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Lift High The Cross

Not only is "Lift High the Cross" one of the hymns in the mission section of Christian Worship, but it also sums up the imperative of the Great Commission to preach the Gospel. Since its inception in 1957, Luther High School has been privileged to "Lift High the Cross" by "Keeping Christ in Higher Education." A Christ-centered focus in curriculum, co-curricular activities and visual evidence both inside and outside the school building bear testimony to that commitment. Since the beginning of the 1959-60 school year, the illuminated cross above the front doors of Luther High School has been a focal point of the campus.

"Lift High the Cross" now has added significance for Luther High School. This is the theme of the current building project which will include a chapel / auditorium, three additional classrooms and perhaps several smaller projects as God grants sufficient funding. How appropriate that the effort to provide a place which will be the focal point of our student body worship and sacred concerts be proposed under the

theme, "Lift High the Cross." While the estimated cost of this project is between \$1.8 and \$2 million, the Lord has already provided significant financial blessings. Currently there is over \$425,000 in the bank for this purpose and a gift of \$1.1 million is coming in January of 2013! More detailed plans and subsequent approval by the Conference of Delegates will determine a date for ground breaking.

To assist with that planning, you are invited to complete a brief survey available on Luther's website at www.luther.k12.wi.us. Your input will help us prioritize our needs and assist in determining the most effective way to communicate the needs and progress of this project. If you have any questions or have additional suggestions, please feel free to call Paul Wichmann (608-783-5435) or Steve Loehr (608-783-8832). Please join us as we pray for God's guidance, direction and blessing in this special effort to "Lift High the Cross."

Self-Study Thank You

A special thank you certainly is extended to the sixty-eight people who served with various members of the Luther High faculty on seventeen different committees for an extensive self-study at Luther High School. Your gift of time and talents is indeed a blessing for which Luther High School extends sincere thanks to you and gratitude to God.

Over the past several months, in addition to evaluating 246 standards covering topics that ranged from "The School's Mission and Its Implementation" to "Curriculum" and "School Climate", they conducted numerous interviews and implemented several topic specific surveys. For each standard the committees had to determine whether Luther High School 1) fully met, 2) partially met or 3) did not meet that particular standard. At the conclusion of their review of the specific area they evaluated, each committee identified 1) strengths, 2) weaknesses, 3) improvement steps already being taken and 4) had an opportunity to make recommendations.

The self-study process is not complete with the conclusion of the committees work. After the various committee reports are

uniformly formatted and all the support documents have been organized, plans will be made to have a visitation team review the compiled reports and schedule an on-site visit during the 2011-12 school year.

So why go to all that bother? Essentially the four benefits of the self study and subsequent accreditation are:

- Helps the school recognize and maintain the multitude of blessings it has received from God
- Helps the school identify which areas need improvement so that we can better serve God, the Association congregations, and the community
- Involves a large number of people who are interested in the school's ministry and thus increase their knowledge and understanding of the school
- Provides quality assurance based on nationally recognized standards of excellence

We are most grateful to all who served on the committees, provided input from interviews and participated in the surveys. We pray that God blesses this effort.

New Beginning For Faithful Servants

The conclusion of the 2010-11 school year marks a new beginning for three of Luther High School's faculty members.

With the acceptance of the divine Call extended to him to serve at Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School, Mr. Nate Amundson concluded 13 years of service in Luther High School's elementary school band program. God's blessings on his efforts were certainly evident in the performances of the concert band, marching band, jazz band, WSMA participation and participating in the worship services of Association congregations. We pray that God continues to bless Mr. Amundson and his family as they transition to the Milwaukee area and in his work at Kettle Moraine.

Mrs. Mary Wessel, who had been serving as the study hall supervisor, accepted new instructional responsibilities for the 2010-11 school year. As God blessed us with a freshmen class of 81, it was necessary to add more sections of freshmen classes. Mrs. Wessel taught two sections of freshmen English to help meet that instructional need. Another adjustment to teaching responsibilities resulted in the need for a director of

the Cantate Choir. Mrs. Wessel also faithfully served in this capacity as well. Adjustments of teaching responsibilities for the coming school year and Mr. Dan Larson's acceptance of the Call to serve in the Lutheran elementary school band program and direct the Cantate Choir will meet Luther High School's instructional needs for the coming school year. Mrs. Wessel has been a strong addition to the Luther High's staff. May God bless her future service in the Lord's kingdom.

Pastor Mark Bartling, who had served on Luther High's faculty from 1974 to 1987, accepted a one-year Call to serve as an instructor for a section of two freshmen classes, Western Civilization and Gospels. Luther High School was indeed blessed to have Pastor Bartling provides Christ-centered instruction in these two classes. Though officially retired, we pray that God continues to strengthen Pastor Bartling and provide opportunities to serve His Lord.

We thank these faithful servants for their service to our Lord at Luther High School and pray that God continues to bless and keep them.

Remembering Our Loved Ones

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