



MARTIN LUTHER COLLEGE

Alumni Messenger

Fishers of Men Statue and Scholarship

Many members of the MLC family have long sought a more visible way of presenting our purpose to proclaim Christ and train those who desire to serve him in public ministry. Others have expressed a desire to support our students with the financial burden they bear.



The [MLCAA 2017-2019 Fishers of Men project](#) addresses both of those concerns in a campaign that we believe will honor our Lord and give him thanks for 25 years of blessing on MLC.

Total cost to erect the statue and endow the scholarship will be \$100,000. With approximately 10,000 alumni, this goal should be very attainable. Please [consider a generous gift](#) to help us glorify God and reach that goal.

The image above shows the statue in its designated location at the [center of the campus mall](#). It was prepared by MLC students in the Art in Ministry club.

College Choir to Tour East Coast, WI, and MN

Lord willing, the [College Choir](#), under the direction of Professor [Adrian Smith](#), will be spending their spring break (Feb 23-Mar 4) sharing the gospel in song on an East Coast [tour](#).



Weekend visits to congregations and schools in Wisconsin (Feb 16-18) and Minnesota (Mar 23-25), along with a March 18 appearance in the Chapel of the Christ, are also part of the plan.

Enjoy a [sample song](#) or [two](#) and please encourage your congregation and community members to join you at a concert in your area.

Archives Items for You and from You

The [MLC Archives](#) is officially going into hibernation mode on December 15.

Special thanks are due to the *(pictured)* volunteers who, under the direction of fellow volunteer and interim archivist Lois Bode, gave many hours and made major strides in classifying and organizing items.



[Kelly Diersen's](#) temporary position as archives project manager is also concluding this month. Visit the [history page](#) to see some of the contents she made available for you to view. We will still collect items and safely store them until funding for an archivist is available and we can reopen.

We are currently seeking [MLA yearbooks](#) from '71 '72, '76, and '78 and gladly accept other [items that help document the history of D/MLC](#).

Listen to the 2017 Christmas Concert

Unable to attend this year's [Christmas concert](#)? Looking for some beautiful music to listen to as you write, wrap, decorate, and celebrate? Fear not. All concerts and services in the [Chapel of the Christ](#) are streamed live and [archived](#) so you can listen at your leisure.



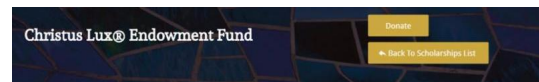
MLC did not produce an Advent devotion booklet this year, due to the production of a Reformation 500 booklet instead, but [past productions](#) are available online.

Named Scholarships and Endowments

Did you know that MLC has over 75 named scholarships and endowments established to support our current and future students?

Perhaps you were a recipient of one during your days here on the hill. Perhaps one honors your friend, relative, or favorite faculty member.

Learn more about them or make a gift on the website's [Scholarship page](#).



Professor Arnold Koelgin initiated this fund in 2007, purposing to pass on the heritage of Christian studies in the Reformation, Lutheran confessional writings, and New Testament epistles to Martin Luther College students preparing for ministerial service. Professor Koelgin has served the church as minister at Michigan Lutheran Seminary and Northwestern College, pastor at St. James Cambridge, Wisconsin, and professor in the religion history division of (Dr.) Martin Luther College (1962-2001). He represented his country as a Fulbright Scholar in Germany and, upon retirement at age 75, was appointed mayor of the city of New Ulm. He continues preaching, teaching, and teaching in special districts and abroad, and writing Christian books and articles for publication. He and his wife, Ruth, live in New Ulm. Their three sons and daughter serve in the holy ministry.

Recipients of the merit-based scholarship (full payment of one semester's tuition) and the need-based grant-in-aid are presenior students who have demonstrated 1) an affinity to historical studies, with particular interest in the heritage of the Reformation and Lutheran confessions; 2) honorable character and reputation; 3) participation in college and/or community activities; and, above all, 4) the temperament, aptitude, and willingness to serve in the Christian ministry to congregations at home and in new areas of the worldwide Christian mission.



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