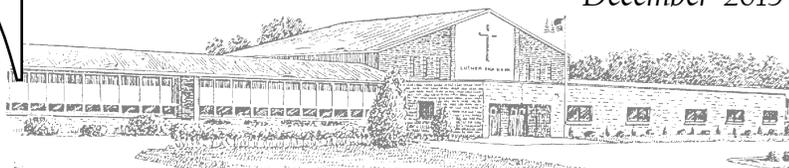
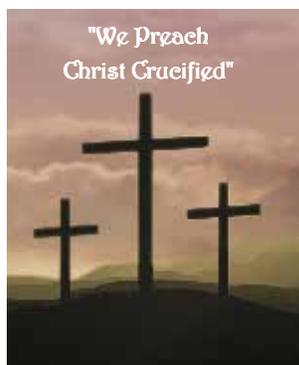


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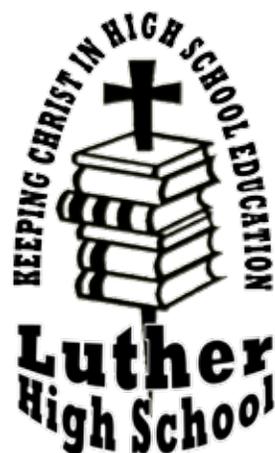
A monthly newsletter for parents of Luther High School students



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Rise Up & Build!

What a wonderful and exciting time for Luther High School! At the November Conference of Delegate's meeting, it was approved to move forward with a multi-million dollar capital campaign to fund a chapel/fine arts building, additional classrooms and extensive renovation projects. This effort is being called Rise Up & Build. We truly have

some exciting and challenging opportunities as we begin a capital campaign! We pray that all of our friends and supporters will be receptive to our message and learn of the many different ways to be involved with the Rise Up & Build campaign.

Merry Christmas!

The faculty and staff of Luther High School wishes Christmas blessings to all of our Luther High families! As we celebrate the joy of Jesus' birth this Christmas, we also celebrate the joy we experience in bringing Jesus



to the students at Luther. We find joy in the opportunity we have to partner with you, the parents and supporters of Luther, to keep Jesus before our students every day. May the joy of this season fill you this year and always! Peace to you in our Savior!

School Closings

The motivation for calling off school is for the safety and protection of our students. However, we cannot know the exact conditions in every part of the area from which our students come. If your child normally drives to school, please remember that riding the school-provided bus transportation is also an option. If you feel that the conditions are unsafe, please keep your child at home. If there is no school, the announcement will be given to the radio and TV stations as soon as possible.

Semester Exams

First semester exams are scheduled for Thursday, December 17 through Tuesday, December 22. If weather conditions cause school to be closed on a scheduled exam day that day's exam schedule will be followed the next scheduled exam day. Should weather conditions cause school to be closed the last day of semester exams, those exams will be administered after the Christmas break.

Holiday Scrip

We know your Christmas shopping and your Scrip buying might not be one size fits all. The good news is, it doesn't have to be! Some people purchase Scrip for bigger purchases like home improvement projects, furnishings, electronics, appliances, trips and vacations. Others order small Scrip denominations, which are ideal for stocking stuffers, small tokens of appreciation and congratulatory gifts. We will have an extra-large amount of gift cards on hand to fill all of your holiday shopping needs! Please keep in mind, the Scrip program will be closing December 22, 2015 for the calendar year. Please plan ahead for your year-end purchases.

TADS Applications

It is time to apply for Tuition Assistance for the 2016-2017 school year. Tuition assistance may be applied for by any WELS members. If you currently have a TADS account for your tuition payments, then you can simply log on to your TADS account and click on the Financial Aid tab to complete the application. If you are new to Luther you can log on to www.mytads.com, click on the "Financial Aid Assessment" tab and create a new account. You can also find a link to TADS on Luther's website. The deadline to file with TADS is February 15, 2016. The application process can be started right now. You can submit an application based on your taxes from 2014 but you will be required to submit current W-2's from 2015 when you have those available. You can contact TADS for assistance at 800-477-8237 Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. They are also available by live chat on the TADS website or email at support@tads.com. If you have any other questions, please do not hesitate to contact Nancy Rieck, Luther's Financial Manager, at 608-783-5435 x108 or riecnanc@luther.k12.wi.us.

The Big Knight

The Big Knight is an annual dinner/auction fundraiser that benefits tuition assistance and special projects at Luther High School. The event is a great opportunity to meet new people, have a fun night out and support the students of Luther High!

The success of this event is dependent on all of the selfless volunteers, the amazing donations and the wonderful guests that attend the event! If you would like to help with this year's event, donate something, or attend the event please contact Mary Bilitz at 608-783-5435 x110 or bilimary@luther.k12.wi.us.

Please save the date and join us on April 15, 2016 for "A Knight In The Wild West!"

Christian Counseling

Please take note of the enclosed information on FREE Christian counseling that is offered to Luther High students through Wisconsin Lutheran Child & Family Services. What a blessing that this service is available to us!

Music Concerts

The Concert Choir will appear at the WXOW Holiday Concert at Viterbo College on Monday, December 7th. Watch for the rebroadcast of this concert on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day! The Music Department will present a Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 13th at 2:00 p.m. This concert will feature the Concert Choir, Cantate Choir, Sound Foundation, Handbells and Concert Band. Everyone is welcome to attend. This year's theme is "A King Is Born!"

Senior Class Trip

Just a friendly reminder to all of the seniors that the first payment for the class trip is due on December 15. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Loersch at 608-783-5435 x129 or loermark@luther.k12.wi.us.

Bible Study Opportunities

January marks the start of an area Bible class hosted by the La Crosse Coulee Region chapter of WELS Kingdom Workers. These Bible classes will be held in the Commons at Luther High School on the four Wednesdays of January at 7:15 p.m. The general theme for this year is: *Watch your life and doctrine closely*. The dates and topics are as follows:

January 6 - Leaving a gay lifestyle for God's grace.

January 13 - What the Bible says about marriage, divorce and remarriage.

January 20 - The Conclusion to the Sermon on the Mount (judging others, prayer, false teachers).

January 27 - Luther in Mid-career (1530-1537), building the church.

Join us as often as you can!



LUTHER HIGH SCHOOL

Keeping Christ in High School Education

12/7/2015

Dear LHS parents,

We know that going to high school involves many changes, like personal, cognitive, and spiritual growth; developing relationships; and growing in identity and purpose. There are times when it might be helpful for students to talk with someone about these changes.

Christian counseling services available through Luther

To help students navigate these changes, Luther is partnering with WLCFS-Christian Family Solutions to provide Christian counseling services to our students. All of the professional mental health counselors at WLCFS are certified and licensed in a wide variety of specialty areas. Services are provided to students via a secure video connection, right from a private area at school or from home, using a computer, tablet, or other mobile device.

Available services

WLCFS counselors can help students with a wide variety of issues, such as depression/anxiety, problems with alcohol/drugs, relationships, cutting/self-harm, body image issues, and stress management. Students interested in meeting with a counselor through WLCFS will need parental consent.

Cost of services

WLCFS-Christian Family Solutions will offer short-term counseling services to students at no cost. Recommendations will be given to parents if more care is needed.

Requesting/receiving services

Counseling services through WLCFS can be requested by contacting Pastor Jon Bilitz. You can also contact WLCFS by calling 800.438.1772.

Interested in helping?

WLCFS-Christian Family Solutions provides short-term counseling services to students at any WELS high school or prep school. Generous donors provide the funding needed to bring access to Christian counseling services through the Teens 4 Teens endowment effort. If you would like to help bring these critical services to our school and others across the country, please call 888.685.9522, visit www.ChristianFamilySolutions.org, or watch this short video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iMDaK5PwY80>.

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