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A Story of Faith and Sacrifice—Join Us in the Final Week of Giving

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We are now in the final week of our four-week Lion Fund giving campaign—and thanks be to God, we've already raised over three-fourths of our \$40,000 goal! Even more exciting: **every gift this week will be matched dollar for dollar**, doubling your impact in support of scholarships and campus improvements at Faith Lutheran School.

Your support helps make classical Lutheran education accessible to more families. As you consider giving, we invite you to read a heartfelt testimony from Mrs. Christy Rivers, our fourth-grade teacher and a fellow FLS parent. Her family's story beautifully illustrates why this mission matters—not only for today, but for eternity.

When my children were still very young, my husband and I began talking about what kind of schools we wanted them to attend. Like most parents, we considered our children's futures, but maybe not in the way you might expect. Sure, we wanted our children to be successful, happy adults. We wanted to give them opportunities. We wanted them to have friends. But that was all secondary for us.

Our local public schools ranked very high within our state. Many of our friends had attended and graduated from these schools, and they "turned out fine," so people scratched their heads when we announced that we were moving to Texas to find a better option. Why would we give up our jobs and our community for a school?

The truth is that most parents think about their children's futures, but they do not think far enough into the future. Sure, they would be fine ten years from now or twenty years from now, but what about in a thousand years?

The thing that mattered the most to us was that we not only prepared our children for their vocations in this life, but we also prepared them for the life to come. We wanted our children to have a school that could prepare them to live well and to die well, because the reality is that we will all die. We could not imagine anything more tragic than spending eternity without our children.

So, we sold our house, we left our jobs, and we came to Plano, Texas to send our kids to Faith Lutheran School. We wanted a classical Lutheran school that would support and reinforce the things we believe, teach, and confess in our home. Our children have flourished academically and spiritually, more abundantly than we could have imagined.

And our story is not unique. Other families at our school have come from far and wide looking for the same type of education for their children, because the truth is that in a thousand years, nothing else will matter. More than anything, we want them to belong to the body of Christ.

This has been the story of the Missouri Synod. The original founders of the synod traveled a much greater distance than our family did in order to be able to educate and catechize their children according to the Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions. They knew that nothing else mattered as much as sharing the Gospel with their children and their children's children.

I invite you to be a part of what matters most—bringing up the next generation of pastors, teachers, musicians, and lay-people in the Word of God. Please consider financially supporting the work of Faith Lutheran School as it prepares students for their futures in this life and the next.

The Lion Fund strengthens our ability to serve students with academic excellence, faithful catechesis, and a clear sense of purpose rooted in Christ. **This week, your gift will be matched dollar for dollar**, doubling your support for this vital mission.

If you've already contributed—thank you. If not, now is the perfect time to help us finish strong. Every gift moves us closer to our goal and extends the blessing of classical Lutheran education to more families.

Give today at www.flspiano.org/lion-fund or the QR code below

Thank you for partnering with us to prepare students not only for this life—but for the life to come.

In Christ,

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