

# Case Statement

## Saint 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 1,000 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 the rich heritage and traditions of our past, today we are a vibrant and multi-cultural gathering of Saints. While we certainly see our campus as a place of excellent academics, ultimately, we celebrate that the Lord has gathered students, faculty, and staff to live the love of Jesus in and out of the classroom. Lives are changed at SPLHS and young people are sent forth as workers in the Kingdom.

SPLHS has also 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 Saint Paul's Lutheran High School!

### OUR FUTURE

In keeping with our mission to lift-up young people as servants of the church, 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.

- Encourage and support on-campus Christian discipleship that engages students, faculty, and staff.
- 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 and campus over the coming years through two phases.

#### Phase 1

- Resurfacing the circle drive around the campus, parking lots, and entry drives.
- Enhance the quad to better facilitate on-campus student life.
- Baepler Hall, our flagship building requires an entire HVAC system, new lighting and electrical work.
- Parking spaces between the Fine Arts building and Weis Gymnasium.

#### Phase 2

- Remodeling of Kaepfel Hall to provide two large lecture halls and an enhanced drama and worship space.
- 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.
- 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 – Phase 1

**Scholarship Financial Goal**                      \$1,000,000

**Facility Financial Goal**                              \$2,500,000

## 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. We invite you to support your Saints and be a part of the Kingdom work that happens on our campus and around the world. With your generous partnership the Gospel will not only reach young people in Concordia, Missouri, but will be taken by them and spread to the corners of the globe.

A unique ministry of the LCMS, SPLHS celebrates all that has come before, and all that lies ahead.

Go Saints! Praise be to God!