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2010 Reunion Recap



Class of 1960

Front row: Kay (Allen) Anthony, Cynthia (Trost) Ormston, Beverly (Boutelle) VanDevender, Jannette (Reece) Hutchison, Norma (Kammann) Schmidt, Virginia Huppe, Wanda (Powell) Schneider, Mary Ann (Scheidig) Moline, Diane (Kranzler) Mills

Second Row: Vernon Robbins, Glenn Moritz, Sarah Jane Hauff, David Bradley, Velma (Krebs) Bradley, Donna Durette, D. Kent Craun, Emil Rumohr, Sharon Kay (Smith) McCormick, Beth (Cerca) Tubach, Marlys (Ruff) Nickisch, Arlene (Peters) Rodeen, Larry Rosenow

Third Row: Dan Johnston, Swight Moritz, Muryl Korver, Don Carey, Stan Schmidt, David Breckbill

This summer brought us 3 fun filled reunions! July 16-17 the 70s decade alum gathered; including the Women Athletes. July 23-24 marked the 20 year reunion for the Class of 1990 and August 13-14 celebrated the 50 year reunion for the Class of 1960.

Throughout each celebration people were able to catch up with classmates, rekindle old friendships and relive their glory days. There

Front Row: Bobbi (Hanner) Preshall '91, Tim Stewart '90, Kaylyn (Busch) Pick '88, Mar-Lynn Steven-Knigge '87, Milt Martin '53, June Mikkelson '88, Lori (Toelle) McLaughlin '93, Kym (Michaleson) McQuillen '90, Gail (Vold) Greco '92, Pete Greco '93, Audrey Campbell '91

Second Row: Dee Christensen '91, Nancy Mugge-Metcalf '91, Amy (Christenson) Fowler '93, Monica (DeBerg) Peace '91, Lisa (Holtgrewe) Whitehead '90, Gene Groetken '92, Terri De Vos '90, Doug Owens '92, Kellie Bork '93, Robin Hinders '91, Dexter Rogers '91, LoAnn Rath '91, Tom Joaquin '90

Third Row: Greg McInnis '92, Galen Bruhn '91, Jill (Freerks) Dines '93, Val (Neuendorf) Owens '89, John Roths '92, Ervin Whitehead '96

Class of 1990



Classes 1976-1979

Front row: Patty (Adams) Sneller '78, Terri (Hyndman) Luehring '76, Roger Luehring '76

Second Row: Greg Engelke '77, Tom Chaplin '77, Marc Nagel '77, Dick Wendt '79

Third Row: Willard Albers '77, John baker, '78, Terry Tuttle '78, Mary (Paulsen) Tuttle '77



was a banquet, campus tour and even some singing! Smiles and laughter echoed throughout the rooms as people thumbed through corresponding yearbooks. The scenery around campus may have changed, but the wonderful memories never will.

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Reunion Dates

July 15, 16, 2011: 80s Decade

See our website for more information and registration.

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Bricks and Mortar and More

The Church Building

By Dr. Wayne G. Marty

From the very beginning Westmar (Western Union) College was a "church related" college. In the year of 1900, the eight year old Le Mars Normal School for the training of teachers had just been purchased by the United Evangelical church and was renamed Western Union College because all the other colleges of the denomination were east of the Mississippi River, and the purchase was a cooperative effort by the Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska and Dakota conferences of that church. Le Mars was now home to a "church related" college.

At that time the United Evangelical church was primarily serving the German immigrants of our nation and the Emmanuel United Evangelical church in Le Mars was, informally, called the German Evangelical church. When this new college opened, an English service was organized to serve these young English speaking col-



lege students and they met separately at the Elks Lodge in downtown Le Mars. Two years later (1902) this new English speaking group had their own building known as the Washington Street Chapel. By 1911, the Washington Street Chapel was abandoned and these two language fragments were at least meeting in the same building but separate services were conducted in English and German. It is interesting that during this same time the Methodist church denomination in Le Mars, which was primarily serving the English speaking people of our nation, organized a German Methodist church to serve the many German immigrants in the Le Mars area.

In 1921, a larger building was needed and the new Hildreth Memorial Evangelical church building was built on 6th St., six blocks north of the campus, the site of the abandoned Washington Street Chapel. With the socially



conservative church position of no smoking, no alcohol, no dancing and no card playing, church activities were common dating events. A parade of hand holding couples were part of the many students making the six block walk to Hildreth Memorial for the Sunday morning services and other church events of the week. Dr. Danner's College Sunday School Class on Sunday morning was held in the sanctuary of the church and often had attendance exceeding 100 students.



The Class of 1953 was the last Westmar Class to graduate from Hildreth and a few months later the building was judged to be unsafe for occupancy. The building was only 32 years old. For two years the Hildreth church services were held in the Chapel on the upper floor of Thoren Hall. During this time the new Calvary Evangelical United Brethren Church was constructed adjacent to campus and the 6 block walk to church became a short three blocks across campus. Much volunteer help was used by the contractor and it included many Westmar students. They carried stone, wheeled concrete, did general cleanup and performed "go-fer" duties, thus making a significant contribution to the new College Church. The May 1955 Class had their graduation program in the new church.

A new bell was donated by Pauline Adler in Memory of her husband Christian Adler when the Emmanuel church was built in 1898. (These are relatives of Rudy Adler who many Westmar Students will remember as the owner and operator of Adler's Sporting Goods store in Le Mars) That bell was then moved to the Hildreth church in 1921, and then to the Calvary church in 1955 where it still rings today in the church, which because of various mergers, is now named the United Methodist Church of Le Mars.

"Chapel" was both an activity and a location, during much of the Westmar history. The upper floor auditorium in Thoren Hall, although used for many dramatic productions and other events, was usually referred to as the Chapel. Attendance at Chapel services was required for all

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Did You Know?

Dr. David Martin (Class of '67) earned his Bachelor's Degree with majors in Economics, History and Political Science from Westmar College. He has since earned his Master's Degree in American Studies from Purdue University and his Doctor of Philosophy in Educational Leadership from Georgia State University. During the course of his career, Dr. Martin has received a number of awards, including the John C. Schramm Leadership Award presented by the National Association of Economic Educators and the National Council on Economic Education. In Georgia he was selected as STAR Teacher and Teacher of the Year and received the Charles Berryman Service Award from the Georgia Council for the Social Studies. Most recently he was the recipient of the prestigious Leavey Award for Excellence in Private Enterprise Education from the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, and the Program of Excellence Award from the Georgia Council for Social Studies.

Arthur E. Angove, D.O., General Surgeon (Class of '55) Upon returning from Kenya, Africa with daughter Lori, was elated to find his granddaughter Amy is expecting a child, making this his 6th great-grandchild. After celebrating his birthday with friends from Merida, Yucatan, he left for Taiwan to help his Missionary cousins.

Alumni Deaths

(1950) Opal (Anderson) Breckenridge

Nov 18, 1928- May 23, 2010

Opal graduated from York High School in 1946 and York College in 1950. She married John W. Breckenridge (attended York 46-49) in 1951. She toured with the York College Choir. In addition to being a lifelong member of York United Methodist Church, Opal was a member of the YWCA and Order of the Eastern Star.

(1963) Marguerite Petry

Aug. 29, 1915 - Sept. 12, 2010

After graduating from Marcus High School, Marguerite went on to earn her teaching certificate and taught country school. She later married Donald Petry. After a brief settlement in California, the couple returned to Iowa and settled in Le Mars to raise their children. Marguerite eventually went to work for Westmar College where she was secretary to the Dean and later acted as secretary to the President of Westmar until her retirement in 1985. Survivors include Pam Reeves '73, Linda

Dobson '65 David Petry '55-56.

(1967) Sheryl Voas

March 21, 1945—Aug. 20, 2010

Lived in Burnsville, MN. Attended Westmar College in 1965-1966. Survivors include her father, Rev. Duane Voas '38; brother Larry Voas '62 and sister-in-law Sarah (Strong) Voas '61.

(1967) John Schoolen

Aug. 12, 1945 - Aug. 26, 2010

John attended Westmar College in Le Mars on a football scholarship and graduated with a teaching degree in 1967. He started teaching machinist trades at Indian Hills Community College in Ottumwa in 1984. He retired in 2007 from teaching as the Coordinator of Customized Learning.

(1969) James "Jim" Netley

Feb. 28, 1947 - Aug. 30, 2010

Born in Akron, James attended Ruble country school and later high school in Akron. He graduated from Akron High School in 1965. He attended Westmar College in Le Mars and graduated with his teaching certificate in 1969. He taught and coached

football. Jim retired from both in 2007. Survivors include his sister Judy (Netley) Keith '65.

(1974) Dr. Hal W. Russell

July 27, 1951 - Aug. 30, 2010

Hal grew up in Le Mars, IA and attended North Texas State University on a golf scholarship. He continued his education at Westmar College in Le Mars from 1971-73, prior to pursuing his profession as a chiropractor at Palmer College of Chiropractic in Davenport. Hal married his high school sweet heart, Corinne Fay Clement, on Feb. 1, 1974 in Le Mars.

(1976) Stella (Harris) Gundel

May 27, 1919 - June 28, 2010

Moved to Merrill, IA in 1972. In 1976, Stella earned her GED and attended Westmar College the following term, renewing her education in accounting. She was employed as bookkeeper for Dean's Office and School Supply in Le Mars for 8 years. Later, she worked for CPA



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Susan Betsworth through four tax seasons. After suffering a heart attack in 1991, she immediately became involved with the Siouxland Mended Hearts Association in Sioux City. Her favorite pastimes were dancing, fishing, family and all kinds of needlework.

(1977) Mark Hansen

April 25, 1955 - Aug. 25, 2010
Born in Primghar, IA, Mark attended Primghar schools and graduated from Primghar High School in 1973. He graduated from Westmar College in Le Mars, IA in 1977 with a double major in Industrial Arts and Math. After college he returned

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students during many of the Westmar years. Eva (Gabel) Brown (Class of 1938) remembers the required attendance at the daily chapel except on Wednesdays when time was provided for the very active YMCA and YWCA organization meetings. I recall the mid-morning chapel, with required attendance, three times a week while I was a Westmar student during the early 50's. There was assigned alphabetical seating and I can still picture Prof. Ida Marshall walking up and down the aisles checking attendance with Prof. Frank Jewett always at the organ. When I returned as a Faculty member in 1959, the required chapel on Tuesday and Assembly on Thursday was meeting in the "new" Calvary church that was now located adjacent to the campus. In the late 60's, with the rapidly growing student body, students were required to attend only one chapel service per week. It was on Wednesday and even the new Calvary church

to Primghar and farmed the family farm. Mark was a steward of the land and was a member of the Verity Farm Group. He was also active in 4-H for over 30 years.

(Faculty 1987) Florence Bader

Nov. 8, 1926 - Sept. 2, 2010

Florence graduated from Ohio Wesleyan University in 1948 and won a U. S. Public Health Service scholarship to earn her Master of Social Work degree from Simmons School of Social Work in Boston in 1950. She married Henry Bader in Lincoln in Dec. of 1956. After moving to Le Mars, IA, Florence quickly became involved with Westmar College where she taught classes in sociology and later

could not seat the entire student body so there was Chapel A before lunch and Chapel B after lunch. Attendance was checked by students signing their chapel program and dropping it in a box by the door. Forgeries were not uncommon and attendance was not always enthusiastic and willing. Faculty members were invited and encouraged to be occasional chapel speakers. I recall accepting that challenge a few times. At least once I knew that immediately after the chapel time I was giving a Microbiology exam, so I put a few questions about the chapel presentation on the Micro exam. That probably was not fair!

By the 70's chapel attendance was no longer required but was one of the options for meeting General Education requirements. One of the unfortunate results of the loss of the required chapel or assembly attendance was the loss of a student body group feeling. There was no longer any regular gathering of the entire student body for

became Registrar.

Jan Jones Hartford

Wife of Dr. Lincoln Hartford

Dec. 7, 1935 - Aug. 31, 2010

Jan excelled in music and received a scholarship to the University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee. Following graduation, she taught choral music at several high schools. Jan married Lincoln Hartford in 1963, at the Elm Grove Community United Methodist Church, where Lincoln was Associate Pastor. Dr. Hartford became the Religion Professor and Chaplain at TYU in 1991. Jan served as choir director at Calvary United Methodist Church until January 1, 1994.

common sharing. This missing element of the Westmar experience became clear to me during some of the last gatherings as Westmar was closing in 1997. When invited to sing the, "Oh! Westmar College" (The Alma Mater), I heard some students say that they had never heard that song before. So, the words, "Oh! Westmar College, Thou art always and ever the same," are probably not literally true.

Those various "College Church" buildings were locations for significant personal events in the lives of the Westmar students. There were dates and weddings and other life changing commitments. There were funerals including the memorial service for Stan Short, the Westmar football player who died following a game injury in 1956. There were the many "Christmas at Westmar" concerts. There were many graduation ceremonies. The "college church" was indeed a part of the college life for many Westmar students.



Faculty, Staff and Administration: Front: Wayne Mitchell, Terry Christensen, Milt Martin
Back: Wayne Marty, June Asplund Marty, Wanda Chittenden



F: Dave Chittenden '67, MaeBelle (Maass) Powell '66, Jan (Davolt) Christensen '66, Terry Christensen '66



F: John Hubics '73, Allen Leaders '71, Lorraine Magarian '71, Robin Stevens '73

B: Dean Bartholomew '70, Laura (Dominguez) Wolfswinkel '73, Marilyn (Redner) Persutitti '73, Larry Persuitti '72



A walk down memory lane with some friends and yearbooks



F: Joe Johnson '74, Tom Moore '74, Dave Collins '74, Paul Sneller '75

M: Lisa (Kawlewski) Hasledalen '74, Judy (Merchen) Cambier '74, Mike Wolfswinkel '74, Jerry Wendt '75, Julie (Johnson) dirks '75

B: Jeralyn (Dunn) Volkert '75, Jane (Hansen) Brown '75, Helen (Leusink) Dorenkamp '74, Dave Dorenkamp '74, Dale Retallic '76



Sisters Sara Sue Allen VanMarel (piano) and Kay Allen Anthony (singing)

Class of 1960

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