

## HERE COME THE RED KNIGHTS!

By Dr. Wayne Jensen, Milwaukee Lutheran Principal

These five words capture the bold future ahead for Milwaukee Lutheran — a future that fills this proud Red Knight alumnus (Class of '86) with great joy.

Our vision centers on three exciting areas:

Branding
Middle School Expansion
Capital Campaign

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With more than 120 years of legacy, Milwaukee Lutheran is a trusted name in the Milwaukee metro area. Our identity is rooted in the unchanging truth of Jesus Christ and a rich Lutheran heritage. While grounded in this strong foundation, we are confidently moving forward—serving Milwaukee students with excellence in academics, athletics, the arts, and spiritual growth. We are a place of hope and opportunity, especially for families who may not find that elsewhere.



## **NEW BRANDING**

Our new branding reflects this forward momentum. The updated logo features forward-pointing arrows symbolizing growth and action. A torch and flame pay tribute to our founding mission to "Light the Lamp of Lutheran Learning," reminding us of our ongoing call to be a "Light to the City of Milwaukee," reflecting Christ, the One True Light.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL INITIATIVE

The most exciting development is the launch of Milwaukee Lutheran Middle and High School. In fall 2025, we'll welcome our first fifth-grade students to our growing virtual campus, which already serves over 200 remote learners. Then, in fall 2026, we'll begin enrolling our first in-person sixth-grade class on our Grantosa Drive campus, with seventh and eighth grades following in the next two years. By 2029, we anticipate serving 200+ middle schoolers alongside more than 900 high school students.

Why middle school? Because earlier influence matters. The sooner we reach students, the sooner we can help close academic, athletic, and spiritual gaps. Early academic support allows us to meet students at their level and guide them toward high school success. Early participation in sports and the arts builds Red Knight excellence from the ground up. Most importantly, earlier exposure to the Gospel gives the Holy Spirit more time to work in young hearts. Already this school year, over 100 students have received Holy Baptism in our chapel, a testament to the eternal impact we can make.

## **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS**

To support this growing vision, we are preparing to launch a major capital campaign. The needed facility changes are substantial: new classrooms, a reimagined and more secure front entrance, and the relocation of administrative offices. These updates will not only accommodate our expanding student body but also bring new life and energy to our entire campus community.

Amidst all this forward motion, we can't overlook the long-awaited installation of an elevator in the heart of the school. This project, years in the making, has finally come to fruition. This muchneeded addition enhances accessibility for all and serves as a visible reminder that progress often takes time but is always worth the wait.

"Please join us in prayer as we step into this exciting chapter. Pray for the hearts of those considering financial support and for God's continued blessing on our work."

So, yes—there is a lot happening at Milwaukee Lutheran. Bold new branding. A growing middle school. A major fundraising effort. And through it all, our mission remains unchanged: Sharing Jesus, Shaping Lives, and Developing Leaders. The path is clear, the vision is bold, and the future is bright.

Alive in Christ, fueled by the Holy Spirit, and committed to our mission, we joyfully proclaim: "Here Come the Red Knights!"