



Manitoowoc Lutheran High School Federation Meeting

MLHS CAMPAIGN REPORT
Campaign Director: **Mr. Jerry Haupt**

Date of Meeting: Saturday, November 16, 2024

Dear Friends and Lancer Family Members,

Thank you for your continuous prayers and support for our Building Our Future on Christ Campaign. Since our campaign is nearing completion, I thought it might be appropriate to share some facts, figures and information with you. Thanks to Michelle Luebke for providing some of her information.

- If we go back to the beginning when the preliminary planning began, we are in year seven of Building Our future on Christ together as a Lancer Family. We began in 2018.
- 390 in-home visits were completed.
- \$4,619,351.33 has been pledged to the campaign.
- We have received \$3,988,294.21 of those pledges. That is about 86% received. Our MLHS track record on receiving pledges is about 98%.
- Since the start of the campaign, \$1,800,677.23 has been donated to the campaign. (This is over and above pledges)
- The high-end donor effort (along with a \$100,000 match) in 2023 generated \$1,380,000. Of this amount, \$1,120,421.61 has been received. (Still to be received-\$159,578.39)
- The Gala generated \$150K.
- The donor letter that was sent out recently resulted in gifts of \$47,134.
- We saved \$10K by doing the final cleaning ourselves.
- Our original completion date was late October / early November. Except for the installation of the bleachers, we will fall just a few weeks short of meeting that date. The weather, winter, spring, summer and fall has been very good for us. **Practices in the new gym will start this week! Thanks be to God for all his blessings!**
- Many members of our Lancer Family have given so generously of their time and talents. We could not have done this without you. Thank you so much.
- The process to develop a punch list began yesterday with Sommerville being on site to do their final walk-through. We have also done our own walk-through. (Will be interesting to see how the two lists compare) One of the benefits of doing the final cleaning by ourselves is that as you clean, we see things that normally we may not have noticed.
- The Interior Design Committee continues their work on developing a plan for accents and enhancements of the interior of the building. We will provide more details as they become available. The interior design elements were not part of the original contract. We will provide information as to costs and how we can support this segment of our project.
- Other than the bleachers and a few other small items, the project is pretty much complete. There is some cleaning to do. Some turf restoration needs to be completed. Not sure if that will get done yet this fall.

In retrospect, overall, I think the project has gone very well. If you remember, when we started construction, our plan was to rough in the locker rooms. The ceramic floors and epoxy floors were not included. The renovation of the existing west parking lot was not included. Thanks to your support and the support of our Lancer Family, we were able to



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complete all those items.

This will probably be the last campaign update since our next Federation meeting is not until February 2025. It has been a privilege to be a part of this project. Sharing updates with you over the past few years has been a special opportunity. I hope the information has been helpful. I have always tried to be positive. I have always tried to keep front and center that we have a loving, gracious God and that his presence throughout this project has been obvious. And yes, I have always tried to remind you that this project, and our MLHS ministry is “All about the kids,” and telling them about Jesus.

In just less than two weeks, God willing, we will celebrate Thanksgiving. You may have heard this statement because I have shared it before, “What if you woke up today with only what you thanked God for yesterday?” We sometimes tend to give thanks for the “big blessings” and sometimes fall short when it comes to giving thanks for the “little blessings.” As a Lancer Family, we have so many reasons to thank God daily for the big blessings and the little blessings. In our personal lives we have so many reasons to daily give thanks to our gracious Lord for the big blessings and the little blessings. The more I think about it, are there any “little” blessings? Should we look at it from this perspective? Maybe there is only one big blessing. Jesus died and rose to save us from our sins. Next to that, everything else might fall into the category of “little blessings”?

To you our MLHS delegates, thank you for all that you do for MLHS, for our ministry and for the kids. Although the campaign is nearing the end, the importance and needs for our continued prayers and support does not end. I know that you know that. So again, thank you for what you have done and what I know you will continue to do.

Above all, thanks be to God. “Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4: 6-7)

May our gracious Lord grant you and your families a blessed Thanksgiving.

By some standards, not the standards of the big box stores, this might be a bit early. God grant you and your families a very Merry Christmas, and a Happy and Healthy New Year!

In Christ,
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