



LLHS FEDERATION CONNECTION

Dear Problem...



Principal's Pen
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"Dear God - my problem is so great that..." You fill in the rest.

The prophet Elijah faced such a problem. After witnessing the Lord's power on Mount Carmel, and as the people's cry - "**The Lord - he is God!**" (1 Kings 18:39) - rung in his ears, he may have assumed that his problems with idolatry had ended.

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1 Corinthians 10:13

Then came Jezebel's words: "**May the gods deal with me...if...I do not make your life like that of one of [my dead prophets]**" (19:2). Elijah fled. To him, his problem was bigger than God. He saw escape as the only solution.

It is here that the Lord provided Elijah with a valuable lesson. God sent powerful displays - wind, earthquake, and fire. But he was not in them. Finally, Elijah heard a whisper: "**What are you doing here, Elijah?**" (19:13). God was in that whisper. After Elijah explained himself, the Lord explained his plan. Elijah still had work to do. He would anoint two kings and he would also anoint his successor. Energized by the word of the Lord, Elijah carried out the plan. He learned that even his greatest problem was under the Lord's control.

We have been like Elijah many times. When we face seemingly impossible situations, we often despair and search for solutions anywhere else but with God.

At times like these, we need the Lord's assurance. "**When you pass through the waters, I will be with you.... When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned**" (Isaiah 43:2). And again, "**God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he**

will also provide a way out" (1 Corinthians 10:13). God repeatedly assures us that he manages even our greatest problems.

Instead of praying, "Dear God - my problem is so great that..." we may confidently pray, "Dear problem - my God is so great that..." You fill in the rest!

EVENTS TO NOTE

- Thurs. Jan. 3..... Classes resume/Second semester begins
- Sun. Jan. 6 (resched)..... A Cap @ St. John, Cold Spring | 8:15 AM & St. James, Cambridge | 10:15 AM
- Wed. Jan. 9..... Music Dept. (MPO) Fundraiser begins
- Fri. Jan 11 & 18 Alum 5th Quarter Social Hour | 9-10 PM
- Sat. Jan. 12 Giving Society Kentro Gala | 5 PM
- Sun. Jan. 13 A Cap @ Our Redeemer, Madison | 8/10:30 AM
- Wed. Jan. 16..... Future Freshman Scheduling | walk-in 7-8:30 PM
- Sat. Jan. 19 Alternate time for Future Freshman | 9-10:30 AM
Jazz Band at WLC Festival all day, concert at 7 PM
- Sun. Jan. 20..... A Cappella @ St. Paul, Fort | 8/10:30 AM
..... "New Friends" event at LL | 1-3 PM
- Mon. Jan. 21 Board of Regents | 6:30 PM
- Wed. Jan. 23..... 7th Grade "Warrior for a Day" | No classes
- Sun. Jan. 27 Giving Society Chili Luncheon | 12-1:30 PM
Pops Concert/LES Visual Arts | 2 PM & MPO Semi-Annual Meeting after concert
- Mon. Jan. 28 FFA Alumni Meeting in cafeteria | 7 PM



Attention LLHS Alum!

When: **January 11 & 18 and February 1, 9-10pm** (post-home games)

Where: **The Grist Bar+Table** (snacks provided; cash bar) downtown Lake Mills - 103 S. Main

What: **fellowship! reconnect, have fun Warrior Trivia and goodies --- win prizes!**

60+ Warriors comprise 7 Operation Go teams in 2019. Mission trips include Phoenix over Spring Break and Anchorage (2 teams), Boise, Salt Lake City, New Orleans and Long Valley, NJ, in summer. Learn more and support this effort at llhs.org/opgo



SCHOOL NEWS *and* NOTES:

- * This semester, **Vocational English hosted guest speakers** who helped them explore careers, from technical school to military reps, from customer service to manufacturing fields. Three speakers were alumni, including John Luedtke ('72), Luedtke Plumbing; Mike Ehlers ('04), mkCellular; and Joel Hirschfeld ('99), Generac Power Systems. Afterwards, 16 seniors applied for "jobs" and participated in mock interviews to gain practical experience.
- * A total of 645 students in grades 5-8 from 16 area Lutheran elementary schools participated in our biennial **spelling bee**, beginning with a written exam in their own schools. Then, 52 students in grades 5-6 and 44 in grades 7-8 advanced to the competition at LLHS on Saturday, Nov. 10. **Read about the winners at llhswarriorstories.wordpress.com**
- * The **Warrior Swing Choir** traveled to Huron Valley Lutheran High School to participate **in the WELS Choral Festival** Nov. 9-11. See archives of both pops and sacred concerts at welsfinearts.org
- * Our **LLHS band pumped up a pep rally at Zion**, Columbus, to celebrate the outstanding effort fundraising for a local boy's wish through Make-a-Wish.
- * In August, Lakeside received a **\$21,000 grant** to use on **additional safety measures**. The upgrades were installed in November, including shatterproof door film, deadbolts, and self-locking mechanisms for classroom doors.
- * A Cappella Choir members celebrated **Agnes Froemming's 100th birthday** with a few songs! Agnes was instrumental in the birth of Lakeside, and served as librarian for over 20 years. See the video of this special visit at bit.ly/2UJiDtD
- * Generosity in action...LL **Teens for Christ** and student teacher Elijah Kroll spent a Saturday **at Second Harvest Food Bank** in Madison. . . . Thirteen sophomores served at **Abiding Shepherd, Cottage Grove**, helping them reach out to the community with their "The Christmas Journey" . . . Other students helped **Resurrection, Verona**, canvass a community in Monroe, inviting them to worship at the new mission church there. . . . Our **National Honor Society partnered with Kingdom Workers in a toy drive** to support KW's new Foster Support Program. . . . Teens for Christ held a **bake sale for the ROC Youth Center** ministry.
- * Speaking of generosity...THANK YOU alum, board, faculty/staff, families, friends, and students! **For our Giving Tuesday #beth60 request, YOU donated \$17,000** to student assistance. Thanks for being a blessing to Christian education.
- * Our hallways were filled this fall as hundreds of **3-4th graders from 17 of our area Lutheran grade schools visited** to learn about Art and U.S. History! See galleries of happy faces sorted by school at llhs.smugmug.com/LES-at-Lakeside/4th-Grade-Field-Trips-to-LLHS
- * Our **metals class** had a successful semester. Students completed a cart for athletic water jugs, locker room benches, six chair carts, and a custom go-cart snowplow!
- * **"Called to Serve"** is the 1940s patriotic theme for our **April 13 Grand Event**. Early bird tickets will be available January 1—save the date!



5 QUESTIONS *with the* FACULTY

"Five Questions with the Faculty" is a light-hearted look at the teaching staff at Lakeside Lutheran. This edition features Mr. Kirk DeNoyer, who joined the faculty in 2015. He is the Activities Director, phy-ed teacher, and varsity boys basketball coach. Here are some other things you may or may not—know about Mr. DeNoyer:

Kirk and his wife, Karen, have four children: Emily, a PT in Fort; Andrew, an actuary in Milwaukee; Elise, Accounts Manager at Cloute, Inc. in Fort Atkinson; and Austin ('16), attending Martin Luther College. They are members at St. Paul, Lake Mills.

What is your favorite thing to do on a Saturday? Hunt, fish, or work on a project around the house.

When you're at your fave restaurant, where are you & what do you order?

Most often I will order a fish fry. I like trying different restaurants, but my favorite is at Crawfish Junction.

What is your favorite movie or book of all time?

Rocky II is the movie that inspired me as a kid to want to train like a champion.

What's one of the most heartwarming moments of your time at LLHS?

In my first year at Lakeside, I had the pleasure of coaching my son and two nephews on the same basketball team.

Humorous moment or two at LLHS? Cameos in the annual "What's New at LLHS" videos put out each fall by fellow teachers PC and Todd Hackbarth. *Ed.:* check out this fall's vid at bit.ly/2LiZnyF or smile at Kirk's first video at bit.ly/2rCOSPx

