

Vision With a Task



Construction on the northeast quadrant: top to bottom - pouring concrete grade beams; installing structural steel; installing concrete hollow core.

Linden Christian School will be a biblically-based learning community where all students grow to be devoted followers of Christ, insightful thinkers, discerning decision-makers, and compassionate community members.

Every day the Linden leadership makes decisions that are filtered through this vision statement. It is the compass bearing that guides us into the future and provides our school a unique perspective that sets us apart from other educational institutions. The vision statement is an expression of what we passionately value for our students, and reminds us to focus on others and the bigger picture. We then plan opportunities to help our students mature into compassionate community members. There are many powerful examples of how our vision informs our decisions.

Over the last few weeks our students have packed over 300 shoeboxes in support of Operation Christmas Child. Our grade 5-12 students are currently involved in the World Vision Christmas Catalogue outreach with a goal of raising over \$10,000 for developing world projects. Many K-4 classes are working on age-appropriate projects to demonstrate practical love for those in need. My mentor, Dr. Don Page, Professor of Leadership in Trinity Western University's School of Graduate Studies, once referenced a church in Sussex, England that has this inscription:

*A task without a vision is drudgery;
a vision without a task is but a mere dream;
a vision with a task is the hope of the world.*

Linden Christian School has been called to the important task of educating and training the next generation of leaders. Our goal is that students will demonstrate leadership based on the truth of God's Word, and that they will model what they have learned in our school community.

The *Imagine ... Building to Shape Lives* facility expansion project supports all aspects of our vision, and we are committed to the task ahead. The completed campus will allow us to enhance each student's overall learning experience. Please continue to pray for us as we work toward the completion of a successful project. On behalf of the 100+ staff of Linden Christian, we wish you a blessed Christmas and look forward to continuing the educational journey in 2011.

In His Service,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert Charach".

Robert Charach, Principal



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BUILDING TO SHAPE LIVES

Imagine ... shaping lives for tomorrow

My Story: I Said "Yes"

By Brenda Wiebe, Linden Christian School Transitional Classroom Teacher

GETTING TO KNOW...

TEACHER

BRENDA WIEBE

I was raised in a family that taught me about God and about reaching out to the world to share Jesus. I graduated from Winnipeg Bible College with a B.A. in Biblical Studies. I worked as the Dean of Women at Steinbach Bible College and Christian High School, and served in Burkina Faso, homeschooling missionary children when I decided I would get my education degree. I graduated from the University of Winnipeg with a B.Ed., and am in my 15th year of teaching. I taught a grade 1-3 combined class and a combined grade 1-2 class before I came to LCS and taught grade 5 for 11 years. I have been involved in cross-cultural missions, travelling to Zambia, Burkina Faso, Brazil, Guatemala, Uganda and Mexico, and most recently in Winnipeg with New Immigrant Chai Centre.

EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANT

JOANNA DYCK

I was raised in a Christian home where I was encouraged to develop and deepen my personal relationship with God. I spent one year at a Bible School in Sweden after graduating from high school, then returned to Winnipeg and started working toward my B.A. and B.Ed at the University of Winnipeg. In my last year of studies I did an overseas practicum in Thailand. I graduated with my B.Ed in June of 2010 and started working as an EA in LCS's transitional classroom in September. I have enjoyed being involved in missions in a variety of ways, including seven years of working at summer camps, three short-term mission trips, and volunteering once a week with an inner city kids church in the West End.

About three years ago, I met Valerie Micklefield who was starting a classroom for The King's School to help newcomer children adjust to Canadian culture. I heard her vision and liked what she was doing. I have always had an interest in cross-cultural evangelism. Both my husband and I have been overseas numerous times on mission trips. Then last year we became involved as volunteers at the New Immigrant Chai Centre. We recognized the world is coming to us, and we could minister to people right in our own city! We talked with many newcomers and one father voiced a concern – his child was struggling with the adjustment to the Canadian classroom. I contacted Valerie Micklefield and asked how I could get involved in helping newcomer children adjust to school. In the meantime, LCS had a handful of students from City Connexions. Our resource teacher told me that these students needed a transitional classroom. BINGO! That is exactly what I had been investigating and I felt like God said, "It's time to talk to Rob Charach about this idea." In Early November 2009, I met with Mr. Charach. He had been thinking the exact same thing. He asked me if I would lead the venture and I said yes. I felt called by God.

The purpose of the LCS Transitional Classroom is to teach English and culture in the midst of the Manitoba Curriculum. There are 21 students in grades 1-4: five grade 1 students, six in grade 2, three grade 3, and seven in grade 4. The students are from two Burmese people groups, the Karen and the Chin.

When it came to deciding where we would develop such a classroom, the first idea was to have it in the basement of City Church [an international, intercultural church plant of Grant Memorial Baptist Church]. Of course, that would be cumbersome because we would need to pack up our class each weekend, and possibly during the week. Then came an opportunity that seemed ideal – 598 Ellice Avenue was being vacated. It was a walk-in clinic, but was closing down. The unit was right next to City Connexions, the church offices of City Church. We would have our own space. The families would be able to access the services at City Connexions. We could walk to City Church for our recesses. We would have "friendly" neighbours, and we could share the same photocopier! Currently we are awaiting the City of Winnipeg approval to do the finishing touches to the renovations.

We have a regular routine happening by now! Each morning we start with the national anthem, recite our memory verse for the week, and then pray. Next, we sing songs to God. We share prayer requests and praise items and talk to God. The children are just warming up to this idea. They are shy to pray aloud. Then I read a Bible story and we discuss it. We do math next, then have recess, and come back to do English Language Arts (ELA), like spelling, phonics, vocabulary, comprehension and reading. After lunch and recess, it is story time.

Next we do some science or social studies, and every Wednesday it is art time. Sometimes we do more ELA or other work. We have one last recess, a reader of the day, and finish up anything else. The day always seems to slip by very quickly!



EA Joanna Dyck & Teacher Brenda Wiebe; students as they prepare for the school day.





Take the Challenge BUILDING TO SHAPE LIVES

Expanding and upgrading the campus will allow Linden Christian School to:

- advance growing programs in the sciences, performing arts and athletics;
- retain and attract top teaching staff;
- provide social spaces critical to the educational development of students;
- improve operational efficiencies;
- support our vision for excellence in education.

WHAT IT WILL COST

Total Project:

▶\$4,500,000 (estimated total)

Fundraising Goal:

▶\$2,500,000

Financing, as needed:

▶\$2,000,000

PLEDGES & CASH RECEIVED

▶\$1,119,850 (pledges to date)

▶\$361,452 (cash to date)

HOW TO GIVE

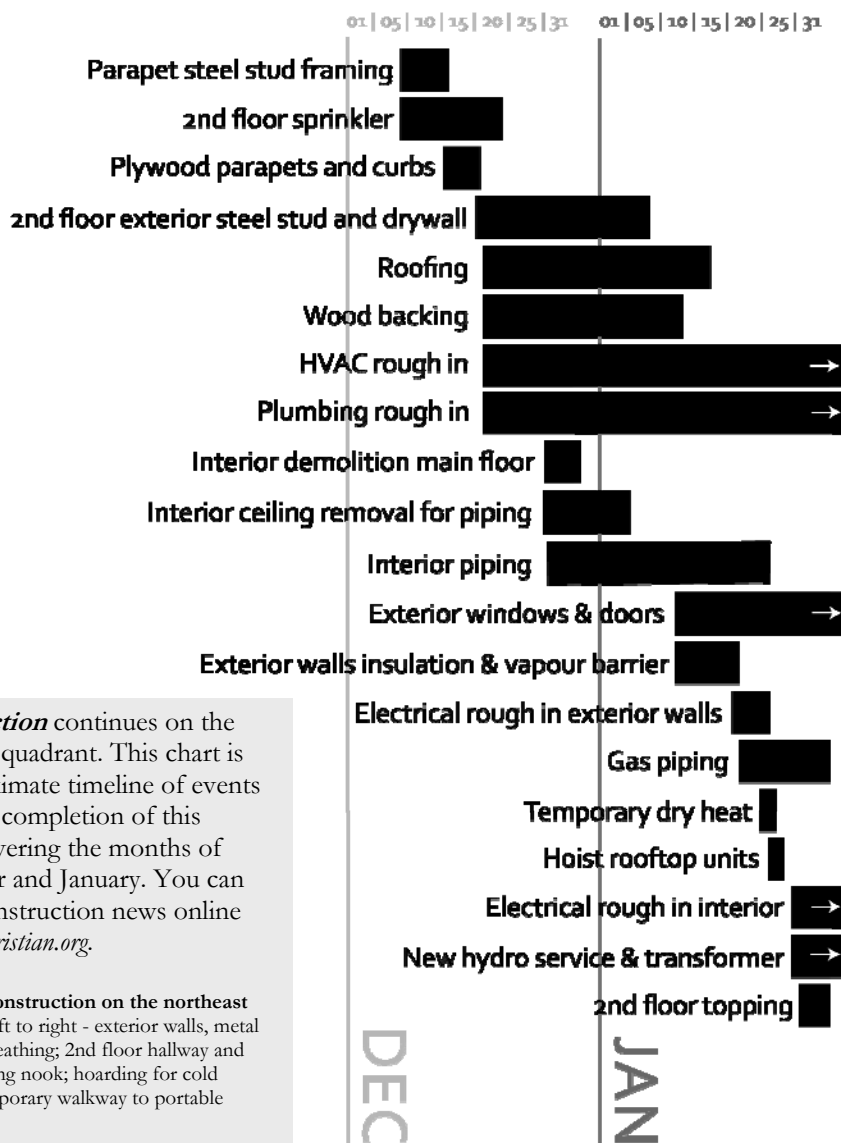
- One time gift
- Monthly gift for 3 years
- Annual gift for 3 years
- Gift of stocks or other securities

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THE PACE OF PROGRESS



Construction continues on the northeast quadrant. This chart is an approximate timeline of events related to completion of this phase, covering the months of December and January. You can follow construction news online at lindenchristian.org.

Photos of construction on the northeast quadrant: left to right - exterior walls, metal studs and sheathing; 2nd floor hallway and student seating nook; hoarding for cold weather; temporary walkway to portable classrooms.

Imagine ... a place of growth & blessing

Welcoming Ed Peters

Director of Donor Development

It is great to be part of the Linden Christian School team and be able to serve as Director of Donor Development. God has brought us here to assist in serving the greater LCS community. What a joy when we can see God using all of what He has so generously given to us.

After spending 25 years in the retail piano/music industry, God called us to serve at Steinbach Christian Schools as Director of Development for five years. My role involved assisting a Christian School and a Bible College through a building campaign while maintaining donor relations. Following the completion of the capital campaign, we settled in Whyte Ridge

and most recently spent time working with Steve Bell in business and donor development.

I have a wife Barbara who is a mom and a gifted writer, three beautiful teenage girls — Emily, Erin and Elise, all of whom are talented and gifted in amazing ways. I look forward to meeting parents, students, alumni, grandparents and the many friends of LCS. Feel free to reach me at 989.6730 ext 286.



Imagine ... preparing students to live uncommon lives



Information Meetings
K-Grade 4: January 25, 7:00 p.m.
Grades 5-8: February 9, 7:00 p.m.
Grades 9-12: February 16, 7:00 p.m.



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Visit lindenchristian.org for all the details.

Investing in Education for the 21st Century

A FIRM FOUNDATION. Linden Christian School is in a sound financial position with growing enrolment, exceptional teachers, balanced budgets, well-controlled expenses, steady debt repayments, and board-mandated debt limitation policies.

THE NEED. We have outgrown our facility. With increasing enrolment and ongoing development of programs, we have real needs that directly affect the educational experience of our students. It is essential that we expand the facility to accommodate the needs for additional full-time gym space, more classrooms, expanded music rooms, enhanced science labs, improved libraries, new art rooms, performing and exhibiting space and meeting and congregating space.

OUR CHALLENGE. While tuition and government grants help to cover the operating costs for the school, no government funding is provided for capital expenses such as buildings, classrooms, furnishings and equipment. Your contribution will enable LCS to capitalize on its strengths and further our commitment to create a learning environment characterized by excellence.



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