



SOLA News



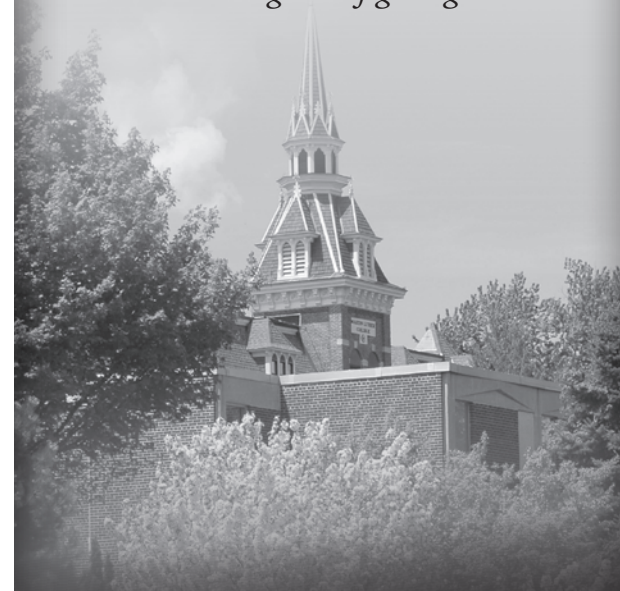
MARTIN LUTHER COLLEGE

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SOLA Support & Outreach Legacy Association

*To UNITE and THANK
donors who have included Martin
Luther College in their estate plans
and to ENCOURAGE others
in the grace of giving.*



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Dear SOLA Member,

In his third letter, the apostle John speaks of his dear friend Gaius and his heart for the gospel. Gaius supported people he did not even know because he wanted to make sure the saving Name was shared. *To my dear friend Gaius, whom I love in the truth . . . Dear friend, you are faithful in what you are doing for the brothers, even though they are strangers to you. They have told the church about your love. You will do well to send them on their way in a manner worthy of God. It was for the sake of the Name that they went out . . .* (3 John 1,5-7a)

I'm bold to suggest that Gaius would be a fitting middle name for you. Most of the students at MLC are probably strangers to you, yet, like Gaius, you support them through SOLA so that they may go out "for the sake of the Name." **We thank you! We thank you for your legacy gift and for your membership in SOLA.** We rejoice in such wonderful fruit of the Spirit's omnipotence upon your heart! We cherish you as a gift from God and an ambassador for ministerial education, one who understands the need to send out many more for the sake of the Name.

Please be assured that you are always welcome on the MLC campus. It is *your* WELS College of Ministry, upheld before God's throne of grace through your prayers. We would love to have you visit anytime! Just let us know, and we will happily provide a campus tour, a meal in our award-winning cafeteria, or complimentary tickets to a campus event.

In the Name of Jesus, that Name that saves, we thank you, dear friends. Jesus uphold you and yours in his grace and peace.

Cordially, in Christ,

Rev. Mark G. Zarling
President, Martin Luther College



Sep 26-28	Homecoming Weekend
Oct 5	3:00 pm Wind Symphony Concert (auditorium)
Oct 25	8:30 am Ladies' Auxiliary Annual Meeting (auditorium)
Nov 1	7:00 pm College Choir Concert (Chapel)
Nov 2	3:00 pm Joint Reformation Service (Chapel)
Nov 7	7:30 pm Musical: <i>The Music Man</i> (auditorium)
Nov 8	7:30 pm Musical: <i>The Music Man</i> (auditorium)
Nov 9	2:00 pm Musical: <i>The Music Man</i> (auditorium)
Nov 23	3:00 pm Wind Symphony Concert (auditorium)
Dec 5	7:30 pm Readers' Theater (auditorium)
Dec 6	2:00 pm Readers' Theater (auditorium)
Dec 6	7:30 pm Christmas Concert (Chapel)
Dec 7	4:00 pm Christmas Concert (Chapel)

SOLA Appreciation Dinner

Friday, November 7, 2014, 5:30 pm
Cafeteria Conference Center

SOLA
Appreciation Dinner

Full Buffet Dinner
Address by President Mark Zarling
Music by MLC students
Complimentary tickets to
The Music Man at 7:30
RSVP to Michelle Gartner
by October 24, 2014
877.MLC.1995 / gartneml@mlc-wels.edu

All events are free, except for the musical (November 7-9) and Readers' Theater (December 5-6). SOLA members may request complimentary tickets to the musical and Readers' Theater by contacting Michelle Gartner at gartneml@mlc-wels.edu or 877.MLC.1995. Go to mlc-wels.edu for additional events.

You Are Invited!

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A Legacy Scholarship in Honor of Ellen Albrecht Schmeling

By Jim Hahn, Resource Development Counselor

Ellen Albrecht Schmeling graduated from Dr. Martin Luther College

in 1963. What followed was 30+ years of service to God's kingdom in places as disparate as Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Texas.

The thread that ran through Ellen's ministry was a heart that yearned to reach the lost, that viewed Christian education as one vehicle to reach the hearts of lambs who knew little or nothing of their Savior.

In 2007, Ellen lost her battle against Huntington's disease as the Lord called her to her heavenly home. And in 2012 her husband, Dan, and her three children, Carrie, Mark, and Cathy, established the

Ellen Schmeling Early Childhood Education Scholarship Fund. The fund benefits MLC seniors majoring in early childhood education who demonstrate a special interest and ability to nurture and evangelize young children whose parents are unchurched or non-WELS. The scholarship is funded by current gifts as well as a bequest included in Dan's estate plan.

Why? According to Dan: "God blessed Ellen with the privilege of seeing the power of his Word work in the hearts and lives of parents and children who did not believe in him prior to attending our schools. I wanted to extend the legacy of Ellen's ministry of reaching the lost with the gospel of salvation so that more children and their families might

come to know and believe in Jesus Christ as their Savior."

Dan has two wishes: "I wish that I had made the commitment to fund these scholarships earlier so that there would be a more significant amount of money awarded each year, and I wish that more of my classmates and fellow alumni would join me in providing financial support for current students who will lead our church in worship and in reaching the lost with the gospel of Jesus Christ."

Join us in thanking God for the Spirit-filled hearts of so many Christian brothers and sisters whose generous gifts, both now and through their estates, provide vital financial support for the young men and women who are training to be the next generation of gospel heralds. *Soli Deo Gloria!*

You Are Our Ambassadors, and We Depend on You!

By Rev. Michael Otterstatter, VP for Mission Advancement

We do lots of visiting—to congregations, high schools, donors and friends, and prospective students and their families. But we can only meet so many people. After that, we depend on you! *You know Martin Luther College!* You know about our high-quality ministerial training, our top-notch students . . . and also our needs. Please continue to share our story with your friends and family, asking them to pray for us and support us as they can. Thank you!

\$25,000 GIFT NEEDED TO FUND AN ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP	\$4,600 SYNOD SUBSIDY PER STUDENT	90% STUDENTS WHO RECEIVE FINANCIAL AID
\$1,000 GIFT NEEDED TO FUND AN ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP		
1500+ TOTAL ENROLLMENT	80 SOLA MEMBER FAMILIES	\$22,000 AVERAGE STUDENT DEBT
\$18,020 TUITION, ROOM, AND BOARD		84% STUDENTS WHO GRADUATE WITH DEBT



Your Creativity Amazes Us!

By Kate Tohal, Resource Development Counselor

I'm often amazed at the creativity people have when it comes to supporting MLC, their WELS College of Ministry.

MLC has received estate gifts in the form of life insurance proceeds, IRA beneficiary designation, cash, securities, and property. Some remember MLC with a percentage of the overall estate. One clever couple with four children split their estate five ways equally, making the fifth "child" the Lord's work.

Some of the most creative gifts MLC has received have been in the form of current gifts. They include grain and timber, a timeshare, an automobile, proceeds from music royalties, 10% of annual tax refunds, and Kwik Trip gas cards.

This summer we've received another gift. Builders for Christ are donating their labor and talents to finish part of the Chapel of the Christ basement. Similarly, some donated their time and

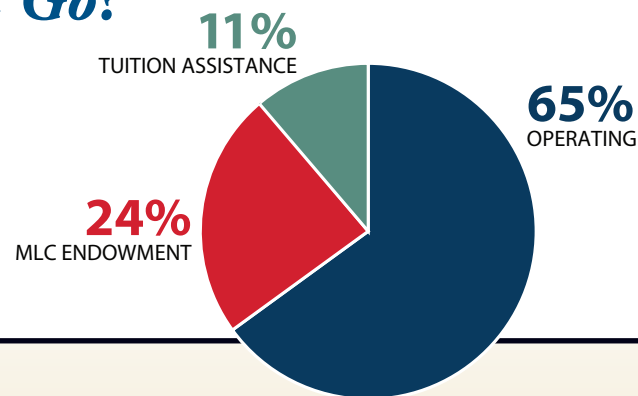
expertise to the recently constructed Early Childhood Learning Center.

We thank everyone who is praising God by partnering with us in the important work of training up gospel heralds. We thank you for your prayers, your encouragement, and your gifts—in whatever creative way you choose to give them!



Where Does My Legacy Gift Go?

You may direct your legacy gift to any aspect of Martin Luther College's program that you choose. An analysis of current SOLA gifts shows that more than half are directed to the Operating Fund, with another quarter designated for the MLC Endowment Fund, and a tenth for Tuition Assistance.



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* Have been called to their heavenly home