

A Warm Welcome to New Faculty & Staff

Traditionally, there has been a relatively small amount of LHS Faculty and Staff to introduce as new to the LHS family each year. This year is a change from the norm as the LHS family welcomes seven members to the faculty and staff. We, the LHS family, pray for each of you and your families, that your time among us will be a God pleasing experience for you and our students as we get to know you.

Jeff Diener Returns to Teach Spanish



Family: My wife, Stephanie, and I have five children, Aiden, Ambryn, Asa, Amos, and Abbie

Birthplace: Sheboygan, WI

High School: Sheboygan North - involved in Cross Country and Track

College: Luther College, Decorah, Iowa, Major; Education/Spanish

Experience prior to LHS: Youth Director for 5 churches in Winthrop, Iowa; I was here at LHS from 2002-2009 teaching Spanish; 2009-2021 at St. Paul's in Sheboygan Falls as Youth and Family Life Ministry Director; 2021-22 at Messmer High School in Milwaukee, and now I'm back here teaching Spanish.

Reason you chose teaching: God's call; camp counselor experience; Mom was a teacher

Impressions of LHS: Students, faculty, parents, community are great; appreciate the standards that are set; respectfulness; kindness; students seek to live out their faith; students and staff follow what God has called us to do.

Interests outside of teaching: Family, Running, Reading

Extra Curricular Duties: Director of PASS Program for students with additional needs.

Judith Fuchs Takes on Upper Level Math

Birthplace: West Virginia, we spent time in Maryland, New York, and Illinois as my father was a pastor.

Family: Parents in Rochester, MN, a brother in Indianapolis, IN, and a brother in Fond du Lac (Lutheran Chaplin).

College: Valparaiso University 1988 - Bachelor's degree; Masters in Math - Queens College, New York City; Masters in Education - University of Texas, San Antonio; LCMS Colloquy Program - Concordia, Austin

Call to LHS: Was in the LCMS portal that indicated she would consider a call; LHS contacted her; LHS knew she was flexible and would consider a call.

Teaching Experience prior to LHS: I have 34 years total; Martin Luther High School in Maspeth, New York City; Lutheran High School of San Antonio; and Jackson Lutheran High School, Jackson, MO.

Teaching as a career: Initially I wasn't interested in a Lutheran teacher position. My father was a Pastor, and I seemed to just find my way into the teaching mode perhaps with God's direction.

First Impressions of Sheboygan Lutheran High: Impressed with how serious students are about their education; value learning; very pleased with supportive colleagues.

Interests Beyond Teaching: Family.



Georgeann Walecka ~ Mom and School Secretary

Birthplace: Sussex, WI

Family: My husband, Mark, and I have three children; a son, Nick at UW Green Bay, a daughter, Claire, a sophomore at LHS, and a son, Kyle, in 7th grade at Christ Child Academy.

College: Marian College, Fond du Lac, WI

Experience Prior to LHS: Worked as an administrator for Sheboygan South Catholic Parishes for 7 years.

Position at LHS: I saw the posting in the LHS Communicator and my husband encouraged me to apply. I love the way my daughter, Claire, has blossomed and grown at LHS. I thought it would be a good place to serve.

Impressions of LHS: I already knew about the LHS experience as a parent; this job now requires a different "hat" than that of parent; everyone (faculty, parents, students) have been very welcoming; students are polite; I love the Christ-centered atmosphere.

Interests Beyond Work: For now, just keeping up with very active children!



Matthew Holmen Art Department

Birthplace: Omaha, Nebraska

Family: My Parents and three sisters all live in or near Stevens Point area.

College: Concordia University-Nebraska 2001 with Post-graduate work in 2005.

My Call to LHS: LHS found Matt through the LCMS Ministry Call process. I was open to a new experience and enjoyed my visit last May.

Teaching Experience Prior to

LHS: I was at Trinity Klein in Houston, Texas for 17 years.

Reasons for Teaching: My Mother and my Grandmother were both teachers; I found commercial art was not fulfilling enough; I felt the call to teach and am pleased to be able to share my faith while teaching.

Major Influences/Mentors: A High school yearbook teacher, a 7th grade teacher, and a Geometry teacher (Paul Gnan) at Metro East Illinois Lutheran High School.

First Impressions of Sheboygan Lutheran High: Midwestern values, everyone in school and beyond seem so nice; great students, especially how they manage and conduct themselves; students are self-reliant; so far I love being here at LHS.

Interests Outside of Teaching: Previously coached basketball, soccer, track; Hobbies include photography, especially railroad photography and building model railroads.

Goals: Obtain my Masters degree.



Karissa Ternus, a First Call to Teach Spanish

Birthplace: Lincoln, Nebraska

Family: My father is an Agronomist, my mother is a preschool teacher, I have an older sister, a younger sister and brother.

High School: Lutheran High School, Sioux Falls, S.D.

College: Concordia University, Seward, Nebraska where I was also involved in band.

Call to LHS: I knew Mr. Derek Bult as a former teacher and enjoyed working for and with him; the distance from my hometown was workable.

Teaching Experience: Sheboygan Lutheran High is my first Call.

Reason for teaching: The "Concordia Influence"; my Spanish professor; and a keen interest in teaching Spanish.

Mentors: High School and College Spanish Teachers.

First Impressions of Sheboygan Lutheran High: a great start; everyone is beyond helpful; good students; great parental support; I haven't been here long enough to know much about the city yet.

Other Interests: Hiking and walking. I also enjoy baking.

Goals: Obtain my Masters Degree.



Dr. Sam Eatherton Directs the LHS Choirs

Family: My wife, Lois, and I have been married for 26 years. We have five children: twins; Rebecca and Hannah, both at Concordia-Seward; Ruth, attending Concordia University-Chicago; David, a junior at LHS; Sarah, a 7th grader at Trinity - Sheboygan; and we have a cat.

High School: Jackson, Missouri (My Dad was a Pastor there).

College: Concordia-Seward, Bachelors; Concordia-Chicago, Masters; Baylor University, Doctorate.

Experience prior to LHS: St. Joseph, Michigan for 4 years, and Zion in Dallas, Texas for 20 years.

Reason you chose teaching: Originally interested in teaching all subjects; an elementary school opportunity seemed right; I focused on music in college.

Mentors/Influences in Career: High School Band Director, and my piano teacher.

First Impressions of Sheboygan Lutheran High: Christ-centered; cheerful place, dedicated staff.

Interests outside of music: Family, travel, reading, and writing.

Goals beyond Current Call: To teach at the University level some day.

Assignment: I am the Kantor and Organist full-time at Trinity-Sheboygan and for one hour per day, I am here at LHS with the Konzertchor and Chamber Choir.



Greg Kiehl, a Veteran Band Director

Birthplace: Sheboygan, WI

Family: My wife, Karen, and I have a son, Christopher, who is working on his doctorate in Physics and a daughter, Maddie, who is working in Austin, Texas.

High School: Sheboygan South, where I participated in music.

College: Lawrence University-Conservatory of Music, Appleton, WI; University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee for my Masters degree.

Teaching Experience Prior to LHS: Walworth School District for one year, and the Sheboygan School District for the past 33 years, mostly at Urban Middle School (with my colleague, Todd Dekker).

Reason for Teaching: I'm from a family of Educators; I knew from the start I wanted to teach as I always felt "the fire" for teaching music, and I was fueled by college professors to do so.

LHS Assignment: I am the new Director of the Sheboygan Pops Concert Band and was contacted by Sam Eatherton, who is playing in the band, about the opportunity to direct at LHS for one year while LHS goes through a Call process. And I actually missed students and teaching after one year of retirement!

First Impressions of LHS: Students are very nice; sincere; there is a natural need to help each other; there is a noticeable pride in their school and in themselves, a genuine sense of community among the students.

Interests Beyond Teaching: Woodworking (I basically built my own house), and bicycling.

