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MARTIN LUTHER COLLEGE

Maria Werre (Lakeside / Peace-Sun Prairie WI), Jonathan Marquardt (LPS / Grace-Milwaukee), Livia Lickteig (KML / David's Star-Jackson WI), Luke Schultz (LPS / First-Lake Geneva WI)

Prepping for the Winter Play

A Midsummer Night's Dream will hit the MLC stage in one week (February 22-24), so preparations are in full swing as students scurry to finesse every aspect of the show.

The process began several months ago when director **Silas Dose** (MVL/St. John-New Ulm) first formed a vision for the production. Now, along with producer **Race Kohl** (Jefferson Academy HS-CO/Shepherd of the Valley-Westminster CO), he's giddy with excitement—seeing the work pay off and the dream come alive.

Crews of students help make it all possible by constructing giant paper mâché trees, creating blacklight-ready props and costumes, running lights and sound, and doing hair and makeup. **Becky Heyer** (FVL / Immanuel-Greenville WI), a stellar volunteer, has lent a hand in almost all these endeavors. "Looking forward to seeing the finished product keeps me going," says Becky. "The amount of detail going into the show is insane! But every detail counts."

The cast has immersed themselves in Shakespearian lingo and worked hard to deliver each humorous line with gusto. "Memorizing it can be challenging," says **Livia Lickteig** (*pictured*), "but getting a feel for your character helps you understand the lines better."

At MLC, even plays are produced with a ministry mindset. "Being in this production has reminded me that when things get difficult, I can take a step back, pray about it, and keep on going, knowing that God is by my side," says **Luke Schultz** (*pictured*). "This is extremely beneficial for ministry as well. In everything I do, I can put my trust in God."

This is a show you won't want to miss. "When some people think of Shakespeare, they might think of a boring English class, but I think this play proves that belief wrong," says **Maria Werre** (*pictured*). "It's magical, shocking, and hilarious!"

MLC / WLC Winter Retreat

Sledding and broomball, Air Jenga and Mafia, social mixers and loads of God's Word packed the weekend for MLC and WLC students at this year's Winter Retreat.

"The whole experience was a blast!" says **Zach Kopplin** (*pictured*). "I really enjoyed bonding with fellow believers from MLC and WLC, as well as gathering around the Word in our group Bible studies."

"This was my third retreat, and I absolutely loved it!" says **Lucy Bartz** (*Michigan LHS / Grace-Eau Claire MI*). "Spending the weekend with WLC students was great—we got to learn about all their different majors and make new friendships. I would highly recommend this retreat to everyone."

The only downside: you probably won't get your full nine hours of sleep. Games run late into the night—well...morning—all the better for bonding with friends new and old!



Savannah Kubis (*WLC*), **Yaffet Gabayehu** (*MLC '17*), **Matt Zeng** (*LPS / New Life-Shoreview MN*), and **Zach Kopplin** (*WISCO / St. John-Wauwatosa WI*) enjoy sledding at the Wisconsin Lions Camp—the site of this year's retreat.