLER** **CHLOE VANDERWEELE**

ERIKA HERRMANN **TYLER HASENSTEIN** **REID SCHMIDELER** **PETER BECKER**

Honors Night Held

Sheboygan Lutheran High School hosted its Academic Honors Night and Art Fair on Wednesday, May 11, 2011.

Approximately 1.1 million dollars in scholarships were distributed to the 53 students in the class of 2011. 51 of the graduating seniors are going on to college or technical school in the fall, and two are enlisting in the military.

Along with the scholarships, also recognized were academic achievement awards, co-curricular and athletic honors, and servant leadership. In addition, the Art department displayed students' best work from the 2010-11 year.

All in all, the night was a celebration of the God-given gifts and talents of Lutheran High students.