

MARTIN LUTHER COLLEGE

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Board members Michelle Grubbs and JoElyn Krohn gave away dozens of gift cards at Bingo Night.



Junior **Kate Aswege** (*KML / Mt. Olive-St. Paul*) cozies up with her new blanket, courtesy of a generous friend of MLC!



The Chess Club shows off their new merch after a Thursday night meeting.

Supporting Christian Witnesses

When you study at MLC, the whole synod is rooting for you. We experience this love firsthand through a very special organization called Ladies' Auxiliary. They're always looking for ways to make our college more like a second home for faculty, staff, and students.

They also financially support things on campus that don't quite fit into the school's normal budget. In 2021, Ladies' Auxiliary will fund copies of the new hymnal for our chapel, a new honeybee population for the science department, and several grants for the Spanish Immersion program.

"We want to help people understand how MLC's work affects the synod at large," said board member JoElyn Krohn. "By supporting the students, we support a synod that so faithfully professes God's Word to the nations!"

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A super cool way MLC students experience the generosity of the Ladies' Auxiliary is through the annual Bingo Night! Members of the organization work year-round to collect all kinds of prizes—cash, gift cards to local businesses, even handmade hats and blankets.

There's really only one rule—when you've got a Bingo, shout it out as loud as you can, grabbing the attention of one of the spotters. They'll tell you how to retrieve your prize. Sometimes 10-15 prizes are handed out per round to make sure the whole pile of goodies finds a new home.

If we're honest, these events represent so much more than a silly game. They're really a thinly veiled excuse for the Ladies' Auxiliary to spoil us for a night, and we couldn't be more grateful. It's hard to put into words how much joy fills the room!

Checking In on a New Club

Planning events is harder than ever this year, so we're thankful for the kind souls who put Bingo Night together. MLC has also seen several leaders emerge among the student body who are intentionally seeking community on campus. One great example of this is the new Chess Club!

The group was founded by **Juan David Escobar** (*DSA / Divine Savior-Doral FL*) this fall, along with **Matthew Mullins** (*ALA / Grace-Glendale AZ*) and **Morgan Gosch** (*Great Plains LHS / Bethel-Sioux Falls SD*). Meetings are quite simple. Chess lovers meet in the basement of the chapel, set up boards, and play to their hearts' content!

"We recognized a big interest in chess on our campus," Morgan said. "Our group provides fun, safe social gatherings for anyone who plays. Student, professor, young, or old—there's a spot for you in Chess Club!"