



HIS Way, Not Ours

A couple recently shared with me a part of their family's story. At one point, with their children scattered though grade school, the couple felt God calling them to an out of state move. Within a year of uprooting their family, it became clear that they should move back. At the time, after two stressful moves, the family found themselves questioning the purpose for the move: Why? What purpose did God have for this seemingly pointless exercise?

The couple went on to share that, 10 years later, the purpose of these moves was finally revealed to them. Ten years!!

Their story really struck me. And it made me think of the scripture from Isaiah: *"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the LORD. (Isaiah 55:8)*

I find this promise simultaneously terrifying and comforting.

I'm sure this is the case for many of us. Often we are unable to see or understand how situations are going to work out for good.

Yet, the Prophet Isaiah reminds us that we simply do not have the same perspective that God has. His ways are not like our ways. His ways take us by surprise. He is able to use people, circumstances, and difficulties in ways we cannot even fathom. They often take us where we never could have dreamed. And they surpass any and all expectations that we have. And this is wonderful.

Thanks be to God He can use circumstances we do not understand, to display His power.

*- Kyle DeWees,
Director of Development*



Thirty Valley Lutheran students, staff, chaperones, and alumni attended the March for Life event in Washington D.C. from Jan. 16-19.

Valley Students March for Life in D.C.

You don't need to be an adult to make a difference. You just need passion and a will to act.

Valley Lutheran students and staff know this, and they put that into practice Jan. 16-19, while attending the annual March for Life in Washington D.C. to celebrate life and promote the protection of unborn children.

"It was a lot of fun," Valley junior Abby Brown said. "You don't realize how many people are there until you're actually at the event. There were swarms of people on the streets. It was really special to see so many people who stand up for the same thing you do."

Conservative news estimates place the number of people who attended the March in the hundreds of thousands.

"They said last year there were 700,000," Brown said. "I didn't realize

how many people that was. We waited for an hour to get on the road and march because it was so packed."

Thirty students from Valley and 10 chaperones and alumni made the trip this year -- joined on the bus by 15 friends from Lutheran High Westland -- for the fourth sponsored trip by the school.

"It's very encouraging to our students to witness how many young people actually support life and to be able to speak out against the greatest atrocity of our day," said Valley French teacher Cris Urbytes, who organized the trip.

The bus left Valley on Wednesday and picked up the Westland contingent later that evening before making the all-night drive to Washington D.C. Upon their arrival, the group quickly checked into their hotel before heading to the Holocaust

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Saginaw Valley Antique Society Show

Where: Valley Lutheran

When: Saturday, April 6 from 9am-4pm

Admission: \$4 (Includes two appraisals)

Lunch: Served 11 am until 1 pm

STATE RUNNER-UP

Congratulations to the Valley Lutheran pom pon team on another successful season!

The Chargers competed in the Mid-American Pom Pon championship and finished in second place.

It marks the fifth state runner-up finish in program history, along with nine state championships.

VLHS Drama Presents...

Title: Radium Girls

By: D.W. Gregory

When: May 2-4

Time: 7 p.m. at VLHS

Note: In 1926, radium was a miracle cure... until it wasn't. Grace Fryer is a dial painter who fights for her day in court after painters begin falling ill to a mysterious disease. Follow along as Grace battles with the U.S. Radium Corporation, and her family and friends, who fear her campaign for justice will backfire.

Inspired by a true story.

Open Houses Scheduled

Do you want to know what makes Valley Lutheran a great place for education? Let us show you at one of the four remaining open houses scheduled for 2019.

Any interested students and their parents are invited to tour the school, meet teachers, and have questions answered. The dates are below.

- March 17, 2-3 p.m.
- April 14, 2-3 p.m.
- May 19, 2-3 p.m.
- June 18, 5--6 p.m.

March for Life

Museum. During the afternoon the group attended the Youth Rally where they learned from prominent pro-life speakers, including Lila Rose, founder of Live Action. A tour of several memorials and monuments, along with commentary on our Christian heritage closed out the day.

In addition to their traditional meeting with Michigan Congressman John Moolenaar's Chief of Staff, the group had the opportunity to take a guided tour of the U.S. Capitol Friday morning before the Rally and March. In a bit of a surprise, Vice President Mike Pence and Mrs. Pence made an impromptu visit to support those in attendance.

"What an awesome surprise," Urbytes said. "Vice President Pence attended a couple years ago, the first

sitting VP to do so, but this year no one knew about it except the president of the March for Life."

A highlight for the students and chaperones was connecting with a large Lutheran delegation along the route and marching alongside LCMS President Matthew Harrison. At the conclusion of the March, they took some time to listen to women who are now pro-life share their post-abortion stories on the steps of the Supreme Court. After dinner at Union Station, the crew headed for home.

"The majority of the people in the March were our age, which is a big change from when it started," Brown said. "It used to be older people, but now the younger generation is taking over and trying to fight back."



This is the final performance of a five-day, five-concert tour through Michigan, Indiana, and Ohio.

Lenten Tour Concert

Featuring 78 musicians in Valley Lutheran's

**Golden Voice Choir
and Symphonic Band**

Sunday, March 17
at 3pm

Peace Lutheran Church
3427 Adams Ave., Saginaw

GLBR Lutheran Educators Conference



More than 230 educators from throughout the region met Monday, Jan. 21 at Valley Lutheran High School to lead and take part in workshops such as Google Classroom, Rethinking Grading, Autism 101, and more.