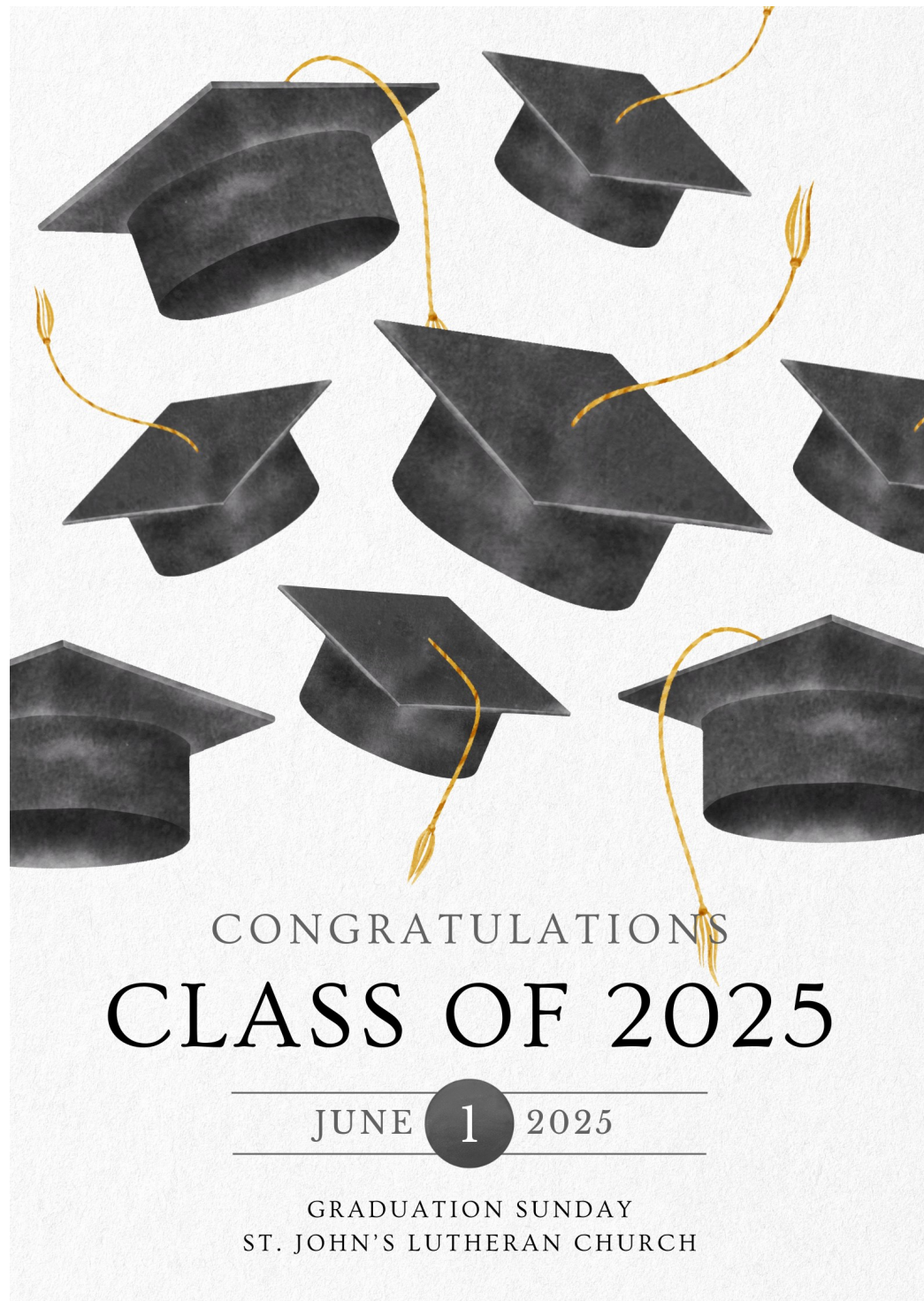


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2025 High School Graduates

Laci Barth  
McKenzie Derusha  
Benjamin Elliott  
Carter Gallihugh  
Hannah Kempin  
Jonah Miller  
Margaret Parsons

The Lord lift up his  
countenance upon you  
and give you peace."

Numbers 6:24-26

‘The Lord bless you  
and keep you;  
The Lord make his face  
to shine upon you and  
be gracious to you;

## Laci Barth

Laci graduates from Midland High School. During her time at MHS, she enjoyed being involved in equestrian team, Chorus, softball, basketball, and National Honor Society. She graduates with the cum laude distinction.

After graduation, Laci plans to pursue a veterinarian major at Michigan State University after two years at Delta College.



The 8th grade canoe trip is Laci's favorite memory from her time at St. John's. Her favorite Bible verses are Proverbs 3:5-6,



“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.” Her advice to underclassmen? Don't blink because it will be over before you know it!

## Mckenzie Derusha



Mckenzie Derusha is graduating from Valley Lutheran High School in Saginaw. Throughout her years in high school she has been involved in equestrian team, basketball, track and field, Student Council, Animal Club, Pep Club, Global Awareness Club, French Club, Protect Life Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Charger Ambassadors, Golden Voice, IMPACT, and National Honor Society. She has enjoyed spending time with friends, going to youth group, and riding her horses.

Mckenzie will be graduating on the high honor roll with recognition from the Optimist Club of Saginaw and her seal of bi-literacy in French. She will be studying psychology at Saginaw Valley State University and running track & field.

Her favorite memory at St. John's was the outdoor education trip to Camp Rotary, and her favorite Bible verse is Exodus 14:14: "The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to be silent." The advice she gives to underclass men is to stay true to yourself and remember to search for God in everything.

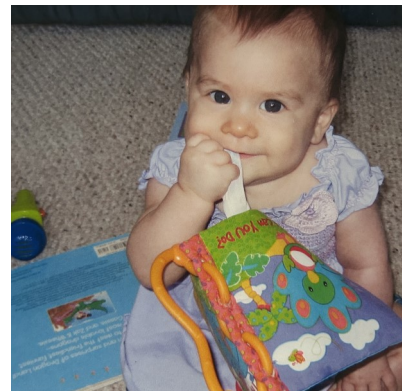


## Margaret Parsons

Margaret is graduating from Valley Lutheran High School in Saginaw. In high school, Margaret participated in art, bowling, Travel Club, and French Club. She plans to attend Delta College in the fall before transferring to art school.

Lock ins are Margaret's favorite memories from St. John's. Her favorite bible passage is Romans 8:38-39: "For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Margaret's advice to underclassmen is to stay on top of work, get involved, and be kind to others.



## Jonah Miller



Jonah graduates from H. H. Dow High School where he enjoyed participating in golf, lacrosse, and DECA. He has received the “Most Improved” award for golf in 2024. Jonah will attend Delta College in the fall.

The 2022 National Youth Gathering in Houston is his favorite St. John’s memory, and his favorite Bible passage is James 3:17-18 that reads, “But the wisdom from above

is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.”

Jonah’s advice to underclassmen is: “Always bet on yourself.”



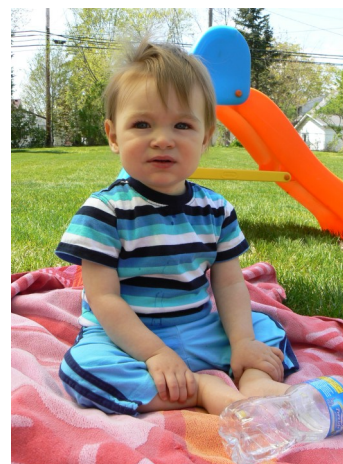
## Benjamin Elliott



Ben is graduating from Midland High School where he has enjoyed participating in Band, Jazz Band, Trumpet Choir, and Chemistry Club. He graduates with a National Honor Society and honor roll honors. Ben will attend Delta College in the fall.

Ben advises underclassmen to, “Find something to be involved in early.

Things like band, clubs, and sports set you up with friends instantly.” His favorite memory from St. John’s is putting Mr. Hiddings in the dumpster— ask him to tell you the whole story when you see him next!



Jeremiah 29:11 is his favorite Bible passage: “For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.”

## Carter Gallihugh



Carter is part of the Midland High School graduating class of 2025. During his time at MHS, Carter enjoyed being part of choir.

He plans to attend Delta College to become an electrician in the fall.

Carter's favorite St. John's memory is being part of the Chancel Choir, and his favorite Bible verse is Isaiah 35:10 that reads, "And the ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;

they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away."

He advises underclassmen, "Don't procrastinate... It flies by fast!"



## Hannah Kempin

Hannah Kempin is graduating from Valley Lutheran High School in Saginaw. While at Valley, she participated in Band, Choir, and Protect Life. She is also a member of the National Honor Society.

Hannah achieved the rank of Chief Petty Officer in the US Naval Sea Cadet Corps, and earned the VFW Citation and Medal and the Navy League Youth Award.

Hannah has enlisted in the US Coast Guard, and upon graduation will begin training.

Her favorite St. John's memory is the 8th Grade Dinner. Her advice to underclassmen is to get involved and make new friends!

