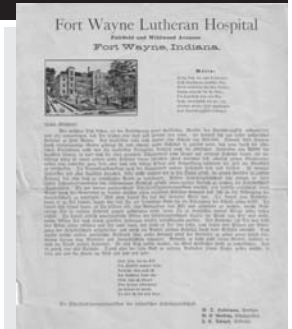


# The Lutheran Foundation

In 1878 in Fort Wayne, Indiana, people from the northeast Indiana Lutheran Community came together with a realization for the future: That a physically and spiritually sound community will be a vibrant, prosperous and progressive community.

That premise led to a mission of hope, one that would benefit their immediate neighbors and have an impact far beyond the reaches of the tri-state region.

To that end, these 19th-century visionaries began putting their dreams for the future into action: raising funds, purchasing land and property, developing a plan that at once was audacious, fiscally responsible and self-sufficient to the core. These plans were a reflection of the souls of the men and women implementing it.



An original notice, in German, of the effort to build Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.



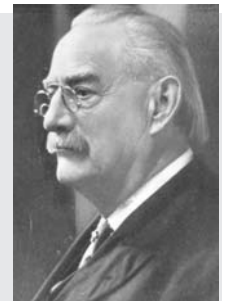
Lutheran Hospital's dedication ceremony.

These men and women lived their beliefs, focusing on service to others beyond self, especially the compassionate care for others based on the basic human mission of love for their fellow man as exemplified by the life of Jesus Christ.

Poetically so, on Thanksgiving Day, November 24, 1904, the first fruits of their dreams became a reality with the dedication and formal opening of Lutheran Hospital, a 25-bed facility that was formerly the Judge Lindley M. Ninde homestead at the corner of Fairfield and Wildwood Avenues. Little did they realize that with the dedication of

this dream that they were creating much more than a hospital. They were laying the foundation for a tradition of service to all that would last well over a century.

During the dedication ceremony on that late autumn day, the tone and definition for this mission was defined by The Reverend Phillip Wambsganss – then Pastor of Emmaus Lutheran Church – when he stated that all these efforts and the fruits of those labors were dedicated “to the service of suffering humanity and to the glory of God.” Since then, the Reverend Wambsganss’ words have been powerfully distilled into the Latin phrase “*Soli Deo Gloria*” — “To God Alone Be The Glory.”



The Reverend Phillip Wambsganss



A patient receives treatment from a nurse and physician at Lutheran Hospital in 1926.

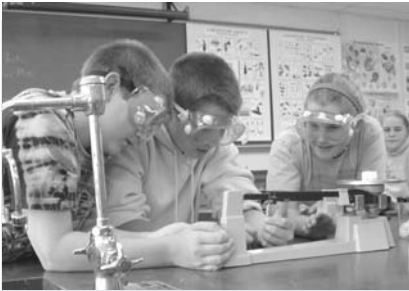
Thanks in part to the consecrated leadership of dedicated Lutherans, coupled with the rich blessing of our Lord, this modest 21-room, 25-bed hospital progressed to a facility which could care for more than 550 patients. As a result, Lutheran Hospital took its place at the forefront of health-care in the state of Indiana.



The Lutheran Hospital campus as seen in an aerial view in the 1970s, before its sale.

A Century Of Service Since 1904

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Educational initiatives and programs for all ages remain a high-priority for The Lutheran Foundation.

On July 31, 1995, Lutheran Hospital was sold and the dreams and visions of the original founders were reborn. After providing for the medical needs of individuals in northern Indiana for over 90 years, the mission of service to the community and compassion for all transcended the brick and mortar reality of a healthcare facility.

Following the sale of Lutheran Hospital, 34 Lutheran congregations — 24 of which were affiliated with the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and the remaining ten with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America —

established The Lutheran Foundation with the proceeds of the sale, approximately \$140 million. This metamorphosis from hospital to community foundation was indeed a quantum shift in terms of identity, but remained true to the guiding tenet as defined by Reverend Wambsgans in 1904.



Community-wide healthcare programs are recipients of grants from The Lutheran Foundation.

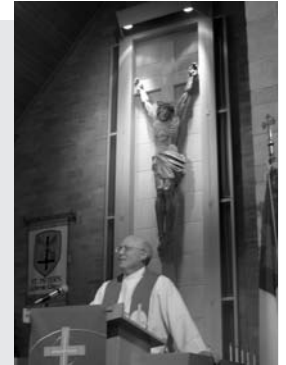
Over 100 years later and 64 Lutheran congregations stronger, the Body of Christ continues to move forward through the work of The Lutheran Foundation by sharing Christ's gifts with all His people. In October 2004, The Lutheran Foundation celebrated its first century of service to the communities and people it serves. With leadership from the 18-member Board of Directors and input from its 431 Delegates, The Lutheran Foundation continues to fulfill its mission of "demonstrating the compassion of Christ by promoting, improving and enhancing the quality of life for individuals, families, congregations and communities."

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A cornerstone of The Lutheran Foundation's ethos is its commitment to the spiritual vitality of this region.



The Lutheran Foundation's offices are housed in the Deumling Clinic building located at the site of the former Lutheran Hospital campus site.

**Soli Deo Gloria**