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And . . . We're Back!

It was an absolute joy for old friends to reunite on campus two weeks ago. We'd spent far too long apart. We exchanged squinty-eyed smiles behind custom MLC face masks and talked about how we wouldn't take this time for granted again. Excited RAs made quick work of moving futons and mini fridges into dorm rooms while welcoming the new first-years. Before long, students filled the classrooms and our semester began.

"Helping freshmen move in was a blast!" said junior **Nathaniel Brauer** (*LPS / Trinity-Watertown WI*). "It's so great to greet and welcome new faces to campus!"

First-year **Anthony Perez** (*Manitowoc LHS / Bethany-Manitowoc WI*) said, "People here have found so many ways to make life really fun while still following the new regulations!" And first-year **Olivia Kolar** (*Manitowoc LHS / Grace-Manitowoc WI*) added, "The professors are really involved and really want me to do well. They seem so willing to help me if I need it."



Nathaniel Brauer flexes his RA muscles as he helps a first-year move in.

Blessings Behind the Barriers

Spacing. Masks. Cancellations. Capacity limits. Campus life is definitely different this year. While this may sound intimidating, our campus family has seen so many blessings in the midst of these changes. Several professors have taken advantage of the beautiful fall weather. There is plenty of room to be socially distant when your classroom is the great outdoors!

The MLC cafeteria has gained a reputation throughout the New Ulm community for its wide variety of delicious food served throughout the day. Unfortunately, the caf is closed to the public for now due to a reduced capacity. In fact, we can't all fit anymore either. To solve this problem, 24 new picnic tables were purchased to make it possible for us to enjoy our meals all around campus.



Professor Lange lets his students get some fresh air as they enjoy one of their first Bible History and Literature classes outside.

Our Firm Foundation Will Never Change

Despite so many changes on campus, one thing remains the same: our focus on Christ. We prioritize worshipping the Lord and faithfully studying his Word.

By spacing out chairs and utilizing our masks in the stunning Chapel of the Christ, students and faculty can continue to worship in this awesome space on a regular basis. We have the opportunity to gather twice daily throughout the week, on Monday nights for evening Compline, and on Sundays for the new on-campus church services. We'd love you to join us over livestream!

Please continue to keep us in your prayers as we begin another year of training the next generation of called workers! And we'll pray for you too—that you would consider joining us in this mission by beginning your ministerial training at MLC soon!

