

## Forgiveness

Every day – *forgiveness*.

Quarantined with family members  
- Family time is great and important,  
but you can have too much of a good  
thing.

*Forgiveness.*

The Governor closes the schools –  
no friends, no concerts, no games, no  
hot lunch. Why did she do this? We  
know why, but that doesn't mean we  
like it.

*Forgiveness.*

eLearning – It seems like it is all  
homework, all day. Doesn't my teacher  
understand? (Actually, she  
understands very well because she  
feels the same way from the other side  
of the desk.) We get it, but it is so hard.

*Forgiveness.*

These examples only scratch the

surface of the hurts and wrongs we  
feel. These hurts damage  
relationships and freeze us into  
inaction in order to avoid more hurt.

**Our faith offers a solution.**

**Forgiveness.**

Luke 10:3-4 tells us, "If your brother  
sins rebuke him and if he repents for-  
give him. If he sins against you seven  
times in a day, and seven times comes  
back to you and says 'I repent,' forgive  
him." *Forgiveness* after repentance –  
that's not so hard. But  
*forgiveness* after being hurt 7 times  
even with repentance – that is hard.  
In fact it is so hard that the next verse  
reads "The apostles said to the Lord,  
'Increase our faith'" (Luke 10:5).  
Even the apostles who lived in the

physical presence of Jesus knew  
*forgiveness* of this magnitude required  
an even stronger faith.

*Forgiveness* is found in prayer.  
*Forgiveness* granted builds  
relationships and motivates positive  
actions. Knowing Christ's *forgiveness*  
empowers us to forgive others.

Today before you pray consider  
those hurts calling for your  
*forgiveness*. Consider the hurts you  
caused that need your repentance.  
And know *forgiveness* was won on the  
cross for you.

*Devotion written by Dr. John Brandt,  
originally published April 24, 2020.*

### Did You Know?

During this pandemic, VLHS is posting  
daily devotions to our website. Visit  
[www.vlhs.com/student-info/announcements/](http://www.vlhs.com/student-info/announcements/)  
for your daily devotion.



## An Inside Look

VL is excited to share "An Inside Look"  
with **YOU!**

This 5-part series takes an "inside look"  
at **who we are**, at what we **value**,  
at how we **prepare** students,  
and at how we **serve** families.

The 5-part series will post throughout the  
remainder of the 2019-2020 school year.

We know you can't visit us or attend an event with  
us right now, but this series is the next best thing.  
Learn more about us, and share it with someone  
who you know would benefit from the VL  
educational experience.

Visit: <https://www.vlhs.com/admissions/an-inside-look/>  
to take "An Inside Look" at VLHS today.



## VLHS Summer Camps??

*We Hope So!*

Visit [www.vlhs.com/camps](http://www.vlhs.com/camps) for the latest information and to register.

Camps are for: Students entering 4th - 9th grade  
\*Camp offerings may not be available for every grade level.



## eLearning and the Valley Difference

It's a word that has been spoken much over the past six weeks. eLearning. When it was first announced that schools would be temporarily shut down, Valley, much like many other schools, quickly started the process of planning and engaging her students in the eLearning process. And by the time school ends for this 2019-2020 year, Valley's students will have completed 10 weeks (2 ½ months) of eLearning.

### But what makes Valley's eLearning different?

1. From the beginning, the focus has been on the **personal connection** between faculty and students. "Are you okay?" and "Do you need anything?" are common questions posed to students throughout their eLearning time.

2. The same spiritual encouragement and **nurturing of faith** used at school is being used now in this eLearning time. Teachers and staff are regularly sending students devotions, prayer topics, and asking for prayer requests, as well as delivering a chapel message each day, just as if students

were physically in school.

3. Academics. Valley's goal during this eLearning time has consistently been to **move forward in learning**. Teachers are covering new material, further advancing their students throughout this eLearning time.

4. **Online faculty meetings** have occurred twice a week (a meeting this week even included an invitation to "bring" your child(ren) or pet). These meetings have allowed Valley to help identify, and solve when possible, the challenges our students and families are facing.

While this wasn't the way anyone thought the 2019-2020 school year would finish, Valley has embraced the challenge of eLearning alongside her students. **Dr. Lisa Meyers**, Academic Dean, shared this closing thought, "The teachers take very seriously their responsibility for quality instruction and sharing Jesus. They were not going to let something like a little distance get in the way of the daily love and learning they shower on their students. And we can't wait to get back in the fall to see them face to face!"

## Save the Date

for the 2021  
VL Benefit Dinner & Auction

The 2021 Theme is:  
"I Do! I Do!"

So, dust off your wedding dress, mark your calendars, and make plans to attend the '80's style event.

Valley Lutheran High School  
Benefit Dinner & Auction

*Requests the honour of your presence*

Saturday: February 27th, 2021

"I do! I do!"