



Concordia Lutheran High School

ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS

AS OF JANUARY 2023

THE CLHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ALL-CLASSES ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

Established in 1991 by members of the Class of 1941, this fund receives gifts from CLHS alumni and others as memorials, thank you's and celebrations.

THE REVEREND JACK ANGLE MEMORIAL ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

Established in 1989 by his former roommate from Concordia Junior College – Fort Wayne, Indiana, Rev. Angle earned a master of divinity degree from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO. He served a variety of ministries in Colorado and Michigan. He was called to his heavenly Home in 2002.

THE DON AYRES MEMORIAL ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

Sara Ayres Craig, daughter of Don Ayres, established this fund in honor of her father, a 1961 graduate of Concordia Lutheran High School. Mr. Ayres was a successful businessman, philanthropist, church and community leader in Northeastern Indiana. Don was a lifelong member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne where he was baptized in 1943 and confirmed in 1957. He was most recently a member of Clear Lake Lutheran Church in Fremont. This fund is to provide financial aid to students attending CLHS. Don was called to his heavenly Home in 2019.

THE CHARLOTTE E. (WIESE) BECKER FAMILY ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

Dennis C. Becker, a son of Charlotte Becker, established this fund in 2006 through an honorarium received from The Lutheran Foundation for his service to that organization. Charlotte was a 1941 graduate of CLHS. She served with the WAVES in World War II and married Carl Becker following the war. She raised her family which included six children in New Haven, Indiana. Her father was the Reverend Herbert Wiese, a pastor at Emanuel Lutheran Church in New Haven and St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville, Indiana. Both the sons of Dennis and Nancy Becker are graduates of CLHS, Devin (1998) and Tyson (2000).

THE EDWIN AND NORMA BENZ MEMORIAL ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

This endowment was established in 1995 through a bequest in Edwin's will and supported by the Benz family. Edwin was a Fort Wayne businessman and president of Fort Wayne Structural Steel, who was active on many community boards, while Norma was devoted to church activities. Edwin is an honorary director in memoriam of the CEF Board of Directors who was called Home in 1995 and Norma in 2000.

THE PAUL AND RUTH BERCOT MEMORIAL ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

Established in 1991 by family and friends at Paul Bercot's retirement as the chief executive officer of Bercot-Gibson Construction. All seven of their children graduated from Concordia Lutheran High School. Paul is an honorary director in memoriam of Concordia Educational Foundation. Ruth was called Home in April of 2015 and Paul joined her in April of 2016.

THE BERNER-HUTH ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

Established in 1986 by Dr. Herbert Berner and his wife, Marlene Huth Berner, both CLHS Class of 1953, in memory and honor of their parents for "their commitment in providing us with a Christian education at Concordia." Herb, a retired physician, and Marlene stated, "It is our hope and prayer that deserving students who have financial needs may be benefited by a Christian education as we have, and that these recipients will some day during their lifetime be able to create an endowed scholarship of their own through CEF."

THE JULIA ANNE BIERBAUM MEMORIAL ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship was established in 1994 by Major Tibor Bierbaum and his wife, Julia Anne. The scholarship became memorialized in Julia Anne's memory when she was called Home in 2003. Tibor, a former Special Forces officer joined the CLHS faculty in 1980 as the senior Army instructor for the JROTC program. Julia Anne received a bachelor's degree from Southern Methodist University and worked at the Air Force Academy where she met Tibor.

THE REVEREND WALTER BIRKNER MEMORIAL ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

As the first endowed scholarship, established in 1983, this award began the endowed scholarship program through CEF. The Rev. Dr. Birkner's extensive career in church work began in 1929 and concluded with the Concordia Educational Foundation as the executive secretary. He was called Home in September 1974.

THE SUSAN SEEMANN BLESSING MEMORIAL ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

Two scholarships were established in 1990 as memorials to Susan Seemann Blessing, CLHS Class of 1975, one by her husband, Martin, and one by Martin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Heinz Blessing. Sue and Martin married in 1979 and were active members of Peace Lutheran Church and were on the board of directors for Lutheran Marriage Encounter. On January 13, 1990, Sue was fatally injured in an automobile accident by another driver who was intoxicated.

THE HEINZ AND EDITH BLESSING MEMORIAL ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

Originally established as a memorial for their daughter-in-law Susan Blessing (CLHS '75), this scholarship was renamed in 2020 by their sons Martin, Ralph and Rainer Blessing to honor their parents. Heinz and Edith were born in Germany and came to the US after WW II, settling first in the east coast, then in Warsaw, IN and finally retiring in Tega Cay, SC. God blessed them over many years of married life with opportunities to serve the Lutheran Church wherever they lived, and in fact they were still helping their church's soup kitchen in Charlotte in their 90's. Both 92, Heinz went to his eternal home in March of 2018 and Edith in July of 2019. This scholarship honors their love for each other, those in need and Lutheran education. Grandson Brian graduated CLHS in 2015.

THE WALDEMAR AND HILDA BORCHELT MEMORIAL ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

Established in 1992 by Waldemar and Hilda Borchelt's eight children, who are all graduates of CLHS. Waldemar was in automotive sales and served as the business manager of Zion Lutheran Church for ten years. He was called Home in 1974. Hilda was a Homemaker and church worker before she was called Home in December of 2001. CLHS has more graduates from the Borchelt's and their extended family than any other CLHS family as of this time.

THE BOSEKER FAMILY ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

Arthur and Erna Boseker established this endowed scholarship in 2000 to provide students with an opportunity to attend Concordia Lutheran High School. Art founded General Tool and Die and Royal Industries. He was instrumental in establishing Easter Seals ARC of Northeast Indiana. Erna graduated from Luther Institute and worked as a secretary prior to marrying Art. Art was called Home in 2003 and Erna in 2005. They had three children, Kenneth '59, CPA, called Home in 2010; Larry '60, business owner and past CEF Board Member; and Sheila, called Home in 2015. This scholarship continues with grandson, Thomas '2013, a third generation Boseker. Art was called Home in 2003 and Erna in 2005.

THE ARTHUR F. AND MARCELLA L. BOSTELMAN MEMORIAL ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

The Bostelman family established this scholarship in 2002. Art and Marcella were longtime supporters of CLHS, and their two daughters, Linda Wallace and Susan Keck are graduates. Art, a World War II veteran, worked in the engineering department of Harvester for 40 years. Marcella was an office assistant for her brother, Dr. Milton Brackmann. In appreciation for their lives, which exemplified faith in God, love of family and humility, the Bostelman family has established this scholarship so that other students may benefit from a Christian education at CLHS. Art was called Home in 1996 and Marcella in 2005.

THE EDWARD BRACKMANN MEMORIAL ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

Established in 1990 by his wife, Anna Jean, family and friends, Edward, a CLHS '46 graduate served as a teacher in several Lutheran Schools, including Hong Kong International. He and Anna Jean, also a teacher, had four children. Edward returned to CLHS in 1970 as a coach and teacher, later becoming the athletic director, a position he held until his death in June of 1989.

THE WILLIAM AND ELFRIEDA BRADLEY MEMORIAL ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

In 1989, William Bradley Sr. established this scholarship in memory of his wife, Elfrieda. The Bradley's were faithful members of Emmaus Lutheran Church and their three children, William Jr. '76, Laura '77 and Wesley '79 attended Emmaus Lutheran School and attended CLH. William Sr. was called to the Church Triumphant in 1998.

THE DR. WELDON BRADTMUELLER MEMORIAL ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

Dr. Weldon Bradtmueller graduated from CLHS in 1943, and after serving in World War II as a paratrooper, earned a doctorate degree at Concordia College and Indiana University. He was a nationally recognized specialist in teaching reading. Dr. Bradtmueller's wife, Mary, also a CLHS graduate in 1951 established this scholarship in his memory in 1986, and lives in northern Illinois.

THE DR. HERBERT BREDEMEIER MEMORIAL ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

Dr. Bredemeier was a historian and authored, among many other books, "The History of Concordia College". This scholarship was established in his honor in 1983. Dr. Bredemeier was a well-known educator in the Fort Wayne community and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. He was the first faculty member of Concordia Lutheran High School. Professor Bredemeier had a long and distinguished career in Christian education and community affairs. Dr. Bredemeier's wife, Astrid, also taught at CLHS and their two sons attended CLHS - Kenneth '63 and Melvin '68. Astrid was called Home in 1998 and Dr. Bredemeier was called Home in 2001.

THE NED AND PATRICIA BREININGER FAMILY ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

The three Breininger children, Terry (CLHS 1967), Sharyl Paul (CLHS 1969), and Timothy (CLHS 1976) established this fund in 2006 through the estate of their mother, Patricia, and memorials from family and friends. All of the Breininger children and grandchildren have attended CLHS. Ned was born in Ohio and moved with his family to Fort Wayne during the 1930s. He attended Concordia Lutheran Grade School and graduated from Central High School in Fort Wayne. He had a varied career in retail and other fields, following his military service. He owned several retail shoe stores in Fort Wayne. Patricia (Willette) was raised in Whitley County, moving with her family to Fort Wayne during the 1940s. She was a mother, *Homemaker*, and worked from time to time in various family retail shoe operations. Both were long-time members of Concordia Lutheran Church and were actively involved in supporting various church and grade school programs. Ned passed away following a battle with Lou Gehrig's Disease in 1998 and Pat followed on January 1, 2006.

THE TOM C. BROWN MEMORIAL ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

Tom C. Brown, CLHS class of 1954, through his estate, demonstrated his love of a number of ministries including Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne, Indiana and the Bethesda Lutheran Home of Watertown, Wisconsin and especially Concordia Lutheran High School. This endowed scholarship established in 2013 provides tuition assistance to those student's families with proven need so that they are able to attend Concordia. Tom passed away in 2013.

THE REV. DR. GENE AND DONNA BRUNOW ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

As a gift to their parents, the daughters of the Rev. Dr. Gene and Donna Brunow established this scholarship in 2000. All four daughters, Amy, Judy, Yvonne and Cheryl are CLHS alumni. Gene has served as a Lutheran school teacher, principal, and as the Education Executive for the LCMS Indiana District. Donna taught briefly in Lutheran schools, but her full-time calling was as a mother and supportive wife. The Brunow's have dedicated their lives to God's service. Amy graduated from CLHS in 1980, Judy in 1981, Yvonne in 1985, and Cheryl in 1991.

THE ARLENE KRAUSKOPF BURKETT MEMORIAL ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

Mrs. Burkett's children, Nannette Burkett Harris and James Wayne Burkett, along with family and friends established this fund through memorials and gifts in her memory in 2007. Arlene was born in Fort Wayne and began a job as a live-in caregiver/housekeeper the summer before high school in order to pay her tuition to CLHS. Upon graduating from Concordia in 1944, she began a career as a secretary with Branning and Perry Real Estate and Insurance Company in Fort Wayne. In 1947 she married Orien Wayne Burkett and they became parents for James and Nannette, 1970 and 1974 CLHS graduates. The Burkett's were founding members of St. Michael Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne. Arlene had several jobs, but in 1970 she began a career with the U.S. Postal Service which led to her eventual promotion as postmaster. In 1984 the Burkett's moved to Phoenix and Arlene passed away in Oct. of 2007. She is remembered for love of family and friends and deep abiding faith.

THE HILL/WILSON DIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP FUND

This scholarship was established in 2020 by CLHS alumni and classmates Burton Hill and Patricia Wilson to honor their parents William & Marie Hill & Mrs. Helen Wilson, who made many sacrifices to provide their children a quality Christian high school education. This scholarship is designed to provide one or more African-American students a similar opportunity.

THE KENNETH F. CARBAUGH III '62 MEMORIAL ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

Ferne Carbaugh and family created this memorial scholarship in 2021 in memory of her son, Kenneth Fletcher Carbaugh III. Kenneth was a 1962 graduate of Concordia Lutheran High School. He was an eagle scout and served in the US Navy from 1964 to 1968 in Naval Intelligence, including tours of duty aboard the U.S.S. America and in Vietnam. He was called Home in 2006.

THE CARPENTER/RODENBECK MEMORIAL ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

The Carpenter/Rodenbeck Memorial Endowed Scholarship was established in 1997 by family and friends of Jeremy Carpenter and James Rodenbeck. Receiving a Christian education was important to Jeremy and James. Jeremy attended Emmanuel-St. Michael Lutheran School and graduated from CLHS in 1992. James attended St. Paul's Lutheran School and graduated from CLHS in 1972. Jeremy and Jim were killed in a fatal truck/train accident in 1995. Family and friends began this permanently endowed fund to maintain their memory and their connection with Christian education.

THE BECKY CARTER MEMORIAL ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

Dr. and Mrs. Stephen Carter, Jr. established this scholarship in 1993 in memory of their daughter. Becky, a 1987 CLHS graduate, who was an honor student and an outstanding athlete. While a student at Valparaiso University, she became ill with aplastic anemia, but was able to graduate in 1991. Each winter the Becky Carter Memorial Concordia Classic Gymnastics Invitational is hosted by CLHS for the top gymnastics teams in the state of Indiana.

THE CENTENNIAL AWARD

The Centennial Award is a merit-based scholarship that has been endowed through the generosity of the JROTC Booster Club in honor of the Christ Centered Leadership provided through the U.S. Army JROTC Cadet Battalion at Concordia Lutheran High School since 1906. The recipient will have demonstrated excellence in Leadership, Citizenship, Academics and Patriotism and maintain a grade of A- or higher in JROTC classes and have a current overall GPA of 2.5 or greater.

THE CONCORDIA EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

The Board of Directors of the Concordia Educational Foundation established this endowed fund for tuition assistance in 2001. The purpose of the fund is to allow all donors to have contributions of any amount endowed for ongoing support for the tuition assistance program of Concordia Lutheran High School.

THE CLASS OF 1948 ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship was established in 2000 by a member of the Class of 1948 and his wife. This class distinguished themselves in the classroom, on the athletic field and in the workplace. Many members of the class were charter members of CEF, and were instrumental in its growth and development.

THE CLASS OF 1961 ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

In conjunction with its 40-year class reunion, and in thanks to God for the many blessings they have received through the years because of their education, the Class of 1961 established this scholarship in 2001 to provide tuition assistance for CLHS students. Through this scholarship, the classmates desire to make a Concordia education possible for many future Cadets.

THE CLASS OF 1964 ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

The Class of 1964, in conjunction with its 40-year class reunion, established this scholarship in 2004 in thanksgiving for the preparation for life that they received at CLHS and in memory of their classmates who have departed this life. The Class recognizes that a Concordia education is unique in offering every student a rigorous academic program, a character development program that emphasizes spiritual, social and citizenship growth, and a JROTC program that develops leadership capacity.

THE CLASS OF 1969 ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

The class of 1969, at their 50th Reunion, decided to start this endowed scholarship in 2019 to help families who need tuition assistance to ensure their children attend CLHS.

THE DR. ROBERT AND SUSAN DETTMER ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

Robert and Susan Dettmer (CLHS classes of 1958 and 1960, respectively) established their endowed scholarship in 2001. Robert, past member of CEF and of the Executive Committee, is a retired internist/nephrologist and a past president of the Fort Wayne Medical Society, while Susan is a nurse with a master's degree in social work. Active in their church, Emmanuel Community Church, they continue to live their Christ-centered lives. Their four children are graduates of CLHS: Kim Jepsen ('83); Shelly Schaller ('84); Bob Jr. ('86); and Tom ('88).

THE SIEMON J. AND GERTRUDE A. DETTMER MEMORIAL ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship was established in 2003, on the occasion of their 65th Wedding Anniversary, by the families of their children: Robert and Susan Dettmer (CLHS classes of 1958 and 1960, respectively), Carol and Larry Goegelein (CLHS classes of 1959 and 1956, respectively), Dale and Pamela Dettmer (both CLHS class of 1963) and Sherri (CLHS class of 1976) and Roger Cannon. Siemon and Gertrude always believed in Christian education and worked tirelessly to ensure that their children could attend CLHS. For the family, it is gratifying to have this opportunity to "give back" in some measure for God's gifts provided through the Christian education received at CLHS while recognizing and honoring their parents, grandparents, and great-grandparents. Siemon went to his Heavenly Home in 2008 and Gertrude in 2013.

THE CHARLES AND LENORE DIEK MEMORIAL ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

The Diek's commitment to Lutheran education led to the establishment of this endowment in 1990 to help students attend CLHS. Charles worked as an accountant at Magnavox for 45 years and Lenore taught at Bethlehem Lutheran School for 36 of her 38 years in Lutheran education. Both served in a variety of activities at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Charles was called Home in 1995 and Lenore in 2011.

THE WILLIAM AND RUTH DOEHRMAN FAMILY ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

Established in 2001 through memorial contributions and additional gifts from the family on the occasion of the death of Paula (Doehrman) Stahlke, CLHS 1956. The sisters of Paula, all CLHS alumni, were instrumental in establishing this scholarship in their parents' honor so future students may experience the blessings of a Christian education at Concordia Lutheran High School.

DO IT BEST CORPORATION/GERBERDING FAMILY ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

In 2005, as part of its 60th anniversary celebration, The Do it Best Corp. established this fund in recognition of the considerable efforts of Arnold Gerberding and the Gerberding family in establishing the Fort Wayne based company. Today Do it Best is Indiana's largest privately held corporation and operates through member stores throughout the United States and the World. Arnold Gerberding was a long-time leader at Concordia Lutheran High School and holds the title honorary director in memoriam for CEF in recognition of that service. Son Miles ('48) was a charter member of CEF, only retiring from the board in 2006. Arnold and his wife, Luella's other children, Dr. Carmen Armstrong '51, Rev. Dr. Keith Gerberding '53, Charlotte Bradley '56 and Mark Gerberding '62 are also graduates of CLHS.

THE PAUL AND VIRGINIA DORMANS ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

Dr. John Dormans '75 established this scholarship in 2011 to honor his parents, Paul and Virginia Dormans. Paul, called to his eternal Home in 2010, was a dedicated husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend. Virginia Dormans was called to her Heavenly Home in 2016. Paul and Virginia were members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

THE OLIVER H. EGGERS MEMORIAL ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

Dorothea Eggers McArdle established this endowment in 1994 to help achieve Oliver's goal that CEF's assets grow so that all students who needed financial assistance to attend Concordia Lutheran High School would be able to receive it. Oliver was a well-known attorney, civic leader, and past president of CEF. He and Dorothea were blessed with five children: Jerome, Ellen, Mary Angela, Elizabeth and Laura.

THE DR. ERHARDT ESSIG MEMORIAL ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

Established in 1987 by a former student of Professor Essig's, the alumnus honored Essig "as a teacher I admired and respected for his dedication, service and excellence." Dr. Essig attended CLHS and graduated from Concordia Junior College. He taught English and Latin at CLHS, and held professorships at several colleges and universities. He and his wife, Vi, a retired Lutheran schoolteacher, have two sons, Tom '65 and Jim '69. Both Erhard and Vi have gone to their heavenly reward.

THE OTTO AND MARLENE FUHRMAN FAMILY ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

Marlene Fuhrman and family started this fund in 2017 to provide financial aid to the children of Concordia Lutheran High School faculty and staff who attend CLHS. Otto graduated from CLHS in 1949.

THE CATHY A. FITZGERALD MEMORIAL ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

Established in 2021 in memory of Cathy Fitzgerald, a 1978 graduate of Concordia Lutheran High School to provide tuition assistance to students in need. Cathy earned her BS in Business Administration/Marketing from St. Mary's of the Woods College in 2001 and her MBA in 2011 from Taylor University. Cathy was a 2000 graduate of Leadership Fort Wayne and a 2004 Graduate of the Richard G. Lugar Excellence in Public Service Series. As a philanthropic community leader, Cathy generously provided her expertise and servant leadership to non-profit agencies like Turnstone, Vera Bradley Foundation, Women United, Francine's Friends, Fort Wayne Airport Authority, American Heart Association, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Canterbury School, and countless others. Cathy was called Home in 2020.

THE CARL GALLMEIER MEMORIAL ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

Ruth Gallmeier, Carl's sister, established this scholarship in 1991 in his memory. Carl joined the faculty of CLHS in 1964 as a social studies teacher and guidance director, where he served for 23 years. Prior to that, he taught at Zion Lutheran School for 14 years. Many thousands of young people had an opportunity to "sit at his feet," be instructed, guided and counseled according to good Christian principles.

THE GALLMEIER FORREST STORY MEMORIAL ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

Marjorie Story established this fund in 2003 in memory of her parents and in appreciation for the excellent education provided her two sons, Gary '59 and Edward Forrest '61. She grew up in Fort Wayne, graduated from the Lutheran School of Nursing, and became one of the first airline hostesses in the country in 1937. She married Edward Forrest, and upon his death, worked for the Social Security Administration until her retirement. She was an active member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church until she was called Home in 2007.

THE RON GERSMEHL MEMORIAL ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

In appreciation of his loyal service, dedication, care and concern for those under his direction, Ron's former students, athletes and friends established this scholarship in 1994. He taught and coached at CLHS and Concordia Junior College and was also CLHS's athletic director. Gersmehl, also known as "Coach," started the football program at CLHS and developed the basketball program so that the Cadets could compete with other Fort Wayne high school teams. Ron and his wife, Rhoda, are the parents of four children: Marilyn, Penny, Pat and Mark. Coach was called Home in 1996 and Rhoda in 2014.

THE GOLDEN TEACHERS ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship was established in 2000 by a graduate of Lutheran education in Fort Wayne and his wife, also a product of Lutheran schools. Through the teaching ministry at CLHS, many professors and instructors have had a profound effect on the faith life of many graduates. This scholarship thanks them for being role models, effective educators and committed Christians.

THE REVEREND VERNON AND ELLEN GRAHAM FAMILY ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

Pastor and Mrs. Graham established this scholarship in 2005 to give thanks to God for the many blessings received by their children, Dawn Graham Starks '83, Timothy Graham '88, Kristina Graham '91 Alderdice and Melissa Graham '01 James, through their outstanding Christian education received at Concordia Lutheran High School. Rev. Graham was actively in ministry in the Fort Wayne area for nearly 40 years, serving many of those years as the Executive Director of the Associated Churches of Fort Wayne and Allen County. Through this scholarship the Grahams are saying thank you to CLHS staff and supporters for a job well done and encourage others who have benefited through a Christian education at Concordia to consider opportunities they may have to become involved in supporting CLHS. Rev. Graham entered the Church Triumphant January 20, 2017.

THE DR. HERBERT H. GROSS MEMORIAL ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship was established in February 2010 by an alumnus of CLHS. By the late 1940s, Dr. Gross (1905-1981) had begun lamenting the way humans so irresponsibly and uncontrollably raped the earth and wasted natural resources. He also loved to stress the need for grade-school children to study and understand their neighborhoods. The following outlines his distinguished career as a highly-respected geographer and Lutheran educator. 1925: B.S. Concordia Teachers College; 1926; Ph.D. in Education, University of Chicago; 1925-1929: Teacher at St. John Lutheran School, Buckley, IL; 1929-1940: Teacher and principal at St. Luke's, Chicago, IL; 1940-1974: Professor of Geography, Concordia Teachers College, River Forest, IL.; 1948: Ph.D. in Geography, University of Chicago; 1963-1964: President, Illinois Geographical Society; 1964-1970: Editor, Journal of Geography; 1966: LL.D. awarded by Valparaiso University; 1968: Litt. D. awarded by Bethany College; 1970: Distinguished Service Award from the National Council for Geographic Education; 1970: Illinois Geographical Society's First Distinguished Geographer Award. Dr. Gross has written several texts for use in elementary and secondary schools. He has also made numerous contributions to the Journal of Geography, Lutheran Education, and the Encyclopedia Britannica. He furthermore served as senior author of the Follett Educational Corporation. Membership in many professional organizations includes the Association of American Geographers, the American Geographic Society, the Illinois Council of Geography Teachers, the Lutheran Education Association and many others.

THE ROBERT AND CELIA HALLER MEMORIAL ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

In honor of their parent's 50th wedding anniversary and to continue to promote the cause of excellence in Christian secondary education at CLHS, this scholarship was established in 2001 by the families of the Haller children: Robert II and Beth (both CLHS class of 1972), Paul (CLHS class of 1975) and Judy, and Carol (CLHS class of 1977) and Bryan Shaha. Robert founded Haller and Colvin, P.C. in Fort Wayne and Celia (CLHS '46) taught English at CLHS and was a CEF board member. Both Robert and Celia were faithful supporters of Concordia Lutheran High School. Celia was called Home in 2011 and Robert in 2016.

THE LLOYD HELLER MEMORIAL ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

This fund was established in 2008 through a gift from the estate of Lloyd Heller, by his son, Adam '93, following the wishes of his father along with gifts from family and friends. A similar gift also benefitted the athletic program at CLHS. Lloyd was born in Sturgis, Michigan, worked for Food Marketing for 26 years and was a member of Holy Cross. His primary passion in later life was the athletic program at CLHS where he worked for 15 years, the last several years as a coach with the girls' basketball program. Concordia offered him the opportunity to realize his calling as a coach and mentor to young people. His focus was on the growth of the total student, physical, mental and spiritual, helping them to grow as not only students and athletes, but also as God's people. His kind and caring personality made him easy to know and he developed a personal relationship with each of his students. Coach Heller was called to his heavenly Home in January 2005. He hoped that many young people would be able to benefit from the experiences and joys that Concordia offers and this scholarship is established in his loving memory by family and friends as one vehicle to help make that possible.

ANN MCLEISH HEMMETER ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

Paul and Ann '61 Hemmeter established the Ann McLeish Hemmeter Endowed Scholarship in May of 2008 in recognition of the completion of Ann's 41-year career in elementary parochial and public school education. The last 30 years of her career were devoted to working with inner-city youth and as a recognized leader in the field of emergent literacy. Ann treasures the education and foundation she received from CLHS and, along with her husband, desires to make it possible for more students to receive a Christian education at CLHS.

THE DR. GUENTHER AND NORMA HERZOG ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

The Board of Directors of CEF, friends of the Herzog's, and patrons of the Foundation established this scholarship in 2000 to honor Dr. Herzog upon his retirement as executive director of the Foundation, and for his long and distinguished service to CLHS, CEF, the Lutheran church at large, and the community. Guenther (CLHS '46) has served as a teacher, principal, and guidance director during his years in Christian education. Norma (CLHS '47) is a former teacher who concentrates on Homemaking, volunteering and grandchildren. Guenther and Norma are the parents of two sons, both CLHS alumni, Phillip, (CLHS '70) and Paul, (CLHS '74). Dr. Herzog was called to his Heavenly Home in 2020.

THE REVEREND SAMUEL L. HOARD MEMORIAL ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship was established in 1994 through a gift from an alumnus who desired to recognize the career of Rev. Hoard and his service to the church and our country. Growing up in St. Louis, Missouri, he was the first African-American to attend Concordia Junior College Fort Wayne, Indiana, graduating in 1951. He continued his education through Concordia Seminary and the University of Kansas. His ministry has taken him all over the United States and he served as a teacher in the Orange County Jail system, working with inmates through vocational testing and counseling and shepherding Our Savior Lutheran Church, Orlando, Florida from 1972-1992 when he retired. Rev. Hoard was called to his Heavenly Home in 2007.

THE RICHARD AND MARIAN HORMANN MEMORIAL ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

Christian education in our Lutheran schools, particularly Emmaus and CLHS, has been blessed by the generous support and service rendered by Dick and Marian and through this scholarship, established in 2000, they continue to help Concordia students receive a Christian education. Dick, a successful insurance executive, served in the intelligence corps of the U.S. Army. He was a member of both the CLHS and CEF board of directors and is an honorary director in memorium of CEF. Marian volunteered regularly in the church office at Emmaus, and also worked at General Electric for 25 years. Marian was called Home to her Lord in 2000 and Dick was called Home in 2011.

THE HAL AND JEAN HOWARD ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

Hal and Jean Howard's children, Adam '98, Ann '00, and Christopher '03 established this scholarship in 2010 to honor their parents. This scholarship provides financial aid to students from Central Lutheran Elementary who attend Concordia Lutheran High School.

THE CONCORDIA LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL JROTC BOOSTER CLUB ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

The scholarship was established by the JROTC Booster Club in 1997 for students in the CLHS JROTC program. The JROTC Booster Club is committed to providing students with the opportunity to receive a Christian education and citizenship instruction as provided by the Concordia JROTC program.

THE THURMAN AND MAXINE KAISER MEMORIAL ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

The family of Doc '45 and Max Kaiser '47 established this scholarship 2013 in memory of the gifts of love and wisdom received from Doc and Max during their lives. Additionally, this endowment honors Concordia Lutheran High School where they met, fostered their lifelong friendships and began their lifelong partnership culminating in 59 years of marriage. Doc and Max's experience at Concordia became their foundation upon which many blessings were built—their lives, children, lifelong friendships and wonderful memories. They would want the recipient of this endowed memorial scholarship to strive to be the best he/she can be by developing their mind through education with a firm spiritual foundation based on the teachings of Jesus.

THE RUTH L. KANNING MEMORIAL ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

Established by Raymond Borchelt '64 in 2003 to give recognition to Ruth Kanning for her many volunteer hours on behalf of the Concordia senior's gatherings from 1997-2001. Ruth, a 1948 CLHS graduate, retired after 33 years in banking with Lincoln National Bank and was a member of Peace Lutheran Church. She was active in organizing the senior gatherings of the Alumni Association as well as other civic and church activities. Ruth was called to her Heavenly Home in 2012.

THE ROBERT AND TROY KASSING ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

The Robert and Troy Kassing endowed scholarship was established in 2001 to assist more students to be able to receive a quality Christian secondary education at Concordia Lutheran High School. Robert is a CLHS graduate, class of 1955. He and his wife, Troy, reside in Indianapolis where he is a semi-retired partner of Bose, McKinney and Evans.

THE LES & VANITA KASSING ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Established in July of 2014 when Les '48 was called to his Heavenly Home, family and friends created this endowed scholarship to honor Les and Vanita '48 by ensuring that scholarships will be provided to students attending Concordia Lutheran High School whose families need financial assistance to pay any portion of the tuition or similar costs for their child to attend CLHS. Vanita was called to her Heavenly Home in 2022.

THE RICHARD KATT AND PAULA KATT-DICKMEYER MEMORIAL ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship was established in 1998 by Paula and son, Randy and his wife, Kathy upon Dick's death, and was renamed to memorialize both parents upon Paula's death in 2002. Dick was a longtime civic leader, business executive and churchman while Paula provided Dick with continuous support and strength and was the "wind beneath his wings." Dick graduated from CLHS in 1939. The Katts had five children, Steven, Randy '70, Cynthia '66, Patti '68 and Kelli Jo.

THE RUTH KETTERING MEMORIAL ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

The Concordia Lutheran High School Board of Directors established this scholarship in 1991 in recognition of Ruth's 18 years as executive secretary for the Concordia Educational Foundation. She operated the CEF office, handling all the details of fulfilling the purposes and goals of the foundation. Her attention to detail and efficient preparation of materials helped CEF move forward and grow.

THE HELEN HELMKE KNOBLAUCH MEMORIAL ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

Helen Knoblauch was the first woman to serve on the faculty of Concordia Lutheran High School in 1936. She was the Dean of Girls and an English instructor who motivated her students with unconditional love, kindness and patience. Helen and her husband, Marcus, had two children, Mary '60 and Mark '65 who established this scholarship in 1987, which is awarded to an outstanding freshman English student in his or her sophomore year.

THE LYNN AND MARY KOEHLINGER ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

Lynn and Mary Koehlinger established this scholarship in 1999 to assist JROTC students in receiving a Christian education at Concordia Lutheran High School. Lynn, a CLHS class of 1941 graduate, was a businessman and along with his wife, Mary, was active in community affairs. The Koehlinger's have one daughter, Karen and two grandchildren, Zachary and Olivia. Lynn was called to his Heavenly Home in 2002.

THE WALTER J. AND IRMA A. KOEHLINGER ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

Their children, Mervin '64, Stanley '66, Jeanette '71 and Rev. Vernon '73, established this endowment in 2003 to honor Walter and Irma. They instilled a strong faith in their four children. Walter died in 1983, and Irma was called Home in 2010.

THE EDWIN H. AND HELEN M. KOENEMAN MEMORIAL ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

Many students will be blessed in years to come through this scholarship endowment to Concordia Lutheran High School, which was established in 1996. Ed and Helen were loyal patrons of CLHS, the Concordia Educational Foundation and St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Their marriage was blessed by five children, Mary Ann '57, Carol Lynn '59, Kathy '63, Jim '66 and John '73, all CLHS graduates. Ed was a CPA and a partner in his company before he was called Home in 1995, and was joined by Helen in 2005.

THE ELMER W. AND MARCELLA M. KORTE MEMORIAL ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship was established in 1994 by Alan Korte '59 and his wife, Linda, and Elaine Korte '63 Lewis and her husband, Steve '62, as a continuing memorial for their parents. Elmer worked as an executive at Central Soya for 38 years while Marcella was a Homemaker and church worker. Both their lives exemplified industry, discipline, integrity and devotion. Elaine writes, "Mom and Dad deserve the biblical accolade, 'Well done, thou good and faithful servant.'"

THE MATILDA KRAMER – MARTIN RODENBECK FAMILY ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

The Matilda Kramer Memorial Endowed Scholarship was established in 1988 by Martin and Bernice Kramer Rodenbeck. Matilda was a seamstress and was gifted in designing and creating garments. She and her family always strongly supported Lutheran schools, among them Concordia Lutheran High School and Valparaiso University and she was always proud that her grandchildren were CLHS graduates.

Martin's wife, Bernice, and their six children, Madelyn Tyson, David Rodenbeck, Emily Eschelbach, Ellen Rodenbeck, Eunice Wert and Linda Marshall, established this fund in their father's memory in 2002 to support the mission of Concordia Lutheran High School. Martin was a 1933 graduate of Luther Institute and his children are all CLHS graduates. Martin enjoyed his work as a farmer and rural mail carrier, and continued his love for farming with his involvement in the historical Salomon Farm Park. Bernice entered her Heavenly Home December 16, 2016.

THE REVEREND DOCTOR OTTOMAR KRUEGER MEMORIAL ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

In 1992, this scholarship was established by an alumnus "to honor an educator who served His Lord." Rev. Krueger's vast church work included being a pastor, professor and college president in various parts of the United States. He also served as the president of the Central District, Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and later in that capacity for the Ohio District, LCMS. He and his wife, Esther, had five children; sons Karl and Harold are pastors. Rev. Krueger entered eternal glory in 1976.

THE CARLTON AND VELMA KRUSE MEMORIAL ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

The Carlton '26 and Velma '25 Kruse Endowed Scholarship was established in 1985 by their daughter, Lois '57, and her husband, Tom, and their family in recognition of Carlton and Velma's 50th wedding anniversary, so "that some worthy students in the years to come will also share the blessings which God has showered on us." The Kruse's have also established the Kruse Special Endowment for the Library so that all CLHS students will be assisted in their education. Carlton, who was called Home in 1995, was a successful businessman and commercial realtor. Velma was a faithful church worker and continued to lend her support to CEF, CLHS and her church until she was called Home in 2007.

THE LUTHERAN ASSOCIATION FOR ELEMENTARY EDUCATION (LAEE) ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

The LAEE endowed scholarship was established in 2001 to provide tuition assistance for a graduate of an LAEE school to attend Concordia Lutheran High School. LAEE was a cooperative organization of Lutheran congregations in the Fort Wayne area who worked together to operate their schools more effectively and efficiently than they could individually.

THE HAROLD AND HENRIETTA LAPP MEMORIAL ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

The Lapp Memorial Endowed Scholarship was established in 1995 by the daughters of Harold and Henrietta Lapp: Judy Rathke '53, Georgia Shubert '55 and Shirley Smith '58, all CLHS graduates. Harold was a pharmacist and owner and operator of the Lapp Pharmacy while Henrietta was a *Homemaker* and active in church and community activities. Shirley Smith writes, "This scholarship is established in praise and thanksgiving to God for the blessings Harold and Henrietta were as Christian parents, grandparents and friends, and this scholarship in their memory is intended to provide the opportunity for a student to experience the Christian training available at Concordia.

THE ROBERT AND VELMA LEWIS MEMORIAL ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

This endowed scholarship was established in 1992 by the Lewis's' sons, Steve '62 and Tom '49, and their wives, Elaine '63 and Ruth. Robert was the co-founder of Lewis & Christen Office Supplies, a self-made businessman and an ardent booster of Cadet athletics while Velma was a Homemaker who wrote poetry and enjoyed painting and dedicated herself to her family. Steve wrote, "Living together for over 60 years, Velma and Bob made marriage a blessed and sacred union. Family never questioned their commitment to one another, their family or their faith. It is for these traits, their love and their guidance, that this scholarship has been established."

THE STEPHEN E. LEWIS ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

Elaine Lewis, CLHS 1963 graduate, established this scholarship in 2012. The scholarship was established in thanksgiving of God's gift of a successful and serving legal career for Stephen, Elaine's husband and a CLHS 1962 graduate. Stephen and Elaine have been loyal supporters of CLHS and Stephen volunteered his time and talents to serve on the Concordia Educational Foundation Board and Concordia High School Board for many years.

THE PAUL G. AND DOROTHY M. LIEBMANN MEMORIAL ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

This endowed scholarship was established by Dorothy in her will in 1995. Paul's career included working as a banker, office manager at the Bowser Company, and eventually the business manager of Concordia College – Fort Wayne, while Dorothy was a secretary for several different organizations. Their children, Carolyn '48, Carl '48, Robert '52 and Margaret 'are CLHS graduates, as are several grandchildren. Through this scholarship, their commitment to Christian education at CLHS continues.

THE LINNEMEIER FAMILY ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

The sons of Carl and Mildred Linnemeier, William '48 and Thomas '54, established their family endowed scholarship through an estate gift of their mother in 2002. Dedicated to Christian education, the entire Linnemeier family has been strong supporters of CLHS. The children of Bill and Beverly and Tom and Louise are all graduates of Concordia. Lifelong members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, the Linnemeier's have been congregational representatives, served on the CLHS Board of Directors and on the Concordia Educational Foundation board.

THE MARTIN LUEPKE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Martin Luepke claimed victory in Heaven in 2010 after being one of the Lord's leaders here on earth for 94 years. Martin served the Fort Wayne community for many years as a firefighter and then led the Fire Department as its Chief. He was an extremely devoted husband and father and active in every Lutheran circle that you could imagine including Bethlehem Church, Camp Lutherhaven, and president of the CLHS Parent Teacher League where he was instrumental in bringing the first dances to the Concordia students. His children, Jan '60 and Don '61, are loyal graduates of CLHS and his legacy is one of servant-hood, always giving and encouraging others. This scholarship was established in 2010 by family and friends to assist young people in being called by God to a life of service to others.

THE LUPKE FOUNDATION ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

The Lupke Foundation was established in 1991 by Walter Lupke Sr., a prominent Fort Wayne insurance executive and churchman. The Foundation has supported CLHS and CEF in many ways throughout its history. Continuing their parents' support of Lutheran education has been their sons, Walter Jr. '39 and Duane '48, CLHS graduates. This endowed scholarship was first awarded in 1992 and is one of the areas in which the Lupke Foundation benefits CLHS and, more directly, its students. Duane Lupke, an insurance executive, and his wife, Carol have three children, Mark '80, David '82 and Andrea '84, CLHS graduates, and Walter Lupke Jr., who was called to his Heavenly Home in 2007, and his late wife, Fran, had two children, Hans '73 and Karen '64, also CLHS graduates.

THE ROBERT R. AND TAMARA HURLEY MACKE ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

Bob and Tammy Macke established this endowed scholarship in 2006 in thankfulness for the many blessings they have received. They believe strongly in the benefits of Christian education for students as a foundation for their careers and for life. Both Bob (1976) and Tammy (1978), as well as their sons Jeremy (2003) and Gabriel (2008) all attended Concordia Lutheran High School, as did Bob's brothers Steve (1977) and Brian (1980). Bob and Tammy also graduated from Indiana University and today Bob is a CPA and financial planner. It is their hope that this scholarship will assist others in receiving the benefits of a Christian education at Concordia Lutheran High School.

THE JACK C. MCBRIDE MEMORIAL ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

The Jack C. McBride Memorial Endowed Scholarship was established in 1996 by his wife, Joyce, and their children, Jeff '89 and Jodie '93, both graduates of CLHS and past recipients of CEF scholarships. Jack was a computer operator with Navistar for 30 years. He and Joyce were avid fans of Cadet athletics and Jack was a charter member of the Fort Wayne Region Sports Car Club of America and the Fort Wayne Zoological Society. Joyce continues their support, care and concern for Concordia.

THE JOHN R. AND EMMA C. MERTZ MEMORIAL ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

The John and Emma Mertz Memorial Endowed Scholarship was established in 1992 by their nephew, Charles Diek. The Mertz's were members of Concordia Lutheran Church. John Mertz was employed by Schlatter Hardware for 54 years until his retirement. This scholarship will provide continued support for CLHS students.

THE ROBERT GEORGE AND LAURA INGRID MESSING TRUSTS ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

Established in 2019, this scholarship was started to help provide tuition scholarships for students of faculty/staff of Concordia Lutheran High School. Bob was a graduate from the class of 1950.

THE MARGERY R. MEYER MEMORIAL SPECIAL ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship was established in 2015 by her husband Karl '43 and their children. This scholarship is for juniors entering their senior year who have an interest in a career in the medical field especially nursing and have a minimum 3.25 GPA. Additionally, they will have interned or volunteered with a medical related organization. Margery loved caring for people and began her career in nursing in 1946 and retired in 1987. She was called to her eternal Home on October 18th, 2014.

THE MICHAEL FAMILY ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

Bob and Christine Michael established the Michael Family scholarship in 2015. Along with their sons David '04, Ryan '06, and Eric '08, they want to provide financial aid to families so that others may receive the same Christ-centered educational excellence that Bob and his sons experienced at Concordia Lutheran High School. This scholarship honors Bob's parents, G. Robert and Carmen Michael, who sent Bob '69 and his three sisters, Marcia '64, Karen '67, and Joyce '77 to CLHS.

THE SGT. PAUL E. AND PATTI S. MILLER MEMORIAL ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

The family and friends of the Miller family established this memorial scholarship in Patti's name following her death in 1996. The fund was renamed by the family to remember both Paul and Patti following Paul's passing in 2006. They were married in December of 1951. Paul was a career soldier, spending 20 years in the United States Army where he rose to the rank of Sergeant First Class. Following his retirement from the service, he became a CLHS JROTC instructor for 18 years at which time Patti helped with JROTC activities including the support of drill teams, organizing the snack bar and using her sewing skills to assist with uniforms. They traveled the country during Paul's retirement, spending time with their family and continuing to support CLHS and the JROTC program. The Millers had two daughters, Paula Niles (CLHS '77) and Pam Reinking (CLHS '81).

THE MAJOR AND MRS. MIKE MISHLER JROTC ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

This fund was established by the Mishler's in November 2009 to assist in providing Christ-centered learning to a CLHS Junior or Senior who is active in the JROTC program and is preferably in the top twenty-five percent of their academic class. Major Mishler is a twenty year active duty military retiree. He served two years in the Marine Corp and fought in Vietnam. He was an Army Reserve Drill Sergeant while obtaining his degree from Purdue University and earned his military officer commission. He returned to active duty serving seven years in the Army Military Police Corp and eleven in Special Forces. Upon retirement from active military duty in 1996, he continued to serve his country as a Junior Reserve Officer Training Corp (JROTC) Senior Army Instructor. He has presided over CLHS's Cadet Battalion from 2005 - 2012. Janet Mishler has been his support and faithful companion throughout his military career. Jan has a degree in Dental Hygiene, although her work history is as varied as their addresses. Being civic minded, she was elected as their Military Housing Mayor in both Germany and the Republic of Panama, where she worked to improve military family support. In Calhoun, Kentucky, prior to their returning to Indiana, Jan was elected as President of the Lions Club and the County Fair Board Chairman. In March 2007, Jan began managing the front desk at CLHS, but retired in 2012.

THE GERALD AND ADELINE MOORE MEMORIAL ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship was established by Adeline Moore through a living trust in 1992. The trust agreement stipulated that the income from the bequest to CEF should be used annually to help pay the tuition of a student at CLHS as selected by the scholarship committee of the foundation. The Moore's were members of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne. They were committed to supporting their church and made Christian education a high priority in their lives.

THE ARTHUR AND GLORIA MUSELMAN MEMORIAL ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

Established through the Estates of Arthur and Gloria (Koeneman) Muselman in May 2009, Art and Gloria were leading citizens of Berne, Indiana and died together in a tragic automobile accident on August 30, 2007. Their priorities were their Christian faith, family and their generosity which was shown through countless hours serving others and providing significant financial support to many Christian ministries. Gloria was a 1948 graduate of CLHS. She and Art were charter members of Peace Lutheran Church where each held numerous offices and positions of leadership. In addition, they were active associate members of Grace Lutheran Church in Winter Haven, Florida during the winter months. Art attended Taylor University and graduated from Indiana University in 1952 with a bachelor's degree in business and began working in his father's struggling printing company. Art, along with his brother, Carl, purchased the company from their father in 1959. Over a career spanning 40 years, the brothers were able to multiply the revenue 1,000 times through organic growth and acquisitions. Prior to retiring in the mid-1990s, their business interests included the original printing company, numerous magazine, book, catalog and newspaper publishing companies, a fulfillment company, a furniture manufacturing company and a variety of real estate holdings. Gloria was an active board member of the Swiss Heritage Society, South Adams Music Boosters, the Fine Arts Council and the Berne Mother's Club. Art served several terms on the Swiss Village Retirement Community board of directors. Beyond all accomplishments and service, their greatest joys were being devoted parents and grandparents.

THE WILLIAM A. & LUCILLE M. NAHRWOLD MEMORIAL ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship was established in 1998 by William's wife, Lucille. Although Bill did not graduate from CLHS, his commitment and dedication to Concordia were always evident. Lucille, (Class of '48), and all four children—Richard '73, Carol '76, Linda '78 and Sharon '89—are CLHS graduates. As a member of the Board of Directors of Concordia, Bill was an avid worker and patron for the school and CEF. He believed in Christian education in word and deed, and this scholarship extends that commitment to share the good news with many young people at Concordia.

THE OTTO NORD MEMORIAL ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

Otto Nord, a charter member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, was a strong supporter of Christian education. He was a local builder and contractor who was frequently a part of building projects at Lutheran churches and schools. In his will, he provided a generous grant to CLHS. His son, Harold '44, and the Nord family established this endowed scholarship in 1983. The Nord's three children are all graduates of CLHS.

THE ELMER PETZOLD MEMORIAL ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

Elmer Petzold, class of 1933, through his estate, established this scholarship for Concordia Lutheran High School in 2009. This endowed scholarship is to provide tuition assistance to those student's families with proven need so that they are able to attend Concordia.

THE MARK AND ANNE PLASSMAN ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

This endowed scholarship was established in 1993 by Mark and Anne's parents, Ron and Suzanna Plassman, in recognition and appreciation for the Christian education their children received at Concordia Lutheran High School. Mark is a 1989 graduate of CLHS and a 1993 graduate of Wittenberg University. Anne is a 1995 graduate of CLHS and completed a B.A. and M.S through Ball State University where she is currently employed as Outreach Director for Special Education. Ron was the CEO of Three Rivers Title Company, has served on the board of directors for Concordia Educational Foundation and continues as an honorary director. Suzanna was actively involved in the Cadets in Cadence Dinner-Auction. Both were instrumental in the renovation of the building for handicapped students, which included the elevator, ramps and restrooms.

THE RUTH SAALFRANK PLUMMER AND EARL PLUMMER MEMORIAL ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

Established in 2017 by Janet L. "Plummer" Brodie and her brother, James W. Plummer, in memory of their parents, this scholarship will be awarded to sophomore through senior students who demonstrate success academically and through music, either instrumental or vocal. Janet's mother Ruth and her family were helped by Bethlehem Lutheran Church and local donors during the Depression so that Ruth could attend Concordia Lutheran High School. She graduated in 1938 and was the Class Valedictorian, as well as pianist for her graduation processional. Ruth and Earl were both accomplished musicians and enjoyed sharing their musical talents with church, family and friends for many decades. This scholarship is given in tribute of Ruth and Earl, with the hope that future recipients will develop and freely share their musical gifts in their church and in the world.

THE ALEATHA EBERHART PORTER MEMORIAL ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

This endowed scholarship was established in 1976 by Aleatha's husband, the late Gen. Robert P. Porter. General and Mrs. Porter were very active in patriotic and service organizations at national, state and local levels. The Porters strongly believed in citizenship instruction and supported the JROTC program of CLHS where Aleatha felt especially close to the coed drill team. This award is made annually by the JROTC department.

THE FAYE MENKING PRESSLER MEMORIAL ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

David Pressler, Faye's husband, founded this scholarship in 1983. Faye and David were 1965 graduates of Concordia Lutheran High School. While at CLHS, Faye was an honor student and a member of the National Honor Society. She was a member of the A Cappella Choir and participated in many drama productions. Faye's parents, Earl and Hildegarde Menking, and Faye's sister, Sylvia, have also supported this endowment. Faye's life was ended as the result of an automobile accident in 1975.

THE PURDUE VARSITY GLEE CLUB ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

This endowment was established in 1996 from the proceeds of the concerts that the Purdue Varsity Glee Club held at CLHS in conjunction with the Concordia A Cappella Choir. Don and Ellen Luepke chaired these events and their son, Nathan '92, was a member of the group. Founded in 1893, the Purdue Varsity Glee Club, an all-male chorus, is one of Purdue University's proudest and richest traditions. The goal of this scholarship is to encourage young men to become interested and involved in choral music.

THE PAUL AND MAXINE RAHDERT ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

The Rahdert's made a gift of real estate to Concordia Lutheran High School, which was sold and the proceeds established this endowment in 1986. Paul was an Aid Association for Lutherans representative and active in the business field. For many years, he organized and operated the junior and senior Lutheran athletic programs in Fort Wayne. He was also a member of the Concordia Educational Foundation Board. He is now deceased. Maxine was an active church worker and a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Both were staunch supporters of Christian education.

THE RETRUM FAMILY ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

In honor of their parents Anna Jean and Carsten, their children Susan, Eric and Kurt established this endowed scholarship in 2021. Their parents were a loving & caring team for 59 years, until Anna Jean passed away in 2003. Carsten was the recipient of many awards for his work and community service. He was called Home in 2018. The scholarship will provide two scholarships for juniors or seniors interested in engineering or, if no engineering students are available, in the building trades.

THE ANNA JEAN AND CARSTEN RETRUM ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

This fund was established by Carsten Retrum and family following Anna Jean's retirement from teaching in 1979, after 21 years at Concordia Lutheran High School. Anna Jean was a graduate of the University of Tennessee and based on her excellence in mathematics, was hired by RCA as an industrial engineer where she met her future husband, Carsten. Subsequently, Carsten joined the Navy and Anna Jean began teaching mathematics. During her tenure at CLHS, she was loved and respected by her students and fellow faculty. Anna Jean was called Home in 2003. Carsten's career spanned 30 plus years at ITT and included the titles of Director of Manufacturing and Vice-President of Operations. Carsten went to his heavenly reward in 2018.

THE RETTIG FAMILY ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP HONORING FRANK D. RETTIG

The Rettig Family including but not limited to his wife, Betty, and sons, Curtis & Benjamin created this scholarship in honor of Frank D. Rettig in 2022. Frank was a US Army veteran, serving during the Korean War. He was employed as a Mechanical Engineer at Firestone for 38 years, after receiving his degree from Purdue University. He shared his love of God by teaching youth Sunday School and as an elder. In his spare time, Frank enjoyed woodworking, reading, sailing, and playing Bingo. He enjoyed travelling the world with his wife, Betty, and vacations with all his family, taking many fondly remembered trips to the Beach and National Parks. During these and other times with his grandchildren, Frank offered many encouraging words and suggestions for living their lives. Frank was called Home in 2021.

THE RISH-JONES FAMILY ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

Established in 2014 in memory of Harry and Kitty Rish of Fort Wayne and Bill and Patty Jones of Indianapolis by David and Sally Rish, this endowed scholarship will provide a general student scholarship.

THE CAPTAIN RONALD E. ROEMER, USMC MEMORIAL ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

Ron's wife, Rebecca, established this fund in 2021 in honor of her husband who passed away in 2020. Ron graduated from Concordia Lutheran High School in 1957 and earned his Bachelor's Degree from Indiana University in Physical Education. Ron served his country as a proud U.S. Marine Vietnam veteran. While in the Marines, he continued his education at Quantico for officer training. During his working career, Ron worked for Xerox prior to co-owning Stern's Moving and Storage. He was a faithful and active member at Epiphany Lutheran church where he mowed their yard for many years.

THE WAYNE ROESENER MEMORIAL ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

Wayne Roesener believed in Christian education and supported innumerable students through CLHS. This endowed scholarship, established in 1991, is another of his endeavors to help young people. Roesener served on the Board of Directors of CLHS for 30 years, chaired six capital building campaigns and was a charter member of the Concordia Educational Foundation and remains an honorary director in memoriam. Wayne worked at Dana for 44 years until his retirement. He was called Home in 1999.

THE DANIEL O. ROSS MEMORIAL ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship was established in 1996 by the late Kenneth and Evelyn Ross; their daughter, Deborah Ross '67, and Dan's wife, Pamela Ross Townsend of Keizer, Oregon. Dan was a 1968 graduate of Concordia Lutheran High School and received an Associate of Science degree in Computer Science from Purdue University, Fort Wayne in 1970. His desire to advance his work experience and his love of the outdoors drew him to Salem Oregon in 1979. In September 1984, he married his soul mate Pamela Howse of Dallas, Oregon. In 1993, Dan suffered a massive pulmonary embolism at work and passed away. He was known for his wonderful sense of humor, his captivating laugh and his kind, patient, easygoing nature. It is the family's hope and prayer that through this scholarship, deserving students seeking a career in computer technology may benefit from a Christian education at Concordia Lutheran High School.

THE ESTHER ROSS MEMORIAL ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

Esther taught at Concordia Lutheran High School for 37 of her 44 years in education. At her retirement in 1984, this scholarship was established in her honor. She taught business, served as the chairperson of the department and was always on the cutting edge of business education. She also taught adult evening classes for Fort Wayne Community Schools for 30 years. Many local secretaries received their education and training through that program. Miss Ross stressed excellence and for her years of service in Lutheran secondary education, Concordia College, Seward, Nebraska, awarded her the "Master Teacher" award. Through the scholarship program, Esther still helps students – always her goal as an educator. Esther was called Home in June of 2006.

THE KATHRYN KOHLMAYER ROUND MEMORIAL ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

Kathryn Kohlmeyer graduated from Concordia Lutheran High School in 1968. She attended Valparaiso University and St. Francis College and earned a bachelor's degree and master's degree in art education. She served on the faculty of CLHS from 1972-76. She married David Round and moved to Wyoming where she graduated from the University of Wyoming with a master's degree in fine arts. She taught at Casper College and the local public school system until the time of her death. Her husband and her parents, John '41 and Martha "Marci" Kohlmeyer '41, and family established this memorial-endowed scholarship in 1987.

THE WALTER RUEGER ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship was established in 1999 by an anonymous alumnus who wishes to honor a childhood friend who had an exemplary record of leadership and service to his church, his profession and his hobby. Walter retired several years ago from Aid Association for Lutherans, where he worked for 31 years as a representative. In 1960, he and his wife, Dorothy, founded the Ripon Archers Inc. The Rueger's have four children: Christine, Timothy, Rev. Matthew and Dianne Moellering. This scholarship annually supports a band student at CLHS.

WILBERT H.L. RUSCH SR. MEMORIAL ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

In January, 2008, a Science Student of Professor Rusch during the 1940s established this fund to remember Rusch and his unique approaches to teaching science students. Wilbert Henry Louis Rusch, Sr. was born in Chicago on February 19, 1913, the son of a professor at Concordia Teachers College, River Forest, Illinois. He graduated from that school in 1931 and did post graduate work at eight different universities. In 1975 he was awarded the Honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. He taught at Concordia Teachers College in Seward, Nebraska, Concordia Junior College in Fort Wayne from 1937 to 1957 and helped open Concordia Junior College in Ann Arbor, Michigan in 1963 as the Chair of the Mathematics and Science Department. During his time in Fort Wayne he also taught at the Purdue University Extension and the Lutheran Hospital School of Nursing. Rusch was known as "Pappy" during his time at Fort Wayne and Ann Arbor. He was married to Margaret (Kogge) and they had five children. During his life he was actively involved in the church serving at the local, district and national levels. While he held many other positions and took part in many activities, his special involvement was as a 1963 Founder of the Creation Research Society which continues to promote a Biblical view of creation. Dr. Rusch was called to his Heavenly Home on June 26, 1994.

THE HOWARD C. SAALFRANK MEMORIAL ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

Janet Brodie, Howard's niece, through his estate in July 2011, established this scholarship. Howard was a 1947 graduate of Concordia Lutheran High School, a graduate of Indiana Tech and a veteran of The Army of the United States of America. He worked for 35 years as an engineer at The Ford Motor Company, Dearborn, Michigan. Howard was kind, generous and a true gentleman. He loved engaging others in deep conversation, was an avid Detroit sports fan and loved nature. Married to Mary Sue Applegate Saalfrank, Howard was a dedicated loving husband and a loving father to his son, Bradley G. Saalfrank, both who preceded him in death. He was dedicated to helping those in need and contributed to the health, welfare and education of many through his lifelong charitable contributions. This scholarship is to help those academically gifted students with financial need attend CLHS.

KURT SALOMON JROTC ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

This endowed scholarship fund was established in 2008 by Kurt Salomon to provide Concordia's JROTC Cadets with the opportunity to receive a Christ-Centered Education. Kurt graduated from Concordia in 1985, and earned his degree from Purdue University in Computer Aided Drafting and Design. In 1996, Kurt joined the Fort Wayne Fire Department where he retired in 2018 as a Fire Fighter in the Combat Division and is a substitute teacher at CLHS. In 2004, Kurt became an active volunteer with Concordia's JROTC Program, having previously been a JROTC Cadet himself and knowing full well the value of this program.

THE ROBERT AND SHIRLEY SALOMON AND FAMILY ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

This endowed scholarship was established in 1991 by Bob and Shirley Salomon to provide future students with the opportunity to receive a Christian education, as well as to encourage their participation in a broad range of co-curricular activities. Bob graduated from CLHS in 1949. He and his wife, Shirley, have three children, all graduates of CLHS, Renee, 1980; Mark 1982 and Kurt, 1985. Shirley is retired from Crossroad Flowers. Bob retired from Phelps Dodge Magnet Wire Co. Both Bob and Shirley are in Heaven.

THE STAN AND BETTY SALOMON ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

Both 1951 graduates of Concordia Lutheran High School, Stan and Betty provide the opportunity for future students through this scholarship. They established this endowment in 1993 “in thankfulness to God for the many blessings He has given us.” Stan graduated from Indiana University and Betty graduated from Lutheran Hospital School of Nursing. Stan and Betty have three children and eight grandchildren. Stan went to heaven in 2018 and Betty in 2019.

THE RUTH FOELBER SAUERTEIG MEMORIAL ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

The Ruth Foelber Sauerteig Memorial Endowed Scholarship was established in 1983 by her husband, Paul. Ruth served as the librarian at CLHS from 1966 to 1981. She had a special interest in promoting the fine arts at CLHS, and provided special support for the art, music and English departments. In the instructional materials center at CLHS, a special art piece is displayed as a memorial in recognition of her special service to the library. Paul was called to his Eternal Home May 18, 2011. Their son, Paul '72, is a noted attorney in Fort Wayne.

THE PAUL AND MERTIE MARIE SCHLAUDROFF MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship was established in 2013 through a bequest in Paul Schlaudroff's trust to provide scholarship assistance for students of Concordia Lutheran High School as well as funding for a special project. Paul, who attended Concordia College Fort Wayne in the early 1930's, was called Home in 2001 and Mertie Marie in 2012. They were members of St. Michael's Lutheran Church.

THE REV. ERWIN SCHNEEDLER MEMORIAL ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

A mathematics student of Professor Schnedler during the 1940s established this fund in 2007 to remember Schnedler and his kind and patient manner in working with students who had less than optimal ability in the area of math. Erwin Herman Schnedler was born in St. Charles, MO on December 12, 1883. He graduated from Concordia Seminary in St. Louis in 1914 and immediately began teaching in the mathematics department of Concordia Junior College in Fort Wayne. He married Charlotte and they were parents to four children; Paul (Putz), Ervin (Booty), Hildegard (Hegarde), and Albert (Abbie). In 1941, while representing the high school program, he attended the first organizing meeting of the national organization established to assist and promote Lutheran high schools across the country and internationally. Now known as the Association of Lutheran Secondary Schools (ALSS), Concordia Lutheran High School has been a member since its beginnings. With the closing of the Junior College in 1957, Rev. Schnedler became the Associate Pastor of Concordia Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne and remained there until his retirement in 1961. Following the passing of Charlotte, Rev. Schnedler married Clara Mueller of Fort Wayne. Rev. Schnedler was called to his heavenly Home in 1983.

THE RUDOLPH AND MILDRED SEDDELMAYER MEMORIAL ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship was established in 1998 by their daughters – Ruth Everson '56, Gloria Edwards '58 and Judith Fowler '59, all graduates of CLHS, for the sacrifice their parents made in granting each of them the opportunity to attend CLHS. Rudy was well-known in the farming community of Adams Township, where he and Mildred served in positions with the Farm Bureau. Mildred was a *Homemaker*, who volunteered at her church and at the Lutheran Home. It is hoped that through this scholarship, future generations will experience the joy of attending a school where Christian values and training are paramount.

THE DR. ROBERT EPP-TOSHIO AND TOSHIKO SHOJI ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

In 2000, a CLHS alumnus wished to honor the outstanding contributions that the Shojis have made to Lutheran education and missionary activities in Saitama City, Japan. Toshio joined the staff as an English teacher of the Urawa Lutheran School, founded by the Missouri Synod. He became principal of the ULS in 1974 and has since retired. Toshiko was a first grade teacher at ULS, but quit to raise a family. The Shojis have been blessed with three daughters, all graduates of the ULS.

THE STEVEN PAUL SNYDER MEMORIAL ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

The Steven Paul Snyder Memorial Endowed Scholarship was established in 1996 by his parents, Frederick and Susan Snyder. Steve was a junior at CLHS, a dedicated student, an excellent citizen, a member of the concert band and involved with the peer ministry group. His sport was wrestling, where he lettered as a freshman. In June 1994, Steve was diagnosed with PNET, a cancer originating in the nerve cells. Through his battle with cancer, he continued to be a strong witness to everyone of God's love and strength in his life. He never gave up hope and would not let others give up either. He once said that he wished people would know how much God really loves them. He was called to his eternal Home in 1996 and now lives with his loving Jesus.

THE REVEREND PAUL W. STANKO MEMORIAL ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship was established by a friend of Reverend Stanko's '39 in 2002. Reverend Stanko enrolled at Concordia Lutheran High School in Fort Wayne, and graduated summa cum laude from Concordia Junior College. He entered Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO. and received a graduate degree. He was ordained into the holy ministry in 1946 where he was active for more than 54 years. He served on the LCMS Ohio District board of directors for over 28 years. He and his wife, Mildred, have two daughters, Becky and Sibyl. Rev. Stanko was called to his heavenly Home in 2000. He was a good and faithful servant of our Lord.

THE DR. ROBERT EPP-TORAO AND KIMIYO TANAKA MEMORIAL ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship was established in 1991 by an alumnus to reciprocate the kindness, understanding, humor, warmth and love that the Tanaka's showed him while he served with the U.S. Marines in the occupation of Japan. Their care determined his career path. Torao earned a degree in English literature and taught English at Kyushu Gakuin, the Lutheran High School in Kumamoto. He was baptized into the Lutheran Church in 1914 and was an active layman in the local Lutheran church. He retired from teaching in 1966 and passed away in 1980. Kimiyo was baptized on Christmas Day in 1911 by a Lutheran missionary. She was a kindergarten teacher who passed away in 1995. The Tanaka's have three children: Nobuo, Michio, and Reiko.

THE JOSEPH "DADDY JOE" THOMAS SCHOLARSHIP FUND ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

Peggy Thomas and sons, Kenton & Kyle '04, in honor of Joseph Thomas to encourage Cadets to strive for a balance of Christ Centered Leadership, Academic Excellence, Extracurricular Involvement, and Selfless Service, established this fund in 2016. It should be awarded to a member of JROTC and be selected by a panel as conducted by the JROTC program.

STEPHEN THOMPSON FAMILY ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

Stephen Thompson was a strong Christian man who saw the importance and value in providing his children, Matthew (CLHS 2008), Michael (CLHS 2010), Amanda (CLHS 2011) and Michelle (CLHS 2013) with a Christian education. Steve was called to his eternal Home in 2009 and this fund was established in his memory with hope of helping others realize the blessing in attending CLHS.

THE GARY TRENT MEMORIAL ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

Gary Trent is remembered in this memorial endowed scholarship, established in 1998. Trent was a partner in Sturges, Griffin, Trent & Co., an outstanding churchman and is remembered as an honorary director of CEF. He was active in community affairs, serving on the boards of the Chamber of Commerce, the YMCA, and Turnstone Center for Disabled Children and Adults. Gary and his wife, Jennifer, a former teacher at CLHS, have four children, Emily '92, Thomas '94, Joseph '97 and Michael '01, all CLHS graduates. Gary joined his Savior in 1997.

THE DAVID AND NORMA HATTENDORF WADE ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

In 2001, David and Norma Wade established this endowed scholarship to support accounting and business students at Concordia Lutheran High School. Norma is a 1960 graduate of CLHS and the Wade's children are all CLHS graduates: Cynthia ('80); Cheryl ('83); Christine ('87); Carol ('87) and David ('98). David served on the high school Board of Directors, and on the Concordia Educational Foundation Board of Directors, including a term as board treasurer. He has also been elected as an Honorary CEF Board Member. David is a CPA and owns his own accounting firm. This endowed scholarship will assist those students who are interested in the business world receive a Christian education.

THE EDWARD J. WERNER MEMORIAL ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

The Edward J. Werner Memorial Endowed Scholarship was established in 1988 by his wife, Selma. Edward came to CLHS in 1949 from Emmaus Lutheran School, where he taught and coached for 12 years. At CLHS, he served as the guidance director, assistant principal, counselor and curriculum coordinator. He was a graduate of Concordia College, Seward, Nebraska. He and Selma's daughter, Janis Boldenow, was also a member of the CLHS faculty from 1972-76.

THE STEPHEN WERTH MEMORIAL ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

The Stephen Werth Memorial Endowed Scholarship was established in 1990 by his parents, Gerry and Jean Werth and is awarded annually to a member of the JROTC Snap Squad. Stephen enjoyed being a special mascot for the JROTC Snap Squad at CLHS. He was a member of the Allen County Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol. He obtained his first two promotions in record time, the last being the rank of Cadet Airman First Class. Stephen attended Holy Cross Lutheran School until the Lord called him to heaven at age 13 in 1989. Stephen's memory remains with his parents and two older brothers, Bill (CLHS '88) and David (CLHS '91).

THE DR. AL AND CAROL WICK ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

This endowment was established in 1993 by Dr. Al and Carol Wick and is awarded annually in the name of a male and female basketball player on the CLHS basketball teams. A committee of school officials selects the athletes in whose names the scholarships are given on the basis of academic achievement, leadership, Christian character, sportsmanship and athletic ability. The Wicks are graduates of CLHS, Class of 1948 and all three of their children, John '75, Karen '73 and Kristin '85, are CLHS grads, too. Dr. Wick, an honorary director of CEF, was a three-year letterman in basketball and was All-City for two years.

THE RICHARD AND ESTELLE WICK MEMORIAL ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

Established in 2017 by son David '70 and wife Cindy in memory of his parents, Richard and Estelle Wick. Richard and Estelle (Widenhofer) attended Concordia Lutheran High School, located on the former Concordia College campus at Anthony and Maumee. Richard '41 and Estelle '42 were very active in the Lutheran community. This endowment recognizes the abundant blessings bestowed on them and their strong support of CLHS.

THE DAVID AND MARY WIDENHOFER HEYSE ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

This fund was established in 2008 by friends of Dave and Mary's in honor of Dave's retirement as Executive Director of CLHS after sixteen years of service to Concordia. The fund was later renamed to also honor Mary for her partnership with Dave and many years of service in education and especially Christian education. Mary, a graduate of Concordia University, Chicago, served as Director of the Preschool at Holy Cross Lutheran School. She has over thirty years experience in teaching and has presented on child development and early childhood education. She also taught part-time at IPFW. David, also a Concordia University, Chicago graduate began his 40-year career in Lutheran secondary education at Martin Luther High School in Milwaukee. Teaching religion was his major and his first master's degree was in theology from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. After completing an advanced degree in administrative leadership from the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, he became Principal of Lutheran High School Northwest in Rochester Hills, Michigan, then in 1992, he became Concordia's executive leader. The Widenhofer's have three sons, Steven, Jeffrey (CLHS '93) and Jeremy (CLHS '97) and four grandchildren. This endowed scholarship recognizes Lutheran secondary education and the blessings their children have received through Lutheran schools over many years. Enabling a student to attend Concordia is a privilege. David passed away in 2011.

THE NORMAN AND ESTHER WIDENHOFER MEMORIAL ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

The Widenhofer Memorial Endowed Scholarship was established in 1993 by their sons, Gerry '60, David '63 and Steve '70, all CLHS graduates, and their wives. Norman was in advertising in Fort Wayne for many years, but his reputation as the first organist at the Memorial Coliseum is how he is remembered by many longtime city residents. The Widenhofer's long commitment to Christian education is evident in their connections to CLHS, where Norm served on the board of directors, and at Concordia Church and School. Norman passed away in 1985 and Esther in 1992.

THE WARREN AND GINNY WILBERT MEMORIAL ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

Recognizing the inherent blessings in Christian education, Dr. Wilbert established this fund in 2004 as a way to maintain a permanent role in supporting that heritage, with preference for students participating in the musical arts program. Dr. Wilbert had a varied career in Lutheran education covering over a half century. He has also authored books on adult Christian education and during retirement, has written ten books about major league baseball. Virginia (Ginny) earned a degree in social services administration and served at Lutheran Homes and Glacier Hills Retirement Communities. She was both an accomplished seamstress and musician, playing both piano and organ. Mrs. Wilbert went to be with her Lord in 2003. The Wilbert's had four daughters, Karen, Susan, Diann and Ellen and eleven grandchildren. Dr. Wilbert was called Home in 2016.

THE NORMAN AND AILEEN BRADTMUELLER WITTE FAMILY ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

The fund was established in 2003 by Norman Witte (CLHS 1939) and Aileen Bradtmueller Witte (CLHS 1941) in remembrance of the important part CLHS has played in 4 generations of the Witte Family. Norm's father, Gerhardt W. Witte came to Fort Wayne in 1916 to help establish and teach at Luther Institute; the two year business school that was the predecessor to Concordia Lutheran High School. He also taught at Concordia until his death in 1937. The six Witte children are all graduates of CLHS; Margaret Mowery (1966), Kenneth (1968), Reverend Henry (1970), Edward (1972), Ruth Winicker (1974) and Michael (1977). Two of their grandchildren, Emilie Winicker (2013) and Henry Winicker (2015) have been blessed to attend CLHS. Norm served in the Navy during WWII. He then worked for Central Soya Company as a chemical engineer in soybean processing. Aileen graduated from the Lutheran Hospital as a registered nurse. Norm went to his Heavenly Home in 2010. They were both active members of Concordia Lutheran Church. Aileen was called to her heavenly Home in March of 2014.

THE W. PAUL & CAROLYN C. WOLF ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

W. Paul Wolf & Carolyn are members of Emmanuel Lutheran Church and a longtime supporters of CLHS who established this scholarship in 2023 after combining previous endowments that originated as early as 2003. Paul is the former CEO and president of Home Loan Bank and Home Bancorp. Prior to joining the bank, Wolf was a commercial bank examiner with the Indiana Department of Financial Institutions. He served eight years as vice chairman on the banking department board of directors for the Indiana Department of Financial Institutions and on the board and executive committee of the Indiana Economic Development Council. Paul has also served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Community Foundation of Greater Fort Wayne, a member of the Board of Trustees of Lutheran Hour Ministry Foundation, and on the Finance Committee of Concordia Theological Seminary. Carolyn & Paul have had children and grandchildren attend Concordia Lutheran High School. They established this fund to allow students to receive a Christian education at CLHS, particularly students from Emmanuel St. Michael Lutheran Elementary School, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

WALTER AND BERTHA WOLF MEMORIAL ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

In thankfulness for their belief in and sacrifice for Christian education, this endowment was established in 2007 in memory of Walter and Bertha Wolf by their son-in-law and daughter, Gene and Sandy '66 Friedrich. A product of Concordia Lutheran Elementary School, Walter knew the character building power of an education built on the Word of God and aimed to provide the same blessing for his daughter and grandchildren. When able, Walt and Bert also anonymously made it possible for several other students to attend CLHS. Walter passed into heaven in 1997, followed by Bertha in 2006 Praise be to God for His faithfulness to them and for their dedicated support of Lutheran education and their faithful witness and servant hearts.

THE ZAEGEL FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP FUND

This scholarship was established in 2013 through a bequest in Kathryn and Pauline Zaegel's trusts to provide need-based scholarships for worthy high school students. The Foundation is directed to retain the principal of these funds for the purpose of providing scholarships for worthy or needy high school students. Kathryn spent her years in Fort Wayne, retiring from United Technologies in 1987. She was a life member of Zion Lutheran Church and a member of the church choir. Kathryn was called Home on December 8, 2012. Pauline was called home December 29, 2017. She was a lifelong member of Zion Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, and retired in 1983, after 42 years of service at Peter Eckrich. She was also a volunteer for the American Red Cross and Woodview Healthcare. Pauline went to heaven in December 29, 2017.

THE REV. DR. MELVIN L. AND CAROLE J. ZILZ ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

This fund was established by Carole J. Zilz in 2006 to continue the tradition of quality education that has been a vital part of the Zilz family. Dr. Melvin Zilz had throughout his professional life taught in every grade from kindergarten through college and seminary. He helped establish Lutheran High School East in Harper Woods, Michigan. His degrees included an M.A. degree in Science for Teachers, an M.S. in Biology and a Ph.D. in Biology/Biochemistry. He had divine calls to Concordia Senior College as professor and later Registrar, then to Concordia Theological Seminary as Assistant to the President, and later as Dean of Administration. Dr. Zilz was ordained in the office of public ministry in 1978. He retired from the Seminary in 2000 after 25 years of service. Melvin and his wife, Carole J. Brandt, were blessed with three children, Karen (Rev. Karl Luchterhand), Kathryn (Dr. John McPherson) and Paul (Peggy Leiter), all CLHS graduates, and twelve grandchildren. Carole was a reference librarian for 17 years at the Allen County Public Library main branch. She retired in 2003. They were foster parents for over 30 children for Lutheran Social Services during a five-year period. Rev. Zilz and his wife were instrumental, with others, in establishing Ascension Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne. On April 5, 2005, he went Home to be with his Savior.

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