

## Renewal, Worship, and Learning: Marks of the Lutheran Educator Conference



250 educators. A record number of sectionals and exhibitors. 25+ schools and organizations. Worship and encouragement. Food and fellowship. These are the makings of a great Lutheran Educator Conference!

This annual conference, founded 12 years ago, draws together the educators of the Lutheran schools of the Great Lakes Bay Region.

“We love having the Lutheran Educator Conference at VLHS!”, said **Dr. Lisa Meyers**, Academic Dean at Valley Lutheran. “To see this great number of talented people in one space - people passionate about sharing Jesus Christ and exceptional academics with their students - is quite amazing. Singing, praying, laughing, and sharing together reminds us all of why we are in this ministry to families.”

*Special Thanks go to:*

- *President Davis (MI District - LCMS) for his message.*
- *Pastor Garcia (Immanuel, Bay City) for leading worship.*
- *Patrick Winningham, Becca Sugden and the Brass Quintet (VLHS, Saginaw) for leading music.*
- *Rev. Dr. Jonathan Herron (Life Church, Saginaw) for presenting the keynote message.*

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*Pictured: 37 of the 41 VLHS alumni and conference attendees currently serving in one of the area's Lutheran schools. Thanks be to God!*

### Thy Will Be Done

As we prepare for the coming of Lent this month, let us remember these words:

“Jesus went out as usual to the Mount of Olives, and his disciples followed him.

On reaching the place, he said to them, ‘Pray that you will not fall into temptation.’

He withdrew about a stone's throw beyond them, knelt down and prayed, ‘Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done.’

An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened

him.” Luke 22:39-43

In this most difficult hour God strengthened His Son for the path that was ahead. May we trust that he will do the same for us, as we face the trials and tribulations of this world.

From Deuteronomy 31:8, “The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.”

We invite you to join our Music Department on one of their Lenten tour stops this March:

Valley Lutheran Music Department invites you to

### THY WILL BE DONE

A LENTEN WORSHIP CONCERT  
featuring the  
SYMPHONIC BAND AND GOLDEN VOICE CHOIR

**Indianapolis, IN** Wed., March 13  
St. John Lutheran Church, 6630 Southeastern Ave.

**St. Louis, MO** Thurs., March 14  
Peace Lutheran Church, 737 Barracksvue Rd.

**Springfield, IL** Fri., March 15  
Trinity Lutheran Church, 220 S Second St.

**Holland, MI** Sat., March 16  
Zion Lutheran Church, 77 W 32nd St.

\*Home Concert\*

**Saginaw, MI** Sun., March 17  
Immanuel, Frankentrost 3 p.m.



The VLHS Drama  
Department Presents

# WhoDunit ...and to Whom?

February 15,16,17  
at  
St. Mark Lutheran Church,  
Saginaw

## Conference (from front)

### Additional Thanks to:

- Shelly Venema and Concordia University Ann Arbor for sponsoring the delicious breakfast.
- Rich Schumacher and Lutheran Special Ed Ministries for sponsoring the amazing Rosie's Pie!

### And to the other sponsors and service groups in attendance:

- LAMP
- Lutheran Church Charities
- CAN Council of Saginaw
- Child & Family Services of Saginaw
- Ennis Center for Children (Foster Care Recruiting)
- COFA - Christian Outreach for Africa
- Michigan State Police - Office of School Safety
- FAN (Families Against Narcotics)
- PaperPie (formerly Usborne Books)
- EF (Educational Tours)

In addition to these groups and individuals, many leaders and teachers from around the Great Lakes Bay Region shared their expertise, knowledge, and passion while leading sectionals.

May God continue to bless and keep the schools and educators of our region as they serve Him!

# VL Robotics Begins Inaugural Season

Valley Lutheran is excited to announce the beginning of a new student activity - Robotics!

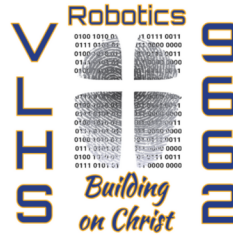
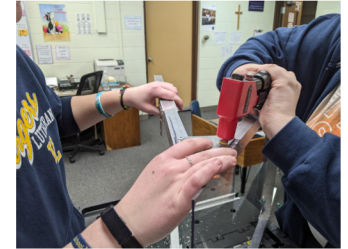
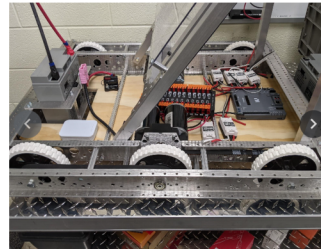
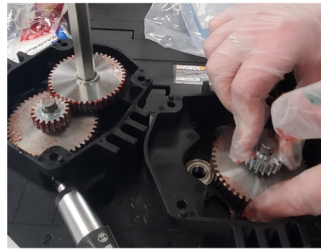
And while it is still in its infancy, the impact on students is already clear.

As Coach **Mr. Kevin Streeter** described, "I have already seen tremendous growth on the part of our students. They have grown in their attention to detail and in their tenacity. They have grown in their ability to problem solve and evaluate possible solutions before taking action. I am excited to see what the future will bring!"

The team has been building their robot in preparation for their first competition in early March.

Valley Lutheran and the VL Robotics Team are grateful to the following sponsors who have made the launch of this new group possible:

- Kerkau Manufacturing
- Saginaw Control & Engineering
- Merrill Tool
- MetroFab



- Dow
- Nexteer
- DuPont
- Bierlein-Trombley Electric (BTE)
- Bierlein-Trombley Technologies (BTTech)
- Thrivent - Katrina Kaschinske (VL '97)
- FIRST in Michigan
- Michigan Department of Education

Stay tuned for news of VLHS 9662 in the coming months! Or visit [www.vlhs.com/robotics](http://www.vlhs.com/robotics) to learn more about the team's activities.

## Valley Lutheran High School's

# 21st Annual Benefit Dinner & Auction

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5:30p - 10:00p

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