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On our cover: Senior Caleb Klatt (right, West LHS) and other admissions assistants walk in front of the Chapel of the Christ.

People are praying for you!

A prayer for you from Pastor Mark Zarling, MLC president:

Dear Jesus, Lord of the Church, you know the hand holding this magazine. As this disciple reads and ponders gospel ministry as a vocation and MLC as a school, bring peace to the heart. You have promised to make all things work together for the good of those who love God. Remind this Christian adult that any decision made in your Name, you will bless in some way, some day. Fill this soul with joy in knowing that you, the Good Shepherd, walk with them whatever path chosen. Yet I am bold to ask you to remind this reader that the fields remain ripe for harvest, that workers are still few. Remind them how you bestow a wonderful variety of skills and aptitudes, talents that the Spirit can use in service to the gospel. Grant your Spirit to this soul and allow guiet meditation to ponder whether "Here am I, send me" is a hymn refrain that becomes a personal refrain. Thank you, Lord Jesus, for all your gifts to your Church! Amen.

MLC Is a Great Deal – and National Rankings Confirm It!

When someone asks you, "How in the world are you going to pay for college?", you can say, "I'm going to Martin Luther College, and it's nationally ranked as a great value."

#3 in the Nation for Best Bang-for-the-Buck

MLC earned the #3 slot in Washington Monthly's 2013 "Best Bang-for-the-Buck" Baccalaureate Colleges. How did we earn that?

- We have a low sticker price.
- A high percentage of our students graduate.
- We award a lot of financial assistance.
- The vast majority of our graduates pay back their college loans.

Top 100 Best Value Colleges in the Nation

The Educate to Career (ETC) Index ranked MLC #46 out of 1222 US colleges for best value. This puts MLC in the top 4% of US colleges. How did we earn that?

- A high percentage of our new graduates are employed in their field of study (clergy or teaching).
- A majority of our students graduate in 4 or 5 years.
- The earnings of our new graduates are relatively high compared to other new grads.
- The vast majority of our graduates pay back their college loans.







It wasn't long ago that these **NEW PASTORS** and **TEACHERS** were in high school like you, and now they've graduated from Martin Luther College and Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary (WLS). Take a look at where they came from and how they're serving now. Then think about where you could be in just a few years! For a full listing of graduates, check out **mlc-wels.edu** and **wls.wels.net**.



Derek Bartelt Kettle Moraine LHS, MLC, WLS To Christ the Vine-Temecula CA Pastor

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First thing you should know: His real name is Richard, but that's his dad's name too, so he goes by his middle name.

Schools: Michigan Lutheran Seminary, Martin Luther College, Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary.

What led him to be a pastor: "I enjoyed Project Titus trips and other ministry opportunities. I did a lot of praying and Bible study. And I had lots of influential role models-my dad, who supported me no matter what I decided to do, but always brought up ministry as an option . . . Dean John Boggs at MLS who pretty much told me I had to go to MLC no matter what . . . and President Paul Prange who was always willing to listen and offer advice when I asked for it."

If not ministry, then medicine: "I was thinking pediatrician for a long time and sports medicine as well."

His life at MLC: Football, track, male cheerleading, basketball officiating, everybody cramming into one dorm room to watch The Office on Thursday nights.

What he learned at MLC and Sem: "Both schools made me more professional. I really became more comfortable speaking in front of people at the seminary."

Other stuff he likes: Running, biking, watching sports—"And I'm starting to get into a little bit of woodworking."

His media picks: Movies: The Dark Knight, The Avengers, The Life of Pi, The Shawshank Redemption. Music: Mumford and Sons, Imagine Dragons. Books: John Grisham books, To Kill a Mockingbird, The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn, East of Eden, For Whom the Bell Tolls.

His message to you: "I encourage you to pray and study God's Word to see how God wants you to spend your life. Recognize the gifts God has given to you and see how you can best use those gifts to serve God and others. I'm looking forward to discussing this with you when I visit!"

Anne Starr

Anne is our new admissions administrative assistant. She'll take your phone calls, process your application, and answer any questions you may have. She's an MLC 2012 graduate, so she knows the ins and outs of all things MLC--including graduate school. While her husband, David, was getting his Master of Divinity degree at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, she was getting her Master of Science in Education degree at MLC. "MLC offers an incredibly well-rounded and thorough education that appealed to my professional growth as much as other large universities," she says. Anne likes children's literature and Jodi Picoult novels, classical music, movies, baking cupcakes, running, and helping people-which is just what she's ready to do for all incoming MLC students-like you!

> Pastor David Starr and Anne (Zietlow) Starr are the newest members of our admissions staff.

See all our admissions counselors on page 15!



Sarah Sherod California LHS, MLC To: West LHS Math and science teacher



Katrina Buchholz Arizona Luth Academy, MLC To: Risen Savior-Milwaukee Grade 3 teacher



John Raasch Great Plains LHS, MLC, WLS To Salem-Milwaukee

Pastor

WHAT'S

NEW ECLC FACILITY

Are you thinking about early childhood education? Then you'll be spending time with infants, toddlers, and preschoolers in our new Early Childhood Learning Center. It's lots of fun, but there's serious education and nurture going on too. And of course you'll be telling these little ones about the Savior who loves them!

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Ben Workentine Nebraska LHS, MLC, WLS *To:*

Cross of Christ-Boise ID Pastor, associate to district president



Emily Hughes Lakeside LHS, MLC *To:* Good Shepherd-Cedar Rapids IA K-8 teacher



Charles Ungemach

Shoreland LHS, MLC *To:* St. Marcus-Milwaukee **Grade 5 teacher**

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NEW

NEW SPECIAL EDUCATION MAJOR

If you have a heart for the child who struggles, then you can choose special education as your major. You'll learn strategies

to assist children with special needs—physical, medical, emotional, developmental, behavioral, and cognitive. We strongly encourage you to double-major in either elementary or secondary education as well, so that you're prepared to serve as a regular classroom teacher as well as a special ed resource for your school or your area.

NEW WAYS To Click, Tweet, follow, & Share

Check out the brand new MLC athletics website at **mlcknights.com**. Watch video interviews of student athletes, see hundreds of new photos, read athlete bios, catch the latest scores and highlights.



We've also got a new photo gallery at mlcphotogallery.smugmug.com. SmugMug ->>

And we're new to **Instagram** too.



And don't forget to follow all MLC sports, music, clubs, and general fun on **Facebook** and **Twitter**. You can link to all these from our website: **mlc-wels.edu**.

ALSO NEW: Keep your eyes open for more info on our new Chinese and urban ministry minors!

BALLPARK RE**NEW**AL

Whether you take the field or a seat in the stands, you'll enjoy the newly renovated softball field (bottom left) and the new bleachers at the baseball field (bottom right)!







Abigail Horn Luther Prep, MLC *To:*

New Hope Luth Academy-West Melbourne FL

Grade 2-3 teacher, organist



Tyler Shinnick Fox Valley LHS, MLC, WLS *To:* Martin Luther-Neenab

Martin Luther-Neenah WI Pastor



Lindsay Sandwith Evergreen LHS, MLC *To:* Redeemer Learning Center-







Brian Wrobel Luther High, MLC, WLS *To:* Zion-Gainesville FL Pastor



Abigail Gawel

Michigan Luth Seminary, MLC *To:*

St. Paul-Stevensville MI Grade 3-4 teacher, organist, choir director



Nathan Moldenhauer

Manitowoc LHS, MLC, WLS *To:* Michigan Luth Seminary **Tutor**



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Cromwell HS-Connecticut, MLC, WLS To:

Emmanuel-Tempe AZ





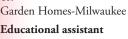
Angela Horneber Homeschool, MLC To: Southeast Asia **English** teacher

To: Garden Homes-Milwaukee

Jennifer Uhlhorn

Rocky Mountain LHS,

MLC





Ε Brenna Thoma MLC Frosh – F By the Numbers G Manitowoc LHS 207 frosh 20 different states Η 53 different schools 3 foreign countries 1 Brittany Krause Meet Some of Them Here! J Fox Valley LHS K Cait Eisner Kettle Moraine LHS ••••• Caleb Tomlin A - B Luther Prep Alex Lindemann Luther Prep Alisha Harwood Neenah HS-Wisconsin Allison Hofland **First-Year Students** Homeschool Q 2014-2015 MLC Frosh Anna Miller Luther Prep Ashley Urbanek Abigail Bosin Fox Valley LHS Luther High Acacia Foss Aubree Krueger St. James HS-Minnesota Fox Valley LHS Adam Stevens Barty Cox Fox Valley LHS Luther Prep Breana Enderle Alanna Habben South Windsor HS-Luther Prep Connecticut



Caroline Kuether

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Cassandra Doering

Christa Backhaus

Clint Krueger Watertown HS-Wisconsin

Crystal Carmichael St. Croix LHS

Danielle Harris Compass Honors HS-Idaho

David Young

DeAndre Parker Minnesota Valley LHS



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Elizabeth Bergemann ^{WISCO}

Elizabeth Niemi

Emily Muir

Emily Unke Manitowoc LHS

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Jennifer McDonald St. Croix LHS

Jessica Friebe Michigan Luth Seminary

Joel Prange Michigan Luth Seminary

John Hemmelman

Jonathan Fleischmann Hayfield HS-Minnesota

Joshua Enstad

Justin Wintrone

Justine Hanan Michigan Luth Seminary



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Nathan Hensler Michigan Luth Seminary

Nathan Meitner Fox Valley LHS

Nicole Brown St. Francis HS-Minnesota

Rachel Haugly Winnebago Luth Academy

Rachel Hildeman Fox Valley LHS

Rachel Riediger Luther High

Rachel Winter Manitowoc LHS

Rebecca Gast Northland LHS

Rudy Nelson West LHS

> Samantha Sievert Illinois LHS

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Sammi Koepsell Fox Valley LHS

Taylor Eastin Michigan Luth Seminary

Tyler Larson Kimberly HS-Wisconsin

Tyler Wahl Luther High

Victoria Lober Lakeside LHS

Zachary Satorius Luther Prep

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First-Years' First Impressions



"I like how friendly everyone is here. It's a very homey place."

Cait Eisner (Kettle Moraine LHS)



"The ice cream in the caf is great."

Jason Werre (Lakeside LHS)



a new person every day." Elise Rosenbaum (Michigan LHS)



"The professors are really helpful and encouraging."

"I like the fact that I get to meet

Jonathan Fleischmann (Hayfield HS-Minnesota)



"It's like one big family here!"

Crystal Carmichael (St. Croix LHS)



"It's fun. There's always a lot going on."

John Henning (Evergreen LHS)

VISIT MLC!

PERSONAL VISIT

Choose a day that works for you.

Experience campus and dorm life with your personal MLC student host.

Visit classes and enjoy co-curriculars.

Discuss your future with admissions counselors.

For the best possible experience, please contact us several weeks ahead of time to schedule your personal visit.

FOCUS ON MINISTRY

Experience campus and dorm life from Thursday to Saturday.

Meet MLC students who faced the same questions and choices you face today.

Talk to athletic coaches, music directors, and professors.

Hear personal ministry stories from experienced called workers.

October 30-November 1, 2014

November 6-8, 2014

February 5-7, 2015



MLC: The WELS College of Ministry



Jeremy Wosje West LHS, MLC, WLS To:

Zion-Akaska SD & St. Paul-Mound City SD Pastor



Andrea Biedenbender

Minnesota Valley LHS, MLC *To:*

Nebraska LHS Dorm supervisor, instructor



David Starr

Michigan Luth Seminary, MLC, WLS *To:*

Martin Luther College Admissions counselor

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS! WE'RE COMING TO VISIT!

Arizona Luth Academy	October 20-21	Lori
California LHS	October 23	Lori
Divine Savior Academy	January 13	David
Evergreen LHS	October 27	Josh
Fox Valley LHS	October 7-8	Ross & Lori
Great Plains LHS	October 9-10	Josh
Huron Valley LHS	September 23	David
Illinois LHS	September 30-October 1	David
Kettle Moraine LHS	October 23-24	Josh & Ross
Lakeside LHS	September 18-19	Josh, David, & Lori
Luther High	October 28-29	Ross
Luther Prep (seniors)	September 15-17	Josh, Ross, Lori, & David
Luther Prep (juniors)	October 16-17	Josh, Ross, Lori, & David
Manitowoc LHS	September 10-11	David
Michigan LHS	October 2-3	David
Michigan Luth Seminary (seniors)	September 24-26	David & Lori
Michigan Luth Seminary	October 9-14	David
Michigan Luth Seminary (juniors)	December 1-2	David
Minnesota Valley LHS	September 11-12	Ross & Lori
Nebraska LHS	September 18-19	Ross
Northland LHS	September 29	Josh
Rocky Mountain LHS	September 25-28	Ross
St Croix LHS	September 23-24	Josh & Ross
Shoreland LHS	September 12	Josh
West LHS	October 8	David
Winnebago Luth Academy	October 9-10	Ross & Lori
WISCO	October 2-3	Josh & Lori

PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ... HOME SCHOOL STUDENTS ... PARENTS ...

We would love to visit you when we're in your area!

Please contact us: admissions@mlc-wels.edu 507.354.8221





Ben Reichel Luther Prep, MLC, WLS *To:* New mission in Fulshear TX

Pastor



Elizabeth Henke

MLC *To:* Risen Savior-Pooler GA **Grade 1 teacher**



Ryan Rush Michigan LHS, MLC

To: St. Croix LHS **Dorm supervisor,** social studies instructor

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Jon Kulhanek Northland LHS, MLC *To:* Bay Pines-Seminole FL Grade 5-6 teacher



Staci Putz Winnebago Luth Academy,

MLC To: Atonement-Milwaukee Middle school science teacher



Ryan Schmeling St. Croix LHS, MLC *To:* Grace-Portland OR Grade 5-6 teacher, coach