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On our cover: The Commencement procession is led by Professor Paul Koelpin and President Mark Zarling.

An excerpt from the

2016 Commencement Address

“Gifted to Serve for Service that Gives”

By MLC President Mark Zarling



Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen. 1 Peter 4:10-11

Dear fellow redeemed, family and friends, colleagues, and especially you, the graduates:

This morning we are going to take an imaginary field trip to help you visualize the comfort and cheer your text provides. Tomorrow the Christian Church celebrates Pentecost. So it is fitting that our trip takes us to the Holy Spirit Superstore. Imagine this store as a one-of-a-kind mega gift store. It has an infinite inventory. But to enter you have to wash first. Through water and Word, the Spirit grants you the keys to his storehouse. Don't make the mistake of bringing your billfold. The Spirit's gifts have already been purchased by your Brother, the Son of God.

Walk into the store, and your mouth drops at the gifts of gleaming grace you see. There are only two aisles in the store. Above one is a sign that says “Character Gifts.” You see a gift placed there from eternity with your name on it. It's called saving faith. Saving faith hugs Jesus never to let go, with a tight grip that only the Spirit can provide. The Spirit gives you a new identity in Christ, and ensures that your heart is flooded with the character gifts of your new identity: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. All Christians receive all these character gifts through the gospel of Jesus.

Walk a bit further and you see another aisle. The sign hanging down proclaims “Serving Gifts.” Countless gifts of the Spirit are on display. Gifts of knowledge, wisdom, miraculous powers, prophecy, healing. Gifts of music, art, engineering, carpentry. Gifts of administration and accounting. Gifts of empathy, listening, and speaking. Academic gifts to ponder and proclaim the marvels of God in creation and in revelation. Some gifts, like healing and tongues, are not to be expected as in the apostolic age. Yet even so, almost limitless is the variety of gifts. But unlike the first aisle where every Christian receives all the gifts, in this aisle each Christian receives different kinds of gifts. You almost panic for you don't know which gifts to choose. Relax. The Spirit in love has already chosen for you, giving gifts you will use to impact the hearts of others with the grace of God in Christ.

You walk out confident that you truly are gifted to serve for service that gives.

Your ministry is an instrument of the Spirit. Take your students, your members, your own children, your friends on the field trip to the Spirit's Superstore. As you open the Scripture and teach them Jesus, the doors to the Spirit's abundance are unlocked. Tell them over and over that everything is free. Help them find their identity as children of God with the character God declares them to have in Jesus. Help them to find true purpose as they administer their serving gifts to glorify the Savior by serving the needs of others. This is your calling as public servants of the Word. This is the calling of every baptized child of God.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people and kindle in us the fire of your love.

Correction: In “Meet SOLA Member LeRoy Lothert: ‘Godliness and Contentment Is Great Gain’” in the Spring 2016 *InFocus*, it was stated that in 1954, Pastor Lothert and the other tutors at Michigan Lutheran Seminary received “\$125 for the year plus board and room.” The sentence should have read “\$125 a month plus room and board.” Our apologies!

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The Workers Are Few

Our Lord Jesus' words in Luke 10:2 ring especially true today: "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

Although enrollment at the WELS College of Ministry is stable, and rising applications seem to signal larger classes in the future, the need for pastors and teachers is still very great.

Cumulatively, in 2014 and 2015, 85 teacher requests went unfilled and 35 pastor requests went unfilled. Again this year, we did not have enough candidates to fill all the requests submitted. Administrator for Ministerial Education **Paul Prange** WLS '88 notes that at the seminary, all 35 candidates received assignments, but 58 requests had been received, meaning 23 remained unfilled. At MLC, 110 candidates were assigned (including 47 from the last few years), but 138 requests had been received, meaning 28 remained unfilled.

"There is a critical need for both pastors and teachers," President **Mark Zarling** WLS '80 says. "As pastors of the Boomer Generation retire, we will not have enough young men trained to take their places. During the 1975-85 decade, 550-600 candidates graduated from WLS; 40 years later, in 2005-15, only 367 have graduated from the MLC preseminary track, having four more years of training ahead of them.

"The need for teachers is also critical," Zarling continues. "We have many vacancies right now, and expansions are being planned that will require even more. In addition, we are prayerfully evaluating more opportunities for teachers in other countries. It is indeed true that there is 'One Mission, Endless Opportunities' for young people to be used by the Lord Jesus."

For example, Principal **Ben Troge** MLC '02 at Divine Savior-Doral FL writes: "The Lord has presented us with growing opportunities for Christian education in Florida. And we rely on MLC-trained teachers to seize these opportunities. In the next year Divine Savior will need an additional 6-9 teachers. In the next four years, we'll need 40-60 additional teachers. If God continues to bless our future outreach and expansion efforts as he has in the past, those 40-60 new teaching positions may very well increase significantly."

President Zarling urges: "Encourage your young people to consider serving their Lord in the public ministry of the gospel. Support current MLC and WLS students with a note or a gift. And continue to pray to our Lord, who gifts us with pastors, teachers, and staff ministers."

5 CALL DAY CANDIDS



At the Call Service May 14, 110 MLC candidates were assigned or reassigned to new ministries. A full list of Call Day and Summer Assignments is on pages 18-21.

Nathan Schoenherr '16
was assigned to
St. Peter-Appleton, Wisconsin.



Elizabeth Jeske '15
was assigned to
Michigan Lutheran Seminary.



Anna Ungemach '16 (left)
was assigned to
St. John-Glencoe, Minnesota.

Megan Ungemach '16 (right)
was assigned to
Holy Trinity-Des Moines, Washington.



James Otto '14 (left)
was assigned to
St. Matthew-Stoddard, Wisconsin.

Samuel Otto '16 (right)
was assigned
to California LHS.



Erin Westendorf '16
was assigned to
Beautiful Savior-Las Vegas.



The alumni photos at the bottom of the pages are from the anniversary classes of MLC, NWC, and DMLC: '41, '46, '51, '56, '61, '66, '71, '76, '81, '86, '91, '96, '01, '06, and '11. Thanks to Alumni Director Steve Balza DMLC '93, who provided this random selection of alumni.



George Ferch
NWC 1971
Toledo OH



Marie Meyer
DMLC 1946
Milwaukee WI



5 QUESTIONS FOR

MLC President **Mark Zarling** WLS '80

1 What do you wake up thinking about regarding MLC?

"Jesus, help me remember some names today." "Lord, don't let me forget something important today." Those are true prayers, but let me be a bit more serious. I pray about being a faithful steward of this ministry. God has allowed WELS to operate ministerial schools for over 150 years, this campus for 132 years. Others before us have sacrificed much to start and maintain these schools so that the Spirit can do his miracle work through the gospel heard here. Under God, can we do any less? Can we not also sacrifice much so that future generations receive a similar blessing? Stewardship is an overarching theme. How can we at MLC be faithful stewards of God's amazing generosity to us? How can we be good stewards of our precious students, God's "gifts to the church," striving to provide a Christ-centered education that glorifies God and offers broad, enriching experiences for them? How can we maintain and enhance these facilities, some of which have stood witness to the gospel for over 125 years? How can we position MLC for the next 50 years? How can we curtail costs in order to limit the debt load for future called workers? How can we? We can't, unless the gracious Lord Jesus remains in our midst.

2 If MLC received a \$10 million gift today, what would you like to see funded?

I'd suggest to the governing board that 10% be set aside for a financial assistance endowment for our students. With the remainder, I'd encourage the board to fund items listed in priority order from our master staffing plan and master site plan. Additional faculty would alleviate teaching overloads. Additional staff would address the increased workload of compliance issues. Enhanced facilities would address some pressing needs in student housing and student athletics.

3 What blessing has God given MLC during your tenure for which you're especially grateful?

Without hesitation I would say the construction of the Chapel of the Christ. This gift from God's people has had a profound impact on campus life. Its presence and its beauty present a visible message of what is important here. Every visitor sees what is the core of our teaching and the center of our existence. The chapel is also a reminder of the countless Christians who gave such generous offerings to Jesus that it was dedicated without debt. Finally, the chapel stands as a constant reminder to me that Christians throughout our nation and even the world have a place in their hearts for this ministry. Hundreds join us in the chapel, either in person or via online streaming. They worship with us. They pray for us. They generously support us. Walking into the Chapel of the Christ floods my mind with the reality of God's amazing grace and the goodness that cascades upon us from so many in the family of faith.

4 What do you wish more people knew about MLC?

I wish more people could meet our students. In a given year, we have students from over 30 states and 6-9 foreign countries. What a joy to watch them grow in their faith as they develop their God-given skills. Certainly, sin is evident, as in any ministry. But I marvel at the Spirit's power as I see these young men and women demonstrate the love of Christ. A quick smile. A polite response. A helping hand. An apology offered. An encouraging word. And what is true for the students is true for the faculty and staff. It's an honor and privilege to live and work with such wonderful people who give their best, all in thankful response to the love of Christ.

5 Who is one of your role models?

As is true for many sons, I would say my father. He's been in heaven for over 30 years, yet things he said still echo in my mind. My dad was a pastor. During my childhood I never heard him speak ill of anyone, especially in his congregation. Even at home, he never belittled God's people or minimized their gifts and abilities. He demonstrated the joy of ministry while also living the reality that ministry this side of heaven can be difficult. Satan seeks to destroy. Sin seeks to entangle. It is difficult work being a shepherd. But I always saw him live his joy in Jesus and speak well of the members of his flock. His example remains my goal.



Hilbert Wilde
DMLC 1956
Lewiston MN



Janet Arndt
MLC 2006
Watertown SD



Daniel Hahm
MLC 1996
Los Alamos NM



Gregory Lyon
MLC 2006
Temecula CA



5 QUESTIONS FOR

WELS President **Mark Schroeder** WLS '81

1 We all pray about our need for more pastors and teachers. What else can we do—as a synod, as individuals?

As a synod, we should not let the need for pastors and teachers be a deterrent in opening new missions and starting new schools. If young people prepare for ministry and say, “Here am I, Lord, send me!” our synod should always be ready to put them to work in ministry. Young people will be more likely to consider ministry if they are aware of the synod’s commitment to seizing the opportunities that the Lord provides. As congregations, we can encourage young people by the way that we demonstrate our love, respect, and appreciation for those who now serve as called workers. As individuals, we can search out young people of all ages and take the time to talk to them individually, encouraging them to consider whether they might serve the Lord in full-time ministry. Many serving in the ministry today can tell you about that one person who took the time to do that and planted a seed that eventually grew.

2 How important is a strong ministerial education system to the synod?

There is no question that the thorough training of called workers—especially training in the truths of Scripture—is one of the best ways to insure that our synod remains faithful to God’s Word. Of course, God alone will enable us to remain faithful, but those who have been grounded in the Scriptures and who know and are committed to every word of the Bible are in the best position to convey that truth faithfully to God’s people. Take away the kind of training that our schools provide, and you can almost guarantee that our synod would eventually lose that commitment to the Word. It’s very heartening to hear from those outside of our synod how they wish they had a system like ours and to hear their encouragements not to lose it.

3 In your tenure as WELS president, what has changed in ministerial education?

The basics have remained the same, and we can be grateful for that. The biggest changes that come to my mind are all positive enhancements to what we have done for a very long time. For example, I see an increasing desire on the part of ministerial education schools to work closely with both home and world missions in areas where cooperation is vital. I see the schools working very hard to instill a mission mindset in students by providing them with opportunities to gain experience in mission settings. I also believe that our schools are doing a better job of alerting our students to the fact that they will be heading into a rapidly changing culture and equipping them to deal with those challenges and opportunities.

4 What blessing has God given WELS during your tenure for which you’re especially grateful?

It’s not fair for your question to limit me to one blessing, so I will mention a few. He has kept us faithful to his Word. God has enabled us to keep Jesus as the heart and center of all we do. He has worked in our synod a real desire to reach the lost and to take the gospel to other cultures. He has kept us free from major controversies that sometimes can distract a synod from its mission. He has blessed us with faithful called workers who do not complain. He has given us committed congregations and members who have supported and participated in the work of the synod faithfully. I could go on, but you gave me a word count limit, and I’m already beyond that.

5 Who is one of your role models?

I have to choose two: My father and mother. I probably can’t summarize it in a paragraph, but my father was someone who always showed a dedication to ministry and a zeal to carry out his work faithfully without ever seeking to draw attention to his accomplishments. My mother was someone who demonstrated a genuine love for people and never complained about anyone or anything. Neither he nor my mother ever sat us down to give us the “You should train for ministry” talk. But with their quiet example of Christian service, they must have done something right. My five brothers and I all became pastors, and my two sisters served as Lutheran school teachers.



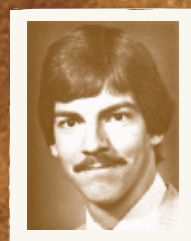
Eunice Sauer
DMLC 1946
New Ulm MN



Jerome Albrecht
NWC 1946
Bowdle SD



Jennifer Kowske
MLC 1996
Northville MI



David Plath
NWC 1981
St. Paul Park MN



5 QUESTIONS FOR

Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary President
Paul Wendland WLS '79

1 What are the blessings of the Martin Luther College-Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary connection?

MLC pastor track offers a solid foundation in the liberal arts and biblical languages. This gives us at the seminary the great advantage of being able to immediately dive into the biblical text on the basis of the original languages. I am not aware of any other seminary in the United States that can make this assumption about all the students in their classrooms. The advantage for congregations is obvious: When an MLC-WLS man steps in their pulpits, they can know that he is preaching on the basis of a first-hand study of what the original text says, not merely on knowledge derived from the English translation. He has, so to speak, looked Jesus in the eye. He's heard Peter speak in his own tongue. And on this basis, he tells the good news of what he has seen and heard to others.

2 What are the challenges?

The greatest challenge is the distance between our campuses. For pastor track students at MLC, we are largely out of sight and out of mind. This is a concern since, for a pastor track student, MLC is not their ultimate destination. We have to intentionalize connections between our students and our campuses, because they won't happen organically as they did in the days of the NWC/WLS connection.

3 What do you remember about your own preseminary days at NWC?

Infandum regina iubes renovare dolorem! (O my queen, you ask me to revisit an unspeakable grief)—Aeneas to Queen Dido of Carthage when she asked him to talk about the fall of his hometown Troy. I remember endless pinocle games. I remember Forum plays and *Black and Red* articles. I remember being cooped in a dormitory in winter. It was a graceless age. It was the best of times. It was the worst of times.

4 What occasionally surprises you about the MLC graduates who enroll at the seminary?

Their youth. I am continually surprised by the fact that our church is still blessed with a strong cadre of young men each still willing—as first-career students—to give the ministry a shot. I value every second-career man for the experience and maturity he brings to the table, but it is truly extraordinary that we still have so many young men still willing to test the waters and see whether pastoral ministry is for them. This is an increasingly rare phenomenon on seminary campuses. I attribute this to our prep schools, area Lutheran high schools, and Lutheran elementary schools. It takes a village to grow a pastor.

5 Who is one of your role models?

My mother. She was the greatest missionary I ever met. When Dad got the call to the Lutheran Church of Central Africa, she had six kids ranging from age 6 to 18. But she faced the call with the courage of faith and said, "Ernie, we have to go!" She would say things like, "We in WELS have the best doctrine in the world. Why do we sit on it?" Or: "When I came to Zambia, I found myself using all the gifts I had . . . and many I didn't even know I had." She was an amazing woman of God, and she inspires me still.

"When an MLC-WLS man steps in their pulpits, congregations can know that he is preaching on the basis of a first-hand study of what the original text says. He has, so to speak, looked Jesus in the eye."



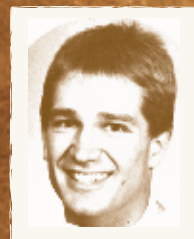
**Eleanore
Petrowsky**
DMLC 1956
Wayne MI



**Hikaru
Tomizawa**
MLC 2011
Saitams, Japan



**Jenise
Templin**
DMLC 1976
Bellevue WA



**Eric
Brown**
DMLC 1991
Fort Atkinson WI



5 QUESTIONS FOR

Ministerial Education Administrator

Paul Prange WLS '88

1 What personal message would you give MLC graduates today?

We've worked hard to train you. You've worked hard to learn. You might think that we have all succeeded if everything goes well. But you have trained for the ministry of the gospel, and applying the gospel to real people is often messy, so when things are a little messy, you might be doing everything exactly right. Don't panic. Remember that Jesus is always with you, and his strength is made perfect in weakness.

2 What is the biggest challenge facing WELS ministerial education right now?

The people of our synod love the unconditional gospel of forgiveness of sins through faith in Jesus, and they value it so much that they want ministers of that gospel—pastors and teachers, staff ministers and missionaries—trained in the best way possible. We are still figuring out how everyone who wants to serve can afford that best way possible.

3 You've served in ministerial education in many capacities over the years—as a tutor, a professor, a president, and an administrator. How do you think students pursuing the public ministry have changed over the years?

Students a generation ago might have pictured themselves as solo players assembling the resources to succeed out there in the cruel world. It seems to me that students today picture themselves as part of a network with everyone working together to help everyone else succeed. That may be a healthier way to make the best use of the resources God has given us to speak his Word and administer his sacraments out there in the cruel world.

4 Envision MLC 20 years from now. What's different? What's the same?

MLC today looks remarkably like it did 20 years ago. It might look remarkably the same 20 years from now. I hope that we continue to have a large number of traditional college-age students who are willing to serve after graduation for 40 years in the ministry of the gospel. What might make MLC look different is its willingness to accommodate the ministerial education plans of people groups that are learning the gospel right now in our congregations. These people of other races and nationalities might not think that a four-year undergraduate degree for traditional college-age students works the best for their pastors, evangelists, and teachers in training. Instead, they might attend MLC in large numbers for a year or two, or they might ask MLC to provide satellite training or even satellite campuses. MLC can probably do that without compromising its current mission. In fact, meeting the needs of those people groups might improve the way that MLC carries out its current mission.

"Applying the gospel to real people is often messy, so when things are a little messy, you might be doing everything exactly right."

5 Who is one of your role models?

In my fine liberal arts education to become a minister of the gospel, I remember encountering this Emerson quote, "Every man I meet is my superior in some way, and in that I learn from him," and thinking, "Hey, that's how I look at life!" One week my main role model may be my wife demonstrating self-sacrificial Christian love. The next week it may be a young person who demonstrates healthy dependence on a Christian social network. This past week it was the WELS Director of Mission Operations, Sean Young, who demonstrated tenacity in solving a vexing problem for the sake of the kingdom. Is that a legitimate answer to the question?



Joel Otto
NWC 1991
Milwaukee WI



Julie Boggs
MLC 2011
Indianapolis IN



Marvin Hanke
NWC 1941
Rollingstone MN



Matthew Wobeck
NWC 1986
Onalaska WI

Celebrating 10 Years of the

The gospel ministry is a global ministry.

MLC's Thalassa Prize, now celebrating its tenth year, is a tribute to our students' hearts for global service.

Established in 2007, this competition invites MLC students and graduates who have served abroad to submit photographs and written reflections that share the beauties, the joys, the challenges of their ministries. A panel of judges chooses the winner and awards \$1000, half of which the student designates to a mission of their choice.

The prize was funded by a founding donor the first seven years, then by another donor for one year, and now by the MLC International Services Office. In commemoration of this year's 10-year anniversary, the prize money was doubled to \$2,000.

We've seen entries from North and South America, Asia, Europe, and Africa. Tiny villages in the Peruvian Andes. Teeming cities in Southeast Asia. A Siberian college town. A Brazilian *fazenda*. A Malawian orphanage.

Each reflection and photo is rich in particulars, yet each tells the same story—a story of human needs and the Savior who meets those needs.

We are humbled and honored to have had a hand in the shaping and training of these gospel heralds. And we are grateful to the Lord of the Church and to his Spirit for allowing Martin Luther College to be the threshold from which these students carry the gospel into the world.

Ten Years of Thalassa Winners 2007-2016



2016 Johannah Crass '14
White Robes: Antigua



2015 Sara Schmeling '11
God's Light in a World of Darkness: Russia



2014 Chris Pluger '97
Jesus Speaks My Language: Zambia



2013 Maria Reese '99
Like a Mother: Malawi



2012 Paul H. Kelm
DMLC '86
Searching for a Better Life: Czech Republic



2011 Amber (Schlomer) Poth '05
Don't Be Afraid: Southeast Asia



2010 Gretchen (Kock) Schmiede '07
A Look Through the Door: Southeast Asia



2009 Rachel (Meyer) Sommer '07
Constant Companion: Southeast Asia



2008 Rachel (Kionka) Schroeder '07
One in Christ: Malawi



2007 Kristina (Wessel) Troge '06
Considering Clay: Dominican Republic

In honor of this anniversary year, the 10 Thalassa winners reflected again on their ministries overseas, noting what they did afterward, what they learned, how they were changed. See all the winning entries plus additional photos in the 10-year anniversary booklet, *Martin Luther College Thalassa Prize 2007-2016*, at mlc-wels.edu/go/thalassa-10.



John Kuske
NWC 1981
Saginaw MI



Kathleen VanOrman
MLC 2011
Huntsville AL



Larry Schlomer
NWC 1991
Nigeria



Joelle Tjernagel
MLC 2006
Cottage Grove MN

Thalassa Prize

The 2016 Thalassa Winner “White Robes”

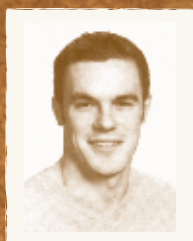
Johannah Crass '14 taught 31 fifth-grade students in Antigua in 2015-2016. The previous year, she served in another international mission, teaching English Bible studies in Novosibirsk, Russia. In May 2016, she was assigned as a tutor at Luther Preparatory School. Johannah designated half of her \$2,000 Thalassa Prize to the WELS mission in Russia.

Growing up, I wanted to step into the wide world and spread the good news. I wanted to see creation's finest treasures and share God's treasure of grace too. My dream—to be in paradise with the faces of everyone I know wearing white robes. Don't we all want that? Beautiful, stainless white robes! Revelation 7:9 tells us that in the writer John's vision, there “was an enormous crowd that no one could count, made up of persons from every nation, tribe, people, and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb dressed in long white robes, and with palm branches in their hands.” I have had the privilege of sharing this good news to the far corners of the earth—from snow-laden Russia to sun-soaked California, from impressively structured Milwaukee schools to the calm white shores of Antigua.

As stunning as these sights may be, my real joy in travel has come from those who will one day wear the stainless robes with me. So often, I see people flocking to this perceived paradise that is Antigua, hoping to find a real paradise—if



only for a few days. However, the palm tree and blue sky in the photo do not embody paradise, as so many think they do. Rather, I look to my students' smiles. It is within these *children*, who daily persevere in a world of sin, that God has established his true kingdom, and his paradise really is perfect. One day, their carefully pressed white uniforms paid for by parents will be exchanged for white robes, free of the stain of sin and paid for by the blood of their King. The grace they receive, which we too share, is what we can eternally sing praises for one day in paradise—wearing white robes.



**Jayson
Diersen**
MLC 2001
Caledonia MN



**Caroline
Templin**
DMLC 1956
Buffalo MN



**Owen
Breitreutz**
NWC 1971
Redwood Falls MN



**Wendy
McKenzie**
DMLC 1991
Burlington IA

Celebrating 10 Years of the

2008 Thalassa Winner

Rachel (Kionka) Schroeder '07
One in Christ: Malawi

Excerpt: The joy hits before you even get out of the truck. The choir sways out of the small brick church, clapping and dancing. Then they begin to sing. It is a sound you've never heard before; the harmonies are more brilliant, more penetrating. Stepping down onto the dirt, you realize you will never be the same again.

Rachel served one year in Malawi, teaching at Sir Harry Johnston International School and volunteering at Grace Orphan School. She then taught at two Lutheran high schools, chaperoned a mission trip to Ukraine, and spent another year overseas, this time in Mexico with her husband, Howard Schroeder. She recalls that the Malawians taught her more than she ever taught them: to be happy even in the toughest of circumstances, to focus on Christ, and to consider service to the Lord a great privilege.



2009 Thalassa Winner

Rachel (Meyer) Sommer '97
Constant Companion: Southeast Asia

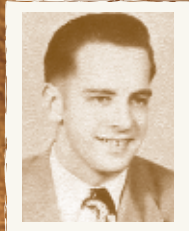
Excerpt: A young girl shuffled along a rustic path. Ignoring the beauty in the surrounding mountaintops, she focused on the small distractions. She whimpered when the steps became too high or when a strong wind blew in her face. Her father accompanied her on this short journey. He never left her side. Clutching a large load over his shoulder, he placed his free hand behind her, carefully leading her along the uneven stones. Amazingly, his guidance went unnoticed by his young child. To many, life seems unbearable. They are tired and saddened, concentrating on the trials of this hopeless world. Blind with disbelief, they fail to notice a companion who lowered himself to give them peace.

Rachel taught English as a foreign language to grades 7-9 in Southeast Asia for two years, 2007-2009. She then served as a tutor at Luther Preparatory School and a teacher at Winnebago Lutheran Academy. Now married to Ryan Sommer, she stays home with her two daughters, Anita and Mabel.

She says living abroad helped her practice patience and flexibility, an ability to better adapt to life's ever-changing flow of events and see them as part of God's grand plan for her life.



Tracy Krueger
MLC 2001
Waupun WI



Robert Eberhardt
DMLC 1951
Saginaw MI



Michaela Mueller
MLC 2001
Neenah WI



Robert Eberhardt
DMLC 1951
Milwaukee WI

Thalassa Prize



2011 Thalassa Winner

Amber (Schlomer) Poth '05

Don't Be Afraid: Southeast Asia

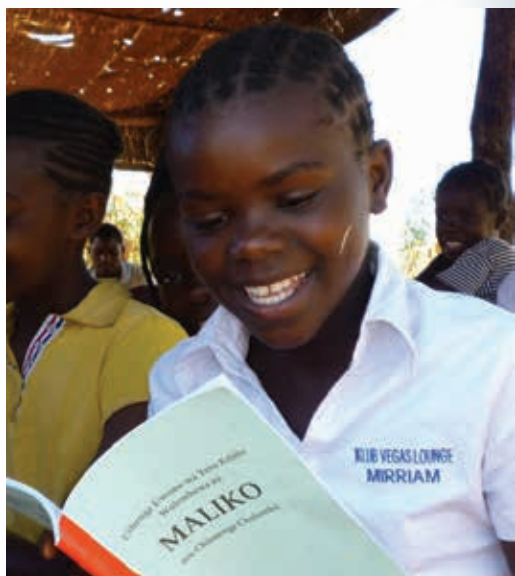
Excerpt: I was visiting a small village, and I stumbled across a small child. I didn't know his background. I didn't know what he was thinking, but I could tell that he was afraid of something, or possibly someone. . . .

He doesn't know. He doesn't know that someone else was punished for his wrongdoing. He doesn't know that his Father loves him and he is welcomed home by arms that have held children before, by arms that have hung on a cross.

But I get to share it with children like him and countless others who come searching for meaning and peace in their lives. I get to tell them,

"Don't be afraid. Let's go home. Your Father loves you and is ready to run to you with open arms."

Amber taught college-level science and English Bible studies in Southeast Asia from August 2009 to June 2013. She and her husband, Steve, now live in St. Louis. A large Chinese population in the area enables her to continue using her Mandarin language skills.



2014 Thalassa Winner

Chris Pluger '97

Jesus Speaks My Language: Zambia

Excerpt: This young lady . . . is holding a copy of the Gospel of Mark, the first book of the Bible published in the modern Nsenga language. Many Nsenga people have heard about Jesus before. Many of them attend Christian churches every Sunday. But until now, they have had to listen to the Bible being read in a foreign language, from a Bible written in another country for people of a different tribe. It would be like someone telling you secondhand what someone else has said: "God told me to tell you that he loves you and takes care of you." Not necessarily very comforting.

Chris served as the translation advisor/exegete for the Nsenga Bible Translation Project in Zambia from 2011 to 2016. He and his team finished the New Testament in the summer of 2016, giving the one million-plus Nsenga speakers access to the Word in their own language. In fall 2016 he will begin a new ministry, teaching at Great Plains LHS.

He says his years in Zambia taught him a deeper appreciation for the power of the Word of God. "We so take it for granted in the USA with our multitude of English translations."



Paula Robinson
DMLC 1986
Milwaukee WI



John Wichmann
NWC 1966
Grand Island NE



Kay Schuppe
DMLC 1976
Toledo OH



Paul Herrian
DMLC 1986
Jackson WI

5 UNCHANGING ESSENTIALS



Daily Chapel



Bible History, Doctrine,
Greek & Hebrew

Y E A R I N R E V I

5 TRADITIONS OF OLD



Homecoming Festivities



Forum Productions

5 TRADITIONS ON THE RISE



Lutheran HS Tip-Off Tourney



Evangelism Day



Mentoring



Student Teaching & Other
Clinical Experiences



Call Day

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Christmas Concert



Winter Carnival



Arbor Day



MLC Day



MLC Golf Classic

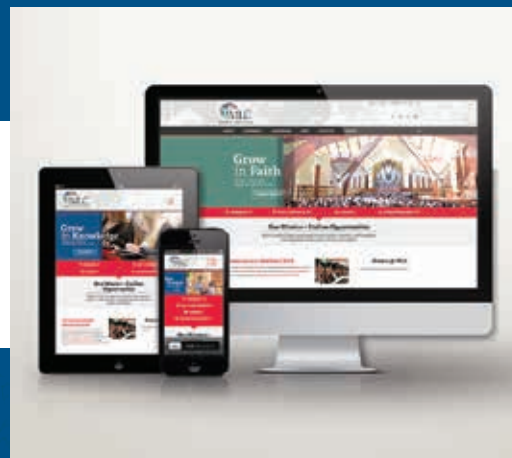


Alumni Tour

5 NEW BLESSINGS



New MS-Educational
Administration Degree



New Website

Y E A R I N R E V I

5 PATHS OF SERVICE



Anchor Raises Funds at
Harvest Hoedown



Daylight International

5 PRECIOUS PARTNERSHIPS



Partners with Wisconsin
Lutheran Seminary
Mission & Ministry Conference



Partners with Lutheran
Elementary Schools
MLC Wind Symphony Tour



New Study Abroad Program



New Congregational Partner Grant Program



New Financial Literacy Program

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Daylight USA



Student Ambassadors & Student Senate



Students Lead Dormitory Bible Classes



Partners with Lutheran High Schools
MLC College Choir Tour



Partners with World Missions
MLC International Students



Partners with Alumni, Donors, and Friends
MLC Alumni Dinner

FIRST-YEAR STUDENT PROFILE

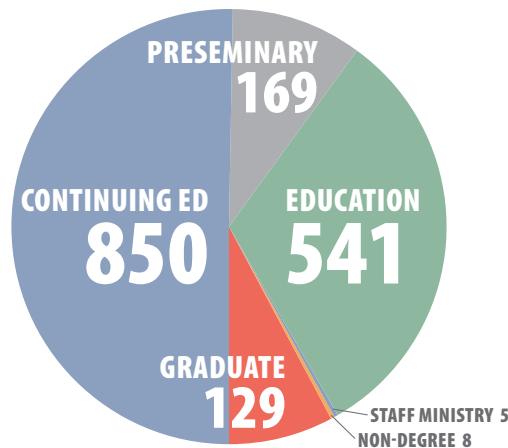
3.46 Average HS GPA
24.3 Average ACT

GRADUATES

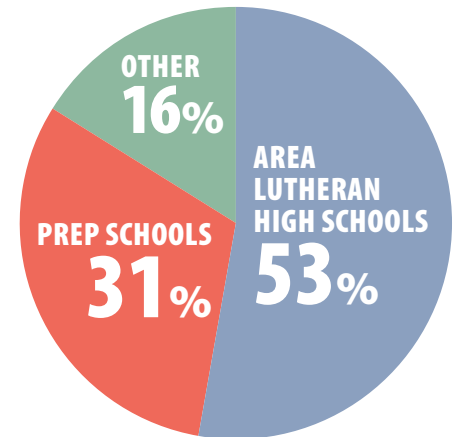
DEC 2015 **22** Education

MAY 2016 **40** Preseminary
92 Education

ENROLLMENT: 1702



UNDERGRAD STUDENTS BY HIGH SCHOOL



RESIDENTIAL LIFE

99% LIVE ON CAMPUS

Allowed:

Verboten:



ATHLETICS

1/3 Play NCAA D3 athletics
1/2 Play intramurals

147

Academic All-Conference Awards (GPA 3.5-4.0)

MUSIC

1/2 Students take piano or organ lessons



1/10 Play in wind symphony

1/3 Sing in a choir

1/10 Participate in fall musical

RECRUITMENT VISITS

ON CAMPUS

770 HS students attended Focus on Ministry weekends on campus
46 Individual HS students visited campus
262 Elementary school students visited campus

OFF CAMPUS

9,000+ HS student visits conducted by MLC admissions counselors

DAYLIGHT USA MINISTRY ASSISTANCE

35 Students participated (decrease from previous years)
23 Congregations received assistance
15 Different states served, from New York to California, from Alaska to Florida
60% MLC students participated in Daylight USA before they graduated in the last decade



CONTINUING ED

850 Students (mostly called workers) served
231 Courses (on campus, online, and on location)

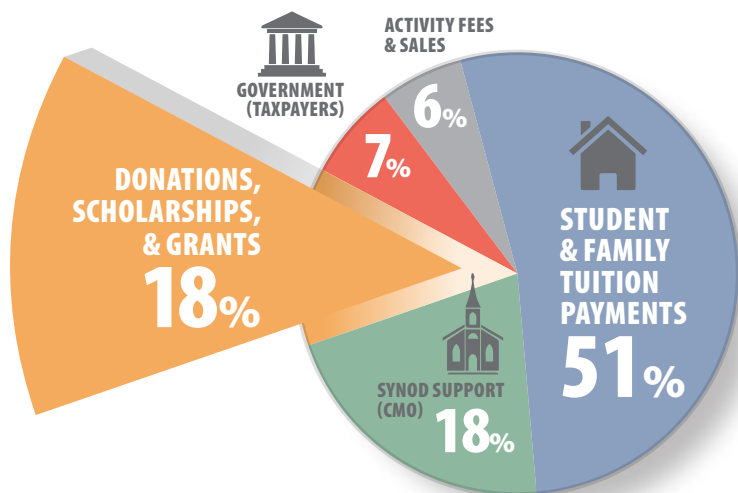
GRADUATE STUDIES

11 Years in existence
2 Master's degree programs offered
92 Master's degrees granted
21 Degrees granted 2015-2016
129 Graduate students
53 Graduate courses
31 Graduate professors



NOON, & KNIGHT

BUDGET FUNDING



TUITION, ROOM & BOARD

2015	Tuition	\$13,570
2016	Room & Board	\$5,350
	Total	\$18,920

2016	Tuition	\$13,980
2017	Room & Board	\$5,510
	Total	\$19,490



Tuition increase 3%
Financial aid increase 5%

FINANCIAL AID

\$2.2 Million institutional aid given

- 370 need-based grants (average \$3,140)
- 545 merit-based scholarships (average \$1,680)
- 146 distance grants (average \$670)

\$950,000 private grants and scholarships given

- \$100,000 from **privately funded competitive scholarships**
- \$550,000 from **congregations, districts, and high schools**
- \$220,000 from **other service organizations** such as MLC Ladies' Auxiliary, OWLS, Antioch Foundation, MLC Alumni Association
- \$80,000 from **Salem Lutheran Foundation**

96% students receive scholarships, grants, loans, and/or work-study funds.

CAMPUS SPIRITUAL LIFE

10 chapel services per week in Chapel of the Christ PLUS



- Special worship & communion services
- Theology courses, required & elective
- Bible studies, formal & informal
- All courses centered on Christ & keyed to ministry



MLC RANKED NATIONALLY FOR QUALITY & AFFORDABILITY

Thanks to your special gifts and congregational offerings, MLC is able to keep the cost of education low—so low, in fact, that we've received national attention.

Washington Monthly

Ranked in top 10 in the nation in *Washington Monthly's* Best-Bang-for-Your-Buck Baccalaureate Colleges.

MONEY

Ranked #52 (top 4%) in *MONEY* magazine's "Best Colleges" in the nation based on quality, affordability, and alumni earnings.

USA Today

Ranked #4 in nation by College Factual, as reported in *USA Today* article, "Best 10 Colleges for the Money."

GoGrad

Master of Science in Education online program ranked #18 in nation by *GoGrad*.

Top Education Degrees

Ranked 9th in nation by *Top Education Degrees'* listing, "50 Most Affordable Small Colleges for a Master's in Education 2016."

MLC AND WLS GRADUATES

May means Call Day—at both Martin Luther College and Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. It's a time of excitement and gratitude for those students who have completed their ministerial training.

We've listed here the graduates of both institutions, acknowledging that the vast majority of seminary graduates—highlighted in blue—are also MLC graduates.

We know you rejoice with us that our Lord Jesus continues to inspire young men and women like these to offer themselves as servants to the church.

They come to Call Day with hearts of faith, with deep knowledge of the infallible Word of God, and with a love for souls that compels them to share the good news of forgiveness, life, and salvation through Jesus Christ alone.

In the majority of cases, they come ready to serve anywhere that the church requires, offering their gifts to meet the needs of WELS congregations and schools all over the world. What a blessing!

ARIZONA-CALIFORNIA DISTRICT

Catherine Backer (*Farmington MN*) to **Apostles-San Jose CA**: gr 5, music

Benjamin Edmundson (*Burlington WI*) to **Arizona Lutheran Academy**: social studies, English, coaching (*assignment made permanent*)

Jessica Eternick (*Waterloo WI*) to **Mt. Calvary-Redding CA**: lower grades

Eric Hahn (*New Ulm MN*) to **California LHS**: dorm supervisor, algebra, computers, PE (*reassigned*)

Rachel Hein (*West Bend WI*) to **California LHS**: dorm supervisor, English, coaching (*one year*)

Matthew Ivan (*Freeland MI*) to **Peridot-Our Savior-Peridot AZ**: middle grades

Stephanie Ivan (*Neenah WI*) to **Peridot-Our Savior-Peridot AZ**: lower grades

Paul Kolander (*Appleton WI*) to **Green Valley-Henderson NV**: pastor

Samuel Otto (*Baraboo WI*) to **California LHS**: dorm supervisor, math, science, coaching (*one year*)

Stephen Pankow (*Cape Coral FL*) to **St. Paul/First-North Hollywood CA**: staff minister, outreach

Timothy Patoka (*Stafford VA*) to **Grace-Tucson AZ**: associate pastor

Jacob Rothe (*New Berlin WI*) to **Mt. Calvary-Redding CA**: upper grades, principal apprentice

Casey Sauer (*Messiah-Green Bay WI*) to **CrossWalk Lutheran Ministries-Laveen AZ**: staff minister (*one year*)

Naomi Unnasch (*Milwaukee WI*) to **California LHS**: dorm supervisor, computers, PE, algebra (*reassigned*)

Erin Westendorf (*Watertown WI*) to **Beautiful Savior-Las Vegas**: ECE director (*one year*)

Melissa Wolff (*Fond du Lac WI*) to **St. Paul/First-North Hollywood CA**: gr 5, upper grade math

Benjamin Zietlow (*Montello WI*) to **East Fork/Canyon Day-Whiteriver AZ**: pastor

DAKOTA-MONTANA DISTRICT

Santiago Botero (*Bogota, Columbia*) to **Great Plains LHS**: dorm supervisor, science (*one year*)

Bryant Laude (*Salina KS*) to **Zion/St. Jacobi-Mobridge/Glenham SD**: pastor

Douglas Peavy (*Muskego WI*) to **Bethel-Sioux Falls SD**: gr 3-8, language arts (*one year*)

Lucas Rodewald (*Simpsonville SC*) to **Great Plains LHS**: English, coaching

Cassandra Schwark (*Elkhorn WI*) to **Trinity-Aberdeen SD**: gr 1-2, organ

Sara Willems (*Mount Pleasant WI*) to **Great Plains LHS**: dorm supervisor, math (*one year*)

MICHIGAN DISTRICT

Justin Eternick (*Waterloo WI*) to **Trinity-Jenera OH**: gr 7-8, principal apprentice

Elizabeth Jeske (*Milwaukee WI*) to **Michigan Lutheran Seminary**: tutor (*one year*)

Erin Keese (*Milwaukee WI*) to **St. John-Dowagiac MI**: ECE director

YoungKwang Kim (*Suwon, South Korea*) to **Huron Valley LHS**: math (*assignment made permanent*)

Ryan Kolander (*Brookfield WI*) to **Palabra de Vida-Detroit MI**: pastor

Seth Lange (*New Ulm MN*) to **Trinity-Jenera OH**: gr 3-4 (*one year*)



Waldemar Karnitz
NWC 1951
Belle Plaine MN



Patricia Burau
DMLC 1986
Delano MN



George Heckmann
DMLC 1941
St. James MN



David Habermas
NWC 1961
Racine WI

Assigned to Your District

Ryan Lemke (Elkhorn WI) to **Michigan LHS**: dorm supervisor, science (reassigned)

Aaron Luedkte (Troutville VA) to **St. John-Pigeon MI**: upper grades (reassigned)

Lauren Maertz (Watertown SD) to **Michigan Lutheran Seminary**: tutor (reassigned)

Kathryn Marquardt (Racine WI) to **St. John-Hemlock MI**: gr K-4 (one year)

Ju Yeon Moon (Seoul, South Korea) to **Beautiful Savior-Grove City OH**: gr 1-2 (assignment made permanent)

Emilee Plocher (New Ulm MN) to **Grace-St. Joseph MI**: K

Justin Pomije (New Prague MN) to **Our Savior/Hope-Gaylord/Indian River MI**: pastor

Caleb Schmiede (Madison WI) to **Michigan Lutheran Seminary**: tutor/admissions counselor (one year)

Joshua Schultz (Juneau WI) to **Michigan Lutheran Seminary**: tutor (reassigned)

Gregory Sitzman (Hubertus WI) to **Emanuel Redeemer-Yale MI**: pastor

Daniel Slaughter (Mesa AZ) to **Zion-Monroe MI**: associate pastor

Megan Stein (New Ulm MN) to **Zion-Toledo OH**: gr 1-2 (one year)

Zachariah Thooft (Marshall MN) to **Bethel-Bay City MI**: gr 3-5

Wesley Towne (Bay City MI) to **Michigan Lutheran Seminary**: tutor (one year)

Darin Warnecke (Watertown WI) to **St. John-Sturgis MI**: pastor

Hannah Zabel (Fond du Lac WI) to **Michigan LHS**: dorm supervisor, social studies (one year)

MINNESOTA DISTRICT

Garrett Alford (Appleton WI) to **Christ-Eden Prairie MN**: pastor

Alison Boulden (Watertown WI) to **The Shepherd's Little Lambs Preschool-Duluth MN**: ECE teacher, organ, piano

Isaac Crass (Watertown WI) to **Martin Luther College**: tutor (reassigned)

Grey Davis (Lake Mills WI) to **St. Croix LHS**: dorm supervisor, social studies (one year)

Austin Eisenmann (Appleton WI) to **St. Matthew-Winona WI**: gr 5-6 (one year)

Mateja Epple (Niles IL) to **St. John-Sleepy Eye MN**: preK, K (one year)

Rebecca Flad (Winona MN) to **St. Croix LHS**: dorm supervisor, instructor (assignment made permanent)

Brian Gephart (St. Joseph MI) to **Immanuel-Hutchinson MN**: gr 4-8, principal apprentice

Marques Nelson (Winona MN) to **Good Shepherd: Cedar Rapids IA**: pastor

John Paustian (West Bend WI) to **Zion-Morgan MN**: pastor

David Roekle (Racine WI) to **Martin Luther College**: admissions counselor (reassigned)

Ryan Rush (Benton Harbor MI) to **Holy Trinity-New Hope MN**: gr 3-4, athletic director, PE

Garrett Schoch (Merrill WI) to **St. Croix LHS**: dorm supervisor, math (reassigned)

David Starr (Bay City MI) to **Martin Luther College**: admissions counselor (assignment made permanent)

Tarah Steinbrenner (Boise ID) to **MLC Early Childhood Learning Center**: lead teacher (one year)

Anna Ungemach (Manitowoc WI) to **St. John's Precious Little Blessings-Glencoe MN**: ECE director

Ashley Van Calster (Green Bay WI) to **Crown of Life-West St. Paul MN**: gr 6, Spanish, music

Rebecca Wasser (Kaukauna WI) to **St. John-Redwood Falls MN**: gr 3, youth, K-4 athletic director

Lacey Waters (Watertown WI) to **Bloomington-Bloomington MN**: gr 2

Nathan Wordell (Kenosha WI) to **Martin Luther College**: tutor (one year)

NEBRASKA DISTRICT

Jason Dutcher (Wood Lake MN) to **Mt. Olive-Overland Park KS**: gr 2-4 (one year)

Benjamin Hansen (Watertown SD) to **Immanuel-Hadar NE**: gr 4-8, principal apprentice

Miranda Maasz (Sleepy Eye MN) to **Nebraska LHS**: dorm supervisor, instructor, coaching (reassigned)

Alexander Mielke (Muskego WI) to **Nebraska LHS**: dorm supervisor, Spanish (reassigned)

McKinzie Paulsen (Wheaton IL) to **St. Paul-Norfolk NE**: K

Michael Paulsen (Oconomowoc WI) to **St. Paul-Norfolk NE**: gr 7-8, principal apprentice

Hannah Rothe (Watertown WI) to **Christ Our Redeemer-Aurora CO**: gr 3-5

Brittany Rue (Racine WI) to **Zion-Valentine NE**: preschool (assignment made permanent)



Elizabeth
Sievert
DMLC 1991
Janesville WI



John
Campbell
DMLC 1976
Waukegan IL



Jill
Meyer
MLC 1996
Phoenix AZ



Darrell
Knippel
DMLC 1956
Medford WI

MLC AND WLS GRADUATES

Annette Scharf (Hot Springs Village AR) to **Nebraska LHS**: dorm supervisor, instructor (reassigned)

Matthew Scharf (West Allis WI) to **Nebraska District**: assistant to district president (one year)

Thomas Stob (Star Prairie WI) to **Zion-Denver**: gr 3-5

Emily Waldek (Trumbull CT) to **Trinity-Hoskins NE**: gr K-2 (assignment made permanent)

Jacob Ziel (Ixonia WI) to **Nebraska LHS**: dorm supervisor, PE (reassigned)

NORTH ATLANTIC DISTRICT

Matthew Rothe (Oconomowoc WI) to **New Mission-Fredericksburg VA**: pastor

Jessica Welke (Winnebago IL) to **Divine Peace-Largo MD**: gr 1-2

NORTHERN WISCONSIN DISTRICT

Megan Bramstedt (Rockford MN) to **St. Paul-Howards Grove WI**: preschool, K (assignment made permanent)

Nathan Deering (Elkton MI) to **Trinity-Marinette WI**: gr 3-5

Cody Hauch (St. Clair MN) to **Trinity/Risen Savior-Wabeno/Mountain WI**: pastor

Hannah Holzhueter (Waterloo WI) to **Zion-Greenleaf WI**: 4K, 5K (one year)

Christina Hussman (Greenville WI) to **Grace-Oshkosh WI**: gr 6, choir, coaching

Daniel Kock (Mequon WI) to **Grace-Crivitz WI**: staff minister

Jason Liebenow (Washington Township MI) to **St. John/St. Paul/St. Mark-Florence WI/Tipler WI/Iron Ridge MI**: pastor

Nathan Moldenhauer (Manitowoc WI) to **Immanuel-Greenville WI**: associate pastor

Colin Paustian (Racine WI) to **Trinity-Neenah WI**: gr 5-6, athletic director, coaching

Stephen Roekle (Racine WI) to **Zion-Egg Harbor WI**: gr 5-8

Nathan Scharf (New Ulm MN) to **Immanuel-Greenville WI**: gr 6, principal training program (reassigned)

Nathan Schoenherr (New Ulm MN) to **St. Peter-Appleton WI**: gr 6, departmentalized upper grades

Sarah Tryba (Weyauwega WI) to **St. Peter-Weyauwega**: gr 2-3, coaching, youth

PACIFIC NORTHWEST DISTRICT

Isaac Cherney (Mequon WI) to **Redeemer-Yakima WA**: pastor

Rebecca Hussman (Greenville WI) to **Grace-Yakima WA**: gr 5-8 (assignment made permanent)

Leah Snyder (Jefferson WI) to **Faith-Anchorage AK**: K

Megan Ungemach (Manitowoc WI) to **Holy Trinity-Des Moines WA**: ECE director

SOUTH ATLANTIC DISTRICT

Jacob Biebert (Neillsville WI) to **St. Paul-Beverly Hills FL**: gr 5-6, principal training program (reassigned)

Rachel Brokmeier (Brookings SD) to **Bay Pines-Seminole FL**: gr K-1

Keely Keese (Lake Geneva WI) to **Abiding Love-Cape Coral FL**: staff minister

Joseph Lindloff (Saginaw MI) to **Hope-Irmo SC**: pastor

Katelyn Malley (Two Rivers WI) to **Peace-Kissimmee FL**: gr 4 (assignment made permanent)

Andrew Stuebs (Platteville WI) to **South Atlantic District**: assistant to district president (one year)

Emily Westra (Fairfield OH) to **Divine Savior Academy-Doral FL**: gr 5 (one year)

SOUTH CENTRAL DISTRICT

Erica Babinec (Onalaska WI) to **Grace-Lowell AR**: gr K-2

Gunnar Ledermann (Plymouth CA) to **Divine Peace-Rockwall TX**: associate pastor

Sara Schmeling (Monroe MI) to **Lord of Life-Friendswood TX**: gr 2-4

SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN DISTRICT

Haley Arndt (South Milwaukee WI) to **Christ/St. Peter-Milwaukee**: gr 6, piano (assignment made permanent)

Paul Braun (Neenah WI) to **Good Shepherd-West Bend WI**: gr 7, math, science

William Dunn (Southlake TX) to **San Pedro-Milwaukee**: pastor

Jason Free (Rapid City SD) to **Southeastern Wisconsin District**: assistant to district president (one year)

Lloyd Harter (La Crosse WI) to **Faith-Antioch IL**: associate pastor



Randy Ristow
DMLC 1981
Goodrich MI



Ruth Werner
DMLC 1951
Renville MN



James Enter
DMLC 1961
Nicollet MN



Karna Tessmer
DMLC 1981
Rogers MN

Assigned to Your District

Carrie Hengeveld (Lomira WI) to **Faith-Antioch IL**: gr 1-2

Erin Kelly (Zion IL) to **Christ/St. Peter-Milwaukee**: gr 3 (one year)

ChiSeon Kim (Seoul, South Korea) to **Jerusalem-Morton Grove IL**: gr 5-6, math, after-school academy (one year)

Kristi Koelpin (New Ulm MN) to **Risen Savior-Milwaukee**: gr 1 (one year)

John Kujath (East Troy WI) to **Our Savior-Zion IL**: upper grades, coaching (one year)

Janelle Radue (Waukesha WI) to **Christ/St. Peter-Milwaukee**: gr 7 (one year)

Katherine Schultz (Elkhorn WI) to **Atonement-Milwaukee**: gr 3 (one year)

Sarah Selle (Neenah WI) to **Shoreland LHS**: science

Elizabeth Sherwood (Glendale WI) to **Siloah-Milwaukee**: gr 4 (one year)

Katelyn Smith (Grove City OH) to **St. Marcus-Milwaukee**: primary grades (assignment made permanent)

Christopher Stollfus (Pickett WI) to **Word of Life-Milwaukee**: gr 3-5, science, coaching (one year)

Alyssa Stuebs (Appleton WI) to **Lord and Savior-Crystal Lake IL**: gr K-1, music

WESTERN WISCONSIN DISTRICT

Morgan (Kumbier) Beyer (Watertown WI) to **Trinity/St. Luke-Watertown WI**: gr 7-8 (one year)

Andrew Buschkopf (Milwaukee WI) to **Mountain of the Lord-Wausau WI**: pastor

Evan Chartrand (Manassas VA) to **Luther Preparatory School**: recruitment director

Johannah Crass (Watertown WI) to **Luther Preparatory School**: tutor (one year)

Hannah Ellingboe (Wrightstown WI) to **Christ/St. John-West Salem WI**: gr 3-4, school music

Benjamin Ewings (DeForest WI) to **Luther Preparatory School**: tutor (one year)

Andrew Franzo (Emmaus PA) to **Redeemer-Weston WI**: pastor

Sarah Frost (Appleton WI) to **St. Paul-Tomah WI**: ECE director

Nathan Gurgel (Mequon WI) to **Luther Preparatory School**: tutor (reassigned)

Emilee Koltz (Oconomowoc WI) to **Luther Preparatory School**: tutor (reassigned)

Joel Koschnitzke (Jackson WI) to **Holy Cross-Madison WI**: gr 6-8, departmentalized duties (one year)

Daniel Marggraf (Delano MN) to **Luther Preparatory School**: tutor (reassigned)

Rachel Miller (Rewey WI) to **Redeemer-Rice Lake WI**: preschool, lower grades

Joshua Mose (Iron Ridge WI) to **St. Mark's-Watertown WI**: gr 3, principal training program (one year)

Rachel Naumann (Morton Grove IL) to **Luther Preparatory School**: tutor (one year)

Ruth Nottling (Fox Lake WI) to **Luther Preparatory School**: tutor (one year)

James Otto (Baraboo WI) to **St. Matthew-Stoddard WI**: gr 6-8, principal apprentice

Kayla Schoeneck (New Berlin WI) to **Luther HS**: English, PE, coaching

Andrew Schoenfeld (Lake Mills WI) to **St. Stephen-Beaver Dam WI**: gr 6

James Schuette (Manitowoc WI) to **St. John-Waterloo WI**: gr 5-6, coaching

Caleb Schultz (Ottawa, Ontario) to **Luther Preparatory School**: tutor (one year)

Aaron Schulz (West Bend WI) to **St. Paul-Menomonie WI**: associate pastor

Mark Swanson (Vancouver WA) to **St. Peter-Helenville WI**: pastor

Aaron Voss (Williamston MI) to **Luther Preparatory School**: tutor (reassigned)

Peter Wells (Dresser WI) to **Western Wisconsin District**: assistant to district president (one year)

WORLD MISSIONS

Neil Birkholz (Thornton CO) to **East Asia**: missionary (assignment made permanent)

Peter Janke (Watertown SD) to **East Asia**: graduate mission assistant

Julie Kent (Milwaukee WI) to **St. John-St. John's, Antigua**: gr 5 (one year)

Megan Lepke (Chaseburg WI) to **St. John-St. John's, Antigua**: pre-K (one year)

Wei Zhao (Eagan MN) to **Board for World Missions**: online Lutheran literature coordinator (reassigned)

*Additional calls and assignments may have been made since this list went to press. For the full list, go to mlc-wels.edu/assignments and wls.wels.net/about-wls/assignment-list



Joseph
McCalley
MLC 2011
Strasburg CO



Bernice
Leinwander
DMLC 1941
Appleton WI



Daniel
Lange
MLC 2006
New Ulm MN



Ursel
Seidl
DMLC 1951
Fairfax MN



Congratulations, Winners of the 2016 MLC Senior Awards

(Back)

Matthew Hatzung (*Christ-North St. Paul MN*)
Orie Thomford (*Zion-Chesaning MI*)

Matthew Olson (*Christ-North St. Paul MN*)
Micah Koelpin (*Calvary-Dallas*)

(Front)

Rachel Brokmeier (*Our Savior-Brookings SD*)
Julie Kent (*Atonement-Milwaukee*)
Kristi Koelpin (*St. John-New Ulm MN*)
Sarah Frost (*Mt. Olive-Appleton WI*)

Sara Willems (*Epiphany-Racine WI*)
Haley Roske (*St. John-New Ulm MN*)

MLC Leading Preseminary Scholar
 Brooks Scholarship and Student
 Body President Recognition
 Jerome Kruse Knight Award
 UMAC Knight Scholar-Athlete Award

MLC Fine Arts Award
 UMAC Knight Scholar-Athlete Award
 MLC Service Award
 MLC Leading Education Scholar
 & Via Veritas Vita Award
 Jerome Kruse Knight Award
 MLC Leading Education Scholar

Academic All-UMAC

Individuals: MLC led the conference with 147 Academic All-UMAC athletes (GPA of 3.5+).

Teams: MLC led the conference with 10 of 16 best team GPAs: women's soccer, volleyball, cross country, basketball, tennis, softball, and track & field; and men's football, golf, and soccer.

SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS 2015-2016

All-UMAC

Josh Hansen (*St. Martin's-Watertown SD*) - golf
Kira Grev (*Divinity-St. Paul*) - volleyball
Matt Olson (*Christ-North St. Paul MN*) - football
Todd Brassow (*St. Paul-Saginaw MI*) - basketball, track & field
Jason Lindemann (*Zion-Egg Harbor WI*) - baseball
Jonathan Kock (*Living Word-Gray TN*) - baseball
Katie Zietlow (*St. John-Montello WI*) - track & field
Charlotte Huebner (*Peace-Sun Prairie WI*) - track & field
Elizabeth Broring (*Resurrection-Rochester*) - tennis
Megan Lemke (*St. John-Jefferson WI*) - softball



Todd Brassow (*St. Paul-Saginaw MI, pictured*) is the first MLC athlete to be named NCAA All-American after finishing seventh in the High Jump at the Division III Outdoor Track & Field Championships. He also reached the 2015 national championships in High Jump, finishing ninth. Brassow is also a force on the basketball court, reaching 1,356 career points, including a record-setting 570 in 2015-16.



Congratulations, Winners of the **2016 Northwestern College Alumni Society** **Presidents Fund Grants**

(From left)

Daniel Schmidt (*St. Matthew-Oconomowoc WI*)

Carl Boeder (*St. John-New Ulm MN*)

Tyler Zeamer (*Zion-Greenleaf WI*)

Mark Zondag (*Peace-Sun Prairie WI*)

Jonathan Lehmann (*Peace-Janesville WI*)

Isaac Hayes (*Emmanuel-Tempe AZ*)

Martin Loescher (*David's Star-Jackson WI*)

Adam Marley (*Living Hope-Midlothian VA*)

Jason Lindemann (*Zion-Egg Harbor WI*)

John A. Braun Grant for Leadership

Lewis O. Thompson Grant for Worship and Music

E.E. Kowalke Grant for Biblical Languages

John A. Braun Grant for English

John A. Braun Grant for Leadership

Carleton Toppe Grant for GPA and Religion

Adam Martin Grant for Living Languages (Spanish)

Robert J. Voss Grant for Student Life

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Not pictured:

Joseph Neuberger (*Eternal Love-Appleton WI*)

August F. Ernst Grant for Confessional Languages (Latin)

Two awards were not given in 2016: the August F. Ernst Grant for Confessional Languages (Latin & German) and the Robert J. Voss Grant for Student Government.

MUSIC RECITALISTS 2015-2016

Ethan Brooks (*St. Matthew-Janesville WI*) - piano

Shannon Eggers (*David's Star-Jackson WI*) - flute

Christopher Hosbach (*St. Jacobi-Greenfield WI*)

& Joshua Severeid (*Holy Trinity-Des Moines WA*) - voice

Elsie Koutia (*Cross of Glory-Peoria AZ*)

& Holly Wildeman (*Our Savior-Gaylord MI*) - flute

Hope Werre (*Peace-Sun Prairie WI*) - flute

& Hannah Spivey (*St. John-New Ulm MN*) - harp

Jonathan Witte (*Faith-Fond du Lac WI*)

& Melissa Koenig (*St. Mark-De Pere WI*) - trumpet



Hannah Spivey & Hope Werre

5 MLC INSTITUTIONAL AWARDS

- 1 National Merit Finalist Scholarship**
 - \$4,000 to each National Merit Finalist
 - Renewable
- 2 Presidential Scholarship**
 - \$3,000 to each high school valedictorian
 - Renewable
- 3 Leadership Grant**
 - \$3,000 to two first-years exhibiting positive attitudes toward ministry
 - Renewable
- 4 Messenger & Witness Scholarships**
 - \$2,000 to students with 3.75-4.00 GPA or 30+ ACT score
 - Renewable
 - \$1,500 to students with 3.50-3.74 GPA or 27+ ACT score
 - Renewable
- 5 Music Scholarship**
 - Varying amounts to students using musical gifts to enrich worship and campus musical life

5 WAYS TO SUPPORT MLC Students

- 1** Give a gift of **cash, securities, real estate, or life insurance.**
- 2** Establish an **estate gift** by including MLC in your will. Think of us as one of your children. Then let us know so that we include you with our SOLA donors.
- 3** Establish a **gift annuity**, creating a lasting legacy for you and for MLC.
- 4** Take advantage of **matching gifts** from your employer.
- 5** Establish a **scholarship**. We can help you set it up!

5 STUDENTS SAY THANK-YOU

- 1** Knowing that my work is supported **encourages** me as I prepare to teach.
- 2** You are a huge blessing to me and the MLC campus family for your love and **faithful service** to the Lord. He is always providing for our needs and keeping his promises.
- 3** **What a blessing** it is to share the gospel with my students now and in the future. Thank you for your contribution to my ministerial studies.
- 4** Attending MLC has helped me realize what a great privilege it is to **share the gospel**, and I look forward to many opportunities throughout my ministry. Thank you for your support.
- 5** It is a huge blessing to have people like you encourage me to continue **using my gifts** in the ministry.

The Shepherd Society

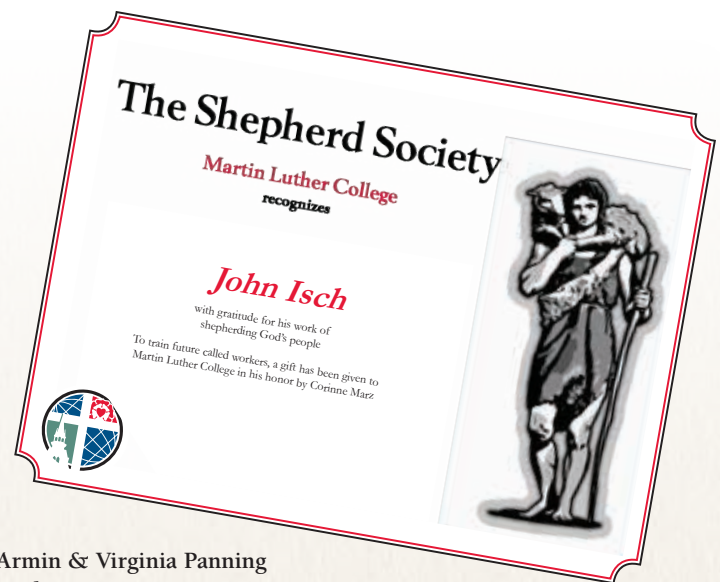
Founded in 2008, the Shepherd Society is comprised of called workers who have been recognized for making a difference in people's lives through their ministries. The called workers nominated for the Shepherd Society receive a commemorative plaque with a personal Certificate of Appreciation from the MLC president.

Robert & Julie Averbeck
Bruce Backer
Richard & Lois Balge
Siegbert Becker
Dustin Bergene
Forrest & Sue Bivens
Steven D. Bode
Keith Bowe
Paul Bowe
John & Irene Brug
Dan & Kathy Bruss
Ronald Brutlag
Norman Burger, Jr.
Steve Carlovsky
Leroy & Betty Dobberstein
Ann Dorn
Paul Eckert
Don & Clarice Fastenau
Arthur Frenz
Verlyn Fuhrmann
Richard Gibson
David Gosdeck
Barbara Green
Gene Gronholz
Jimmy Groth
Robert Guenther
Dean Gunn

Beverlee Haar
Susan Haar
Jason Hacker
Harold Hagedorn
Jon & Linda Hahm
Don & Harriet Hartwig
Michael Hein
Richard Hennig
Greg Hermanson
John Isch
Marilyn Jonas
Gerhard Kaniess
Dennis Kempf
Philip Koelpin
David Kolander
David Kuehl
Timothy Kujath
Lyle Lange
Mark Lenz
Barb Leopold
Cheryl Loomis
Phil Leyrer
Steve Loehr
Daniel Malchow
Carla Melendy
James Oldfield
Theodore Olsen

Armin & Virginia Panning
Paul Patterson
Ronald Pape
Peggy Pekarul
Jackson Petrie
Herb & Char Prah
Esther & Virgil Raasch
Rob Raasch
Darvin Raddatz
James Rath
Wendy Ristow
Karen Rodewald
Dave & Sande Sauer
Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd Schauer
Hillmer John Schaible
Doug Scherschel
John Schmidt
Ron & Roseann Schultz
Edmund Schulz
Mark M. Schulz
Richard Schwerin
Joel & Carly Seifert

Martin Sponholz
John & Carrie Steinbrenner
William Steinbrenner
Burton Stensberg
Doug Stindt
Steve Strieter
Alan Treder
Earle Treptow
Paul & Donna Tullberg
David & Janice Valleskey
Bob & Bonnie Wasser
Kathy Walz
Cindy Whaley
Chad White
Kenneth White
Erin E. Williams
Ronald Winter
Mark Zarling
David Zietlow



Anyone may nominate a pastor, teacher, or staff minister for the Shepherd Society by filling out a form (*see below*) and sending it to Martin Luther College along with a gift of gratitude. It's a great way to honor a special person, support the training of future called workers at MLC, and glorify the Good Shepherd!

I want to honor a special called worker!

Your Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email (opt) _____

My gift of gratitude to MLC: \$ ____ \$100 \$150 \$200 \$250 \$ ____

I'm giving this gift in honor of _____
(Name of WELS pastor, teacher, or staff minister)

Congregation and/or school where called worker serves/served: _____

My **Words of Gratitude**: "I'm grateful to [called worker's name] _____

because _____

Please remit to The Shepherd Society, Martin Luther College, New Ulm MN 56073

Governing Board Digest

By Vice President for Administration **Steven Thiesfeldt '74**

Meeting of September 24-25, 2015

- Received a report from Director of Finance Carla Hulke and from the auditing agency, which showed that MLC achieved a Department of Education **composite financial ratio of 3.0** (on a 3.0 scale).
- Designated \$4.95 million in **unrestricted net assets** to tuition assistance (\$1.6 million), program maintenance (\$100,000), faculty position funding (\$100,000), and the Economic Stabilization Fund (\$3.15 million).
- Adopted a **3% increase in student costs**, lower than the anticipated 5% increase, bringing tuition, room and board charges to \$19,490. Also approved a **5% increase in institutional financial assistance**.
- Approved **three calls**: (1) a man to teach music, give music lessons, and direct a choir (to replace Dr. Wayne Wagner, who is retiring)—*subsequently filled by Craig Hirschmann DMLC '84*; (2) a man to teach theology (to replace Prof. Lyle Lange, who is retiring)—*subsequently filled by David Scharf WLS '05*; and (3) a man to teach science and PE and coach men's basketball (pending Synodical Council approval)—*subsequently revised to math instead of science, and then filled by Greg Holzhueter MLC '11*.
- Approved **one-year sabbaticals** for Prof. Thomas Nass, who is writing a commentary for Concordia Publishing House, and Prof. Miles Wurster, who is doing graduate study.
- Approved a **Congregational Partner Grant Program** for first-year students, in which MLC will match congregational support up to \$1000 per student.
- Expanded the **MLC Day** activity to include an appeal for scholarship funding.
- Approved an annual 4% distribution of the **early childhood education scholarship funds** raised through the "Let the Children Come" campaign.
- Approved the **updated Master Site Plan**, which includes the construction of new or upgraded facilities over the next 8-10 years. Also requested a **proposal for a capital campaign** to address these upgrades. (*See below.*)

A CLOSER LOOK: Master Site Plan

Compelled to Speak, the college's strategic plan, suggested a need to "develop a plan for on-going maintenance, renovation, and expansion of facilities." In cooperation with the WELS Capital Projects Committee, the college prepared an updated site plan and a prioritized project list that outlines major campus facility needs.

The plan addresses

- student housing,
- athletics (including property acquisition),
- music, and
- HVAC (heating, ventilation, and air conditioning) needs.

Now that the board has approved this plan, the Mission Advancement Office will develop a proposal for a capital campaign to address the new construction (subject to the approval of the Synodical Council and in cooperation with the WELS Ministry of Christian Giving).

Meeting of April 7-8, 2016

- Approved a proposal from the **Master Projects Committee** to address the specific needs and details of the master site plan. (*See above.*) The four-phase plan calls for **\$45 million in improvements to our campus** over the next ten years.
- Asked the Mission Advancement Office to develop a plan for a **capital campaign** to fund the various projects in the Master Site Plan.
- Approved the **Master Staffing Plan** for the 2017-19 biennium. (*See right.*)

A CLOSER LOOK: Master Staffing Plan

At its February 2015 meeting, the governing board asked the administration to develop a comprehensive master staffing plan. Led by Human Resources Manager Andrea Wendland and assisted by Director of Finance Carla Hulke, every college department was invited to propose its staffing needs for the next five to six years.

The data from this study was used to analyze opportunities for improved efficiency and create a list of prioritized needs for both faculty and staff in the 2017-19 biennium.

The plan calls for . . .

- two additional professors (history-social science and mathematics-science)
- three additional administrative assistants (Education, Admissions, and Mission Advancement Offices).

Wendland and Hulke also conducted a staff compensation analysis.

FACULTY & STAFF NOTES

Professor Peter Baganz DMLC '87 chaired a student session titled "War, Past and Present" at the Third Annual Minnesota Undergraduate History Symposium at Bethel University-St. Paul in April.

Dr. Bethel Balge, adjunct piano instructor, has partnered with violinist Kenneth Freed and cellist Sharon Rodgers, both of the Minnesota Orchestra, to form the Bekesh Trio.

Campus Pastor John Boeder WLS '90 conducted seminars on the Christian family and Christian leadership at congregations in Honolulu (January) and Omaha, Nebraska (April), as part of the Congregational Assistant Program. He also preached for the Winter Pastoral Conference in Pipestone, Minnesota, in March.



Professor James Danell WLS '90 attended two overseas conventions in May: the 140th anniversary convention of the *Evangelisch-Lutherische Freikirche*, our sister synod, in Zwickau, Germany; and then the Europe Region of the Confessional Evangelical Lutheran Conference (CELC) in Vaasa, Finland. He also attended two weeks of intensive German language study at the *Goethe-Institut* in Munich.

Laurie Gauger DMLC '87, campus writer/editor, was a keynote speaker at the Christian Woman Today Retreat in Brookfield, Wisconsin, in March. She also presented "Hacking the Case Statement" at the WELS/ELS Mission Advancement Symposium in Belle Plaine, Minnesota, in April.

Dr. James Grunwald DMLC '76 presented "Maximizing Moodle" at the MLC Graduate Faculty Conference in May and chaired the Commission on IT and Distance Learning meeting for the National Council for Private School Accreditation in Waukesha, Wisconsin, in June.

Professor Daryl Hanneman DMLC '75 taught Educating the Exceptional Learner at St. John's-Antigua in June.

Professor Earl Heidtke DMLC '73 presented a two-day, multiple-session workshop called "Integrating Geography" at the WELS Alaska Teachers' Retreat in Wasilla in June.

Professor Thomas Hunter DMLC '75 presented "Bridging the Gap: Understanding Other Cultures" for the Congregational Assistant Program on the MLC campus and also in New Orleans.

Professor Brian Hennig WLS '96 conducted a Life of Luther Seminar at Beautiful Savior-Las Vegas in April as part of the Congregational Assistant Program.

Professor Paul Koelpin WLS '90 presented a set of weekend sessions titled "How the Bible Came to Us" at the Pacific Northwest Men's Retreat in April. He also presented on the value of confessional Lutheranism in today's world at the South Central District Convention in June.

JoElyn Krohn, financial literacy coordinator, qualified as a Certified Personal Financial Manager through Inceptia.

Dr. Lawrence Lotito earned his PhD in religious education from International Seminary (Florida).

Professor Thomas Nass WLS '82 was the essayist at the Pacific Northwest District Convention June 14-15 in Tacoma, Washington. Later in June he attended the convention of the Church of the Lutheran Confession (CLC) in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, as the WELS observer.

Dr. Mark Paustian WLS '88 earned his PhD in communication from Regent University (Virginia) after successfully defending his dissertation, "The Beauty with the Veil: Validating the Strategies of Indirect Communication through a Close Christological Reading of the Hebrew Old Testament." In March and April, Dr. Paustian led a four-session Bible study for pastors celebrating three years in the ministry and their wives in San Antonio; delivered five one-hour sessions on "Communicating Christ in the 21st Century" to pastors in Ontario, Canada; and presented "The Foundations of a Lutheran Apologetic for WELS High School Students" to WELS high school leaders at the Project Truth Conference in Doral, Florida.

Professor James Pope WLS '81 is serving as chaplain for the MLC Alumni Tour this summer.

Professor Jonathan Schaefer MLC '02 presented "Learning-Focused Supervision" at the Pacific Northwest District Teachers' Conference in Tacoma, Washington, in March.

Professor Tingting Z. Schwartz MLC '15 spent a day at Michigan Lutheran Seminary, presenting MLC's Chinese program, teaching Chinese language classes to the Spanish students, and teaching "God in Ancient China" to the church history class. She was also the keynote speaker for the Today's Christian Women's Retreat in Lansing, Michigan.

Professor David Sellnow WLS '86 served on a panel discussing "Academic Freedom in Religious Colleges and Universities" at the Third Annual Minnesota Undergraduate History Symposium in April at Bethel University-St. Paul.

Kate Tohal, resource development counselor, presented "How's Your Portfolio Looking?" to the WELS/ELS Mission Advancement Symposium in Belle Plaine, Minnesota, in April.

Dr. Wayne Wagner DMLC '72 served as judge, clinician, and mass choir director for the children's choirs that performed at the Twin Cities Fine Arts Festival at St. Croix LHS in April.



Dr. Cindy Whaley DMLC '76 presented "Reading Across the Curriculum" at the Western Wisconsin Teachers' Conference in February. She conducted a two-day Reading Curriculum Conference for the Southeast Minnesota District Conference, one day in March and one in June. And she led a multiple-day language arts curriculum study for St. Paul-New Ulm in April and May.

Dr. Jeffery Wiechman DMLC '90 gave the graduation address at Minnesota Valley LHS in May. He also continues to serve on the "Growing Educators in Ministry" (GEM) committee for the Commission on Lutheran Schools.

FACULTY & STAFF NOTES

NEWLY CALLED FOR 2016-17



Craig Hirschmann
DMLC '84
(professor of music)



Greg Holzhueter
MLC '11
(professor of math & PE, basketball coach)



David Scharf
WLS '05
(professor of theology)



Elizabeth Klugherz MLC '01
(director of Early Childhood Learning Center)

RETIRING IN 2016



Professor Lyle Lange WLS '69 served as a professor of theology and history/social science at DMLC 1978-1995 and MLC 1995-present. From his graduation in 1969 until his call to DMLC, he served as pastor at Ascension-Escondido CA.

At D/MLC, Professor Lange taught primarily Christian Doctrine and Biblical History and Literature courses, and served for a time as theology department chair. He also helped

establish and coordinate Evangelism Day, an annual event on campus since 2006.

In his retirement he and his wife, Carol, will move to Watertown, Wisconsin, to be closer to several of their children. He plans to continue teaching online courses and to write more books. He may also assist local congregations with preaching, Bible classes, or visitation, if opportunity arises.

Professor Lange's closing words to MLC students echo the message he preached every day of his 38 years on this campus: "Serving in the gospel ministry is a high privilege. We are sinners who deserve God's just judgment, yet Christ has paid for our sins and also given us the privilege to proclaim this message of grace to others. It is this sense of privilege which gives one the strength to continue ministry, even when the work becomes difficult. Our ministry is a statement of thanks to our gracious God for all Christ has done for us."

"Professor Lyle Lange is one of my heroes," says MLC Governing Board President Michael Woldt WLS '81. "I've never told him in person, but he might see it now in print. Gospel servants like Lyle Lange never look for personal accolades, but they deserve honor and respect for their faithful labors in the name of the Lord Jesus."

"I met Professor Lange for the first time when I accepted a call to serve as dean of students at Dr. Martin Luther College. Lyle was my mentor as I began teaching Old Testament History and a doctrine class for sophomores. I leaned heavily on his course syllabus and lecture notes. He was meticulous and thorough in presenting the unchanging truths of Scripture. Most important, he always gave the gospel of Jesus Christ central place. I don't think anyone would refer to Professor Lange's classroom lectures as flashy or flamboyant. However, his passion for the truth of God's Word was on display every time he spoke in the classroom or delivered a message from the Bible in chapel."

"While he remained devoted to God's changeless truth, Professor Lange was never opposed to necessary changes at the college for the sake of the gospel. He chaired the committee responsible for crafting the current mission statement of the college. And when I asked him to reflect on his memorable ministry moments at Martin Luther College, he cited the development of the current Evangelism Day without any hesitation."

"For Professor Lange, true ministry always has been and always will be centered in the saving gospel of Jesus Christ. I can't thank God enough for faithful servants like Professor Lyle Lange. Did I tell you he's one of my heroes?"



Daniel Vogel
MLC 1996
Kennewick WA



Gloria Nitz
DMLC 1971
New Ulm MN



Jeremiah Gumm
MLC 2001
Yuma AZ



Lorraine Puttin
DMLC 1941
Pine River MN

CELEBRATING MINISTRY ANNIVERSARIES IN 2015-16

Dr. Jeffery Wiechman DMLC '90 (25 years)

Professor Paul Tess DMLC '74 (40 years)

Professor Keith Wessel WLS '91 (25 years)



Dr. Wayne Wagner DMLC '72, served as a professor of music at DMLC 1978-1995 and MLC 1995-present. From his graduation in 1972 until his call to DMLC, he served Emanuel-St. Paul as teacher and minister of music and, for one year, principal.

In his 38 years at D/MLC, Dr. Wagner directed choir, gave keyboard lessons, and taught courses in elementary school music

methods and other areas. He was also involved in the planning of *Sing and Make Music*, a curriculum published by Northwestern Publishing House.

His colleague at MLC, Dr. Kermit Moldenhauer DMLC '71, explains the huge impact Dr. Wagner has had on the college and on the kingdom:

"Dr. Wagner served MLC and the church body as a faithful servant in the preparation of future ministers of the gospel. He kept the goal of gospel service in front of his students as he carried out his work in teaching, playing, and directing."

"Wayne will be remembered as a driving force behind organ instruction on the campus. He regularly reminded colleagues, friends, and students of the vital role the instrument plays in Lutheran worship. He inspired many to pursue the role of church organist as part of their gospel ministry."

"He continues to encourage the installation of quality instruments in the congregations of the church body. A crowning example of his work in this area is the marvelous organ in MLC's Chapel of the Christ. Dr. Wagner chaired the committee that designed and oversaw the installation."

"Wayne served as a role model for many in many ways. He was always well prepared for his various tasks and carried them out with an evangelical spirit that served his students and his colleagues well. His presence on the MLC campus will be dearly missed."

Dr. Wagner plans to continue teaching organ as an adjunct faculty member and to serve as an organist at St. John-New Ulm. He also consults with WELS congregations pursuing organ projects and hopes to remain active in the American Guild of Organists and the Organ Historical Society. Finally, he looks forward to spending time with his children and grandchildren, attending concerts, keeping up his organ-playing skills, and doing some travel.

To MLC students, he leaves this message: "I encourage you to be willing to let our Lord Jesus take you where he determines for you to be throughout your lives, personally and professionally, rather than limiting yourselves with your own hopes and ideas. He is never wrong, and he will bless you in ways you never imagined. Think of ministry not just as a way to use abilities you choose to develop in ways you would like to use them. Rather, allow a gracious God to lead and direct you."



**Kathleen
Guertel**
DMLC 1976
Eau Claire MI



**Justin
Otto**
MLC 2011
Baraboo WI



**Jean
Korte**
DMLC 1966
Manitowoc WI



**Michael
Riley**
NWC 1986
Oregon City OR

6th Annual Sprinter Campus Fun Run

Looking for a great way to start off your Homecoming Saturday? Why not join 250 or so friends for a 1-mile run/walk through the beautiful campus? Registration for the 6th Annual Sprinter Campus Fun Run is now open at mlcfunrun2016.eventbrite.com! While it's okay to just show up that morning, why not register now for some prizes? Register by September 28 and you'll be eligible to win one of many gift cards and prizes from our New Ulm business sponsors. Register by September 21 and you can purchase a commemorative bright orange T-shirt featuring the 104-year-old Sprinter running past the 105-year-old Music Hall.



Reunions

1989 Musical Reunion: The Hill Will Be Alive!

The MLC Forum brings *The Sound of Music* to the WCC Auditorium November 4-6, certain that your heart will want to sing every song it hears!



The popular musical was last performed on campus by the DMLC Drama Club in 1989 (pictured above). That '89 cast and production crew are invited back for a reunion on Saturday, November 5! Reconnect with old friends and interact with the current cast.

1981 Football Reunion

The 1981 DMLC football team (pictured right) will gather Saturday, September 3, to celebrate their 35-year reunion and support today's team.

If you would like to coordinate a reunion for your class or special group, contact the alumni office at [507-217-1731](tel:507-217-1731) or alumni@mlc-wels.edu.



Two Great Minneapolis Events



Don't be a Scrooge—join us at The Guthrie Theater for *A Christmas Carol* on Sunday, December 11, along with a pre-show meal at The Old Spaghetti Factory.

Kick off your 2017 Reformation celebration with a Saturday, January 7, visit to the Minneapolis Institute of Arts special exhibit, *Martin Luther: Art and the Reformation*.

Sign up at mlc-wels.edu/alumni/events.

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LUTHER
2017
500 YEARS OF
REFORMATION



Karla Falck
DMLC 1961
Morriston WI



Luann Luedtke
DMLC 1981
Jefferson WI



Roger Uitti
NWC 1956
Jacksonville FL



Erhardt Wiechmann
DMLC 1941
New Ulm MN



2016 HOMECOMING

September 30 - October 2

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

- 10:30 Morning Chapel
Chapel of the Christ
- 7:15 Evening Chapel
Chapel of the Christ
- 8:00 Talent Show
WCC Auditorium

Full Schedule:
mlc-wels.edu/events/homecoming



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1

- 9:00 Campus Fun Run
Sprinter Statue
- 9:15-1:00 Family Fun Zone *(with a moon bounce, photo booth, QB challenge, & treats!)*
Between Gym & Football Bowl
- 9:15-1:00 Alumni and Parent Registration
Luther Student Center
- 11:00 Cross Country*
Flandrau State Park
- 12:00 Volleyball* vs Northland
Gym
- 2:00 Football* vs St. Scholastica
Football Bowl
- 2:00 Women's Soccer* vs Northland
Soccer Pitch
- 4:15 Men's Soccer* vs Northland
Soccer Pitch
- 4-8 Alumni Social
Kegel Club

**Parents of all fall athletes will be recognized at the games!*

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2

- 9:30 Worship *(with student choirs!)*
Chapel of the Christ
- 10:30 Brunch
LSC Cafeteria
- TBD Men's Soccer vs WLS
Soccer Pitch



Janette
Taglauer
DMLC 1961
Auburn MI



Eugene
Baer
DMLC 1966
Rapid City SD



Heather
Wiedmann
MLC 2001
Guntur, India



James
Gieschen
MLC 2006
Portage MI

2016 COMMENCEMENT

