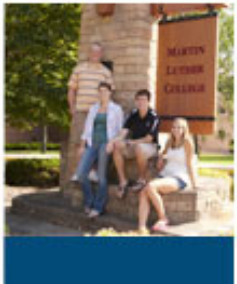


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E-NEWSLETTER



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We're a little late with this issue, and we apologize!

This e-newsletter will appear in your box about once a month, keeping you up to date with issues specifically related to your role as

parents of first-year MLC students. Sending a child to college is a major step, and we want to ease the transition for you.

One parent told us: "Thank you for the *ParentsPage* we received as a guide to our daughter's first year at MLC. It was comforting to know that the emotions, pride, homesickness, and independence were all 'normal' reactions to a changing environment from both sides. It gave us the same reassurance that *What to Expect When You're Expecting* did so many years ago."

We hope this newsletter will serve you as well!



**Your first-years getting to know each other at the Ballroom Blast**

## The President's Prayer for MLC Parents

Lord Jesus, thank you for Christian parents. For many years they have taken their children to church, read Bible lessons, taught prayers, sung hymns, and had family devotions. In so doing, they have been the Spirit's instrument to touch the souls of their children with the one thing needful.

Now I rejoice in the Spirit's omnipotence that moved these parents to encourage their child to consider full-time gospel service. What a marvelous display of your power, O Lord, when the hearts of your people beat with a love for souls and a desire to see many others hear and learn the message of life in Christ.

Please, Good Shepherd, uphold these parents and their children. Guide and provide for them in this time of transition. Though separated by many miles, remind us of our baptismal bonds that connect us in close fellowship to Jesus and to each other. Bring the comfort and confidence and cheer that only your promises can bring, for you declare I will never leave you nor forsake you.

Watch over these young adults, and by your grace and the powerful Word, help them continue to grow in their identity as your baptized children. Use each of them as salt and light to a dying world. In your name I am bold to ask such blessings. Amen.

## Let's Stay in Touch!

You can keep up with everything going on at MLC in a number of different ways:

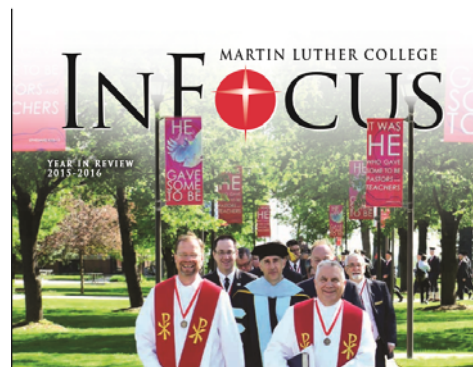
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**President Zarling prays with a new first-year student and family.**



[Website](#)  
[InFocus magazine](#)  
[MLC SportsPage](#) (weekly sports news)  
[Alumni Messenger](#) (if you're a grad too!)



## Gallery Is Open

You can check out our [Photo Gallery](#) at any time.

Public Relations Director Bill Pekrul and his staff update the photos regularly.



See your kids having a great time at the Ballroom Blast on our Photo Gallery.

## We Want to Hear from You!

We know it's been a month now, but we'd still like to know: How was your orientation experience?

Were the dorm staff helpful, the meetings informative, the faculty and staff friendly?

If you have anything to share with us, either positive or negative, please don't hesitate to call or email.

VP for Student Life [Jeff Schone](#)  
Admissions Director [Mark Stein](#)



We hope our dorm staff served you well!

## Weekend Ups and Downs

Your sons and daughters are officially college students! They did it - and so did

you!

How did the weekend go?  
Were there tears? Perfectly normal. No tears? Also normal.

Was there a snarky comment when you were just trying to hang up some shirts in the closet? Perfectly normal.

Was there an awkward moment or two - like when your student started talking to his new roommate and gave you a look that said, "Could you please go to the car for awhile?" Perfectly normal.

It's an emotional weekend, and since we're human, we respond in human ways - happy, sad, worried, giddy, shy. Rest assured: it all makes for a perfectly normal goodbye.



**The women of Centennial Hall painted bricks as doorstops for their rooms. We see talent!**

## Tell Me Again About Church

The two WELS churches in New Ulm are within walking distance, and students with cars will offer a lift when the snow hits.

Some MLC students jump right into congregational life at [St. Paul](#) and [St. John](#): teaching Sunday school, helping with youth group, singing in the choir, adding instrumental music, and (for older preseminary students) doing liturgy. Other students simply go to church there, and that's fine too.



**St . John Lutheran Church**

One question you may have is this: How can I make sure they go to church?

Truth is, you can't. You've simply got to trust that the spiritual habits they've learned from you at home will continue here at college. Does that mean that they'll never, ever skip? No. They may rationalize at times that since they

attend campus chapel every weekday - often twice a day - they can sleep in on Sundays. It happens.

But in general, we've found that our students are faithful church-goers, both at campus chapel and at church in town. And when they do falter, their fellow students encourage them as needed. That's just one of many blessings of a body of students united in faith and calling.

## Help! My Daughter Called Home Crying!

We don't have to tell you what a huge transition this time is - both for you and for your students.

The person you dropped off at MLC this weekend is going to emerge from this period of life a more mature individual - spiritually, mentally, and emotionally.

But some of that growth is painful, and the first couple months can be especially difficult. You know your student best, so we won't tell you what to do. But we will suggest a few [dos and dont's](#) to ease the journey.



**Those first calls home can be exciting - and painful too.**

## Want to Worship with Your Student?

You can - through live streaming.

Find live broadcasts of chapel services, concerts, recitals, and home football, volleyball, and basketball games on [MLC Streams](#).

Morning chapel is at 10:30. If you miss it, you can access it at any time from the archives.



**Compline is a meditative Monday night service.**



## Mark the Date!

Sep 30 - October 2: Homecoming Weekend

Oct 2, 9:30 am (Chapel of the Christ): Homecoming Worship Service

Oct 2, 3:00 pm (Auditorium): Wind Symphony Concert

Oct 15, 8:30 - 3:00: MLC Ladies' Auxiliary Annual Fall Meeting

Oct 29, 7:00 pm (Chapel of the Christ): College Choir Reformation Concert

Nov 4-5, 7:00 pm & Nov 6, 2:00 pm (Auditorium): *The Sound of Music*

Nov 20, 3:00 pm (Auditorium): Wind Symphony Concert

Dec 3, 7:30 pm & Dec 4, 4:00 pm (Chapel of the Christ): Christmas Concerts

Dec 8-10: MLC Tip-Off Tournament/Focus on Ministry visits

Dec 9-10, 7:30 pm & Dec 11, 2:00 pm (Auditorium):  
Readers' Theater: *Greek Adventure Hour*

Dec 15, 10:00 am (Chapel of the Christ): Commencement Service

Dec 16 - Jan 4: Christmas recess

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