



A Tie That Binds

FALL/WINTER 2011

Lafayette Christian School:

The early years through the '50s



As far back as the late 1800's, The LORD began to stir the hearts of members of the Lafayette Christian Reformed Church with the vision of providing a Christian Education for their children. The desire for Christian education accelerated during the 1940's when the government was threatening to remove prayer from the public schools. The Society for Christian Education was formed to begin developing vision and commitment for Christ-centered education. They began by setting up summer classes to provide Christian education for their children. In a step of faith in 1948, the Society purchased the present property for \$6,000.00. In September 1950, The Lafayette Christian School opened after many years of praying, planning and fund raising. The original building consisted of 4 classrooms, restrooms, a library/ teacher's lounge and office at a cost of \$64,600.00.

Long before the doors of the school opened, the members of the Christian Reformed Church labored and sacrificed to raise the funds for the school. The Ladies Circle was formed and many fund raising activities were developed. One of the first events was to provide and serve

food for "Purdue's Swine Day". Each woman in the Society provided at least 6 pies and homemade noodles in addition to helping serve for this event. The same effort provided food for the "Purdue Cattle Day" each year. A Dutch Bazaar (open to the public) was another project held each year in the church basement. For the meal, the Society served their famous "baked chicken casserole". Hand made crafts and baked goods were sold and activity booths provided lots of fun for the children.

The men formed the Men's Booster Club which also developed projects to support the school. A Labor Day Picnic at the County Fairgrounds was held by the Ladies Circle and the Men's Booster Club each year. The men provided a fish fry and the women provided the remainder of the meal. This highly anticipated, all day fund raising event featured activities such as tractor rides, pony rides, horseshoes, soft ball, relay games, dunking tank, and other games. At the end of the day, this wonderful family affair culminated in a time of worship and praise featuring the "Wooden Shoe Four Quartet".

During the first year of the school, there were grades 1 through 6. This meant that 2 grades were usually in each classroom. In the second year of operation, the 7th grade was added and the third year the 8th grade was added. "The Christian School Society" was organized separate from the

church with a board of it's own to direct the affairs of the school and promote Christian education in the Lafayette area. With trust in the LORD for His faithfulness and provision, parents, grandparents and supporters of Christ-centered education sacrificed time and money to build and sustain the Lafayette Christian School for their children.

"Surely God is our salvation; we will trust and not be afraid. The LORD, the LORD, is our strength and our song; He has become our salvation." Isaiah 12:2.

Submitted By: Phyllis Hanstra, Joan Kuiper and Penny Bell



Original Lafayette Christian School Building

Calendar of Events

- Nov 29: JH Band performs at Indiana Veterans Home 12:40
- Dec 1: Christmas Concert for 3rd-5th grades at 6:30 pm
- December 5 – 8: Scholastic Book Fair at LCS
- Dec 7: JH Choir performs at Purdue Memorial Union 12:15
- Dec 15: Christmas Concert for Pre-K-2nd grades at 6:30 pm
- Dec 21-Jan 3: Christmas Break

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Notes from



the 2nd Floor...

Looking back at some of my letters to you within the Tie that Binds newsletter it seems that each New Year brings mention of new staff, new families, new support and God's favor to a great beginning. As fall turns and winter approaches your thoughts may turn to, "What's going on at LCS this year?" And so it is again, I continue to pay tribute to all of you, our past and future, while sharing the present.

I've been putting a lot of thought into this. Did you know that in 1950 we began with less than a quarter of our current student enrollment today? This year's enrollment stands at 284 students, with 48 churches represented. You will find testimony to your prayers and investment within. Already there have been many blessings and we are grateful for all of them. In fact many of the articles in Fall/Winter 2011 issue speak to our heritage, our foundation and vision. You will enjoy past treasures, new staff bios, Phase II Building Campaign progress, the work ethic of LCS students shining and more.

In addition to the above, you can always stay connected via our growing Facebook community. There have also been emails and notes written with kind words as to the happenings within LCS and within our community. All of this is to say, I think you care for LCS and we care about you and your involvement. We continue to be a community centered in Christ for the benefit of our children. Thank you for investing by reading this newsletter and praying for the numerous things God is about. You are invited to join in, log on, write a note or better yet call me for a visit to see all the good in action. Let's keep the conversation going!

In Him,

Kamie K. Edgell
Development Director

4-H Fair winners from LCS

Local County Fairs:

Katherine Bathe
Olivia Branstetter
Megan Clevenger
Megan Giltmier
Anna Hampton
Clarissa Hays
Nicole Henle
Nikki Hibler
Erik King
Luke Morris
Aaron South
Ryan South
Harrison Sylvester
Nate Yorán

Indiana State Fair:

Kennedy Boehning — Blue Horse and Pony
Ben Clevenger — Dog Obedience -
Taylor Gibbs — Gift Wrapping and Photography
Zach White — Dog Obedience
Sarah Willoughby — Dairy
Kash Wolf — S wine

The work ethic of LCS students is shining within our community. This past summer these students completed numerous 4-H projects earning many honors at the local level. So many to mention, there was not even enough room to showcase the awards. However, if you know any of these LCS students feel free to compliment them on a job well done! They were learning new things and sharing their God given talents. Congratulations!!

Receive a 50% Indiana Tax Credit on your donation to the LCS SGO Scholarship Fund.

That's right! For example, when you give \$500 to the LCS Educational Choice Scholarship Trust Fund, you will receive a \$250 Indiana tax credit in addition to the normal charitable Federal Tax deduction. These funds go directly to providing scholarships to families needing help to provide a christian education at LCS for their children. We need a total of \$4000 in this SGO fund before the end of the year to provide scholarships to all the families who qualify and have applied. Please contact Julie Williams at the school office (765) 447-3052 to find out how you can help these families and receive a tax credit!

God Bless & Thank You

With great joy I write to you about the blessings that God has bestowed on Lafayette Christian School and to update you on our LCS Capital Campaign. This is our second full year occupying the 1st floor of our new addition!

As you may recall, in 2008, Jan Bootsma bequeathed to Lafayette Christian School more than \$2.5 Million Dollars to jumpstart our \$7.0 Million Dollar 4-Phase building project. Through your faithful gifts we raised the additional \$1.6 Million Dollars needed to complete Phase 1! Phase 1 was our largest and most expensive phase, consisting of our beautiful new 2-story addition, and finishing out the entire 1st floor by adding 8 new classrooms and a separate school library.

God has richly blessed us and every single classroom at LCS is once again full! Our enrollment has grown to 282 students, which is a 22% increase from the 2008/09 school year. We currently have 3 kindergarten classes, and two classrooms each for the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 5th grades.

Please pray that God will direct us on our future phases. Our three remaining phases are:

Phase 2 – Timetable = NOW (2011-2012). At a cost of \$700,000 Phase 2 will complete the 2nd floor of the new addition, and add 6 needed classrooms and a junior high commons area. With God's guidance and Kamie Edgell's leadership, we are now actively trying to raise these funds. Please pray for Phase 2!

Phase 3 – Projected Timetable = 2013. The cost for phase 3 is \$750,000 and these funds will be used to construct our new

music wing and add 2 additional classrooms. The timing for Phase 3 is 2013.

Phase 4 – Projected Timetable = 2014.

At a cost of \$750,000 this final phase will renovate and remodel the original portion of the school. This work will include a kitchen remodel, adding a dedicated school cafeteria, elementary commons area and a new parking and drop off area in the front of LCS for our younger children and families. The timing for Phase 4 is 2014.

If you have not visited LCS recently please stop by during the school day to see the wonderful works God is doing at LCS. Thank you for your commitment to LCS. Without your gifts and prayers LCS would not have our new addition and the classrooms for our students.

Submitted By:
Stuart Boehning, Capital Campaign Committee
John Hibler, LCS Board of Trustees President

Golf Outing & \$10,000 for Technology

The 2011 LCS Annual Golf Outing held on Friday, September 30th at the Ravines Golf Course was tremendously successful. The Golf Outing raised \$10,000 for the technology needs of LCS. We have many to thank with the LORD being first. We also had 17 sponsors, 16 teams and a great volunteer committee of parents who contributed to the day.

So, have you purchased a new computer, ipad, printer or software within the last year? Think of each class having those individual needs. As we utilize and educate using our Technology Lab, plus within each classroom, that one question speaks to our ever changing needs. So we thank you participants, sponsors and those who were praying for a day that it would bring forth a

bountiful harvest. If you have interest in participating, sponsoring or joining the Golf Outing Committee for next year, please feel free to contact Kamie Edgell at kedgell@lafayettechristian.org or 447-3052.



Let the Children Make a Joyful Noise

Submitted By:
Cedric Knox, Music Teacher

We hope you are enjoying the music events that we have presented here at LCS so far! The students are making some great progress and I am especially proud of the younger Junior High students and how they have risen to the occasion in ensembles. The fifth graders have only been playing for two months now, but they are

really starting to get the feel of their instrument and make music. The elementary school students always put a smile on my face! I look forward to sharing their beautiful singing voices with you at our Christmas Programs in December.

On that note, please mark down the following events in your calendar:

- ❖ Concert Band at Veteran's Home - Tuesday, November 29th - 1:30pm performance
- ❖ 3rd-5th grade Christmas Program - Thursday, December 1st - 6:30pm at LCS
- ❖ Concert Choir at Purdue University – Wednesday, December 7th - 1pm performance
- ❖ Prek-2nd Christmas Program - Thursday, December 15th - 6:30pm at LCS

Meet the New Teachers

Renee Sieplinga - 5 day Kindergarten Teacher



Family: Husband - Joel, married 5 years

Most excited about... getting to know my students and seeing them develop over the course of the school year

Church home: Faith Baptist Church

Just for fun: I love to read and play board games; my husband and I actually keep our favorite board games in the trunk of our car so that we'll have them with us at all time in case of a board game emergency.

Elizabeth Cox -1st Grade Teacher



Family: Husband-Zach Cox

Most excited about... I am most excited about working in an incredibly positive and encouraging environment, with an outstanding staff and fabulous families.

Church home: My husband and I are youth leaders at our church, Bethel Christian Life Center.

Just for fun: Anything to do outdoors...walking, hiking, biking and with family.

James Gilmore - Jr. High Math/Technology Director



Family: Beautiful Bride named Lindsay Christine Gilmore (and Miracle Dog named Sawyer) PLUS, Baby-On-The-Way without a name yet

Most excited about... I am very excited to fill two roles this year at Lafayette Christian School as the Technology Director and the JH Math teacher. As Technology Director I am looking forward to updating the system as well and making sure our network runs smoothly. However, my main passion is teaching. I am glad to be a part of school with such a fantastic community that is very supportive. It is a pleasure for me to teach mathematics especially at the levels of Pre-Algebra and Algebra. These are the foundation of most mathematics. Awakening the students to this new world is going to be a blast and a new adventure for both parties. I look forward to inspiring the students to be bold in their faith as they continue their walk with Jesus Christ.

Church Home: Covenant Church

Just for Fun: I love Rubik 'cubes...I have 15.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

The spiritual theme this year at LCS is "Excellence for God" with the theme verse being Colossians 3:23. It says: "whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men". How fitting is this theme as it ties in directly to the mission of LCS, providing "Excellence in Education, Centered on Christ". Excellence is a word that has many meanings in our society and culture, some are not necessarily true to a definition of Godly Excellence that we strive for. We as Christians, look to meet our potential as God has created each of us, and to lift our work and achievements up to His glory and purpose. We are also called to do this work in spirit of love. We read in 1st Corinthians 12 leading into chapter 13 – "I will show you the most excellent way. If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal." — Ken Goff

New teacher Continued...

Tiffany Morreale - 5th Grade Teacher



I am in my ninth year of teaching and am so excited to be here!

Family: I am married to Brendan and have two sons, one of whom is a first grader here at LCS.

Church Home: We are members of St. James Lutheran Church, where I enjoyed teaching Pre-K for the last three years.

Most excited about...: I am thrilled to be back in the intermediate grades! I love teaching math and am excited to find ways to apply learning in the classroom to everyday life!

Just for fun: I am currently training for my first half marathon in November.

Stephanie Graves - 5th Grade Teacher



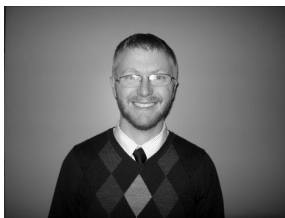
Family: My husband's name is Seth and we have been married for almost two years.

Most excited about...: I am really looking forward to creatively teaching the curriculum of fifth grade as well as growing with my students to become Christ-like models.

Church Home: Community Reformed Church

Just for fun: I love to water ski and tube behind a boat!

Cedric Knox - Music, Band & Choir Teacher



Family: Wife - Brigitte, married 2- years

Most excited about... I am most excited about coming to work every morning and teaching children to praise God through music. Furthermore, it is really nice to be able to see the children grow from kindergarten through the eighth-grade. Because of the way the schedule is set up at LCS combined with the musical atmosphere that the children are surrounded by in their regular classrooms, their homes, at their respective churches, they are highly accomplished at a very young age.

Church home: Regular Visitor at Central Presbyterian

Just for fun: My wife and I were high school sweethearts from Albuquerque, New Mexico. We first met in middle school through a youth orchestra. After dating for a couple years in high school and six years of distance during college and graduate school, we have finally started a wonderful life together in Cincinnati and now here in Lafayette. We have three cats named Fred, George, and Lily. I love college basketball, especially my alma matter: the University of New Mexico. GO LOBOS!

YOUR GIFT TO THE ANNUAL FUND IS A TANGIBLE EXPRESSION OF YOUR BELIEF IN THE MINISTRY OF LCS. YOUR INVESTMENT FURTHERS THE MINISTRY TO CHRIST - CENTERED EDUCATION.

AND...MATCHING FUNDS, ARE AVAILABLE.

TO BEGIN, INQUIRE WITH YOUR EMPLOYER'S HUMAN RESOURCE DEPARTMENT.

ATHLETIC NEWS

You are invited to come to any of our Athletic Events over the next coming months. You will be in awe of the new LCS gym floor graciously given and much time devoted to its completion.

You can purchase a Season Pass to attend any LCS Athletic Event at the door for \$40.00

The following highlighted dates are when the LCS students will be playing.

Visit www.lafayettechristian.org under Athletics, click on Athletic Calendar for full details on which team and time of game.

You are also welcome to join our Athletic Boosters to support the growing enrollment needs as it relates to our Athletic programs.



DECEMBER 2011						
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Calling all

TARGET Shoppers

Do YOU have a Target Credit Card? Did YOU know it could benefit LCS?

If YOU have a Target Credit Card, YOU can designate LCS as the school YOU would like your

rewards to go to, as a portion of what YOU spend is given to LCS.

Love LCS

My children were so lost in public school, and they both had been begging me to put them in private Christian school for a while. My children were so unhappy because they were being taught one thing at home, and going to school only to see and learn differently. I could no longer ignore my children's requests, nor could I deny that God was impressing on my heart to just look in to the options. I had been resistant because I had lost a business to this economy and my husband was back in college at Purdue and only working part time. How was I going to make this happen financially?

We are so very blessed that the financial aid was made available for our children to attend

LCS. Both of my children are so happy and cannot believe that they are in a school that begins the day with a prayer. Also, they cannot believe that they are in a school where teachers can say GOD and JESUS. We feel so blessed that we can send them to school in one of their shirts from a Vacation Bible School, and they are not asked to turn it inside out because it is offensive to some students. As parents, we are so blessed because we no longer have to worry about what they are getting exposed to. We thank you so much.

Greg and Liz Douglas (Troy 5th)
(Jacquelyn 4th)

How to begin, Kingdom Giving



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ABOUT BARNABAS FOUNDATION...

For over 30 years, Barnabas Foundation has been advancing God's kingdom by providing quality planned giving and estate planning services. The goal is to help caring Christians strengthen support for the ministries of several hundred member organizations. With that goal in mind, the foundation also offers stewardship development and education for churches. This program serves as a catalyst for churches to develop good stewards, based upon God's ownership of all gifts.

BEGINNING WITH THE BIBLE

"Barnabas...owned a tract of land, sold it and brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet." Acts 4:36-37 (NASB).

This little-remembered fact about Barnabas tells us much about his Christian commitment.

Over a quarter of a century ago, inspired by this act of love and gratitude, a small group of professionals formed the charitable, non-profit Barnabas Foundation. The philosophy behind the foundation is that we are stewards of the resources God has entrusted to us. Part of good stewardship is making certain that we manage our assets properly during our lifetime and beyond. This is part of our spiritual responsibility to God.

HOW BARNABAS FOUNDATION WORKS WITH DONORS – A Unique Perspective

They are committed to the principles of Christian Stewardship. Every discussion of the use of God's resources is based upon recognition that God owns it all. It is our responsibility to act as God's stewards with the management of His gifts to us.

They help Christians accomplish their individual and family estate planning goals. This means that income needs and requirements are considered in each plan. Attorneys who are knowledgeable in charitable giving benefits as well as estate plans, facilitate the process.

They assume complete confidentiality in the planning process. People feel secure in providing necessary information to develop an estate plan because the planning is objective and independent, and all information is confidential.

Financial details and family situations are not disclosed to any organization.

They do not sell or encourage any particular financial or investment products. Nor do they refer people or companies offering investment products.

Their planning services are provided to individuals at no charge. They provide their services free of charge and with no obligation, thanks to the annual contributions made by the foundation's 200 Christian member organizations.

They do not ask for any gifts. No gifts to Barnabas Foundation are either solicited or encouraged. You can be assured that they do no fund raising for themselves or other organizations as part of the planning process.

They provide stewardship development and education to churches. They help motivate Christians to be faithful stewards of the resources God has given them. Their purpose is to advance the understanding of stewardship as an essential part of a Christian lifestyle.

WHAT BARNABAS FOUNDATION OFFERS – Experience and Expertise

Clear and easy-to-understand planning information. This is especially important if you're making your first will. It's also critical to the review and update of an existing Will.

Answers to your specific questions.

You probably have questions about wills, trusts and estate taxes. You are interested in learning more about planning options for your own particular family situation.

Estate planning visits. During this meeting, your family's total situation and requirements are evaluated. This may result in your first estate plan or may revamp an existing one. It may be as complex as formulating a new approach to meet unusual needs and goals and to eliminate unnecessary taxes.

Estate planning expertise. Barnabas Foundation's experience and knowledge may help you save taxes, minimize family disputes, or protect elderly parents. It may help you provide for a disabled family member,

transfer a family farm or business, or avoid probate expenses and delay.

Computer calculations for charitable gifts.

Barnabas Foundation provides these and other resources to local attorneys and others involved in

estate planning. Their desire is to help assure that the goals of Christian donors are fully and accurately achieved at the lowest possible cost.

Competent local Christian attorney referral choices. If a donor does not have an attorney and desires one with similar values, they will try to assist.

Informative Estate Planning Presentations. Barnabas Foundation makes presentations to groups associated with local churches, Christian schools and other Christian organizations. Content varies from that of interest to general audiences to presentations customized for special groups.

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Barnabas Visit Scheduled:

Tuesday, DECEMBER 20, 2011

If you are interested in participating and would like to meet with Amy Baty, our Barnabas Representative. Call Kamie Edgell, Development Director at 447-3052 to schedule your one hour.



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Our new gym floor!

2011-2012 Theme Verse:
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