



Concordia Lutheran School

Farmington Hills / Redford, Michigan



Court of Concordia Campaign 2016

Seventh Annual Fund Drive

Celebrating Seven Years of Service to God and His Children!

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings in the name of our risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

We are celebrating our seventh year as an association Lutheran school operated by two congregations of the LCMS: Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church in Redford and St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Farmington Hills. Declining enrollments and a difficult economy in Michigan encouraged these two churches to step out in faith and try something that many other churches with schools had been unwilling to do; they agreed to work together to continue to provide Christian education for their members and their community. We have successfully completed six years and are nearing the end our seventh year of operation.

Some highlights of this year so far are:

- Our 7th & 8th Grade Spelling Bee Team was the Southeast Lutheran Schools Champions for the second year.
- We had an All School Sing as part of Hosanna-Tabor's 60th anniversary service in September.
- Our 6th Grade placed second in the national Accelerated Reader Challenge.
- Michael LaChance (Class of 2012) was the Homecoming King at Lutheran High Westland in September. Brent Croft and Robert Marshall (also of the Class of 2012) were part of the Homecoming Court.
- Our Boys' Varsity Basketball Team were the WLAL Tournament Champions for the second year.
- As part of Lutheran Schools Week, our students, along with many adult volunteers, packaged 10,000 meals for Kinds Against Hunger.
- Our Boys' Volleyball Team were the WLAL Tournament Champions for the second year.
- Brooke Lange (7th & 8th Grade) and Becca Remer (5th & 6th Grade) were the Individual Champions at the Southeast Lutheran Schools Spelling Bee.
- Our 7th & 8th Grade Dodge Ball Team were the WLAL Tournament Champions for the third year.
- Mrs. Ellen Mills, our Kindergarten teacher, will be retiring at the end of this school year (see enclosed flyer about her celebration).

These are just a few of the wonderful things that happen at the Christian school that you so generously support each year. Your continued support is very much needed.

Even with the association, it becomes more and more difficult for the association congregations to "with one heart, equip God's children to grow as disciples in His Word through a Christ-centered education." Why? The financial costs of running a Christian school continue to rise beyond what can reasonably be charged for tuition and beyond what

the association congregations can help subsidize. However, there are still children who need to be taught of the love of Jesus and receive an excellent education. Our students are taught to put on the full armor of God (Ephesians 6:10-18) to stand against the devil. Our students learn to "Armor Up!" To learn more about Concordia, we invite you to check out our website at www.ConcordiaLS.org.

How can you help? The goal of the Court of Concordia Campaign is to be the annual fund drive that raises funds to support the budget for the remainder of the school year. **We need you to support our educational ministry to God's children.** We ask that you prayerfully consider making an annual contribution to the Court of Concordia Campaign by completing the enclosed form and mailing it with your donation check to Concordia.

Your support is very important to the continued success of Concordia Lutheran School. No gift is too large or too small. **Our goal for 2016 is to raise \$50,000 in donations for this year's budget. We have already received over \$2,000 from donors who make regular contributions throughout the year. That leaves \$48,000 to go!** The campaign runs from May 1 to August 15, 2016. This is an especially crucial time of year for us as tuition is not collected in June or July. August 15 is also the end of our fiscal year. Updates on the success of the campaign will be published for both churches and our school families, and all donors will receive a thank you letter and receipt for their donation.

As part of our recognition of your donation we have created three levels of giving. They are:

- Squires and Maidens – a gift up to \$499
- Lords and Ladies – a gift of \$500 up to \$999
- Dukes and Duchesses – a gift of \$1,000 or more

Squires and Maidens will receive a thank you letter and receipt for their donation and will be listed in all donation newsletters and reports. In addition, *Lords and Ladies* will be invited to a special recognition dinner. Along with the dinner, our *Dukes and Duchesses* will receive a special collectors "thank you" gift.

We pray that the Lord will move you to support the Court of Concordia Campaign. Please complete the enclosed form and return it with your donation to Concordia as soon as possible, and help Concordia Lutheran School continue to educate God's children! Armor Up!

May God richly bless you!

David S. Kusch

David S. Kusch, Principal
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Enclosure



Armor Up!

"We put on the armor of God
to fight spiritual darkness!"

Ephesians 6:10-18

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