

The history of the Evansville Lutheran School Foundation

For many years, supporters of Evansville Lutheran School considered ways to provide long term support for the school. In November, 2007, **\$100,000.00** was given to the school to establish a Foundation that would provide income to the school through perpetuity. With the receipt of this lead gift, a giant step was taken in providing for the future financial stability of our school.

The exciting news of the Foundation spread rapidly among the many supporters and alumni and additional gifts quickly brought the Foundation asset total to \$110,000. Directors for the Foundation were named and after several months the Evansville Lutheran School Foundation was incorporated and recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a 501 (c) (3) corporation. With this designation, all gifts made to the Evansville Lutheran School Foundation are tax-deductible.

In March, 2008, an anonymous donor issued a challenge match : ***All gifts received by September 30, 2008 would be matched dollar for dollar up to \$50,000.*** By September 30 it was evident that many individuals were dedicated to preserving the future of our school. Not only was the challenge met, it was exceeded as nearly \$60,000 was given in response to the challenge! We give thanks to God for these wonderful gifts!

Regarding the Foundation, ELS Foundation President Janie Robertson said this "Many years ago, members of our congregations gave generously to build and sustain Evansville Lutheran School. I am grateful to them for providing this school that was such a blessing for my sons. Now I am very excited to be a part of this new vehicle that has the means for sustainable stewardship of gifts. This is a wonderful opportunity to give back to the school and help ensure that Evansville Lutheran School will continue to bless future generations. I encourage everyone to join us in this exciting undertaking."

If you would like to discuss how you might make a gift to the Foundation either through a gift of cash, a gift of property or securities, or if you wish to include the Foundation in your estate planning, please contact the school at 424-7252. Gifts are fully tax deductible.



We invite you to become a partner in the ELS Foundation. Your gift will be a gift to future generations.

- Gifts of Cash
- Securities and Real Estate
- Life Insurance
- Real Property
- Charitable Gift Annuities
- Charitable Remainder Trusts
- IRAs and Retirement Plans
- Bequests, Wills & Revocable Trusts

Thank you for your support of Lutheran education!

Evansville Lutheran School Foundation 2008 Annual Report

The Evansville Lutheran School Foundation was incorporated in April, 2008 as a means to provide for the long-term support of Evansville Lutheran School through the collection, investment & distribution of funds.

Initial Gift	\$100,000.00
Cash Gifts received by 12/31/08	\$67,425.00
Challenge Match	\$50,000.00
Gifts of Securities	\$984.60
Thrivent matches on gifts	\$3,322.50
Asset Income	\$5,156.85
Total Income	226,888.95
Expenses	\$805.00
Asset balance as of 12/31/08	\$226,083.95

Gifts to the foundation are invested in income producing financial instruments. The Board of Directors meet quarterly to review the investments and conduct the business of the Foundation.

Terms of the Articles of Incorporation

Once a threshold of \$300,000.00 in assets reached, five percent (maximum) of the Foundation's total assets will be allocated each year to Evansville Lutheran School to provide for its general support and expansion.

Upon dissolution of the Evansville Lutheran School Foundation, Inc. and following payment of all outstanding liabilities and obligations, all remaining assets held shall be distributed to Evansville Lutheran School. In the event Evansville Lutheran School is not in existence, all remaining assets shall be distributed to Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod organizations existing for educational purposes that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code as the Board determines, subject to the limitations set forth in I.C. 23-17-22-5. Preference shall be given to Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod grade schools and high schools in the local area, region, and state in that order.

2008 Foundation Contributors

We are grateful to the following individuals for their support of Evansville Lutheran School through their gifts to the ELS Foundation.

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Charles Walker is the retired founder and president of Evana Automation, INC. He is the president of the Charitable Management Foundation. As a member of Our Saviour, he has served as President, Trustee, and Sunday School Superintendent. Formerly, he was Plant Superintendent of Benerson Corporation and served as Chairman of the Society of Manufacturing Engineers and on the Board of Directors of EPIHAB.

James Martin retired after 35 years work in the metals industry. Jim has a BS in electrical engineering from Montana State. He and his wife, Joyce, live in Henderson, Ky. and are members of Redeemer. They have three children and six grandchildren, three of which attend ELS. Jim is the Vice President of the ELS Foundation.

Don Diekmann is the Secretary of the ELS Foundation Board. Don attended Evansville College. After 33 years of service he retired as Marketing Manager of Mohawk Carpet. He and his wife Phyllis are St. Paul's members. Their children are alumni of the Lutheran School and their daughter formerly taught at ELS. Their granddaughter Sarah currently teaches there.

Jason Rouser is a Medical Sales Consultant for Auxilium Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Jason holds a BS in Business Administration from the University of Southern Indiana. He is a member of Lambda Chi Alpha, Alpha Kappa Psi and has done mission work in Guatemala. Jason is an ELS alumni, Class of '93, and a member of Redeemer.

Debbie Walker is the Secretary for the Charitable Management Foundation and Office Manager for Dr. Dan Walker. She holds a Nursing degree from University of Evansville. As a member of Our Saviour, she serves as Board of Education Chairman and teaches Sunday School.

Cynthia Deig is a former high school mathematics teacher and holds a BS in Mathematics from Purdue University. She volunteers many hours at ELS and as a 4-H leader. She and her husband, Steve, are members of Redeemer. Two of their children are ELS alumni and one is in the 6th grade.

Deborah Coomer F.I.C. is a financial representative for Thrivent Financial. She is a member of the Million Dollar Round Table & Court of the Table. Prior to her 18 years of work in the insurance and investment arena, she worked closely with St. Peter Lutheran School where her 2 children attended. She and her husband, Steve, are members of Redeemer.

Pastor David Wiist is the Pastor of Concordia Lutheran Church in Evansville. Pastor Wiist is a '93 graduate of Concordia River Forest, a '97 graduate of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis and an alumni of ELS, Class of '85. He and his wife, Amy, have three sons who currently attend ELS.

Kathy Allen is the Treasurer of the Foundation. She holds a degree in Chemical Engineering from University of Cincinnati and is currently an adjunct professor in math and chemistry at Ivy Tech. She and her husband, Thad, have three children at ELS.

Robert Fischer is the president and founder of Fischer Candy Company. He and his wife, Edna, have three children and five grandchildren all of whom attended ELS and a great-grandchild who is currently there. He is a member of St. Paul's.

Janie Robertson is the President of the ELS Foundation and Development Director of Evansville Lutheran School. She holds both a BS and MS from the University of Evansville. She and her husband, Joe, are active members of St. Paul's. Both of their sons are alumni of ELS.

Tony Shull is the Principal of Evansville Lutheran School. He and his wife, Cindy, have twin daughters and a son who attend ELS. He holds a BS from St. John College and a MA from Tennessee Tech.

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