



Colorado Lutheran High School Association

## *Lights to the World*

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Dear Friends in Christ,

Recently, I received this message through Facebook:

*Dear Mr. Gehrke,*

*I wanted to tell you this a while back during summer, but it always passed my mind. However, here I am now remembering and actually getting to telling you. So during the summer I went on a Gospel choir tour with about ninety people. During the tour, we were put into groups so that the people on that trip would get more out of it from the others around them and from God. While in my small group, so many people raised questions about God and about the Bible. The crazy thing is that I was able to help answer those questions that even the leader couldn't answer. And I know that it was all from what I got out of the curriculum at DLHS, because before I ever came to the school, I was raising questions about the same things myself. In all, I wanted to thank you for giving me that chance to minister and to answer questions to others around me. I am pretty shocked at the spiritual growth that occurred during my years at DLHS. At first, I felt like I wasn't really impacted. But when I encountered the feeling of actually knowing things and feeling sure in my faith, my eyes were widened. Thank you once again. It truly means so much to me. It may not have seemed that way while I was at DLHS, but it surely does now. Anyway, hope everything is going well for you!*

*Emily Walter*

**God uses Lutheran High School to transform lives. His Word is powerful and is found in all aspects of the operation of Lutheran High School.** That same curriculum that Emily referred to above is the same that is used every day at Lutheran High School. LHS produces spiritual champions that make a difference for God's kingdom after they graduate.

With the consolidation of Denver Lutheran High School and Lutheran High School Parker, God is reminding us daily that we must be first and foremost about mission and ministry. Lutheran High School offers an excellent educational product and encourages young people in their walk with Christ. Both facets of the mission of Lutheran High School are timeless and need not be connected with any one location or building. The Colorado Lutheran High School Association, since its inception in 1952, has always been about ministry to youth and will continue to be no matter what shape or form that ministry takes.

**We need your support.**

In an effort to simplify past giving programs, the ongoing annual campaign for operating costs will be the **Ron Brandhorst Tuition Angel Program**. A brochure is included with this mailing. It is our yearly general appeal.

Lutheran High School has given over \$300,000 in tuition assistance for the 2011-2012 school year. Your donation helps turn “unfunded” tuition assistance into “funded” tuition assistance.

**Your donation gives more students the chance to be a part of the Lutheran High School legacy.** Without tuition angel donors, the mission of Lutheran High School will become only for those families that God has blessed with the ability to pay full tuition. **With your support, Lutheran High School can be for more people.**

***Our goal is to raise \$300,000 in appeals and personal asks during the 2011-2012 school year. Will you help us reach our goal?***

I believe that any organization that asks for your financial support must have a strategic plan and a high level of both accountability and transparency. You may track the progress of our giving programs at [www.GrowingInHIM.org](http://www.GrowingInHIM.org). Our current five-year strategic plan can be found there as well. **If you desire a copy of the strategic plan by mail, please call 303-934-8611 and let us know!**

(Please note: The Colorado Lutheran High School Association is in the early stages of preparation for a *Lights to the World* capital campaign to reduce debt and enhance the educational technology of Lutheran High School. That campaign is specifically designed for donations **over and above** giving amounts already in place. In other words, we need our yearly giving to remain steady and not suffer due to the capital campaign.)

As a reminder, check out Lutheran High School at [www.lhsparker.org](http://www.lhsparker.org).

Follow the financial status and development progress of the CLSHA and LHS at [www.GrowingInHIM.org](http://www.GrowingInHIM.org).

Online donations can be made on both websites – look for the “**Donate Now**” button.

Follow the school on **Facebook** – search “Lutheran High School” and look for the combined logo!

Follow LHS athletics on **Twitter** (@LHSparker)

Thank you in advance for the support of a ministry that God uses to transform lives.

*Lights to the World,*



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