

## Reflections from Homecoming 2021 “Gathered/Apart” - a One Day Event

We did miss our usual Friday Registration and Reception as well as the Sunday Service, but we packed a lot into one full inspiring Saturday! We also missed having live photos, so these are lifted from the videos we received.

We began the day as always with Chapel. Marilyn Gustafson and her 40-year class were leaders, with 13 participating as readers and/or singers in a beautiful virtual choir.

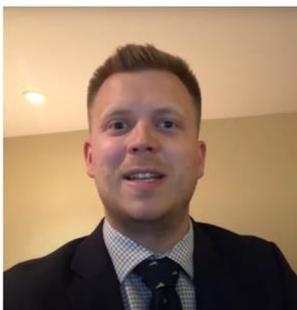
However, only Marilyn was recorded ‘live’ in the church, with the rest all seamlessly added by sound tech, Kirk Friggstad, from prerecorded videos, including messages from President Wayne and Campus Dean Kari Alford. Later, we also heard valuable updates from Todd Johnson, Jennifer Ridgewell and Victor Calvin of the Admin Team.

Readings were based on their class verse: “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.”  
- Yes, we can and yes, He does!



Events of the day highlighted many benefits of making a virtual gathering work:

1. People were able to join in from their homes, regardless of age or distance.
2. Those with other weekend commitments, like pastors and musicians could still take part.
3. A great many contributed with video segments taped at a time best for each.
4. No travel or accommodations were needed!



5. Class visits were still possible Saturday afternoon: not in person, but by Zoom. Cole Skrudland facilitated the technical aspects - from his home in Regina! Over 100 met with classmates via Zoom.

The class of 1971 (the 50-yr class of Homecoming 2021) met with 24 of their 37 classmates online for almost 3 hours! They also took up the challenge of topping previous class donations by raising \$50 000 for their 50<sup>th</sup> year! In the end, the total raised was over \$78000!

6. Both the Chapel and the evening Program were sent out on YouTube, thus available to be watched after the Saturday event. We were glad to see that so many tuned in to both over the next few days. (189 views for the Chapel and 280 for the Program!)
7. This year’s theme: “A Tribute to Staff, Past and Present” was prepared ahead for the Program by creating two PowerPoints of staff members all the way back to 1916 and up to the present!



Linda Langager and Cole filled in historical details, adding to the comments of appreciation that many alumni contributed.

8. The Program also gave us a wonderful Campus Tour without leaving our chair! Wonderful to see the delight of the student tour guides showing us their campus.



*Kira Berggren Gr. 12*

9. At the end of the Program, we were able to witness via video, Old Main's Cornerstone being relayed after it had been opened by President Hove in 2015, which was his first year as president at LCBI and the 100<sup>th</sup> year since Old Main's construction.



*President Wayne Hove, past Principal Phil Guebert and current Principal Jennifer Ridgewell*



*Wayne, Todd Johnson, Admissions Officer, Curtis Akre, Campus Life Staff and Phil*

We hope many of you will be able to join President Wayne in 2036 to reopen the Cornerstone marking the 125<sup>th</sup> year of education in Old Main!

10. This was our second successful online auction hosted by the Alumni Association. Thanks to Cole who posted the dozens of enticing choices on the Auctria website, which attracted many bids. Thanks to Lori Giles who arranged for winners to receive their items. Our great gratitude goes to all who contributed to the auction and the day's videos and provided tech support.

Praise be to God for richly blessing LCBI and each of us, this Homecoming 2021!

*Linda Langager  
on behalf of the Alumni Association*