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"Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long." Psalm 25:5

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Auction Fundraiser 2011

There was a whole lot going on at the Morrystown Community Center on Saturday, September 24th. Tables lined the outside edge of the community center, displaying a huge assortment of articles to be purchased on the silent and live auctions: gift baskets, handmade quilts, embroidered dish towels, gift certificates, 18 holes of golf, 1/2 hogs, homemade wine, a washing machine, a Nativity set, a week stay at Lake Okoboji, a garden arbor, and so much more! Mr. Boll, Mr. Hansen, and Miss Krenz hosted highly competitive games of Jeopardy. Fresh baked goods and garden produce were available for sale in the lobby. Sue Wagner's kitchen was busy serving up hot sandwiches, salads, and pie from the Faribault Trinity Pie Ladies.

All of this was done in support of Cannon Valley Lutheran High School. This year's auction fundraiser raised

\$25,000. A most deserved thank you goes out to all donors, buyers, volunteers, committee members, CVLHS staff, and everyone who made have had a part in making this event a success!

Did You Know?

New this year to the curriculum at CVLHS is the requirement that each student fulfill 10 hours of community service outside the classroom. Teaching Sunday School, volunteering at a nursing home, raking the neighbor's lawn are just a few ideas. Our goal is to instill in our youth the need to serve others. If you have a project and need help from a student, please call CVLHS at 507-685-2636.

A Tale of Two Futures

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I seem to be hearing a lot of talk about “the future” lately. People talk about the future of our country, and speculate about what might happen following the next election. Folks follow the international news and discuss the future of our world. Young people share their dreams about what the future holds for them. Pastors, teachers, and members of our churches look ahead and ask each other, “What does the future hold for our church, or our school?”

Only God knows what the future holds for any of us, and it can be difficult to walk forward into the unknown, trusting Him to provide for every step of the way. There are many paths that we might follow, straying off into dim shadowy ends. Sometimes the path that God leads us down looks a little too frightening for our feeble faith, and we choose a different path that is more pleasant to the eye, never knowing where either path ultimately ends up. That, of course, is the scary thing about the future- not fully knowing the consequences of our actions today. And there are so many possible futures, lying as varied paths into the same dark forest...

Let me take you down two of those paths today and describe to you where they will lead in the end:

There is a wide, smooth, well-groomed path that seems to lead straight ahead. If you follow this path far enough, though, you will find churches along it that get emptier and emptier, until finally the doors close for good and the buildings themselves fall into disrepair and ruin.

You will find families that, at first glance, seem independent and self-fulfilled. But as you walk along, you will see them slowly degenerate into brokenness, dysfunction, and finally isolation and hatred.

You will find individuals who change from “successful”, to greedy, to completely self-absorbed and lacking any sense of empathy whatsoever. People who were merely seeking “entertainment” gradually become empty, shallow, and uncaring.

Youths who “live for today” and try to “just be themselves” turn into young men and women who do not possess the strength of character to deal with the consequences of yesterday’s actions. They steadily spiral into self-destructive adulthoods ending in all manner of heartache, misery, and despair.

This is a future where God is no longer a part of people’s lives. This is a path where Christian education is no longer found along the way. It doesn’t look too bad from here, but it leads to a place completely devoid of love, devotion, integrity, or charity. It is a barren wasteland, where people thirst for Living Water, but the springs have dried up; the churches and schools have closed down. This thirst will plague them until the day they die; parched and cracked and cursing those who let the fountains run dry.

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(Continued) There is another path. It is a little-used, narrow opening that leads into some of the most frightening parts of the forest. There are thorns and brambles overhanging the path, and the ground is rough and full of roots and furrows. It is not an easy way to go, and all along the way you can see men and women along the path, struggling and fighting to keep moving forward. Many of them turn back and take the easier path, but a few keep moving forward step by wearisome step.

And just when you feel that you've lost the last faint remnants of this toilsome path, something amazing happens. The trees and underbrush fall back, and the sky opens above you with the sunlight bursting brilliantly through the gloomy canopy. The treacherous forest opens into wide fields with green grass and cool waters flowing gently along the regained path. The men and women who were scratched and hot and lost just a short distance ago are now reaping a bounteous harvest from endless fields of the fruits of the land. Their children and grandchildren gather around them and stand by them as they walk together hand in hand. Families laugh and hug and hold one another. Churches and schools thrive and hum with activity on every side, and the Water of Life flows abundantly from springs and beautiful fountains everywhere you look.

Then you notice that all of the men and women, the children and grandchildren, are still moving forward...to where? There is a hill not far away, and every so often someone disappears over the hill. Why anyone would want to leave this beautiful meadow is beyond your comprehension, so you hurry forward to see what lies beyond that hill. Reaching the top, you finally see...

There is a city ahead, unlike anything you have ever seen. If the sun was dazzlingly brilliant upon leaving the forest for the first time, then this is ten times so. It is gold and pearl and emerald and pure white light, and the warmth is bursting from every gate in such a way so that without realizing it, you are running swiftly toward the city. You look around at the other people, and suddenly they are all little lambs, streaming into the city and up the street to the most incredible sight of all. There, in the midst of the golden streets and pearly gates and pure white light and angelic singing, is the Shepherd. He is smiling at you, and beckons you to sit beside the river that flows from beneath two great trees. And you know that the cool waters will never run dry, and there will be no more traveling, and no more forests, and no more darkness for all of eternity.

These two paths lie before us today. May God's Word be a lamp, now and always, to guide our steps and lead us on the path that leads to Him.

Only by His Light,
Andrew Boll

4th Annual Haunted Trail

The 4th Annual Haunted Trail at Dixon Creek is coming soon! The Trail will run from dusk until 10pm on October 14-15 and October 21-22. This year's theme is "Fractured Fables & Fairy Tales," but this "ain't no fairy tale!" Ticket prices are as follows: Adults \$9, Students \$7, and Children \$5. Full concessions will be available onsite.

The proceeds go to benefit the Morristown Commercial Club, Morristown Skywarn, Morristown Baseball Association, and Cannon Valley Lutheran High School.

The Haunted Trail is located at Randy & Theresa Meschke's farm - 8240 250th St West, Morristown (2 blocks east of Morristown on County Road 15).

Workers are needed to help set up the Trail (work dates are October 2, 8, 9, & 23 beginning at noon) as well as to work the nights of the Trail. Proceeds will benefit the four organizations mentioned above, and will be distributed in proportion to the number of hours worked. Volunteers will designate which organization will receive credit for their hours.

If you would like to help set up, volunteer to work any night(s) of the Trail, or need directions, please call 507-685-2196 or 507-210-5208. Come on out for a scary good time!

Titan Volleyball 2011

The CVLHS volleyball season is in full swing. Holly (Wagner) Melchert (CVLHS Class of '05) serves as head coach with Megan Krause (CVLHS Class of '11) as assistant coach. Angie Taylor has also helped with some practice sessions. This year's captains are seniors Samantha Stock and Kelsey Smith. Other players on the roster are junior Emily Krause, FHS sophomore Celina Clifford, freshman Nina Biel, and FLS 8th graders Mackenzie Jasmer, Paige Davidson, and Tasha Duggan.

The season began with a game against Immanuel, Mankato, losing 5/5, 17/25, and 16/25. A trip to Rochester proved to be very exciting as Hope, Winona, won the first two...

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Upcoming Events to Note

Sunday, October 30th: CVLHS Hog Roast and Bake Sale at Trinity School in Janesville, 10:30am-1:30pm. The menu consists of pork sandwiches, baked beans, coleslaw, salads, bars, desserts, coffee, and lemonade. The cost is \$7 for adults and \$5 for seniors and kids ages 6-13. Kids 5 and under are free.

Monday, November 7th: Taco Fiesta/ "Talent" Night at CVLHS starting at 5:30pm. Come enjoy tacos and an evening of "entertainment" as students, staff, and others perform skits.

Sunday, November 13th: CVLHS German Fest at Trinity Lutheran, Faribault. Watch for details in your church bulletins and on our website, www.cvlhs.org

Opportunities to Support CVLHS

Are you looking to donate financially to CVLHS but don't know how to go about doing so? There are several opportunities, and for more information on any of these, please contact the school office.

- *Memorials
- *600 Club
- *Thrivent Choice Dollars
- *Secret Angel.
- *Acres for Education
- *Cans for CVLHS

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Titans Soccer 2011

The soccer season is underway once again at CVLHS, thanks to the participation of five Cannon Valley students, one home-schooled sibling, and eight young men from area public schools.

From CVLHS, junior Ron Menze has been leading the defense as center fullback. Sophomores Kourt Remund and Ben Lamont have been our goalkeepers, as well as filling in at a variety of other positions. Sophomore Mitch Witte has been all over the field, playing every position except goalie at various times. Freshman Louis Quiram and 8th grader Austin Witte have provided defensive support at fullback and midfield positions.

From WEM, sophomores Roberto Perez and Frankie Morales have led the attack as forwards, with Roberto scoring three goals so far this season and Frankie scoring five times. Jose Perez, Yianko Borrego, and Junior Colin have been assisting them at midfield and defense. Senior Corey Halverson joined the team this week and will make his season debut on Monday, Oct. 3rd. Corey played for CVLHS as a freshman as well.

From Faribault, Joshua Duran and his cousin Marcello have stepped in after our first game to help out with defense and other positions.

The season began with a game against Farmington. After a rocky start, the Titans battled back to close the gap, ending up a little short with a score of 3-5. They then took on Immanuel Mankato at our home field at Camp Omega, giving up five goals in the first half and ending at 2-8. The next opponent was Hope Winona, with a score of 3-9.

The rematch against Immanuel Mankato came last week, as the Titans struggled to recover from two goals scored early on in the game. The defense did an outstanding job, not allowing Immanuel to score again for the rest of the game, but the offense was unable to break through and score.

Our next game will be played on Monday, Oct. 3rd vs. Lake Region Christian at 4th Baptist in Plymouth. There will be a rematch against Farmington at Camp Omega on the 11th, which the team is very excited about after seeing much improvement since the start of the season. Then we will finish up the season with a home game vs. Mountain Lake Christian on October 18th.

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...games. CVLHS came back to win the 3rd and 4th games, but they lost the tie-breaking 5th game. Coach Melchert says, "I can see how much the girls' skills have improved individually and overall as a team working together." She also extends "a big thank you to the parents for driving players to games, cheering them on, and for understanding an ever-changing schedule!" Check the schedule for upcoming games and come support the Lady Titans!

Notes from the Development Director

The CVLHS Auction is now over, and as I reflect upon the event, there is one word that comes to mind: THANKFUL. I am overwhelmed by the generosity of so many!

Committee members for the many hours of planning, organizing, soliciting, setting up, and follow up

Individuals, groups, association churches, and business for their donations of handcrafted items, monetary gifts, homemade baked goods, merchandise, and services

Volunteers, including CVLHS students, families, and staff for working the auction

Supporters for coming to the auction and purchasing the auction items

Area Thrivent Chapters for awarding us supplemental funds

And to God, from Whom all blessings flow

I am thankful to all, whatever part you played, in making the CVLHS Auction 2011 a huge success.

God bless you all!

Mike Young, Development Director

Milk Moola, Box Tops, Soup Labels, Oh My!!!

CVLHS collects all of these, plus empty toner cartridges. We send the box tops to FLS, Milk Moola and the toner cartridges bring in cash, and Soup Labels get us points to be redeemed for school items. Just this week we received a "Smart Globe" absolutely free by redeeming our points. This globe has a special pen that shares information about a particular country, state, etc, just by touching a spot on the globe. This will be immensely helpful in our history and geography classes, by making learning much more fun and interactive.

Please help us by collecting these items and bringing them to the school office. If you have a question about if we accept a certain item, please call the school at 507-685-2636.

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| October | 3 | VB & Soccer @ Lake Region Christian | 18 | Spaghetti Dinner - Soccer |
| | 4 | VB Home vs Immanuel | | VB Home vs Mountain Lake Christian |
| | 6 | Half Day - Conferences | 20-20 | No School LEA |
| | 7 | Half Day - Conferences | 21-22 | Haunted Trail |
| | 10 | Board 7pm | 30 | Fundraiser Dinner at Trinity, Janesville |
| | 11 | Soccer Home vs Christian Life VB @ Grace Christian | November 7 | Fall Fiesta Fruit Sales Begin |
| | 14 | ASVAB Testing | 11 | Veterans' Breakfast |
| | 14-15 | Haunted Trail | 13 | German Fest |
| | 17 | PTL 7pm VB Home vs Grace Christian | 14 | Board 7pm |
| | | | 21 | PTL 7pm |
| | | | 23-25 | No School Happy Thanksgiving |