# WARRIOR NEWS





A newsletter for alumni, family, and friends of Lincoln Lutheran Middle and Senior High School

Advancement Newsletter | Summer 2023

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#### **ADMINISTRATION**

Scott Ernstmeyer, Executive
Director and Chief
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Sheila Psencik, Head of School
Jemery Geidel, Assistant Head
of School

**Dan Masters**, Activities Director **Julie Frederick**, Guidance Counselor

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Cori Combs, Finance Assistant Sara Starr, Events Director and Advancement Associate

#### MISSION

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

#### LETTER FROM AN ADMINISTRATOR

Dear Warriors,

The school year is in full swing and fall activities have begun. It is a true joy to have students back in the building! The theme for this school year is "Walk in the Light" based on 1 John 1:7.

I've had the opportunity to tour a few caves over the years. For the most part I didn't hike too far and those caves had some form of permanent lighting. A couple of years ago our family had the chance to hike more than a mile into a cave in Oregon. This cave had no light source. I was initially annoyed that we had to pay to rent a couple of flashlights. If you've ever gone deep into a cave, you quickly recognize the importance of having a source of light when there is only darkness around you. Our rented flashlights became much less annoying very quickly.

Our world is full of sin and darkness. It is a darkness that wants to consume us. It seeks to separate us from a God who loves us. The power of light, in a dark cave, is that light always wins over darkness. Jesus is our source of light. When we walk in His light, we have a path that is well-lit. The light of Christ always shines brighter than the darkness of this world.



It is a true blessing to serve in a ministry where we can celebrate the light of Christ and teach students to walk in the true source of light. In this edition of the Warrior News you will have a chance to read about new staff and the great things going on at Lincoln Lutheran. I am so thankful for the teammates I get to serve alongside every day.

Our 2023-2024 enrollment is more than 30 students stronger than originally projected. More and more families are seeking a faith-based education for their children. It is exciting to prepare for the unprecedented growth curve we anticipate facing for the next several years. Your generosity makes it possible for us to grow and thrive! Thank you for such great support of our students and families! We look forward to an amazing year ahead!

Walking in the Light,

Scott Ernstmeyer, Ed.S. Executive Director and Chief Advancement Officer - LLSA & LEF

2023-24 Theme AND Verse



Walk in the Light - 1 John 1:7

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

#### Welcome to our new Faculty and Staff!



**Jeremy Geidel**, M.Ed. Assistant Head of School

Jeremy joins the Lincoln Lutheran administrative team after 24 years at Concordia University Nebraska. During that time, he held various coaching and director roles, all of which put Jeremy in a position to recruit, manage events, lead, build teams and culture, and execute on new initiatives.

As Assistant Head of School, Mr. Geidel will provide leadership in the middle school, assist with school wide student affairs, and support the administrative team where needed.



Dan Masters, M.Ed. Activities Director

Dan joins the Lincoln Lutheran administrative team from the NSAA where he served as Assistant Director for the last eight years. At the NSAA, Dan oversaw high school baseball, softball, music, Unified Sports, and bowling.

Mr. Masters will serve Lincoln Lutheran as Activities Director, overseeing all high school, middle school, and Champions activities programs.



**Sara Starr**Events Director and
Advancement Associate

Sara comes to Lincoln Lutheran from Nelnet, where she focused on Training and Development for the last 11 years. In that role, she focused on team building, professional development, scheduling and event coordination.

Sara will work to organize all Lutheran Education Foundation events, send out communications, and maintain alumni and donor records.



Carolyn Thompson
9th Grade Geography and
Psychology and
Media Center Specialist

Carolyn joins the Lincoln Lutheran faculty after working at Early Head Start for 10 years in various roles including Family Educator, Lead Teacher, and most recently as Early Head Start Home Based Supervisor. While having worked in early childhood, Ms. Thompson has her 7-12 Social Sciences teaching endorsement and a Master's in Educational Psychology.



**Stan Hendricks** High School English

Stan joins the Lincoln Lutheran faculty as a long-term English class substitute after spending some time in retirement following 37 years in education. He spent time as an English teacher, high school principal, and as a superintendent in small Nebraska school districts.

Last year, Mr. Hendricks served as assistant girls golf coach. He is taking over head coach responsibilities for the upcoming season.



**Jean McGill**7th and 8th Grade Pre-Algebra

Jean joins the Lincoln Lutheran faculty with 34 years of teaching experience to teach middle school Pre-Algebra. Ms. McGill is coming to us after spending time in retirement after teaching at Waverly High School where she taught Algebra and Calculus to juniors and seniors.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### September

15 - Homecoming Tailgate29 - Warrior Golf Classicand Fall Break ~ No School

#### October

16 - No School



#### **November**

16 - Grandparents Day20 & 21 - Remote Learning Days22 to 24 - Thanksgiving Break ~No School

#### **December**

25 to Jan 5 - Christmas Break ~ No School

For all events, visit our calendar page: https://www.lincolnlutheran.org/page/calendars

Have you recently moved or experienced a life changing event? Keep us updated by filling out our convenient form with your latest information, using the code provided.



We need your help going virtual with our Advancement Newsletter. Use the Update QR code above to send us your most up to date email address.

#### Opportunities

#### **ALUMNI - SHARE YOUR CAREER STORY!**

We are seeking enthusiastic alumni who are truly passionate about their careers and eager to inspire students with their compelling career stories. If you live or work in or around Lincoln and are willing to come share a couple hours of your time, we'd love to connect and provide more details once program details are finalized.



Reach out today to Jen Duitsman (jduitsman@lincolnlutheran.org) or Sara Starr(sstarr@lincolnlutheran.org) and we'll add your name to the list to receive those finalized details.

#### **CALLING VOLUNTEERS!**

As we continue to create an enriching and supportive environment for our students, we invite you to be an integral part of this journey by volunteering with us. At Lincoln Lutheran, we believe that the collective efforts of our community play a vital role in shaping the experiences of our students. By volunteering, you contribute not only your time but also your unique skills and perspectives.

Here are some ways you can get involved:

 Volunteer your time at the Warrior Classic, coming up on September 29th. Use this QR Code to sign-up for any one of our open spots (hole spotting, lunch serving, etc.):



 Use this QR Code to add your name to a volunteer list for the spring Gala, happening March 15, 2023. Look for communications later this fall:



If you are a current Lincoln Lutheran parent, volunteer opportunities for things like sporting events are shared in the weekly school newsletter.

#### NEW STEM PROGRAM AVAILABLE, FALL 2023!

Chris Deeter is leading Lincoln Lutheran's first STEM Experience class this fall. Mr. Deeter's class is open to 10th-12th graders interested and meet the prerequisite requirement of having taken Biology. The class focus is on STEM curriculum, utilizing basic ideas from physical science, biology, forensic science, robotics, and engineering.

Students in STEM Experience will use creative problem solving and team collaboration to find solutions to problems they are presented with, such as creating a farm on Mars.

STEM programs are focused on using science, technology, engineering, and math to put critical thinking stills to the test to problem-solve. Students who have the opportunity to participate in STEM programs are primed to be the next generation of innovators.

#### SUMMER CAMPS AT LINCOLN LUTHERAN

Our high schoolers can have a lot on their plates, but we had 18 Warriors and 4 special young adult guests spend hours volunteering to help at Discovery Camps at Lincoln Lutheran this summer! These amazing volunteers made summer camp fun for 105 campers throughout the month of June!

We hosted camps of all kinds. Some of the offerings this summer were sports camps, Baking: Where Science Meets Art, Fibertastic, Rockin' Reptiles, Spanish Aventura, and STEAM. Here are some of the fun things these campers got to do:

Fibertastic campers sewed their own tote bags and potholders. They also had a chance to make braided bracelets and started to learn how to knit.

STEAM campers explored the science of aeronautics while designing paper airplanes, flexed their engineering muscles by creating marble runs, and studied motion using Google slides to create stop motion animations. This group even got to use their math skills to code robots and navigate them through mazes!

Spanish Aventura campers learned about different countries and their cultures, played games that kids in those countries play, made pinatas, and even spent some time learning Spanish.

Look for details next spring for 2024 Summer Camps.











#### A JOURNEY FROM UKRAINE



Meet Bogdan Guk from Izmail, Ukraine. Bogdan is 15 years old and started 10th grade at Lincoln Lutheran as an international student this fall. Bogdan was brought here by his mother, older brother and sister-in-law. His father was unable to join the family because it is against the law for any man between the ages of 18-60 to leave Ukraine during the war. "He called us every day to check on how we were doing", says Bogdan. "There is a possibility that the age will drop from 18 to 16, so I am grateful I am here now because if that happened before I left, it would have prevented me from coming here and experiencing Lincoln Lutheran."

#### The Lincoln, Nebraska Connection

In 2012, Jim Schepers, a professor in the agronomy department at UNL, traveled to Izmail to consult with local farmers about soil and irrigation. There, he met Bogdan's family and a friendship was formed. Bogdan was only 4 years old at the time. Jim helped Bogdan's older brother attend UNL. Bogdan and his parents traveled here for his brother's graduation 5 years ago when Bogdan was just 10 years old and felt

comfortable in Lincoln. Jim and Bogdan's family remained close over the years. As war loomed in the Ukraine, Jim agreed to help Bogdan come to Lincoln for a safer education experience.

#### Life in Ukraine

Bogdan's hometown of Izmail is a port city, making it a Russian target. "Sirens go off regularly at home and at school," says Bogdan. "I didn't sleep well because I didn't feel safe, so I came to school tired. If the sirens went off during school, we had to go to the basement and stay there until it was announced all clear. We stayed until 5:30 pm one night because it was unsafe for mothers to pick up their children. Some teachers would try to conduct lessons online, but wifi didn't work in the basement, so it was a struggle." Just days after he arrived in Lincoln, Bogdan heard on the news that a port city just 20 miles from Izmail called Reni was bombed. His friends told him, "We could hear it and we were scared."

#### A new start at Lincoln Lutheran

"I like this city," says Bogdan. "Everyone is very friendly here and I feel so much safer and sleep so much better. However, I also feel alone now that my family has left. I was a popular boy in Izmail with lots of friends. I played basketball, volleyball, tennis and soccer. It's hard to leave all of that, but I look forward to the new friends I will make at Lincoln Lutheran."

#### Why Lincoln Lutheran?

"We read in the local newspaper how welcoming and helpful the Lincoln Lutheran community was for another Ukrainian student," said Jim Schepers. "We think Lincoln Lutheran is the perfect school for Bogdan to connect and adapt to a new way of life in America."

### GIVE TO LINCOLN LUTHERAN DAY WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!

This year, the Lutheran Education Foundation (LEF) chose not to participate in Give to Lincoln Day (GTLD) 2023. Instead, we developed an alternative process for supporting students during the month of May. We opened up Give to Lincoln Lutheran Day to 24 days of giving. Gifts received from May 1 to May 24 were counted towards our GTLLD initiative.

The theme this year was "Anchored in Christ". We celebrate having Christ as our Anchor. He holds us steady when the world around us presses in and attempts to cause a drift away from the truth.

Last year, you helped us raise just over \$163,000 in just one day of

giving, including the matching grant from the Lincoln Community Foundation.

In one day of giving this year, you helped us raise \$129,736. Adding this to the total giving and matching funds during this 24-day campaign, we raised \$228,736! This surpassed last years one day total by over \$65,000!

What a blessing! GTLLD was a wonderful success and it's all thanks to our amazing donors. It was truly inspiring to see the greater Lincoln Lutheran family come together to support the students of Lincoln Lutheran.

The gifts received during this initiative will help make Lincoln Lutheran accessible to as many students as possible.



You can find more details about the LEF Strategic Plan by visiting this website:

https://www.lincolnlutheran.org/page/lutheran-education-foundation

#### **BLUE AND GOLD GALA**

The LEF hosted the 28th annual Lincoln Lutheran Blue and Gold gala on March 24, 2023 with the theme of Embark.

"Every year this event serves as a great opportunity to support our students while enjoying an amazing evening of fellowship," said Scott Ernstmeyer, Executive Director. "I am always humbled by the generosity shown by our wonderful friends and donors."



"The Blue and Gold was an absolutely amazing time this year with being back in person and being able to socialize and visit with each other. You could tell everyone was having such a good time being together! Overall the event was so much fun and we can't wait for next year!!!" Theron Ahlman - Lincoln Lutheran Class of 1994.

The event was well attended and included a silent and live auction and several games to win valuable prizes. Over \$131,000 was raised in support of a Christ-centered education for the students of Lincoln Lutheran.

Each year the gala includes a Scholarship Ask. The funds are divided between scholarships for the next school year and the Warrior Scholarship Endowment for scholarships in the future. This year marked the 12th year of the Scholarship Ask and raised over \$36,000.

At the gala, the LEF presented two awards: Founders and Shield of Faith. The Founders Award is given to those who have shown commitment and steadfast support to the mission of Lincoln Lutheran. The Shield Award is given to those who have generously shared their resources to support the Warrior ministry, and by their actions, have inspired others to do the same.



#### 2023 FOUNDERS AWARD



The **2023 Founders Award** was presented, on behalf of the LEF, to Dennis and Susie Francis. Each year this award is given to those who have shown commitment to and steadfast support of the mission of Lincoln Lutheran.

Susie had her professional start as a hairdresser. Once the family began to grow, she spent important time nurturing children as a stay-at-home mom and daycare provider. Susie first served Lincoln Lutheran as a kitchen aid in the school nutrition program. She would later move to the office in the role of receptionist. Susie was the caring "mom" students and guests would encounter when visiting the office. Students would come by for a hug or piece of candy when Susie was at the desk. Susie's sister once asked her, "Is there anyone in this town you don't know?" In recent years Susie has served on Messiah's Funeral Reception Team and Quilting Team.

For 28 years, Dennis flew helicopters with the U.S. Army and Nebraska Army National Guard. He served tours of duty in Vietnam and the Persian Gulf along with numerous relief missions to Nebraskans impacted by natural disasters. As a civilian, Dennis earned a PhD in Agronomy from the University of Nebraska and spent 25 years as a research soil scientist for the USDA's Agricultural Research Service. Dennis has generously shared his time and talents with Lincoln Lutheran as well as the Lutheran Church community through various boards, committees and activities over the years. He served on the Lincoln Lutheran Board of Education for four years, and was Sue Ziegler's right-hand man for 27 years as an assistant Track Coach. He has also served on boards of education, elders, evangelism, and outreach at Calvary and Messiah over the last 40 years.

When asked how Lincoln Lutheran impacted his family, Dennis said, "Susie and I and all four of our children have lifelong friendships with fellow believers that started with our experiences at Lincoln Lutheran. In those friendships, sometimes you're the mentor and sometimes you're the menter, but in good times and tough times, the end result is growth and enrichment in our faith."

#### 2023 SHIELD OF FAITH AWARD



The **2023 Shield of Faith** was presented, on behalf of the LEF, to Roger and Jan Moore. Each year this award is given to an individual or family who has generously shared their resources to support the Warrior ministry, and by their actions, have inspired others to do the same.

Roger and Jan both earned Bachelor's degrees from the University of Nebraska. After graduation, Roger worked for Gallup as a Business Development Consultant while Jan was a teacher. The couple felt a strong desire to work together in a business of their own. So in 1980, Roger and Jan opened their first Mexican restaurant.

With Roger as President and Jan as VP of Marketing, the couple have worked alongside one another for 43 years and together expanded the Amigos chain into 27 locations state-wide. The Moore's are dedicated to philanthropic activities in various ministries at Messiah Lutheran Church and in the Lincoln community. They feel strongly about giving back to organizations that are educational, impact young people, and further the Kingdom of God.

Roger and Jan have a special place in their hearts for Lincoln Lutheran because of the positive impact the school had on their daughters growing up. Roger and Jan recall the excitement of breaking ground for the high school expansion and fun times attending basketball and volleyball games. They feel strongly that this opportunity will continue for students in the future. Roger says, "Being able to give is a blessing. For us, giving back is an act of worship. It's Biblical and it's God's plan for us. Both of our parents taught us to give back, and we want to show that same example to our kids and grandkids."

#### UPDATE FROM AN ALUM

Mike Parrish, a Lincoln Lutheran Junior High School graduate of 1967, lives in Honolulu, Hawaii. A couple years ago, Mike stopped by Lincoln Lutheran and received a tour of the campus where he enjoyed seeing what changes have taken place since his time at the school.

Not long after Mike returned home from his Lincoln visit, he was made aware another graduate from his 1967 class is also living in Hawaii, on Kauai. It was then that Mike connected with Mark Tassler.

Mark is the son of one of Lincoln Lutheran's first school board members, the pastoral advisor, Rev. Melvin J. Tassler. Rev. Tassler conducted the official Groundbreaking Ceremony and Dedication service in 1961.



Fast forward to May 2023, Mike and Mark met up for lunch and spent time reliving their Lincoln Lutheran memories. Mike was kind enough to share some photos, both of their lunch reunion and from past yearbooks they looked through together.





The Founding Fathers - Lincoln Lutheran's First School Board - 1962

Front Row: Rev. Arthur Krause (Principal), Rev. Melvin J. Tassler
(Pastoral Advisor), Elmer Schroeder, President (Trinity), Dearle Schatz (Redeemer),
Walter Schaffert (Calvary) Back Row: Roland Luedtke (Trinity), Victor Schmieding
(Trinity), Delmar Maier (Redeemer), Dr. Harlan Papenfuss (Calvary), Martin Holtmeier (Calvary), Donald Lohrberg (Trinity), Martin Bauer (Redeemer)

Above: Mike and Mark at lunch in Kauai HI.

Left: 1967 Graduating Class

Right: Founding Fathers - Lincoln Lutheran's First School Board - 1962

#### **Alumni News**

Are you part of the alumni community? Share your stories of connecting with fellow alumni or of any community initiatives you are involved in that you'd want us to highlight in a future newsletter. Contact us today!

Call Sara Starr at 402-467-5404 or email sstarr@lincolnlutheran.org

#### ADVANCEMENT FISCAL REPORT | 2022-2023



The *Embark* campaign is our four year campaign, running through the 2024-2025 fiscal year, with the goal of raising \$4,000,000.

In 2021, we set off to embark on the next pivotal stage in the Lincoln Lutheran ministry, holding steadfast to the vision of our founding leaders from the 1950's. Our focus remains on enriching each student's faith and preparing students for life in this world by providing an excellent, Christ-centered education through these four pillars: Faith, Academics, Activities, and Stewardship.

Together we can, and are, funding these areas of need to ensure the strength of our ministry for years to come: Support for Teachers, Find New Location, Increase Endowments, Maintain Building and Transportation, Reduce Debt, Keep Tuition Affordable, and Enhance Marketing Efforts.

It is with immense gratitude and hearts full of appreciation that we say thank you to all of our generous donors who supported the Lincoln Lutheran ministry in 2022-2023.

In this second year of *Embark*, we raised \$932,953.68. Our ministry would not exist without your generosity.

"Let all that you do be done in love."
1 Corinthians 16:14

#### **EVENTS**

#### **Warrior Classic Golf Tournament**

43 Teams \$19,258.05 Raised

#### **Blue and Gold Gala**

365 Attendees \$82,312.42 Raised \$35,784 Specifically going towards the Warrior Scholarship Endowment

#### **Give to Lincoln Lutheran Day**

135 Donors, including 30 Alumni \$228,736 Raised

#### SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

2022-2023 School Year

66 Lincoln Lutheran Scholarships Totaling \$64,087.50

14 Post-Graduate Scholarships Totaling \$18,413

#### **LEGACY SOCIETY**

79 Members, with a growth of 2 new members this year \$1,596,460.81 received to date \$5,113,376.10 in potential future donations

Anyone who chooses to donate to the Lutheran Education Foundation through either a planned or deferred estate gift is automatically eligible for membership in the Legacy Society.

If you have designated Lutheran Education Foundation in your gift planning and would like to be a member of the Legacy Society please print and fill out the <u>enrollment form</u> and mail to us. You many choose to remain anonymous if you so desire.

If you would like more information, contact Scott Ernstmeyer by phone at 402-467-5404 or email at SErnstmeyer@lincolnlutheran.org

You can visit this site for more details and a copy of the enrollment form:

https://www.lincolnlutheran.org/o/linco In-lutheran/page/legacy-society

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#### **FUNDRAISING RESULTS**

#### Lutheran Education Foundation

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Source	Amount Raised	
Campaign Annual Gala Annual Golf Tournament Scholarships General	\$950,454 \$127,534 \$38,830 \$35,784 \$54,932	Solicitations Activities Campaign
Other Lincoln Lutheran	\$777,150	<ul><li>Annual Gala</li><li>Annual Golf Tournament</li><li>Scholarships</li></ul>
Source	Amount Raised	Thrivent Choice & SCRIP

# Source Amount Raised Activities \$43,600 Thrivent Choice & SCRIP \$13,382 Other \$15,250

#### LLSA OPERATIONAL BUDGET

#### Revenue

Source	Total
Congregational Support Tuition Fund Development Other	\$226.583 \$2,517,713 \$96,500 \$328,145
Expenses	
Source	Total

Source	Total
Payroll Professional Expenses Professional Development Operations Debt Service	\$2,495,907 \$140,787 \$14,099 \$292,470 \$217,992



General (LEF)

Other

## THANK YOU 2022-2023 SUPPORTERS!

Lincoln Lutheran and the Lutheran Education Foundation gratefully acknowledges gifts received July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. Please note that any omission was of the pen and not of the heart.

Thank you for being an integral part of our mission and for making a difference in the lives of our students, faculty, and staff. Your kindness and generosity are deeply appreciated, and we are honored to have you as a partner in our journey.

Thank you!

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