Valley Lutheran kicked off its 40th year with a special chapel service on Sept. 6 to commemorate the first day of school in 1977. There were 83 students and a staff of eight in 1977. Today, Valley is home to 325 students and 35 staff and faculty members.

VLHS kicks off 40th celebration

Special chapel marks first day of school in 1977

A packed crowd filled the Valley Lutheran High School gymnasium with a special chapel service on Sept. 6 to celebrate 40 years of cultivating leaders, educating minds, and nurturing faith in the community.

Students, parents, faculty, staff, supporters, and founders listened as Rev. Dean Davenport (VL’83), of Christ Our Savior in Livonia, confirmed that regardless of who you are, you are “Blessed to be a Blessing.”

“Things have changed, but yet things have stayed the same, too” Davenport said. “Educating students, shaping and molding minds into the next generation of leaders. But most important, it’s about nurturing your faith. For that will be with you eternally.”

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On Wednesday, Sept. 6, we had the honor of celebrating God’s provision and guidance for the past 40 years. Observing the number of foundational families present, I was struck by their amazing faith. They felt the calling of God, and stepped out in faith that He would guide them.

Many times throughout history, God has called ordinary people to do extraordinary things. We are not all as fortunate as Isaiah to see the Lord and his angels (Isaiah 6), to hear the voice of God calling in the night like Samuel (1 Samuel 3), or...
VLHS to reprise ‘The Importance of Being Earnest’

The VLHS Drama Department presents The Importance of Being Earnest on Nov. 2-4 at 7pm.

The comedy by Oscar Wilde was a play performed by students at Valley 30 years ago. Some students in that play now have children performing in this fall’s show.

Each night, there will be a reception during intermission for VLHS alumni who participated in drama. Tickets are $7 for adults; $5 for students; and $24 for a family.

Holiday Bazaar Nov. 11

The annual Valley Lutheran Holiday Bazaar will be Saturday, Nov. 11, from 9am to 3pm. Admission is free and lunch is available from 11am to 1pm.

Proceeds go toward the 21st Century Classroom. Call Stacey Hildebrant at 989-737-9348 or Sarah Cmeyla at 260-450-5586 for details. Contracts are available at VLHS.com or in the office.

SaveAround

Students Selling Subway, SaveAround Coupons

Valley Lutheran students are selling SaveAround coupon books and Subway discount cards as fundraisers for the school.

The SaveAround books, which cost $25, are filled with discounts from famous national chains to local mom-and-pop shops, SaveAround offers savings everyone will love.

Purchase one from any Valley student or in the school office.

Subway cards are also available for $20 and include more than $300 in coupons, including four no purchase necessary coupons.

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to walk with Christ as the disciples did before being sent to the nations. And yet, so many people have answered His call with “Here I am, send me!”

God didn’t call only the most obedient or qualified among His people – Moses stuttered and had blood on his hands; David was an adulterer and murderer; Paul persecuted Christians before God called him to service. It is through the calling of imperfect sinners that God demonstrates His power and ability.

God uses ordinary people like you and I – people who are imperfect, who are sinners in need of His grace and mercy. He can and will use you to do extraordinary things. It might not be easy, it might stretch you in ways you aren’t comfortable with initially, but God will work through you, just as he used those families 40 years ago to create a school that builds its foundation on the saving work of Christ.

So, how is God calling you to step out in faith?

– Lindsay Mueller