

MARTIN LUTHER COLLEGE

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Student Senate: Connecting Our Campus



They ran for office last spring, not quite knowing what they were signing up for. After all, a lot can change in a summer during a pandemic. But these young leaders volunteered their names for the ballot despite any uncertainty. When a new semester began in August, they were happy to find it felt much like the old normal. So the members of the 2021-2022 Student Senate were resolute in their ambition—to work hard each week to reconnect the members of MLC's campus family with each other and with the town they call home.

Junior **Lexi Dabe**, who serves Senate as secretary, told me how their team hopes to unite the campus by reviving old traditions. She said, "After a year and a half, we're ecstatic to be planning 'normal' events! Without masks and social distancing, we have enjoyed preparing for Homecoming, the Blood Drive, and Winter Carnival."

Senate meets once a week as a group as well as individually with faculty and staff to share the students' perspective on all the campus happenings. It's not serious business all the time though: These Senators love the work they do to represent their classmates.

First-year Senator **Stasi Scharf** said, "It's so fun to get to know so many new faces that I may not have talked to if it weren't for Senate."

Have you ever tried student government before? Maybe you'd enjoy taking your seat in MLC's Senate. Student Body President **Seth Koelpin** sure thinks so! He said, "Each year, Senate needs faithful folks who want to share their ideas to better MLC. I've loved my years in Student Senate and pray that future Knights find the same fulfillment in this great opportunity."

Top Row:

Jake Vilhauer (Rocky Mountain LHS / Shepherd of the Valley-Westminster CO) Nathan Pausma (WLA / St. John-Fox Lake WI) Jonas Landwehr (DSA / Divine Savior-Doral FL) Abel Bain (LPS / St. Peter-Appleton WI)) Isaiah Loersch (Luther HS / St. Paul-Onalaska WI) Sam Eickhoff (Manitowoc LHS / St. Paul-Howards Grove WI) Justus Borgwardt (MVL / St. John-New Ulm MN)

Middle Row:

Matthias Borgwardt (MVL / St. John-New Ulm MN) Seth Koelpin (LPS / Calvary-Dallas) Josiah Loersch (LPS / St. Mark-Watertown WI) Mike Friesenegger (LPS / Christ Our Redeemer-Aurora CO) JuanDa Escobar (DSA / Divine Savior-Doral FL) Josiah Koelpin (LPS / Calvary-Dallas) Noah Ungemach (Manitowoc LHS / First German-Manitowoc WI)

Bottom Row:

Justin Schroeder (LPS / Faith-Sharpsburg GA) Kristin Uher (WISCO / St. John-New Ulm MN) Lexi Dabe (MLS / Beautiful Savior-Cincinnati) Lydia Krenke (Lakeside / St. John-Jefferson WI)) Stasi Scharf (LPS / St. Paul-New Ulm MN) Jenna Boggs (LPS / Divine Savior-West Palm Beach FL) Noah Uhlenbrauck (FVL / St. Peter-Appleton WI) Josh Kehren (LPS / Jerusalem-Morton Grove IL)

<u>Not pictured:</u> **Matthew Curtis** (Georgia Connections Academy / Faith-Sharpsburg GA)



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