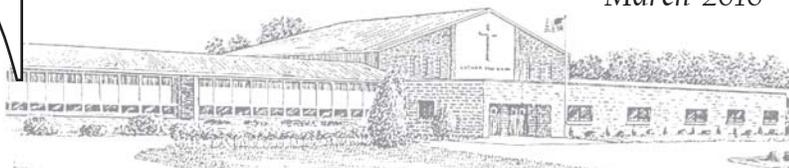
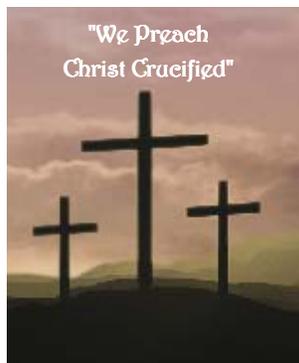


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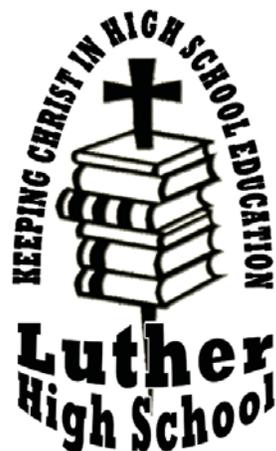
A monthly newsletter for parents of Luther High School students



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Upcoming Events

The **LHS Drama Department** will be presenting "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers". Enjoy performances on Friday, March 11 at 7:00 p.m., Saturday, March 12 at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday March 13 at 2:00 p.m.

Please join us on Tuesday, March 22 in the ACE gymnasium for the **Music Department's Easter Concert**. The theme for the concert is the same as our school year theme,

"We Preach Christ Crucified." 1 Corinthians 1:23.

If you are a senior heading to Florida for the class trip, your balance for payment should be \$100 or less. Final payment is due on March 16. Permission forms will be coming home this week and are due back on March 8. Four weeks to departure!

The Big Knight

Be sure to register for The Big Knight - A Knight in the Old West! Reservations are filling up quickly so don't miss out! You can access online registration on Luther's website (www.lutherhigh.org). Some of the highlights of this year's auction...

- **Apple Watch** - Have the latest technology right on your wrist! Receive and respond to notifications in an instant. Track your daily activity. Control your music using only your voice. Pay for groceries just like that. Donated by Steve & Cheryl Loehr.
- **Getaway in the Cities** - Enjoy dinner, theater & hotel in downtown Minne-

apolis! Donated by Interstate Roofing.

- **Mathews Halon 6 Compound Bow** - Rock solid & dead quiet, the all new 2016 Halon 6 is the hardest hitting flagship bow to date! Donated by Mathews Archery Inc.
- **Hand-made Amish Rockers** - These are the most comfortable rockers you will ever sit in! Feel free to try them out in Mr. Wichmann's office any time! Made in the Cashton area. Donated by Jerry & Kathy Krajewski.

Join us on Friday, April 15 at The Cargill Room at The Waterfront for these items & many more!



Chili Cook-off

What a great turn-out we had for the Chili Cook-off! Thanks to all who helped and all who attended! The Chili was GREAT and it was a close battle with the seniors beating the sophomores by one vote! Great job everyone! The event raised \$1,258.03! What a blessing!

Class of 2020

We are pleased to report that 49 incoming students have applied to Luther High School! What a blessing that so many families are taking advantage of the Christian Education that is offered! If you have any questions about registering at Luther please contact the front office at 608-783-5435.

International Students

Luther High School is asking WELS families to consider hosting an international student for future school years. International students are considered part of the family and are subject to host family rules/expectations. To assist with the costs associated with hosting an international student, the host family receives \$5000 for room & board. The host family also receives \$2500 in tuition credit to be used for a current student or should that not be a need for the host family, those funds will be directed to tuition assistance. For more information or to indicate your willingness to serve as a host family in the future, please contact Mr. Wichmann at 608-783-5435 x100. Thank you for considering this opportunity.

Luther Knight Football

As the weather improves, the Luther Knight Football Coaching Staff continues to prepare for their upcoming season in the Fall of 2016. We are eagerly looking forward to the summer months to start working with the young men of our Association who have an interest in playing or helping with football. For boys going into 5th – 8th grade, there is a Youth Football Camp (non-padded) being held at Luther High School from June 7 to June 9. The registration deadline is May 20. Brochures are available on Luther's website (www.lutherhigh.org) as well as at Luther High School. Young men (7th – 8th graders) interested in playing Junior Knights Football can also register for the Fall season by May 20. If you have any questions, please contact Matt Schiebel at 608-783-5435 x135 or Curt Greeno at 608-792-4369.

Scrip News

Spring is right around the corner so start thinking of those to-do projects and order Scrip cards ahead of time. Also, don't forget about Scrip cards for Confirmations, Graduations, Weddings or any other special occasion you would need a gift for. If you are not participating in the Scrip program, now would be an excellent time to begin. Signing up is easy and can be done with your first order. There is no minimum or maximum order, no contracts, no fees and no commitment. Scrip cards are available in the office during school hours. Summer hours are every Wednesday morning.



February 25th was an historic night at Luther High School! The night started with details of the proposed building project presented by Excel Engineering - including a virtual walk through of the planned changes. You can watch the virtual tour on Luther's website (www.lutherhigh.org).

A special session of the Conference of Delegates followed with Don Fruit, Chairman of the Building Committee, presenting why we are building and what we are building.

Detailed designs and renderings were presented by Excel Engineering, our Architectural and Engineering Firm for the building project. Catalyst Construction, our Construction Management Firm presented the detailed cost of the three phases of the building project. The cost for Phases I and II is \$7.6 million and the cost for Phase III is \$2.1 million.

Greg Scriver, Co-Chair of the Rise Up and Build Capital Campaign Committee, gave an overview of the past year and updated the COD. In the initial 6 weeks of the silent phase of the capital campaign God has blessed the project with gifts and pledges of \$2.1 million dollars bringing the total to \$3.9 million for the project. The committee will continue the silent phase of the Capital Campaign with the goal of making 200 visits before the public phase begins in May.

Kevin Strangman, who has finance oversight for the Capital Campaign, presented details on how the project would be paid for without affecting the operating budget of the school.

The financial plan utilizes:

- the existing \$3.9 million of known gifts and pledges
- the projected new gifts and pledges
- the recruiting of volunteers and solicitation for gifts in kind to reduce the cost
- the projected construction expense over 10 months for Phases I and II
- a construction loan to bridge any gap if expenses exceed cash on hand

A second 3 year Capital Campaign will follow the current 3 year campaign, if needed, to raise funds for any balance from the construction of Phases I and II and to raise the \$2.1 million for Phase III.

The following motion was presented by Greg Scriver/ Capital Campaign Committee Co-Chair and Don Fruit/ Building Committee Chair: Put Phase I and II of the Rise Up and Build building project at Luther High School out for bid in March of 2016 (cost of \$7.6 million as presented) with the intention of breaking ground in April/May of 2016. Approval of the motion authorizes the Capital Campaign to establish a construction loan if needed.

After constructive discussion the motion was passed by an overwhelming majority.

God has blessed the Rise Up and Build Project and we pray for his continued guidance and blessings as the Capital Campaign completes the silent phase visits and starts the public phase of the campaign.

The time is here to "Rise Up and Build"! To God be the Glory!