



# Spot Light on the KNIGHTS

-Romans 13:12

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## Desire the Mire

Human nature has a tendency to get stuck in the muck-n-mire. We not only *get* stuck, but are so complacent that we *stay* there as well. Asking people (Lutherans are not exempt) to move or change is a monumental undertaking.

One area i would like to toss out for consideration is “expectations.” i want to stack our expectations against 1 Corinthians 9:24-27. i have used these verses extensively in the athletic arena in order to provide young athletes with a foundation for goal setting and corresponding daily effort. It reads, *“Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win. Everyone who competes in the games exercises self-control in all things. So they do it to obtain a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. Therefore I run in such a way as not to run aimlessly; I box in such a way, as to avoid hitting air; but I strictly discipline my body and make it my slave, so that, after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified.”* Personally i try to have this be my foundational groove. i love it! It has proven to be universal in its reach for my life. The most used application for me has been paraphrased as “Do Your Best” and “best” means “**BEST.**” This is an easy application for athletes, but, even then, most athletes get stuck in the muck and only work as hard as they have to; hence the coach needs to step in to encourage what **best** looks like, how it feels, and how to get there.

In the same way Jesus, via St Paul, is telling us that we need to prepare to run our Christian race “to win,” to do our very **best** everyday so we do not “disqualify” ourselves from being an effective witness. And, “**best**” means “**BEST**” in everything, including our expectations for everything we do. It means do our **best** in our jobs, in our families, in our schools, in our hobbies, in our special circles, in our vocabulary choices, in our effort, and in our attitude. Yes, we will fall down and land in the muck-n-mire, but our **best** then starts over through His grace and forgiveness.

It is easier to just stay stuck. **BEST** is hard, very hard, but our **best** will stand out in a “good enough” culture. Our culture at MLHS is one in which we expect the **best**, and we work hard to coach our crew “to win.” As no athlete enters the Hall of Fame without the help of teammates, coaches, parents, trainers, and equipment guys, MLHS needs your help too. Help us raise the bar. Help us train up the next wave of disciples (winners).

Come Lord Jesus, Amen!

Paul Steinhaus, Principal

### **Mission Statement**

**Preparing students for discipleship until Christ's return.**

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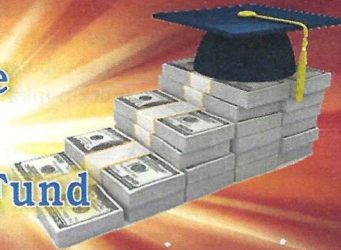


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### Saturday, November 13, 2021

**7:00 p.m.** (doors open at 6:30 p.m. for general seating)

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