



Spring Concert

Friday, May 22, 2026

7:00 p.m.

SCLA Gym

Presented by High School Choirs and Bands
Plus Ministry Anniversary Recognition, Farewells,
Honors, and Awards

ST. CROIX LUTHERAN ACADEMY

Spring Concert

WELCOME

Mr. Nate Kallies, SCLA Principal

OAKDALE AVENUE JAZZ

Hunting Wabbits

Gordon Goodwin

Charlie Dub, Ben McTarsney, Aileen Koskela, solos

My Favorite Things

Richard Rodgers, arr. Michele Fernandez

Micah Luepke, Cole Tess, Olivia Footh, solos

The Incredibles

Michael Giacchino, arr. Stephen Bulla

FACULTY FAREWELLS

Riley Hillstrom, Ryan Maertz, and Sam Schoch

CROIXALIERS

Touch the Sky from *Brave*

Alexander L Mandel, arr. Mac Huff

Dream On

Ben Rector, arr. Kyle Pederson

Sarah Sauer, piano

Come Alive from *The Greatest Showman*

Benj Pasek and Justin Paul, arr. Mark Brymer

CHORAL AWARDS

State Solo and Ensemble | Letter | Trophy | Plaque | Diamond Plaque |
National School Choral Award

CHORALE

Riversong: A Celtic Celebration

Roger Emerson

Sarah Sauer, piano

Dancing through Life from *Wicked*

Stephen Schwartz, arr. Roger Emerson

Footloose

Kenny Loggins, arr. Kirby Shaw

CONCERT CHOIR

Time	<i>Jennifer Lucy Cook</i>
Wanting Memories	<i>Ysaye M. Barnwell</i>
I'll Be on My Way	<i>Shawn Kirchner</i> Brady Schindeldecker, soloist; Lydia Schaefer ('25), piano

MINISTRY RECOGNITION

Christine Wolfrath

CRUSADER BAND

Frozen Symphonic Highlights	<i>arr. Stephen Bulla</i>
Steamboat Willie	<i>Wilfred Jackson & Bert Lewis, arr. Brian Strohmetz</i>

BAND AWARDS

State Solo and Ensemble | Letter | Trophy | Plaque |
Louis Armstrong Jazz Award | John Philip Sousa Band Award

How Does a Moment Last Forever from <i>Beauty and the Beast</i>	<i>arr. Michael Brown</i>
Selections from Aladdin	<i>arr. John Moss</i>

MINISTRY RECOGNITION

Brent Schacht

CHOIRS AND BAND

Celebrating America's Semiquincentennial

Let Freedom Ring	<i>Barry Manilow, Samuel Ward, Lee Greenwood, Woody Guthrie,</i> <i>arr. Keith Christopher and John Moss</i>
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CLOSING THOUGHTS

Mr. Brad Essig, Principal

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

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The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow'. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are: 'Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!'.

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise him, all
crea - tures here be - low; Praise him a - bove, ye heav'n -
ly host; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!

SPECIAL THANKS

The Music Parents Organization (MPO) and President Sarah Paulsen
for fundraising, volunteerism, and overall support of SCLA music activities.

Sound Engineer – Grant Conklin

Sound Assistant – Ian Wu

Light Board Operator – Malachi Arndt

A/V – Dave Tess

Concert Set Up – SCLA Maintenance Crew

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Publicity/Program Design – Lisa Streckert and Kristina Lewerenz

Reception Organizer – Kristin Lehmann

Ushers and Reception Volunteers

BANDS

Oakdale Ave Jazz

ALTO SAX

Aileen Koskela
Olivia Footh*
Abigail Stehr
Eduardo (Lalo) Zamorano
Gabrielle Barkow

TENOR SAX

Micah Luepke
Emily May Hadad
Zoe Frahm

BARI SAX

Ben McTarsney
Aaron Toms

TRUMPET

Arianna Rinear
Abigail Guldberg
Zach Isenberger
Zachary Schaefer
Khac (Dan) Cao
Leo Dub
Olivia Schmidt

FLUTE

Natalie Krueger

CLARINET

Brielle Rinear
Zeta Eichenberger

TROMBONE

Charlie Dub
Cole Tess
Shaun Bandelin
Mitchell Smith

BARITONE

Jocelyn Kock

GUITAR/ BASS

Tyler Conklin
Callum Tess
William Wakeman

PIANO

Jocelyn Kock
Micah Sievert
Grace Wales

DRUM SET

Jameson Frantzen
Wyatt Hardinger
Lucas Otterstatter
Nicholas Ostman

Concert Band *Section Leader

FLUTE

Natalie Krueger*
Ellie Ross*
Gabrielle Barkow
Elizabeth Ross

OBOE

Sophie Krueger*

CLARINET

Brielle Rinear
Zeta Eichenberger*
Yixuan (Max) Ma
Braeden Obare

ALTO SAX

Aileen Koskela*
Olivia Footh*
Micah Luepke
Joseph Harper
Abigail Stehr
Sarah Wurst
Eduardo (Lalo) Zamorano
Shijie (Allen) Zhu

TENOR SAX

Emily May Hadad
Seth Frey
Zoe Frahm

BARI SAX

Ben McTarsney*
Aaron Toms

FRENCH HORN

Po-Han (Ivy) Weng
Antje Walters

TRUMPET

Arianna Rinear*
Abigail Guldberg*
Zach Isenberger
Zachary Schaefer
Khac (Dan) Cao
Leo Dub
Isaiah Otterstatter
Jonah Eastin
Olivia Schmidt
Ella Stehr
Bryson Johnson

TROMBONE

Charlie Dub*
Cole Tess
Shaun Bandelin
Ethan Zuberbier

EUPHONIUM

Jocelyn Kock
Caleb Harper*
Mitchell Smith

TUBA

Daniel Beekman*
Callum Tess

PERCUSSION

Jameson Frantzen*
William Wakeman*
Micah Sievert
Abigail Zumwalde
Wyatt Hardinger
Lucas Otterstatter
Emily Roseth
Tyler Conklin
Peter Singewald
Nicholas Ostman
Keena Ozangar
Grace Wales
Grant Peterson
Henry Jones
Samuel Footh
Madelyn Lahr

Band Director

Mr. John Fenske

CHOIRS

Croixaliers *Section Leader

SOPRANO

Xinyang (Amy) Cai
Violet Enter
Aoi Inoue
Natalie Krueger*
Chenyu (Emily) Ou
Lydia Tembreull
Soleil Walters

ALTO

Alexa Haight
Sophie Krueger
Elizabeth Paulsen
Ellie Ross*
Olivia Schmitt
Victoria Sell
Cora Smith

TENOR

Peng (Tom) Li
Micah Luepke
Brady Schindeldecker*

BASS

Evan Frey
Seth Halverson
Gideon Paulsen
William Wakeman*

Concert Choir *Section Leader

SOPRANO

Isabella Barth
Addelyn Blumer
Xinyang (Amy) Cai
Amelia Converse
Ellen Dobashi Nunes
Lydia Enter
Violet Enter
Natalie Gerber
Alivia Grahl
Aoi Inoue
Hee-Won Jeong
Natalie Krueger
Lauren Nelson
Chenyu (Emily) Ou
Kailey Quast
Arianna Rinear
Lydia Tembreull
Soleil Walters
Sarah Wurst
Maina Yasui
Siqi (Amo) Zhong

ALTO

Natalie Buske
Maria Caauwe
Stephanie Dickson
Alexa Haight
Lilian Hartsock
Sophie Krueger
Callie Oakland
Elizabeth Paulsen
Grace Pekarek
Ellie Ross
Olivia Schmitt
Victoria Sell
Madeline Sims
Cora Smith
Denae Trost

TENOR

Jinyi (Justin) He
Andrew Kinsley
Han (Adam) Li
Peng (Tom) Li
Micah Luepke
Jarryn Oachs
Brady Schindeldecker
Gavin Trudel
Trevor Wyganowski

BASS

Alexsey Bazhgin
Evan Frey
Seth Halverson
Ethan Karbon
Zachary Olson
Gideon Paulsen
William Wakeman
Hanqing (Halley) Yuan

Chorale

SOPRANO

Samantha Adams
Lily Bruber
Melina Haight
Finleigh Hough
Sydney Kamish
Emily May Hadad
Olivia Schmidt
Abigail Stehr
Ichika Ueda
Antje Walters

ALTO

Samara de Aguiar Fonseca
Isabella Diaz
Natalie Frey
Henry Jones
Hailey Kinat
Annalies Krueger
Sophia Mitsch
Brielle Rinear
Andie Stakowiak
Ashlyn Van
Jiahe (Joicy) Wu
Olivia Zaczkowski

BARITONE

Connor Aumann
Joaquin Bradley
Tyler Buske
Samuel Larson
Grant Peterson
Eli Sanders
Brandon Sims
Rylan Smith
Edward Swanson

Choir Director

Mr. Mike Marquardt

FACULTY & STAFF MINISTRY RECOGNITION

MR. RILEY HILLSTROM - FAREWELL

We bid farewell to SCLA alumnus Riley Hillstrom ('14) and thank God for the time and talents he shared with students during his work as a dorm supervisor, teacher, and coach at St. Croix Lutheran Academy. Riley taught Applied Math, Principles of Engineering, and Intro to Engineering Design, helping students think through problems, work creatively, and apply hands-on skills in the classroom.

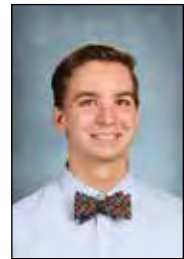
Outside the classroom, Riley coached C-team soccer along with long and triple jump for track, encouraging students to work hard, compete well, and keep improving. In the dorms, he connected with students through everyday conversations and the shared experience of campus life.

As an SCLA graduate himself, Riley especially appreciated returning to a campus that had grown so much, including the Tektōn building and its expanded engineering opportunities. We thank Riley for the impact he made on students across campus and pray God blesses him as he returns to the engineering field and pursues further education.



MR. RYAN MAERTZ - FAREWELL

We bid farewell to middle school teacher and running coach Ryan Maertz, thanking God for the dedication, encouragement, and Christ-centered leadership he has shared with students since 2022. Ryan brought energy, curiosity, and genuine care to every part of his work at SCLA. In addition to teaching middle school science and STEM concepts, he also taught middle school religion and phy-ed, encouraging students both academically and spiritually. As track and cross country coach, Ryan challenged students to work hard, keep improving, and support one another along the way. Students appreciated his approachable personality, steady encouragement, and the way he connected with them both in the classroom and on the course. We pray God richly blesses Ryan as he begins his new call at Star of Bethlehem Lutheran School in New Berlin, Wisconsin.



MS. SAMANTHA SCHOCH - FAREWELL

We bid farewell to Samantha Schoch and thank God for the care, encouragement, and Christ-centered service she has shared with students during her time as Dormitory Supervisor and Instructor. Since being called to SCLA in fall 2024, Sam faithfully served students in many roles across campus, including coaching, teaching middle school phy-ed and flex time classes, and supporting students in the Learning Resource Center (LRC).

Her greatest impact, however, was felt inside the dorms, where she spent countless long days, evenings, and weekends caring for students far from home. Through daily life, conversations, encouragement, and spiritual guidance, Sam built meaningful relationships with students from around the world. She found great joy in sharing God's Word with students and witnessing their growth in faith, including seeing some students baptized during their time at SCLA.

Her servant heart, compassion, and steady presence have left a lasting impact on the SCLA community. We pray God richly blesses Sam as she begins her new call to St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School and continues serving Him in ministry.



MRS. CHRISTINE WOLFRATH - 15 YEARS ON STAFF

For 15 years, St. Croix Lutheran Academy has been blessed by the faithful service of Christine Wolfrath, International Admissions Assistant. Since joining SCLA in 2011 after spending 15 years as a stay-at-home mom, Christine has faithfully guided international families through one of the most important transitions of their lives, sending their child across the world to study at SCLA. From the moment students are accepted until they arrive on campus, Christine provides encouragement, reassurance, and exceptional attention to detail.



Over the years, she has become known for her remarkable ability to manage the complicated enrollment and visa process with patience and precision. In the early years, Christine spent countless hours preparing and mailing enrollment packets and essential visa documents to families around the world. As technology evolved, she helped transition these processes into a more streamlined digital system while continuing to provide the same personal care to every family.

Christine's servant heart extends far beyond the admissions office. She has volunteered at countless SCLA events over the years, helping with setup, serving meals, welcoming guests, and quietly stepping in wherever help was needed.

Christine and her husband, Steve, are blessed parents of four SCLA graduates, and their family now includes three grandchildren. Her kindness, dedication, and Christ-centered service have made a lasting impact on the SCLA community and families around the globe.

MR. BRENT SCHACHT - 40 YEARS IN MINISTRY

Today we celebrate 40 years of ministry in Christian education with Brent Schacht, who has faithfully served students at St. Croix Lutheran Academy (1992–present), Calvary Lutheran School in Bellevue, Washington (1987–1992), and Evergreen Lutheran High School (1986–1987).



A 1981 SCLA graduate himself, Brent has spent decades investing in students both inside and outside the classroom. Generations of students know him as a passionate science teacher, dedicated coach, trusted mentor, and someone who can always bring a little humor to the day.

Whether teaching physics and earth science, leading track practice, encouraging students in the hallway, or helping improve school facilities, Brent has always cared deeply about helping students grow spiritually, intellectually, and physically. As head boys track and field coach since 1993, he helped build SCLA into one of the top Class A programs in Minnesota, earning multiple Coach of the Year honors along the way and most recently bringing home the Boys Track Skyline Conference Championship and Section 3AA True Team Championship.

But his impact goes far beyond awards and championships. Former students remember how he made them feel supported, challenged, and cared for. His steady Christian example, down-to-earth personality, and genuine love for students have left a lasting mark on generations of Crusaders. We thank God for Brent's faithful service and for the countless ways he has helped shape the culture and mission of SCLA over the past 33 years.

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