

MARTIN LUTHER COLLEGE

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MLC students **Sophie Leng** (*MLS / Gloria Dei-Grand Blanc MI*) and **Bethany Lisowski** (*LHS / St. Matthew-Winona MN*) converse and complete crafts with nursing home residents.

Anchor: Opportunities to Serve

"I love how Anchor gets me involved with so many events at MLC and also gives me opportunities to serve in the New Ulm area," says **Rebecca Carpenter** (*MLS / St. John-Sturgis MI*).

Anchor is one of many MLC student organizations. Its purpose: gospel-motivated service. Anchor activities include . . .

The Harvest Hoedown and Night on the Town: Fundraisers that include nights of dancing, games, and snacks for MLC students.

Weekly nursing home visits to play bingo, go caroling, or enjoy other activities with the people there.

New Ulm Day of Caring: A community function where volunteers do fall yard work for citizens who aren't able to.

To celebrate the Christmas season this week, Anchor invited students to decorate cookies and make Christmas cards. "Next week we're going to the local nursing home to carol and hand out the Christmas cards we made," says **Nastya Bornschlegl** (*St. Croix / Resurrection-Rochester MN*). "I love seeing the residents' faces light up when we sing or give them a card."

Anchor always welcomes more members. Meetings are held once a week, and students can sign up to help with as many or as few activities as they'd like. For first-years, Anchor is a perfect way to make friends, meet some cool older students, and serve!



Professor Adrian Smith directs as all four choirs circle the chapel and sing "O Jesus Christ, Thy Manger Is" a cappella—an MLC tradition.

Christmas Concert Reflections

Michelle Goens (*GPLHS / St. Martin-Watertown SD*): "The concert sounded amazing! It was so much fun and a blessing to be a part of! I'm so thankful I was able to help share God's promise of the Savior through beautiful music!"

Josephine Avery (*Shoreland / St. John-Burlington WI*): "Being part of the Christmas Concert is one of my favorite things here at MLC. To have four choirs, the Wind Symphony, the Orchestra, and the Handbell Choir all in one concert is simply magical."

Zac Bork (*Apostles / Apostles-San Jose CA*): "I was just an accompanist this year, so it was new and special for me to get a chance to hear the music from the audience. I look forward to the Christmas Concert every year, and this year did not disappoint!"

Caleb Paul (*RMLHS / Lord of Life-Thornton CO*): "Singing 'Oba Ti De' with Chorale was amazing! It was great experiencing the choir's energy as we proclaimed the wonderful work of our Lord!"

MLC students are vacuuming, doing laundry, and making their beds. Why? Focus kids are coming! We hope all you Tip-Off Tournament players and fans have safe travels. See you soon!