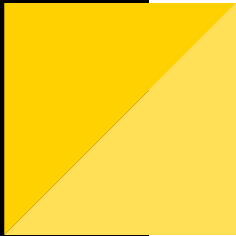




LANSING CHRISTIAN  
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# Annual Report

2024-2025

# Equipping young men and women to engage the world for Jesus Christ.

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# Dear LCS Community,



I am deeply grateful for God's steady faithfulness to our community. His Word—*inspired, infallible, and authoritative*—has shaped this school for nearly 75 years, and it remains the foundation for all we do. Our mission begins with the phrase, "Recognizing God as the source of all truth, wisdom, and knowledge," and this conviction continues to guide our purpose and aspirations.

Another aspect of our mission is the importance of partnering with Christian parents. This year, I have invited our community to revisit a central question: What are we partnering in? Our founding verse, Psalm 78:7, gives a clear and compelling answer, "That they might set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments." At LCS, we partner with Christian parents so the next generation will:

- **Set their hope in God;**
- **Not forget the works of God; and**
- **Keep His commands.**

These anchoring commitments shape our identity as a school. They define our past, strengthen our present, and inspire our vision for the future.

As you read this review of our year, illustrated by examples of partnership, I hope you see the evidence of God's work in our school through our students, our faculty, our programs, and the faithful support of families like yours.

Thank you for your partnership and your prayers. I look forward with expectancy to all God will continue to do through Lansing Christian School in the years ahead.

In Christ,  
Dr. Jeremy Zajicek  
Head of School



# Partnering in Worship

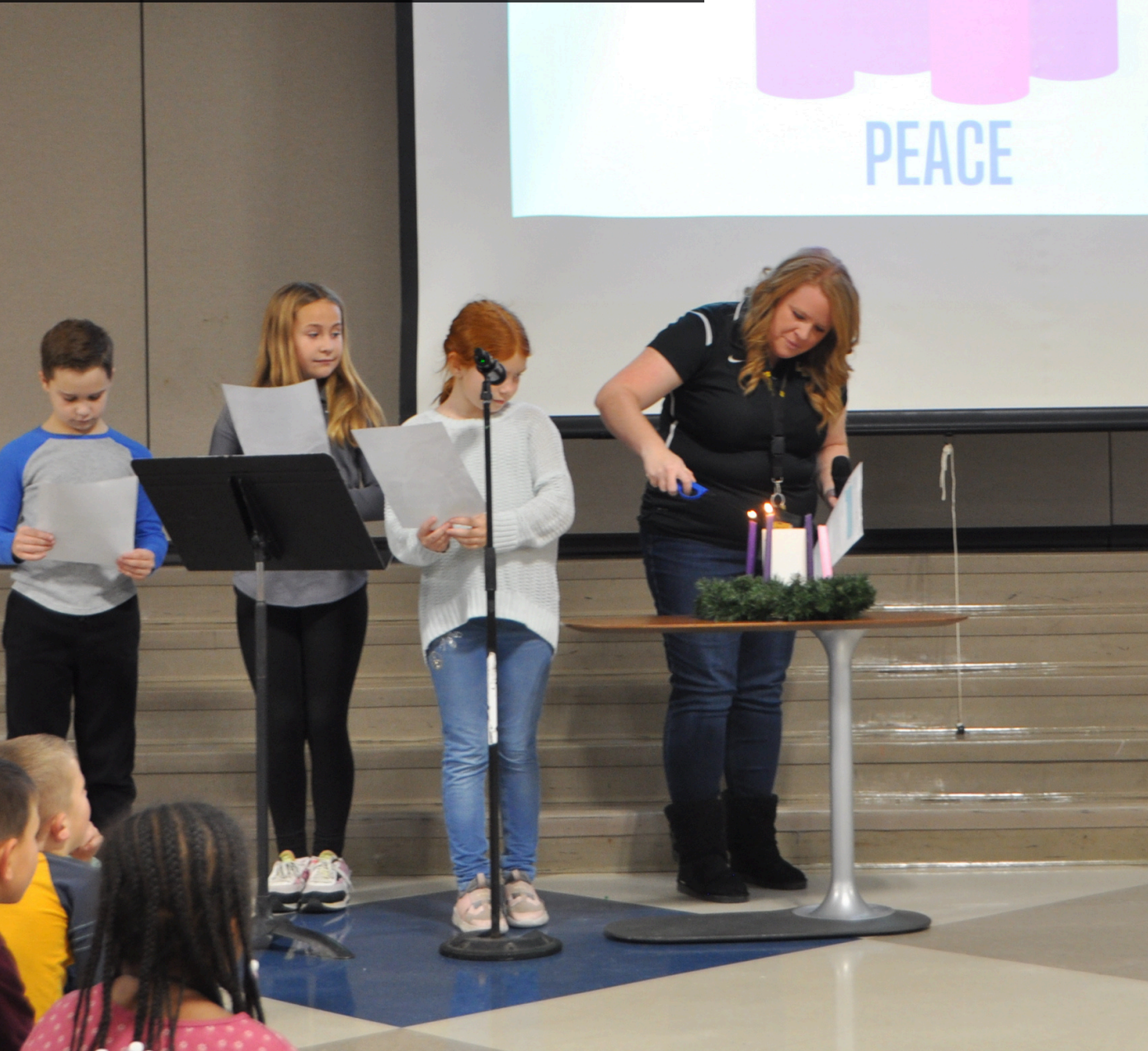
Chapel creates a rhythm of pausing from studies on Tuesdays and Fridays to center our focus on Christ. Students are reminded that their lives are part of God's story, and that following Christ means learning to exalt God in all aspects of life.

In elementary school, students gather to worship, read Scripture, and experience God's Word come alive through testimonies and songs. Students take an active role by leading prayers, class chapels, and traditions such as Advent candle lightings. These opportunities help children grow in their faith and learn to use their voices and gifts for God's glory.

In middle and high school, students are encouraged to participate in chapel worship teams. Students deepen their spiritual maturity as they discover that leading worship is not a performance but an invitation for their peers to commune with Jesus. High school students also have the opportunity to plan and lead chapel services through our Chapel Leadership class, an elective for students interested in the spiritual formation of our student body and exploring a future in ministry. This year, our spiritual theme from Psalm 100:5 is especially meaningful, "For the Lord is good and His love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations." As we celebrate 74 years of God's faithfulness at Lansing Christian School, we are filled with gratitude for the ways He continues to work in the lives of His children, raising up the next generation to engage the world for Jesus Christ.

***For the Lord is good and His love  
endures forever; His faithfulness  
continues through all generations***

*Psalm 100:5*



# Partnering in Academic Excellence through Mathematics



At Lansing Christian School, we treat mathematics as more than numbers. We make it a chance to think critically, problem solve, and explore the order, beauty, and truth of God's creation. LCS offers a rigorous PreK – 12 math curriculum with an array of opportunities for support and advancement.

For students in grades three through five who are ready for more complex work, the Math Challenge program offers enrichment lessons that deepen reasoning skills and extend learning beyond the classroom. Students engage with challenging problems that require greater effort, collaboration, and persistence,

leading to deeper learning and better long-term retention.

Students can then progress to middle school Math Club and participate in competitive math activities. For example, all eighth graders and select Math Club students recently participated in the prestigious American Mathematics Competition (AMC 8) exam. LCS students excelled, earning multiple top-place finishes for our school, including ties for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place.

In middle and high school, advanced course offerings range from Algebra 1 for eighth-graders to AP Precalculus and AP Calculus for upperclassmen.

At LCS, we believe all students can learn math at high levels, and we strive to provide the support and challenge each student needs to achieve growth and success. Learning is designed around the belief that grappling with mathematical concepts allows us unique

opportunities to glorify God as we seek to better understand Him and delight in the magnitude of His creation. We invite and equip students to apply their knowledge of mathematics as they engage the world for Jesus Christ.



*AMC 8 Exam - three-way tie for 3rd place, a two-way tie for 2nd place, and a five-way tie for 1st place*



# Partnering to Nurture Musical Gifts

Music is a universal part of life and worship, woven throughout cultures and Scripture. At Lansing Christian School, we believe music is a gift from God. Our music program invites students to joyfully explore that gift and share it with others as they grow in musicianship. Studying music also offers intellectual benefits, proven to improve academic learning overall. It deepens the brain's capacity for language and literacy, math skills, memory, focus, and more.

From preschool through high school, students develop the skills, confidence, and vision to use music not only for enjoyment but also to glorify their Creator. In the early grades, they build a foundation in rhythm, pitch, and notation through singing, movement, and introduction to instruments. By third grade, they begin ukulele, and in fourth grade, they sing in harmony and play recorder, preparing for future ensemble work.

In grades five through eight, students choose Choir or Band, where they refine their musical abilities, learn to collaborate as

a team, and step into leadership roles. Their pursuit of excellence in performance is not for their own recognition, but for the glory of God as a gift to the community.

In high school, Chorale and Wind Ensemble students continue to improve their technical skills and leadership. They share their music through concerts at LCS, local churches, and nursing homes, and may also participate in opportunities such as the MSVMA Honors Choir and the Cedar Point Music Festival. The Individual Musicianship course focuses on building music skills for a lifetime, such as playing piano and guitar and learning the theory and practice of songwriting.

Throughout Scripture, we are called to sing and play instruments as an act of praise. Psalm 147 says, "It is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting... Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre!" At LCS, our music program nurtures students to joyfully explore and share the gift of music to honor the One who gave it.





# Partnering in Athletics That Connect and Inspire

At Lansing Christian School, athletics are more than just competition and physical endeavor. They serve as a bridge connecting students across grade levels and creating a culture of mentorship, encouragement, and spiritual growth. Because our PreK–12 community shares one campus, younger students have the unique opportunity to learn directly from high school athletes they admire. These daily interactions naturally build healthy relationships that extend from the classroom to the playing field.

High school athletes play a powerful role in shaping the next generation of Pilgrims. They demonstrate how, even in the midst of physical and mental fatigue or intense rivalry, we as Christians can exalt God and follow Christ in all of life, on and off the field. Whether leading drills at summer camps, cheering on youth teams, or offering a word of encouragement in the hallway, our older athletes model Christ-like leadership for their younger counterparts. For elementary and middle school students, these moments of connection inspire confidence, foster belonging, and plant seeds of perseverance and sportsmanship.

The impact is evident. In the 2024–25 school year, 74% of high school students participated in at least one sport, and nearly 60% of elementary students played on an LCS youth sports team. Athletics help unite students, families, and the entire school community in celebration and shared purpose.

Every student has a story, and athletics is often a memorable chapter. For families seeking a positive athletic program where their child will be known, encouraged, and mentored in their faith, Lansing Christian School provides a distinctive experience. From PreK through graduation, athletics at LCS builds character and fosters spiritual, intellectual, social, and physical growth.



# College Acceptance

## CLASS OF 2025

Following is a list of colleges and universities that the 2025 graduating class were accepted into for the 2025-2026 academic year. Those in bold reflect the colleges students attended.

Albion College	<b>Lansing Community College</b>
<b>Alma College</b>	Lawrence University
Aquinas College	Lawrence Tech University
Asbury University	<b>Liberty University</b>
Aurora University	<b>Messiah University</b>
Azusa Pacific University	<b>Michigan State University</b>
<b>Calvin University</b>	Michigan Technological University
<b>Carthage College</b>	Montana State University
Cedarville University	Northern Michigan University
<b>Central Michigan University</b>	<b>Northwood University</b>
<b>Cornerstone University</b>	<b>Purdue University</b>
Ferris State University	Southeastern University
Florida State University	Spring Arbor University
<b>Forsyth Tech Community College</b>	St. Norbert College
Grace Christian University	St. Olaf College
<b>Grand Valley State University</b>	<b>Taylor University</b>
<b>Great Lakes Christian College</b>	Texas Woman's University
Gustavus Adolphus College	The American University of Rome
Hope College	<b>University of Michigan</b>
Indiana Wesleyan University	University of North Texas
Kalamazoo College	Western Michigan University
<b>Lake Forest College</b>	<b>Wheaton College</b>



# CONGRATS GRADS!

# Faithfulness Through the Generations:

## The Chapman–Peterson Legacy

*For two LCS families, the school has been more than a place of learning. It has been a shared testimony of faith, perseverance, and God's provision from one generation to the next.*

When Judy Chapman Peterson (Class of 1981) came to Lansing Christian School as an eighth grader in 1975, she had no idea her family's story would become so closely entwined with the school's history.

Watching his daughter thrive in that Christ-centered environment, David Chapman soon joined the Board, compelled by a growing conviction that Christian education mattered not only for his family but also generations to follow. His son, Bob, would later follow in his footsteps, helping guide the school through seasons of growth and transition for more than a decade.

In those early years, the school was taking shape through prayer, hard work, and a deep trust in God's provision. Space was tight, budgets were thin, but creativity filled the gaps. "We held Bible class in a bus,"

Judy remembers, laughing.

Judy's brother, Bob, never attended himself, but many of his church friends did. He found himself spending more and more time at the school for games, plays, and concerts, and there he met his future wife, Nancy. "People thought I went there because I was around so much," Bob said with a laugh. "LCS has been part of our story ever since."

Nancy was classmates with Judy's future husband, Rick Peterson ('78). Rick and his siblings had enrolled in 1971, when their mother, Roberta, joined the staff to teach business and choir classes. She faithfully served in that role for more than twenty-five years.

Judy also came back on staff. As a student, she had volunteered in the office and helped with

bookkeeping. While attending LCC, she got the ask to return.

“They asked if I could help out for a while,” Judy said. “I knew the system, so I said sure.” “A while” turned into several years as a full-time business manager.

Bob and Nancy’s children, Nathan and Katie, later attended, and today, their grandson Logan is in preschool, marking three generations of Chapmans at LCS. Judy and Rick’s three sons, Curt, Danny, and Ryan, attended from preschool through graduation. Now, Curt’s wife, Alyson, teaches fourth grade, and both their children attend. Ryan and his wife, Hannah, also have two children enrolled.

The Chapmans point to God’s steady hand as the true author of their family’s story. “We have seen God’s provision time and again, through buildings, leadership changes, and generations of students,” Judy said.



“It is encouraging to see the school still grounded in its mission.”

“I am hopeful for the future,” Bob added. “You can see the school’s foundation of faith and community is still strong. That gives me confidence for my grandchildren’s generation and beyond.”

When asked what they would pass along to the next generation of LCS families, neither hesitated: “Keep your eyes on Jesus,” Judy said. “Stay grounded in the Word,” Bob added. “As long as we do that, the Lord will continue to bless this school and everyone connected to it.”

Their words echo the truth of this year’s school verse, Psalm 100:5: “For the Lord is good and His love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations.”

At Lansing Christian School, and for families like the Chapmans and Petersons, that promise is being lived out day by day, generation to generation.



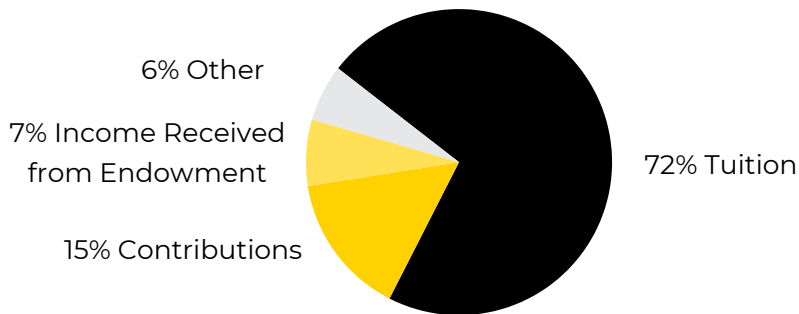
**Students and teachers journeyed the LCS trails together during the 2024 Heroes of the Bible Fund Run, reenacting key moments from Scripture through interactive stations, teamwork, and guided reflection. Through this event, over \$28,000 was raised, and more than 80 volunteers were involved.**



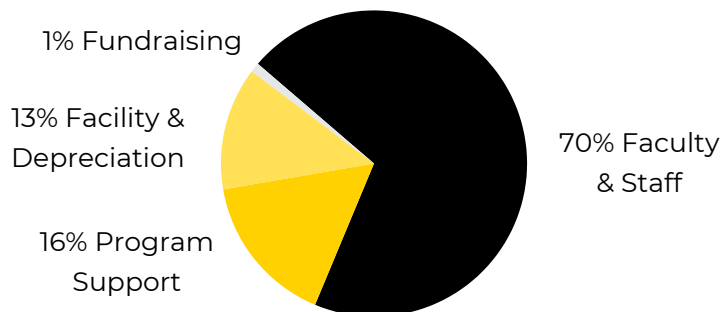
# Giving at a Glance

ANNUAL FUND	2024-2025	2023-2024
Contributions	\$504,000	\$447,000
Black & Gold	\$204,000	\$233,000
Fund Run	\$27,000	\$37,000
<b>Annual Fund Total</b>	<b>\$735,000</b>	<b>\$717,000</b>
Restricted Gifts	\$50,000	\$46,000
Multi Cultural Club	\$70,000	\$54,000
Building Fund	\$3,342,000	\$65,000
Third Party Tuition Assistance	\$70,000	\$97,000
Gifts to the Endowment	\$100	\$1,000
<b>Total Restricted Giving</b>	<b>\$3,532,100</b>	<b>\$263,000</b>
<b>Total Income from Giving</b>	<b>\$4,267,100</b>	<b>\$980,000</b>
<b>Income from Endowment</b>	<b>\$477,000</b>	<b>\$357,000</b>

## Income: \$7,115,060



## Expenses: \$6,767,505



# Partnering in Giving

At Lansing Christian School, we see God's faithfulness at work in every generation of students who walk our halls. That same faithfulness is reflected in the generosity of our community. An investment in LCS means partnering in our mission to nurture young minds and hearts to exalt God and follow Christ in all aspects of life. Your support ensures each student receives a Christ-centered liberal arts education that fosters spiritual, intellectual, social, and physical growth.

## ANNUAL FUND

Contributions to the Annual Fund make Christ-centered learning possible for all families at Lansing Christian School. Like most private schools, tuition at LCS covers only a portion of the full cost of educating a student, and the Annual Fund bridges that gap.

This year, we need to raise approximately \$580,000 to support the ongoing work of the school. Your gift, large or small, represents tangible support for our mission and an enduring contribution to Christian education.

## LCS ENDOWMENT FUND

Since 1951, Lansing Christian School has partnered with Christian parents to deliver a Christ-centered liberal arts education that equips children to take their places worthily in society, church, and state. A gift to the LCS Endowment helps ensure this tradition of excellence continues for future generations.

These funds are invested and overseen by the Foundation Board, with growth providing dependable income for the school year after year. Contributions to the LCS Endowment provide long-term financial sustainability and ensure a lasting legacy of quality Christian education in the Lansing area.

## PLANNED GIVING

Including Lansing Christian School in your will, trust, or estate plan is a powerful way to advance Christian education for generations of students. Gifts received from an individual's estate, unless otherwise designated, will be placed in the LCS Endowment.

Planned gifts can take many forms. You can name LCS as a beneficiary of your retirement plan or life insurance policy, or create a charitable gift annuity that provides support during your lifetime. Each gift is a lasting expression of faith and stewardship.

## MEMORIAL GIFTS

Giving to LCS in memory of a loved one is a meaningful way to honor their life and legacy while supporting exceptional Christian education. Memorial gifts are directed to the Annual Fund, unless otherwise designated, and each gift is recognized with a commemorative brick placed outside the school's main entrance.

By giving to Lansing Christian School, you help prepare the next generation to lead with wisdom, compassion, and a strong foundation of faith -- impacting our community and the world for God's glory and the betterment of others.

Please contact Director of Development John Jones at [jjones@lansingchristianschool.org](mailto:jjones@lansingchristianschool.org) with any questions about how to make a charitable contribution to the school.





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