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Listen Carefully . . . Then Walk Confidently



Excerpted from the May 2019 Commencement Sermon

By President Mark Zarling WLS '80

Dear siblings in the Savior, especially you, the 2019 graduates,

The prevalent narrative in our country today says, "If you make bad decisions, it will domino into a lifetime of difficulties. But if you make good decisions, you can have it all." Pick the right school, the correct career, the wisest investments, the best doctors, and you'll have a happy life.

Oh, Lord Jesus, Savior of all, spare us from such nonsense. It's frightening to think that our happiness depends on our decisions. We are shortsighted, selfish, and stubbornly stupid. We'll blow it for sure. That's why the Scripture text you chose for this devotion is an obvious display of the Spirit's work in your hearts. Your text tells the believer to relax, don't get stressed. Our Savior is bigger than our decisions.

Isaiah 30:21: *Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, "This is the way; walk in it."*

"A voice behind you." You know that voice. It's the voice of the Shepherd, a perfect Shepherd for wayward people, a Shepherd who leads his sheep to green pastures and quiet waters, who lays down his life for the sheep. Listen carefully to him, and gone is the stress and worry about making bad decisions. That voice tells us the big decisions—the truly important ones—have already been made.

It was the Father's decision to send his Son into this wicked world . . . to carry the strict demands of his holy will . . . to be punished for my rebel tongue and yours . . . to suffer the Father's forever fury that you might see the Father's forever smile. It was the Father's decision to wrap his Son's perfection around you through baptism . . . to say, "You are mine" before he declared, "Let there be light" . . . to put your name on the reservation for the mansions above.

You see, God has already made all the big decisions. They are all "yes in Christ." Now you possess a peace that passes all understanding. Now you can live confidently. . . .

About 18 years ago or so, you were sitting on your first two-wheel bicycle. It had training wheels. But today was the day. Dad was taking the training wheels off. You were going to learn to ride that bicycle. So Dad held the bike. Then he ran behind you. Didn't matter if you swerved right or swung left. He kept running after you to catch you or support you as you got better at your balance. You listened to the directions he shouted. His presence gave you confidence. Sure, you fell at first. But he brushed you off, calmed you down, and you got on again. After each spill, you learned and got better. And gradually, Dad didn't run behind you anymore. He walked. And he smiled.

Today many of you are receiving your first call. You will have many decisions to make as you start your gospel ministries. And there may be future calls as well. What will you decide? Relax. The Lord is with you. And since ministry is hard, there will be falls and spills. But your Savior will pick you up, brush you off, and you will get better. *Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, "This is the way; walk in it."* Listen to that voice behind you and then live confidently into the future, knowing that whichever way you choose, your Savior Jesus is already there.

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On our cover:

2019 preseminary graduates
led by Joshua Frailing
(Riverview-Appleton WI)

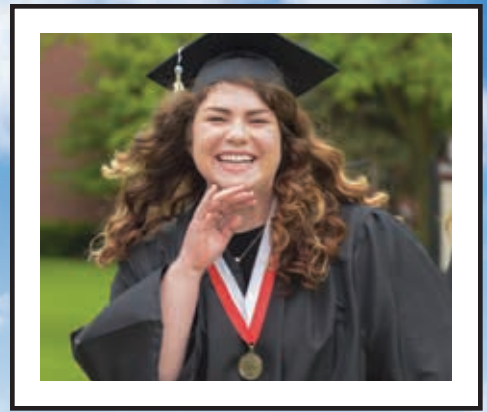
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MLC Graduates: *Gifted to Serve*

On May 18, 176 graduates earned their degrees. Education majors (102), preseminary graduates (48), and master's degree candidates (26) listened intently as President Zarling reminded them of God's promises. Then they drew their diplomas and turned their tassels.

Commencement is a day of both smile and solemnity at Martin Luther College, as many teacher and staff ministry candidates receive their first call into the public ministry of the gospel and many preseminary graduates set their sights on the next step of ministry training at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary.

They—and we—know that it is Christ who gives pastors and teachers to his church. And it is the Spirit of Christ who blesses these graduates with gifts to serve.



The alumni photos at the bottom of the pages are from the anniversary classes of MLC, NWC, and DMLC: '44, '49, '54, '59, '64, '69, '74, '79, '84, '89, '94, '99, '04, '09, and '14. Thanks to Alumni Director Steve Balza DMLC '93, who provided this random selection of alumni.



Aaron Kjenstad
MLC 2004
Aberdeen SD



Thomas Bradley
DMLC 1989
White Bear Lake MN

2019 Senior Award Winners



Front row:

Grace Schultz

(First-Lake Geneva WI)

- UMAC Scholar-Athlete Leadership Award
- Jerome Kruse Knight Award for Athletic Achievement

Morgan Shevey

(St. Paul-Muskego WI)

- MLC Leading Education Scholar

Christian Willick

(St. John-Wauwatosa WI)

- Brooks Scholarship
- MLC Leading Preseminary Scholar
- MLC Via Veritas Vita Award

Matthew Zeng

(New Life-Shoreview MN)

- MLC Student Body President Recognition

Back row:

Hailey Johnson

(St. Paul-Green Bay WI)

- MLC Service Award

Elizabeth Schwartz

(Risen Savior-Milwaukee)

- MLC Leading Education Scholar

Benjamin Bitter

(St. John-Milwaukee)

- Jerome Kruse Knight Award for Athletic Achievement

Joshua Koelpin

(St. John-New Ulm MN)

- UMAC Scholar-Athlete Leadership Award

Jacob Ungemach

(First German-Manitowoc WI)

- MLC Fine Arts Award



Carolyn Buch
DMLC 1964
Saginaw MI



Andrew Retzlaff
DMLC 1994
Fond du Lac WI



Elizabeth Westendorf
MLC 2004
Mequon WI



Herbert Scharlemann
NWC 1949
Lake City MN

2019 NWC Alumni Society President Grant Winners

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Ten preseminary students received Northwestern College Alumni Society Presidents Fund Grants for excellence in various academic and student life categories.

Front row:

Isaiah Duff

(St. Andrew-St. Paul
Park MN)

- August F. Ernst Grant for Confessional Languages (Latin & German)

Robert Read

(Calvary-Dallas)

- August F. Ernst Grant for Confessional Languages (Latin)

Jed Lyneis

(Morning Star-Jackson WI)

- John A. Braun Grant for Leadership

Ryan Gurgel

(Christ Alone-Thiensville WI)

- Robert J. Voss Grant for Student Life

Duane Backhaus

(St. Paul-Tomah WI)

- Robert J. Voss Grant for Student Government

Back row:

C.J. Fury

(Christ the Lord-Houston)

- Adam Martin Grant for Living Languages (Spanish)

Caleb Koelpin

(Calvary-Dallas)

- Carleton Toppe Grant for GPA and Religion

Jacob Melso

(St. Paul-Wisconsin
Rapids WI)

- Lewis O. Thompson Grant for Worship and Music

Silas Dose

(St. John-New Ulm MN)

- John A. Braun Grant for English

Ryan Henning

(Trinity-Belle Plaine MN)

- E.E. Kowalke Grant for Biblical Languages



**Emily
Roberts**
MLC 2009
Edina MN



**Douglas
Stindt**
DMLC 1954
Weyauwega WI



**Daneen
Enter**
DMLC 1989
Nicollet MN



**William
Cornelius**
MLC 1999
Madrid NE

55th Recipient of Tau Delta Theta Award



Five members of the MLC faculty received the TΔΘ award when they graduated from college. They are pictured here with this year's recipient and a member of the NWC class of 1965 that founded the award:

Professor Daniel Balge
(1980 recipient)

Professor James Danell
(1986 recipient)

Professor Thomas Nass
(1977 recipient)

Professor John Schmidt
(1970 recipient)

Joshua Koelpin (2019 recipient)

**Professor Emeritus
David Gosdeck**
(NWC class of 1965)

President Mark Zarling
(1976 recipient)

Other TΔΘ award recipients with ties to MLC are **Rev. Jonathan Balge** (1983 recipient), who formerly served on the MLC faculty, and **Rev. Matthew Scharf** (2009 recipient) and **Rev. Julius Buelow** (2012 recipient), who both served as instructors at MLC.



**Debra
Hadler**
DMLC 1984
Bylas AZ



**Justin
Eternick**
MLC 2014
Waterloo WI



**Tami
Schmidt**
MLC 2004
Kenai AK



**Philip
Kurbis**
MLC 2009
Tacoma WA

Joshua Koelpin (*St. John-New Ulm MN*) received the 2019 Tau Delta Theta Award, the 55th young man to be honored so.

The award was established by the Northwestern College (NWC) class of 1965 to commemorate the college centennial. They wanted to encourage what they called “the whole man.” Three criteria—scholarship, athletics, and other extracurriculars—form the basis of the decision; the recipient must be a graduating senior who excels in one and participates significantly in the other two.

Josh ranked high academically and excelled in athletics as well, earning All-UMAC honors in tennis and soccer and winning the prestigious UMAC Scholar-Athlete Award this year. He also served on MLC’s Evangelism Day Board, Pastoral Motivation Committee, and Golf Classic Board.

As the 55th recipient of the TΔΘ award, Josh became a member of the Tau Delta Theta Honor Society, and he received a monetary gift of several hundred dollars, which he used to purchase books of his choice for the college library. A bookplate, noting his name and the award, will be added to the purchased titles.

Professor Emeritus David Gosdeck, a member of the founding class of ’65, shepherded the Tau Delta Theta Award from its inception in 1965 until his retirement in 2014. Now the preseminary academic dean’s office, currently filled by **Professor Daniel Balge** WLS ’85, maintains the award.

“The Northwestern College class of 1965 embodied the spirit of the Tau Delta Theta Award,” says Professor Balge. “As students, they put their many talents to use in campus life, particularly as NWC celebrated its centennial in their graduation year. Later they brought those same strengths to pulpits, mission fields, and classrooms as pastors, teachers, writers, leaders, and thinkers. Several members of that class—**John Braun, Mark Goeglein, David Gosdeck, Lyle Lange, John Lawrenz, Mark Lenz, and Thomas Zarling**—served Northwestern College, Dr. Martin Luther College, or Martin Luther College as professors. Braun and Lawrenz were the last presidents of NWC and DMLC, respectively.

“The Tau Delta Theta Award,” he concludes, “encourages future pastors studying at Martin Luther College to faithfully, energetically use whatever gifts God has given them.”

TΔΘ HONOR SOCIETY

1966-Paul Kelm	1980-Daniel Balge	1994-Steven Pagels	2007-Daniel Westendorf
1967-John Brug	1981-Richard Gurgel	1995-Jonathan Schroeder	2008-Kevin Boushek
1968-John Zeitler	1982-Kelly Pochop	1996-Joshua Stahmann	2009-Matthew Scharf
1969-Charles Clarey	1983-Jonathan Balge	1997-Joel Heckendorf	2010-Ryan Kolander
1970-John Schmidt	1984-Kenneth Brokmeier	1998-Martin Valleskey	2011-Nathan Loersch
1971-Thomas Haar	1985-Ralph Rosenberg	1999-Nathan Sutton	2012-Julius Buelow
1972-John May	1986-James Danell	2000-Jason Oakland	2013-Ross Chartrand
1973-David Kriehn	1987-James Winterstein	2001-Timothy Wagner	2014-Micah Plocher
1974-Mark Jeske	1988-Daniel R. Voigt	2002-Geoffrey Cortright	2015-Nathanael Jensen
1975-James Huebner	1989-Earle D. Treptow	2003-Daniel Tomczyk	2016-Micah Koelpin
1976-Mark Zarling	1990-Paul R. Nolte	2004-Jonathan Bourman Timothy Bourman	2017-Martin Loescher
1977-Thomas Nass	1991-Stephen Geiger	2005-Benjamin Schaefer	2018-Collin Wenzel
1978-Peter Panitzke	1992-Jonathan Bilitz	2006-Timothy Nass	2019-Joshua Koelpin
1979-David Kolander	1993-Nathan Strutz		



Kathleen Klitzke
DMLC 1969
Milwaukee WI



Tod Vertz
NWC 1989
Livonia MI



Yvonne Nelson
DMLC 1974
Lake City MN



Sean De Frain
MLC 2004
Phoenix AZ

Spreading the Word. In the simplest terms, this is what MLC preseminary students are preparing to do. To do that effectively, they have their feet firmly planted in the past and the present—in the writings of the historical Lutheran church and in today's newest communication platforms.



Take sophomore **Philip Balge** (*St. Paul-New Ulm MN*) for example. Phil spent many hours this year in the 17th century, translating Latin and German texts for *Studium Excitare*, the official journal of the confessional language program at MLC.

Established in the early 2000s, *Studium* is a compendium of previously untranslated Latin and German Lutheran works that MLC preseminary students render into English. The journal went on hiatus for several years until Phil and likeminded scholars at MLC resurrected it last fall. With the assistance of **Professors James Danell** and **Keith Wessel**, they published two issues this year, translating a hymn by Erdmann Neumeister (c.1700), a prologue by Matthias Hafenreffer (1600), and a disputation by Christian Chemnitz, great-nephew of the better-known Martin Chemnitz (c.1650).

“When I first learned of *Studium*,” Phil says, “the journal immediately struck me as something very useful—not only for developing student translation skills and doctrinal insight, but also for promoting the confessional language program at MLC. Our Latin and German professors stress that our ability as a church body to use these languages is incredibly valuable, linking us to hundreds of years of church history in ways that would otherwise be impossible.”



After facilitating the translations of 17th-century Latin and German, Phil would then turn to 21st-century communication—specifically Instagram. His campus job is to curate MLC's Instagram page (@martinluthercollege), posting one to three times a week for our 2,500 followers. Phil picks the photos taken by MLC's photographers and writes the short captions that communicate our campus, culture, and mission. Followers range from prospective students who want a taste of campus . . . to parents who like to know what's keeping their students here busy . . . to alumni and friends who just want to keep in touch. “I hope the content we share communicates to people how unique and rich the campus culture is here,” Phil says, “and promotes MLC's mission of training students for the full-time gospel ministry.”

Translating centuries-old works for *Studium*. Posting today's campus pic for Instagram. They're both ways of spreading the Word.

“As a preseminary student,” Phil says, “it's important to embrace many modes of communication. Greek and Hebrew are the languages God used to communicate his message of salvation, so MLC does a good job of making sure its preseminary students have a handle on these languages. But embracing English communication is also very important! We take classes like Interpersonal Communication and Advanced Christian Rhetoric, which offer practical lessons on how to communicate in relationships, writing, speaking, and more. As technology continues to evolve, it will be important for us to embrace new modes of communication. Right now you can reach many souls through social media like Facebook, YouTube, Instagram, and Twitter. By the time we're in the ministry, new social media platforms or entirely new modes of communication may be dominant.

“Whatever methods of communication people move toward,” he concludes, “it will be important to embrace them in order to reach as many people as possible with the Good News.”



Five “Virtually Incredible” Years of iTutoring



When the students of Jefferson Elementary in New Ulm finally get to meet their MLC tutors at the end of each semester, they already feel a special connection. That's because they've been working together virtually—screen to screen—three times a week all semester.

It's called iTutoring, and here's how it works. Every semester **Missy Hunter**, a 2001 MLC grad now serving as literacy

have mastered it, those who are interested are matched up to Jefferson students, and they use the strategy in 20-minute tutoring sessions three times a week.

The sessions occur on the Google Meet platform, with the elementary students in front of their iPads down the hill, and the college students in a computer lab up on the hill—like **Alyssa Tessmer** (Zion-Winthrop MN, pictured).

The program works, and the data proves it. “Every year we see students in iTutoring becoming even more fluent readers who are better able to comprehend what they read,” says Mrs. Hunter. “They get one-on-one tutoring, which is rare in a school setting, and the instruction is tailored to their needs.”

Talking to each other by screen might seem impersonal, but it's not. “One of the benefits that can't always be measured,” Mrs. Hunter says, “is the connection that the students make with their tutors. Students are always asking me if it's iPad day, because they want to work with their MLC tutors.”

The program began five years ago when then-local teacher Cyndi Jakel contacted our own **Dr. Cindy Whaley** and

“Every year we see students in iTutoring becoming even more fluent readers who are better able to comprehend what they read.”

coach at Jefferson Elementary, comes up the hill to her alma mater to teach a specific strategy—repeated reading intervention—to the Teaching Reading classes of Dr. Cindy Whaley and **Professor Jon Roux**. When the college students

asked if MLC might be a host for the public school's reading intervention program.

Since then, 185 MLC students have iTutored 120 Jefferson students. The elementary students have become better readers, and the college students better teachers. As the program's five-year celebration poster says, “Today a reader, tomorrow a leader!” It's a happy ending for everyone.



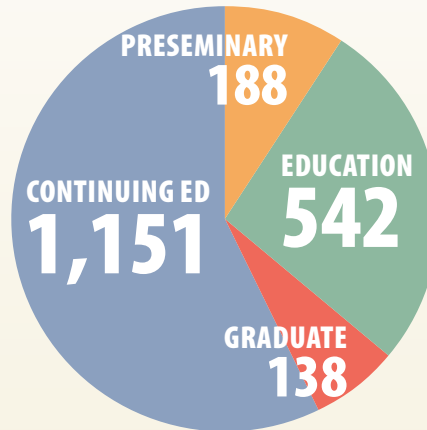
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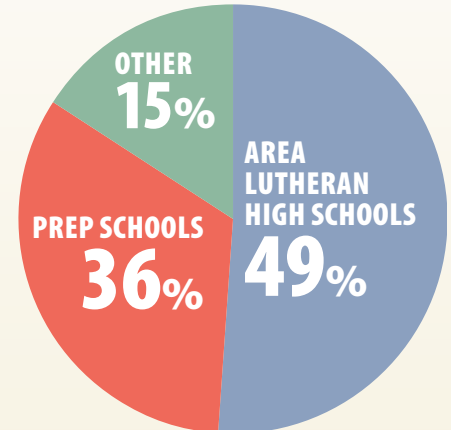
Providing pastors, teachers,
and staff ministers for . . .

353,753 WELS members
1,276 WELS congregations
387 WELS preschools
294 WELS grade schools
28 WELS high schools

ENROLLMENT: 2019



UNDERGRAD STUDENTS BY HIGH SCHOOL



EMERGENCY SERVICES 6 Seniors filled emergency calls



TUITION, ROOM & BOARD

2017 Tuition \$14,680
2018 Room & Board \$5,790
2018 Total \$20,470

2018 Tuition \$15,410
2019 Room & Board \$6,080
2019 Total \$21,490

2019 Tuition \$15,870
2020 Room & Board \$6,260
2020 Total \$22,130



STUDENTS KNOCKING IT OUT OF THE PARK

39% Played NCAA D3 athletics
63% Played intramurals

7 of 16

D3 sports where MLC led the UMAC in team GPA

3.56 Volleyball
3.45 Men's tennis
3.42 Men's golf
3.37 Men's soccer
3.23 Baseball
3.05 Men's track & field
2.88 Football

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STUDENTS MAKING MUSIC

42% Took piano or organ lessons

12% Participated in fall musical

35% Sang in a choir

8% Played in Wind Symphony

STUDENT DEBT



75% students who graduate with debt

\$25,000 average debt those students carry

PONDERING THE PUBLIC MINISTRY

877 HS students attended Focus on Ministry

269 HS students had personal campus visits

250 grade school students visited campus

1,000s HS students visited by MLC admissions counselors

CONGREGATIONAL PARTNER GRANT PROGRAM

\$731,005 Awarded
452 Students receiving grants
234 Participating congregations

NOON, & KNIGHT

TURNING THE TASSEL

DEC 2018 **13** Education

MAY 2019 **102** Education

48 Preseminary

26 Master of Science

CONTINUING ED

1,151 Students (mostly called workers) served

135 Courses (on campus, online, and on location)

GRADUATE STUDIES

3 Degrees offered

- MS-Education (instruction, leadership, special ed, and ed tech emphases)
- MS-Educational Administration (principal & EC director tracks)
- MA-Theological Studies

141 Degrees granted in 14 years

138 Students

70 Courses

43 Professors

(11 MLC & 32 adjunct)



HAIL TO THE CHIEF

5 Presidents served

by Administrative Assistant Diana Burt during her 46-year tenure at D/MLC

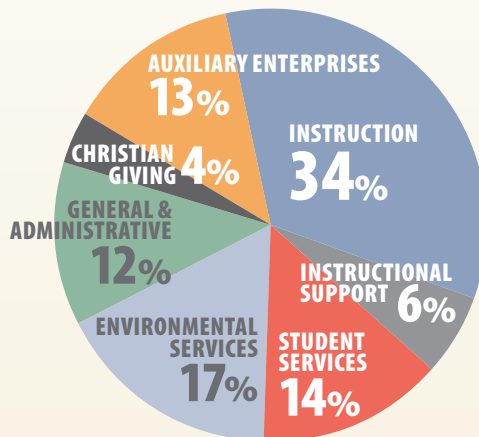
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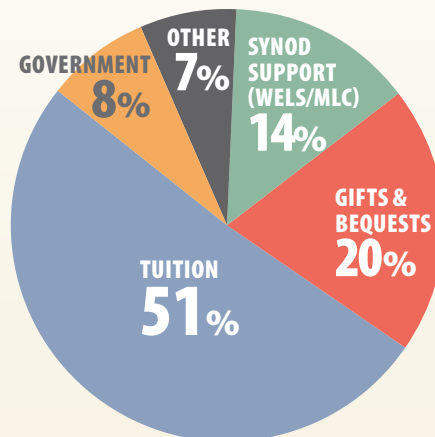
25 Couples Married in Chapel of the Christ since 2015

BUDGET 2017-2018* \$19.2 MILLION

Where does the money go?



Where does the money come from?



*2018-2019 figures not yet available.

OUR FIRST-YEARS

3.46

Average HS GPA

24.3

Average ACT

DOING A BANG-UP JOB

379 Students held campus jobs



BOOKING IT MLC LIBRARY 2018-2019



33,000 Items

Checked Out

Most in one year since 2013-2014



BUSIEST DAY



BUSIEST WEEK

Record breaker **118**

People using library at 9 pm October 1



Most checked-out book since 2015

CHRISTIAN WORSHIP: MANUAL

479 checkouts



Most checked-out book in 2019

ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL MATHEMATICS: TEACHING DEVELOPMENTALLY

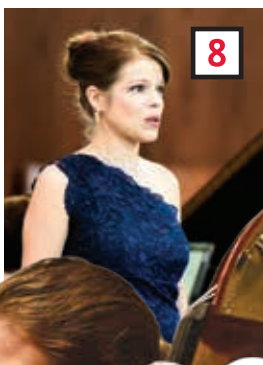


Most checked-out non-reserves book in 2018

THE DAY THE CRAYONS QUIT by Drew Daywalt

Arts

A YEAR IN THE





- 1** College Choir Tour
- 2** Wind Symphony
- 3** Christmas at MLC
- 4** Children's Theatre:
The Cat in the Hat
- 5** Handbell Festival
- 6** *Crazy for You*
- 7** Student Recitalists
- 8** Summit Avenue
Music Series
- 9** *A Midsummer
Night's Dream*
- 10** Commencement
Concert





MLC AND WLS GRADUATES

ARIZONA-CALIFORNIA DISTRICT

Sydney Cody (Juneau WI) to **Peridot/Our Savior LS-Peridot AZ**: gr 2 (one-year assignment)

Nathan Graumann (Fort Atkinson WI) to **Apostles LC-San Jose**: staff minister

Tessa Heiling (Redwood Falls MN) to **California LHS**: dorm supervisor, instructor (reassigned for second year)

Hannah Heyer (Greenville WI) to **Apostles LS-San Jose**: gr 4

Taylor James (Escondido CA) to **Grace Luth. Child Learning Center-Sahuarita AZ**: K4 (one-year assignment)

Caroline Madson (Acworth GA) to **East Fork LS-Whiteriver AZ**: gr 3 (one-year assignment)

Leah Nass (Manitowoc WI) to **California LHS**: dorm supervisor, instructor (reassigned for third year)

Joshua Robertson (Bangor WI) to **King of Kings LS-Garden Grove CA**: gr 3-5

Daniel Rodewald (Simpsonville SC) to **Paradise Valley LC-Phoenix**: pastor

Martín Santos (Seattle WA) to **California LHS**: dorm supervisor (one-year assignment)

James Schlieper (Fort Atkinson WI) to **East Fork LS-Whiteriver AZ**: gr 6 (one-year assignment)

Grace Schultz (Elkhorn WI) to **Emmanuel LS-Tempe AZ**: gr 1, coaching

Joshua Severeid (Federal Way WA) to **Arizona Lutheran Academy**: fine arts director

Rachel Severeid (Manitowoc WI) to **Cross of Glory LS-Peoria AZ**: gr 3-4 (one-year assignment)

Jessie Stibb (Princeton WI) to **Shepherd of the Hills LPS-Las Vegas**: ECE director apprentice (assignment made permanent)

Timothy Weddle (Bothell WA) to **California LHS**: dorm supervisor, instructor (one-year assignment)

DAKOTA-MONTANA DISTRICT

Seth Arps (Greenville WI) to **St. Martin LS-Watertown SD**: gr 8

Katheryn Hansen (Watertown SD) to **Little Lambs PS-Mandan ND**: ECE

Elizabeth Henning (Kewaskum WI) to **St. Paul LS-Rapid City SD**: gr 4, gr 7-8 principal release time (one-year assignment)

Angela Hinsch (Goodhue MN) to **St. Paul LS-Rapid City SD**: K

Nathan Laska (Winona MN) to **Immanuel LC-Elgin ND / Trinity LC-Carson ND / St. John LC-Paradise ND**: pastor

Gina Radue (Waukesha WI) to **Great Plains LHS**: dorm supervisor, geometry (reassigned for third year)

Tyler Wahl (Holmen WI) to **Great Plains LHS**: dorm supervisor, geography (one-year assignment)

Craig Wilke (Fort Atkinson WI) to **Mission start-Brandon SD**: pastor

Anna Ziel (Ixonia WI) to **Great Plains LHS**: English

MICHIGAN DISTRICT

Brittany Boyd (Chesaning MI) to **St. Paul LS-Columbus OH**: K (one-year assignment)

Garrett Buch (Manitowoc WI) to **St. Paul LS-Stevensville MI**: gr 5-6

Ross Chartrand (Manassas VA) to **Michigan Lutheran Seminary**: admissions counselor (call made permanent)

Shannon Eggers (West Bend WI) to **Michigan LHS**: dorm supervisor, music (one-year assignment)

John Henning (Puyallup WA) to **Peace LS-Livonia MI**: gr 3-4 (assignment made permanent)

Nathanael Jensen (Ixonia WI) to **Michigan Lutheran Seminary**: tutor (one-year assignment)

Jesse Knox (Manitowoc WI) to **St. Paul LC-Stevensville MI**: associate pastor

Christian Kuether (New Ulm MN) to **Michigan LHS**: dorm supervisor, social studies (one-year assignment)

Hannah Lange (Bowling Green OH) to **St. Paul LS-Stevensville MI**: ECE

Shelby Pitt (Chippewa Falls WI) to **St. Paul LS-Saginaw MI**: gr 7

Micah Plocher (Vassar MI) to **Michigan Lutheran Seminary**: tutor (reassigned for one year)

Megan Rabbers (Stevensville MI) to **Bethany LPS-Saginaw MI**: ECE director apprentice (assignment made permanent)



Laura
Fritzler
MLC 2009
Deford MI



David
Haeuser
NWC 1969
Cochrane WI



Rebecca
Engelbrecht
MLC 2014
Yorkville IL



Jerald
Plitzuweit
NWC 1959
Caledonia MN

Assigned to Your District

Jacob Reich (Lake City MN) to **St. John LC-Bay City MI**: associate pastor

Megan Schoch (Merrill MI) to **St. Paul LS-Columbus OH**: gr 7-8

Aaron Schrimpf (Zumbrota MN) to **St. Paul LC-Columbus OH**: pastor (call made permanent)

Marissa Shiery (Milwaukee) to **St. John LS-Bay City MI**: K

S. Zachary Steinke (South Bend IN) to **Mt. Olive LC-Bay City MI**: pastor

Adam Stevens (Larsen WI) to **Beautiful Savior LS-Grove City OH**: gr 6-8, principal apprentice (one-year assignment)

Matthew Stob (Star Prairie WI) to **St. John LS-Hemlock MI**: upper grades, principal apprentice (assignment made permanent)

Tiffany Tellock (Freedom WI) to **St. Paul LS-Columbus OH**: gr 3-4 (one-year assignment)

Katlynn Tindall (Waukesha WI) to **Zion LS-Toledo OH**: gr 2-4 (one-year assignment)

Katherine Van Alstine (Howards Grove WI) to **Michigan Lutheran Seminary**: tutor (reassigned for second year)

MINNESOTA DISTRICT

Claire Boeder (New Ulm MN) to **Trinity LS-Belle Plaine MN**: gr 5-6, music

Sara Dobberstein (Guntur, India) to **The Shepherd's Lambs Child Care Center-New Hope MN**: ECE

Thomas Gorzalski (Appleton WI) to **Holy Trinity LC-New Hope MN**: pastor (call made permanent)

Isaiah Horn (Mazeppa MN) to **Zion LC-Olivia MN**: pastor

Hailey Johnson (Greenleaf WI) to **Minnesota Valley LHS**: Spanish, literature, athletics (one-year assignment)

Paul Koester (West Allis WI) to **Martin Luther College**: tutor (reassigned for one year)

Karl Kuschel (Mukwonago WI) to **St. Croix LA**: dorm supervisor, gr 7-11 math (reassigned for second year)

Abby Lash (Racine WI) to **Jesus Loves Me Learning Center-Mankato MN**: K4 (one-year assignment)

Sarah Rigge (Belview MN) to **St. Croix LA**: dorm supervisor, social studies (one-year assignment)

Holle Rodriguez (Sacramento CA) to **St. Paul LS-New Ulm MN**: gr 5-6 (one-year assignment)

Steven Saatkamp (Milwaukee) to **Emmanuel LC-Hudson WI**: pastor

David Spaude (Antigo WI) to **Faith LC-River Falls WI**: pastor

Hans Thomford (Chesaning MI) to **Martin Luther College**: tutor (one-year assignment)

Zachary Unke (Howards Grove WI) to **Bloomington LS-Bloomington MN**: gr 5-8 music, gr 7-8 English (one-year assignment)

Hannah Zabel (Fond du Lac WI) to **Bloomington LS-Bloomington MN**: gr 8, gr 7 English, departmentalized music

NEBRASKA DISTRICT

Christopher Beagle (Winona MN) to **Nebraska LHS**: dorm supervisor, instructor (one-year assignment)

Jordan Bence (Oconomowoc WI) to **Mission start-Joplin MO**: pastor

Hannah Carter (Eau Claire WI) to **Zion LS-Valentine NE**: ECE

Samuel Crass (Watertown WI) to **St. Paul LC-Naper NE / Zion LC-Bonesteel SD**: pastor

Emma Doble (Garden Grove CA) to **Zion LS-Valentine NE**: K-3 (assignment made permanent)

Ethan Doble (Ortonville MI) to **Zion LS-Valentine NE**: gr 4-8, principal apprentice (assignment made permanent)

Nathan Guhl (Jackson WI) to **Nebraska LHS**: science

Hannah Koss (Rochester MN) to **Loving Arms Child Care Center-Wichita KS**: ECE director apprentice (assignment made permanent)

Adam Lambrecht (Fond du Lac WI) to **Living Shepherd LC-Laramie WY**: pastor

Holly Marquardt (Guntur, India) to **Nebraska LHS**: dorm supervisor, instructor (reassigned for second year)

Taylor Nielsen (Westland MI) to **St. Mark Little Lions PS-Salina KS**: ECE director apprentice (assignment made permanent)

Bryan Walkley (Onalaska WI) to **Nebraska LHS**: dorm supervisor, instructor (one-year assignment)

Rylee Weisensel (New Ulm MN) to **Nebraska LHS**: dorm supervisor, instructor (one-year assignment)



Julia Walker
DMLC 1979
Phoenix AZ



Isaac Bodjanac
MLC 2014
Phoenix AZ



Ruth Ruege
DMLC 1959
Milwaukee WI



Michael Frick
NWC 1974
Hokah MN



MLC AND WLS GRADUATES

NORTH ATLANTIC DISTRICT

Benjamin Berger (Milwaukee) to **Mission restart-Harrisburg PA**: pastor

Benjamin Birner (Lusaka, Zambia) to **Cross of Christ LC-Liverpool NY**: pastor

Haley Fricke (Mauston WI) to **Divine Peace LS-Largo MD**: K

Katie Henzi (Brillion WI) to **Grace Lutheran Child Care-Charlotte NC**: ECE (assignment made permanent)

Samantha Sievert (Steger IL) to **Precious Lambs Early Learning Center-Raleigh NC**: ECE

NORTHERN WISCONSIN DISTRICT

Joshua Arndt (Rosemount MN) to **Martin Luther LS-Oshkosh WI**: gr 7-8

Elizabeth Broring (Rochester MN) to **Trinity LS-Marinette WI**: gr 5-7 (assignment made permanent)

Alexander Enter (Stillwater MN) to **Zion LC-Peshtigo WI**: staff minister

Mariah Jahns (Rosendale WI) to **St. Peter LS-Appleton WI**: gr 6

Joshua Jensen (Ixonia WI) to **Grace LC-Oshkosh WI**: associate pastor

Brittany Krause (Hortonville WI) to **Grace LS-Oshkosh WI**: ECE (assignment made permanent)

Travis Kretsch (New Ulm MN) to **Winnebago LA**: social studies, coaching (one-year assignment)

Victoria Lober (Juneau WI) to **Trinity LS-Kaukauna WI**: K (assignment made permanent)

Megan McTrusty (Oshkosh WI) to **Shepherd of the Valley LS-Menasha WI**: ECE director apprentice (one-year assignment)

Hayden Miller (Essexville MI) to **Emanuel LS-New London WI**: gr 5

Matthew Neumann (Fond du Lac WI) to **Trinity LS-Neenah WI**: gr 5-6

Molly Paggi (Onalaska WI) to **St. Paul LS-Howards Grove WI**: K

Tristan Paustian (Racine WI) to **Bethlehem LC-Hortonville WI**: associate pastor

Timothy Priewe (Milwaukee) to **Mt. Olive LC-Appleton WI**: associate pastor with district president

Janet Putz (Fond du Lac WI) to **Christ LS-Eagle River WI**: K-2

Morgan Shevey (Muskego WI) to **Bethlehem LS-Hortonville WI**: gr 6-8 (one-year assignment)

Nathan Wordell (Kenosha WI) to **Mount Olive LC-Appleton WI**: pastor (call made permanent)

PACIFIC NORTHWEST DISTRICT

Jennifer Adickes (La Crosse WI) to **Faith LS-Tacoma WA**: gr 7-8 (one-year assignment)

Joshua Enstad (New Ulm MN) to **Evergreen LHS**: science, technology

Margaret Frey (New Ulm MN) to **Holy Trinity LS-Des Moines WA**: gr 2

Elijah Kroll (Kumba, Cameroon) to **Grace LS-Kenai AK**: gr 5-8, principal apprentice (one-year assignment)

Alyssa Maertz (Watertown SD) to **Holy Trinity LS-Des Moines WA**: gr 5-6, AD, coaching

Matthew Proeber (Janesville WI) to **Peace LC-Eagle River AK**: pastor

Sarah Proeber (Mequon WI) to **Little Lambs of Peace PS-Eagle River AK**: ECE director apprentice (one-year assignment)

Stephanie Rockhoff (Kenosha WI) to **Faith LS-Anchorage AK**: ECE director apprentice (one-year assignment)

Vincent West-Hallwas (Beach Park IL) to **Christ the King LS-Bremerton WA**: gr 5-6, Principal Training Program (reassigned for second year)

Holly Wildeman (Gaylord MI) to **Immanuel LS-Salem OR**: ECE, lower grades departmentalized (one-year assignment)

SOUTH ATLANTIC DISTRICT

Daniel Granberg (Appleton WI) to **Abiding Peace Academy-Simpsonville SC**: gr 2

Elizabeth Jeske (Milwaukee) to **Christ the King LS-Palm Coast FL**: gr 5

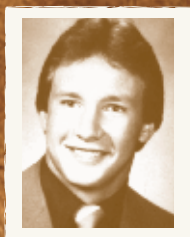
Aaron Markgraf (Cincinnati) to **St. Paul LS-Beverly Hills FL**: gr 7-8, Principal Training Program (reassigned for third year)

Jared Natsis (Saline MI) to **Rock of Ages LC-Madison TN**: pastor

Rebecca Olson (Dousman WI) to **Ascension LS-Sarasota FL**: gr 5-8 (reassigned for second year)



Dianne Dropp
DMLC 1979
West Chicago IL



Roger Rockhoff
NWC 1984
Tawas City MI



Lydia Spettel
DMLC 1984
Ashippun WI



Leonard Epple
DMLC 1984
Montrose MN

Assigned to Your District

Miriam Schaewe (Milwaukee) to **Abiding Peace Academy-Simpsonville SC**: ECE (one-year assignment)

Zachary Scharlemann (New Ulm MN) to **Divine Savior Academy-Doral FL**: math

Joel Sonntag (Milwaukee) to **Good Shepherd LA-Deltona FL**: gr 6-8, Principal Training Program (reassigned for third year)

Haleigh Weiers (Belle Plaine MN) to **Good Shepherd LA-Deltona FL**: gr 3

Jason Zweifel (Lake Mills WI) to **Christ the King LS-Palm Coast FL**: gr 6

SOUTH CENTRAL DISTRICT

Alec Bergmann (Slinger WI) to **Divine Savior Academy-Sienna Plantation TX**: gr 5, Principal Training Program (reassigned for second year)

Kendra Bergmann (Slinger WI) to **Divine Savior Academy-Sienna Plantation TX**: K (reassigned for second year)

Michael Cherney (Mequon WI) to **Trinity LC-El Paso TX**: pastor

Kari Freiberg (Fond du Lac WI) to **Abiding Word LS-Houston**: K, music

Andrew Nemmers (Allen TX) to **Mission start-Houston**: pastor

SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN DISTRICT

Hannah Arrowsmith (Fort Atkinson WI) to **Salem LS-Milwaukee**: gr 7-8, gr 5-6 science (reassigned for second year)

Timothy Babinec (Onalaska WI) to **St. Philip LS-Milwaukee**: gr 3, coaching (one-year assignment)

Anna Barkholtz (Weyauwega WI) to **Bethlehem LS-Menomonee Falls WI**: gr 6 (one-year assignment)

Sarah Chojnacki (Johnson Creek WI) to **Kettle Moraine LHS**: algebra, science, learning center (assignment made permanent)

Christa Crass (Tomah WI) to **Christ/St. Peter LS-Milwaukee**: gr 7 (one-year assignment)

Elizabeth Duff (St. Paul) to **First LS-Lake Geneva WI**: gr 5-8

Karis Gast (Manitowoc WI) to **St. Paul LS-Franklin WI**: gr 1

Rachel Hartmann (Germantown WI) to **Garden Homes LS-Milwaukee**: K (one-year assignment)

Abigail Hemmelman (New Ulm MN) to **Risen Savior LS-Milwaukee**: gr 2 (one-year assignment)

Spencer Jensen (Juneau WI) to **Christ LS-Big Bend WI**: gr 5-6, coaching

Emily Jenswold (Gilbert AZ) to **Loving Shepherd LS-Milwaukee**: gr 3-4 (one-year assignment)

Samuel Jeske (Milwaukee) to **Our Shepherd LC-Crown Point IN**: pastor

Megan Koester (Fort Atkinson WI) to **Illinois LES-Crete IL**: gr 2

John Marquardt (Racine WI) to **St. Philip LS-Milwaukee**: gr 7 (one-year assignment)

Nicole McNeill (Milwaukee) to **Christ/St. Peter LS-Milwaukee**: gr 1 (assignment made permanent)

Ruth Nitz (Olympia WA) to **Risen Savior LS-Milwaukee**: gr 5 (reassigned for second year)

Erin Pflughoeft (Phoenix) to **Word of Life LS-Milwaukee**: gr 1-2 (reassigned for second year)

Lydia Prange (La Crosse WI) to **Mt. Calvary LS-Waukesha WI**: gr 1 (reassigned for second year)

Lucinda Richardson (Wildomar CA) to **St. Lucas LS-Milwaukee**: gr 8, STEM (one-year assignment)

Elise Rosenbaum (St. Joseph MI) to **Good Shepherd LS-Downers Grove IL**: gr 5-6, AD

Anna Scarfo (Orlando) to **St. Marcus LS-Milwaukee**: gr 4

Jeni Schleef (Mequon WI) to **Good Shepherd LS-West Bend WI**: 4K-gr 3 English, math, PE (reassigned for second year)

Maggie Schmudlach (New Ulm MN) to **Trinity LS (ELS)-West Bend WI**: gr 3-4 (one-year assignment)

Faith Schroeder (Novi MI) to **Mt. Lebanon LS-Milwaukee**: gr 5-8 science, coaching (one-year assignment)

Kylah Schultz (Modesto CA) to **Atonement LS-Milwaukee**: ECE, childcare (one-year assignment)

Michael Sievert (Kenosha WI) to **Atonement LS-Milwaukee**: gr 5

Paul Spaude (Antigo WI) to **St. Matthew LC-Niles IL**: pastor

Laura Steinke (New Ulm MN) to **Trinity LS-Waukesha WI**: gr 7, athletics (one-year assignment)

Kelsie Tupper (Minocqua WI) to **Trusting Hearts Learning Center-Palos Heights IL**: ECE director apprentice (assignment made permanent)

Raine Vrable (Bay City MI) to **St. John LS-Milwaukee**: gr 4



Janet Kracht
DMLC 1964
Mishicot WI



Jonathan Micheel
NWC 1994
Milwaukee WI



Ramona Owens
DMLC 1979
Tacoma WA



Peter Kassulke
NWC 1974
Milwaukee WI



MLC AND WLS GRADUATES

Rebecca Wilkens (Wisconsin Rapids WI) to **Zion LS-Hartland WI**: gr 3-4 (reassigned for second year)

Grace Williams (Cypress TX) to **Siloah LS-Milwaukee**: gr 3 (one-year assignment)

WESTERN WISCONSIN DISTRICT

Josephine Avery (Burlington WI) to **St. Paul LS-Wisconsin Rapids WI**: middle grades, mathematics

Annalies Brander (Picture Butte, Alberta, Canada) to **St. Paul LS-Wonewoc WI**: ECE (assignment made permanent)

Allan Caldwell-Boeder (Manitowoc WI) to **St. John LS-Waterloo WI**: gr 5-6

Kelli Doell (Appleton WI) to **Luther Preparatory School**: tutor (reassigned for second year)

Eric Dorn (Crete IL) to **Lakeside LHS**: religion, coaching (one-year assignment)

Abigail Elowski (Oconomowoc WI) to **St. John LS-Sparta WI**: gr 5-6

Erin Feddersen (Great Mills MD) to **Immanuel LS-La Crosse WI**: gr 7-8

Mitchell Giovannettone (Watertown SD) to **St. Paul LS-Lake Mills WI**: gr 6, Principal Training Program (one-year assignment)

Kiernan Handy (La Crosse WI) to **Peace LS-Sun Prairie WI**: gr 2

Alisha Harwood (Neeah WI) to **First LS-La Crosse WI**: ECE

Joel Hering (Rowlett TX) to **Luther Preparatory School**: tutor (reassigned for one year)

Michael Hollmann (Hustisford WI) to **St. Mark LC-Eau Claire WI**: associate pastor

Alexandra Kohlstedt (Sun Prairie WI) to **St. John LS-Sparta WI**: gr 7-8, technology

Rachael Koteck (Bangor WI) to **Mt. Calvary/Grace LS-La Crosse WI**: K, music

Lucas Krogmann (Iron Ridge WI) to **Luther Preparatory School**: music instructor (reassigned for third year)

Hope Loersch (Watertown WI) to **St. Paul LS-Menomonie WI**: gr 1-2, music

Luke Miller (Indianapolis) to **Luther Preparatory School**: tutor (one-year assignment)

Joshua Mose (Iron Ridge WI) to **St. John LS-Jefferson WI**: gr 7-8

Sarah Mose (Madison WI) to **St. Paul LS-Ixonia WI**: gr 3-4, music

Emily Muir (Watertown WI) to **Luther Preparatory School**: tutor (reassigned for second year)

Hannah Paustian (New Ulm MN) to **Zion LS-Columbus WI**: gr 1-2

Aaron Platzer (Olivet MI) to **Peace LC-Loves Park IL**: pastor

Brooke Rhoden (New London WI) to **St. Paul LS-Lake Mills WI**: gr 5 (one-year assignment)



Rosemary
Belter
DMLC 1964
Baraboo WI



Richard
Raabe
NWC 1969
Wauwatosa WI



Kathleen
Deines
DMLC 1974
Scottsdale AZ



Roger
Oemig
DMLC 1969
Waukesha WI

Assigned to Your District

Joseph Rodewald (Simpsonville SC) to
Luther Preparatory School: tutor
(one-year assignment)

Luke Rothe (New Berlin WI) to **Luther
Preparatory School:** instructor (reassigned
for third year)

Emma Schultz (Elkhorn WI) to **Luther
Preparatory School:** tutor (reassigned for
second year)

Jamie Spaude (Greenfield WI) to
Luther Preparatory School: tutor
(one-year assignment)

Joshua VonDeylen (Friendswood TX) to
Luther Preparatory School: tutor
(reassigned for second year)

Andrew Westra (Columbia TN) to
Luther Preparatory School: tutor
(one-year assignment)

Andrea Witzel (Hubertus WI) to **St. Paul
LS-Tomah WI:** K (one-year assignment)

HOME & WORLD MISSIONS

Joseph Keller (McLean VA) to
Grace LS-Grand Anse, Grenada: gr 5
(one-year assignment)

Jenna Miller (Combined Locks WI) to
**St. John LS-St. John's, Antigua and
Barbuda:** gr 5 (one-year assignment)

Josiah Nommensen (Cudahy WI) to
Grace LS-Grand Anse, Grenada: gr 1
(one-year assignment)

Sheryl Persaud (St. John's, Antigua and
Barbuda) to **St. John LS-St. John's,
Antigua and Barbuda:** gr 1

Sarah Quinn (Wisconsin Dells WI) to
**St. John LS-St. John's, Antigua and
Barbuda:** gr 3 (one-year assignment)

INTERNATIONAL SITES CHOSEN BY GRADUATES

Benjamin Bitter (Milwaukee) to
Chile

Benjamin Feddersen (Great Mills MD) to
Southeast Asia

Benjamin Kieta (Livonia MI) to
Southeast Asia

Heidi Kostrzewa (Wauwatosa WI) to
Southeast Asia

Caleb Kuether (Crete IL) to
Southeast Asia

Abigail Mleziva (Manitowoc WI) to
Southeast Asia

Micah Otto (Mequon WI) to
Southeast Asia

Anne Russell (Holt MI) to
Dominican Republic

Elizabeth Schwartz (Greendale WI) to
Southeast Asia

Elena Stingle (Black Creek WI) to
Dominican Republic

** Additional calls and assignments may have been made since this list went to press.

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KEY:

AD – Athletic Director

ECE – Early Childhood Education

LA – Lutheran Academy

LC – Lutheran Church

LES – Lutheran Elementary School

LHS – Lutheran High School

LPS – Lutheran Preschool

LS – Lutheran School

PS – Preschool



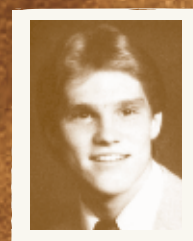
Michelle
Schmidt
DMLC 1994
Norfolk NE



Paul
Schleis
NWC 1979
Mishicot WI



Kathryn
Gabert
DMLC 1994
Canby OR



Mark
Paustian
NWC 1984
Watertown WI



Nine Knights Named to **UMAC All-Decade Team**

The Upper Midwest Athletic Conference (UMAC) celebrated 10 years as an NCAA Division III member in 2018-2019. In connection with that anniversary, they released an All-Decade team for each sport. Individuals and teams were nominated by their schools, and a special committee of conference coaches and administrators chose the final All-Decade teams. Nine Martin Luther College Knights received an All-Decade Team honor. Many of these graduates are now using their athletic gifts in their ministries—as teachers, coaches, and athletic directors.



Rebecca Engelbrecht **UMAC All-Decade Volleyball Team**

Engelbrecht started her career by winning the 2010 UMAC Rookie of the Year award, and finished it with three consecutive First Team All-UMAC honors in 2011, 2012, and 2013.

She finished her MLC career as one of the most prolific players in program history. She ranks second in program history in career kills (1,297) and kills per set (3.47). She also ranks third in career attack attempts (3,397), fourth in career attack percentage (.251), and tenth in career digs (1,024), and is one of only three players in program history to record at least 1,000 career kills and digs.

As a senior, Engelbrecht posted her best season as she led the UMAC and ranked 21st in all of NCAA Division III with an average of 4.10 kills per set.

Engelbrecht also won 12 UMAC Player of the Week honors over the course of her career, and led her teams to four consecutive top-four finishes in the conference.

She was one of only seven players named to the All-Decade Volleyball Team.

Nathan Loersch **UMAC All-Decade Men's Cross Country Team**

Loersch won the UMAC Cross Country Championships in 2008, helping the Knights earn the team championship in the process. His winning time of 27:13.4 was seven seconds faster than the second-place finisher, and it remains the fastest time by a UMAC runner at the Pomme de Terre course.

Loersch added a second-place finish at the UMAC Championships in 2009, and finished his career with a 10th-place finish. He also earned All-UMAC honors for each of his final three seasons.

He was one of only five runners named to the UMAC All-Decade Men's Cross Country Team.

Note: Rebecca Engelbrecht and Nathan Loersch are married.





Chushee Fletcher and Matt Rothe **UMAC All-Decade Football Team**

Fletcher and Rothe each played for MLC from 2007 to 2010, with only their 2008-10 seasons being considered for this honor. Both players were key figures for the Knights during a stretch in which they recorded a 19-10 record and earned the only UMAC Conference Championship prior to 2018.

Fletcher (*pictured, top*) earned First Team All-UMAC honors in 2009 and 2010, and was named UMAC Defensive Player of the Year in 2009. He was also named Second Team All-UMAC in 2008. He finished his final three seasons with 148 total tackles, 5.0 sacks, and 18.0 tackles for loss.

As a big defensive tackle, Fletcher was an imposing figure for opposing offensive lines, helping the Knights become one of the best defensive units in the conference. During his 2009 Defensive Player of the Year campaign, Fletcher recorded 56 tackles, 4.0 sacks, and 12.0 tackles for loss.

Rothe (*pictured, bottom*) earned First Team All-UMAC honors in 2008, 2009, and 2010, and did so at multiple positions. He earned the honor at middle linebacker in 2008 and 2010, but proved his versatility with an all-conference season at defensive end as a junior in 2009.

From 2008 to 2010, Rothe recorded 239 tackles and 24.5 tackles for loss, and forced six fumbles. He set a career high with 105 tackles during the 2008 season.

Fletcher and Rothe were two of only 25 football players named to the UMAC All-Decade Football Team.



Josh Hansen **UMAC All-Decade Men's Golf Team**

Hansen was a four-time All-UMAC performer during his career, which spanned from 2013 to 2016. Hansen earned the honor in 2013, 2015, and 2016 at MLC, and also was named All-Conference during his one season at Bethany Lutheran College (BLC) in 2014.

Hansen finished second at the UMAC Championships in both 2013 and 2015, and tied for fourth place in the event as a senior in 2016. He finished tied for eighth in the tournament as a sophomore at BLC in 2014.

He was one of only five golfers named to the UMAC All-Decade Men's Golf Team.

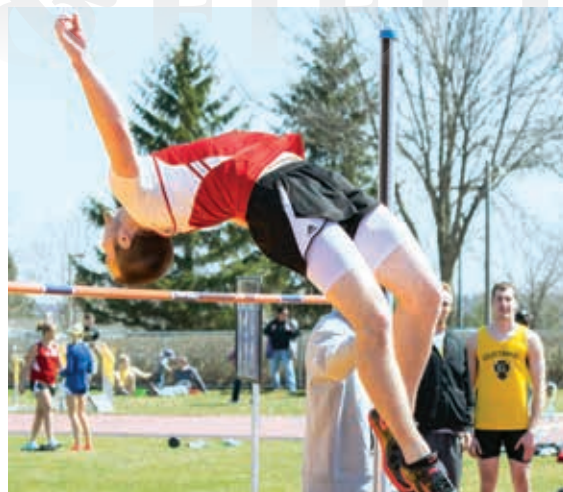
Todd Brassow **UMAC All-Decade Men's** **Track & Field Team**

Brassow is a four-time All-UMAC performer (2013-2016) in the High Jump, and holds the conference record with a top jump of 2.0 meters at the 2016 UMAC Outdoor Track & Field Championships. He won the High Jump event at the conference championship each of his four years, and he holds the three highest jumps in conference history.

Brassow's school record in the High Jump is 2.08 meters, set during his junior season in 2015, and he earned trips to the NCAA Division III Track & Field Championships in 2015 and 2016. After finishing ninth in 2015, Brassow became the first-ever MLC student-athlete to earn NCAA Division III All-America honors with a seventh-place finish in the High Jump as a senior in 2016.

A two-sport athlete, Brassow is also one of 11 players in MLC men's basketball history with at least 1,000 career points (1,356), and he holds the MLC single-season record with 570 points (set during the 2015-2016 season). He was named First Team All-UMAC in men's basketball following each of his last two seasons.

He is one of only 12 athletes named to the UMAC All-Decade Men's Track & Field Team.



Erica Babinec **UMAC All-Decade Women's Basketball Team**

Babinec's record-breaking career for the Knights spanned from 2008 to 2012. During her four seasons, she set school records for career points (1,644), rebounds (685), free throws (418), and steals (267). She also ranks second in program history in career field goals (570) and third in career assists (301).

Babinec was named UMAC Player of the Year following her senior season (2011-2012) and earned First Team All-UMAC honors all four seasons of her career.

Babinec's individual success also translated to team success for the Knights. MLC qualified for the UMAC Postseason Tournament in each of her four seasons, and won the UMAC regular season and postseason tournament championships in 2011-2012. With that tournament championship, the Knights qualified for the NCAA Tournament for the first time in any sport in school history.

Babinec is one of only five players named to the UMAC All-Decade Women's Basketball Team.



Sarah Sherod
MLC 2014
Torrance CA



Daniel Schumann
NWC 1979
Duluth MN



Elda May Tietz
DMLC 1959
New Prague MN



Kenneth Gast
NWC 1964
Kiel WI



Anna Hemmelman

UMAC All-Decade Women's Tennis Team

Hemmelman is one of only six women's tennis players who played from 2009 to 2018 to earn the prestigious honor, despite only competing for two seasons (2017-2018) during that period. Hemmelman is also the lone active player named to the team.

Hemmelman made the most of those two seasons, earning two All-UMAC awards and winning UMAC Women's Tennis Player of the Year honors in 2018.

In 2018, Hemmelman became the first MLC player to go unbeaten in UMAC play with a perfect 7-0 record in number-one singles. She finished the season 13-3 overall in singles play and recorded 11 straight wins after a 2-3 start.

In her first season in 2017, Hemmelman was named All-UMAC thanks to a 6-4 record in number-one singles.

While the 2019 season did not count toward her All-Decade resume, Hemmelman was named First Team All-UMAC for the third straight season this spring after going 13-4 in singles competition. She continued her stellar performance in conference matches, finishing with a 6-1 singles record to improve to 13-1 in league play over the past two seasons atop the MLC lineup.



Jake Ziel

UMAC All-Decade Baseball Team

Ziel's four-year career as both a pitcher and outfielder spanned 2011 to 2014. He was named co-Pitcher of the Year in the UMAC in 2014 and was twice named First Team All-UMAC (2013, 2014). He also earned American Baseball Coaches Association (ABCA) All-Region Third Team in 2014.

Ziel finished his career as MLC's all-time leader with 205 career strikeouts. The talented left-hander also ranks second in the MLC career record book in wins (14), ERA (3.95), and innings pitched (200.2). In the single-season record book, Ziel holds two of the top five seasons in program history in both strikeouts and ERA.

When he wasn't pitching, Ziel became one of the team's top hitters and started in right field. He finished his career fourth in program history with 117 hits, and he led the team in batting average in both 2013 (.378) and 2014 (.381).

Jake is one of only 15 athletes named to the UMAC All-Decade Baseball Team.



Pamela Monroe
DMLC 1969
Eugene OR



Philip Rehberger
DMLC 1989
Oshkosh WI



Lillian Kirchmaier
DMLC 1949
Osceola WI



James Hein
MLC 2004
Saginaw MI

Sports

Records Fall in Softball and Baseball

Three single-season records were set or tied during the softball and baseball seasons this spring.

Sophomore shortstop **Brittany Denn** (*St. Paul-New Ulm MN*) made a big impact in her first season on the softball team. She set a new MLC single-season record with 18 doubles, breaking the previous record of 16 set by **Sarah Free** during the 2011 season. Denn was named First Team All-UMAC this season after leading the UMAC in batting average (.479), doubles (18), and slugging percentage (.781).

First-year teammate **Elena Hoffman** (*St. Martin-Watertown SD, pictured*) also made her way into the MLC record books by tying the single-season mark with eight home runs. Those eight (seven of which were in UMAC games) led the conference and helped Hoffman earn Honorable Mention All-UMAC honors.

Junior Caleb Christopher (*Faith-Sharpsburg GA*) set the school single-season record for doubles in baseball with 15 this season, breaking the previous record of 12 set by four other players. Christopher was named First Team All-UMAC this season after receiving Honorable Mention each of his first two seasons.



Men's Track Ties for Third at UMAC Championships

The MLC men recorded their best UMAC Outdoor Track & Field performance ever this season, with a tie for third place with 111 total points.

Five MLC student-athletes earned All-UMAC honors at the event, led by **Micah Otto** (*Salem-Milwaukee*) and **Josh Wordell** (*Bethany-Kenosha WI*), who won the 400 Meter Hurdles and Javelin Throw events, respectively. **Ben Bitter** (*St. John-Milwaukee*), **Caleb Foelske** (*Bethany-Manitowoc*), and **Jacob Melso** (*St. Paul-Wisconsin Rapids WI, pictured*) were also named All-UMAC.

Bitter finished second in both the 3000 Meter Steeplechase and 1500 Meters at the event, while Foelske recorded a second-place finish in the Discus (and a new school record in that event), third place in the Shot Put, and seventh place in the Javelin. Melso finished second in the 800 Meters and participated with Wordell and Bitter as part of the Knights' third-place 4 X 400 Relay team.

The women also had a strong performance at the conference meet, finishing in a tie for fourth place (out of eight teams) with 43 total points.



Hemmelman Named All-UMAC for Third Time

Junior women's tennis player **Anna Hemmelman** (*Trinity-Goodview MN*) was named All-UMAC for the third time after another strong season atop the MLC lineup.

Hemmelman finished the season with a 13-4 record in number-one singles, including a 6-1 mark in UMAC play. The 2018 UMAC Women's Tennis Player of the Year is now 13-1 in singles play against conference foes the last two seasons, and 26-7 overall during that stretch.

Senior **Josh Koelpin** (*St. John-New Ulm MN*) was named All-UMAC on the men's side for the second time in his career after posting a 7-9 singles record this season.



Jessica Lomker
MLC 2014
Mississauga,
Ontario



Lyle Luchterhand
NWC 1964
Marshfield WI



Stephanie Wockenfuss
MLC 2009
Colorado Springs



Caleb Free
MLC 2009
Plover WI



2018-2019 UMAC Male Scholar-Athlete Leadership Award:

Joshua Koelpin

(St. John-New Ulm MN)

- Soccer and Tennis • Four-year letter winner
- Captain • All-UMAC
- Seven Academic All-UMAC awards

Past MLC Winners

2017-2018 Kira Grev

2010-2011 April Cook

2007-2008 Nathan Nass

UMAC 10-Year Service Award:

Jim Unke



- Volunteer commissioner for UMAC in early years
- Brought UMAC into NCAA Division III
- Two-time chair of UMAC AD Council
- Three-time member of UMAC Strategic Planning Committee
- Member of UMAC Membership & Finance Committees
- "Without Jim Unke, the UMAC would not be where it is today." (umacathletics.com)
- "Jim truly exemplifies a servant-leader." (Tim Grosz, University of Northwestern)

First Team All-UMAC 2018-2019

GOLF

Alison Lindemann
(St. John-Lewiston MN)

CROSS COUNTRY

Leah Miller
(Shepherd of the Hills-Knoxville TN)

SOCCER

Joseph Graumann
*Offensive Player of the Year
(St. Paul-Fort Atkinson WI)

Gabriel Plocher
(St. Luke-Vassar MI)

Aaron Swanson
(Resurrection-Rochester MN)

TENNIS

Anna Hemmelman
(Trinity-Goodview MN)

Josh Koelpin
(St. John-New Ulm MN)

FOOTBALL

Austin DeNoyer
* Most Valuable Offensive Player
(St. Paul-Lake Mills WI)

Ben Arndt
(Good Shepherd-Burnsville MN)

Josh Arndt
(Good Shepherd-Burnsville MN)

Zach Bloomquist
(St. Jacobi-Greenfield WI)

Keith Brassow
(Zion-Osceola WI)

Carrington Cunningham
(Wisconsin LHS)

Josh Frailing
(Riverview-Appleton WI)

Dan Gensmer
(Abiding Love-Cape Coral FL)

Tristan Pankow
(Trinity-Bay City MI)

Mike Radue

(Mt. Calvary-Waukesha WI)

Mark Stein

UMAC Football
Coach of the Year



SOFTBALL

Brittany Denn
(St. Paul-New Ulm MN)

BASEBALL

Caleb Christopher
(Faith-Sharpsburg GA)

TRACK & FIELD

Ben Bitter
(St. John-Milwaukee WI)

Caleb Foelske
(Bethany-Manitowoc WI)

Jacob Melso
(St. Paul-Wisconsin Rapids WI)

Micah Otto
(Salem-Milwaukee)

Josh Wordell
(Bethany-Kenosha WI)



Daniel Solofra
NWC 1989
Burlington WI



Susan Rauch
DMLC 1974
Arlington OH



Robert Hanke
NWC 1944
Rollingstone MN



Valeria Stchetinina
MLC 1999
Moscow

Thalassa Prize

2018 WINNER: MICAH RICKE

“Auntie Nancy”



We had no home, jobs, or friends. But we had a family.

It was our first night in our new home. We came here to teach people about their Savior, but we needed a place to sleep first.

A local house church welcomed us with open arms. They had no pastor, no board, no programs, no organ or praise band. All they had was a small flat with a couch, a kitchen and a cross. Our first three nights, we slept on that couch. We weren't just the foreign teachers. We were family.

“All the believers were together and had everything in common.”
Acts 2:44

Their services were simple but genuine. Four or five people would sit in a circle, and Auntie Nancy would open their songbook and lead them in praising their Good Shepherd. Nancy does not have a gorgeous voice, but she sang with the confidence of one whose faith has been refined by fire—more heart than harmony.

“Where two or three gather in my name, there I am with them.”
Matthew 18:20

Auntie Nancy's father was a successful businessman who later in life became a pastor. When the Communist Party came to power, her father had his teeth knocked out and had no way to feed his family. Nancy's childhood went from rich to ragged.

“If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also.” John 15:20

Yet here she was, an 80-year-old saint singing praises to her King. At any moment the police could barge in and these believers could be jailed or worse. With her life on the line and a smile on her face, Auntie Nancy kept singing.

“Rejoice in the LORD always. I will say it again: Rejoice!”
Philippians 4:4

Micah Ricke '10 and his wife, Kayla, serve in Southeast Asia. MLC's International Services Office awarded Micah \$1,000, half of which he designated to a Southeast Asia mission.

The Thalassa Prize is given to recognize a Martin Luther College student or graduate who expresses clearly and beautifully, in image and word, a personal reflection on a ministry experience overseas.

2019 WINNER: ETHAN SCHULTZ

“The Flock Under His Care”



The Bible is filled with imagery. God paints the pages of Scriptures with beautiful self-portraits. He speaks of himself as a powerful king, a protective eagle, the water and bread of life, and as a shepherd.

In Southeast Asia, a part of the world which is largely unfamiliar with the Bible and therefore spiritually lost, this image of a shepherd is particularly comforting.

Materialism is at an all-time high. Luxury shopping malls are scattered along every major street. Many people are convinced that they can buy happiness. Every heart is lacking something.

“The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.”

The pursuit of a successful career is quintessential in this society. The hours spent in schools, in laboratories, in demanding extracurricular activities, and with private tutors are exhausting to say the least.

“He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters. He restores my soul.”

A materialistic workaholic will keep working and buying until they find true happiness. They will buy and buy and work and work, but they will never find what they are looking for. They are lost.

“He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name’s sake.”

Christianity is not entirely legal in this country. Oftentimes, being associated with Christianity may be dangerous for one’s career, social standing, or worse.

“Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.” Psalm 23

May our Good Shepherd continue to gather all of his lost sheep together.

“For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them.” Matthew 18:20

Ethan and his wife, Kylah, both 2018 MLC graduates, served in Southeast Asia in 2018-2019. MLC’s International Services Office awarded Ethan \$1,000, half of which he designated to a Southeast Asia mission.

Mission Advancement

The Shepherd Society

Founded in 2008, the Shepherd Society is comprised of called workers who've been recognized for making a difference in people's lives through their ministries. The called workers nominated for the Shepherd Society receive a commemorative plaque with a personal Certificate of Appreciation from the MLC president. Anyone may nominate a pastor, teacher, or staff minister for the Shepherd Society at mlc-wels.edu/go/shepherd-society.

The following honorees were added to the Shepherd Society in 2018-2019:

Steven Blumer

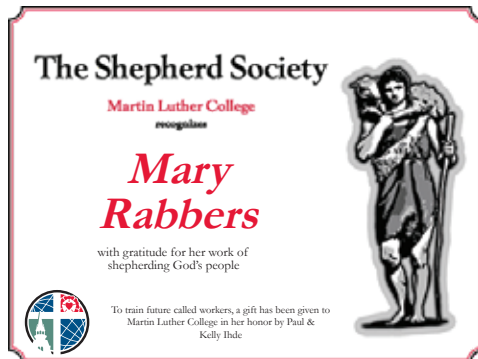
Ann Gutzke

Mark Henrich

Mary Rabbers

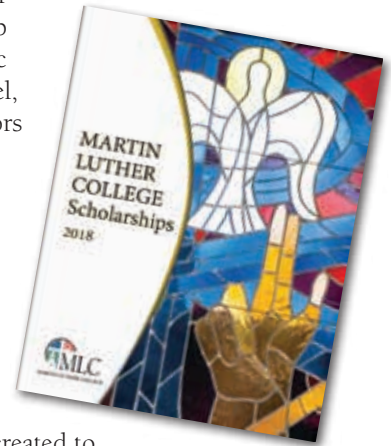
Stanley & Mary Weinrich

Marcia Wendt



New Scholarships in 2018-2019

Motivated by love for their Savior and deep respect for the public ministry of the gospel, many generous donors have established scholarships at Martin Luther College. Some are merit-based, and others are need-based. Some are created in honor of a loved one, and others are created to support a specific ministry that a donor holds close to their heart.



All make a significant impact on the lives of our students. All bring glory to our gift-giving God.

The following scholarships were established in 2018-2019:

Edison Sabin Memorial Scholarship

Military Veterans Scholarship

Professor Joyce Diels Scholarship for Mathematics

DMLHS Class of 1959 Scholarship

The Carow MLC Preseminary Scholarship

Emanuel New London 125th Anniversary Fund Scholarship

Divine Savior Academy Pastoral Ministry Scholarship

Melacha Scholarship

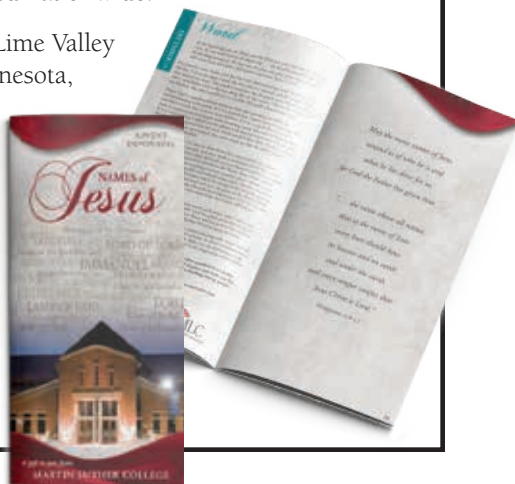
Howard L. Wessel Memorial Scholarship

If you are interested in establishing a scholarship at Martin Luther College, please call 507.354.8221.

MLC Publication Wins Tenth Design Award

The Advent devotional *Names of Jesus* earned a Merit Award from the Service Industry Advertising Awards (SIAA). Creative and communication excellence were the criteria SIAA used to evaluate the 1,800 entries they received nationwide.

MLC is proud to work with Lime Valley Advertising of Mankato, Minnesota, to create publications that tell the story of our mission, training a corps of Christian witnesses to share the gospel. This is the tenth SIAA award we have won in the last 15 years.



Louis Meyer
NWC 1954
Osceola WI



Michael Chappell
MLC 1999
Orange Park FL



Kevin Hundley
NWC 1994
Milton WI



Mary Geiger
MLC 1999
Belmont CA

Reunited!

Is it time for a reunion? We can help you get the ball rolling. Contact Alumni Relations Director Steve Balza at 507.217.1731 or alumni@mlc-wels.edu. The Alumni Relations Office can provide help with . . .

- Class member listings with contact info when available (Free)
- "Save the Date" postcards and invitation mailings (Free)
- Meeting spaces on campus (Free)
- Registration assistance and welcome packets (Free)
- Chapel and campus tours (Free)
- Class gift planning (Free)
- Community tours (Fee)
- Meal and reception planning (Fee)
- Name tags and reunion booklet keepsakes (Fee)

Come in September when the weather is nice, school is in session, cafeteria meals are available, and opportunities exist to worship and connect with our students. Or come in summer when campus is quiet and your schedules may be more open.

Here are the reunions already in the works at MLC:

DMLHS 1954
Jul 20-22

Contact:
Elaine Otterstatter
715.617.0223
ottson7@yahoo.com

DMLHS 1959
Jul 31-Aug 2

Contact:
Carole Harries
507.847.4322
lcharries@yourstarnet.net

MLA 1979
Aug 3-4

Contact:
Mark Henrich
647.546.8257
pastormark.henrich@gmail.com

MLA 1969
Sep 14

Contact:
Pat Schulz
612.910.8195
koalapat51@gmail.com

DMLC 1969
Oct 14-16

Contact:
Dave Hackmann
414.529.0214
davecjh@gmail.com



Another Great Celebration of Ministerial Education

- 40,915 viewed our MLC Day videos.
- 17,000 watched the MLC Lip Dub.
- 29,847 saw our Facebook posts.
- 1,700 visited MLCday.com.
- 60 schools and churches—plus many other WELS and community supporters—sent us photos, prayers, posts, and videos.
- 41 states and 8 countries were represented.
- 127 donors contributed to student financial aid.
- \$100,000 was given.

Thank you, friends, for your partnership in MLC's mission!



MLC friends from Shepherd of the Hills-Greeley CO

FACULTY & STAFF NOTES

Professor David Bauer DMLC '78 (music) presented "User-Friendly Worship" at the Minnesota District Leadership Workshops at Trinity-Belle Plaine in March.



Dr. John Boeder WLS '90 (campus pastor) successfully defended his dissertation, *The Influence of a Short-Term Mission Experience on Student Attitudes Toward the Ministry: A Case Study*, and was awarded a Doctorate of Ministry from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in May.

Professor James Carlovsky '02 (mathematics and instruction technology) chaired the Fifth Annual Men of Truth Conference at MLC in March.

Professor Joel Fredrich WLS '82 (foreign languages & theology) led a study of baptism for the Nebraska Pastors' Summer School in Omaha in July.

Laurie Gauger-Hested DMLC '87 (campus writer/editor) was invited to participate in a Lutheran Hymn Writers Roundtable at the Center for Church Music at Concordia University Chicago in May. In addition, she and composer **Dale Witte** DMLC '89 have published the choral anthem "Quiet Me, My Lord" through Northwestern Publishing House.

Professor Daniel Gawrisch '08 (physical education) presented "Preservice Physical Education Teachers' Perceptions of Technology Integration During Professional Experiences" at the Society of Health and Physical Education National Convention in Florida in April.

Professors Kelli Green DMLC '92 (special education) and **Daryl Hanneman** DMLC '75 (special education) serve on the WELS Commission of Lutheran Schools' Special Education Task Force. Green was also voted onto the board of the Christian Educators for Special Education.



Dr. Timothy Grundmeier '07 (history) was awarded his PhD in history from Baylor University after defending his dissertation, *Making Their Own Faith: Lutheranism and American Culture in the Civil War Era*. He also chaired a panel on 20th-century African-American history at the Minnesota Undergraduate History Symposium at Bethel University on April 27.

Instructors Jennifer Haugen and **Kathryn Wurster** (voice) performed a musical theater concert, "Mad About Broadway," at the Grand Kabaret in New Ulm in May. **Ryan Henning** '17 and **Laura Stelljes** (network support services) accompanied the vocalists.

Professor Thomas Hunter DMLC '74 (director, International Services) conducted successful site evaluations at Rising Eagles School-Beijing and Canaan Lutheran Academy-Seoul this April. Rising Eagles, an elementary school that already hosts MLC education majors for Early Field Experiences, has now received approval as MLC's second international student teaching location. Canaan, which prepares students for an American high school education, will now receive a new MLC December graduate every year.



Megan Kassuelke (international coordinator) earned her MS in ethnic and multicultural studies from Minnesota State University Mankato. She also earned certification as a Qualified Administrator of the Intercultural Development Inventory (IDI), which certifies her to use the IDI, interpret its results, and discuss strategies to improve intercultural development.



Elizabeth Klugherz '14 (director, Early Childhood Learning Center) earned her MED in family social science from the University of Minnesota Twin Cities.

Professor Paul Koelpin WLS '90 (history & theology) presented "Antinomianism: Appeal and Antidote" to pastors of the Wisillowa Conference of the Western Wisconsin District in April.

Professor Jonathan Laabs '08 (music) performed the role of Elijah in Mendelssohn's oratorio in Menomonee Falls WI in May. He continues to serve as artistic director for Canticum Novum, a WELS Chamber Choir. They offered three concerts and a worship service June 20-23 in the Milwaukee area.

Adjunct Professor Dr. Ryan MacPherson (graduate studies) presented "Getting the Facts Straight: How Grammar, History, and Logic Can Rescue Education from Postfactualism" at the San Antonio Biblical Worldview Conference hosted by Faith LC-San Antonio (ELS). He also presented the keynote address, "The Perils and Promises of Lutheran Science Education in the 21st Century," and a sectional, "Creation Apologetics: How to Win People," at the Western Wisconsin District Teachers' Conference at Eastside LS-Madison in February.



Benjamin Matzke (coordinator, Audio Visual Services) earned his MA in communication studies from Minnesota State University Mankato.

Professor Emeritus Dr. Carla Melendy presented "WELS Ministerial Growth and Evaluation Process: WELS Teaching Standards (Module 1)" at the Minnesota District Conference in April and the Fox Valley LHS Professional Development Conference in June.

Dr. John Meyer DMLC '87 (director, Graduate Studies and Continuing Education) was recently selected to serve as a peer reviewer for the Higher Learning Commission. His first review was the Appalachian Bible College in West Virginia. He also presented "Making the Most of Confirmation Instruction" to pastors of the Southern Conference of the Minnesota District in Carthage MO in February, and "Continuing Education Then and Now" at the MLC Alumni Dinner in May.

Dr. Kari Muentz '99 (social sciences) presented "Engaging All Students: Universal Design for Learning and the Social Studies Curriculum" at the Minnesota Social Studies Method Teachers networking meeting at the Minnesota Historical Society in St. Paul in May.

Dr. Mark Paustian WLS '88 (Hebrew/English) presented "My Son, Be Strong in Grace," a five-hour Bible study, to three-year veteran pastors and their wives at the 'Grow in Grace' Celebration of Ministry Retreat in San Antonio in April.

Adjunct Professor Dr. Ryan Rathje '98 (graduate studies) presented "Standards-Based Grading and Assessment" at Salem-Stillwater MN in June.

Adjunct Professor Dr. Leslie Rogers (graduate studies) was the recipient of the student-nominated Eagle Teaching Excellence Award at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse. She also recently received grant money to investigate the impact of practice-based professional development and self-regulated strategy development in a five-year study at a middle school in the La Crosse area.

Adjunct Professor Kristina Rouech (graduate studies) presented "Using Microteaching as Innovative Practice to Engage Students in Practice" at the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Conference in Savannah GA in January. She also presented "Bridging the Gap: Connecting the University Seminar to Field Placement for the Teacher Candidates" at the Association of Teacher Educators Conference in Atlanta in February. Her article "Launching Integrative Experiences through Linked Courses" was published in the *Learning Communities Research and Practice* journal (February 6, 2019) of the Washington Center at The Evergreen State College.

Professor Jonathan Schaefer '02 (director, New Teacher Induction) led the WELS Lead Mentor Conference in Wisconsin Dells June 27-28. "Supporting Change and Growth in Teaching" was the theme of this conference for lead mentors from all 12 WELS Districts.



Presented at WELS EdTechLead Summit

Professor James Carlovsky:

"So You Feel Like Google Can Do More for You?"

Professor Rachel Feld:

"Using Technology in Bible Lessons"

"Using Google Apps in WELSSA"

Professor Emeritus Dr. James Grunwald:

"Expanding Curricular Offerings Through Online Courses"

Webmaster Bob Martens:

"The Potential Power of Team Chat"

Professor Jennifer Mehlberg:

"Adult-Child Interaction in ECE"

Dr. John Meyer and Mr. James Rademan (CLS):

"Positioning Principals for Success"

Dr. John Meyer and Professor Jon Schaefer:

"Learning-Focused Instruction"

Dr. Kari Muentz:

"Breaking Curriculum Barriers: Social Studies, Technology & Inclusive Instruction"

Instructor Michael Plocher:

"Formative Assessments Using Technology"

Dr. Jeff Wiechman:

"WELS Ministerial Growth and Evaluation Process: Evaluation – A Summative Process (Module 4)"

FACULTY & STAFF NOTES

Professor David Scharf WLS '05 (theology) presented "10 Lies About God" at the WELS & ELS Pacific Northwest Men's Retreat in Seattle in April. He presented "The Theology and Practice of Stewardship" at the Minnesota District Conference in May and the South Atlantic District Conference in June. He also continues to write devotions for *Grace Moments* and to present videotaped devotions for *Grace Talks*, both productions of Time of Grace-Milwaukee.

Professor Nicolas Schmoller WLS '10 (theology) led a three-week Bible study on the book of Revelation at St. John-New Ulm MN. He also presented an exegesis of 1 Corinthians to pastors of the Southwestern Conference of the Michigan District in May.

Aaron Spike '02 (programmer analyst) has been asked to teach Introduction to Programming for the Association of Lutheran High Schools Online.

Professor James Unke DMLC '83 (director of athletics) was honored by the Upper Midwest Athletic Conference with a UMAC 10-Year Service Award. (See page 25.)

Professor Emeritus Dr. Wayne Wagner DMLC '72 served as consultant for a new pipe organ project at Our Redeemer-Madison WI, and played a dedication recital and hymn sing for that organ in April. He also continues to teach for the New Ulm CASTLE Lifelong Learning Institute.

Dr. Cindy Whaley DMLC '76 (education) was honored May 10 by St. Croix Lutheran Academy with one of its first two Distinguished Alumni Awards. "Dr. Whaley is well known for her commitment to Christian education and extraordinary mentorship of future teachers," said SCLA leaders.

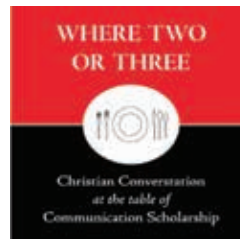
Dr. Jeff Wiechman DMLC '92 (vice president for academics) presented "The Commonplaces of Education" at Christ the King-Palm Coast FL in May.



Professor Emeritus Frederick Wulff DMLC '64 has self-published his eighth book, *Education Gone Awry: Getting Back on Track with Logic and Essential Values* through Outskirts Press.

President Mark Zarling WLS '80 presented a devotional Bible study on 1 Peter to 25-year veteran pastors and their wives at the 'Grow in Grace' Celebration of Ministry Retreat in San Antonio in April. He also presented "Gospel Gems in Genesis" to the Dakota-Montana District Pastors' Institute April 30-May 1.

PODCAST HOSTING



Where Two or Three

Dr. Mark Paustian and **John Wildauer** '15, a Minneapolis-based video producer, have published *Where Two or Three*, a new podcast that explores how Christian theology and communication theory intertwine.



WELSTech

Professor Rachel Feld cohosts WELSTech, which is dedicated to furthering ministry through technology, every other month during the school year. The May episode was "Digital Health and Wellness."

PODCAST GUESTING

Professor James Carlovsky: WELSTech: What Google can do for you

Laurie Gauger-Hested: *Hearts and Hands*: The hymn-writing process

Dr. Mark Paustian: *Gird Up!* A scriptural view of masculinity; godly communication between men and women; *Hearts and Hands*: Indirect communication in the Scriptures and its relation to art; *Let the Bird Fly*: The relationship between communication and theology (two episodes); how and why to read unsafe writers

President Mark Zarling: *Gird Up!* MLC and the public ministry

In Memoriam

Professor Emeritus Edward Meyer 1936-2019

Professor Emeritus John Schibbelhut 1934-2019

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Celebrating Ministry Anniversaries

VP Michael Otterstatter WLS '94 (25 years)

Prof. Brian Hennig WLS '96 (25 years)

Prof. Lawrence Czer DMLC '79 (40 years)

Prof. Darrell Berg DMLC '88 (25 years)

Prof. Jonathan Roux DMLC '95 (25 years)

Joining Faculty in 2019-2020

Theodore Klug '97 admissions counselor

Breanna Olson '07 professor of physical education

Joel Thomford WLS '88 admissions counselor

Hans Thomford WLS '19 tutor

Concluding Service



Diana Burt

1973-2019 Administrative Assistant
Retired



Lynn Boesch

1978-2019 Graphic Arts
Retired



Ginger Melzer DMLC '71

1980-2019 Athletics / Financial Services
Retired



Katherine Lotito DMLC '75

2003-2019 Receptionist / Reference Librarian
Retired



Rev. David Starr WLS '14

2014-2019 Admissions Counselor
Accepted call to Mighty Fortress LC-Hiram GA



Heather Kressin '15

2015-2019 ECLC Lead Teacher
Peaceful release



Paul Spaude WLS '17

2017-2019 Tutor
Assigned as pastor to St. Matthew-Niles IL



Emily Rider '18

2018-2019 Admissions Counselor
Opted for international service in Southeast Asia

RETIRING

Dr. Lawrence Lotito



After 26 years in the public ministry, Dr. Lawrence Lotito has retired. Since 2002, Dr. Lotito has served on the MLC campus as an education professor, filling the roles of director of assessment, portfolio chair, and men's golf coach for several years as well.

Prior to his service at MLC, he served as principal and teacher at St. John in Wrightstown, Wisconsin (1993-2002).

His colleague in the education department, Professor Emeritus Lance Hartzell, pays tribute to him:

"Dr. Lawrence Lotito, my friend and colleague, came to Lutheranism and teaching a little later in life than many of us who teach here at the college, and he brought with him many interests and skills from the world of business and finance that have been real blessings to Martin Luther College. He can surprise you with his multifaceted knowledge of everything from racehorses to movie stars to prize fighters to golf to Coca-Cola.

"One of Professor Lotito's most striking traits is the meticulous care he gives to everything he does. If you have a project you want done well, with great attention to detail, you could do no better than to put him in charge of it. His work on portfolios and assessment here at the college are but two good examples of this.

"He and his wife, Kathy, have both served Martin Luther College for many years with quiet grace and serene competence. It has been my good fortune to serve with Dr. Lawrence Lotito, who, over the years I have come to simply call 'my friend Larry.'"

In their retirement, Larry and his wife, Kathy, hope to travel and spend more time with their children and grandchildren.

Dr. Lotito concludes, "The one message I would leave with MLC students is to remind them of the great privilege it is to work in ministry, and with that comes a great responsibility. Because of this, stay close to God and his Word, for he is your constant companion in all that you do."

MLC Governing Board Digest

By Vice President Scott Schmudlach DMLC '85



Back: Timothy Petermann, **Steven Rosenbaum** DMLC '86 (secretary), **Andrew Van Weele** '04, **Michael Krueger**, **Michael Woldt** WLS '81 (chair), **Paul Prange** WLS '88 (Ministerial Education administrator), **Mark Zarling** WLS '80 (MLC president), Randy Matter, **Joe Archer** DMLC '78. *Front:* **Geoffrey Kieta** WLS '93, **Mark Wessel** WLS '86, **Daniel Leyrer** WLS '89, **Michael Seifert** WLS '03 (vice chair), **David Uhlhorn** '99, Michael Valleau, Dale Krause, **Michael Lindemann** WLS '91, **Dennis Klatt** WLS '88 (Minnesota District president).

September 27-28, 2018

- **Calls:** Approved the calling of one teacher candidate to serve as physical education professor and coach.
- **Costs:** Approved undergraduate tuition, room & board increases of 3% for 2019-20. Concurrently approved 5% increase in institutional financial aid. Per-credit cost for continuing education and graduate students will remain unchanged.
- **Athletic Facilities:** Granted permission to MLC Administrative Council to continue a feasibility study of a partnership with New Ulm Department of Recreation for the building of a multipurpose permanent structure at the MLC Athletic Complex.
- **Facility Preservation:** Approved the setting aside of monies for asset preservation, specifically related to Centennial Hall and Old Main, in surplus of unrestricted funds. Also approved a request to the Synodical Council for a grant from the Financial Stabilization Fund for the remaining costs of MLC's unfunded Centennial Hall projects in FY20.
- **Asset Policy:** Approved the revised Unrestricted Net Asset Policy dated September 28, 2018, which includes provisions for ownership of moveable equipment and library books and increases the Economic Stabilization Fund minimum to 10% of the current operating budget.

February 7-8, 2019

- **Facilities:** Approved a Centennial Hall heating and ventilation project, with expenditures not to exceed \$770,000, subject to approval by WELS Synodical Council.
- **Capital Campaign:** Approved the three pillars of the ECW Campaign: recruitment, facilities, and Congregational Partner Grant Program matching funds.
- **Asset Distribution:** Ratified the Romberg Supporting Foundation distribution as follows: \$25,000 to St. John-Sleepy Eye MN, \$38,992.50 to Minnesota Valley LHS Association, and \$116,997.50 to MLC for tuition assistance.

Thank you for your service



We extend our gratitude to Randy Matter, who has served as an advisory member of the board for nine years.

2019 MARTIN LUTHER COLLEGE

Homecoming

October 11-13, 2019



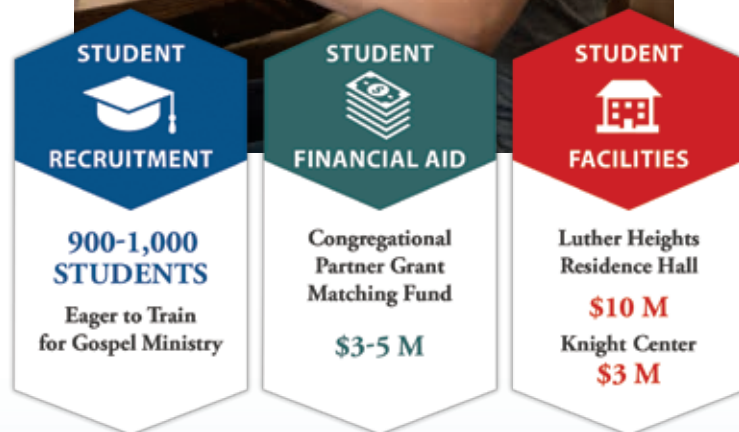
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A Silver Anniversary Campaign

With support from the WELS Conference of Presidents, this two-year capital campaign will celebrate the 2020 silver anniversary of MLC. The title, "Equipping Christian Witnesses," reflects not only the mission of our institution—to train a corps of Christian witnesses to meet WELS ministry needs—but also the pillars of this campaign.



Pray boldly that we use this celebration to recruit with rigor countless Christian witnesses . . . to increase our financial support of our students . . . and to provide the necessary facilities to equip our students for their future ministries.

Please watch for details in the coming months.

Please also consider becoming a liaison for MLC in your congregation.

For more information, visit
mlc-wels.edu/mlc-campaign

