

# Homecoming Reflections 2023

Nearly 200 alumni registered for Homecoming and over 180 joined class visits Saturday afternoon, with a few joining their class Zoom call as well.

The Kitchen served over 400 delicious meals on Homecoming weekend. Which included their signature pulled pork with home-made buns for Friday supper and Roast Beef for Saturday. The Saturday supper fed 186 people - 40 more plates than last year! This year, we had almost 300 people stay for Saturday lunch, 60 more than pre-pandemic! The kitchen also provided complimentary breakfasts for all.



Lots of young families brought their kids to experience where they went to high school! The children kept the

bouncy castles busy all weekend, played in the gym and courtyard, and enjoyed a scavenger hunt Saturday afternoon!



## FRIDAY

Friday night we enjoyed live music at the Variety Night Show, hosted at Bethlehem. It included music from eight wonderfully talented musicians and singers. If in the future, you would like to perform, please do not hesitate to reach out to the Alumni Association!

The 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament was a hit on Friday night as well! We had over 35 athletes participating and the stands were full of fans!

## SATURDAY

Campus was busy with people and events on Saturday. There were choir rehearsals, a beautiful chapel done by the 40-year Class, the volleyball tournament, tours of the renovations in Old Main, and the Saturday Night Program.

At the well-attended chapel the 40-year class, 1983, reminded us LCBI has given us so much to be grateful for.



Volleyball had the gym full to the brim in the afternoon and showcased 70+ athletes competing for the yearly reward of custom t-shirts! The winners of both the basketball and volleyball tournaments brought home a 2023

LCBI High School Homecoming Alumni T-shirt.



The dorms were opened to alumni in the afternoon for reminiscing and to check out the renovations being completed on the first floor of Old Main.

To end the day on Saturday was the Program held in the gymnasium. This year we transitioned to table seating with snacks and juice available throughout the program! There was a wonderful turnout to enjoy a bit of the school's history, performances from alumni and current students along with recognition of honoured classes and showcasing auction items!

The Class of 1973, celebrating 50 years! - had most classmates attend and filled up three tables at the program! We would also like to thank them and all other honoured classes for their generous donations. Total raised for LCBI from the Honoured Class donations was \$20,527.



## SUNDAY

We were blessed with Pastor Harley Johnson leading this year's Homecoming Service. His sermon was based on the importance of having joy in our hearts. We enjoyed beautiful worship music lead by Kari (Satre) Salvesen and friends.



The Class of 1998, celebrating 25 years, also organized communion for the service with the leadership of classmate Lisa Haight. Huge thank you to all involved!



Each year the Alumni Association gives current students scholarships from the Alumni. This year our "Clear the Board" and Mile Long Cookie Sale raised \$1925 for those scholarships!

This year's auction was a great success as well. The items were displayed in the study hall and online. We raised a total of \$50,090! Thanks to all who donated and bid!



Homecoming was a huge success due to the large number of volunteers and helping hands, including LCBI students and staff! Thanks to all who were involved offering their time and talents!

The Alumni Association would also like to extend our gratitude to Linda Langager for her time as Chair and Co-Chair. We asked for a brief overview of her 12 years volunteering for LCBI.

### Reflections from Linda Langager, Past Alumni Association Chair

"In **2011**, Cathy Kochendorfer, who was Chair at that time, asked if I would join the Alumni Association. Knowing Cathy very well, I felt this would be a good fit.



That was the year of LCBI's 100<sup>th</sup> Celebration and our highest recorded attendance: 488 for the Homecoming lunch! The first task was to help build on those 2011 connections. It took lots of phone calls to transition our Alumni records from mail to email. This gave us a way to touch base with classes more than just once every 5 years by mail! Calling Alumni and sending emails has been time-consuming, yet very rewarding. I've enjoyed getting to know so many Alumni, far beyond my own classmates.

October **2013**, Cathy asked me to Co-chair with her. This allowed her to pass over some duties and keep those she enjoyed.

Then two years later in October **2015**, I assumed the Chair role, when Cathy moved her focus to being the onsite Homecoming Coordinator, a role she held until retiring in **2019**. We are most grateful for her detailed plans for holding Homecoming on campus: a job she had so efficiently carried out for many years. Thank you, Cathy!

As Chair, the role has been a collaboration with the many who have joined us to share their gifts and ideas for one or more of the two-year terms: Lori Giles, in her 7<sup>th</sup> year, and Board Rep. Murray Nelson in his 9<sup>th</sup> year, as well as my husband, Allyn, during these 12 years, have each been a tremendous support and sounding board for me in this role.

Looking back, our most challenging, but rewarding task was planning for Homecoming when we couldn't be on campus in **2020** and **2021**. However, those one-day online events proved to be very successful:

- People could take part online from wherever they lived.
- We set up a joint Zoom for all Honoured Classes, who then joined their own class 'room' online!



- For fundraising, we benefitted from changing an in-person auction to one online.
- The Chapel, Saturday Program and Sunday Service were livestreamed.

Through these years, our Alumni Association has continued to explore many new ways to best serve our Alumni and our beloved LCBI: *Bouncy Castles for kids, sports T-shirt giveaways, Friday concerts and Joint Choirs, a Spring Gala and 'Mingles' for younger Alumni, and online registrations are some examples.*

I am truly thankful that Alexa Ridgewell is willing to step into the role of Chair. We have appreciated her creative ideas and energy in serving with us this past year. I will continue to serve in a supportive role during this transition.

With gratitude for God's blessing and guidance.

Linda Langager,

Past Chair"





## Class of 2013 - 10<sup>th</sup> Year!



*Co-President of 2013, Boden Sorestad is holding his daughter on the right.  
The photo includes 13 classmates, 5 spouses plus 4 kids!*

## Class of 2003 - 20<sup>th</sup> Year!



**Back Row:** Rebecca (Pfeifer) O'Shea, Brody Hermanson, Mark Calow, Curtis Kuntz, Steven Lee  
**Middle Row:** Derek Mitchell, Britta (Wig) Goud, Olivia (Adelman) Langley, Karlin (Hermanson) Berg  
**Front Row:** Krystal (Olson) LeBlanc, Heather Jebson, Jenna (Akre) Harder, Jenny (Weisbrod) Calow, Sonja (Geil) Schmidt



## Class of 1993 - 30<sup>th</sup> Year!



*Mark Haugen, Kris Erickson, Jan (Sundby) Erickson, Ulla (Friggstad) Hovdestad, Becky (Gorectke) Corlan, Jennifer (Chubak) Finstad, Murray Nelson*

## Class of 1988 - 35<sup>th</sup> Year!



**Front:** Kristen Friggstad (Ulven), Anna Sullivan (Mueller), Robert Bratvold, Christy Reimer (Nelson)  
**Back:** Gayle Haugen (Fonstad) Kari Alford (Hovdestad) Patty Haugen (Ziegler) Ted Hill, Peter Haugen, Clare Johnson

## Class of 1978 - 45<sup>th</sup> Year!



**Back Row:** Michael Aadland, Sharon (Anderson) Aadland, Phil Berg, Darlene (Norheim) Rumohr, Lori (Cooper) Giles

**Front Row:** Les Engen, Connie (Oliver) Williams, Jake Satre, Gail (Rude) Berg, Val (Tysdal) Hundebby, Carma (Hopkins) Hedlund, Sharon (Friggstad) Groth

**Alumni who joined Class of '78 at HC:** Steve (B78) & Tamra Button, Jeff Grant, Larry Hundebby (B79), Bobbi Stahler (A79)



## Class of 1973 - 50<sup>th</sup> Year!



**Back row:** *Bryan Akre, Blair Rausch, Murray Wankel*

**Next row:** *Harley Anderson (Bible), Sid Haugen, Brent Wig, Cliff Reinhardt (Bible)*

**Third row down:** *Bob Nagle, Lorraine (Solheim) Reinhardt, Kathy (Hagen) Haugen*

**Next row down:** *Janice (Hagen) Haugen, James Lokken, Diane (Jonassen) LeNouail, Kandis (Hagen) Peters*

**Second from the front:** *Leanne (Cooper) Rinholm, Marlys (Rude) Sorenson, Elda (Schultz) Haug, Wayne Hagen (Bible)*

**Front row:** *Lynda Erlandson, Doug Wauters, Glenn Haug, Aron Johnson, Dolores (Marken) Hagen  
plus Cheryl Berg on Zoom*

### Attendees from Class of 1963 – our 60<sup>th</sup> Year!

We were so caught up in enjoying being together again ... that we did not remember to take a photo!

There were 12 of us, plus 2 spouses attending.

We had great visits with:

Lorne Carlson; Margaret (Cottingham) Hall; Glenn Dokken & Sharon (Skreden) Dokken; Margaret (Frydenlund) Fast; Merlene (Haaland) Hansen; Harvey Haugen & spouse Sylvia (Joel B65); Carole Mooney & spouse George; Gordon Olson; Esther (Pajunen) Henderson; Lorna Pederson; Dick Tastad.  
Clarence Schofer joined us on Zoom from Manitoba.

From Bible 1963: Calvin Isaacson & spouse Marion.

Blessings to all,  
Margaret Fast, Rep for Class of 1963



## Class of 1958 – 65<sup>th</sup> Year!



**Left to Right:** Eugene Anderson (class of '51), Steinar Haugen, Shirley Pajunen, Carol Solberg, Harold Hesje, Elaine (Holmgren) Hesje, Ken Nelson, Chris (Sparks) Sinclair, Greta (Anderson) Voigt, Lorne Hovdestad, Edmund Olson, Thelma (Nybo) Grant, Darlene (Norgaard) Hovdestad, Marilyn (Hermanson) Olson, Gene Griffith (class of '53)