

MARTIN LUTHER COLLEGE

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## Late Nite Bites

It's been a long day. Classes, cocurriculars, a shift at work, homework. Needless to say, you're exhausted, hungry, and an MLC student. It's a good thing Chef Jack Minch keeps the cafeteria open late and is always cooking up something new and exciting, from the beloved chicken tenders to the ever-appreciated mini-corndogs.

"I love the fact that Late Nite is a viable option for anything from a quick bagel stop to a long discussion," says **Elizabeth Duff** (*St. Croix / Crown of Life-West Saint Paul*). "Some of the best conversations I've had at MLC have taken place at one of the high-top tables at Late Nite!"

From immediately after evening chapel until midnight, the cafeteria opens its doors wide to usher in the massive number of students looking for something to eat or a mental break to ease the monotony of school work. Extra activities are sometimes set up, like Giant Jenga, contained floor hockey, and trivia competition on Tuesdays.



Aaron Swanson (St. Croix / Resurrection-Rochester MN), Josh Koelpin (MVL / St. John-New Ulm), Nick Liu (Great Plains / St. Martin-Watertown SD), Abbie Bosin (FVL / Immanuel-Greenville WI), and Dan Wessel (MVL / St. John-New Ulm) at Late Nite

"Going to Late Nite is always something I look forward to," says **Donovan Williams** (*WISCO / Loving Shepherd-Milwaukee*)."I really like that it's open so long in case I'm having a particularly busy night. I can go whenever I want, catch up with my friends, get some food and caffeine, and just hang out for a bit."

## Tonic Sol-fa Strikes a Chord

A quartet of vocalists visited campus this past weekend, using vocal percussion, a looping pedal, and amazing four-part arrangements to perform both originals and covers. Back when they were starting out, Tonic Sol-fa made MLC one of their first gigs, and this was their third appearance on an MLC stage.

"As their biggest fan, I was thrilled they could come back and perform," says **Nic Gartner** (*MVL / St. John-Redwood Falls MN*). "They were eating in the cafeteria before the show, you know, like they were normal human beings. Even though I couldn't form a coherent sentence, it was amazing to meet them. They're so talented. They're my heroes."

Originating from St. John's University in central Minnesota, they've since earned themselves an Emmy and an induction into the Midwest Music Hall of Fame. At MLC, they made sure to stay after the concert until everyone had gotten through the line and taken their pictures. Their fans, they say, are what's most important.



Theo Brown, Shaun Johnson, Greg Bannwarth, and Jarred Dove – Tonic Sol-fa!

"Not only were they incredible and lively on stage, but they were so funny, and you could tell they were enjoying themselves," says **Hannah Ruehrdanz** (*LPS / Jerusalem-Morton Grove IL*). "I'd heard of them, but never really listened to their music before. Now I've been converted into a fan."

By the way, Lorie Line also appeared on the MLC stage this month. Our students have access to great entertainers!