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## The Harvest Hoedown

**Rachel Ihlenfeldt** (FVL / Zion-Greenleaf WI) and **Emmalie Olsen** (KML / Good Shepherd-West Bend WI) sashayed between rows of laughing and clapping Knights as they took their turn dancing the Virginia Reel. The Reel was a new addition to the annual Harvest Hoedown. "It was the best part of the night," Emmalie says, "hands down!" Another highlight was the costume contest. "I had a blast," says **Quinn Handy** (Luther / First-La Crosse WI), who reached the final round dressed as "The Doctor" from *Dr. Who*. Students also carved pumpkins, bobbed for apples, ate treats, and then danced some more in a rustic barn outside of New Ulm—all to raise money for hurricane relief.

## Reformation 500 at MLC

Before the sun rose Wednesday morning, student brass players hauled their instruments up to the Luther Student Center roof and serenaded the campus. A Sunday festival service of 1000 attendees had started off the celebration, which continued on Wednesday with festivities replacing regular classes. Four choirs and the wind symphony beautified a worship service where the congregation sang "We Marvel," the contest-winning hymn by **Raquel Freese** (Klein Collins HS-TX / Abiding Word-Houston TX). Later, students and visitors attended an insightful lecture, a showing of the new Luther film, and Bible studies. Between events, attendees admired Reformation-themed art created by MLC students.



**Christian Willick** (LPS / St. John-Wauwatosa WI) and **Jacob Klug** (Lakeside / St. John-Juneau WI) organized this ensemble that braved freezing temperatures to wake up the campus with Reformation hymns.

"Being at MLC for Reformation 500 was unbelievable," says **Noah Schaeve** (Huron Valley / Faith-Sussex WI). "It was a phenomenal feeling being with so many fellow Lutherans!"

## Reflecting on the Reformation

While festival services and special events expressed the college's outward excitement for Reformation 500, students were also given the chance to reflect. What does the Reformation mean to students at MLC?

**Isaiah Duff** (St. Croix / Crown of Life-West St. Paul MN): "The Reformation is another chapter in the story of God's faithfulness to the church through his servants who faithfully upheld the Scriptures. It is a great heritage upon which I am humbled to stand—seeing God's grace given to this great cloud of witnesses."

**Brandon Leiterman** (Denmark HS-WI / Zion-Greenleaf WI): "Gathering in the Chapel of the Christ with so many people believing the same thing that I do was amazing. Our thanks and praise go to our LORD, who created the Bible truths and put the truths into Martin Luther's mouth to preach to the world."

**Betsy Hahm** (Homeschool / Prince of Peace-Fairport NY) "Reformation 500 is a reminder of the blessing we sometimes take for granted: We have the pure Word of God with its unchanging message of grace!"