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## From the President

#### by Wayne Hove



ur Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.

It has been a challenge to maintain the relation-

ships we experience as a normal part of LCBI life this past year. Yet, LCBI staff proceeded with maturity and faith as we continued daily chapels and in-person classes. As much as the media bombarded us with Covid stats and fears, we rested on the petition: *Give us today our daily bread*.

We have worked diligently over the last several years toward a sustainable operation.

As a result, LCBI was in a marginally positive financial position before the series of Covid restrictions. It seemed as though we would fall between the cracks regarding federal and provincial benefits. Fortunately, governments decided to include all independent schools. The generosity of a few larger and consistent planned donors gave us the opportunity to maintain as many programs as allowed. We will end this fiscal year, for the fourth year in a row, with a positive net income.

We continued with choir, hand bell choir, robotics, house plays, annual musical, in-person classes and graduation ceremonies — all masked and distanced. One of the highlights this year was the Easter Drive-Thru Presentation. LCBI students, along

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Cover: The Class of 2021. Back row: Jacob Felix-Clarke, Aaron Tamlin, Alexander Haugen, Dylan Annala, Rocco Jordan, Cody Durham-Bastien, Carter Wright, Joshua Beley. Middle row: Mikaela Rude, Kira Berggren, Matthew Dolman, Ben Laroque, Vance Hefner, Olivia Arthur, Alisha Gowen. Front row: Alexis Fraser, Natalie Rude, Leah Bratvold, Cadence Haaland, Kristy Fung, Ethan Tran, Keeley McLeod, Rayanne Hoeflicher, Rileigh Reynoldson.

## From the President

with members from Our Saviour's Lutheran, Bethlehem Lutheran, and Outlook Alliance worked together to put on this twelve station Passion Play. Over a hundred cars passed through carrying approximately three hundred people. We added to our Servant Leadership Program, increased campus life activities making for a healthy campus life for all dorm and day students. The close student relationships continued as they would for any year.



We realize our student body needs to grow in numbers for long-term sustainability. As a promising start, we added six students to our second semester and we are slightly ahead of previous years' applications. We have spent several years organizing and structuring for growth and now with an improved marketing process, increased sport development, increased choral and drama resources and a dedicated Admission Officer we are excited to see larger growth for the fall of 2022.

LCBI has a number of capital projects in process and in development. We are replacing all the boilers in the boys and girls dorms and are completing a sorely needed renovation to the 'White House'. As a reminder, we

> Top right: Greetings from the "Bison bubble" in winter, 2021. Above: Year-end camping trip, June 2021



only receive one third of our revenue from the provincial government while two-thirds is dependent on services revenue and donations. We receive zero support from the government for capital projects. While the operational side is currently healthy we clearly need donation support for capital projects. What's in the future ... a new food services building?

I can't say enough about our Administrative Team, teachers and staff. We believe in doing what we can with what we have, and calling on our Lord to provide the miracle of healthy relationships and support from our alumni and friends. Sign up for our weekly Campus Clips at alumni@lcbi.sk.ca. I encourage all alumni, parents and grandparents, to consider the option of having your children attend LCBI this fall! Send your interest to admissions@lcbi.sk.ca.

LCBI values Excellent Education, Caring Relationships and Growing in Faith all built on our strong history ... We Would See Jesus.



# Fall 2021 News

### Happy to be Part of a Fantastic Team

by Todd Johnson, Admissions Officer

T t's wonderful to be a part of a great PRAYING team! One of my favorite past times in the winter growing up



on the farm near Torquay, S a s k a t c h e w a n w a s watching *Hockey Night in Canada* on Saturday nights. It wasn't always the hockey that interested me the most; the commentators often caught my attention.

My Dad and brothers would often try to imitate our favorite announcers. My favorite hockey announcer was **Harry Neil**. Talking about building successful teams, he said: "It's not the team with the best players, but the players with the best team." This is a philosophy I wish to bring to recruitment for LCBI.

Since arriving on the LCBI campus in late July, my family has experienced a great team

of people welcoming us. My wife, **Kristy**, and daughters **Nora** (9), **Elly Clara** (5) and **Milli** (16 weeks) are excited to be a part of the LCBI community. We are enjoying visits from Outlook-area residents. Many burdens have turned into blessings in the past two months since we arrived from western Norway. We have appreciated the prayers and give thanks for our safe arrival.

One of my first days on the job, I wandered into the LCBI library and found a classic book Prayer written by Norwegian author **Ole Hallesby**. He suggests that practice and perseverance are two key elements in prayer. Thank you, friends of LCBI, for your prayers, practice and perseverance!

We have 82 students enrolled this semester, and we are very excited for how the ministry of LCBI will impact them. However, it's not the number 82 that impresses me the most. It



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is the number of times our school has been prayed for over the past years. An example is found in our weekly Campus Clips that go out every week to almost two thousand people. The section for prayer requests, praises and thanksgiving is a powerful one. Thanks to our great praying team and our faithful God.

A big thank you to a great team player **Samantha Ridgewell!** She has been heading our public relations and recruiting campaign for the summer months. Her wisdom, creativity and love for the mission of this school is evident. Samantha visited summer camps, organized a golf tournament and took our summer sports camp to the next level (60 campers). Her diligence on social media also kept people connected to the everyday life of LCBI.

Thanks also to **Janet Hove**, who has also played a key role in Campus Clips, alumni contacts and website updates with the latest pictures, information — and most importantly, stories of life and faith of how God is acting and moving within the LCBI family. As we move forward with recruitment and public relation strategies, we ask you for your continued prayers and support. We hope to expand our recruitment to more provinces in Canada, some US markets, and even Scandinavia. Please pray for us in these new ventures as we make connections and share our LCBI story with new environments.

Hallesby comforts us with these words: "We pray, and our prayers are answered; but we do not see the answer immediately, often not until a long time afterward." Thanks to all the prayers that have been offered up in the past! We as a staff feel those prayers being answered in many different ways each day. Our best praying team is one of practice and perseverance.

I wish to go out and meet people, share stories and re-connect with LCBI Alumni and their families. Please feel free to call or email with any suggestions, tips and potential families that we can connect with. We do campus tours all year round. We are looking ahead to Spend-a-Days, open houses and some other exciting events to bring more people and awareness about LCBI.





Above: Staff and students engaging in campus life lead activities during the evening after Opening Day.

Left: Staff and students working together to create a formation for their team during the staff social following orientation day.

## Academics

by Andrea Klassen, Former Principal

A s I reflect on the 2020–2021 school year, I am sitting in the gym where final exams are underway. It is hard to believe how fast this school year has gone by. In September (and at times throughout the year), the world felt very unpredictable, and we didn't necessarily know how the remainder of the school year would look. But I am so grateful that we were able to continue in-person classes for the entire school year. I believe that the community aspect of LCBI was felt even more this year, as we were continually reminded of the blessing that it is to gather in community.

#### **Rising enrollment**

In September, we started with 61 students. By the second semester, we grew to 67 students from Saskatchewan, Alberta, and Hong Kong. We continued to offer a strong academic program, even with the modifications due to COVID-19 restrictions.

> "I have not experienced a community like this anywhere else"

#### Learning in & outside classes

Some highlights of the year included **Mr. Delainey**'s Hobbit Experience (ELA B10), the June camping trip, dozens of evening and weekend activities and — in a year where so many schools had to move to remote learning — having in-person classes was a highlight in and of itself. Our academic program was also strengthened as we incorporated Google Classroom into our teaching and were able to use online resources to supplement the learning that took place in the classroom.



And learning was not just limited to the classroom. The Leadership Program continued to thrive this year, as students led dozens of activities, including Praise and Worship Nights, Intramurals, Health and Wellness events (including a 5 km fun run in the fall), Spring Fling, and several banquets. We had sports practices and staff vs student games, choir and musical rehearsals, house plays, and LIFT (Living in Family Together) activities, including some friendly team competitions between LIFT families.

#### Students growing and thriving

We have enjoyed seeing the students grow and thrive, both as individuals and as a community. There have been many successes to celebrate this year: we have seen students improve and find success in their academics, athletics, arts, friendships, and faith. They



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have accepted leadership roles and acted as team players, they have grown in their faith and acted as servant leaders, they have been creative as they planned activities, and they have been good role models.

As I reflect on this past school year and, like the graduates, prepare to leave LCBI in a few days, my mind wanders through memo-

ries of the past nine years. LCBI is a very special place, and I have not experienced a community like this anywhere else. There are so many people and experiences that I will miss greatly, and so many memories, lessons, and people that I will hold close to my heart. As **Mikaela** and **Natalie Rude** reminded us in their valedictory address at Graduation 2021 last weekend, "there is no way to explain to someone who has not experienced LCBI how this school changes you."

We are so thankful for our alumni and we are grateful for your continued prayers, presence, and support. As I look back on the 2020–2021 school year, I am so proud of the students and the staff, and I am so grateful to be a part of the LCBI family.

After much thought and prayer, Andrea Klassen has decided that this will be her last year working at LCBI as she feels God is calling her in a different direction. After 9 years we will miss her extremely logical and wise approach to everything she does. Our highest regard and appreciation go with her as do our sincere best wishes for

> her future. Thank you



Congratulations

We are excited to announce that Jennifer Ridgewell is accepting the role as Principal. Jennifer has been with us for 23 years and has a true passion for the LCBI community. She holds each student in high esteem and her engaging leadership will continue to

move LCBI forward.



Top left: Canoe trip, spring 2021 Left: Alexander Haugen gets a basket Above: LCBI staff on the last day of school, June 2021.

# PUBLIC Relations

### New Opportunities in Recruiting

by Samantha Ridgewell

The Public Relations team worked hard throughout the 2020/2021 school year. We were restricted in many ways due to Covid-19, but that didn't slow us down one bit.



We hosted multiple virtual Spend-A-Days via Zoom throughout the year, which led into our very successful in-person Spend-A-Day. On June 9th, we had fourteen new students come

for Spend-A-Day. They attended classes and chapel, toured the campus, and saw multiple performances from our choir, handbell club, and musical production.

Spend-A-Days are such a great way for a potential student to fully immerse themselves in the LCBI environment and experience first hand what being a Bison is all about! Watch the "LCBI High School" Facebook page and the calendar on our website to know when they will be. Enrollment is strong for the 2021/2022 year. We have had multiple families come for tours of the campus, with growing interest in attending LCBI this year and in the years to come. Our Public Relations team along with students, staff, and alumni worked hard to make sure that as many prospective students as possible would hear about LCBI.

We rely heavily on those connections to the school, so if you know of anyone who is interested in LCBI, please pass along their contact information, or talk to them about life at LCBI. We want as many people as possible to experience LCBI and become a part of our family for life!

If you know of a prospective student who would like to visit our campus or if you have any further questions, please contact Todd Johnson, Public Relations at 306-421-0133 or tjohnson@lcbi.sk.ca

### In the Words of Our Students

I was initially drawn to LCBI because of my family's history with the school. My grandparents, dad, aunts, uncles, and cousins all attended. At family reunions, everyone stayed up late reminiscing on their LCBI days and telling stories, which made me excited to make my own memories there one day. I had known about LCBI since I was in kindergarten, but as Grade 11 approached, it became more of a reality. My parents were adamant that it be my own decision to go and that I not be pressured by anyone.

Leaving home and living in the dorm was one of the best choices I've ever made. LCBI has given me deeper friendships than anywhere else and a community I know I can rely on long after I've graduated. I learned to let loose, explore new hobbies, and challenge myself. I played sports and sang in the musical. A big highlight for me was the camping trips I went on with my classmates and the planned all-nighters we had on weekends as a school. After these two years at boarding school, I feel so grounded in who I am and ready for the future. —Mikaela Rude, 2nd Yr Bison, Gr 12

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I was drawn to LCBI both by family tradition and the amazing stories I heard about this place. As it turns out, coming to LCBI was the best decision I ever made. LCBI has become my home, I have grown to love and care about this community, and **it has made me a better person.** This school is a place where people care about you and you can be yourself no matter what. I will never forget the memories and relationships I made here at LCBI. —Alexander Haugen, 4th Yr Bison, Gr 12





My family has been coming to LCBI for years. My parents met at LCBI, and all of my siblings have come here too. It's nice to know that LCBI has lots of history, and since it has been open for so many years, you know there is something special about it and worth going to.

One of the things I love about LCBI is that you **experience things here on a much deeper level**. For sports and academics, I had never really experienced the commitment, drive and focus that I did while at LCBI. The teachers are always available to help you and they truly want to see you succeed. Having the staff and your friends throughout the journey encouraging you really helps you to experience everything you want, take up all of the opportunities the school has to offer, and have the support that you need to thrive. —Leah Bratvold, 2nd Yr Bison, Gr 12

LCBI has been in my family for generations. After seeing how much the rest of my family liked it, I knew I had to come. LCBI has been an amazing experience. I have learnt so many things, grown in my faith, and made amazing friends. Coming to LCBI was the best decision I ever made. —Kira Berggren, 3rd Yr Bison, Gr 12

## **Finances**

### Appreciation for Donors & the Projects They Enable

by Victor Calvin, Financial Officer

hat a difference a year makes! A year ago, we were just a few months into the pandemic and were not sure at all how the next school year would look and how the finances would fair during that year.

A year later, we remain financially strong and viable with optimism that we will increase our student count for the fall. Our enrolment did drop this year, but support from all levels of government and our alumni kept us going.

We appreciate every donation, big or small, and we thank those that have included LCBI in their planned giving. Planned gifts have a way of showing up just when we need them the most.

#### Capital projects in 2021

The support we received even allowed us to tackle some long overdue projects here on campus. We have added an addition to the White House to fix a water leakage issue. We are replacing boilers in Old Main and the Boys Dorm. And this summer we plan to re-shingle a part of the H Building roof to address water leakage issues there.

Most of these projects were initiated out of necessity, not excess funds, so any additional support towards them would be greatly appreciated.

As we look to the future, we hope to undertake even bigger and better projects to improve our school.

#### Donations are crucial to survival

Donations are still a significant component of our budget that keeps our staff paid and the lights on, so please do continue to provide support as you are able. If you are a casual donor, please consider becoming a monthly donor, either via credit card through Canada Helps or through our automated bank account debit program.



If you are already a monthly donor, please consider increasing that monthly donation. Each and every donation is so important to us, and having a steady, predictable stream of donations is so very helpful to our planning.

To learn more about the different ways to support LCBI, please contact Victor Calvin by phone at (306) 867-8971 ext 106, email at accountant@lcbi.sk.ca or visit our website at https://lcbi.sk.ca/discover/donate-lcbi/.



## Graduation 2021

### Valedictory Address

#### by Natalie and Mikaela Rude

This year, twin sisters Natalie and Mikaela Rude were named co-valedictorians. In their joint address, printed below, Natalie's remarks are in black and Mikaela's, in blue.

We leave to our graduation ceremony. Thank you all for coming out to celebrate with us. We are honoured to be representing our class. We would like to wish a Happy Father's Day to the fathers in our lives, and a Happy belated Mother's Day to the mothers who expected to be sitting here a month ago.

Thank you for shaping us into the people we are today and giving us freedom to pave our own paths. Your support means the world to us.

> "Every single one of you has brought joy and laughter to Grade Twelve"



Thank you to the teachers. To **Ridgey**, for always leading with your heart and putting up with our shenanigans. To **Delainey**, for teaching us to be good, strong individuals. To **Codling**, for your quiet passion and expertise. To **Leah**, for the best life advice and workout plans. To **Kari**, for your hard work and leadership.

And finally, to **Klassen**, for your neverending patience. Your positive impact on LCBI will continue long into the future. We wish you the very best in your adventures next year and send our love.

We express our gratitude to everyone who keeps this school running: the kitchen staff, administration, **Chris**, **Trina**, and the dorm staff. Your compassion and dedication make LCBI the place we know and adore.

I'd especially like to thank **Paul Haugen**. The football field looks great. Good work on that.

Sitting over there is the class of 2021. Some of us have been hanging around for four years now — say "hi," guys! We have some thirdyears, and maybe I'm biased, but I'd say we have a pretty solid group of second-years. Oh, and one special newcomer this year — how's it going, **Cadence**?

Every single one of you has brought joy and laughter to Grade Twelve and made it a memorable year. You all contribute in unique ways. Among us are future engineers, teachers, farmers, firefighters, entrepreneurs, nurses, and pirates. I can't wait to come to homecoming and see where life has taken you all.

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A rare thing about this school is that friendships transcend grades. We are leaving not only each other, but the rest of the LCBI family. The Grade Elevens, Tens, and Nines are some of the most beautiful and kind people I've met. They are my best friends, and I love them. I know they will step into our shoes next year with grace and determination.

"We spent more time together this year than any other Grade Twelve class in the province"

This was not a typical year for LCBI. Sports and trips we looked forward to were not possible. But there was a silver lining. Everyone stayed on campus during the weekends, we played lots of spontaneous sports, and we pulled more all-nighters in a single year than in the past five years combined.

COVID did not stop **Vance** and **Rocco** from strutting their stuff at the house plays, or **Mathew** from producing a spectacular cell project. We went camping, swimming, and paintballing. Oh, and made some good investments on garage sale day.

Although there's a lot to say on the value of hard work and success, LCBI taught me that happiness does not come from fulfilling outside expectations. Others can challenge us and open our eyes to our own potential, but there will always be a million boxes to fit into.

Instead, pursue what you love. Please, travel the world, get an education, build relationships, express yourself. Should you struggle to find purpose, one aim you can always live by is to serve others. Let go of rigid anticipation for your life. Focus your light onto others.

Normally, graduating in May would be a wake-up call. A reminder to make the most of



Natalie (left) and Mikaela (right) Rude our final month at LCBI. Our last chance to bond with each other and have a memorable high school experience. Unfortunately for us, time is short. We don't get the same opportunity to cherish and grieve. In just over a week, our class is headed our own separate ways. We are torn between the excitement of grad and the pain of leaving LCBI so soon. Many of us, not just the Grade Twelves, have experienced the shock of this transition.

LCBI does not end after graduation. Here, community is easy. Next year, it will be up to you to form connections. The spirit of LCBI is not confined to this campus. Teach others to love the way we do.

"Let go of rigid anticipation for your life. Focus your light onto others."

I don't know how to put into words what this place means, but I think this little paradise hidden away in Outlook, Saskatchewan, saved a lot of us. Those five months of quarantine that we were apart felt hopeless. Coming back to school last September was a homecoming in every sense of the word. It was a reminder that we are not alone, we are loved, and we are God's children.

This year, we did not have sports tournaments, a choir tour, a mission trip, or a live audience for our musical. But, as **Leah Rusk** reminded us the other day, we spent more

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time together this year than any other Grade Twelve class in the province. Our time here was infused with extra meaning by virtue of that five-month absence. We arrived at the beginning of the year with a desperation to make it count, and it did.

There is no way to explain to someone who has not experienced LCBI how this school changes you. I pray you hold the people you've met and the lessons you've learned close to your heart as you drive away down that dirt road in one week. If you're here, LCBI means something to you or a person close to you. Grade twelves, it's time for us to take the next step. But don't forget to come back and remind yourselves what a blessing this place was in our lives.

### Thank you, and congratulations, Class of 2021!

Want to read more about the Rude girls' LCBI experience? Check out their profile in the June 25 issue of The Outlook: <u>https://bit.ly/3rw07p</u>



## LCBI Awards Night 2021



SHSAA Years of Service Recognition
10 Years – Leah Rusk
25 Years – Jennifer Ridgewell
30 Years – Phil Guebert

Cliff Adelman Athletic Merit

Outstanding Female: Rayanne Hoeflicher Outstanding Male: Aaron Tamlin

#### Drama

Most Promising Novice: Trason Ridgewell Most Valuable Performance in a Supporting Role: Liam Jones Excellence in Stage Management : Alexis Fraser Most Valuable Female Performance: Leah Bratvold Most Valuable Male Performance: Alexander Haugen

#### Alumni Music Leadership Scholarships

Birgitte Friggstad, Jenna Fleck, Asta Hovdestad and Mikaela Rude

#### **LCBI** Visual Art Award

Alexis Fraser

#### **Most Improved Student Medallions**

Grade 9: Brayden King Grade 10: Reed Wall Grade 11: Caiden Holmlund-McLeod Grade 12: Kira Berggren





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# LCBI Awards Night 2021



#### Academic Achievement Medallions

Grade 9 Gold: Azalea Lepage Silver: Elisa Woudwijk Bronze: Samarah Butler Grade 10 Gold: Andrew Delainey Silver: Jesse Wright Bronze: Trason Ridgewell

#### Grade 11

Gold: Rebecca Tamlin Silver: Leah Haugen Bronze: Sargent McGowan Grade 12 Gold: Natalie Rude Silver: Mikaela Rude Bronze: Alexis Fraser

#### **LCBI** Awards

Alumni Scholarships: Natalie Rude, Rayanne Hoeflicher and Alexis Fraser Joel Johnson Memorial Scholarship: Danielle Reimer Don and Clara Hedlin Scholarship: Asta Hovdestad, Leah Haugen, Rebecca Tamlin Clinton Pederson Memorial Scholarship: Cassidy Haaland ELCIC Scholarship: Mikaela Rude

#### **Other Awards**

LCBI Community Builder Award: Alexander Haugen John Vavra Memorial Legion Scholarship: Mikaela Rude Post-Secondary Recognition Schulich Award: Natalie Rude Spirit of Youth Award: Alexander Haugen Outlook Kinsmen Scholarship: Mikaela Rude LCBI President's Award: Graduating class of 2021



# Choir & Drama

#### by Graham Codling

Pespite pandemic restrictions, it was my privilege to conduct the Concert Choir and Chamber choirs at LCBI this year.

Learning to sing with masks on was a challenge. We even enlisted some help from **Betty Peters**, who made custom singers' masks for any of the students who wanted one.

We learned a great deal about recording for online concerts this year as well. With expert help from **Michael Rusk**, we were able to record several songs for Homecoming, Christmas, and the spring term. We all missed not going on tour and the applause of a live audience — but it will make those things all the more enjoyable when we get to do them again!

We were fortunate to have several talented instrumentalists in the choir. Three of the girls accompanied the choir on piano for several songs, and we had violin, trumpet, saxophone, clarinet, and djembe in the mix for a few songs as well. We sang music from many different time periods, in English, Latin, French, and Italian, and from various styles and countries. I hope you were able to listen to some of the music we recorded this year! *You can find some recordings on the LCBI High School Facebook page.* 







by Kari Alford

### **Special Addition to the Music Department**

hat started as a trial period has become a permanent feature at LCBI. Thanks to the generous donations of family, friends and LCBI Alumni, LCBI was able to purchase a set of hand bells this past year, after using a rental set for a few months to try out this new activity. This is an exciting addition to our music department.

Hand bell choirs produce beautiful music, both on their own and as accompaniment to a choir or ensemble. They also promote team work, develop listening skills and hand eye coordination, and are just a lot of fun! We look forward to incorporating hand bells into our music classes, having a hand bell choir participate in concerts and on the spring choir tour, and to be able to travel as a group to promote LCBI at churches and events throughout the year.

Watch for upcoming performances of the LCBI hand bell choir near you or check them out playing "Jingle Bells" on the LCBI High School Facebook page under Videos (December 17, 2020).

### Cast of Spamalot, 2021 Musical



# **ALUMNI: ATHLETICS**

This has been an exciting year for LCBI alumnus athletes! Here are three former of the Bisons and former Lady Bisons who have been featured "in the news" during the recent months.

### Ridgewell in the NWHL

CTV news has been giving some great coverage to **Samantha Ridgewell** '14 and her National Women's Hockey League (NWHL) team, The Toronto Six. This is Canada's only NWHL team, and she plays goal. Read Claire Hanna's article about her and see her in action here:

https://bit.ly/2UxKDoH (or google "Sask. goalie shines in women's professional hockey league")

#### Hove Tackles the WWCFL

Rob Vanstone's article in the Regina Leader-Post on June 26 explores the

journey of **Rebekah Hove** '02 from Lady Bison basketball player to financial planner who plays professional football and mothers two children. The running back for the Regina Riot, Hove describes her relatively recent foray into tackle football: "I'm a firm believer that growth is outside your comfort zone — where you get to that point of doing something that you've never done." Read the article here:

#### https://bit.ly/3BjxGzD

(or google "Regina Riot's Rebekah Hove combines football, family and finance") photo right by Brandon Harder, Regina Leader-Post



#### From Bison to Lion

Kayden Johnson '14 was named to Canada's national bobsleigh program for the 2020-21 season. Johnson who hails from Kerrobert, also starred on the track and field team at York University and in 2018 won OUA and U SPORTS gold in the 60m hurdles. The year prior, he competed in the heptathlon and won the OUA silver medal. You can read Sherri Solomko's article about him here: https://bit.ly/3E1sull

(or google "Kerrobert connection to newest Team Canada Bobsled member") photo right from Johnson's Instagram, @jamrockjohnson



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# Alumni: Planned Giving

### Irene's Planned Gift was an Answer to Prayer

by Joe Stolee

I n the 1956 Yearbook, it says of Irene Ivarson: "Irene plays the piano quite well. All of us students think she's swell." Those words would hold true for her throughout her lifetime. Sadly, Irene passed away in 2018 at the age of 82. But it was a life of joy, of serving, and of generosity.

After graduation, Irene met and married **Marlin Wenstad**, a farmer just across the border in Crosby, North Dakota. They farmed successfully together for 50 years before retiring to Bismarck. They were true partners in farming, even having matching lawn tractors for the weekly mowing!

Her gift of music was shared after LCBI and throughout her lifetime. She played the piano in her country church, filling in for other churches when needed and at nursing homes.

Irene was a traveler, and she and Marlin enjoyed trips to visit relatives in Norway, back in Canada, and throughout the world.

Irene was sociable. She is remembered by friends as a good storyteller with many funny stories and jokes, including ones about her Norwegian heritage, of which she was immensely proud.



Irene and Marlin Wenstad in their home

Most of all, Irene was a good friend to many!

Reflecting (after 50 years) upon her experience at LCBI, Irene wrote: "I am so grateful to have had the opportunity to attend LCBI. The spiritual atmosphere has remained with me all these years."

Generous in life, Irene was also generous in her passing. In her will, Irene left gifts to organizations and ministries that meant a lot to her in life. This included a large gift to LCBI. Since her death, LCBI has received over \$436,000 from her estate. The money has come in two installments. The first, \$258,700, arrived at a time when cash flow was difficult, and the school was operating from their line of credit. It was an answer to our prayers. The second installment of \$258,000 was equally welcomed and allowed for the school to reduce some of its debt. Prayers were answered once again. Thanks be to God and for the generosity of Irene.

Tuition costs do not cover the school's expenses. Gifts such as the one Irene left the school are critical so that others can be blessed with the spiritual atmosphere that Irene and so many of us have enjoyed. In your estate planning, please consider doing as Irene did. Be generous in life and when you no longer need those resources. Help make a difference to the lives of our students!

In 2011, unable to attend Homecoming for health reasons, Irene wrote to the class and said: "I wish to send greetings to all who attend and wish you God's richest blessings. Until we meet again."

Thank you, Irene! And yes, till we meet again.

# Alumni: Homecoming 2020

Plans for a fabulous in-coming Homecoming Weekend in Outlook last fall were scuttled by the pandemic. With some creative thinking and some hard work by the homecoming committee and class representatives, most of the planned activities were able to go ahead online.

### **Reflections from Virtual Homecoming**

by Linda Langager, on behalf of the Alumni Association

usual weekend after Thanksgiving virtually and just one day.

1. We began with Chapel, in the Bethlehem sanctuary. Graham Codling was at the piano and Karen Meagher, 40-Year Class, led the service. Classmates joined her virtually, even Tim Kaiser in Hong Kong! President Wayne Hove and Campus Dean Kari Alford brought heart-felt messages about the months of pandemic.

Tim, Wayne and Kari all highlighted the words of assurance from the class theme verse: "For I know the plans I have for you" (Jer. 29). Links for both the Chapel and the Evening Program as well, are still on YouTube (LCBI Alumni Events channel) if you missed them.

2. After lunch, class visits took place, but this year, virtually by Zoom! Just as for Chapel, it felt like we were at LCBI for Homecoming. On Zoom, we first saw everyone gathered from near and far. I got to wave to many, including Jason Anderson in Chicago!

Then a genius idea came from the staff: to have students give us a virtual tour of the campus. They quickly "took" us everywhere, even to their dorm rooms. All campus spaces looked fresh and clean! We heard that lots of painting happened during the shut-down time.

After the tour, each class on Zoom left for their own breakout rooms to visit as long as they wanted. Despite some technical challenges in getting set up, classes all had wonderful visits.

omecoming 2020 happened on our 3. The Saturday evening Program was livestreamed from the LCBI Chapel. Speeches from President Wayne, Dean Kari, and three students were interspersed with eight recorded music selections from the LCBI Choir, the new Handbell Choir and even an Isolation Choir. All of it was superb! Cole Skrudland (photo below) was our charming MC, joining all program items together with entertaining banter and showcasing auction items.

> 4. Finally, our online auction (a new experience for Homecoming) added a lot of excitement. Running from Thanksgiving to 9 pm Saturday, bidding went right down to the wire! Cole and Lori Giles organized over 170 donated items, valued at \$9000. In the end we even surpassed our goal, raising almost \$50,000 for LCBI!

> Our whole virtual day was made possible by incredible tech support - Kirk Friggstad, Joe Stolee and Pamela Giles. Our great gratitude to them.

> Thanks to everyone who helped our Alumni Association Team pull this Homecoming together, and THANKS be to God whose unending love and care continues to sustain us and our beloved LCBI!



**LCBI HIGH SCHOOL** 

## ALUMNI: HOMECOMING 2021

One-Day Virtual LCBI HOMECOMING 2021 Schedule for Saturday, October 16

#### 10:00 am MORNING CHAPEL

- Presented via live-stream and video
- Led by the 40 yr. Class from near and far!
- Greetings from President Wayne Hove & Campus Dean Kari Alford

#### 1:00 pm HONOURED CLASS VISITS on Zoom (1 or 2 pm)

- Two start times to accommodate all online
- Watch for the link for your time by Fri. 15th
- One treat is a quick LCBI campus tour virtually!
- Next, join your class in its own Zoom room
- No time limit for each class visit!

#### 7:00 pm HOMECOMING PROGRAM online

- 2021 marks the 110th year since Founders Day
- Also, it's 105 years since classes began in Old Main!
- GRADS from 1946 to 2021 honoured (the 1 and 6 years)
- Long term STAFF, past and present recognized for their dedicated service!
- Celebrations include LCBI's vocal and handbell CHOIRS

#### 7:00 - 9 pm ONLINE AUCTION

- Bidding continues from Oct. 12 noon to Sat. Oct. 16 at 9pm
- Auction runs simultaneous with the PROGRAM on a separate link
- Funds raised are for LCBI and Alumni Association projects. Goal: \$35,000
- THANKS to all donors and bidders!

#### Links to these events will be sent to all by Fri. Oct. 15th

Join us online to celebrate Homecoming 2021 You can Zoom for hours!

*Left: Cole Skrudland emcees the auction at Homecoming 2020*  Homecoming 2021

October 16 Honoured classes ending in '06 and '01 Save the date!

# In Honour/In Memoriam

#### DONATIONS WERE GIVEN BETWEEN Aug 2020 – June 2021 IN HONOUR OF

Cliff Adelman (himself and his birthday) All Bratvold Grandkids Carolie Haug's Grandchildren Nyah Hopkins '20 Harry Johnson's 100th Birthday Todd Johnson's receiving a Master's Degree in Theology and Ministry Raine & Jocelyn Whiterman's Wedding Christa Woudwijk '20 Graduations: Leah Bratvold '21 Keeley Shane Stene McLeod '21 Mikaela '21 & Natalie '21 Rude Aaron Tamlin '21

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> Photos facing page: Experience Easter drama, March 2021 Talented student musicians play in chapel

## **Obituaries**

#### LCBI Alumni Deaths to July 20, 2021 Joan Arlene Berg (née Johansen), former kitchen staff, July 19, 2021 Rev. Michael Cone, former Chaplain and PR person, August 10, 2020 Ingvald "Doc" Dokken, September 2020 Keven Leslie Dyrland '72, January 29, 2021 Lowell Douglas Erlandson '50 Bible '51, April 3, 2020 Irene Falk (née Knudsen) '51 Bible, November 23, 2020 Marian Harrison (née Sandbeck), December 1, 2020 James Hartman '70, January 7, 2020 Harry Elmer Johnson, friend to LCBI, April 12, 2021 Myrtle Jensen (née Njaa) '50 '51 Bible, September 5, 2020 Larry Allen Knutson, May 3, 2020 Ralph Lavender '52, May 20, 2021 Walter Leroy Leppa '62, January 1, 2021 Edward Li '74, April 12, 2020 Norma Jean Shirley McConaghy (née Hoiseth) '64, March 20, 2020 Rev. Sidney Melvin Nelson '47 Bible, May 30, 2021 Terry Neuls '70, May 4, 2020 Rachelle Anne Pratt '04, March 20, 2021 Darcy Rediger '81, May 18, 2020 Vivian Joyce Reed (née Johnson) '58, on July 16, 2021 Edward Rostad '45 '46 Bible, December 29, 2020 Harold Rostad '54, July 10, 2021 Ivy Rostad (née Johnson) '48, October 17, 2020 Darcy "Dee" Schill '79, January 30, 2020 Joseph Phillip "Phil" Sollid '48, April 14, 2021 Judith Sylvia Solsten (née Nodeland) '51, November 30, 2020 Duane Nathanael Torgunrud '53, May 19, 2021 Iain Alexander Webster '78, November 2020





Above: Members of the LCBI Choir performing with alumni at graduation. Inset: Class of 2021. Below left: Group at year-end camping trip in June. Below right: Phys Ed Class ski trip to Table Mountain. Bottom: Samantha Ridgewell at the LCBI stall at Outlook's Mother's Day Market







