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On our cover: Clockwise from top left: **Lena Petermann** (MLS), **Tim Walsh** (Luther High), **Haley Roske** (MVL), and **ChiSeon Kim** (MLS)

ONE MISSION — Endless Opportunities



By Professor **Lori Unke** DMLC '84, Admissions Counselor


My husband and I just finished assembling this signpost and proudly put it up in our family room. It was my summer project—painting all the arrows and detailing each letter, showing many of the places we've lived and visited. It not only brings back good memories of family times but also reminds us of the endless opportunities God gives us as we serve in the public ministry.

While we've traveled many different routes—sometimes using our smart phones to find our way—there's always been one direction we've traveled together, guided by our Lord, headed down his path.

1st Our first destination was a close one—right here in New Ulm. We were so humbled to serve our first calls in the shadow of the MLC hill. We had four wonderful years of sharing Jesus with students at St Paul's and Minnesota Valley LHS. From grade school track meets to field trips to different volleyball defenses, it was all good. MVL was very new back then. It was so exciting to be part of a growing, vibrant school.

10 Ten years flashed before our eyes as our ministries continued in Lake Mills, Wisconsin. We were both so busy, but it was all so fun! From mowing and lining the field before the Lakeside football games to teaching 7th and 8th graders how to write a circle story at St Paul's-Lake Mills, it was an absolute blast.

MLC Now we're back in New Ulm once more, this time working *on* the hill and serving our MLC students as they prepare to become the teachers that follow after us. My husband administers our athletic program, coaches, teaches, and gladly does whatever the Lord asks him to do. And I, as you know, have the awesome job of meeting you! I pray that some of my stories about the public ministry can inspire you to consider doing the same.

 In our spare time, we're excited to go visit our children and see firsthand how the Lord is using them in their ministries. From central Wisconsin to the tip of Florida to Southern California to heartland Nebraska, our children are immersed in the one mission—helping a church grow, teaching math, telling preschoolers about Jesus, playing piano, coaching basketball, doing outreach . . . the list is endless!

One of my favorite hymns reflects our purpose in life, "We all are one in mission." Little did we know the endless opportunities God would bless us with while on that mission. God sure is good—all the time.



In May 2015, 134 students completed their **Martin Luther College** ministerial training.

Here's where a few of them are going next!



DANIEL RODEWALD

From: Simpsonville SC
To: Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary


MLC Ranks in TOP 4% IN NATION

MLC is ranked #52 in MONEY magazine's "Best Colleges" in the nation. Fifteen hundred colleges and universities were ranked according to educational quality, affordability, and alumni earnings. Top 10 schools included Stanford, MIT, Princeton, and Harvard.

At #52 MLC ranks higher than 96.5% of all US colleges and universities. MLC is the highest ranking Minnesota college and the highest ranking Lutheran college in the nation.

Source: best-colleges.time.com/money/schools/martin-luther-college

Similarly, we were *again* ranked in the top 10 in the nation in *Washington Monthly's* Best-Bang-for-Your-Buck" Baccalaureate Colleges.

Money College Planner			
52. Martin Luther College			
			
School Data # 52 in MONEY'S Best Colleges			
742 Enrollment	1,099/24 Average SAT/ACT score	\$22,584 Sticker price 2014-15	98% Acceptance rate
\$88,543 Net price of degree	\$31,700 Average annual salary within 5 years	A Value-added Grade	



**NAOMI
UNNASCH**

From: Milwaukee WI
To: **California LHS**
Dorm supervisor, instructor



**DAVID
BECKER**

From: Phoenix AZ
To: **St. Paul-Onalaska WI**
Gr 6, athletics



**ELIZABETH
JESKE**

From: Milwaukee WI
To: **Russia**

Truth Is, *We're Short*

We have to give it to you straight. We're short. Short of pastors. Short of teachers.

At MLC's Call Day in May, we filled 86 requests for teachers with people like Miranda Maasz and Josiah Johns (*below*). But 40 additional requests for teachers went unfilled. At Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary's Call Day, about a dozen pastor requests went unfilled.

WELS President Mark Schroeder wrote in June: "The number of congregations requesting pastors or teachers is larger than it has been in some time."

Jesus' words still ring true: "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few" (Luke 10:2). Might you be one of those workers?

Please pray about it. Talk to your parents, your friends, your teachers and pastors. And—without a doubt—talk to your MLC admissions counselor! Visit campus. Ask questions. And then pray some more. Because God's people need you!



One Mission – *Endless Opportunities!*

The church needs you! Might you be . . .

- the pastor who starts **a new mission** in a big city?
- the **early childhood teacher** at a preschool exploding with growth?
- the called worker bringing the English language and the Word of God to the unchurched in **Russia**?
- the **pastor** in a tiny rural community filled with people hungry for God's truth?
- the teacher in an **urban school** who tells little children about the Savior for the very first time?
- the **missionary, principal, staff minister, coach, choir director, tutor, organist, guidance counselor, athletic director, drama club advisor, or technology specialist** the church needs?

"There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord" (1 Corinthians 12:5). At MLC, we'll help you find that place where your gifts match the church's needs.

Grad Placement Rate 95%

Since 2012, more than 95% of MLC teacher graduates seeking assignment received an assignment. The placement rate of pastors graduating from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary is even higher.

Those who were not assigned generally possessed gifts or training not suited for the calls needed. (A secondary English major, for example, isn't trained to teach preschool.) Many of them received calls later.



**MICHAEL
CHERNEY**

From: Mequon WI
To: **Wisconsin Lutheran
Seminary**



**EDILI
PICHARDO
GOMEZ**

From: Dominican Republic
To: **Northland LHS**
Spanish



**DAVID
ROEKLE**

From: Racine WI
To: **Martin Luther College**
Admissions counselor



ORIENTATION: Moving In, Mixing & Mingling



**JACOB
ZIEL**

From: Oconomowoc WI
To: **Nebraska LHS**
Dorm supervisor, instructor



**AMANDA
SEILTZ**

From: Colorado Springs CO
To: **Trinity-Waukesha WI**
Language arts



**JARED
NATSIS**

From: Saline MI
To: **Wisconsin Lutheran
Seminary**

Meet David Roekle

YOUR NEW ADMISSIONS COUNSELOR

He seems like such a shy and quiet guy. Don't be fooled. Under that modest demeanor, our newest admissions counselor, Dave Roekle MLC '15, hides a little rowdiness.

It started at home, where little Dave and his three brothers would spontaneously break out into wrestling matches after dinner. "My poor mom," he says. "When people heard she raised four boys—including me and my twin brothers just a year younger than me—they always said, 'I'm so sorry.'"

"I know we gave her grief. Always horsing around. Wrestling on the living room floor. Needing rides to all our sports—track, golf, baseball, soccer, basketball, football—and always being late."

Dave's love for physical activity continued at MLC, where he played soccer for four years.

Add a bit of daring, and it's not hard to believe that he proposed to his MLC girlfriend, Hannah Mattek, while *skydiving*.

Dave showed a different kind of courage when his youngest brother, Ben, was born with congenital heart defects and had to wait for an organ transplant. Dave remembers being called into the office at Shoreland when he was a freshman. It was his mom on the phone, saying a heart was available and 7-year-old Ben would

be getting it. "I remember I talked to her for about ten minutes, and then I needed another five minutes alone to collect myself before going back to class. That was such an awesome day."

Ben is now a junior at Shoreland, and his big brother Dave will be recruiting him for ministry, along with other students at Shoreland, WISCO, KML, Lakeside, LPS, Northland, St. Croix, Great Plains, and Evergreen—and homeschool and public school kids too.

"What I'll tell them," he says, "is that if there's any inkling of ministry in their heart, if they're thinking about it at all, they should come to MLC and try it out. Come for a campus visit. Come on their school's Focus on Ministry trip."

"And if it comes down to two places for them, MLC and somewhere else, I'd like them to come here, even if it's just for a year or two, just to see whether it's for them."

"I also want to remind them that Jesus said the harvest is ready, and the workers are few. The synod was short 40 teachers and many pastors this spring. We need more called workers!"

"Practically speaking, MLC has an amazing job placement rate. Spiritually speaking, the ministry is important work, and I hope they'll consider it."



David James Roekle MLC '15

Wife: Hannah (Mattek) MLC '13

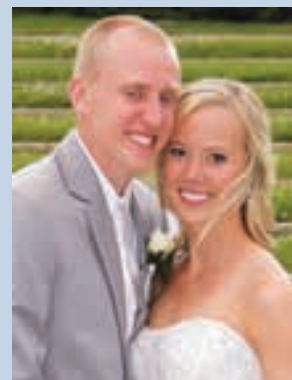
Parents: John WLS '91, pastor at First Evangelical-Racine, Wisconsin; and Katy nee Behnke DMLC '89, K5 assistant at Wisconsin Lutheran School-Racine

Brothers: Mike: UW-Whitewater grad, employed at software company; Steve: 5th-year senior at MLC; Ben: junior at Shoreland LHS

Hobbies: Playing any sports, working outside, reading, watching Michigan football and basketball

Favorites: *Harry Potter* and *Lord of the Rings* (books and movies), *Unbroken* by Laura Hillenbrand, any book about American history, *Shawshank Redemption*, *Count of Monte Cristo*, Mumford and Sons, Frank Sinatra

Who knew: "I am all about cleanliness. I love to dust and vacuum."



MELISSA MITTELSTADT

From: Richfield WI
To: **Faith-Anchorage AK**
ECE director apprentice



ISAIAH HORN

From: Mazeppa MN
To: **Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary**



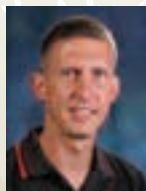
KATELYN SMITH

From: Grove City OH
To: **St. Marcus-Milwaukee WI**
Primary grades

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS! WE'LL BE VISITING YOU!

Arizona Luth Academy	Sep 15-16	Lori
California LHS	Sep 18	Lori
Divine Savior Academy	Jan	David S
Evergreen LHS	Oct 22	Dave R
Fox Valley LHS	Oct 20-21	Ross & Lori
Great Plains LHS	Sep 10-11	Dave R
Huron Valley LHS	Oct 6	David S
Illinois LHS	Sep 16	David S
Kettle Moraine LHS	Sep 16-17	Ross & Dave R
Lakeside LHS	Sep 30-Oct 1	David S, Lori, & Dave R
Luther High	Sep 30-Oct 1	Ross
Luther Prep (seniors)	Sep 28-29	Ross, Lori, David S, Dave R
Luther Prep (juniors)	Oct 14-16	Ross, Lori, David S, Dave R
Manitowoc LHS	Sep 23	David S
Michigan LHS	Sep 18	David S
Michigan Luth Seminary (seniors)	Oct 7-9	David S & Lori
Michigan Luth Seminary (juniors)	Nov 29-Dec 1	David S & Lori
Minnesota Valley LHS	Nov 18	Ross & Lori
Nebraska LHS	Sep 10-11	Ross
Northland LHS	Oct 6	Dave R
Rocky Mt LHS	Oct 9-11	Ross
St Croix LHS	Sep 22-23	Ross & Dave R
Shoreland LHS	Oct 8-9	Dave R
West LHS	Oct 23	David S
Winnebago Luth Academy	Oct 22-23	Ross & Lori
Wisconsin LHS	Sep 24-25	Lori & Dave R

Come Visit Us!

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 29-31, 2015

November 5-7, 2015

February 4-6, 2016

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

We would love to visit you!

Please contact us!
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**EMILY
WALDEK**

From: Trumbull CT
To: **Trinity-Hoskins NE**
Gr K-2



**HARMON
KRAUSE**

From: Eau Claire WI
To: **New Hope-West Melbourne FL**
Upper grades, principal apprentice



**PETRA
THAO**

From: Appleton WI
To: **Mount Olive-Appleton WI**
Gr 4

HOW MLC PREPARES

PRESEMINARY

GREEK
ἡριμπε
βσφόλ

HEBREW
תורה
מסכת
שבת

Daily Chapel

**Ministry
Assistance**

Mentoring

**Bible History &
Doctrine Courses**

**EDUCATION &
STAFF MINISTRY**

**Curriculum
& Instruction**

**Clinicals &
Student Teaching**

YOU



SEMINARY
4 more years



Co-curriculars



Liberal Arts



**CALLED TO CHURCHES
& CLASSROOMS**



MLC FROSH *by the Numbers*



Aaron Bush
Wisconsin LHS



Hannah Paustian
Minnesota Valley LHS



Dustin Krueger
Shoreland LHS



Kristina Gonzales
*Mobridge HS -
South Dakota*



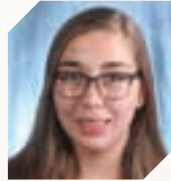
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Lorena Fragoso
Huron Valley LHS



Benjamin Kieta
Michigan Luth Seminary



Emily Pottorff
St. Croix LHS



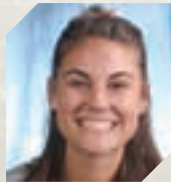
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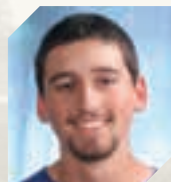
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Michigan Luth Seminary



Henry Tomhave
Luther Prep



Taylor James
California LHS



John Marquardt
Shoreland LHS



Brooke Rhoden
Fox Valley LHS



Nathan Jenswold
Luther Prep



Elsie Koutia
Arizona Luth Academy



Joshua Arndt
Luther Prep



Megan Koester
Luther Prep



Paul Ritter
Harlem HS - Illinois



Haley Fricke
Luther Prep



Caleb Dobberstein
Luther Prep



Abigail Bitter
Great Plains LHS



Joshua Brands
Luther Prep



Hope Loersch
Luther Prep



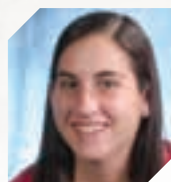
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Rachel Bockoven
Luther Prep



Daniel Wessel
Minnesota Valley LHS



Kayla Rosenbaum
Michigan LHS



Benjamin Schnose
Michigan Luth Seminary



Raquel Freese
Klein Collins HS - Texas

172 frosh

43 different schools

19 different states

6 foreign countries



Alexandra Kohlstedt
Lakeside LHS



Donovan Williams
Wisconsin LHS



Josephine Avery
Shoreland LHS



Caleb Kuether
Luther Prep



Kari Freiberg
Winnebago Luth Academy



Matthew Brohn
Luther Prep



Sara Lehne
St. Croix LHS



Robert Beaver
Luther Prep



Brea Biebert
St. Croix LHS



Grant Freese
Nebraska LHS



Sarah Quinn
Wisconsin Dells HS - Wisconsin



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Aaron Swanson
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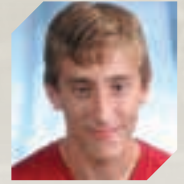
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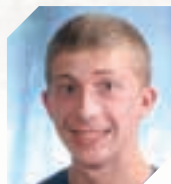
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Evergreen LHS



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Coleman Lupee
Platteville HS - Wisconsin

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Aaron Butkovich
Fox Valley LHS



Sarah Dewey
Luther High



Nathan Hildebrandt Jr
Luther Prep



Tiffany Tellock
Fox Valley LHS



Matthew Zeng
Luther Prep



Holly Wildeman
Homeschool - Michigan



Caleb Liermann
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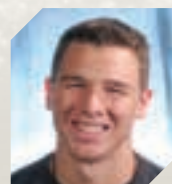
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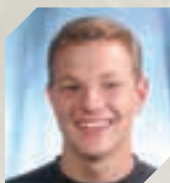
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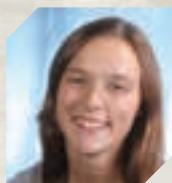
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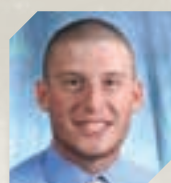
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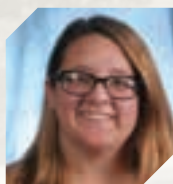
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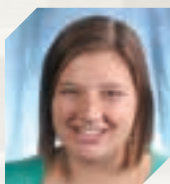
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Luther Prep



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Emily Neumann
Michigan Luth Seminary



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Lakeside LHS



Brianne Plach
Fox Valley LHS



Jeremiah Wallander
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Morristown HS - Minnesota



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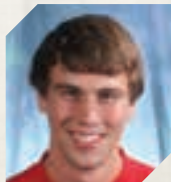
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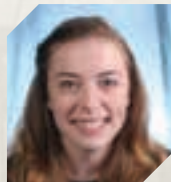
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Lakeside LHS



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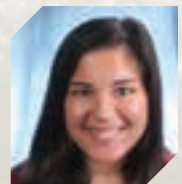
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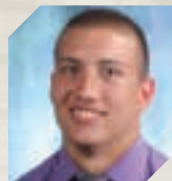
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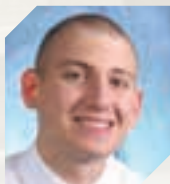
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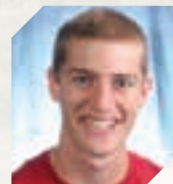
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Michigan Luth Seminary



Jamie Spaude
Luther Prep



Taylor Marx
Luther Prep



THIS YEAR AT MLC

ATHLETICS

Full schedule at mlcknights.com

CONCERTS

College Choir Oct 31, Mar 11-21 TOUR, Apr 3

Wind Symphony Oct 4, Nov 22, Feb 14,
Apr 16, May 15-20 TOUR

Christmas Dec 5-6

Commencement May 13

DRAMA

Fall Musical
Guys and Dolls Nov 6-8

Readers' Theater
It's a Wonderful Life Dec 11-12

Winter Play
You Can't Take It with You Feb 19-21

Children's Theater
Once Upon a Wolf Apr 28-30

OTHER FUN STUFF

Homecoming Sep 25-27

**MLC Tip-Off
Tournament** Dec 11-13

Winter Carnival Feb 1-7

