

Empowered  
by *Christ*  
Enriching  
our *Future*

## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN *Preview*



A new tradition began in St. Charles 45 years ago, with a shared vision among six Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod congregations for a high school to serve as an extension of their elementary schools. Just two years later, that vision became a reality when Lutheran High School opened its doors to 17 students. Empowered by Christ, the school continued to flourish and grow. Currently, eight congregations support LHS with 465 young men and women enrolled, and future enrollment numbers are even more positive. Families from over 45 zip codes in the St. Charles & St. Louis area seek the traditions of academic excellence in and through a Lutheran school where students are formed to “Grow and Serve in Christ.”

LHS continues to meet the educational and spiritual needs of our students. But that work is ongoing and requires diligent attention. In 2018, the school raised over \$3 million to add a new gymnasium; new chemistry, music and STEM classrooms; refurbish several existing classrooms; and renovate the library and old gymnasium. Today, LHS faces a wonderful opportunity to continue its mission, addressing the needs of our strong enrollment while maintaining and enriching the Lutheran High School experience. It is imperative to ensure that our educational programs and facilities continue to offer standards of excellence to future generations. That is why we are embarking on another major fundraising effort. The *Empowered By Christ: Enriching Our Future* Capital Campaign will:

- Provide the necessary space and service areas for gatherings and activities to support our vibrant Lutheran community.
- Renovate classrooms and science labs with an awareness of the latest educational trends and technology, which allows all students to realize their academic dreams and potential.
- Upgrade cohesive, multifunctional and high-quality campus facilities to meet the needs of current and future students.
- Address the demands of a variety of education programs such as Performing Arts, STEM, Athletics and Music.

## OUR PROJECTS • *Tier 1: Celebration Goal*



Lutheran High School has never been able to provide an in-school lunch program; students have had to make do with meals from home or single option fast food. But all that is about to change. The storage area adjacent to the Commons will be renovated and refitted with all the equipment needed for a new catering kitchen. This will allow LHS to offer a variety of freshly-made hot meals, cold sandwiches and salads, along with a variety of nutritious grab-n-go options. The catering kitchen will also enhance our ability to serve food at special events on campus.



LHS is committed to providing exceptional learning environments that inspire curiosity and equip students for success in a rapidly changing world. Our campaign will transform 9 classrooms and science labs into modern adaptable spaces. Upgrades will include state-of-the-art technology, improved functionality and innovative designs to support both collaborative and independent learning.



The Commons renovation project will transform this central space into a versatile hub for worship, performances, and gatherings. Our worship opportunities are an important part of the spiritual growth of our entire school community. Additionally, an increasing number of students participate in theatre and music, with incredible opportunities to increase our shows and concerts. Upgrades to the Commons will include improvements to the lighting and sound, enhancing both worship and performing arts experiences in a welcoming environment. This project reflects our mission to nurture faith, creativity and community.



## OUR PROJECTS • Tier 2: Challenge Goal



Our student population is growing and so are our programs. Our students now participate in 22+ curricular and extracurriculars, as well as numerous clubs and activities. This new building will increase the indoor practice areas for robotics, dance, cheer, wrestling, basketball, softball, baseball, soccer, tennis, golf, volleyball, and track & field while offering flexible space for programs and school events. With our current facilities stretched to capacity, the new center will minimize scheduling conflicts and support students with the resources they need to thrive.



In Phase 1, our baseball/softball field complex will be transformed into a well-defined space, including a new backstop and iconic Blue Monster for improved safety and functionality. Newly built dugouts will include seating, storage, and protective features for the welfare of players. A new press box will offer improved visibility and comfort, ensuring smooth operations during games and events. Finally, updates will be made to the plaza area around the field, an essential community gathering space for students, families and visitors.

## Tier 3: Victory Goal



The natural grass field, while beautiful, presents maintenance challenges and limitations that hinder optimal play and practice conditions. A turf infield will provide a durable, all-weather surface that ensures consistent playability, reduces maintenance costs, and allows for more frequent use of the field.



Cracks, potholes and uneven surfaces have developed over time and continue to worsen every winter. Not only does this create potentially hazardous driving conditions, but it is also the first view of our campus seen by visitors. A systematic replacement plan, rather than filling in cracks and patching holes, is a more cost-effective approach over time.



We are excited to begin this new chapter in the history of Lutheran High School! In the coming weeks, you will receive additional information and will be personally contacted by one of our volunteer Campaign Cabinet members. In the meantime, please pray for our leaders and volunteers who will be working diligently to ensure a successful outcome to the *Empowered By Faith: Enriching Our Future* Capital Campaign.