



The L.E.A.P. Ledger

February, 2022

Welcome to the new L.E.A.P newsletter. Lutheran Education Advancement Partnership (LEAP) is an organization that partners with St. John's Lutheran School with the mission to provide strong, Christ-centered education opportunities for families in our community. For more than 175 years, St. John's has been a leader in education in the Marysville community, and LEAP aims to ensure those opportunities continue long into the future. We achieve that goal through

non-operational funding for the school and its students including scholarships and tuition assistance, curriculum funding, and the support of needed projects and upgrades throughout the school. We also engage with community members, current school families and SJLS alumni, because we truly believe it takes a village. Our goal with this newsletter is to keep each of you connected with what LEAP continues to offer in their mission.

Letter from the President

As we move into 2022, we also move into LEAP's 5th year of operation. We look back at great successes, but also great challenges as COVID-19 created unique struggles for our group and schools across the county. While the pandemic forced LEAP to cancel our annual Benefit Gala in 2020 and push our 2021 Gala to the fall, we continued to see great support from our church, our school families, and our community. LEAP continued to be blessed with opportunities to support our St. John's students and staff during a historically difficult time. We were able to support the school in light of stringent government mandates for social distancing and additional equipment needs throughout the school. We once again were able to provide a commitment for tuition assistance funding to support the Board of Christian Education's Worship and Engagement Scholarship programs. 2021 also brought a major milestone for LEAP when we surpassed \$100,000 in total disbursements. While this was certainly a moment of prayerful celebration within our group, it was truly a moment to celebrate all of you that have supported us and to celebrate the amazing work that God is doing in our school and in the lives of our students.

We can't wait to get back to work in 2022. Last month, we met for our annual strategic planning meeting, and it was a huge success. There is so much promise and excitement for this year. We have also set the dates for our annual Benefit Gala and Golf Outing. These events are not only a great time and an awesome opportunity to have fun and fellowship with others around our community, but as you can see in the graphic below, they also represent a major source of our financial support for the year. These events raise money through silent and live auctions, raffles, donations, sponsorships, and more. We can't wait to get back to our usual summer dates, and LEAP Benefit weekend! I want to give a HUGE thank you to our sponsors for our 2021 Gala and Golf Outing. Their support truly makes the events what they are.

I cannot thank you all enough for your support over the years. Whether you supported us through prayer, spreading the word about LEAP, attending an event, volunteering, or donating, just know that you have made a difference in the lives of students and families pursuing Christ-centered education in our community, and what a special community we have here in Marysville and at St. John's! Please stay in touch by visiting our website below and signing up for a FREE membership to join our supporter/alumni database and our mailing list.

Thank you for all you do for us, and more importantly the children of St. John's Lutheran School.

In Christ,

Austin Clarridge, LEAP President



Save the Date

July 15, 2022
LEAP Annual Benefit Gala

July 16, 2022
LEAP Annual Golf Outing
Held at The Ridge; Marysville



Thank you to the 2021 Banquet Sponsors:

Gold Sponsors: Fisher Family, Lutheran Church Extension Fund, New York Life Insurance Co., Pebble Construction

Silver Sponsors: Strait & Lamp, Rick and Shirley Crago, Union Propane

Bronze Sponsors: Cook Real Estate; Ingram Funeral Home, Tom & Amy McCarthy

Thank you to the 2021 Golf Sponsors:

Platinum Sponsors: Jackson Collision Services, New York Life Insurance Co., Strait & Lamp Group

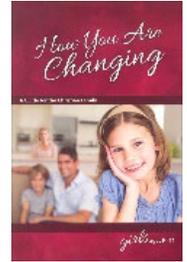
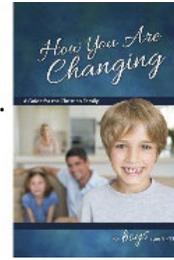
Gold Sponsors: Courtright Group, Integrated Ag, Lutheran Church Extension Fund

Silver Sponsors: Gruenbaum Families, Ingram Funeral Home, Memorial Hospital, Moo Moo Car Wash, Pebble Construction, Pediatric & Adolescent Dentistry, Rausch & Leng Families, Richwood Bank, St. John's Board of Administration, St. John's Board of Christian Education, St. John's Teachers, Scheiderer Plumbing & Heating, SignLite Sales, Spend-A-Day Marina, Union Rural Electric

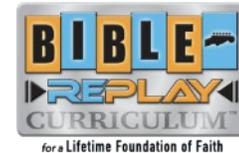
Thank you to the many individuals/companies that donated raffle/auction items for each event and to all attendees. Each of you contributed in making these events successful while having a great time! See you in 2022 and bring your friends!

Your contributions at work:

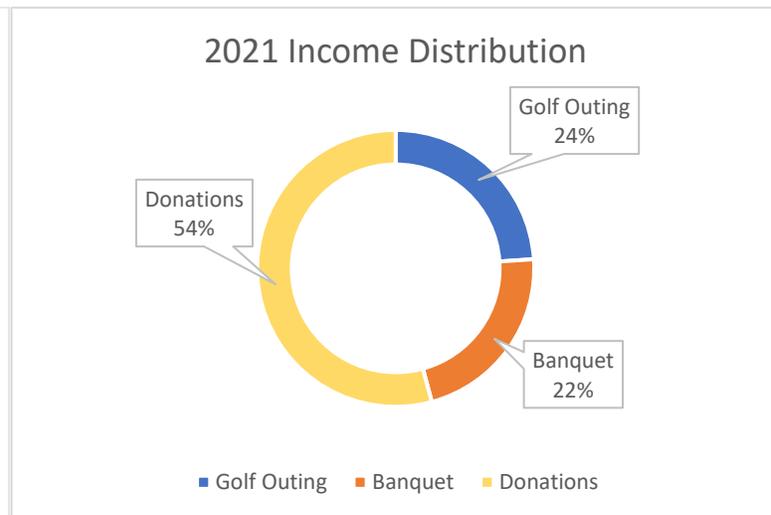
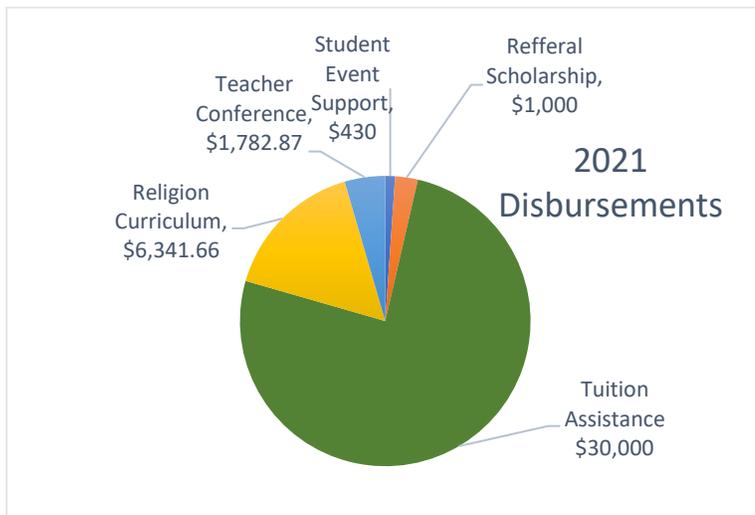
LEAP has purchased Christian based health curriculum from Concordia Publishing House which is used in our middle school health classes. These health materials explain that changes are normal and are a part of God's perfect, unfolding plan for each child's growth and development. These materials answer young men & women's questions in a simple and accurate way, reminding them that they can trust in God's perfect plans for their lives.



Our LEAP dollars have also funded the religious curriculum for our students. Our younger students participate in Bible Replay. This is an engaging curriculum that involves music, workbooks and online adventures rooted in God's Word. Our older students are studying One In Christ Curriculum. This curriculum is centered on our Savior, Jesus. One in Christ provides our staff with a solid Christian curriculum to help children learn the Bible and grow in faith.



2021 Financial Report



STAY CONNECTED WITH LEAP & JOIN OUR TEAM

Go to leapstjohns.com and register for a free membership. This website will keep you up to date with what is happening.

LEAP is looking for additional committee members. You can become a part of our overall LEAP committee or just be a part of an event committee. We would love to hear from you. Are you in need of engagement hours? This could help you get to your goal.

Please send an email to leapstjohns@gmail.com with any questions.



L.E.A.P. MISSION STATEMENT

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