

# WARRIOR NEWS

FALL 2018

LINCOLN LUTHERAN 2017-2018 ANNUAL REPORT

Dear Warrior Family and Friends,

Another successful school year in the books! In May, forty-three more students graduated from Lincoln Lutheran with a Christ-centered education! That brings the total number of graduates to 1,001 high school graduates and 976 junior high graduates.

My favorite questions to ask while visiting with people are “What is your life story?” and “What is your Lincoln Lutheran story?”

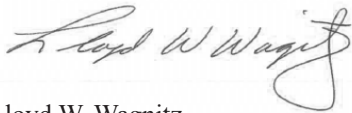
Last spring I told my story of coaching basketball through emails leading up to the Gala. This past summer, I reflected on a story in my life that happened ten years ago on July 7. God changed my life and career by orchestrating the Guinness World Record Longest Basketball Game of 77 hours 7 minutes 7 seconds. The game ended at 7:07 pm on July 7 and raised \$77,777.77!

Through this event, God led me to change from a banking career of 30 years and join school ministries to build relationships and raise necessary funds to make a difference in the lives of young men and women. Since the event, I have gained the confidence to speak in front of others and share my faith.

I would love to hear the story of your life and Lincoln Lutheran. What does Lincoln Lutheran mean to you?

My prayer for the upcoming year is to continue visiting with each of you and share stories. The stories of Lincoln Lutheran are an encouragement for past, current and future families.

Encouraging through Christ,



Lloyd W. Wagnitz  
Director of Ministry Advancement

*2018-2019 Theme Verse*

*“Therefore encourage on another and build one another up, just as you are doing.”  
1 Thessalonians 5:11*

## OUR MISSION

Equip young people to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ by providing an excellent, Christ-centered education.

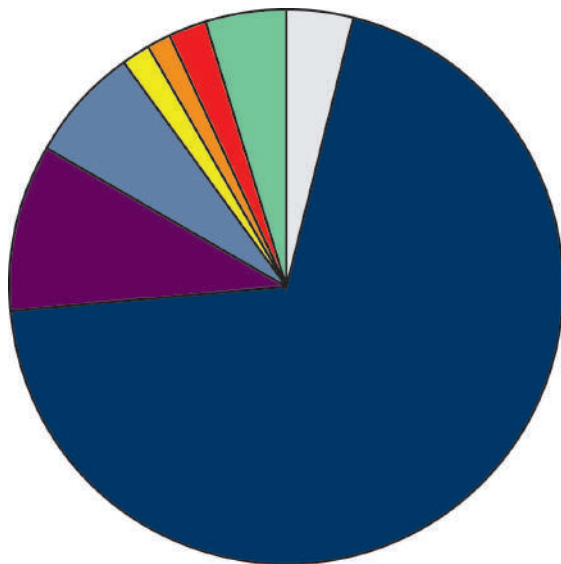


Class of 2019 - Last 1st day at Lincoln Lutheran

## FUNDRAISING RESULTS

Thank you to all of our generous donors who supported the Lincoln Lutheran ministry in 2017-2018, raising a total of \$919,166.92. Our ministry would not exist without your generosity. This year's fundraising highlights include:

Lutheran Education Foundation		Lincoln Lutheran	
Campaign	(raised \$640,277)	Activities	(\$36,644)
Annual Gala	(raised \$89,407)	Thrivent Choice & SCRIP	(\$13,280)
Scholarships	(raised \$63,264)	Other	(\$42,454)
General	(raised \$13,706)		
Warrior Classic Golf Tournament	(raised \$20,135)		



### SOLICITATIONS

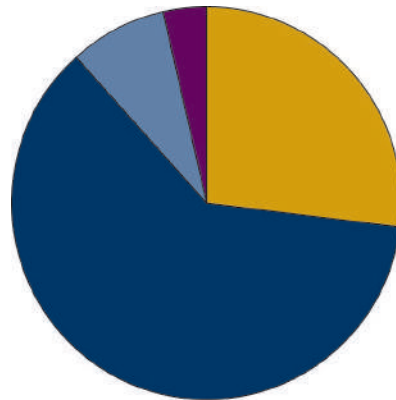
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- Thrivent Choice & SCRIP
- Foundation General
- Warrior Classic Golf Tournament
- Other

# LLSA OPERATIONAL BUDGET

Lincoln Lutheran Middle/High School receives no money from local, state or federal taxes for general operations. Lincoln Lutheran relies on tuition income, congregational support and annual contributions to meet operating expenses. Tuition and fees cover approximately 60% of the cost to educate a student at Lincoln Lutheran. Association Churches provide an additional 28% through assessments and tuition support. Each year we rely on charitable giving to bridge the gap between revenue and expenses. In 2017-18, \$233,911 was raised to directly support operations. The additional dollars given by the friends of our ministry (represented on previous page) went to support special needs and projects throughout the school.

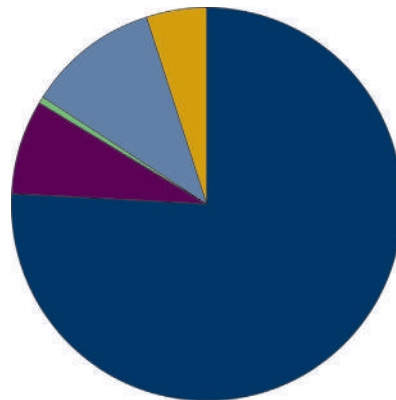
## REVENUE

- Congregational Support: \$775,257
- Tuition: \$1,757,532
- Fund Development: \$233,911
- Other: \$98,860



## EXPENSES

- Payroll: \$2,172,339
- Professional Expenses: \$140,883
- Professional Development: \$12,030
- Operations: \$310,284
- Debt Service: \$219,696



# SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS ESTABLISHED

Each year the Lutheran Education Foundation awards scholarships to attend Lincoln Lutheran and for LL graduating Seniors to go to college. Funds for these scholarships are made available by many generous donations to scholarship funds to be disbursed or endowed scholarship funds providing scholarships from the earnings of the fund.

For the 2018-19 school year, Lutheran Education Foundation awarded 40 Lincoln Lutheran scholarships totaling over \$38,000 and 19 scholarships to attend college of nearly \$15,000.

*“Christ-centered education is extremely important to us as parents. Allowing our children to be taught by faith-filled teachers and learn in an environment where they can grow in their knowledge of the Lord is an absolute priority. Nothing matters more to us than the development of our children’s relationship with their Savior. You have assisted us and enabled us to keep our kids at Lincoln Lutheran.”*

*Parents of two Lincoln Lutheran students*

## **Lincoln Lutheran Scholarships**

Allen Scholarship  
Board of Director Scholarship  
Deterding Memorial Scholarship  
Founders Scholarship  
Giger Scholarship  
Heibel Scholarship  
Keaton Klein Memorial  
Lohrberg Memorial Scholarship  
Tewes Scholarship  
Vostrez Memorial Scholarship  
Warrior Scholarship

## **Scholarships to Attend College**

Michael C. Breckel Memorial Scholarship  
Bryan Health Scholarship  
Eberhard Scholarship  
Further the Kingdom Scholarship  
Lootnjer Memorial Scholarship  
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Paschold Scholarship  
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Wurm Memorial Scholarship

If you are interested in enhancing our scholarship fund through a donation or planned gift, call Lloyd Wagnitz at 402-467-5404.

# LEGACY SOCIETY

The Legacy Society is an honorary group with a passion for Christian education. The Lutheran Education Foundation is grateful for your generous intentions and plans to impact Christ-centered education in the future. Those who have chosen to be recognized have done so for the purpose of encouraging others to discover their legacy of generosity.

Funds received to date - \$1,094,622.07

Potential Gifts in the Future - \$2,207,550

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\*Members called home to be with their Lord

(class year of LL Alumni)

# WELCOME OUR NEW TEACHERS!

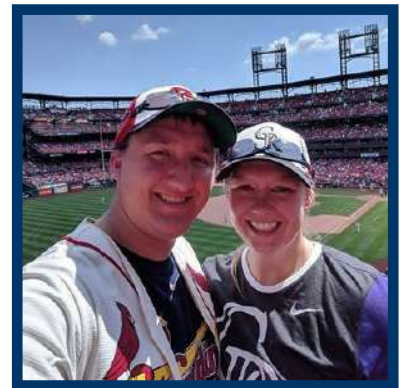


**Miss Hillary Snyder - English Teacher for Grades 7, 10 and 11**

Hillary graduated in the winter of 2013 from Concordia University Nebraska. Her appreciation of and love toward people from other cultures led her to consider mission work while studying at Concordia. Despite preparing for work in a Spanish speaking country, God led her to Asia. She did some student teaching at Concordia International School - Shanghai, where she fell in love with the Asian cultures and cuisines. After graduating, she worked for a few months in Japan teaching English as a Foreign Language in Japanese grade schools before accepting a position at Logos International School in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. While there, she grew to love the Cambodian people and countryside, all the while running around Cambodia and sharing her passion for poetry and writing with her students. However, midwest roots run deep. She decided to move back to the states to be closer to family (and less stressful traffic) and is excited to see what God has in store for her at Lincoln Lutheran this year!

**Mr. Zachary Kollbauh - Math Teacher**

Zach graduated from Concordia University in Seward, NE in 2016 and that same summer married his wife Clarissa, who also graduated from Concordia. Upon graduation, he and his wife packed up and moved to Florida where they both taught at Grace Lutheran School in Winter Haven. He taught math and social studies during his two years in Florida. When Lincoln Lutheran offered him a call, he and his wife were happy to accept and be back in the Midwest and closer to family. Zach and his wife have two dogs and are always trying to stay active. Zach will be teaching Algebra II, Geometry, and 7th grade math.



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## RETIRING TEACHER



**Mr. Mark D. Watton - Math Instructor 2016-2018**

“I spent 30 years teaching in a public school, so when I got the opportunity to teach at Lincoln Lutheran, I was very excited. After two and a half years at Lincoln Lutheran, I am still excited about what this school has to offer. My wife and I will be moving to Omaha this summer and that is the only reason I won’t be able to continue teaching at LL. The family atmosphere that you feel each day at LL makes it a very special place. The students really enjoy going to school and the teachers are willing to make many sacrifices to help each and every student who walks through the doors. I remember last year at graduation how many students I heard make nothing but positive comments about how much they were going to miss Lincoln Lutheran. Several students told me they felt like Lincoln Lutheran saved them from dropping out of school and possibly going down the

wrong road in their life! The teachers and administrators all take the time necessary to make the students feel at home and feel like it is a safe place where they can express their feelings and know that they are being listened to. Kids will be kids, but these students will take responsibility for their actions and know they will be forgiven both by the school and their Heavenly Father if they mess up and make poor decisions. The bond that is made here between students and teachers will last a lifetime. Earlier this year during Lutheran schools week, there were several alumni that came back to speak and I remember feeling so emotional about the things they had to say. All of them talked about how the school had done so many good things for them and the confidence they felt when they graduated. They knew they were ready and able to handle life after high school and that many of the friends they had in high school would be friends for their lifetime!”

Lincoln Lutheran and Lutheran Education Foundation gratefully acknowledges gifts received July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. Please note that any omission was of the pen and not of the heart.

Your continued support of Christian education is greatly appreciated. To find out how your gracious gifts can make an impact, give us a call at 402-467-5404.

Thank you!

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 Kisker, Mark  
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 In Memory of Donald O. Harms  
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**FIRST HIGH SCHOOL CLASS CELEBRATES**



12 members of the first Lincoln Lutheran High School graduating class (1998) gathered at the school on July 14, 2018 to celebrate their 20th year.

# NOW THROUGH ETERNITY UPDATE

The Now Through Eternity comprehensive campaign began July 2016 to fund projects not covered by tuition. The generous donations through the campaign are maximizing our ministry to students and keeping outstanding education accessible to as many families as possible.

## WHAT HAS ALREADY BEEN ACCOMPLISHED

- Debt reduced by nearly \$150,000
- More than \$225,000 raised in scholarship endowments
- Funding of Media Center enhancements complete
- Funding of Programming Fund is complete (summer programming and to create new and emerging education innovations)
- More than \$1,850,000 has been committed
- More than \$1,200,000 in future gifts through planned gifts
- Warriors Center for Athletic Performance is complete!

**Future commitments to the campaign will help complete funds not fully funded:**

- Debt Reduction Fund
- Maintenance Needs Fund
- Elementary Endowment Fund
- Capital Upgrades Fund



*Campaign Celebration Event - October 27, 2018*  
*Watch for more details*



August 17, 2018 - Dedication

# SECOND SEMESTER IN REVIEW

## JANUARY 2018



January started a new year and a chance to come back rested and ready for second semester.

National Lutheran Schools week was January 22–26th. We joined with Lutheran Schools across the nation to celebrate the blessing of being an LCMS school. Each day of the week featured a theme selected by our Student Council. On Tuesday, January 23rd, Lincoln Lutheran hosted an All Lutheran School Chapel that was attended by over 800 students, teachers and parents.

The January schedule was packed with games for all teams including a LIT Championship for the girls basketball team.

## MARCH 2018

March 23rd was the annual Lincoln Lutheran Gala, live and silent auction. There were 406 guests and volunteers celebrating Lutheran Education.

Silent auction items were bid on through mobile bidding software by using phones and iPads. Over \$116,000 was raised through the auction, games and Scholarship Ask.



Randy and Charlene Wilcox received the 2018 Lincoln Lutheran Shield of Faith Award.

Mark and Kathie Divine received the Founders Award. These awards recognize ways in which these individuals have worked to enhance the ministry of Lincoln Lutheran and Lutheran education to the community of Lincoln.

Praise HIM for all His Glory!

## APRIL 2018



Twenty-five students performed and produced the middle school drama production of *Once Upon A Time Retold*. Three performance times were offered during Friday, April 13th through Sunday, April 15th.

## MAY 2018

On May 20th, 44 Seniors participated in commencement at Lincoln Lutheran. What a joyous time for these students and families! The senior class chose Isaiah 64:8, “Yet you, Lord are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand.”



Picture courtesy of Anderson Studio

Our thoughts and prayers go with these young people as they continue to serve Christ.



On May 15th over 200 3rd-5th graders from the four Lutheran Elementary Schools participated in the “Champions in Christ” track meet at Concordia University, Seward, NE

On May 22nd the high school girls track team took runner-up at the State Competition for Class C.



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### September 2018

9/06 Grandparents' Day

9/21 Homecoming Tailgate

### October 2018

10/01 Warrior Classic Golf  
Tournament

10/27 - Campaign Celebration

### March 2019

3/22 Gala

## YEARS OF SERVICE IN THE MINISTRY

Katie Bockelman - 25 years to the Church and Lincoln Lutheran

Chris Deeter - 15 years of service to Lincoln Lutheran

Lisa McHargue - 5 years of service to the Church

Jeff Rickords - 5 years of service to Lincoln Lutheran

Lloyd Sommerer - 20 years of service to the Church

Sue Ziegler - 30 years of service to the Church

Julie Frederick - 5 years of service to Lincoln Lutheran

Matt Heibel - 10 years of service to Lincoln Lutheran

Lori Townsend - 5 years of service to Lincoln Lutheran

Doug Wiemer - 15 years of service to Lincoln Lutheran

Kara Eitzmann - 10 years of service to Lincoln Lutheran

## LINCOLN LUTHERAN MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

Scott Ernstmeyer, Executive Director

Julie Frederick, Guidance Director

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Joel Brase, Assistant Principal  
and Activities Director

Lloyd Wagnitz, Director  
of Ministry Advancement