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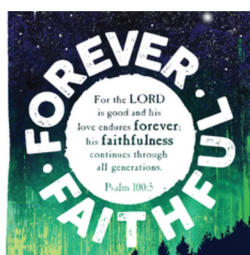
# Executive Report

April 2025



Brian Shult, Executive Director

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



As we move through this season of renewal and reflection, I'm filled with gratitude for the many ways God continues to bless our ministry. From joyful celebrations to exciting developments in our academic programs, there is much to share with you in this edition of the Executive Report.

We were thrilled to host our annual Gala on campus this year—for the first time in many years. Seeing our community come together in the heart of our ministry was both inspiring and energizing. Thank you to everyone who attended, supported, and helped make it such a meaningful evening. Your presence and generosity are a powerful testament to your commitment to Christian education.

The momentum continues through our “Building for Tomorrow” capital project, which is well underway. We are already seeing incredible demand for our growing Career and Technical Education (CTE) curriculum. More students than ever are engaging in hands-on learning that prepares them for service and success in a variety of fields—an exciting reflection of our mission to educate the total student.

As the school year enters its final stretch, the energy around campus is high. Spring concerts, athletic competitions, exams, and graduation preparations fill our days as we look forward to celebrating the accomplishments of our students and faculty. Amid this activity, we also pause to reflect on the greatest celebration of all: the resurrection of our Savior. As Easter approaches, we rejoice in the living hope that Christ gives—a hope that anchors all we do here at SCLA.

Thank you for being a valued part of our mission. Your prayers, encouragement, and support make a lasting difference in the lives of our students and the future of our academy.

In Christ,  
Brian Shult  
Executive Director  
St. Croix Lutheran Academy



**CELEBRATE**

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Years of God's Grace

## FACULTY/STAFF UPDATE

Two faculty members will be recognized for 25-year ministry anniversaries. Congratulations to Mrs. Rebecca Hillstrom and Mr. Mike Marquardt for reaching this impressive milestone. We look forward to honoring them on Friday, May 23 at the Spring Concert.

Several faculty members are actively pursuing advanced degrees in their field: Emily Mantz, Gabe Plocher, Calla Schoch, Amanda Weddle, and Abby Zuberbier.



Rebecca Hillstrom  
25 Year Ministry Anniversary



Mike Marquardt  
25 Year Ministry Anniversary

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## BUILDING FOR TOMORROW: PHASE 3A UPDATE

Exciting progress is being made on Phase 3A of our “Building for Tomorrow” capital project! Thanks to your support and God’s blessings, the transformation is well underway.

Here’s what’s been accomplished so far:

- Interior demolition is complete
- Underground plumbing and new footings have been installed
- Framing is finished
- A new roof now covers the former courtyard area

With the project structure taking shape, we’re looking ahead to completion this July—just in time to welcome students to the Tekton Building, our brand-new Career and Technical Education (CTE) space for the 2025–26 school year.

Demand for hands-on learning continues to grow. In response, we’ll be offering seven CTE courses for high school students and reintroducing wood shop for middle schoolers—equipping students with practical skills and preparing them for a variety of career paths.

We are currently 60% funded, with \$1,330,000 in cash and commitments toward our \$2,150,000 goal. We’re incredibly grateful for everyone who has already partnered with us—but we still need your help to finish strong.

Will you prayerfully consider a gift to help bring this project across the finish line? Your support makes a direct impact on students today and for years to come.

Let’s keep building—together.



## FOCUS ON MINISTRY TRIP

This powerful moment was captured in the chapel of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary (WLS), where nine of our current SCLA students participated in a Focus on Ministry recruitment trip.

Seated in the photo are current SCLA students who are witnessing the path of pastoral ministry. Behind them stand SCLA graduates who are already studying at the seminary (Zach Thiel, Caleb Little, Sam Engel, Caleb Raasch, Seth Marquardt, Grant Gawrisch, Ezra Blumer), preparing to serve congregations in the years ahead.

Notably, two more SCLA alumni, Ronny Nguyen and Christian Huonder, are currently completing their Vicar year, gaining hands-on experience in ministry.

An amazing blessing—SCLA has the most students at WLS of any area Lutheran high school in the WELS! It's a blessing to see so many of our graduates answering the call to serve. Thank you to Pastor Sievert for organizing this trip, and while he couldn't attend due to his son's basketball tournament, Pastor Jon Enter was honored to lead the group.

God's blessings on these students as they consider the ministry, and thank you to all who support and encourage them along the way!



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## UPDATED WEBSITE - [STCROIXLUTHERAN.ORG](http://STCROIXLUTHERAN.ORG)

On January 2, SCLA launched its newly redesigned website, offering an improved user experience for prospective families, current students, and dedicated supporters. With a fresh look, intuitive navigation, and enhanced functionality, the new site makes it easier than ever to explore all that SCLA has to offer.

**For Prospective Families:** The website provides streamlined access to admissions information, virtual tours, and key insights into SCLA's academic and extracurricular programs. With a user-friendly design, families can quickly find application deadlines, schedule visits, and connect with admissions representatives.

**For Current Families:** The site serves as a central hub for school news, calendars, and important resources, ensuring that parents and students stay informed and engaged in the SCLA community.

**For Donors and Supporters:** A dedicated giving section highlights SCLA's mission and impact, making it easier for donors to contribute and stay updated on fundraising initiatives.

The new website reflects SCLA's commitment to excellence, accessibility, and community engagement. We invite you to explore the site and experience the improvements firsthand!

## 2025-2026 NEW COURSES

We are please to offer new Career and Technical Education (CTE) courses and a new dual-credit offering to our high school course catalog starting this fall. [StCroixLutheran.org/catalog](https://StCroixLutheran.org/catalog)

- Woodworking 1
- Woodworking 2
- Construction and Architecture
- AP Physics 2 Online (Leanne Stob at Bethany)

## GENERAL BOARD MEETING RECAP

The February meeting of the SCLA General Board was called to order on Tuesday, February 25, 2025 in the SCLA auditorium. Reports were presented to the members by the Education Program Committee, Mission Advancement, the HR and Policy Committee, the Finance Committee, the Executive Director, and both Principals.

Corey Krieger, Heritage Lutheran Church (Apple Valley, MN), was ratified as the newest member of the Board of Regents.

The 2025-2026 budget was ratified.

To view a draft of the minutes from the General Board Meeting, please visit [StCroixLutheran.org/GB2025.02.25](https://StCroixLutheran.org/GB2025.02.25)



Riccardo Marzetti sets new school record.

## SINGLE-GAME RECORD BROKEN

Congratulations to senior, Riccardo Marzetti, for making history! He set the SCLA boys single-game scoring record with an incredible 41 points against St. Croix Prep on Monday, February 17, breaking the previous record of 39, held by Wade Guerin since 2007.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Apr 15	Sacred Concert, 7:00p, chapel
May 8-9	Peter Pan Jr. - <a href="https://StCroixLutheran.org/drama">StCroixLutheran.org/drama</a>
May 18	Middle School Graduation
May 23	Spring Concert
May 24	Graduation
July 21	Golf Classic - <a href="https://StCroixLutheran.org/golfclassic">StCroixLutheran.org/golfclassic</a>



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