



## Horticulture

Our second year of Horticulture began this January. There are 8 students participating. We are excited to have a greenhouse ready to use! Last year, through fund matching by United Prairie and The CHS Grant, we were able to purchase a 20' greenhouse. We had a lot of help getting the greenhouse built and installed on a foundation.

Horticulture students have been busy planting seeds and building raised beds. We are looking forward to using the greenhouse soon. We hope to be able to grow flowers to donate to the Village of Buckley to use in the planters. We are also hoping to grow a variety of flowers and plants to hopefully have a small plant sale this spring.

## School Visit Day

We had our annual School Visit Day on November 22. Students from St. Paul's Woodworth and St. John's Buckley came to visit our school for the day. Students visited each classroom, met each teacher, and participated in different activities. At lunch, students enjoyed a pasta bar made by the CLHS cooking class students. All band students had the opportunity to perform and play together.



## SAVE-THE-DATE: KNIGHT FOR CHRIST AUCTION

The Knight for Christ Auction has been set for **August, 23, 2025!** Mark your calendars to come to our fundraising event. The event will again take place at the Ford County Fairgrounds. Look for your invitation soon. We are so grateful and blessed to have you as supporters of Christ Lutheran!



### Cooking Class

Did you know that our cooking class makes lunch for the school once a week? With the dissolution of the senior meal program, St. John's and our cooking class of three students have volunteered to help provide hot lunches twice a week for our students and staff - THANK YOU!



### Scholastic Bowl

We have four students participating in Scholastic Bowl this year. Our team is coached by Mr. Dan Huse. Their current record is 1-7 with more competitions to come.



Spring 2025

# CRUSADER NEWS



### Drive-Thru Pork Chop Dinner April 13

We will be having a drive-thru pork chop dinner on April 13 from 10:30am-12:30pm. Free will donations are appreciated!

### Thawville Sale April 19

We will be there serving pork burgers and much more!

### Hometown Cookout April 5

We will be there serving sandwiches from 8am-1pm!

### Graduation May 30

Graduation is scheduled for Friday, May 30, 2025 at 7pm in the CLHS gym. We have two seniors graduation this year: Kinley VanHoveln and Timothy Wyckoff.

### Knight for Christ August 23

Our annual fundraiser will be held at the Ford County Fairgrounds. We are seeking donations!



Original art made by freshman Edith Conn.

## Message from our Principal

I want to share with you my latest acquisition of artwork (pictured). This work is an original piece created by Edith Conn (CLHS Class of 2028). When I first saw this piece, I saw a large cross - front and center - which reminded me of Jesus and His amazing love for us. I also see other things in the work: smaller crosses of different materials, a pattern that reminds me of woven fabric, and some rough edges and sharp points.

In short, this work reminds me of my day to day life. Each day, the fabric of my life is woven of the unexpected - the different materials - and small burdens (crosses) to carry. Each day brings its share of rough edges and sharp points. But also each day, Jesus is the structure that holds it all together; He turns the splinters and rough edges into a beautiful tapestry that He alone weaves together into His masterpiece (Ephesians 2:10).

This work of art and its creator are just two of the beautiful products of Christ Lutheran High School. God is at work here every minute of every day - in art and English, math and science, social studies and Theology, cooking and the fine arts. He is here in the hands of all His servants in classrooms and the office, whether teaching, answering phones, or mopping floors. He is here, in the noise and the quiet, through joys and sorrows, and we are immeasurably blessed to be here.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support - we love you all!

Yours in Christ,

Sandy Spitz





Our PSO (Parent Student Organization) treated the students to a special Valentine treat from Tab's Chocolates in Paxton.

Math with Mrs. Amanda Wacker

This year we have 5 math classes on the schedule. We are teaching Algebra, Geometry, Algebra II, Trigonometry, and Calculus.

This semester in Algebra, we started graphing lines. Then we transitioned to solving systems of equations. Currently we are focusing on sets and solving equations with absolute value and compound inequalities.

In Geometry, we started in January with properties of quadrilaterals, introducing parallelograms, rhombi, rectangles, squares, trapezoids, and kites. Then we transitioned to properties of triangles. Currently we are introducing concepts of trigonometry and how they relate to triangles.

In Algebra II, we solved systems of equations at the beginning of the semester. Then we reviewed adding, subtracting, and multiplying polynomials. Currently we are factoring polynomials.

In Trigonometry, we solved high degree polynomials in January. Then we introduced logarithms along with their properties and applications. We will cover trigonometry in depth afterwards.

In Calculus, we started with derivatives and their applications. Currently we have transitioned to integrals and we will explore their applications more in depth in the spring.

Rifle Club 2024-2025 has 9 students participating. Rifle Club is coached by Anthony Conn and Scott Hasselbring

There are over 250,000 youth that participate on high school rifle club teams each year in the US and it is one of the safest high school sports with a participant injury level far below all other sports where statistics are kept. Rifle club is a sport for all, where gender, size, and speed do not matter. Life skills that are most effectively developed through marksmanship include: self control, self-discipline, emotional control, concentration, goal setting, goal achievement, and self-image enhancement. The students learn to not compete against each other necessarily, but to access their own performance and then work hard to improve themselves the following week. The 2024 -2025 season has incorporated two more shooting positions and has allowed the students to participate in a competitive match.



Faith plays on the varsity team, Grace plays on the JV and varsity team, and Edith plays on the freshman team. The Lady Wildcats recently won the regional championship. Congratulations!



We had three students participate in girls basketball through our co-op with Cissna Park: Grace Bohlmann (freshman), Faith Bohlmann (junior), and Edith Conn (freshman).



Christmas Concert

"The Colors of Christmas"

On, Thursday, December 12, 2024, the music department at CLHS, under the direction of Carol Liston, presented a Christmas concert titled, "The Colors of Christmas". The colors represented in the concert were: red, green, blue, gold, silver, and white.

The band participants were: Edith Conn, Levi Wagner, Kinley VanHoveln, Josh VanHoveln, Noah Garcia (transferred), Grace Bohlmann, Faith Bohlmann, and Timothy Wyckoff.

The CLHS Handbells- Faith Bohlmann, Kaelyn Schwing, Kaelyn Smith, Grace Bohlmann, Skyler Sandstedt, Nolan Garcia (transferred), Josh VanHoveln, and Kinley VanHoveln- were directed by Levi Wagner.

The choir- Voices for Christ- participants were: Timothy Wyckoff, Kinley VanHoveln, Skyler Sandstedt,, Faith Bohlmann, and Levi Wagner.

There was also a bake sale fundraiser that night to benefit the cooking class. Cooking class students and Mrs. Dippel made delicious, homemade treats!

NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK

Students at Christ Lutheran celebrated NLSW January 28-31. Each day featured a different themed dress-up day: Country vs. Country Club, Future/Dream Career, Soccer Moms vs. BBQ Dads, and Fancy vs. Comfy. As part of there NLSW celebration, students created reverse tie-dye shirts, played pickleball, had a taco lunch provided by our PSO, brought "Anything But a Backpack", and ended the week with Donuts and Devotions.



Country vs. Country Club



Future/Dream Career



Soccer Moms vs. BBQ Dads



Fancy vs. Comfy