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Cover (clockwise from top left): Byeong Jun Lim ('15) serves with Habitat for Humanity; seniors Corey Hostetler and Katie Shank speak at commencement; Sarah Hochstetler ('22) reads from the Bible at a tree dedication service in memory of librarian Margaret Fisher; Zana Mlotshawa ('22) hosts her pastor for Pastors Day at Bethany.

Making the World Better

In 2007 I entered Bethany Christian Middle School. Like most middle schoolers, I *thought* I had all the right answers. I came to Bethany thinking, "I'm going to be such a game changer for these conservative Christian kids." But in the end, I realized that you all changed me much more than I changed you.

This school and this community opened my eyes to the wonders of critically thinking about religion. After spending seven years with you all, I've come up with a philosphy that works for me.

We are all made with a little bit of God inside us, and our job is to find that little bit of God and use it to make the world a better place.

I see God in all of you. You helped me find who I am. You helped me find my desire to help others, and get in touch with my emotions. You gave me confidentce, showed me how I can help others, and shaped what I want to do with my life. You have shaped the way I see God within me and my world view.

I believe everyone should be equal, and I want to do everything I can to redistribute the wealth in this world. The resources on this earth should be available to everyone to use in a responsible and reasonable way.

That is something I believe strongly and is one of the major reasons I want to go into politics. I want to use my skills as a leader to enact change in this country: to bring more equity to the wealth distribution in this country, not only by giving personally, but through serving to change this country as a whole. In the end, I just want to leave this world better than I found it.



Parth Patel plans to study political science (with a minor in drama) at Tufts University.

From the Principal

As a school accredited by Mennonite Education Agency, Bethany sets goals for improving effectiveness in nurturing faith in students. During our self-study in 2012-13 the faculty identified a new opportunity stemming from the growing diversity of our student body—namely, fully valuing students' own diverse faith backgrounds while also providing a context that is clearly and unashamedly Anabaptist-Mennonite.

The faculty team that led us in beginning to implement this goal decided in 2013-14 to focus on a single Anabaptist-Mennonite value: Christian service. Opportunities for service have always been part of a Bethany education. However, the faculty team noted that too often we simply assume—and neglect to teach clearly enough—the biblical mandate for serving.

Thus, before service day in May, the team devoted several chapels to examining how Jesus served others, and a number of teachers shared personal stories of discovering the value and joy of serving others. Before service day students in mentor groups discussed their upcoming service assignment, and afterwards they together reflected on the experience.

Their reflections confirmed students' increased understanding of *why* Christians serve others. Further evidence of their understanding comes in the recurring comments of students in this *Bulletin* who emphasize a deep desire to use their gifts to serve others and make the world a better place!

As we help students come to see service as an expression of God's love for all people and see their own vocations as opportunities to serve others, we are equipping them for discipleship as envisioned in the school's mission.

—Allan Dueck



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Senior Faith Statements

Each senior's final Bible assignment is to share his or her faith journey, present beliefs, and future dreams/plans in class, chapel, or a group setting outside school. On pages 2 and 3 are excerpts from three presentations shared in chapel or a church setting.

Community & Sustainability

My faith has not necessarily been influenced by baptism itself, but rather by my life and growth after baptism. The love I have received and seen has shown me how rewarding it is to be part of a Christian community.

I now realize faith is not something I can be sure about. This has been difficult for me as I want to know answers and fully understand why. I can have my doubts or disagree with others' beliefs and faith practices, but it also feels good to know people around me with similar beliefs who are willing to talk with me and help me figure things out.

I have four core beliefs that I try to mold my life around. First, I want to live like Jesus, who treated people as equals and showed respect to everyone. The thing that attracts me most to Christianity is the desire to serve others.

The second core belief is pacifism. Bringing peace into a violent world is something I want to pursue. Violence is not only physical; I am working toward becoming a peaceful person and limiting the emotional violence in my life.

The third core belief is the importance of relationships. Being part of a community is a necessity for me—to have others support me and engage in conversation.

Fourth, I want to live more simply as possessions can get in the way of a relationship with God and cause me to lose sight of improving our community and people's lives. Living simply does not apply only to possessions, but also to living in an environmentally-friendly way. God gave us this earth to use and sustain. I want my children and grandchildren to enjoy the beauty that God has given us.



Hanna Hochstetler plans to major in social work and peace, justice, and conflict studies at Goshen College.

Loving God



I love God. This doesn't mean I have a perfect relationship with God, have always felt particularly worshipful, or even liked God all the time. But deep down, the foundation that has been ingrained in me since before I can remember—one I once resented, but have come to deeply appreciate—has shaped my life in many valuable ways.

I grew up in a close family, as a Mennonite, going to church. However, my middle school self craved a completely secular childhood. Basically, I hated the fact that I was growing up Christian.

Fast forward four years, I'm not doing the opposite of what I'm told anymore, but instead doing what I believe. The faith that I took for granted growing up is very important to me now.

My God is love, wonder, joy, pain, and refuge. By loving others and letting myself be loved, I encounter what can only be compared to a sliver of the love that God has for me.

Prayer is another pathway to God that I value. I pray a lot, at random times, which is a reminder that God is with me. As C. S. Lewis says, "I pray not to change God, but to change me."

I believe that Jesus embodies everything that God wants for us. Jesus' relevance today is not diminished because of 2,000 years, but instead provides opportunity to make faith relevant in today's world. Jesus' life has and will continue to influence what I choose as my values and priorities: community, family, and praising God.

Katie Hurst has served as editor of Sightline, *Bethany's online student news publication, and* Buzz, *the weekly newsletter of Waterford Mennonite Church. She plans to major in journalism and minor in graphic design at Goshen College.*

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Faith Development

Bethany Christian Schools integrates faith development with academic excellence, urging students to seek a faith they can own.

Grounded in Anabaptist-Mennonite values, Bethany weaves Christian teachings into the entire curriculum and nurtures faith development seamlessly throughout the Bethany experience—in class, on the court or stage, through one-to-one mentoring, and in chapels. Joseph Gonzales' reflection below, *Best School Ever*, and senior English students' exploring faith issues each year in the MCC Essay Contest are two examples.

Systematic biblical instruction takes place in Bible courses required at each grade level, with key reflective projects for students in grades 8 and 12.

For high school seniors, this culminating project is to share their faith journeys in a public setting—to own what they believe (see pp. 2-3).

Students finishing middle school reflect on their learning by writing a paper which asks, "Who are God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit and how should I respond?"

Best School Ever



"Imagine yourself in a car driving to Bethany Christian Schools—the best school ever," wrote fourth-grader Joseph Gonzales, who chose to research Bethany for his Indiana History project.

"I go to this school and it is awesome. Bethany is a really good school because the teachers teach you fun stuff and they teach you about God and the wonderful things he does."

While best school ever may be a bit bold, we certainly are glad that many students like Joseph appreciate what Bethany has to offer and that at Bethany they find *learning that lasts and faith that lives*.

Grade 8 Faith Writings

Lucas Brownsberger-Keyes



Faith has been the number one priority in my life and influences my everyday actions. I'm growing up in an environment where faith is practiced daily; it's safe to talk about beliefs without getting made fun of.

As I grow older, my faith deepens. A quality of God that is special to me is how God turns bad into good, even from situations that seem impossible to have any good. In 2007 I was diagnosed with diabetes. Since then I've learned so much about how to face the ups and downs of life and important values such as patience, perseverance, toughness, and awareness.

Alexa Haarer



God has abounding grace: unlimited undeserved giving. No matter how often someone messes up, God still loves them.

Jesus believes everything and feels everything that God does, but because he is human he can sympathize with troubles people face and know what we are going through.

In order for the Holy Spirit to work in our lives, we have to trust God. The Holy Spirit helps us move past our troubles, weaknesses, and fears to help us be strong.

Jadyn Huffman



When I am older, I want to be a doctor. I want to help people and to make people better, which is like saving people out of bad situations and sickness like God and Jesus did. Since forgiveness is something really important to me about God, I want to be a person who is also very forgiving and that is something I try very hard to do. That is one way the Holy Spirit can work through me.

Willems Returns as Principal

Administrative Titles Changed



Hank Willems, who served as Bethany's assistant principal from 2005-12, is returning in that same capacity—though the position has been renamed principal. Willems replaces Tim Lehman, who will be the lead administrator at Iowa Mennonite School.

Earlier this year, Bethany's board changed the title of *principal* to *head of school*, and the title of *assistant principal* to *principal*. Allan Dueck, who has been principal since 1995, will serve as head of school until his retirement in December 2014. (See below for information regarding the search for a new head of school.)

During the past two years, Hank explored his fit for and interest in his wife's family business. While he has enjoyed this exploratory time, Hank has come to clearly recognize that his vocation is in education.

Hank says, "I am very excited to be back in education, especially at a school that meant so much to me as a student [1989 grad] and employee. I have missed the students and faculty, opportunities to watch students develop and grow, and the rhythms of the school year."

60th Commencement

In an address titled "You *Can* Take It with You," seminary professor Andy Kaethler noted four things Bethany graduates take with them: 1) a robust language of faith—words and concepts with which to think about the world and their place in it as Christians, 2) a community to practice and learn that language, 3) a call to use their gifts in line with what God is doing in the world, and 4) hope.

Student speakers Corey Hostetler and Katie Shank noted that many in their class are pursuing interests in education or health-related fields and said, "Our teachers and mentors have ingrained in us the importance of helping people, and we have begun to feel the desire to help others without the prompting of our elders."

See **bethanycs.net/graduation_2014**.

News at bethanycs.net



Teacher of the Year: Spanish teacher Craig Mast. See **/toy_2014.**

High School Awards: Academic, achievement, and service recipients. See **/HS_awards_2014**.

Fisher Memorial: Tree outside the library dedicated for librarian Margaret Fisher. See **/140521_fisher_tree_dedication**.

Bethany Seeks Head of School

Qualified candidates must have:

- prior experience in school administration and organizational leadership, preferably in a senior administrative position, with church school experience;
- a master's degree in education from an accredited college or university;
- an Indiana Building Level Administrator License prior to starting this job;
- proven skills in leading educational institutions while exhibiting a passion for entrepreneurial pedagogy and administration;
- a mature, growing commitment to Jesus Christ, to Anabaptist-Mennonite belief and practice, and be a contributing participant in the mission of their congregation.

Cover letter and resume may be sent to: Kirk Stiffney, 1114 N. Main St., Goshen, IN 46528. Contact Stiffney at 574 537-8736 or Kirk@stiffneygroup.com.

Campus News

Apply for 2014

Grades 4-12

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Alumni News

Alumni Weekend

The next alumni weekend will be Sept. 26-27, 2014, with reunions for classes ending in 4 or 9. Information and registration for these class reunions will be posted at bethanycs.net/reunions.

Donate Online

New

Donations for the Capital Campaign or the Bethany Fund may be made online: **bethanycs.net/donate**.

"Missing" Alumni

Bethany needs updated contact information for some *missing alumni* (with urgent interest for those with upcoming reunions). See bethanycs.net/alumni/missing and send updates to alumni@bethanycs.net or call 574 534-2567.

Peacebuilding in Afghanistan



"Peacebuilding in Afghanistan, a country that has been at war for many decades, can seem insurmountable," begins Kelly Shenk Koontz ('04) upon completion of a three-year assignment with Mennonite Central Committee in Afghanistan. "***BUT!*** It is essential that Afghans and foreigners work together for peace and bring hope for a peaceful future."

Kelly and her husband Peter ('04) developed a peacebuilding program that now leads trainings, develops curriculum, and provides peacebuilding resources for staff members who work in a wide variety of settings and contexts across the country, including healthcare and education.

"As Mennonite pacifists, we were definitely challenged in the way we thought about wars and conflict and how to bring peace to a country and a context that seems so far away from it. We brought a message that was different from the many thousands of foreign troops who have cycled through Afghanistan over the years. As North Americans, our role was not just to develop a peacebuilding program, but also to build relationships that leave a deep and lasting impact for everyone, including us."

Kelly and Peter's desire to serve internationally and the importance of expanding their worldview was shaped by their experiences in the Mennonite church growing up. They say, "We were stretched and grew in many new ways during our time in Afghanistan, which wouldn't have happened if we hadn't been pushed while at Bethany and Goshen College to seek out those kinds of experiences as adults."

Kelly and Peter will begin graduate school at Boston University this fall. Kelly will pursue an MBA with a public/nonprofit focus and Peter a master of theological studies.

Births

Rachel Hershberger ('95) and Ben Hartman ('97), Goshen, son Arlo Lee, June 7, 2014.

Anne (Horst '96) and Rod **Hanby,** Goshen, daughter Martha Anne, Nov. 26, 2013. Grandparents are Ken and Becky (Bontrager '71) Horst.

Jessica ('97 Bontreger) and **Jay ('97) Lapp**, Ann Arbor, Mich., son Milo Webster, Jan. 18, 2014. Grandfather is Charles Bontreger ('68).

Bess ('99 Steury) and Joel **Daley**, Goshen, son Robert Frederick, March 15, 2014. Grandparents are Bob ('73) and Barbara Steury.

Jennifer (Gingerich '00) and Fred **Yoder**, Milford, Ind., son Truitt Andrew, Apr. 7, 2014. Grandparents are Lola (Albrecht '71) and Merrill ('71) Gingerich.

Andrew ('00, S'07-08) and Stephanie **Kauffman**, Goshen, daughter Sophia Anne, Dec. 14, 2013.

Joel ('01) and Jessica **Bontrager,** Middlebury, Ind., daughter Anabelle Elizabeth, Jan. 9, 2014.

Jeremy ('01) and Carli **Braun**, Dalton, Ohio, son Keller Scott, Dec. 23, 2013.

Jonathan ('01) and Julie **Fridley**, Cassopolis, Mich., son Oliver, Dec. 7, 2012, and daughter Molly, Apr. 9, 2013.

Zac ('02) and Elizabeth **Albrecht-Heiks**, Madison, Wis., daughter Onie Twila, May 19, 2013.

Jesse and Kristel **Butler ('03)**, Goshen, son Aden Dee, Nov. 1, 2013.

Addie (Miller '05) and Jared **Leaman**, Wakarusa, Ind., daughter Brooklyn Grace, Apr. 27, 2014.

Leah (Selman '05) and Gabe **Wilfong**, Lafayette, Ind., daughter Millie Ruth, May 30, 2014.

Abby (Steury '05) and Seth ('05) Troyer, Wakarusa, Ind., son Deklan Wesley, June 9, 2014. Grandparents are Doug ('75) and LuAnn Steury; Phyllis (Eigsti '56) Troyer is a great-grandparent.

Josh ('06) and Natalie **Hochstetler**, Noblesville, Ind., daughter Abigail Rose, Sept. 19, 2013.

Alyssa Jarvis ('08) and Devo Miller, Goshen, son Wyatt Nash, Aug. 23, 2013.

Taylor Eby ('09) and Tristen Ball, Vincennes, Ind., son Maverick Lee Alan, Oct. 10, 2013.

Deaths

See online obituaries at bethanycs.net/alumni/obits

Verlin Riegsecker ('57), Bristol, Ind., May 10, 2014.

Mary (Schrock '57) Yoder, Middlebury, Ind., May 10, 2014.

Gloria (Yoder '59) Eash, Goshen, May 25, 2014.

Karen Mullett (ng'72), Peoria, Ill, May 16, 2014.

Kurt Vasbinder ('95), Goshen, June 16, 2014.

Marriages

Marion Bontrager ('55) and Nancy Peachey, Hesston, Kan., Dec. 23, 2012.

Lisa Byler (ng'03) and William Courts, Colorado Springs, Colo., August 3, 2013.

Charity Grimes ('05) and Matthew Bauman, Pittsburgh, Pa., Aug. 3, 2013. Charity works for Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens, where she coordinates an edible garden outreach program.

Cristina DeLeeuw ('06) and Evan Giles, Elkhart, Ind., Sept. 14, 2013.

Megan Gongwer ('06) and Ben Bemiller, Goshen, Sept. 3, 2013.

Rick Eigsti ('07) and Renee Miller, Iowa City, June 16, 2012.

Kenyon Lederman ('07) and Darcy Brenneman, Middlebury, Ind., Dec. 21, 2013.

Nathan Gerig ('08) and Krystie Comer, Mishawaka, Ind., June 29, 2013.

Alita Yoder ('09) and Billy Funk, Goshen, May 5, 2014.

Corine Alvarez ('10) and Niles Graber Miller ('10), Goshen, June 7, 2014.

Leanne Hochstetler ('10) and **Luis Lopez ('10)**, Elkhart, Ind., Dec. 13, 2013.

Grace Whiteford ('12) and Isaac Blosser, Goshen, Aug. 17, 2013.

Notes

Eldon Miller ('65), Lansdale, Pa., completed 41 years of teaching Spanish at Christopher Dock Mennonite High School.

Kenneth Hochstetler ('79), Souderton, Pa., will begin as CEO at Everence in August 2014.

Anita (Miller '85) Yoder, Goshen, completed a Certificate in Worship Leadership at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary (AMBS) in May 2014.

Julia Gingrich ('03), Elkhart, Ind., graduated from AMBS in May 2014 with an MDiv and an excellence in preaching award.

Charles Bontrager ('04), Elkhart, Ind., graduated from AMBS in May 2013 with an MDiv.

Alumni News

Gods Eye Art

Chad Friesen ('86), the artist behind God's Eye Art, died Nov. 15, 2013, due to complications of living with ataxia and a seizure disorder that affected his motor skills since age 7.

Despite constant muscular tension and shaking, Chad pursued his artistic gifts and passion by learning to paint while lying on his stomach and steadying his left hand with his right.

Many of Chad's paintings appear to flow off the canvas (making framing difficult and confining) with bold strokes and vivid colors.

Unable to write, Chad used painting as a medium to express his views about life and issues that concerned him. Themes common in his works include ships (freedom), flowers (beauty), and various expressions on clown faces (feelings).

Themes and images of faith are consistently present in his works too and are most evident in his signature inclusion of an eye—God's eye. During part of his childhood years, Chad lived in the Middle East, where he often saw a God's eye painted above doorways—a symbol of God's presence and protection.

The Beacon (pictured below) is on display at Bethany thanks to the generous gift of Chad Friesen's family. Several themes and images important to Chad emerge in this painting, including faith; a love for water, ships, and birds; and his signature God's eye, which symbolizes God's presence and protection.



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Exploring Spiritual Disciplines: Seniors Forego Riches for Lent

At 6:30 on the cold (5°F), windy, and dark morning of March 11, a heavily-bundled Ryan Miller biked the two miles from his house to his church (Waterford Mennonite) to meet with a group of men (fathers and teen sons) for their weekly time of morning prayers.

It wasn't that the Bethany senior didn't have another way to get there—in fact he could have ridden along with his father in the relative warmth of their car. Ryan rode bike because he was in the second day of his weeklong commitment to giving up motorized transportation as part of a study of Lenten practices in his *Christian Faith Journey* class at Bethany. Ironically, his one exception that week: a 25-mile round-trip ride with his youth group to a meal at an Amish home.

Ryan was not alone in giving up something for Lent. Noting that most North Americans are among the richest people on the planet, Bible teacher Dale Shenk asked all seniors to give from their abundance in physical comfort, time/convenience, food, or money. While most students chose to do without technology devices or social networking sites for the week, a few, like Ryan, made other choices. Justin Zehr chose a bread-and-water diet.

Ryan decided on transportation because it was not easy for him to give up. He says, "Before I got my driver's license, I biked to school regularly. But I found I enjoy driving and often take the long way to get places, just so I can drive." So the desire to revisit an old, but good, habit of biking drove him to making this choice.



In addition to saving money by not buying gas, Ryan found he enjoyed the physical exercise and felt less stressed by his studies. He says, "I planned my time more wisely at school so I wouldn't have to carry many books home on my bike. And I had more time to study at home too as I chose not to bike long distances to some places I typically go."

Finding more time for study was a consistent theme among his classmates, who were finding that without the distraction of technology they were giving more—and fuller—time to studying, being with people, and better sleep patterns.

Though Ryan is driving again, and fellow seniors are eating and texting again, this brief time of doing without has helped them become more aware of their habits—and their riches.

Capital Campaign for Sustainability



Building Committee members Scott Richer and Brent Miller look over plans as drilling begins for geo-thermal wells.

For additional information and photos see
bethanycs.net/cc_sustainability

Capital Campaign for Sustainability

On May 18 Bethany launched a $5.6 million capital campaign, **The Campaign for Sustainability**, to fund urgently-needed energy-efficient green technology, computer technology, and endowment needs.

At a reception attended by alumni, parents, friends, faculty, and students, Campaign Chair Alan Weldy announced that Bethany has raised $4.1 million toward the $5.6 million goal–73% of target. "We are truly grateful for the many sacrificial gifts that we have received. It is clear that a large number of supporters are passionate about Bethany and about sustainability," adds Weldy.

Energy-efficient Green Technology improvements include: replacement of the existing flat roof; replacement of the 1954-era gas boilers with conversion to a long-life geothermal heating and cooling system; the addition of a windmill; installation of solar panels; light and rainwater harvesting; installation of an educational interactive energy monitoring system; installation of state-of-the art sensors and energy-efficient lighting in all offices and classrooms; installation of low consumption flush valves in all bathrooms; addition of energy control and air handling systems in the gymnasium; replacement of all energy-inefficient windows and doors; and installation of additional insulation.

Computer Technology and Educational Upgrades include: the purchase of laptop computers for every Bethany student; installation of interactive projectors in classrooms; tripling of internet capacity; creation of long-distance learning capability; and training of teachers to optimize integration of new technologies into the educational curriculum.

The Endowment provides for long-term technology purchases and student scholarship funds.

The Vision...

During the process of planning for Bethany's future, the board of directors, faculty and staff formulated a new vision for sustainability.



Bethany students Jesse Amstutz and Landon Weldy unveil a $4.1 million check at the campaign kickoff.

Allan Dueck, principal, states, "we envision a transformation of the Bethany campus into a 'living learning lab' where students and adults alike will practice sustainability at a new level in their daily activities. We wish to bring another dimension of meaning to the expression: 'At Bethany, we live what we teach.'"

As a result of The Campaign for Sustainability, Bethany anticipates many sustainable school benefits including: an enhanced classroom environment, lower costs due to improved energy conservation and efficiency, the opportunity to demonstrate faith-based earth care values, and the differentiation of Bethany as a *leading-edge* educational institution.

Once this project is completed, Bethany's energy *footprint* will be much smaller, in part due to dramatically decreasing the amount of electricity, water, and gas that Bethany uses annually. The campaign will enable Bethany to save upwards of $50,000 in utility costs each year. This is simply good business and also enables us to be good stewards of all gifts that God has provided.

Volunteers and staff serving on the Captial Campaign Cabinet (see box) have been working for the last 18 months to raise initial funds to support the campaign.

Weldy states, "we plan to complete this campaign successfully by the end of the year. With continued generous community support, I know that we will be successful."

A student phonathon is planned for this fall. Bethany students will contact alumni, parents, and friends, asking them to thoughtfully consider making a five-year pledge toward The Campaign for Sustainability. For more information, contact Scott Richer, advancement director, at 574 534-2567 or saricher@bethanycs.net.

The Campaign for Sustainability

Energy Efficient Green Technology and Education

Phase 1 (May-Oct 2014): geothermal energy, sensors, control and monitoring systems, air handling system, restroom remodeling, insulation, and roof	$3,140,000
Phase 2 (Summer 2015): windmill, solar panels, new windows and doors, contingency, and interest	$660,000
Computer Technology and Education Upgrades	$575,000
Endowment for Technology and Scholarships	$1,225,000
Total:	$5,600,000

Campaign Cabinet

The Campaign Cabinet was formed in March 2013 to help oversee and manage the capital campaign. In addition to meeting regularly to advance the campaign, cabinet members have helped conduct 30 home receptions. More than 200 alumni, parents, faculty-staff, and friends have attended these receptions and all together have donated $4.1 million to the campaign as of the May 18 Kickoff.

Donate Online

Donations for the Capital Campaign or the Bethany Fund may be made online at **bethanycs.net/donate.**

To make a pledge, contact Scott Richer at 574 534-2567 or saricher@bethanycs.net.



Campaign Cabinet: Henry DeLeeuw, Bethany parent and M.D. at South Bend Orthopaedics; **Joni DeLeeuw**, Bethany parent; **Carla Weldy**, Bethany parent; **Alan Weldy**, campaign chair, Bethany parent, and vice president at IU Health Goshen; **Randy Christophel**, Bethany parent, Bethany board member, and president/chief executive officer of IU Health Goshen; **Cindy Hawkins ('82)**, Bethany parent; **Victoria Brenneman**, Bethany parent and editor of *Edible Michiana*; **Lori Christophel,** Bethany parent; **Allan Dueck**, Bethany principal; **Steve Brenneman**, Bethany parent and chief executive officer of Aluminum Trailer Co.; **Tim Morgan**, Bethany parent and physician at River Oaks OB/GYN; **Jim Alvarez**, Bethany parent, chief financial officer at Everence, and Bethany board member (former chair); **Scott Richer,** Bethany advancement director; **Bob Miller**, Bethany parent/grandparent and chairman of Das Dutchman Essenhaus; **Bob Steury ('73)**, Bethany parent and president of Veada Industries; **Mike Laudick**, senior consultant at Laudick/Brown & Associates; **Dan Bodiker**, Bethany parent and retired Bethany teacher and athletic director; (not pictured) **Jon Helmuth ('89)**; **Sandy Morgan**, Bethany parent and physician at Bristol Street Pediatrics; **Lovina Rutt**, Bethany parent and former Bethany board chair; **Carl Rutt**, Bethany parent and retired psychiatrist at Oaklawn; **Daryl Zook ('68)**, Bethany parent, campaign advisor, and president of K-Z, Inc.

Student Vision



"An important topic for my generation has been sustainability. Along with strong academic preparation and opportunities for critical thinking and growth, Bethany's sustainability initiative prepares students to think about real world problems, and work at finding solutions." — Katie Hurst ('14)

Building Committee

The Building Committee meets regularly to oversee building plans and works with construction officials at phase 1, which began in May 2014. The committee is committed to being good stewards of resources, minimizing our global footprint and improving conditions for students.



Building Committee: Brent Miller, Glenn Gilbert, Dave Hawkins, Doug Steury, Scott Richer, Allan Dueck.

Campaign Chair



Alan Weldy, vice president at IU Health Goshen, serves as the campaign chair, assisted by his wife, Carla. Their involvement at Bethany, where their three children have attended, has been extensive: board member, team parent, field trip chaperone, and committee members (including the previous capital campaign).

Alan says, "The campaign will position Bethany to reduce operating expenses, which will free funds for more scholarships and teachers. The campaign also builds on Bethany's long history of stewardship education and will give students hands-on learning opportunities related to solar and wind power, rain water harvesting, and geothermal heating and cooling. These unique opportunities will hopefully encourage even more students to attend Bethany."



roof construction (June 2014)

Previous Capital Campaigns

Chairs of previous capital campaigns, Bob and Sue Miller (1987-89 gymnasium, music room) and Bob and Barbara Steury (2001-04 middle school, offices), are supporting this campaign as well, in part by serving on the Campaign Cabinet.

Both families have a strong belief in Bethany's mission and over many years have donated much time and financial resources so that generations of students can benefit from Bethany—including their own children, and now some grandchildren.



Sue and Bob Miller

Bob Steury ('73), whose siblings also graduated from Bethany and parents were early Associate members, says, "Bethany's motto '*Learning that lasts, Faith that lives,*' summarizes our appreciation for what Bethany has meat to our family. Many thanks for the visionary persons who 60 years ago started this school.

"Bethany stands out in today's world. The common support for Bethany is good leadership with a Christ-centered and caring faculty-staff. It is gratifying to see the financial support from many persons, knowing that we and they believe strongly in Christian education and the direction Bethany provides."



Bob and Barbara Steury