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## NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



*God's Road is a Journey of Faith...and the Destination is Clear!*

God's call to ministry is unique to each person, giving all a chance to serve God. Every Christian is on a road destined for the Lord's work, whether the direction is obvious or whether the road seems to twist and turn before finding its final direction.

Scott Ernstmeyer attended elementary school in the public school system. Lutheran education was new to the Ernstmeyer family, but through a series of conversations, encouragement from others and prayer, Terry and Linda Ernstmeyer decided to send their oldest son, Craig to Lincoln Lutheran for grade seven. Scott followed the next year and younger sister Becky would attend as well.

After three years of growing friendships at Lincoln Lutheran, Scott was off to Lincoln Northeast High School to become a Rocket. After some success in the arena of basketball, he had a choice to make between several colleges in pursuit of a sport he loved. Scott initially eliminated Concordia, Seward as an option because he had no desire to again follow in brother Craig's footsteps. He was bound and determined to make his "own" path.

Apparently God had something else in mind. After lengthy conversations with Seward's head basketball coach and encouragement from his brother, Scott decided to attend Concordia to play basketball and pursue a degree in either Accounting or Education. During his years in Seward, the Lord solidified His plans for Scott to become a teacher and coach. Scott also met his wife Sara and they were married the summer after graduation.

Scott's initial Call was to Lincoln Lutheran where his first five years of service included classroom teaching and coaching. Parallel to this, Scott completed a Master's program in Administration. Although Scott had no plans to use the degree immediately God chose to call him to serve as Principal of Lincoln Lutheran.

Scott's next five years were spent learning the function of administration in a Lutheran Educational setting. During this time Lincoln Lutheran added a 6th grade to the campus, moved toward a middle-school concept, increased focus on professional development for teaching staff, and completed its first School Improvement process. Scott valued his opportunity to be mentored by then Executive Director, Dr. Gary Hammack. Scott shared, "Early on in my new role as principal, I felt that each and every conversation I had with Dr. Hammack provided a pearl or two of wisdom that I could use to shape my philosophy as a young administrator." He felt blessed to spend five years learning from an experienced, talented and spiritually strong administrator. "I considered it an ideal environment to spread my wings and learn to fly," he said.

Once Dr. Hammack announced his plans to retire in the summer of 2007, it was necessary for Scott to again assess the path the Lord was taking him in ministry. After much prayer and consultation with friends and colleagues, he decided to put his name in the mix and let the Lord decide if this was the right time and place for a change in ministry. Scott said, "The Lord really used our Executive Director Call process as a means to grow and stretch me as an individual. Trust is essential when trying to determine how best the Lord might use us."

The landscape for the road has changed for Scott as he begins his new role in ministry at Lincoln Lutheran, but the destination is the same. "My role is to be available to Christ to provide leadership for His work in this ministry. We are working to depopulate hell and grow kids for Christ," says the new Executive Director. He is thankful to be surrounded by a supportive family, outstanding faculty and staff, and a team of experienced administrators who give leadership and vision to an excellent school. One of his goals is to reconnect alumni and friends of Lincoln Lutheran to a ministry full of opportunities. Scott feels Lincoln Lutheran can only be successful with the support of our Lutheran/Christian community in Lincoln and beyond. Each of us plays an important role in this ministry and Scott is prayerful that the passion and dedication to this valued ministry grows and matures along with the school.

Scott and his wife Sara recently celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary. They have three girls: Kayla - 7, Addi - 4, and Jordan - 2. They reside in Northeast Lincoln and are members of Messiah Lutheran.

## MEET LINCOLN LUTHERAN'S NEW PRINCIPAL

I have learned that as long as I don't head up an athletic department in this state my job is probably secure! Joking aside, it has been a pleasure being back in my home state. I come to you, after serving for 10 years, at Faith Lutheran Jr/Sr High School in Las Vegas, NV where I was the Middle School Principal. Being a part of the ministry and mission of Faith Lutheran will always have a special place in my heart. Prior to accepting this first call after graduation from Concordia Seward, I married Charlie in July of 1995. We have two little girls, Clara and Lydia.

While in Las Vegas I taught Social Studies, coached volleyball, softball and played volleyball competitively in my spare time. I coordinated student travel to Washington D.C. which included Presidential Inaugurations. I'm old enough now to say that I've been to the last three inaugural ceremonies (that is a lot of years). I was also active in my church and served on the board for Lutheran Social Services of Southern Nevada. In the summers I came back to Concordia Seward, my Alma matter, and completed my Master's Degree to pursue my career goal of becoming an administrator. Obviously Charlie and I had no children at that time.

I would be remiss not to mention that I served at Lutheran High School, now called Dallas Lutheran School in Dallas, TX where I was a teacher, volleyball coach and part-time administrator. Our time in Dallas was also very special as our first daughter; Clara was born there, she will forever be a Texan. She is currently a first grader at Faith Lutheran. After a short two-year stint in Dallas, Faith Lutheran, Las Vegas, offered me full-time administrative work as Dean of Students and we returned to the desert. Our youngest Lydia was born there she often asks me "can we go to Las Vegas"? Needless to say, people in Lincoln look at me strangely.

My fondest memories of my career are my days spent in the classroom full-time and in coaching. While my role with kids has changed now, I still make every effort to stay connected to them, they are the reason I come to work everyday.

Twelve years ago I took my first call to Faith Lutheran Jr/Sr High School, sight un-seen! In *those days* it was common to accept a call literally over the phone. So, in blind faith I moved 1,500 miles away from home and my time and work there was truly blessed. I thank God for the many opportunities He has given me to be in ministry with kids. I pray for that same blessing upon



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## MEET LINCOLN LUTHERAN'S NEW

# DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR, AMY JURGENS

Welcome to the beginning of Fall, a time for change and my favorite time of the year. I continue to be amazed at God's work in our world as we transition from the hot days of summer to the colorful, cool days of fall. This fall the Lord has set before me a new beginning and challenge as the Development Director for the Legacy for Learning program. The Legacy for Learning program is committed to providing a Christ Centered Lutheran education for all families who aspire to have Christian education as their priority.

My name is Amy Jurgens. I grew up in Northwest, Iowa (yes I have heard all of the Iowa jokes) and graduated from Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa. My husband (Troy-a Midland Lutheran graduate) and I have two children Leah (age 5) and William (age 3). We are members of Holy Savior and our children attend Trinity School. I am an avid UNL Volleyball fan and enjoy spending time with my family and watching/participating in sports.

My previous job was with Pinnacle Bank. I was Vice President of Cash Management and very active in business development for the bank. I was also active in the Chamber of Commerce and other organizations assisting them with fundraising activities. I am eager to lay the foundation for partnerships that are necessary for the Legacy for Learning program to succeed and grow.

My interest in Christ Centered education originates with our children. I did not realize the importance until William's teacher told me a story about his faith-at 3 years old. Will was questioning his teacher about the cross that she was wearing. She was unable to understand what he was saying until he took his pointer fingers and made a cross. Will then said "Jesus died." Katie responded "Yes He did." Will then raised his hands and said "He rose". Katie responded again "Jesus did rise-who did He rise for?" Will gave an enthusiastic "ME!!" His teacher said "Yes He did-Jesus loves you so much!!" Will then listed off all the people Jesus loved including our dog Ginger!! "Faith like a child"- what a wonderful opportunity God has placed before us to nurture and grow. I am excited about the opportunity to work with the Legacy for Learning program. The importance of preservation of Lutheran education in Lincoln is a high priority for all of us and this program will help ensure the continuance of this essential part of our mission. I look forward to meeting many of you in the near future. If you have questions about the Legacy for Learning program or just want to talk UNL Volleyball, please call me at 467-5404 ext 206 or e-mail me at [ajurgens@lincolnlutheran.org](mailto:ajurgens@lincolnlutheran.org).



## *What is Legacy For Learning?*

Legacy for Learning was made possible by a grant through Thrivent. The program is designed to develop partnerships that will nourish the mission of Lutheran education and create a development program designed with God's mission in mind.

This Legacy for Learning's mission is accomplished through developing a culture of stewardship within the Lutheran community of Lincoln and beyond. The excellence and affordability of Lutheran education can only progress through the ongoing support and prayers of our community. Working in conjunction with the Legacy for Learning Partners, a cooperative relationship has been formed to benefit both the donor and Lutheran educational ministries.

### ***The partners include:***

- Lincoln Lutheran School Association
- Lincoln Lutheran School Association Foundation
- Christ Lutheran Church
- Messiah Lutheran Church
- Trinity Lutheran Church

Under the guidance of the boards of the Lincoln Lutheran School Association and the Lincoln Lutheran School Association Education Foundation this mission will enhance the financial position of K-12 Lutheran education in Lincoln.

## *Leaving Your Legacy*

- Annual gift
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There are many ways to leave your legacy and further the mission of Lincoln Lutheran.

Call Amy Jurgens at  
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for more information

*Each issue will highlight several Alumni that have been led by Him to continue the ministry of the Lord's word in their lives and careers. If you know of a fellow alumni that you feel should be highlighted, please send your suggestion to the LLAA. See contact information on the bottom of page 8.*

**M**ollie Fischer ('02), spent Kindergarten through eighth grade at public school, which was a valuable experience for her and the place in which her faith began to take off, but as soon as it did Mollie knew she needed to go to school in a place that would support her faith and help her grow. She had a few friends who'd attended Lincoln Lutheran for seventh and eighth grade and had admired that their faith showed through their lives, even as they played softball together. Mollie wanted to be like that - and believed that Lincoln Lutheran could help her be that person. Her high school education at LL gave Mollie a strong foundation as she went on to college at Concordia University - Nebraska. "I grew into leadership roles in college and kept building on the foundations that were laid for me at LL," stated Mollie. "The things I was able to do and be a part of in my time at LL helped me realize my calling to be in ministry - not only in my life, but in my profession as well," recalls Mollie. Experiences like being a chapel group leader, leading chapels, and learning to love the people around her helped her realize that those were the things she loved doing, and the thing God was calling her to do with her future. As a DCE Mollie is able to be a part of God's process of teaching people, and helping them realize how much He loves them.



**Mollie Fischer, '02**  
*Director of Student Life Ministries  
at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in  
Lakewood, Colorado*

One funny memory Mollie has about Lincoln Lutheran was a time when she led chapel. "The very first chapel I did was about shining God's light into the lives of our friends. I used rags with words like greed, pride, and hate written on them and covered the light with them to illustrate that even though the light's still on, it gets covered up by our sins. When we take the rags off, the light shines through again. It worked perfectly the first time for the whole school, but when I did the same for the pre-school chapel on Friday afternoon I did the countdown to turn on our "lights" and even shut all the lights off in the church - only for NOTHING to happen when I clicked my flashlight on." The "light" has been shining for Mollie in her new position as Director of Student Life Ministries at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Lakewood, Colorado. There she leads approximately 250-300 jr. high, high school and college aged students in the Denver area church.



*Mollie Fischer  
(far right) on a  
ski retreat with  
her students  
from Bethlehem  
Lutheran Church  
in Lakewood,  
Colorado*

**"LINCOLN LUTHERAN HELPED ME REALIZE MY CALLING TO BE IN MINISTRY - NOT ONLY IN MY LIFE, BUT IN MY PROFESSION AS WELL."**

**F**or someone who moved around throughout his childhood, Kyle Wooster ('99) finds his home in Lincoln today. Kyle currently works as a Commercial Loan Officer at West Gate Bank. Being a part of the second graduating class of Lincoln Lutheran High School was a huge change for him. Prior to his junior year of high school, he had been living in Londonderry, New Hampshire. He had attended public schools his entire life and the idea of attending a parochial school was difficult. Kyle was not aware how significant Lincoln Lutheran would be in his life. All of the friends and teachers that touched his life had an extraordinary impact.

While at Lincoln Lutheran, Kyle had the opportunity to participate in multiple sports and activities. He states, "These activities were memorable in my life and they allowed me to meet friends I still have to this day." One sports memory particularly sticks out. He was highly influenced by Scott Ernstmeyer in his ability to mentor and demonstrate servant leadership in his teaching and coaching. The first sport Kyle was able to participate in at Lincoln Lutheran was cross-country. The team went on to finish as district runners-up and

qualified for state. Scott was the coach and he used devotionals as inspiration prior to events, which was a unique experience. Before this occurrence, Kyle was never able to see the opportunity to incorporate Christ into sports with his public school background.

After Lincoln Lutheran, Kyle went on to obtain a Bachelor degree in business and accounting from Concordia University. His Christ

centered education at Lincoln Lutheran was a large influence on selecting a similar environment for college. He remarked, "Both schools were key building blocks for my faith and life."

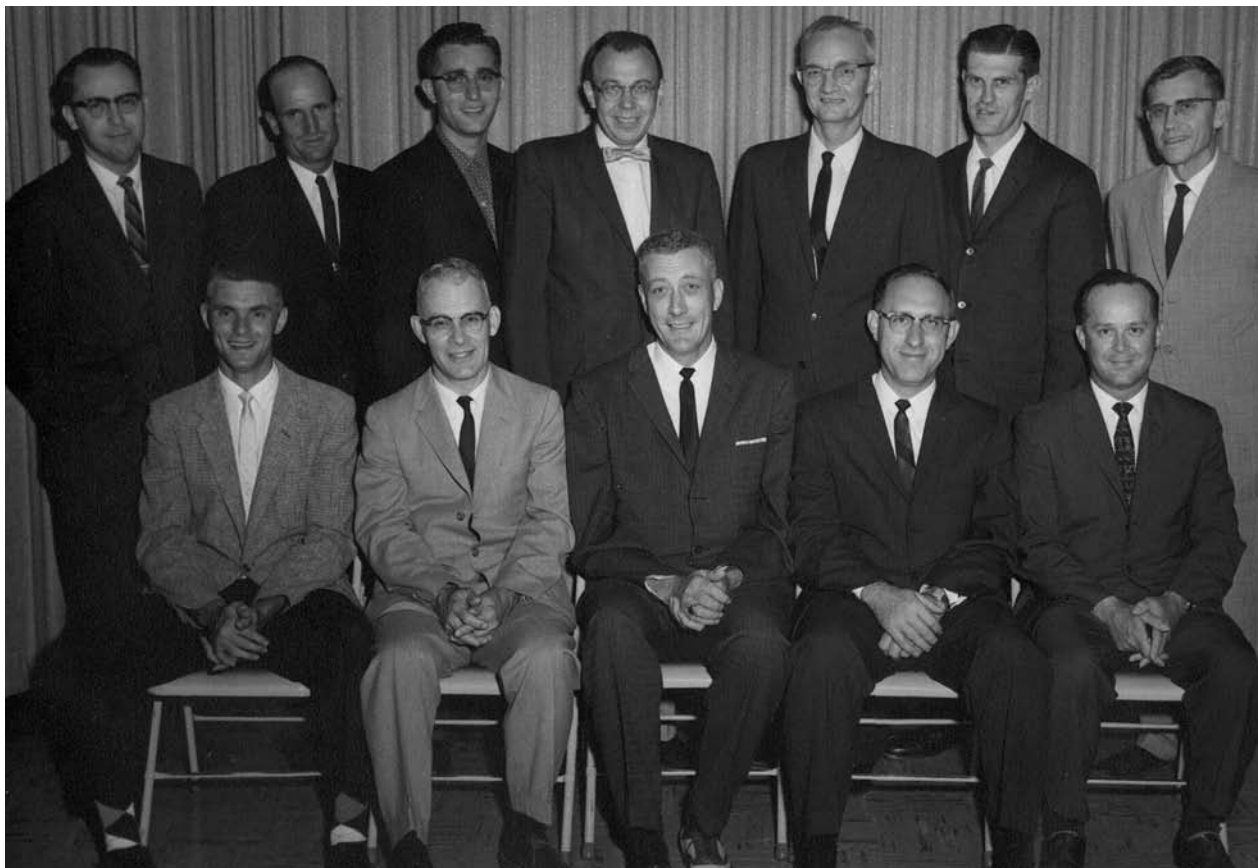
Following Concordia, Kyle returned to Lincoln to complete his Masters degree in business from the University of Nebraska. While completing his graduate degree, he interned with West Gate Bank as a financial analyst in the lending department. He has since obtained an officer role for the bank, which entails management and solicitation of commercial loans. He feels his Christian education has created a strong moral compass when dealing with ethical dilemmas in the business world.

Kyle feels that Christ has directed his life to be a part of the Lincoln Lutheran family. He currently stays involved with the school as a member of the finance committee and alumni association. He also has been active in generating financial support from his place of employment. Kyle reminds us that, "Alumni support is vital for the survival and progression of Lutheran education in Lincoln. The Lord uses commitments in prayer, talents, and dollars to make a difference."

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**Kyle Wooster, '99** (Left to right: Kyle Wooster, Lee Fiddler, Craig Anderson, and Matt Chaffee pictured at the "Fore for Youth" Golf Tournament in July)



Left to Right: Otis Sunderman, Oscar Schroeder, and Elmer Schroeder

**“The Founding Fathers” - Lincoln Lutheran’s First School Board - 1962**  
**Front Row:** Rev. Arthur Krause (Principal), Rev. Melvin J. Tassler (Pastoral Advisor) Elmer Schroeder (Trinity), Dearle Schatz (Redeemer), Walter Schaffert (Calvary)  
**Back Row:** Roland Luedtke (Trinity), Victor Schmieding (Trinity), Delmar Maier (Redeemer), Dr. Harlan Papenfuss (Calvary), Martin Holtmeier (Calvary), Donald Lohrberg (Trinity), Martin Bauer (Redeemer)



Above: Founding Fathers, Don Lohrberg and Dearle Schatz

“...so the next generation  
 will know...” *Psalm 78:6*

*Come Home to Lincoln Lutheran*

## *Lincoln Lutheran Founders Award Presented to Rev. Melvin Tassler*

The Lincoln Lutheran Founders Award was recently created to honor the supporters who were instrumental in the organization of the Lincoln Lutheran School Association and development of Lincoln Lutheran Junior High School. The award will be given annually in recognition of an individual who has made a lasting impact on the mission and ministry of the Lincoln Lutheran School Association through their commitment and/or service.

The inaugural Founders Award recipient is the Rev. Dr. Melvin Tassler, who served as Pastoral Advisor to the original LLSA Board of



*Rev. Melvin Tassler’s son and daughter, Mark Tassler and Judy (Tassler) Weyand accepted the Founders Award on his behalf*



Above: the Heibel Family (left to right), Dan, Bobbi, Micah, Marj, Matt and Nicole Heibel



Above: John Roeber visiting with Bob and Delores Haberman

## Alumni, Supporters and Friends Come Home to Lincoln Lutheran

Fellow alumni, friends and supporters of Lincoln Lutheran attended the “Coming Home - Memories, Ministry & Mission” event on Saturday, October 13, 2007. The event culminated the week of Homecoming and provided all those who support Lincoln Lutheran a time to gather, reflect and come together for the mission of God’s work here at Lincoln Lutheran. The evening included several speakers including Connie Deterding, wife of the late Don Deterding. She spoke of recognition of the “Founding Fathers” of Lincoln Lutheran and their role of importance through the beginning years of building Lincoln’s only Lutheran Middle School. In attendance were four of the original LL Board Members: Martin Bauer, Don Lohrberg, Elmer Schroeder and Dearle Schatz. Rev. Tassler, Delmar Maier, and Victor Schmieding were also represented by family members.

Alumni and parents of alumni from every decade from the 1960’s to the 2000’s attended the event, which also raised over \$20,000 in support of the school. The presentation of the 1st Annual Founders Award was also given to Rev. Melvin Tassler. The award will be given in recognition of an individual who has made a lasting impact on the mission and ministry of the Lincoln Lutheran School Association through their commitment and/or service. The Lincoln Lutheran Founders Scholarship has also been developed and will be awarded annually to one or more Juniors and/or Seniors attending Lincoln Lutheran High School. The award will assist in offsetting the cost of tuition to Lincoln Lutheran. The initial endowment for this scholarship is being provided through gifts given in memory of Mr. Albert Smith who loved and was deeply committed to the mission of Lincoln Lutheran. We wish to express our deepest gratitude to the family for selecting this endowment fund to support. Any friend of Lincoln Lutheran is encouraged to supplement this endowment through donations to the fund. For more information, please contact Sharon Bliemeister at the school office (467-5404) or at [sbliemeister@lincolnlutheran.org](mailto:sbliemeister@lincolnlutheran.org).

Directors. Fellow Board members remember Rev. Tassler as being a strong impetus behind the organization of Lincoln Lutheran School Association. He continually encouraged Board members and other supporters to believe that Lincoln Lutheran Junior High could become a reality if the group maintained their focus on Christ. He was deeply committed to Christian Education and promoted wise stewardship when dealing with financial matters concerning the school.

Rev. Tassler’s health prevented him from attending the Coming Home event, but his family proudly represented him. His son, Mark Tassler and his daughter, Judy (Tassler) Weyand accepted the award on his behalf. Judy stated, “Dad was driven to establish Christian education for young people in Lincoln, but in all of his work back then he would have never imagined the legacy he created as far as his family.” Rev. Tassler’s sons, David (‘66) and Mark (‘67) both attended Lincoln Lutheran Junior High. His granddaughters

also went on to attend Lincoln Lutheran - Jaclyn (Weyand) Tunesvik (‘99) and Jill (Weyand) Fiddler (‘99). Jill remarked, “I’m so proud of the legacy Grandpa created in the Lutheran community as a whole, but especially the hand that he had in Lincoln Lutheran. Unbeknownst to him at the time, he created opportunities for me as a student and coach that have markedly influenced my own walk in the faith, as well as that of my husband, and eventually maybe my son. How awesome that my grandfather was such a driving force behind my Christian identity? I am forever grateful for his leadership in Lincoln Lutheran and the Christ-centered environment it continues to provide.”

Rev. Tassler received his undergraduate degree from Concordia College, Ft. Wayne, Indiana and completed his ministerial program at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri, entering the parish ministry in 1941. Rev. Tassler served Redeemer Lutheran Church from 1941 until his retirement in 1983.

*Class Notes is a section where our alumni can share personal updates with each other. If you would like to have your news included, please contact us at alumni@lincolnlutheran.org, call Kristine Wolfe at 467-5404 or by mailing us at 1100 N. 56th St, Lincoln, NE 68504. You are a Lincoln Lutheran Alumn if you attended Jr. High and/or High School during any time period.*

**1960's** **Ronald Brott '64**, graduated from Lincoln High in 1967 and from Iowa State University in 1970. He is a Civil Engineer Technician in Des Moines, Iowa. Ronald married April (Hayes) Brott in 1971. Together they have three sons: Joshua, Jacob and Joseph.

**1970's** **Rita Devine '74**, is in her 20th year of teaching chemistry and upper level math and science at Lutheran High School - Springfield, Illinois. Rita and Patrick Devine have been married for 25 years and have 3 children, Angela, who is working on her Master's at the London University School of Tropical Medicine and Infectious Diseases; Nathan, who is a Senior Nuclear Engineering major at the University of Missouri-Rolla; and David, who is a Freshman Accounting and Business major at the University of Evansville.

**Michael Ponte '78**, earned a BS in

Geology from UNL in 1991 and an MS in Geology from UNL in 1995. He is employed by the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality as a Ground Water Geologist. He retired from the US Army Reserve in 2005 after 24 years of service. Michael and his wife Katrina have three daughters: Tatyana (age 11), Galina (age 8) and Esther (age 3).

### 1990's

**Katie (Taeger) Baumann '99**, and husband Joshua welcomed son number two this summer. Lucas Joshua was born on July 27 and weighed 8 pounds, 0 ounces. Big brother Jack loves his baby brother and can't wait until he's big enough to play with him - and that shouldn't take long, at his 2 month check up Lucas was already 15 pounds 2 ounces!

**Christa Dunker '99**, recently started her last year at Concordia-Seward and will be student teaching in the Spring. Christa will graduate in May with a degree in Secondary Education, with an emphasis in Speech/Theatre and English. She has a 5 year old son, Evan Dunker, who attends preschool at Messiah Lutheran School. Evan and Christa live in Lincoln.

**Gretchen (Bartels) Hagge '98**, recently became the mathematics department chair for Faith Lutheran

Jr/Sr High in Las Vegas, Nevada. This is her 4th year of teaching at Faith and her department consists of nine teachers, whom she supervises.

**2000's** **Matthew Bliemeister '04**, and Michelle Fayman were united in marriage May 19, 2007. Matthew is a Senior at Concordia University, Seward pursuing his Lutheran Teacher's Diploma. He will graduate with a degree in Secondary Education, majoring in Social Sciences. Michelle is employed with St. Elizabeth's Health Network as a Medical Records Clerk. Matt and Michelle will make their home in Lincoln until Matt receives his first call to serve in a Lutheran School.

**Libby Fischer '06**, was named to the Dean's List of the St. Louis University College of Arts and Sciences for both the fall and spring of the 2006-07 school year with a cumulative GPA of 3.95. Libby is currently a sophomore at St. Louis University, majoring in Psychology and minoring in Spanish.

**Krista Petersen '03**, graduated in May 2007 from the University of Nebraska at Kearney with a BS in Social Work. She is currently employed by Boys & Girls Home in Kearney. She is also engaged to Darrell Branz of York, NE and is planning a Summer 2008 wedding.

**Ruth Taeger '03**, graduated in May from Greenville College with a double major in Psychology and Biology with high distinction and is now enrolled in graduate school for Clinical Psychology at Arizona State University.

**Jacob Tewes '07**, recently received a full tuition scholarship to Valparaiso University for his outstanding leadership. He is majoring in Psychology and continues to enrich Valpo's campus with his keen desire to learn, to mature in Christ, and to become an even more thoughtful servant leader.

**Susanne Taeger '01**, is beginning her third year in medical school at the University Nebraska Medical Center. Susanne also took part on a medical mission trip over spring break earlier this year to Costa Rica.

**Kelli Ziegler '06**, setter/rt.side hitter on the Concordia University Volleyball Team, was recently named the GPAC/Hauff Mid America Sports Volleyball Setter of the Week and tabbed the Region 111 Setter of the Week. Ziegler was also named to the All-Tournament teams at the Iowa Graceland Tournament and the Hastings Broncos Invitational.



**Amanda Kuehn '05**, and junior at Northwestern College, Iowa is currently studying English language and literature in Oxford, England. This past summer, however, she spent her days working as the Youth Intern at Faith Lutheran Church. A Youth Ministry minor, Amanda was looking for some hands on experience with teenagers. Northwestern's Vocare Internship Program offered the perfect solution, so long as she could find a cooperating church. After alerting several Lincoln congregations of what she was looking for, Faith's Associate Pastor Duncan McLellan jumped at the offer. Both Amanda and Faith were approved for VIP funding and the internship was set.

Amanda spent the summer organizing youth activities and developing relationships with the kids, with an emphasis on middle school students. She arranged dodgeball nights, helped with a Lock-In and car wash, lead bi-weekly Bible studies and put on an overnight girls' retreat. Amanda attributes her love for youth ministry to Scott Guenther and her involvement with Messiah's youth group during her high school years. She's also been volunteering at Trinity Church in Orange City where she attends college.

Recalling her time at Lincoln Lutheran Jr. High and High School, Amanda remembers the importance of her relationships with teachers like Mr. Bassett, Mr. Ernstmeyer, Ms. Bockelman and Mrs. Royuk. "Having teachers show genuine interest in my life, academics aside, was so crucial to my development" she said. "That's something I've also experienced at Northwestern and want to offer to the teenagers I work with. Nothing is more important than knowing you're loved. It is in those relationships that the love of God really comes through."

*Photos opposite: (top) Amanda, far right and students participating in the "Youth Lock-In" at Faith Lutheran; (bottom) Amanda leading Youth Bible Study class at Faith Lutheran*

The Legend's Bar and Grill played host to the fourth annual Lincoln Lutheran Alumni Reunion this past July. The great evening was filled with new faces and some reunion regulars who enjoyed sharing "remember when" and "where are you now" stories, with some Karaoke in the background. It was fun to meet new spouses and share pictures of kids, amazed at how far the Lord has brought us since our time at Lincoln Lutheran.

Thanks to those who donated funds for the event, even if you could not attend. The Alumni Association is at a crossroads currently and we really appreciate the support from our alums. Please consider making a donation to the Alumni Association as part of your end-of-the-year giving. Contact Kim Loontjer at [lincolnlutheranalumni@yahoo.com](mailto:lincolnlutheranalumni@yahoo.com) for more information.

Do you want to stay connected with your Lincoln Lutheran classmates? Are you interested in supporting Lincoln Lutheran as it continues its ministry in the Lincoln community? Here is what you can do:

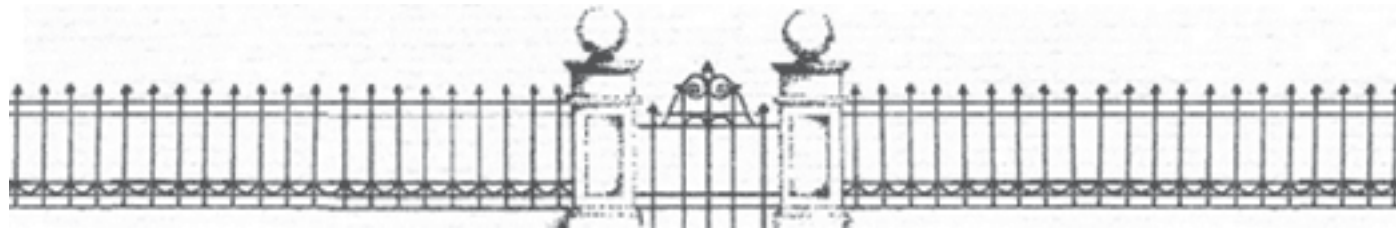
1. Save the Date for the Lincoln Lutheran Alumni Reunion in June 2008! We'll be celebrating the Class of 1998's 10th Anniversary with an afternoon of family-friendly activities followed by a banquet.

2. Send an email to [lincolnlutheranalumni@yahoo.com](mailto:lincolnlutheranalumni@yahoo.com) to be added to the quarterly email from the Association. Also, join the Lincoln Lutheran Alumni groups on facebook.com or myspace.com for free!

3. Continue to pray for Lincoln Lutheran and the Alumni Association, and our ministry to the students, alumni and broader LL community.

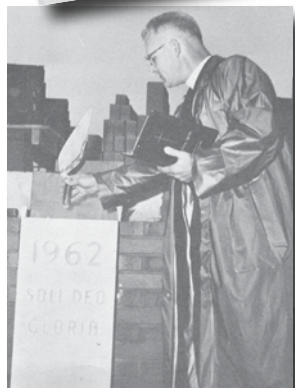
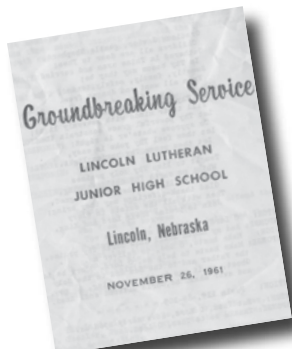


**Pictured left to right, top row: Jessica Malzahn and Susanne Taege; Jessica Malzahn and Matt Chaffee; Adam Olsten and Nate Ristow; bottom row: Liz Vostrez and David Bliemeister; Stephanie Malzahn and Susanne Taege; Stephanie Malzahn and Kim Loontjer**



## Preservation Association of Lincoln (PAL) Presents Lecture of Lincoln Lutheran

On July 10<sup>th</sup> the history of Lincoln Lutheran was part of a lecture series program which was sponsored by the Preservation Association of Lincoln (PAL). This lecture was presented by Dan Heibel and Ed Zimmer (City of Lincoln Historian) and was titled "Lincoln's Lutheran Legacy". Mr. Zimmer presented historical information about the Lutheran churches in Lincoln from the late 1800's – present. Mr. Heibel presented the history of Lincoln Lutheran from it's time of pre-development to the building of the high school. The lecture included over 90 photos of the church buildings, school photos, etc. and has aired many times over the past couple of months on 5 City TV, the government access cable channel through Time Warner. Viewing times will vary day to day. The programming schedule is available at the following link: <http://www.lincoln.ne.gov/city/mayor/cic/5citytv/guide.htm> If you do not have access to the internet, please call Kristine Wolfe at the school office (467-5404) for the viewing schedule. There are also copies available at the school office for checkout or to purchase a copy.



### EDUCATION Voters approve Lutheran high school

Members representing five Lutheran churches in Lincoln gave overwhelming approval Monday night to create a Lutheran high school in Lincoln. The nearly 400 voting assembly members voted 243-38 to add the tenth grade next year at Lincoln Lutheran Junior High School, 1100 N. 56th St., which currently houses grades 7-9, and to add grades 11 and 12 in succeeding years. Voters also approved a \$4 million bond issue to be used over seven years to build the high school at the same site. "This is the result of many persons investing their prayers, time and talents, trusting the power of the Holy Spirit would lead to a conclusion that would glorify God and benefit His people," said Dan Heibel, principal at LLJHS. Five LCMC churches — Trinity, Redeemer, Messiah, Faith and Calvary — form the association that sponsors the junior high. Monday night's vote also resulted in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ELCA) parishes to be a part of the new high school system. Three LCMC parishes in Lincoln — Trinity, Messiah, and Faith — have elementary (pre-school through grade 6) Lutheran and prep parishes have pre-LJHS was built with an average enrollment between 125 and 175, he said. The first in Lincoln was at Lutheran 114 years ago, along with 40 other parishes that have since merged or closed. "We looked at the venture "was one of the things we worked with." The assembly interviewed dozens of par-



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The 2008 Reunion Committee has begun gathering names of interested volunteers who will aid in planning the June event. There is a need for alumni in the Lincoln area who can do the groundwork, but individuals who are outside of the area can also help in distributing invitations and planning individual class gatherings. The Committee will begin planning in January 2008. The Reunion will be held in June 2008 (date to be determined). If you are interested, email [lincolnlutheranalumni@yahoo.com](mailto:lincolnlutheranalumni@yahoo.com) for more information.



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