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LUMIN Breaks Ground for Building Addition at Northwest Lutheran School



LUMIN – Lutheran Urban Mission Initiative, Inc., Milwaukee, WI
Northwest Lutheran School Adds 7,000 Square Feet

A groundbreaking ceremony was held on April 3rd at LUMIN's Northwest Lutheran School to commence a 7,000 sq. ft. building addition. The new building will include four new classrooms, two of which will be used for 4K and 5K students and include bathrooms. Additionally, numerous renovations will be made in the existing building. The current library and 4K classroom will be converted to a cafeteria with an adjacent kitchen. Administrative offices will be relocated and expanded to provide improved student services, including a health room, "time out" room, conference room and more office space. The new location of the offices, combined with reconfiguration of the main entry to the school, will result in better building security during school hours. The two remaining upper grade classrooms will be converted to a new library and a new art room. Other improvements include additional small group instruction rooms, more work space for teachers, and new ceilings and lighting in the hallway and classrooms on the south end of the building.

LUMIN has operated Northwest Lutheran School since 2006 and brings the first major construction project to Northwest in more than 30 years. J. H. Hassinger, Inc. is the general contractor. Upon completion in mid-August, the school will be able to serve approximately 250 students in one of the premier school buildings on the northwest side of Milwaukee. The school is a proud participant of the Milwaukee Parental Choice Program. Director of Student Learning and incoming School Principal for 2011-12, Hope Krause comments, "We are all so thankful to God for the growth and the bright future here at Northwest. As the construction progresses, we grow more and more excited about all that is happening." Mrs. Krause succeeds Principal Dennis Wallinger, who will retire in June after 10 years of enthusiastic service and leadership to Northwest Lutheran School.

Adds Dick Laabs, President of LUMIN, "We are grateful to the Lutheran Church Extension Fund for providing financing for the project and to God for our bright, safe and clean school building that will soon be one of the best in Milwaukee."

Lutheran Urban Mission Initiative, Inc. (LUMIN) is a 501c(3) nonprofit corporation and a Recognized Service Organization of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod (LCMS). LUMIN operates four LCMS schools in Milwaukee that serve students from low income families that participate in the Milwaukee Parental Choice Program. LUMIN provides safe, Christian schools focused on educational success, leadership development and spiritual growth; and is quickly becoming the standard for effective, Christ-centered, results oriented urban education in the City of Milwaukee.

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