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**Over \$2 Million Raised in Gifts and Pledges
for Wisconsin Lutheran High School's
Gifted for Praise Comprehensive/Capital Campaign**



Artist rendition of new entrance, student center and Fine Arts facilities

Milwaukee, Wis., September 12, 2012 – Wisconsin Lutheran High School (WLHS) launched the *Gifted for Praise* comprehensive campaign to continue providing the highest level of academic excellence at WLHS. *Gifted for Praise* will strengthen the overall financial stability of WLHS, expand the Fine Arts facilities, which includes practical arts, construct Project Lead the Way® (PLTW) classrooms and install air-conditioning to better serve Southeastern Wisconsin youth. Already, WLHS has **received \$2 million in gifts and pledges towards a goal of \$5 - \$7 million**. A building committee is being finalized and will begin overseeing architecture and construction plans in late 2012.

Expanding and Improving Outdated Facilities

WLHS' Fine Arts program has a rich history and a sterling reputation for its excellence. However, the current facilities, which were built in the 1950's, are antiquated and in poor condition. In addition, there is an urgent need for appropriate space for the ever expanding technology and engineering programs. WLHS also lacks a student center and atrium and over one half of the classrooms lack air-conditioning.

Through *Gifted for Praise*, WLHS can create cutting-edge facilities to serve the needs of students. The capital portion will:

- Expand and enhance **Fine Arts facilities**, which include:
 - New choral performance room
 - Renovation for sound quality and updating of band room
 - Installation of freight elevator and expansion of the theater facility for set construction
 - Additional Fine Arts offices and practice rooms
- **Construct a PLTW suite of classrooms** (a STEM [Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics])
- Create a **student center/atrium**
- Develop a new **main entrance** on Glenview Avenue
- Install **air-conditioning** to the South-wing

Supporting WLHS' Current Operating Costs

A portion of this vital campaign is for operating costs that will help WLHS fund:

- Cutting-edge *PLTW* courses
- Award-winning co-curriculars
- Seven high-performing Advanced Placement® courses
- College Readiness Curriculum program to raise student proficiency
- Young Scholars program in cooperation with Wisconsin Lutheran College

It is anticipated that *Gifted for Praise* will increase **admissions** to the school as WLHS becomes a magnet for the Fine Arts, enhances **technology** curriculum, and **improves the climate for instruction**. All of this aligns with WLHS' mission to deliver an education with high-academic standards in a nurturing environment.

"The *Gifted for Praise* campaign will allow WLHS to strengthen the overall financial stability and expand our facilities to better serve WLHS' youth as they develop their gifts," stated Rev. Kenneth Fisher, president at WLHS. "The generous donations to *Gifted for Praise* will allow WLHS to continue raising-up the next generation of leaders for our community and the world."

More information can be found at www.wlhs.org/GiftedforPraise/

About Wisconsin Lutheran High School

Since 1903, Wisconsin Lutheran High School (WLHS), partnering as a family, has provided an academically rigorous and Christ-centered education to Milwaukee area students in a Christian environment. WLHS offers a curriculum of superior academics that includes numerous Advanced Placement® courses, Project Lead the Way® – a high-level engineering curriculum, and a Resource Center for those who need additional academic support. The hallmarks of this Lutheran ministry include academic excellence; athletic achievement; award-winning co-curriculars; and dedicated faculty, staff and administrators. With 37 percent of WLHS students earning a 3.4 GPA or better, 92 percent go on to attend a four-year or technical college. Each year, the high school provides more than \$570,000 in tuition assistance and scholarships to make its superior education affordable. WLHS has attained accreditation at the exemplary level through Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod School Accreditation (WELSSA), Wisconsin Religious and Independent School Association (WRISA), and National Council for Private School Accreditation (NCPSA). WLHS is a PAVE partner school and participates in the Milwaukee Parental Choice Program. For more information, visit www.wlhs.org.

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Project Lead the Way®

Project Lead the Way (PLTW) is a nationally recognized pre-engineering curriculum that integrates science and math in a hands-on classroom. WLHS began offering courses several years ago. The program is growing. PLTW's programs emphasize critical thinking, creativity, innovation, and real-world problem solving. The hands-on learning engages students on multiple levels, exposes them to areas of study that they may not otherwise pursue, and provides them with a foundation and proven path to post-secondary training and career success in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM)-related fields. PLTW provides a rigorous and innovative STEM curriculum. PLTW's hands-on, Activities-, Project-, Problem-Based (APPB) comprehensive curriculum is aligned with relevant national standards and is collaboratively developed and updated by subject matter experts – including teachers, university educators, engineering and biomedical professionals, and school administrators.