

## CASE STATEMENT



"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."

GALATIANS 6:9

"My wife and I have been blessed to be able to care for God's children through education and medicine. We love the youth in our Northeast Nebraska communities and are truly blessed to have LHNE be a part of that. This expansion will allow a very practical way to bring this Christ-centered education into our agricultural communities. There is no better legacy we could give to our children and grandchildren."

DR. LEON AND KATHY GEBHARDT, *Honorary Chairs*



"We were blessed to be involved in the birth of LHNE 25 years ago. There is NO doubt LHNE is a miracle from God to all its students, their families and all the many people that will be touched by the graduates in their lifetimes. We have seen this first hand by being blessed with our four children graduating from LHNE. The next addition of an "AG" area and new science room will only enhance the experience of students and encourage increased enrollment. Please join us in supporting this project with your prayers and God given financial resources."

JOHN AND CINDY DINKEL, *Honorary Chairs*



# GROWING *the Future,* ROOTED *in Him*

A Capital Campaign for Lutheran High Northeast



## *Greetings from the Staff and Students of Lutheran High Northeast!*



It is certainly an exciting time for Christian education in our community and I thank you for your prayers and support as we seek to increase the opportunities for our students in the future. The plans to add an Agriculture Education program began three years ago when it was made clear by the supporters and future families that there was a significant need for a vocational program which would have a positive impact on the students and community. The increasing demand for workers in the trade industry and the broad reach of Ag in various careers has made this addition invaluable for our students.

Equally important, the second half of the project seeks to benefit the students through the addition of an appropriate and modern science classroom and lab. The original science lab is the smallest classroom in the building, and its limitations are significant in our science-heavy world. The new science space would provide our students the opportunity to excel in their learning and utilize the same lab materials and processes found in higher education.

***The great news is that everyone seems to agree on the need for this project. Now comes the challenge. As a Christian school our funding for this project needs to come from direct support: Foundations, businesses, grants, and individuals who are partners in this mission.***

Consider it an old-time barn raising in our community...lots of hands coming together to make the load light. So, I invite you to come and lift together with others – and just as every little bit of effort contributes, so does every gift. We thank you for prayerfully considering a gift that will bless the students of LHNE for generations to come!

In Him,

Daniel Sievert  
Executive Director, Principal







"This new addition would give students the opportunity to gain experience and a love for agriculture, and would give them exposure to many ag-related career paths as a possible life-long vocation."

LHNE students need to know that they have special gifts that God gave them. I want to help them unleash the potential that they have so that they may enjoy their life and serve the Lord while doing it."

DR. AMANDA HAFFER  
LHNE Ag Ed Teacher  
FFA Advisor

The *Growing the Future, Rooted in Him* Capital Campaign will help us address our current needs, as well as take prudent, thoughtful steps to prepare for the future of our school. During construction and upon completion, this project will benefit the entire student body at LHNE, as well as members of the FFA program.

*To ensure we recognize the sacrifice and success associated with giving, we have established the following benchmark to be accomplished over the three-year campaign pledge period:*

### **\$3.4 MILLION CELEBRATION GOAL**

*The minimum-desired funds LHNE is seeking to raise from the capital campaign to begin execution of our vision for the agriculture and science additions.*

**FACILITY  
ADDITIONS  
ESTIMATED  
COST: \$3.4 M**

### **THESE ADDITIONS WILL PROVIDE SPACE FOR A WIDE RANGE OF BENEFITS TO OUR PROGRAMS AND STUDENTS INCLUDING:**

- Build a new 12,750-square-foot, facility addition for the agriculture program to be constructed on the north side of Lutheran High Northeast.
- Construct a new 2,250-square-foot science classroom on the east side of the school.
- Create space for lab experiments.
- Establish independent learning to dive into deeper topics that interest students.
- Generate opportunities to allow for student-led research projects.
- Expose LHNE students to technologies and curriculums to better prepare them for college and beyond.

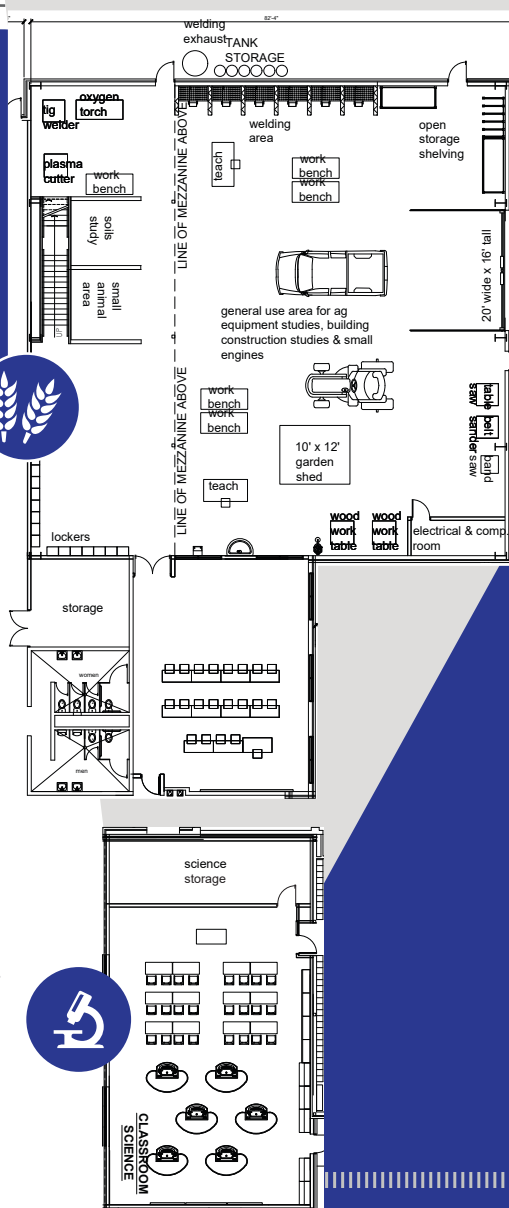
### **THE ADDITIONAL SQUARE FOOTAGE WILL PROVIDE OUR PROGRAMS AND STUDENTS WITH THE ABILITY TO:**

- Engage in small/large animal care and treatment.
- Increase participation in safe, hands-on science labs.
- Evaluate various seed hybrids and fertilizers.
- Analyze soil samples and cultivate an appreciation for agronomy.
- Develop a knowledge of small engines in design and troubleshooting.
- Develop a wide range of MIG/TIG/Stick/OA welding skills for vocation or personal use.
- Safely use woodworking power equipment for building projects.

### **ADDITIONAL BENEFITS MADE POSSIBLE BECAUSE OF THE NEW SPACE:**

- Create vocational awareness and job opportunities for students to remain in the area.
- Repurpose existing science lab into multi-curricular classroom.
- Situate a restroom to service both gyms and the Fine Arts Wing.
- Use agriculture building for outreach to youth and the Northeast Nebraska community.
- Provide increased leadership through FFA competitions and serve as host site for district events.
- Meet new state guidelines to provide career curriculum to students.

All of this can be accomplished without having to leave the classroom. The result is that what will be important in these facility additions is what happens within the four walls, not the four walls themselves. These additions will allow LHNE to better serve students in the ever-changing world of science.



### **OUR TIMELINE**

The school's goal is to begin construction by the end of Spring 2022 and dedicate the building and facility at the beginning of the second semester (January 2023).

## Timeline

- 1995**
  - Lutheran High School Association of Northeast Nebraska (LHSANN) formed
- Late 1996**
  - 40-acre school site acquired
- June 1997**
  - Groundbreaking of current building
- August 1997**
  - Lutheran High Northeast officially opened
- 1999 to 2000**
  - Over 80 students enrolled in grades 9-12
- May 2000**
  - First graduating class (22 students) of Lutheran High Northeast
- 2001**
  - First building addition completed
- 2005**
  - Second building addition completed
- By 2009**
  - enrollment grows to 156 students and 22 LCMS congregations within a 45-mile radius of Norfolk
- 2010**
  - Third building addition completed

*God has richly blessed this ministry through the years, and certainly His hand can be seen in the original efforts of those who understood the need for a Christian high school. Through God's grace, Lutheran High Northeast recently celebrated its 25th anniversary, and the mission to educate for life and proclaim the faith remains vitally important.*

*We are also proud of those who have been a part of this ministry in the past, including over 650 alumni who are living out their vocation – many still in the community! And now we look forward to this next chapter, and the benefit it will have on the future generations of Eagle families. Now is the time to add a vocational component to the Spiritual and academic preparation that has blessed Lutheran High Northeast for the past 25 years!*

# History, Mission and Vision

## LHNE MISSION

Currently, Lutheran High Northeast serves 123 students as a result of growth the past five years. We continue to look for new opportunities to grow our knowledge of the Christian faith, to deepen our students and staffs' relationships with God and to use our talents and possessions in a way to build God's kingdom. We especially seek to be a place of knowledge and inspiration to the students. And yet with all that we have accomplished we have so much more to achieve for generations to come.



## LHNE VISION

Lutheran High Northeast partners with the parents and the church to grow students academically, socially, physically and, most importantly, spiritually. We seek to create vocational awareness and guide each student toward a successful career, while fostering within all students a lifelong commitment to service and their Lord.

We look back on the past. We reflect on the present and we plan for the future. To help meet the demands of our growing school, reinvest in our students and provide needed facilities to develop vocational skills for our young people, we are fulfilling a groundbreaking vision for our future.

We are excited to introduce *Growing the Future, Rooted in Him* Capital Campaign for Lutheran High Northeast. This campaign is another way we are connecting the past with the present and preparing for the future – with passion and generosity, bold ambition and innovative thinking.

Beginning in 2018, the school's administration along with the school board members and other respected community members met to discuss future programs and curriculum Lutheran High Northeast can offer. After several years of planning, discussion and reviewing options, Lutheran High Northeast Leadership created a plan to execute on the vision.

Now Lutheran High Northeast is embarking on an ambitious project to ensure its future viability, enhance its facilities and further its mission of development of our students in our community.





# WAYS YOU CAN GIVE

**"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it."**

**MALACHI 3:10**

## NAMING OPPORTUNITIES

An array of possibilities exists at Lutheran High Northeast for recognizing donors who support this campaign. The financial requirements for naming opportunities differ, and donors are encouraged to discuss their ideas with Fred Aufdembrink, John Robertson or Daniel Sievert.

If you are interested in a possible naming opportunity, we welcome the opportunity to visit with you. Please call the LHNE office at (402) 379-3040 to discuss your wishes in detail.

***Thank you for your very generous support!***

Throughout our history, our school families, congregations, businesses and community of Lutheran High Northeast have been called upon numerous times to strengthen our school. Each time our supporters have responded generously, allowing our school to expand and grow stronger.

As you contemplate a potential investment for the *Growing the Future, Rooted in Him* – A Capital Campaign for Lutheran High Northeast, there are many options that will allow you to support Lutheran High Northeast in a meaningful way. Your generosity can help set the stage for a successful effort. Pledges are commitments made in good faith but are not legally binding. You may want to consider stretching pledges over a five-year period to maximize the total amount of your support. This commitment can be fulfilled through monthly, quarterly, semiannual, or annual installments. Your commitment to this campaign is over and above tuition or other support.

***We encourage all donors to consider a 10 to 20 percent initial payment to begin your commitment.***

### GIFTS OF CASH

Most commonly, donors make cash payments using a check, credit or debit card, EFT or automatic bill pay. You may benefit from such payments with a charitable deduction on your tax return.

### GIFTS OF SECURITIES

Charitable gifts of stocks, bonds, or mutual funds, which have been held for at least one year and have appreciated, offer special tax advantages.

### GIFTS-IN-KIND

Tangible personal property or professional services can be given to support Lutheran High Northeast. These gifts may be eligible for a deduction of the item's fair market value, if the gift is related to the "charitable purpose" of Lutheran High Northeast. Examples include land or property.

### GIFT OF GRAIN

Grain can be used to support LHNE. Grain is delivered to the elevator and the proceeds are passed to LHNE. Should you choose this option, LHNE will contact you about the details.

### DONATE A RETIREMENT PLAN

Naming Lutheran High Northeast as a primary or contingent beneficiary of a retirement plan (e.g., 401(k), IRA) can benefit both the association and your estate.

**"More classroom space allows for learning opportunities for students in an exciting new environment. The additional classrooms will allow for increased instructional space and that space will be a win for all students. Newness always generates excitement for students and teachers alike."**

**PHIL CARLSON**  
*Science Teacher*

***Note: This information is not intended as legal advice. You are advised to consult your own qualified professional advisor for specific recommendations.***





## Budgeting Your Gift

*To conduct a successful campaign and achieve our goals, Lutheran High Northeast will rely on the generosity of current and past members, families, businesses and sponsors. As you personally gauge the level of support that you will provide to our campaign, the following chart has been prepared to serve as a guide as you consider your level of support.*

Total Pledge	Initial 10% Investment	Monthly	Quarterly	Biannual	Annually
\$100,000	\$10,000	\$2,500	\$7,500	\$15,000	\$30,000
\$75,000	\$7,500	\$1,875	\$5,625	\$11,250	\$22,500
\$50,000	\$5,000	\$1,250	\$3,750	\$7,500	\$15,000
\$40,000	\$4,000	\$1,000	\$3,000	\$6,000	\$12,000
\$30,000	\$3,000	\$750	\$2,250	\$4,500	\$9,000
\$25,000	\$2,500	\$625	\$1,875	\$3,750	\$7,500
\$15,000	\$1,500	\$375	\$1,125	\$2,250	\$4,500
\$10,000	\$1,000	\$250	\$750	\$1,500	\$3,000
\$7,200	\$720	\$180	\$540	\$1,080	\$2,160
\$5,400	\$540	\$135	\$405	\$810	\$1,620
\$4,500	\$450	\$112.50	\$337.50	\$675	\$1,350
\$3,000	\$300	\$75	\$225	\$450	\$900
\$1,500	\$150	\$37.50	\$112.50	\$225	\$450
\$900	\$90	\$22.50	\$67.50	\$135	\$270



## Our CAMPAIGN LEADERSHIP TEAM

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*"Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing and your vats will brim over with new wine."*

PROVERBS 3:9-10