



MARK THE DATE AND REGISTER SOON!

19th Annual St. Croix Lutheran Golf Classic

Monday, August 8, 2011

Oak Glen Golf Course - Stillwater, MN

\$125 admission includes:

- ☞ \$40 charitable donation
- ☞ Green fees, cart rental & driving range
- ☞ Dinner and prizes

For more information, including registration forms, visit www.StCroixSchools.org/golfclassic or contact Robyn in the Mission Advancement Office at 651.455.1521, x106, or rswidorski@stcroixschools.org

Registration deadline is **August 1**.

All skill levels are welcome to enjoy the fun and fellowship to support St. Croix LHS students!

**FEDERAL ACT ALLOWS
FOR TAX RELIEF
TO DONORS**

Are you 70½ or older? Do you have an IRA with a required minimum distribution (RMD) for this year? Are you interested in reducing your taxable income and supporting St. Croix? If the answers to these questions are “yes” please read on.

The Tax Relief, Unemployment Insurance Reauthorization and Job Creation Act of 2010 allows qualified charitable distributions (QCD) to be excluded from a donor’s taxable income under these rules:

- ▲ IRA and Roth IRA accounts only
- ▲ Up to \$100,000 per year, per taxpayer
- ▲ Account owner must be 70½ or older on the date of distribution

Distribution can be made *directly* from the IRA account to St. Croix. Your plan administrator can arrange this for you.

For more information please contact your Financial Planner or:

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gschuyler@stcroixschools.org

Rev Bill Schaefer, Gift Counselor 612-789-0100 bschaefer@stcroixschools.org

**ST. CROIX’S FIRST PRINCIPAL IS CALLED
TO HIS HEAVENLY HOME**

Professor Morton A. Schroeder, June 1, 1921 – May 5, 2011, was privileged to serve the Lord in 49 years of ministry as a Lutheran educator. He served at St. Croix Lutheran High School from 1958, when the school first started, until 1971.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 68 years, Betti; his children, Susan (Thomas) Towner; marc (Mary) Schroeder; Robin (Patricia) Schroeder; and David (Karen) Schroeder; twelve grandchildren, six great-grandchildren; his sister Clara Kitzinger; and many relatives and friends.

Ronald Pape (SCL teacher from 1959-71) writes, “Morton was known to me chiefly as a principal, a teacher, a scholar, a public speaker, and a friend. Some of us remember and appreciated his meticulous insistence that all publications from the school’s departments be well presented. Yes, he was a stickler for details. God used these talents and characteristics of Morton Schroeder to accomplish his own divine purposes.”

Len Collyard (SCL Class of 1963) relates, “Principal Schroeder was a mentor to me and an excellent teacher. He helped me make the decision to go to Dr. Martin Luther College.”

Marilyn (Knief) Benz, (first graduate of SCL in 1962) remembers, “Mr. Schroeder always said ‘Mighty oaks from little acorns grow.’ That was what St. Croix was, the little acorn that Mr. Schroeder helped plant.”

Carol (Endresen) Lemke (SCL Class of 1964) recalls, “Mr. Schroeder led us through the assassination crisis of President John F. Kennedy in 1963. After his unbelievable announcement, a special chapel was held. It was a turbulent era, but we were taught to lean on our Lord. About one-fifth of our class went into the teaching or preaching ministry, while more than one-half the guys went into the military and service in Vietnam.”

Colleen (Wright) Lindemann (SCL Class of 1964) writes, “Mr. Schroeder inspired me to go to DMLC in New Ulm. He wore many hats to get the school up and going, along with his wife, Bettie. He truly exhibited a servant’s heart.”



UPDATES FROM SCL ALUMNI

Class of 1973

✠ **Theodore Busch** was called to his heavenly home on Friday, May 27, 2011. He lived in Leesburg, VA. He is survived by his sister Bonny (Melanie Busch) Kurth (Class of '69), brother John Busch of Indianapolis, IN, and brother Dan Busch (Class of '65) of Savage.

Class of 1983

Gene R. Grasz served in the US Navy from 1982 – 2006, and retired as a Senior Chief. He married Glenda in 1999. Gene is currently employed at the Corpus Christi Army Depot in Texas as an Aircraft Examiner.

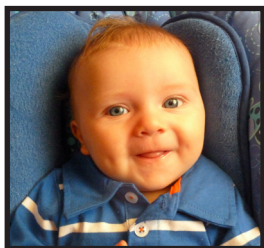
Class of 1995

Kevin Henkel and wife, Jessica, were blessed with their second child, Gabriel Joseph, born on February 5, 2011. He weighed 8 lbs. 5 oz. Gabriel joined big sister, 3-year-old Grace. Kevin and his family live in Sioux Falls, SD where he is a police officer.



Class of 1996

Aaron and **Gena (Schwartz) Boehm** were blessed with the birth of Garrett Daniel Boehm on Valentine's Day, 2011. He is welcomed by older siblings Priscilla (6), Aiden (4), and Neleh (2). They live in San Diego, CA, but are making a trip to Minnesota this summer and are excited for the Class of '96 reunion!



Class of 1999

Megan Smolinski recently completed the classroom instruction and volunteer hours required to become a Master Gardener in Washington DC where she makes her home. She hopes to use these skills in the gardens of the National Museum of American History.

Class of 2001

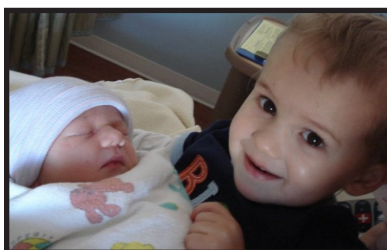
On November 26, 2010, Anna and **Ben Schaefer** welcomed daughter number two, Dorothea Colette. "Little" Thea weighed in at 9 lbs. 1 oz., and was 22



inches long. She was welcomed into Christ's family through Holy Baptism on December 5. Thea joins big sister Ruth (14 months old at the time). Anna is a December 2009 graduate of MLC and enjoys being a homemaker. Ben serves as one of three pastors at First German Ev. Lutheran Church in Manitowoc, WI. His ministry focuses on youth, evangelism, and adult spiritual growth. We are certainly blessed by Jesus!

Class of 2002

Bethany (Abel) and Matt Otterstatter announce the birth of their second child, Lucas Matthew, born on February 8,



2011. He was 9 lbs. 2 oz., and 21 inches long. He joins big brother Isaiah. They are still living in California where Matt is working as a systems engineer.

Drew and **Jill (Huebner) Kock** were blessed with the birth of their daughter, Jocelyn Rachel, May 20, 2011. She weighed 7 lbs. and was 19.25 inches long. Drew just finished teaching his third year of 8th grade at Emanuel Lutheran School in New London, WI. Jill taught special education for deaf and hard of hearing students for two years,

and just finished her third season as head girls' varsity soccer coach at Fox Valley LHS.



Matt and **Ashley (Leier) Gorman** were blessed with the birth of their daughter, Brynn Charlotte, born on March 14,

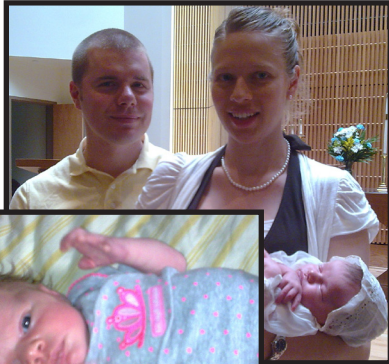


2011. Brynn weighed 7 lbs. 14 oz., and was 20.5 inches long. Ashley completed her master's program in Special Education in December 2010, and recently accepted a position at Bloomington Kennedy High School. Matt will complete his master's degree in special education next December. This fall, he will teach physical education and health at St. Anthony Middle School in St. Anthony Village.

Class of 2003

Brandon Wales and wife, Caroline, were married in 2007. They announce the birth of their daughter, Grace, born on May 17, 2011. She weighed 8 lbs. 4 oz, and was 21 inches long. Caroline is a math major graduate of Wisconsin Lutheran College in Milwaukee, and works in the Retirement Dept., of Wells

Alumni News



Fargo in Roseville. Brandon majored in Spanish and International Business at WLC and works for the Treasury Management department of Wells Fargo in Minneapolis. Before starting at their current jobs, they both spent one year in Xin Xing, China teaching English. They now live in St. Paul, one mile north of St. Croix LHS.

Class of 2005

On August 1, 2009, **Ellen Lueneburg** and John Raasch were married at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in New Ulm, MN. For the next school year, John worked after his graduation while Ellen finished her 5th year at Martin Luther

College. Ellen graduated from MLC with degrees in Elementary Education and Spanish. John and Ellen spent several weeks the summer of 2010 in Argentina and Uruguay before making the big move to Thiensville, WI, where John is currently in his second year at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. Ellen is teaching Spanish at Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School in Jackson, WI. They look forward to next year's vicar call and to all the other plans God has for them. They give God glory and thanks for all the blessings he has given to them!

Katie (Miller) Anderson graduated from Minnesota State University, Moorhead in May 2009 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology. She met her husband, Collin Anderson, while in college, and they married on October 3, 2009 at Salem Ev. Lutheran Church in Stillwater, MN. Katie and Collin moved to Baldwin, WI from Fargo, ND. Katie



worked in a private counseling clinic in Stillwater up until she gave birth to fraternal twin boys – Dylan and Isaac, on February 1, 2010.



Collin's son (Bailey) and daughter (Brandi) were so excited to have two new siblings join the family! Collin is self-employed and owns his own trucking business. The Anderson family moved to Fargo, ND in May of this year.

Class of 2006

Chris Brudzinski graduated from UW Madison in May 2010, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Economics and Philosophy. Chris was commissioned into the US Marine Corps on June 26, 2010 as a 2nd Lieutenant. Graduating May 5, 2011 from TBS at Quantico, VA, he will now undergo a twelve week Air Support Officers course at Twentynine Palms, CA. After completing this training, Chris will be stationed at Camp Pendelton in California.

Please detach and return to: SCLHS, 1200 Oakdale Avenue, West St. Paul, MN 55118-2601, or e-mail us at: bleier@StCroixSchools.org

ALUMNI NEWS

We include an "Alumni News" page in each issue of St. Croix Today. Please send us your news — job accomplishments, weddings, births, educational achievements, etc. Feel free to attach additional pages if you need added space. In addition to these announcements, please keep us informed of any address changes so you can continue to receive news about SCLHS. Thank you.

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Brian Roeller graduated from University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire in December 2009, with a degree in finance. He is currently employed as an analyst at U.S. Bank in St. Paul. He married Cynthia Hertog in June 2010, and they now reside in Blaine, MN.



Class of 2007

Elisabeth Backer was married May 6, 2011, in Marquette, MI to Tim Marker

of Fairgrove, MI. Both bride and groom graduated from Northern Michigan University in Marquette on April 30. Elisabeth earned her degree in forensics biochemistry and is seeking employment in the Twin Cities. Tim has a degree in history and plans to continue with graduate studies in career and guidance counseling at St. Cloud State.



CLASS REUNIONS!

40-Year Reunion Class of 1971

When: Saturday, August 20, 2011

Where: Lynn Knutson's home
24990 Xerxes Avenue, Lakeville, MN

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Cost: \$10/person for dinner

RSVP: to Rosanne (Goplen) Eastling at
meastling@comcast.net

20-Year Reunion - Class of 1991 SAVE THE DATE!!

When: During the Homecoming week-
end in the fall of 2011

What: Events will be planned for both
Friday, October 7 and Saturday, Octo-
ber 8.

Help?: If you would like to help plan
events and/or ensure that your contact
information is up-to-date, please email
Eva Wells at eva.wells@turck.com.