

March 18, 2020

## **25<sup>th</sup> Gala Announcement**

Due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, we have made changes to our largest event of the year. There will be no live event at Embassy Suites this year and we are planning on streaming the event. Thank you to Phil Grimpo at Inspirmidia Productions for assisting us in making this a reality!

Our goal is to help you have an evening of fun and give you a break from all the news surrounding the virus. The Gala is our largest event of the year and is a great time for social networking and raising funds for support of our Lincoln Lutheran students.

The streaming will be held on March 27, 2020 from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

The HandBid app we have been using the past three years will allow you to

- Bid on silent and live auctions items
- Buy golden tickets
- Participate in the card wall and wine/bourbon pull. You will purchase through HandBid and the following week come to the school office and pick your card, wine, or bourbon the same way you would have at the live event

*Please watch email, Facebook, and Lincoln Lutheran communications  
for any updates and connection to the Live Stream.*

### **\*\*\*IMPORTANT HandBid Announcement - Please complete by March 25, 2020\*\*\***

In order to verify HandBid works and you have a positive experience:

- Delete HandBid app from last year (if you have already used HandBid for 2020 and can see auction items, you can skip the following steps)
- Notify Kristin at [kbennett@lincolnlutheran.org](mailto:kbennett@lincolnlutheran.org) or call 402-467-5404 and inform us HandBid has been deleted on your phone
- You will receive login instructions from HandBid
- Please follow instruction and login to HandBid and make sure you can see auction items for Gala 2020

**Please** let us know if you are still having any issues with HandBid **by March 25, 2020**. We will not have students available the night of the 27<sup>th</sup> to assist with technical issues.

## **Everyone can bid on March 27th**

If you were not going to be able to attend or would like to participate in the auction, you can now participate by going to this link: <https://handbid.app.link/LEF2020>

Click **Register** above picture  
Enter information and click **Register**

### **LIVE AUCTION**

Live auction items will be in groups of 5 for 10 minutes per group.

Announcement will be made by emcee, Jeff Rickords, when bidding is open for each group of five.

Description of live auction items can be seen on HandBid or <https://5il.co/duq4>

### **SILENT AUCTION**

We will have silent auction items to bid on through HandBid as in the past. The HandBid app includes a description of the item. Silent auction bidding will start at 8 a.m. on March 27th and end at 9:30 p.m. on March 27th.

### **TICKET RESERVATIONS AND SALES**

Options available for your ticket reservations/sales

Paid in Advance

1. Donate the amount paid. Fully deductible since there is no meal with ticket
2. Full refund by emailing Lloyd at [lwagnitz@lincolnlutheran.org](mailto:lwagnitz@lincolnlutheran.org) or call 402-467-5404

Reserved tickets/pay at Gala

1. Ticket price can become a fully deductible donation that can be paid through HandBid if you have entered your credit card information in the HandBid app or we will invoice you for the donation
2. Full refund by emailing Lloyd at [lwagnitz@lincolnlutheran.org](mailto:lwagnitz@lincolnlutheran.org) or call 402-467-5404

### **Cash Donations**

Cash donations to support Lincoln Lutheran can be done on HandBid by clicking donate button on top right of HandBid Home screen.

### **Watch Parties**

Some of our attendees are organizing “watch parties” in their home. We urge you to use extreme caution by considering the health conditions of others and comply with CDC guidelines. If you are interested in entertaining some of your friends who are participating in the Gala, please let us know so we will have a list of watch parties. This is a great opportunity to be with people you know and have a fun evening supporting Lutheran education!