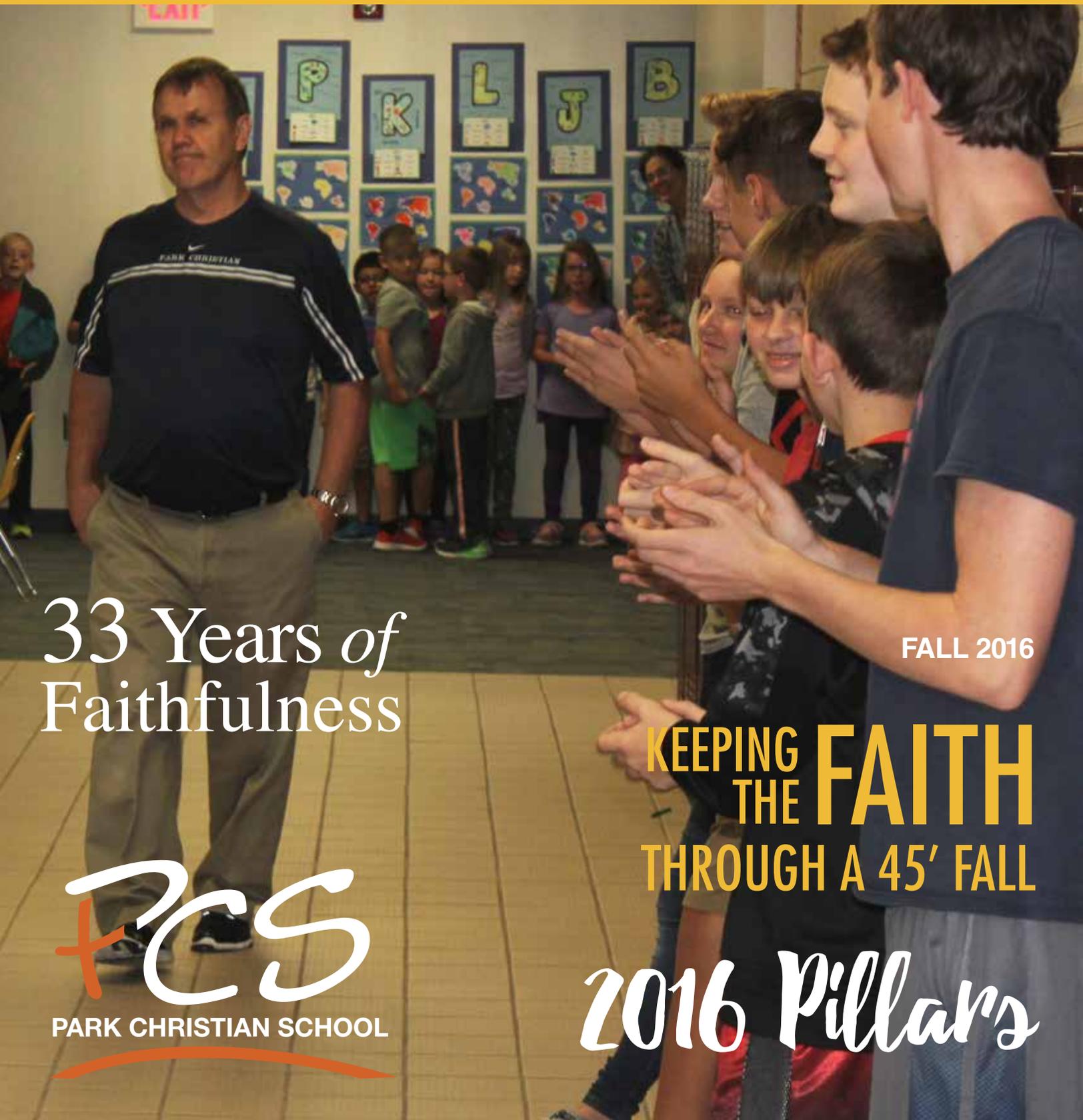


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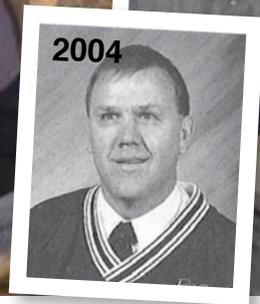
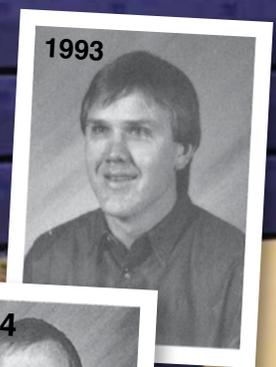
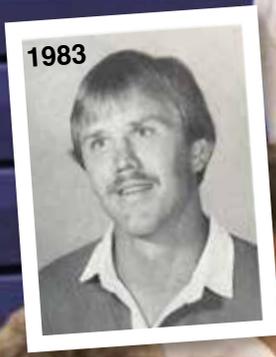
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33 YEARS of FAITHFULNESS

Randy, tell us how you did start your career at PCS?

In 1983, after subbing in the FM area schools for 2 years, I was hired at PCS as athletic director, noon outdoor supervisor, and physical education teacher for \$6,026. The hiring committee said, “we are not very good in sports,” and so I made it my goal to get PCS to a level of skill and excellence that competed for parochial league or city league titles. By 1987 our athletes had begun to do that. Fourteen years later, PCS started their high school program, and I took the same attitude and vigor to give success to our students and build the high school sports program.

What are your fondest memories of the early years at PCS?

Praying with PCS parents and staff for the school and its students and families is my fondest memory. There was little money at the school, and the school TOTALLY depended on God for PCS to exist.

I was asked to remove bats from the classrooms because they made their way from their home in the attic/roof of the old Park School to the classrooms and sometimes parked themselves under a student’s desk. I grabbed them by the neck and escorted them outside.

My two buddies and I went to the school at old Park School to lift weights at 10:00 P.M. at night and got arrested. I came out to get something from my car and saw my two friends in handcuffs against a Moorhead police car. There had been a break-in a few days before at the school. The principal was called, we were cleared and I brought ID to the school that proved I was an employee.

What roles/responsibilities have you had at Park?

Physical Education Teacher, PCS Athletic Director, Bus Coordinator, Bus Driver, 4th Grade Bible and Social Studies Teacher, Noon Supervisor/Recess

When it comes to coaching, what is your personal highlight?

Seeing our athletes achieve success was the greatest highlight as a coach and AD. Beating Fargo Shanley for PCS’s first varsity boys basketball victory and playing in two MN Section 6A championships games were obviously special. Maybe the best highlights were actually beating over 55% of the 2A and 3A teams we faced with amazing players who played and worked together was the greatest joy as a coach.

Why are you leaving?

My wife and I are moving to Rosemount, MN, to pursue work we have prayed about for 6 years. Her work is with the VA Hospitals, and I have a job with the Minneapolis Schools. We wanted our children to graduate from Park and that is now come to fruition, so we have followed God’s lead in this venture with new work in the Minneapolis area.

If there’s one Bible verse you would have for PCS, what would it be and why?

Lamentations 3:21- “This I recall to my mind, therefore have I hope. It is of the Lord’s mercies that we are not consumed because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness.” God has been faithful to Park Christian School. We serve a faithful God. Trust in Him. Thank you, thank you, thank you, Park Christian, for the opportunity to serve. God’s best to you all.

Thanks, Randy, for your many years of service to God here at this school. We give God glory for YOU!

THE TERRY PAYNE FAMILY

Terry, tell us what happened when you suffered a near fatal fall?

I was working on a large apartment project in Grand Forks, feeding a concrete-type hose over the top of the safety rail down to the 3rd floor. Somehow the safety rail broke and I was pulled over, falling from the 4th floor to the bottom of the elevator shaft, 45ft.

Do you remember anything about that day? When did it hit home the seriousness of the fall?

I remember that day up until just before going over the safety rail. Although I never lost consciousness, as I was talking to fellow workers at the time, my first real memory was talking to Lance and Tracy Ziebarth and them asking me if they could pray for me in the ER in Grand Forks. Unfortunately, I missed the entire memory of the helicopter flight from Grand Forks to Fargo. I don't ever remember having being worried or concerned about how bad my accident was. I believe God had given me peace.

Cheila, when did you first find out about it, and what was your reaction?

I was on my way to pick up Ashton at golf practice in Moorhead when I got a call from Bryce who was on a mission trip with his senior class in Rosebud, SD. One of Terry's employees called Bryce looking for my phone number as they needed to talk to me. Bryce called, and right there my heart sank as he shouldn't be calling me. He then told me I needed to call Ben, Terry's employee. Bryce also told me to call him back and let him know what was wrong with Dad. I didn't even know how to react but pray! Trying not to say much as Parker was in the car with me, I asked if Terry was ok. Parker then started crying, asking if Dad was going to be ok. I then headed to Grand Forks immediately.

Terry, tell us about your recovery? What has been the most challenging?

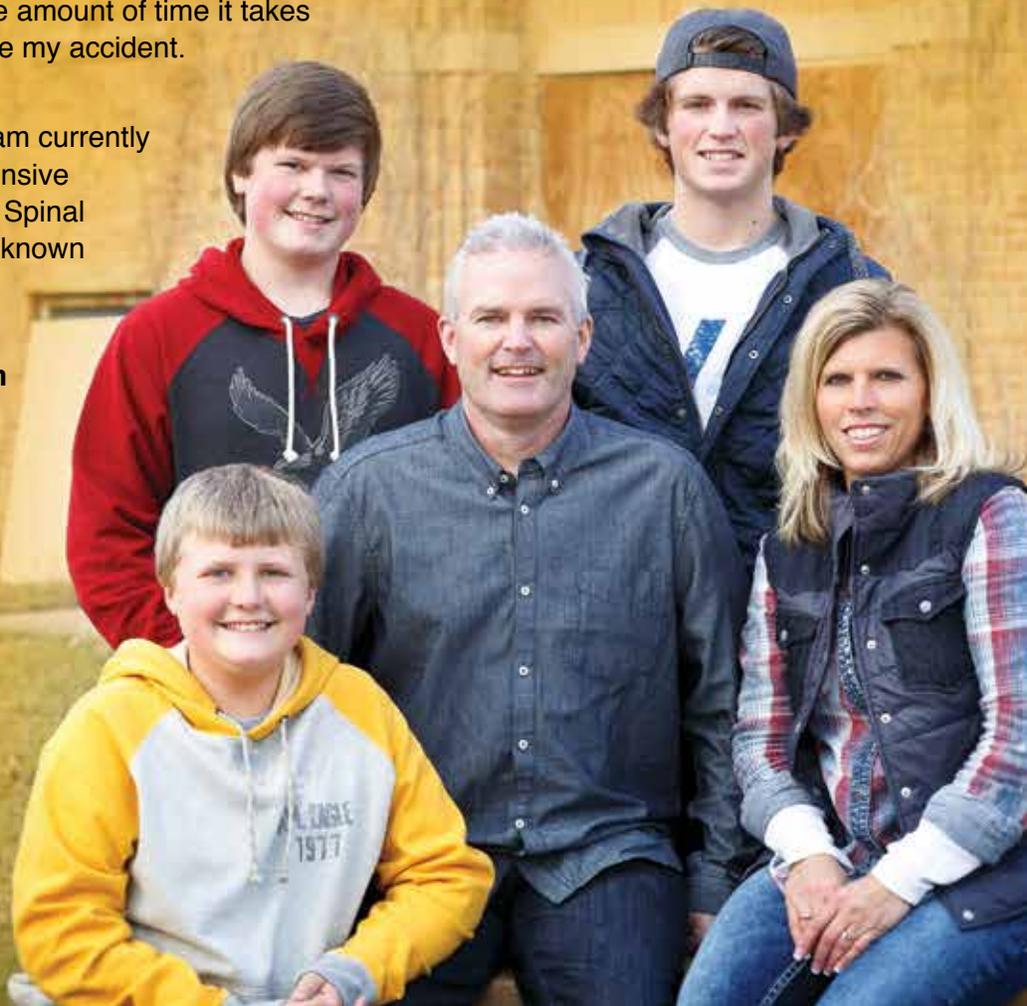
The recovery is happening slower than what I would like, but it's all in God's timing, not mine. The most frustrating thing is the amount of time it takes me to get things done compared to before my accident.

Terry, what is your goal in recovery?

The end result is for me to walk again! I am currently at Craig Hospital in Denver for more extensive therapy. I'm at a place that specializes in Spinal Cord and Traumatic Brain Injuries and is known to be one of the best in the country.

Terry and Cheila, in what ways has God used this experience to bring Him glory?

We have found that people we know who may or may not have a relationship with Christ have found our faith to be inspiring. Some have commented how it has strengthened their own faith. Others who know us, who tell our story, have also remarked how it's changing people they know. In every instance when talking to people, we give God the Glory!



2016 HOMECOMING BRUNCH

TERINNE BERG AND THE LATE KATHY SOLSETH NAMED PILLARS

October 1st was a morning set aside to honor and celebrate God's faithful provision over Park Christian School through two very special women. **Kathy Solseth** served sacrificially in many capacities during the early years at PCS. Receptionist, development secretary and administrative assistant were just a few of the areas Kathy took care of. **Terinne Berg** served as a teacher and then superintendent. She led the school through expansions of all types: facilities, growth to a high school, and all related extra programming and activities.

These two women loved and honored God first and were willing to be used by Him in very special ways and in difficult times.

It was a very meaningful time as alumnus **Than Beardson** ('04) shared his testimony and about his current work with Unseen Ministries.

The PCS singers shared a hymn, and PCS students helped serve and clean up. Many of the students commented on how they appreciated the opportunity to hear such history of their school.

Today you see a K-12 school—but you must know that it wasn't always that way. Great faith and huge work ethic paved the way for Park to continue to grow to the ministry it is today. Park Christian School is a place of high standards and expectations, where whatever you put your hand to it is done as unto the Lord. There is always pressure to compromise and make things easier...resist this at every turn because God started this school, provided for it, and will continue to do so as we continue to hold high His banner. Always take the time to remember and thank God for all He has done through the people and work of Park Christian School.



Kathy's
children:
Melissa
Lynnes &
Nathan
Solseth



Terinne Berg



Than Beardson



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Thank you, SCHEELS, for all you are doing to support the ministry to children at Park Christian School.

EXPANSION PROJECT UPDATE

In May of 2016, Park Christian School began its first small phase of the master renovation and expansion plan. Lead by the team at Roers Construction and the generosity of some in-kind work, we were able to remove the portable classroom that used to sit in the southwest corner of the school and enclose in the space for under \$1 million. This new space is now the home of three new classrooms, two renovated classrooms, an expanded Newton's nook, and small amount of storage. Included in the work completed this summer was the addition of air conditioning to the remainder of the school. The entire project was completed in 88 days. Thank you for your generosity and prayers to help us make this possible.

Jason Loney, PCS parent, Expansion Project Executive Chair





CALENDAR OF EVENTS

To get the most up-to-date calendar information, click on the calendar page of our website: ParkChristianSchool.org

December 22 Alumni Game
February 9 Giving Hearts Day
April 8 Banquet & Auctions
June 26 PCS Golf Scramble
(at the Hawley Golf and Country Club)

Elementary Chapels:

Mondays, 8:10-8:40 A.M. in the Fine Arts Room.

Jr & Sr High Chapels:

Mondays, 8:10-8:50 A.M. in the gym.
 Park Christian School welcomes guests to Chapel.

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