



# Concordia Lutheran High School

## **SPECIAL ENDOWMENT FUNDS**

### **BAND BOOSTERS INSTRUMENTAL**

Established in 2009 by the CLHS Band Boosters to provide a scholarship for incoming students who would be involved in Marching Band, Symphonic or Concert Bands.

### **CONCORDIA LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SPECIAL ENDOWMENT**

Originally established in 1988 as an endowed scholarship, this was converted into a special endowment by the Alumni Association in 2008. It is awarded to incoming freshmen that are children of alumni.

### **TIMOTHY A. & DIANE E. LEIBMANN BENECKE FOR JROTC SPECIAL ENDOWMENT**

Tim '74 & Diane '74 Benecke established this endowment in 2020 to provide a fully funded need-based scholarship to a qualified JROTC student(s) as selected using specific guidelines. As the Fund increases in value, additional scholarships will be offered. If the Cadet qualifies for Indiana Choice or Lutheran Scholarship Granting Organization financial aid, those will be awarded first before this scholarship.

### **THE MAURICE AND MYRTLE BENNETT MEMORIAL SPECIAL ENDOWMENT FOR MUSIC**

In 2000, this fund was established for the music department's special needs to maintain a quality program. After enrolling in the G.E. Apprentice School, Maury achieved the level of Documentation Systems Technical Specialist in Engineering. Both Maury and Myrtle served in many capacities at Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church and Bethlehem Lutheran Church. They were also active supporters and promoters of Camp Lutherhaven. Maury was a member and honorary member of the CEF Board. Their daughter, Maurine, was a 1960 graduate of CLHS.

### **THE BIEBERICH FAMILY SPECIAL ENDOWMENT**

Established in 2002 by The Bieberich Foundation, this fund is to be used for operating expenses of Concordia Lutheran High School. Annual distributions are made from this endowment to support the operating budget of the high school. The Bieberich Foundation was established by Paul Bieberich in 1953 and its directors at that time included his children: Dwight Bieberich, Donald E. Bieberich and Letha Scherer.

### **THE SANDRA BIRKMEIER MEMORIAL SPECIAL ENDOWMENT FOR ATHLETICS**

Sandra's husband, Richard Birkmeier, and family established this endowment in 1994 as a way to honor her memory. This fund is to be used to support the athletic program by providing resources for the needs of athletes and coaches at CLHS. The Athletic Director, with the approval of the Principal, is authorized to request distributions from the fund.

### **THE WAYNE BRANSTRATOR MEMORIAL SPECIAL ENDOWMENT FOR INDUSTRIAL ARTS**

Through the estate of Wayne Branstrator, this fund was established in 1992 in his memory. This endowment will help the Industrial Arts Department meet the needs of many students at Concordia. Both college prep and non-college bound students have benefited from the Industrial Arts curriculum as well as through its instructors.

## **CEF COMPUTER SPECIAL ENDOWMENT**

In 1992, the CEF Computer Special Endowment was established through an estate gift received by Mr. Charles Diek. At that time, a portion of the fund was used to provide CEF with the hardware to connect with the computer network of CLHS, moving CEF into today's world in of record keeping, data bases and all the related areas of CEF work.

## **DAVID H. CORDES MEMORIAL SPECIAL ENDOWMENT FOR ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT**

This fund was established by the family and friends of David's upon his death in 2004. Several members of the CLHS Class of 1948, of which David was a member, were among those friends instrumental in beginning this endowment. David was an active member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne. He had careers with Fort Wayne Newspapers and with Moore and Viking Business Forms. In 1959 he was a founding member of the Concordia Educational Foundation. David was a lifelong sports fan and an avid supporter of CLHS athletic teams. He was survived by his wife, Mary Anne (Epperson), daughters Michelle Jones (CLHS '71), Melisa Ratliff, Katrina

Rogier (CLHS '80) and Wilhemina Leeuw (CLHS '84) and preceded in death by a son, John. The goal of this fund is to provide financial assistance for CLHS athletic coaches to attend seminars, workshops and camps as well as other purposes chosen by the Athletic Director of Concordia which will have a positive impact on the Cadet athletic program.

## **CORRIE ETZLER MEMORIAL COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR DRAMA AND SOCCER**

Established in 2009, this fund is to provide two scholarships for graduating seniors from Concordia Lutheran High School who will be attending college and while in high school were actively involved, one each in drama and in girl's soccer. The recipients are chosen by drama and soccer representatives.

## **THE FACKLER/GERBERDING SPECIAL ENDOWMENT FOR FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCE**

Miles C. and Joan W. Gerberding established this endowment in 2000 in honor of Christine Hockemeyer Fackler, mother-in-law of Joan Gerberding, whose first husband was Don Fackler, and in honor of Luella Lapp Gerberding, mother of Miles Gerberding. Both women were masters in their family kitchens and were equally facile in the sewing room. All six children of Mr. and Mrs. Gerberding are graduates of CLHS. Mrs. Gerberding's children are Stephen Fackler (CLHS '75) and Deborah Holbrook (CLHS '79). Mr. Gerberding's children are Dr. Karla M. Smith (CLHS '76), Greta E. Cowart (CLHS '78), Kent E. Gerberding (CLHS '81) and Brian K. Gerberding (CLHS '86). The purpose of this fund is to provide program support and to purchase materials and capital expenditures beyond those provided in the regular school operating budget.

## **THE CARL F. GALLMEIER MEMORIAL SPECIAL ENDOWMENT FOR GUIDANCE AND COUNSELING**

This endowment was established in 1992 through Carl's sister, Ruth, and memorials given in his memory. Carl began a career as a Lutheran educator in the 1950s serving at Zion Lutheran School (now Lutheran South Unity School with Bethlehem, Mt. Calvary, and Peace Lutheran churches) in Fort Wayne. In 1964 he became a member of the faculty of CLHS where he served as a social studies instructor and later Guidance Director until his retirement in 1987. This fund was established to provide extra funds for special needs of the guidance department.

## **THE CARL F. GALLMEIER MEMORIAL COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP**

Ruth Gallmeier established this endowment in 2004 in honor and memory of her brother, Carl. He was a Lutheran teacher and served at CLHS as a teacher and Guidance Director. Carl was well known for his storytelling and anecdotes. Following his teaching career, which also included Zion Lutheran Elementary School (now Lutheran South Unity School with three other churches), he and Ruth traveled extensively, especially enjoying historical sites. This scholarship is awarded annually to a graduating senior of CLHS who will be attending a Lutheran college or university and preparing for a career in Christian education or the pastoral ministry.

## **THE RUTH GERBERDING MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT FOR DRAMA**

Ruth Gerberding's husband, Miles C. Gerberding, and her children, Dr. Karla M. Smith (CLHS '76), Greta E. Cowart (CLHS '78), Kent E. Gerberding (CLHS '81) and Brian K. Gerberding (CLHS '86) established this endowed fund in 1992 to honor their wife and mother who passed away in March of that year. Memorials from many friends of the Gerberding family were also received to establish this fund. Ruth was a 1948 graduate of CLHS and, along with her family, a long-time supporter of CLHS. Mr. Gerberding was a charter member of CEF and a partner in the law firm of Barnes and Thornburg. He is a 1948 graduate of CLHS and was called to his heavenly home in 2015. This endowment was set up to provide program support for the Drama Department to fund conferences and workshops for drama students and directors, as well as to provide experiences in the fine arts for the student body of Concordia and other purposes determined by the Drama Director.

## **THE JAMES AND JUNE GERDING SPECIAL ENDOWMENT FOR FACULTY**

Established in 1997 by the Gerding's, this endowment's purpose is to attract and retain exceptional faculty, which is needed to become and remain an outstanding educational institution. June Gerding (Widenhofer) is a 1945 graduate of Concordia and she and her husband are committed to the value of Endowments for educational institutions.

## **HERBERT H. GERKE MEMORIAL SPECIAL ENDOWMENT**

This endowment was established in 2001 through the estate of Herbert H. Gerke who died on January 26, 2000. Mr. Gerke was an active member of Emmaus Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and was very supportive of Valparaiso University as well as Concordia Lutheran High School. The purpose of this scholarship is to provide aid for promising and deserving students. It is used to help fund the Concordia Scholars program at CLHS.

## **THE PAUL H. HARTMANN MEMORIAL SPECIAL ENDOWMENT FOR ENGLISH**

Robert and Celia Hartmann Haller, as a memorial to her father, established the Paul H. Hartmann Special Endowment in 1994. Mr. Hartmann was one of the founders of Concordia Lutheran High School and served as President of the Association and the Board. This endowment is to be used for the professional growth of the faculty of the English Department. Such activities as conferences, workshops, seminars, in-service activities, and visiting lecturers to the department would qualify as would the initiating of new and innovative programs for the English curriculum.

## **HILDA HOELTJE MEMORIAL SPECIAL ENDOWMENT FOR CONCORDIA THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY**

This special endowment was established in 1996 from the estate and revocable trust of Miss Hilda Hoeltje. Miss Hoeltje was a studious and perceptive individual who tenderly cared for her widowed sister until the sister's death. In the trust agreement, of the funds given to CEF, it states that one half of the proceeds are to be used and applied to the benefit of the Fort Wayne, Indiana campus of Concordia Theological Seminary and the remainder benefits CLHS annually.

## **IN MOTHER'S HONOR SPECIAL ENDOWMENT FOR TECHNOLOGY**

This fund was established in 1998 by donors wishing to honor and memorialize their mothers who had such an enormous impact on their lives. They encourage others to remember their mothers with contributions to this endowment as well. These funds are used for the ongoing implementation of technology in the curriculum of the high school which requires a yearly commitment to the continuing changes and enhancements available.

## **JROTC - SPECIAL ENDOWMENT FOR JROTC DEPARTMENT**

The JROTC Boosters established this endowment in 2000. The purpose of the endowment is to use the income for programs and equipment in areas not normally covered by the school's operating budget. The use of funds shall be at the discretion of the JROTC instructors and all are welcomed to contribute.

## **CARLTON AND VELMA KRUSE MEMORIAL SPECIAL ENDOWMENT FOR LIBRARY**

Carlton and Velma Kruse established this special endowment in 1984 to the Glory of God in thankful appreciation for His many blessings to them and their family and out of love for all of the students who will attend CLHS in the years that lie ahead. Each year, the income from this fund is available to be used by the librarian in consultation with the principal to purchase additional books for the library in the field of science, economic theory, business management and personal budgeting and investment procedures. Their daughter, Lois Orton, has expanded this to include any expense of CLHS that impacts the most students.

## **EDGAR AND MILDRED KRUSE MEMORIAL SPECIAL ENDOWMENT FOR MEDIA RESOURCES**

Edgar and Mildred Kruse were Fort Wayne natives who attended St. Paul's Lutheran School and graduated from Luther Institute, Edgar studying business and Mildred the secretarial program working for Perfection Bakery. Edgar worked for the Home Telephone Company and the city of Fort Wayne, before joining the staff of the Lutheran Hospital, serving as the chief administrator for 25 years. After marrying, Mildred became a homemaker and dedicated her time and energy to family and church work. Their three sons attended St. Paul's Lutheran School and are CLHS graduates; Dale in 1959, Dennis in 1964, and Donald in 1968. The Kruse's were committed to Christian education in our Lutheran schools and were lifelong patrons and supporters. This fund was established in 2001 for the purchase, production and/or use of media resources to enhance the ministry of CLHS and provide learning opportunities for students, faculty and the Fort Wayne community.

## **DONALD A. AND DORIS KUSCH MEMORIAL SPECIAL ENDOWMENT FOR THEATRE ARTS**

Family and friends of Donald's established this endowment in 1994 upon the occasion of his death in 1993. Donald was the father of David Kusch, the Director of Drama at Concordia Lutheran High School from 1985 to 2001. Doris Kusch, David's mother, passed away in 2003, at which time the fund was renamed to honor both of his parents. Income from this endowment is available to the Drama Program for any use deemed important by the director of drama and the drama staff.

## **CARL LINNEMEIER MEMORIAL SPECIAL ENDOWMENT FOR FACULTY**

This endowment was established in 1987 by Carl's parents, William and Beverly Linnemeier, and his sister, Heidi. Carl was baptized and confirmed at St. Paul Lutheran Church and attended St. Paul Lutheran School. He was a 1978 graduate of CLHS where he was active in the JROTC program. He was a member of the State Championship Rifle Team in 1974-75 and Captain of the team in his senior year. Music was another area of accomplishment, and he was a member of the A Cappella Choir and band, playing the trumpet. After high school, Carl attended Valparaiso University, Florida Southern University and then completed his B.A. degree at Eckerd College. Carl maintained his residence in Florida since it gave him greater opportunity to pursue one of his major interests, water skiing. While in Florida, he worked for a bank and several businesses in the Lakeland area. This endowment's intent is to honor and recognize the faculty of CLHS for their contribution in providing their beloved Carl with a Christian education. Through caring and concerned teachers and administrators, Carl was educated in the skills of life, but more importantly he learned to know his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

## **DUANE E. LUPKE AND FAMILY SPECIAL ENDOWMENT FOR GIFTED AND TALENTED**

This endowment was established in 1988 by Mr. Duane Lupke to provide Concordia Lutheran High School's gifted and talented students with growth opportunities. Duane (CLHS '48) and his wife Carol's children are all graduates of Concordia Lutheran High School, Mark in 1980, David in 1982 and Andrea in 1984. All the Lupke's have a keen interest in educational excellence. Duane is a founding and long-time member of the Concordia Educational Foundation Board of Directors.

## **MASSUCCI FIELD SPECIAL ENDOWMENT**

This endowment was created in 2015 to honor longtime coach Jack Massucci. The funds from this endowment will be used to maintain the baseball field. Massucci coached the Concordia Lutheran High School baseball team for 34 years, retiring in 1996 with a record of 520 wins and 354 losses. His number, No. 24, is the only number in the history of Concordia baseball to be retired. Massucci holds seven conference titles, five IHSAA sectional titles, four regionals, three semi-state crowns, three Final Four appearances, a state runners-up title, and has coached a major leaguer. Not to mention being named to the Northeast Indiana Baseball Hall of Fame, the Indiana High School Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame, and the Concordia Lutheran High School Athletic Hall of Fame. Along with leading the Cadet baseball team, Massucci was a teacher and also coached football, basketball and wrestling. He was a member of the Fort Wayne Baseball-Softball Commission for 25 years, receiving the Charles Wilt Award and the Fort Wayne Sports Corporation Community Service Award. He has also served as the President of the Wildcat Baseball League.

## **MATHEMATICS: GROWING IN EXCELLENCE SPECIAL ENDOWMENT**

This fund was established in 2006 through the efforts of two former mathematics teachers at CLHS—Donald Luepke and David Bahr. Both were recipients of the Presidential Award for Excellence in the Teaching of Mathematics, Don in 1985 and Dave in 1995. In connection with the award, monetary grants were to be used at the direction of the recipients. Both men have also contributed to this fund as well as encouraged contributions from others. Don is a 1961 graduate of CLHS and a graduate of Valparaiso University. He spent 30 years of his teaching ministry at CLHS, teaching both religion and mathematics and serving as department head for the latter portion of his tenure. Dave began his career at CLHS in 1987 after graduating from Concordia University, River Forest, IL. He taught 16 years at CLHS in the mathematics and computer science departments. Both Don and Dave have been very active in promoting excellence in the teaching of mathematics at both the state and national levels, serving as presenters at numerous workshops for mathematics teachers all over the country and throughout the world. The purpose of the fund is to foster growing in excellence in the teaching of mathematics at CLHS as well as to promote the enjoyment of learning mathematics as a means to honor and worship our Lord for His gifts of thinking and creating.

## **VIOLA MESING MEMORIAL SPECIAL ENDOWMENT FOR MUSIC**

Viola Mesing was a member of Zion Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne. She was among the first women in the community to enter the insurance business, and she was very successful. She had a great love for sacred music, and appreciated the A Cappella Choir of CLHS singing at her church. In her estate plan she established an endowment for the music department at Concordia so they would have continuing support for the choral and instrumental band departments.

## **DR. CARL AND ALMA MILLER MEMORIAL SPECIAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE SCIENCES**

Established in 1988 for the Biology, Chemistry and Physics Departments, the income from the fund is available annually for specific requests of the CLHS Science Department. The funds may be used for hardware, software, or approved research. The Millers were dedicated supporters of Concordia from its beginning. Their son, C.G. Miller, Jr. was a founder and long-time member of the Concordia Educational Foundation Board of Directors.

## **HENRY AND ALMA MOELLERING MEMORIAL SPECIAL ENDOWMENT FOR MUSIC**

Henry and Alma's sons, Harold and Richard Moellering, along with their families established this endowment in 1998 in their mother's memory. Alma graduated from Valparaiso University as a music major in 1932, the bottom of the Depression. She had the professional confidence, faith in God, and sheer pluck to go out and start up a piano practice with students around her family home in Schumm, Ohio. Not long after, she obtained a part time job teaching music in the area. A couple of years later she decided to move her practice to Ft. Wayne, Indiana, where she reestablished and expanded her practice. She began attending church at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Ft. Wayne, where one Sunday morning a young usher had to give her an obstructed seat behind a column in the crowded church. After the service, the young usher, one Henry Moellering, came over and apologized for having to give her such a poor seat for the worship service. They were married on November 5, 1938. These endowment funds are intended to support the music program at CLHS for special needs in music education and performance.

## **RICHARD W. MOELLERING, SR. BARNABAS AWARD SPECIAL ENDOWMENT**

Established in 2020, this award recognizes Richard's desire to recognize outstanding citizenship and servant leadership exhibited by CLHS students. The recipient is chosen by the senior class to be the one student who best exemplifies servant leadership within their class and the Fort Wayne community.

## **REV. ARMIN OLDSEN MEMORIAL SPECIAL ENDOWMENT FOR RELIGION**

This endowment was established in 1995 as a tribute to Rev. Oldsen's ministry and even more, as an extension of that ministry which challenged all to be active stewards for Christ. Pastor Oldsen was the chaplain and chairman of the religion department at CLHS from 1957 to 1966. For nearly a half century, Armin brought Christ to the world through his preaching, teaching, and other ministries. Oldsen was Lutheran Hour speaker from 1951 to 1953. This endowment may be used to bring to CLHS a missionary who will interact with students, living and teaching among them and conveying to them a perspective on Christian witness and other cultures. It may also establish retreats for potential church workers, and to facilitate the development of programs that stimulate the spiritual growth of students.

## **OUR CREATOR'S CLASSROOM SPECIAL ENDOWMENT**

Rev. Jon and Sharon Anderson established this fund in 2000 to provide financial assistance to support educational programs for Our Creator's Classroom and to assist with the costs of materials and general maintenance of the area. Our Creator's Classroom is a 4 acre site with an amazing diversity of plant and animal life located on the Concordia campus. There is, in fact, no similar area, within the increasingly urban section of the city, dedicated exclusively for education which has become one of the finest outdoor learning laboratories in the area. Rev. Anderson had been an instructor at CLHS since 1963, retiring in 2007. His primary instructional area was science and he is especially involved in outreach efforts into the community and service projects for the community. The Andersons are the parents of four children Deborah Kreml, Ruth Knaperek, Jon Anderson, and David Anderson, all graduates of CLHS.

## **OUR CREATORS CLASSROOM – HORTICULTURAL**

The Martin Luepke Family established this fund in 2010 to assist in funding of a student and/or community horticultural program operated from the "Our Creator's Classroom" greenhouse. The funds can be used to mentor personnel, purchase equipment and/or supplies in conjunction with the horticultural program of "Our Creator's Classroom."

## **PROFESSIONAL GROWTH SPECIAL ENDOWMENT FOR FACULTY**

Proceeds from this endowment, which was established in 1995 by a CLHS teacher and his wife, are to be used to assist members of the faculty and staff of Concordia Lutheran High School for their participation in professional growth activities allowing them to become more efficient and effective in helping students learn. These proceeds are to be used as an additional resource for professional development beyond the general operating budget of CLHS. Participation at academic conferences, faculty and/or department in-service activities and faculty and/or department workshops are possible appropriate uses.

## **THE DR. ROBERT EPP AND DR. RICHARD LUECKE EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD**

This fund was established in 1987 by a CLHS alumnus who was also an educator and whose goal was to recognize quality Christian education. The "Excellence in Teaching" award is presented annually and includes a monetary gift to be used at the recipient's discretion to enhance their program in ways determined by them to be most beneficial. In addition, the recipient's name is placed in nomination for the State of Indiana Teacher of the Year Award, representing CLHS. In 2015, the Dr. Richard Luecke endowment and the Teacher of the Year endowment were merged to create the current named fund. This was done at the direction of the donor who had created both special endowments. At the donor's death, his name was added to the title of this special endowment. Dr. Epp was a graduate of the class of 1944.

## **H. EDWIN AND RUTH CAMPBELL TRUSHEIM SPECIAL ENDOWMENT FOR MUSIC**

This endowment was established in 1988 by H. Edwin and Ruth Campbell Trusheim. Ruth is a 1947 graduate of CLHS, and both are graduates of Concordia College, River Forest, where they met. This fund has helped sponsor inaugural performance pieces of music prepared especially for Concordia and its music program and students, as well as provide for artist-in-residence for Concordia classes and at special public performances.

## **DR. AL AND CAROL WICK SPECIAL ENDOWMENT FOR LUTHERAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS**

Dr. Al and Carol Wick established this fund in 1999 with the goal of this award encouraging the top academic student from every Lutheran elementary school in Allen County to attend Concordia Lutheran High School. Both the Wicks graduated from CLHS in 1948, and all three of their children, John '75, Karen '73, and Kristin '85, are also Concordia graduates. Dr. Wick is an honorary member of the Board of Directors of Concordia Educational Foundation. Al, a retired ophthalmologist, and Carol are members of Holy Cross Lutheran Church. In establishing this award, Dr. and Mrs. Wick stated, "This scholarship has been established in appreciation for the quality Christian education that we and our family received at Concordia. This scholarship will hopefully open new doors of achievement for outstanding students."

## **JUNE "FITZGERALD" YERGENS MEMORIAL**

Created in 2021 at the request of daughter, Cathy A. Fitzgerald, through her will to support a grant writer position at Concordia Lutheran High School for the benefit of Concordia Lutheran High School and other Lutheran schools. June was a 1942 graduate of Concordia Lutheran High School and an active business owner and church member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne.