

Annual Golf Outing Raises Nearly \$9,000

Our 10th annual Golf Scramble began on a cool, crisp Sept. 19th morning at The Fortress Golf Club in Frankenmuth. By the end of a beautiful day, nearly \$9,000 was raised by the 37 sponsors and 111 golfers for the Valley student aid fund. The student aid fund is critical to Valley Lutheran and Valley families. This past year a record \$180,000 was distributed to assist families with financial needs to meet their tuition payments.

The major sponsors were:

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Other sponsors were:

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Many thanks to all who participated in and helped to sponsor this event. The 2009 Golf Scramble Committee was Jeff & Debra Benjamin, Deb Hackman, Tom & Lori Drinan, Carlos Cisneros, Sam Britton and John Brandt. vv



Winners of the 2009 Golf Scramble were (left to right) Hal Schilling, Todd Albee, Ed Meyer, and Roy Schultheiss. They were sponsored by Ben and Nancy Arnst-Windows/Doors/Siding.

Creation Speaker Encourages Christians

St. Lorenz Director of Youth Ministry, Chuck Anderson, Darrin Urbytes, VL class of 1987, and Dr. Lisa Meyers, VL Academic Dean worked together to bring Carl Kerby, Answers in Genesis creation speaker to the Great Lakes Bay Region on Sept. 19-21.

On Monday morning, Sept. 21, Mr. Kerby spoke to our student body. Nearly 750 Lutheran school junior high students from 16 of our area schools heard Kerby's message in the afternoon. Kerby had a different topic for each of the different groups he

spoke to, always gearing the topic to his audience. "We were really blessed to get a speaker of this caliber to offer our students strategies to defend their faith against the evolution argument which is so prevalent in our lives today," commented Dr. Meyers.

Mr. Kerby stated that God's people can bring a change. We must be bold in our faith and go to the authority of the Word which is under attack today. In the Bible, we read 46 times that "God said" and 28 of those occur in

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Gaining Perspective

Have you seen the drawing that appears to be of an old woman if you look at it from one perspective and of a young woman if you look at it from another? Both women exist in the drawing but the one that comes to the forefront depends on your perspective.

Our theme for this year (selected by the senior class) comes from James 1:2-4. The first two verses encourage us to "consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance." Talk about conflicting perspectives! God

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Gifts to VL Foundation Are Easy to Make

Sometimes people think that Foundation gifts need to be part of an estate, or at least “big.” While such gifts are certainly appreciated, gifts of any size can be made, and the manner of immediate gifts can be just as diverse. Gifts of cash or by check can be made directly to the Foundation by simply including a note with your gift. These gifts can even be matched by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans if you hold a current policy or investment with the company. Of course, all gifts of this nature are tax deductible. vv

VL FOUNDATION

To provide financial support for educational and charitable activities at Valley Lutheran High School.

Aug./Sept. Athletes of the Month

Abbie Greenwell (Junior), Cross Country. Coach’s comments: “Abbie has medaled in every meet. She had a wonderful summer of training and it’s really starting to show. Taking a leadership role on our team as a junior, she is looking forward to next year already!”

Jon Weiss (Senior), Varsity Soccer. Coach’s comments: “Jon has been one of our offensive leaders throughout the year. Consistently good with the ball and moving well without it, he is one of our leaders in both goals and assists while providing great leadership on and off the field.” vv

You’re Invited!

Open House:
Dec. 1 @ 7 p.m.

Prospective 7th and 8th graders and their parents are invited to attend our Open House, Tues., Dec. 1, at 7 p.m. No reservations are necessary — just come! Call 790-1676 for more information. vv

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would have us find joy, rather than despair, in our trials as those difficult times can strengthen our faith, teach us to rely upon Him, and deepen our bond with our Christian brothers and sisters. That’s tough to do! I know many people are facing personal trials at this time. Our state and nation are facing serious trials. What can we do? Trust in the power of God that His perspective will be victorious. Recognize that His perspective is often very different than that of human-kind. I am reminded of a poem written during the Civil War by an anonymous Confederate soldier...

*“I asked God for strength, that I might achieve,
I was made weak, that I might learn humbly to obey.
I asked for health, that I might do greater things,
I was given infirmity, that I might do better things.
I asked for riches, that I might be happy,
I was given poverty, that I might be wise.
I asked for power, that I might have the praise of men,
I was given weakness, that I might feel the need for God.
I asked for all things, that I might enjoy life,
I was given life, that I might enjoy all things.
I got nothing I asked for-
But everything I had hoped for.
Almost despite myself, my unspoken prayers were answered.
I am, among all men, most richly blessed.”*

During this month of Thanksgiving, let’s praise God for all the many blessings he has given – even those that are difficult to see because of our perspective. We especially thank Him for His perspective that He saw us as so valuable that He was willing to sacrifice His only Son as payment for our sins.

“Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.” 1 Thess. 5:16-18

Dr. Lisa Meyers

Upcoming Events

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| Nov. 4 | Fall Instrumental Concert,
7 p.m. @ VLHS |
| Nov. 7 | Annual Craft Bazaar, 9 a.m.
to 3 p.m. @ VLHS |
| Nov. 9 | Blood Drive, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. |
| Dec. 1 | Open House, 7 p.m. |
| Dec. 13 | Christmas Choral Concert,
3 p.m., Location TBA |

FALL INSTRUMENTAL CONCERT

Nov. 4 @ 7 p.m.

- *Symphonic Band*
- *Wind Ensemble*
- *Jazz Band*
- *Flute Choir*
- *Brass Quintet*
- *Woodwind Quintet*

Craft Bazaar: Sat., Nov. 7

Join the fun at our annual Craft Bazaar on Sat., Nov. 7, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. In addition to up to 40 craft booths, home-party consultants will offer demonstrations and information. A luncheon will be available from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. All proceeds will go toward upgrading our science labs vv



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Genesis. Evolutionists on the other hand have only a small pick-up truck load of incomplete evidence to support their guess. As the years pass, previous “sure” links have proven themselves to be incorrect. God’s Word, however, stands through the years and never contradicts itself. Throughout his examples, Mr. Kerby encouraged the students to use their critical thinking skills, rely on observational science and not get caught up by historical science which changes the evidence to make it fit a theory, and most importantly remember that the best evidence is in His Word.

Mr. Kerby’s presentation to area Christians was made possible by St. Lorenz Lutheran Church of Frankenmuth. vv