



### Daylight Savings

Do you appreciate Daylight Savings Time? Some people love it because it allows more hours of daylight in warmer months and gives us an extra hour of sleep one day in the fall. Some people hate it because it messes up their routine and they have difficulty adjusting to the new time. Either way, it is important to be aware of the dates to change our clocks so that we are not left confused and out of step with the rest of the world.

I'm sure you have heard of the phrase "Spring forward, Fall back," that is used as a reminder of which way to turn the clock. I think that phrase can also be applied to Christians. We are called to "spring forward" or take action because of God's love and grace for us. That can take the form of service or sharing the Gospel. It can also take the form of speaking out for what is God-pleasing. *"Speak up for people who cannot speak for themselves. Protect the rights of all who are helpless" (Proverbs 31:8).*

Sidenote... if you get a chance to see the movie "Unplanned," do so. It is the powerfully true story of the impact of prayer as it surrounds the issue of sanctity of life. It will spur you to speak out for the most helpless among us, the unborn. Christians are also called to "fall back" or rely on God's promises.

*"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand" (Isaiah 41:10).*

God is faithful and his promises give us a firm foundation upon which to base our hope for now and

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Valley's team was 1 of just 2 out of 10 to earn a not guilty verdict in the trial.

# Not Guilty, Your Honor

## VLHS students shine at Saginaw County Law Day

A handful of Valley Lutheran students showed a glimpse of their bright futures, even if taking advantage of that one day means you're probably having a bad day.

Twelve Valley students took part in Saginaw County Law Day on Thursday, March 21, trying a fictional case in front of an actual magistrate at the Saginaw County courthouse.

"They won a not-guilty verdict on pretty much a slam dunk guilty case," VLHS Academic Dean Dr. Lisa Meyers said. "They picked a strategy and really stuck to it over and over again. They did such a good job."

In the fictional case, a Valley student played the part of a teenager who was texting and driving in a construction zone. He swerved to miss an oncoming vehicle striking and killing a construction worker.

"There was another individual who

was an 88-year old, one-eyed man that cut my client off," Valley senior Zach Marotzke said. "What we tried to do was pin the blame over there. Since the jury was made up of high school students, we tried to make them feel sympathetic towards the high school student's perspective of how it happened. Then we were able to show that it was a result of the other guy making my client make the swerve that caused the accident."

Marotzke and Katie Wilson played the part of lawyers with Andy Fritz serving as the defendant. Kelsey Vittitow, Abi Walk, and Megan Mattichak served as witnesses.

"It was nerve-wracking," Fritz said. "I wasn't nervous during any of the practices, but then we got to court and everyone hated me. Obviously, it

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eternity. Fall back on His grace and salvation and then spring forward to share that love and forgiveness with a world that desperately needs it.

- *Dr. Lisa Meyers,*  
*Academic Dean*

## Sign up for VLHS Summer Camps!

Students entering Grades 4-9 can now register for Valley Lutheran's Summer Camp program.

Art, band, French, drama, and soccer camps are being held June 11-14 at VLHS.

Girls basketball, boys basketball, and liturgical dance run June 17-20. These camps will be held at Holy Cross due to construction at Valley.

For more information or to register, visit [www.vlhs.com/camps](http://www.vlhs.com/camps).

## OPEN HOUSES

- Sunday, May 19 from 2-3pm
- Wednesday, June 18 from 5-6pm
- Meet faculty, take a tour
- No reservations necessary

## VLHS Drama Presents...

**Title:** Radium Girls

**By:** D.W. Gregory

**When:** May 2-4

**Time:** 7 p.m. at VLHS

**Note:** Grace Fryer is a dial painter who fights for her day in court after painters begin falling ill to a mysterious disease. Follow along as Grace battles with the U.S. Radium Corporation, and her family and friends, who fear her campaign for justice will backfire.

Valley Lutheran's  
Music Department

## Spring Concert

Tuesday, May 21 at 7pm



# Not Guilty

wasn't me. I was playing a part, but all the prosecutors were saying all these bad things about the part I was playing and everyone was looking at me like, 'How could you do all these bad things.'"

Magistrate Richard Alger Jr. presided over the day, which included 20 schools playing the role of prosecutors and defense attorneys in the same case 10 times. Valley was 1 of 2 schools to return a not-guilty verdict.

"We were up against St. Charles, and when the jurors left the courtroom, I had no idea which way it would go because they were both so strong," Meyers said. "The judge was impressed."

Carson Hundley, David Jahnke, Nathaniel Mueller, Valerie White, Anna Katenhus, and Allison Lemanski, attended to serve as jurors in one of the other cases. Students from Freeland High School served as jurors

in Valley's case.

"The theme this year was, 'Free Speech, Free Press, Free Society' and emphasizing people's rights, but also their responsibilities," Meyers said. "So they did texting and driving to really get kids thinking how dangerous that is."

Meyers said the group spent six weeks preparing for the case, including visiting with attorneys **Darrell Zolton (VL '80)** and Eric Dalek to polish up the details of the team's case, as well as to learn proper procedure.

"It was cool," Marotzke said. "You had all the regalities with standing and showing (the magistrate) the proper respect, calling him Your Honor, and using legal terms."

The Saginaw County Bar Association put on a lunch for the participants at First Presbyterian Church following the day's conclusion.

Scores of professionals were on hand Friday, April 5 to speak at Valley Lutheran's Career Day. VLHS students heard presentations from and asked questions of professionals in communications, criminal justice, engineering, education, agriculture, skilled trades, and more.



Valley Lutheran's Global Awareness Club is making fleece blankets, prayer journals, name tags, backpacks, and devotionals for a mission trip to Alaska that local Lutheran churches are sponsoring this summer.