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## E-NEWSLETTER

### COVID-19: IWILL4U



*By Rev. Jeff Schone, VP for Student Life*

The Lord protects us, and to this point he has not allowed an outbreak of COVID-19 on our campus.

One thing he has accomplished is giving our students—your students—a willing spirit of cooperation and a positive desire to adapt for the benefit of the campus family. Our theme on campus explains this gift from God, that through faith in Christ and by his power, “I

will wear a mask for you. . . . I will maintain a careful distance for you. . . . I will refrain from traveling off-campus for you. . . . IWILL4U.”

We’re seeing lots of positive effects stemming from this cooperative spirit, like students eating outside on our 24 new picnic tables and profs having class out under the trees and student leaders encouraging their peers. The extra time spent in the fresh outdoor air is helping to put big smiles behind all our masks.

One first-year, Anthony Perez, said, “People here have found so many ways to make life really fun while still following the new regulations!” Yes, the RA staff, the MLC Event Staff, and the Student Senate are planning extra campus activities (many outdoors) to keep students engaged with each other in a shared experience of friendship and fun. Lots of creativity going on!

And here’s an encouraging statistic for you: we’ve had only three confirmed student cases of COVID-19 so far. While about a dozen students have experienced symptoms and gotten tested, all those tests have come back negative.

These examples testify to the students’ care and concern for others. We’re pretty sure that kind of selflessness starts at home! Thanks, parents!

[COVID-19 Updates](#)

## A Little Meet & Greet with the President



President Rich Gurgel (*pictured*) is meeting with each first-year in September and October. He tells us that the meetings have been great, and the students speak highly of you parents:

“I’ve enjoyed hearing the stories from each of the first-years about the many different people God has used to get them thinking about public ministry. Encouraging words from moms and dads lead the way by far. Parents should never underestimate their God-given influence!

“And there are also many stories of a teacher in grade school or high school, or the pastor of their home congregation, who also spoke a word of

encouragement. Sometimes it’s a single memorable conversation that got these young people thinking about serving in gospel ministry.”

Thanks for your support and encouragement, parents. Just like you, we’re so pleased that these faithful young Christian men and women are here, and we’re excited to watch them grow in the Lord!

## Help! My Daughter Called Home Crying!

We don’t have to tell you what a huge transition this time is—both for you and for your students. The person you dropped off at MLC is going to emerge from this period of life a more mature individual—spiritually, mentally, and emotionally.

But some of that growth is painful, and the first few weeks can be especially difficult. You know your student best, so we won’t tell you what to do. But we will suggest a few [dos and dont’s](#) to ease the journey.



## When You Send a Package

Thank you for sending all the fun packages to your students!

Please note that when your student receives a text alert that the package has arrived, that does not mean the package has been delivered to the Student Mail Room. The package may be at the New Ulm Post Office or somewhere else on campus.



The Student Mail Room is open many times throughout the day, and a schedule of those times is posted at the mail room. Please ask your students to be patient. The package will generally be available for them in the Student Mail Room the next business day.

## MLC Worship Live-Streamed Daily



Did you know that MLC worship services are [livestreamed](#)?

You can worship with your student every weekday at 10:30 am and 7:15 pm, and every Monday night at 10:00 pm.

If you miss the service, simply pull up the archived video.

## From the Portal



The MLC Portal is our campus bulletin board. This quick look contains some events that are coming up and some that are already over. We hope it gives you a feel for what's been going on at MLC, your student's home away from home!

- **Morning chapel:** Priority seating in the Chapel is by residence hall. See list below. All others are encouraged to worship in the chapel basement or by [livestream](#) in their dorm rooms.
  - Monday: Augustana
  - Tuesday: Concord
  - Wednesday: Summit
  - Thursday: Centennial
  - Friday: Faculty/Staff/Walk-in
- **Compline:** Only chapel seating will be available for the Monday 10 pm Compline services. Services will also be [livestreamed](#).
- **Weekend worship:** Because of restrictions on attendance at our local congregations, MLC will hold worship services on Saturday evenings (7 pm) and Sunday mornings (9:30 and 11 am). Students should sign up to reserve their seats. September 5-6 will be communion services. We will use continuous flow and hand out prepared communion kits.
- **#CampusClear:** Students should complete the #CampusClear daily health monitoring each day by noon before beginning any activities. Students not cleared because of symptoms should fill out the "Contact Me" form, and the campus nurse will contact them. If a student needs immediate medical attention, they should call their medical provider or dial 9-1-1.



- **Fitness Center:** Now requiring reservations. Sign up for 20-minute time slot.
- **Wellness Team challenge:** No soda/pop during September. All qualifying names will be entered into a drawing for a prize.
- **Wellness BINGO:** [Download](#) or pick up a BINGO card and turn it in by last day of September to qualify for a prize.
- **Baseball:** Informational meeting September 3.
- **Saturday fitness class:** Outdoor class Saturday, September 5, behind Luther Student Center. Sign up. Limit: 24.
- **Tickets for football scrimmage:** The Minnesota Department of Health allows us 165 spectators at this inter-squad scrimmage on Thursday, September 10. Students, faculty, and staff may pick up one of the 165 free tickets at the Athletic Office. Ticket needed for entry.
- **MLC Dance Club:** Outdoor rehearsals are Sundays and Wednesdays, 5:30-6:30, beginning September 13. No experience necessary.
- **Prison Ministry:** Sign up to help put together pamphlets and packages for mailing, or to correct Bible tests for our brothers and sisters in Christ in prison. Meetings 1-2 Thursdays a month.
- **Intramural sand volleyball:** Sign up your 4-8-player team for this coed league. Games played at Harmon Park evenings beginning at 7:45.
- **Academic Success Center seeks tutors:** Hiring tutors for Biology, Greek 3104 (Homer's *Iliad*), and Theology 4010 (Book of Acts-Greek).
- **Scholarship Opportunities:** Check out the [Scholarship page](#). Some deadlines coming up: September 21 & September 28. Don't let free money slip through your fingers!
- **Financial Literacy on Facebook:** Follow [MLC Direction](#), our Financial Literacy Office, on Facebook to be sure you don't miss anything important!
- **Advisor Meetings:** Wednesday, September 16, flex period. All students meet with their advisors for important program information.
- **MLC Lanyards:** Pick one up in the Student Life Office. They're great for holding your ID or your mask.
- **Tennis tournament:** Sponsored by New Ulm Tennis Association. Sunday, September 20. Prizes.
- **Spanish immersion:** Students from MLC and other colleges can study five weeks in Buenos Aires May 23-June 26, 2021. Open to all. Contact Professor Bases.
- **Fun Run T-shirt:** On sale September 14-21. \$5 for students. Register for Fun Run and order T-shirt [online](#). Fun Run will be virtual this year, on October 3. It's open to all friends of MLC everywhere in the world.
- [Employment Opportunities](#)
- [Scholarships](#)

## The Gallery Is Open



Want a peek at Orientation pix? How about athletics, disc golf, or the Cornhole Championship?

Check out our online [gallery](#).

And come back often. More pix are added all the time!

## Mark the Date

Please join us by streaming these events!



[Homecoming Weekend](#) (Virtual)

Thu-Sun/Oct 1-4

**Volleyball intrasquad scrimmage**

Thu/Oct 1, 7:00 pm (*tentative starting time*)

([KnightVision Stream](#))

**Football intrasquad scrimmage**

Fri/Oct 2, 4:15 pm (*tentative starting time*)

([KnightVision Stream](#))

**Women's soccer intrasquad scrimmage**

Sat/Oct 3, 1:00 pm (*tentative starting time*)

([KnightVision Stream](#))

**Men's soccer intrasquad scrimmage**

Sat/Oct 3, 3:00 pm (*tentative starting time*)

([KnightVision Stream](#))

**Sprinter Fun Run** ([Join us](#) at your location)

Sat/Oct 3

**Musical Showcase** ([MLC Streams](#))

Sun/Oct 4

2:00 pm

**25th Anniversary Worship Service** ([MLC Streams](#))

Service held multiple times over Homecoming weekend so entire campus family can participate

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**Musical: *Spamalot*** (Socially Distant Concert-ish Version)

Fri-Sun/Oct 23-25

**Final Day of On-Campus Classes**

Wed/Nov 25

**Thanksgiving Break**

Thu-Fri/Nov 26-29

**Distance Learning (At Home)**

Mon/Nov 30 - Thu/Dec 10

**Christmas Break**

Fri/Dec 11 - Tue/Jan 5

**Classes Resume (On Campus)**

Wed/Jan 6 (*Tentative. Final decision pending.*)

[All Events](#)

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