

# WARRIOR NEWS

A newsletter for alumni, family, and friends  
of Lincoln Lutheran Middle and Senior High School  
Advancement Newsletter | December 2025



Merry Christmas from the Lutheran Education Foundation & Lincoln Lutheran!

As you celebrate Jesus' birth this Christmas season may you find peace and joy that can only be found in and through Him (John 14 & 15).

The Christmas season reminds us that the ministry and Christ-centered educational experience afforded at Lincoln Lutheran was made possible many years ago in the manger, in Bethlehem. And, our mission becomes a reality - an eternal impact - with your support, generosity, and prayer. Thank you!

Last month, we announced the awarding of the Rupert Dunklau Foundation grant including a matching gift opportunity. The LEF has received over \$77,000 in matching gifts since the announcement that coincided with GivingTuesday (Dec. 2nd). Matching dollars will be used to further our mission at Lincoln Lutheran via the Warrior Wellness Initiative.

Year-end giving continues on. Please consider the LEF/Lincoln Lutheran in your giving strategies as QCDs, RMDs, and/or Corporate/Employer matches can be excellent opportunities. Warrior Wellness Initiative - Dunklau Match Opportunity

The New Year is sure to be filled with PURPOSE as we aim to make an eternal impact on our 425 students and the students that will come to Lincoln Lutheran in future years. Next steps in our journey include an inaugural ALUMNI activity and our annual Blue & Gold gala. I pray that you will continue to walk side-by-side with us in our journey.

Go Warriors!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dan Masters". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Go Warriors,  
Dan Masters, Chief Advancement Officer



## LEF Executive Committee Meeting Summary (November)

The LEF Executive Committee met on November 19, 2025. The following is a summary of that meeting:

- The annual Blue & Gold gala will be held on March 7, 2026 at the Cornhusker Marriott. The committee has begun planning and preparation.
- The next Strategic Planning process for Lincoln Lutheran has begun - Strategic Cascade. This is an initiative supported by the Lincoln Lutheran and the LEF. The first meeting in the process was held with Church/pastoral leadership on November 20th.
- The LEF 990 for 2024-25 was submitted on time, completed by Watts & Herschberger.

### Making Monsters

Four years ago, Mrs. Erin Seitz approached Trinity Elementary School teacher, Mrs. Sheila Ziems, about a collaboration project that's evolved into a favorite Ceramics 1 class tradition.

The project? Second graders are given the prompt to draw and color a monster. Those drawings are then given to high schoolers in Ceramics 1 who create the monsters in clay. In a weeks' long process, the high schoolers work to design and create these little monsters. They work through making it to scale, finding the right glaze colors, and even using a little bit of engineering to attach legs or tails. Once all the monsters are created and finished, the Ceramics students carefully wrap up the monsters and hand deliver their creations to the artists, creating a special moment where the second graders see their monster drawings come to life in 3D!

From a class of 12 high school students doing this project for the first time four years ago, to the now 35 students enrolled in two sections of Ceramics 1 (in just the first semester alone!), it's an experience that both age groups enjoy and remember! And, this class tradition has grown to include second grade students at Messiah and Christ.

*Pictured below: Elementary students receiving their monsters from Mrs. Seitz's Ceramics students.*



## Chick-Fil-A Leader Academy

Chick-Fil-A Leader Academy is an action-oriented leadership program empowering students to make an impact in their schools and local communities. This year, the Lincoln Lutheran group is partnering with Lutheran Family Services to assist both their foster care and refugee support ministries. One of the ways they are raising money to support LFS is by selling Hot Cocoa and Cookies before school a few mornings in December.

*Pictured below: Chick-Fil-A Leaders making sales & students enjoying holiday themed dress up days.*



## Middle School Christmas Concert

Watch the LLMS Christmas Concert, [here!](#) You'll need a log in, but it's free to watch.

## Warriors in Prayer

Each week the Lincoln Lutheran staff shares internal communications that solicit and lift up prayer requests on behalf of friends and family within our community. If you or someone you know should be added to the prayer list, please fill out [this form](#).

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“Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel; so hear the word I speak and give them warning from me.”

Ezekiel 3:17

In a world where, as C.S. Lewis puts it, “there is no neutral ground,” the role of the watchman is not optional. It’s essential. The watch doesn't happen from a place of ease, but with a holy attentiveness. On the watch, you're prepared to perceive, protect, and proclaim. In this ongoing spiritual battle, God doesn't call His people to stand by in silence, but to remain alert and actively engaged.

At Lincoln Lutheran, we believe in raising up the next generation of Christ-centered leaders: young men and women who are not just prepared for college and careers, but ready to shine as faithful followers of Jesus in every area of life. And what a blessing, 2025-2026 has the largest enrollment in history!

But doing this Kingdom work takes more than passion. It takes partnership. Today, if you're on the watch, you are faithfully supporting the mission of Lincoln Lutheran through recurring monthly gifts.

Your monthly gift:

- Provides predictable, sustainable income, supporting day to day operations
- Bridges the gap between tuition charged (\$10,290) and actual cost to educate each student (\$13,500)
- Strengthens the faith-based, academically excellent experience that defines Lincoln Lutheran

You are not just funding education, you are standing guard over hearts, minds, and futures. You are making sure students are taught in the light of God's truth, not the noise of the world. Join a community of alumni, parents, family and friends who are committed to guarding current and future Warriors. Every dollar you give is claimed by God for His purposes. There's no neutral ground.

**[Start Your Watch Today!](#)**



## LEF Events and Save the Dates

**Blue and Gold Gala** - Saturday, March 7, 2026 @ The Cornhusker

\*\*Do you have a unique experience, item, service, or connection you'd be willing to donate to our live or silent auction? Your generosity helps support today's students through this exciting event. If you're interested in donating, we'd love to hear from you! Contact the school office or email [advancement@lincolnlutheran.org](mailto:advancement@lincolnlutheran.org)

*\*\*For more LEF Special Event updates, visit: [www.lincolnlutheran.org/page/lutheran-education-foundation](http://www.lincolnlutheran.org/page/lutheran-education-foundation)*

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## Thrivent Choice

Your participation makes a difference! By designating Choice Dollars, you're asking Thrivent to direct some of their charitable funds to a favorite nonprofit organization or cause. The choice is yours!

2025 Thrivent Choice Dollars® must be directed by March 31, 2026. And, directing Choice Dollars is easy! Visit [thrivent.com/about-us/membership/thrivent-choice](http://thrivent.com/about-us/membership/thrivent-choice) to learn more OR call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt.

Thank you, Thrivent Members, for supporting Lincoln Lutheran Middle/High School!

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**Parents of Alumni:** Are you still receiving your child's LL and LEF mail?  
**Family and Friends of LL and LEF:** Have you moved?

Update your contact information here:  
<https://forms.gle/hqaiJtG5JbocziuaA>

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CHRISTMAS!

