

Empowered
by *Christ*
Enriching
our *Future*



CAMPAIGN
CASE
STATEMENT

Lutheran High School

Grow + Serve in Christ

OUR MISSION

Empowered by the Gospel of Jesus Christ, Lutheran High School nurtures spiritual, academic and personal growth, equipping its students for a life of Christian service.

OUR VISION

Lutheran High School envisions preparing students for Christ-centered lives of purpose and service, fostering academic rigor, spiritual maturity, growth in personal character, authentic relationships, and servant leadership to impact their world for Jesus Christ.

OUR VALUES

The core belief of Lutheran High School is a firm belief in Jesus Christ as our Lord and resurrected Savior. This core belief establishes for Lutheran High these core values:



Spiritual and Academic Growth

We strive for a rigorous academic environment where students are challenged intellectually while growing spiritually, cultivating a strong foundation in Christ that prepares them for lifelong leadership and purpose.



Servant Leadership

We are committed to developing students who lead by example, demonstrating humility, compassion, and a heart for service, impacting their communities and the world for Jesus Christ.



Building Character and Purpose

We prioritize the development of character, teaching students to live with integrity, compassion, and a sense of purpose, encouraging them to serve others and influence the culture for Christ.



Authentic Relationships

We foster a diverse environment where students build authentic relationships with Jesus and each other, share their Christian faith openly, and grow as disciples of Jesus, learning to live out their faith in everyday life.

LETTER FROM DR. DOUG KUHLMANN, HEAD OF SCHOOL

DEAR LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY,

Thank you for your unwavering support of Lutheran High School. Your prayers, generosity, and commitment to our mission allow us to *Grow and Serve in Christ*, providing a Christ-centered education that nurtures spiritual, academic, and personal growth. In recent years, we have seen remarkable enhancements – in enrollment, programs, service projects, and opportunities for students to deepen their faith and leadership skills.

This progress is a testament to our strong community – dedicated parents, alumni, association congregations, and friends – who continue to uplift LHS. Because of this support, we have strengthened partnerships, engaged in meaningful service, and provided new leadership opportunities that encourage students to live out their faith. Our faculty and staff are committed to academic excellence rooted in Christ, and we are blessed to see our students thrive as they grow into servant leaders.

Looking ahead, we are excited to launch the *Empowered by Christ: Enriching our Future* campaign to enhance our facilities for current and future students, an effort overwhelmingly supported by the LHS community in our recent planning study. The campaign will raise funds to install a catering kitchen, renovate six classrooms and three science labs, enhance the Commons, build a Multi-Purpose Center, and improve our athletic fields. Each initiative aligns with our core values, ensuring that LHS continues to prepare students for lives of Christian service.

Achieving this vision is a testament to the faith, generosity, and shared commitment of the LHS community. This campaign is more than just a fundraising effort – it is a reflection of our collective vision for the future of Lutheran High School, a vision that can only be realized when we come together as one. Our students are the heart of our ministry, and these improvements will ensure they have the resources and opportunities they need to thrive. Just as our predecessors laid the foundation for today's blessings, we now have the privilege and responsibility to do the same for future students. Luke 6:38 reminds us: "Give, and it will be given to you...For with this measure you use, it will be measured to you." By investing in LHS, we honor God and demonstrate our commitment to a Christ-centered education that will impact generations to come.

We are incredibly grateful for the hard work of our campaign cabinet, Board of Directors, and our faculty and staff, all of whom recognize the impact these improvements will have on our mission. Our students are excited about what lies ahead and eager to see these projects come to fruition.

Your generous time, talent and treasure will ensure that LHS can continue to provide excellent Lutheran education for our children now and for generations to come.



Dr. Doug Kuhlmann
Head of School



FACTS AND FIGURES



465

Enrollment



65

Faculty & staff members



21

Average class size



20

Dual credit courses offered



100%

Graduation rate



\$2,870,893

Total amount of college scholarships awarded to the Class of 2024



87%

Student participation in sports, clubs, extracurricular activities, and service-oriented programs



48

Missouri Bright Flight scholars from 2020 - 2024



37

Annual community-engagement service and mission activities



5

Days per week students gather for worship at Chapel, Morning Devotions, Small Group



2,291

LHS Alumni



Lutheran High School has been a cornerstone of academic excellence and spiritual growth in St. Charles County, shaping the leaders of tomorrow with a Christian, values-driven education. Your support for this capital campaign will ensure that we continue to provide a nurturing environment and innovative resources for our students, fostering their potential to make a meaningful impact in our community and beyond.

BRIAN AND ANN BREDENSTEINER,
GENERAL CHAIRS

LHS BUILDING HISTORY

● **1989**

Groundbreaking for new building at 5100 Mexico Road; dedicated on Jan. 14, 1990.

● **1996**

Commons and classrooms added to accommodate growth.

● **2006**

Stadium and athletic field added.

● **2018**

Following Reach Up, Reach In, Reach Out Capital Campaign, construction began on renovations to library/media center; addition and updates to 8 classrooms and science labs; conversion of former gym to expand Commons; and construction of new gym and athletic center.

● **2023**

Planning study conducted to gauge support for a second capital campaign. Over 92% of respondents favored a campaign to raise funds for campus renovations and additions.

● **2025**

LHS kicks off Empowered By Christ: Enriching our Future Capital Campaign. **Summer 2025:** Renovations and upgrades targeted to begin.



WE ARE EMPOWERED BY CHRIST:

ENRICHING OUR FUTURE

Forty-five years ago, six Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod congregations shared one vision: a high school that would extend their commitment to Christ-centered education beyond their elementary schools. Just two years later, Lutheran High School opened with 17 students. *Empowered by Christ*, LHS has flourished, now serving 465 students from more than 45 zip codes and with the support of eight congregations. Families choose LHS for its strong tradition of academic excellence and its mission to form students to Grow and Serve in Christ.

LHS has continually expanded to meet our students' educational and spiritual needs. In 2018, a \$3 million campaign funded a new gymnasium, music and STEM classrooms, and several facilities upgrades. Today, we have a new opportunity – to strengthen our mission, support our growing enrollment, and enrich the LHS experience. To ensure that future generations thrive, we are launching this bold initiative – the *Empowered by Christ: Enriching our Future* Capital Campaign.



“LHS is just now starting to reach its full potential – a faith-based educational community that is truly generational in terms of involvement, commitment, and experience. In our case, my parents were among early visionaries prior to the very first day of classes. Laura and I became involved as supporters while our sons were in elementary school – they are now LHS alumni. Three generations active in the still relatively short history of LHS.

By God’s grace and blessing, we have a new opportunity before us, an opportunity that once again will bring LHS closer to reaching its full potential and mission – an entire community Growing and Serving in Christ. This campaign will lay the groundwork for the next generations to come. LHS is proud of its history but must focus on the future. In the words of Winston Churchill, ‘this is not the end. It is not even the beginning of the end. But it is, perhaps, the end of the beginning.’ Join us: LHS is off to a truly great beginning, and we are just getting started!”

GLENN AND LAURA MAHNKEN, GENERAL CHAIRS

"I believe LHS is special because of the way students and the community come together at school and sporting events, showing a sense of true school pride. LHS has helped me grow closer to God during the weekly Chapel services. The Worship always inspires me with a great message. Teachers here have helped me learn how to manage my time, which has made me a better student."

CALEB DOLAK, CLASS OF 2028



CAMPAIGN GOALS

TIER 1: CELEBRATION GOAL | \$1.75 million



ADD A CATERING KITCHEN | \$550,000

LHS 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. All that is about to change. We will renovate the storage area adjacent to the Commons into a fully equipped catering kitchen. This will allow us to provide a variety of fresh hot meals, cold sandwiches, salads, and nutritious grab-and-go options. We also will be better equipped to serve food at special events on campus.



UPGRADE 9 CLASSROOMS & SCIENCE LABS | \$950,000

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



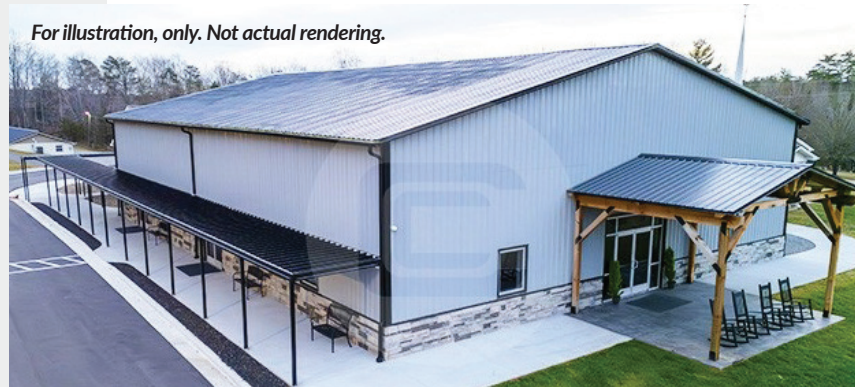
TRANSFORM THE COMMONS | \$250,000

We will transform the Commons into a dynamic space for worship, performances, and gatherings, enriching the spiritual and creative life of our school. Worship is central to our community's spiritual growth, while the growing interest in theatre and music presents exciting opportunities for more performances. By upgrading the lighting and sound in the Commons, we will create a more engaging and welcoming environment for both worship and the performing arts. This project reflects our commitment to nurturing faith, creativity, and community.

TIER 2: CHALLENGE GOAL | \$3.15 million

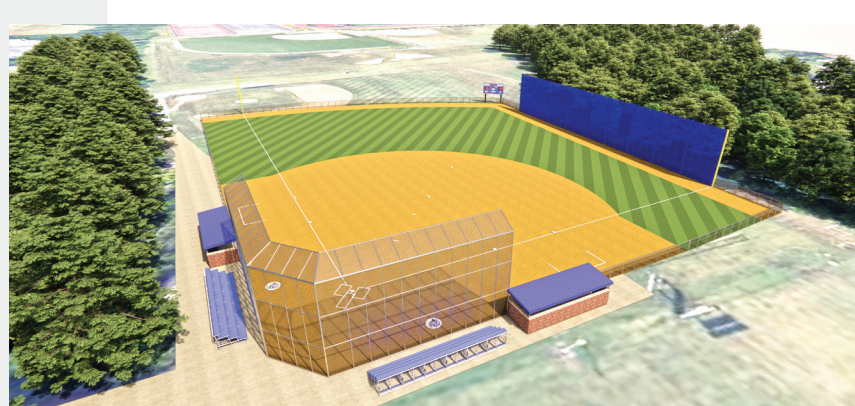
BUILD A MULTI-PURPOSE CENTER | \$2.25 million

As our student population grows, so do our programs. With more than 22 curricular and extracurricular activities, plus numerous clubs and events, our students need more space to learn, practice, and compete. This new facility will expand our indoor practice areas for robotics, dance, cheer, wrestling, basketball, softball, baseball, soccer, tennis, golf, volleyball, and track & field, while also providing flexible space for school programs and events. With our current facilities at full capacity, this addition will ease scheduling conflicts and ensure that our students have the facility they need to thrive.



PHASE 1 OF IMPROVEMENTS TO BASEBALL/ SOFTBALL FIELDS | \$900,000

In the first phase of our baseball/softball field complex upgrades, we will enhance safety, functionality, and the overall experience for players and spectators. A new backstop and the iconic Blue Monster will define the field while improving protection. Newly constructed dugouts will offer seating, storage, and added safety features for athletes. A modern press box will provide better visibility and comfort for game-day operations. Additionally, upgrades to the surrounding plaza will create a welcoming gathering space for students, families, and visitors.



TIER 3: VICTORY GOAL | \$1.25 million



PHASE 2 OF IMPROVEMENTS TO BASEBALL/ SOFTBALL FIELDS | \$500,000

Our natural grass field is beautiful, but it is challenging to maintain and can limit play and practice. We will install a turf infield that will provide a durable, all-weather surface – ensuring consistent playability, reducing maintenance costs, and allowing for more frequent use of the field.

REPAVE PARKING LOT | \$750,000

Cracks, potholes, and uneven surfaces worsen every winter, creating potentially hazardous driving conditions and leaving a poor impression on visitors. A systematic pavement replacement plan, rather than filling in cracks and patching holes, is a more cost-effective approach over time.





"My wife and I graduated from LHS in the early years, Class of 1990. We were in fact the first class to walk across the stage and receive our diplomas in the 'new' building, completed back in 1989. I can recall being so extremely grateful to finally be in our own building. For over three decades, LHS has impacted my life and the lives of my family. Having three daughters graduate from LHS, I look forward to the day when perhaps my grandkids will walk the halls of LHS.

Although the building has changed, the mission of sharing the Gospel message with students daily has remained constant. As an alum, a parent of alumni, and as an educator serving at LHS, I am humbly grateful to partner with so many in furthering its mission. I can't wait to see what God has planned for the next three decades and beyond!"

DR. JON BERNHARDT, PRINCIPAL



"Attending Lutheran High School has been such a blessing. I love being part of a smaller faith-based community where I feel comfortable discussing my beliefs. This has helped me grow closer to God. The teachers here are not only passionate about education but are also great to talk to. I'm so grateful to go to such a supportive school that guides me academically and spiritually."

CHARLOTTE GLADSTONE, CLASS OF 2027



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How can I participate? Can I pledge over time?

Our campaign offers a wide range of gift opportunities and levels. You may choose a plan that provides you with both flexibility and time to complete the payment of your pledge. Due to the time sensitivity of our needs, we encourage you to complete your pledge within three years.

Is my pledge legally binding? Will it be confidential?

A pledge is a gift, one you consider to be meaningful to you, but is not legally binding. All we ask is that you do your best and advise us of any financial changes that will impact your pledge. We will keep pledges as confidential as possible. Only the business office, responsible for maintaining the records, will have access to your pledge.

How was my request amount determined?

We base our requested amounts on your giving history and the answers you gave in the planning study. The amount is an invitation, not an expectation, to invest in the future of LHS.

Who will be asked to support the campaign?

We are asking parents, alums, area businesses, foundations, and members of our Association churches to consider giving to the campaign.

To what extent are campaign donations tax deductible?

Gifts to the campaign are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law. The application of such laws varies with individual circumstances. Donors with specific questions regarding tax deductibility should contact their attorneys or tax advisors.



NAMING OPPORTUNITIES

In grateful
recognition of
**(YOUR FAMILY
NAME HERE)**

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"LHS is a very special place. When I first came here, I felt extremely welcomed by the teachers and staff. With the safe environment at the school, I have been able to express myself with my faith freely. The faculty use a variety of ways to teach, which has been extremely beneficial to my learning experience."

PROMYSS WOLFE, CLASS OF 2027

PROJECT	COST
Science Lab (2) <i>Legacy Name</i>	\$150,000
Furniture (2)	\$20,000
Lab equipment (2)	\$30,000
AV System (2)	\$10,000
Room Finishing Upgrades (2)	\$15,000
Classroom (7) <i>Legacy Name</i>	\$30,000
Furniture (7)	\$20,000
AV System (7)	\$10,000
Commons <i>Legacy Name</i>	\$500,000
Lighting System	\$25,000
Sound System	\$25,000
Green Room left or right (2)	\$50,000
Stage Extensions (5)	\$10,000
Tech Booth	\$25,000
Screen Projectors (2)	\$10,000
Black Box Stage	\$50,000
Kitchen <i>Legacy Name</i>	\$550,000
Self-serve station (5)	\$20,000
Menu display board (2)	\$10,000
Kiosk (2)	\$10,000
Warming oven (2)	\$10,000
Serving station	\$15,000
Storage Cooler	\$15,000
Baseball/Softball Field <i>Legacy Name</i>	\$900,000
Backstop	\$150,000
Blue Monster	\$150,000
Dugout (2)	\$100,000
Press box/plaza	\$400,000
Multipurpose Center	\$2.25 million



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To GIVE

As we step forward in faith to enrich our future, we ask you to consider making an initial 10% payment toward your pledge, which will help us begin this important work right away. Every contribution, no matter the size, brings us closer to making this vision a reality.

We are deeply grateful for your generosity. Our capital campaign pledge period spans three years, allowing you to give in a way that best fits your budget and financial situation. One-time donations also are welcome. There are many ways to give:

CASH OR CHECK: Cash or check contributions are accepted. We can easily set up automatic withdrawals,* ensuring you will never forget your pledge.

CREDIT CARD: We accept one-time or recurring payments by credit card.*

SECURITIES: Stocks, bonds, or mutual fund shares that have appreciated can have an immediate impact on our campaign and may create an income-tax deduction for you based on their current value.*

**Our business office will help you set up these payments or gifts.*

LIFE INSURANCE: You may donate to the campaign by making Lutheran High School the beneficiary of your insurance policy.

PLANNED GIFTS: Planned gifts can be made via bequests by will or living trust or beneficiary benefits from IRAs, pensions, or financial accounts.

MATCHING GIFTS: Many companies offer matching gift programs for employees that will allow you to maximize your giving potential. For information and required forms, check with your company's human resources department.

BUDGETING YOUR GIFT OVER THREE YEARS

TOTAL GIFT	INITIAL 10% INVESTMENT	REMAINING BALANCE	MONTHLY	QUARTERLY	SEMI-ANNUAL	ANNUAL
\$500,000	\$50,000	\$450,000	\$12,500	\$37,500	\$75,000	\$150,000
\$250,000	\$25,000	\$225,000	\$6,250	\$18,750	\$37,500	\$75,000
\$150,000	\$15,000	\$135,000	\$3,750	\$11,250	\$22,500	\$45,000
\$100,000	\$10,000	\$90,000	\$2,500	\$7,500	\$15,000	\$30,000
\$75,000	\$7,500	\$67,500	\$1,875	\$5,625	\$11,250	\$22,500
\$50,000	\$5,000	\$45,000	\$1,250	\$3,750	\$7,500	\$15,000
\$25,000	\$2,500	\$22,500	\$625	\$1,875	\$3,750	\$7,500
\$15,000	\$1,500	\$13,500	\$375	\$1,125	\$2,250	\$4,500
\$10,000	\$1,000	\$9,000	\$250	\$750	\$1,500	\$3,000
\$5,000	\$500	\$4,500	\$125	\$375	\$750	\$1,500
\$3,000	\$300	\$2,700	\$75	\$225	\$450	\$900
\$1,000	\$100	\$900	\$25	\$75	\$150	\$300

Campaign Prayer

Heavenly Father, You call and empower Your people into compassionate service and faithfulness. As we embark on enriching the future of Lutheran High School through this campaign, we humbly seek Your guidance and blessings. Open our hearts to the needs of our community. Inspire us to use our gifts and talents to make this campus a house of wisdom and a home where students come to love You as they *Grow and Serve in Christ*. May we grow in our faith through this journey, trusting in Your goodness, particularly as it is shown through the generosity of Your people. Grant us wisdom in planning, courage in action, and a spirit of unity as we work together to build up your kingdom, *Empowered by Christ to Enrich our Future*.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

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Dr. Doug Kuhlmann
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"LHS helps me and other students in ways that most schools don't. At Morning Devotions, the whole school gathers in unity and hears a message that takes our minds off any stress and sets it on God. During Small Group, we get to spend time with different teachers and students from other classes. Our Wednesday Chapel has shown me how important it is to gather as one and give praise and thanks to God. I feel like my academic life has really benefited from my faith life, as well as support from the faculty."

CHARLIE BENNETT, CLASS OF 2025



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