

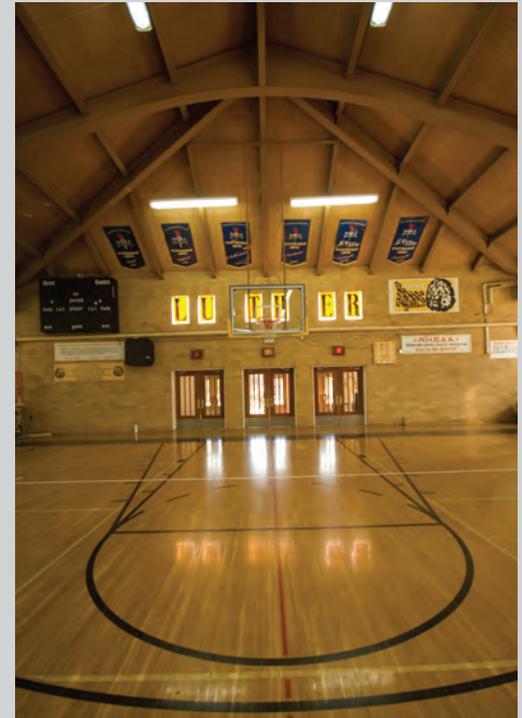
Do you remember your first time in the Luther gym?

Maybe it was sitting in chapel on your first day of class as a new student. Maybe it was attending your first LIT. Or maybe you sat in the audience to watch a Luther musical or the Christmas candlelight service.

The old gym holds many memories – memories of gym classes, intramurals, basketball practices, volleyball games, badminton tournaments, the All College Banquet and Baccalaureate exercises. Some of you might even remember writing exams in the old gym!

Ask almost anyone who attended Luther and they likely have a memory or a story about the old gym. In fact, since it opened in 1951, the gymnasium has been the heart of the school, the place where the Luther community gathers for daily chapel, athletics or other special events.

You've likely heard a lot about the construction project and new facilities here at the high school. The new Semple Gymnasium was a much-needed addition to our campus and has helped to strengthen our sports teams and athletic and wellness programs here at Luther.



Merlis Belsher Heritage Centre



All College Banquet

Amid all the excitement about the new gym, many people have asked "What's happening to the old gym?"

The renovation and revitalization of the old gym, renamed the Merlis Belsher Heritage Centre, has been an integral part of our plan from the outset.

Over the past three years, the old gym has received significant upgrades. It has a brand new stage, with a new classroom underneath. The gym also has a new heating, cooling and ventilation system, and has been fitted with a fire sprinkler system.



Example of Portable Bleachers

With these upgrades, the Merlis Belsher Heritage Centre will continue to play a key role in the life of the College. It will be a multi-purpose venue used by all students, staff and faculty, as well as the wider community.

We are investing in new portable bleachers for the old gym to ensure the best use of the space and because the old bleachers had outlived their usefulness.

These new bleachers will make the space more flexible and more easily transformed into multiple

configurations. The new bleachers will allow us to convert the space from daily chapel to a gym class in a matter of minutes, as they can be rolled into place and easily collapsed for classes, recreation, sporting events, music and drama performances or concerts.

The installation of the new bleachers will make the most effective use of this space and will bring more people in to the Merlis Belsher Heritage Centre for a variety of events.

These new bleachers cost over \$55,000. To make this purchase possible, we need your help. We are looking for gifts of all sizes to help transform the old gym into a truly multi-purpose facility to be enjoyed by all of the Luther community.

Please consider a gift to ensure the old gym is used to its fullest potential. Let's make sure our students have the chance to create memories in the old gym as well as the new one.

Please fill out and return the enclosed reply card today.

Thank you for considering a gift to Luther College High School. Your donation will ensure that we can provide the best facilities, as well as the highest quality education possible for our students today and in the future.

Sincerely,

Bryan Hillis, PhD LCUR'78
President

P.S. Please give now to ensure the old gym remains a special place at Luther. Your gift can help us do this. Thanks for your support.