

Case Statement

St. Paul Lutheran High School, Concordia, MO

INTRODUCTION

Saint Paul Lutheran High School (SPLHS) in Concordia, MO is among the most iconic representations of the heritage and mission of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS). Since our founding in 1883 to educate young men in preparation for entrance into Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, MO, we have lifted-up young people as servants of the church. In that effort SPLHS has trained over 1000 professional church workers and scores of Christian men and women who have lived out their Christian vocations in various other professions.

OUR MINISTRIES TODAY

Building on a rich heritage and tradition, SPLHS has expanded her ministries to be the only boarding High School in the LCMS and today gathers young people from all over the world. In any given year over 40% of the SPLHS student body comes from a dozen or more countries. To facilitate this, SPLHS has entered into agreements with Lutheran church bodies and schools in Taiwan, Japan, Hong Kong, Slovakia, Ethiopia, Nicaragua, and Norway.

Coinciding with the mission focus that comes with the international flavor of campus life, several para-church organizations have also found their home here. The LCMS Rural, Small Town Ministry (RSTM) and Lutheran Bible Translators (LBT) offices and headquarters are on the campus. Mission of Christ Network (MCN) and the Concordia Mission Institute (CMI) conduct their training here during the summer months with hundreds of missionaries from across the globe.

It can be truly said; the world converges on the campus of St. Paul's Lutheran High School!

OUR FUTURE

In keeping with our mission to lift-up young people as servants of the church, as we look to expand our ministries, increase the size and scope of our student body, and enhance our campus and facilities to facilitate our ministries far into the future.

Ministry Goals

- Encourage and support 25% of our domestic student body to enter into professional church work through our Ministry Education Track that guides students towards continuing education at one of our Concordia University System schools.
- Expand our ability to grant scholarships to current and future students.
- Extend our volunteer base and involve more of the LCMS community in our work at SPLHS.

Facility Goals

To accomplish these ministry goals SPLHS faces a pressing need to update and remodel some of our facilities.

- Resurfacing the circle drive around the campus, parking lots, and entry drives.
- Remodeling of Kaepfel Hall to provide two large lecture halls and an enhanced drama and worship space.
- Baepler Hall, our flagship building requires an entire HVAC system, new lighting and electrical work.
- Krueger Hall, our dining hall, requires modernization which will remake it as the Student Union – the heart of student life.
- Athletic improvements including the relocation of tennis courts.
- Parking spaces between the Fine Arts building and Weis Gymnasium.
- Updating the athletic multi-purpose area that is used for concessions, large meetings, athletic classes and practice area. including new flooring, walls and a proper ceiling.

Campaign Goals

Scholarship Financial Goal \$1,000,000

Facility Financial Goal \$5,000,000

YOUR PARTNERSHIP

Rich in heritage; and launched as a faith initiative, SPLHS is, in some ways, returning to our roots, while at the same time moving boldly forward to expand and extend our ministries. With thousands of graduates from around the world, SPLHS has obviously made an impact in - and through - the lives of many people. Knowing the caliber of our constituents, we are bold to ask you to join us in this effort.

Praise be to God!