At the Conference of Delegates (CoD) meeting on Wednesday, August 13, the CoD approved the Master Planning Committee’s recommendation to select I+S Group as the Architectural Design Firm to assist in completing the Facility Study and Master Plan. Meetings with I+S Group kicked off in late August and initially focused on completing the Facility Study and then use the facility information to help complete the Master Plan.

At the last CoD meeting on Wednesday, November 12, representatives from I+S Group presented their initial facility assessment report which highlighted the current status in the following areas:

A. Site Conditions
B. Exterior and Interior Building Conditions
C. Structural Conditions
D. Accessibility Conditions
E. Safety Conditions
F. Plumbing, Mechanical and Electrical Conditions

The forty-one page report is available at Luther’s website www.lutherhigh.org using the following links on the home page; About > Board & Delegates > CoD Meetings > Meeting November 12, 2014 > Master Plan Facility Assessment.

I+S Group will continue their facility study and develop several site plan options which will be used to complete the Master Plan by early January 2015. The Master Planning Steering Committee will forward the results and recommendations to the Board and Conference of Delegates.
Thinking about what not to give for Christmas? Sounds pretty ridiculous doesn't it? Yet, if for some reason you are having difficulty deciding what to give for Christmas, there are 970,000 websites that stand ready to inform you what not to give. Many of those same sites are armed with an arsenal of ideas that they are certain will please the recipient.

Whether the gift giver needs to visit a website or not, results from the 30th annual survey on holiday spending from the American Research Group, Inc. indicate that this year shoppers will likely spend $861 for gifts.

When it comes to gift giving, you and I need to reflect on God's gift giving. Thank God that we did not receive the gift we deserve. “The wages of sin is death” (Romans 6:23)

Graciously and mercifully our God, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth, has given the perfect gift, His Son – our Savior, Jesus Christ the Lord.

Thank God for this gift everybody needs. Treasure this gift. Share this gift with others. God’s blessing of Christ-centered education at Luther High School strives to do precisely that.

Mr. Paul Wichmann, Principal

January marks the start of an area Bible Class hosted by the La Crosse Coulee Region Chapter of WELS Kingdom workers. These Bible classes will be held in the Commons at Luther High School on the four Wednesdays of January at 7:30 p.m. The general theme for this year is: **Follow Jesus**. Join us as often as you can. The dates and topics are as follows.

January 7 - **Follow Jesus** by asking Him to help us better understand the important doctrine of Predestination.

January 14 - **Follow Jesus** by celebrating the Birth of the Lutheran Church (1521-1530)

January 21 - **Follow Jesus** by meditating on His teachings in the Sermon on the Mount (giving, praying, treasures, worry).

January 28 - **Follow Jesus** by learning to distinguish between truth and error in the teaching and practices of Native American religion.

The Luther Light for December is Caleb McNally, son of Matt McNally from La Crescent, MN and Karrie Christopherson from Lewison, MN. Caleb is a member at St. John’s Lutheran Church in Lewiston and prior to Luther he attended St. John’s Lutheran Grade School.

While at Luther, Caleb has participated in Football (10-12), Basketball (9-12) & Choir (9, 10). He has also been a member of WINGS Team (9, 10).

Outside of school, Caleb frequently donates blood and volunteers at the local county fair.

In his spare time, Caleb likes to hunt, camp, tractor pull & ride four-wheelers.

Caleb plans to attend Southeast Tech in Winona, MN to become a diesel mechanic.

Jr. Knights Wrestling

Boys in grades 1-8 are welcome to join the Jr. Knights Wrestling program. Practices will be on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6-7:15 p.m. at Luther High. Cost for the program is $25. Please contact Mr. Benrud with any questions at 608-783-5435 x308 or benrjon@luther.k12.wi.us.

Please set aside Friday, April 17, 2015 to attend this dinner auction that benefits the students at Luther High. Reservations will be available in the Luther High office and on Luther’s website (www.lutherhigh.org) after January 15, 2015. Registration is limited to 300 and fills up quickly so be sure to get yours in ASAP! Donations have already started to come in and they are WONDERFUL! Thanks so much to all of our generous donators! If you would like to donate an item or money for our auction, you can drop it off in the office at Luther or contact Mary Bilitz at bilimary@luther.k12.wi.us or 608-783-5435 x103.