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Above: When winter retreat tubing becomes team building.

Below: **Amanda Rehberger** (LPS / St. Paul-Appleton WI) displays her winning Bingo board and prize.



Winter Retreat Reviews

Last weekend 30 adventurous Knights bundled up, hopped on a bus, and left snowy New Ulm for snowier Wisconsin. Their quest? The annual MLC/WLC Winter Retreat!

Kristin Uher (WISCO / St. John-New Ulm MN) signed up so she could visit a friend from WLC but soon realized how much the weekend had to offer. “I enjoyed the Bible studies, sledding, late-night games, puzzles, and Air Jenga tournament,” she says. “Diving into God’s Word with people who share my faith was so beneficial. Even outside of Bible study, interacting with fellow Christians is so encouraging and fun!”

After a wild weekend, **Molly Bauer** (CLHS / St. Paul First-North Hollywood CA) says, “It is such a great experience. Everyone is so friendly and just as excited as you to be there.” There’s just one condition: “Be ready to do anything with anybody at any time. Even if it means playing another round of Mafia at 2 in the morning!”

BINGO Battles

On Thursday students surged into the cafeteria for Bingo Night – a highly anticipated evening that just might be the social event of the year.

“When you show up at the caf, you get a Bingo board, and the fun ensues soon after,” explains **Anne Manske** (FVL / Mount Olive-Appleton WI). “The suspense of number after number being called fills the air as you slowly tick numbers off your board.”

The stakes are high. If you win you pick from a plethora of donated gift cards, baked goods, and quilts! A huge thank you to Ladies’ Auxiliary and all the generous donors!

PROFile: Professor Tacke

Prof. Tacke’s teaching career may have started with a love of baseball. He considered studying chemistry, but “The Lord had other plans!” he says. “I wanted to play baseball, so I enrolled at DMLC. Almost before I knew what hit me, I was principal and upper grades teacher at Emanuel Lutheran School in Flint, Michigan.”

Prof. Tacke’s trust in the Lord’s plans carried him through calls at St. Paul’s First Lutheran in North Hollywood, California, Northland LHS, and Evergreen LHS. After 17 years at Evergreen, he thought he’d be there for good, but once again, God had other plans: In 2011, he received a call to teach physics at MLC.

Here at MLC Prof. Tacke considers the classroom his “home away from home.” Each morning he introduces physics concepts and jazz tunes into his students’ lives. “I have the privilege of teaching a general education physics class that most education majors are required to take,” he says. “The class is hands-on with lots of group work. We keep things moving and make it fun.

“I also teach courses in electricity/magnetism, light/optics, and astronomy for physics majors and others who are interested. In all my courses, we probe into the workings of God’s creation.”

His advice for students just starting their journey? “Thrive in your college years. There is joy in learning, satisfaction in projects well done, and you will make lifelong friends.”

