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Luke Fisher Named Lutheran Junior Honor Association Student of the Year

Luke Fisher was named Lutheran Junior Honor Association's 2026 Student of the Year. Holy Ghost's LJHA Advisor is Wendy Rasch. His application was supported by letters from Rev. Kenneth Craig, pastor at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Lockport, New York where Luke attends church, Pamela Giannantonio, the principal of Holy Ghost, and Rev. Denton White, pastor at Holy Ghost Lutheran Church, Niagara Falls, NY.

Rev. White commented, "The classwork Luke does in our school's Christian Doctrine class is some of the finest I've seen. He pays attention to detail and assigns meaning and application to Christian teaching that are indicative of a deep personal devotion. He displays a maturity in following the Lord Jesus far beyond his years. He takes his faith seriously and incorporates it seamlessly into his everyday activities and interactions with other students."

Ms. Giannantonio stated, "His commitment to being Christ-like is evident in his daily living; in a way that reflects God's love and truth. Luke shows kindness, compassion, faithfulness, self-control, and selflessness. For example, Luke will put others before himself, help without reward and is dependable. Luke has proven to be faithful in his responsibilities, consistently following through on commitments and modeling integrity in his daily actions which speaks to his maturity, dedication, and his character that is grounded in faith and service to others."

Luke's pastor, Rev. Craig wrote, "Luke is an active member and faithful attender of our church. He willingly volunteers his time and talents for a variety of tasks. These include, but are not limited to: serving as a lector during worship, acolyting, shoveling snow, assisting in sanctuary preparations, watering plants, maintaining our clothing donation shed, mentoring younger children, helping at fundraisers and events, positively interacting with older members and shut-ins. Luke is always willing to be a team player but also has the ability to lead when called upon. His contributions are already very valuable to, and appreciated by, our church family."

Luke is an eighth grader at Holy Ghost Lutheran School in Niagara Falls, New York,

LJHA was designed by Lutheran Educators for Lutheran Schools. It was designed to recognize students who exercise leadership, servanthood, and discipleship, while excelling at academics and to foster these qualities through service projects and other activities. The Student of the Year Award is based on demonstrated community involvement, church involvement, and the LJHA standards of discipleship, service, leadership, and academics.

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