

Peace of mind is . . . completing a valid will

By Kate Tohal, MLC Resource Development Counselor

- Though it might seem like a daunting task, finalizing your estate plan will give you a great deal of peace and assurance!
- Having a will ensures that the people you love will be cared for after you're gone.
 - Having a will ensures that the people you trust will be in charge of your estate.
 - Having a will ensures that your estate will be distributed according to your wishes—including special gifts to your church and your WELS College of Ministry.
 - Having a will allows you to include a personal message of hope and faith in our Lord Jesus to your loved ones.

To receive a free "how-to" will booklet that includes sample Christian preambles, contact Kate Tohal at 877.MLC.1995 or tohalkj@mlc-wels.edu.

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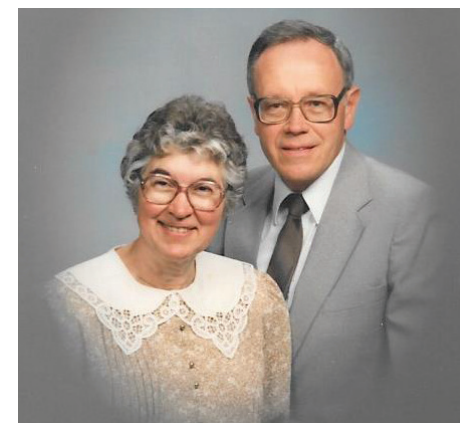
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Martin and Marie Janke: "MLC Is Part of Our Lives"



Supporting Martin Luther College with a legacy gift was a natural thing for Pastor Martin and Mrs. Marie Janke to do. The New Ulm ministerial school campus has always been a part of their lives.

Young Martin Janke and Marie Kappelmann both attended Dr. Martin Luther High School and had Martin's father, Professor Richard Janke, as a teacher. Martin went on to Northwestern College and Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, and Marie attended DMLC.

Marie's college education was abbreviated due to the severe teacher shortage in WELS. She didn't graduate with her class of '52 but took an emergency call to St. Paul's in Ixonia, Wisconsin, and taught five years there.

In 1955, Martin was assigned to St. John's in St. Paul, Minnesota, where he served with Pastor O.J. Naumann. Pastor Naumann was also

WELS President Naumann, but the young marrieds knew him best as Professor Naumann, another of their DMLHS professors.

The Jankes subsequently served at St. Paul-Roscoe, South Dakota; Faith-Fond du Lac, Wisconsin; and David's Star-Jackson, Wisconsin. Four children—Paul, Lynne, James, and Karen—as well as hectic church and school schedules kept them busy.

Pastor Janke preached in both German and English, and this writer remembers his booming singing voice, which more than once prompted a little tyke in the pew to ask, "Is that God?"

Mrs. Janke taught kindergarten for many years, sometimes as a volunteer. Her first class at Faith-Fond du Lac included eight students, four of whom attended DMLC and are still teaching today.

Also noteworthy are the classes for special needs students the Jankes established beginning in the late 50s. The *Lutheran Educator* asked Marie to write about this rather new WELS educational movement. Fifty years later, MLC has a special education major for those who, like Marie, have a heart for God's children with special needs.

Three Janke children and nine grandchildren have attended MLC or its predecessors, Northwestern and Dr. Martin Luther College. But the Jankes are quick to point out that their

children and grandchildren who did not pursue the ministry are no less a blessing to God's church.

"MLC has been a part of our lives, our children's lives, and our grandchildren's lives," says Marie. "Therefore we want to support our synod's school."

She cites the many biblical encouragements to support the Lord's work, including David's words in Psalm 71 and after the temple offering in 1 Chronicles 29:

Since my youth, God, you have taught me, and to this day I declare your marvelous deeds. Even when I am old and gray, do not forsake me, my God, till I declare your power to the next generation, your mighty acts to all who are to come (Psalm 71).

Lord our God, all this abundance that we have provided for building you a temple for your Holy Name comes from your hand, and all of it belongs to you (1 Chronicles 29).

Since 1995, the Jankes have lived in Slinger, Wisconsin, and continued their membership at David's Star, where Pastor Janke serves as visitation pastor.

SOLA members will enjoy reading more of Pastor and Mrs. Janke's memories, from the old Concordia Bible story pictures . . . to the interesting history of David's Star-Jackson . . . to little Muggins, the Naumann puppy. Go to mlc-wels.edu/go/janke

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SOLA Appreciation Dinner 2015



Thank You for the RELIEF!

MLC just received an estate gift of \$100,000 for student assistance. We could hardly be more grateful! This gift will provide much-needed debt relief for students, and often debt relief equals stress relief.

Increasing student financial assistance is one of the primary goals of MLC's Mission Advancement Office.

To explain why, we'd like you to consider MLC graduates like Aimee Ulm and Joshua Jensen (*pictured*), who were married last summer. Josh is a second-year student at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, and Aimee is teaching K4 at Word of Life-Milwaukee.

We won't comment on Aimee and Josh's personal finances, but we

can tell you about MLC graduates *on average*.

- About 2/3 of our students graduate with college loans, those loans averaging more than \$20,000.
- If two graduates marry, as Aimee and Josh did, their combined debt could be more than \$40,000.
- If one of them goes on to graduate school—or seminary—the figure rises even more.

So when newly trained pastors and teachers accept their first calls—which don't pay attorneys' or doctors' salaries—they may have a difficult time repaying their college loans while keeping up with their current bills. It's a heavy burden to bear, especially at a time when

we'd like them to be devoting all their thoughts and energy to their exciting new ministries.

You can see why we're so deeply grateful to you SOLA members who include MLC student financial assistance in your estate plans. Your legacy gifts provide the relief many of our students are desperate for.

Listen as three students express their gratitude:

- Your donations are not just some cold sum of money that will help me pay my necessary school bills. They are a light, an encouragement.
- The monies I've received from donors such as you have helped alleviate doubts and fears along the way. As my family looks forward to going on to the seminary in Mequon, Wisconsin, our costs at MLC have been greatly reduced and manageable.
- When I was a senior in high school, I had serious doubts that I'd be able to afford MLC. Thank you so much for your financial assistance. It's not only a financial relief, but it's also an encouragement for me to come here and a reminder that nothing is impossible with God!



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