

MARTIN LUTHER COLLEGE

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Rachel Sickinger squares up the perfect shot, but first pauses to flash a smile.



Ezra Blumer (*St. Croix / Northcross-Lakeville MN*) rocks our socks on the bass.



Coach Matt Pearson gives the MLC softball team a pep talk during practice.

Never a Dull Moment

The last signs of winter are slowly loosening their grip on New Ulm, but in the meantime, we've got all kinds of fun activities happening inside to keep us busy.

Intramural bowling is an old favorite, offering a chance for students to head into town for the night and exchange papers and projects for strikes and spares. The league is open to anyone and everyone . . . even faculty and staff! **Rachel Sickinger** (*WLA / Grace-Oshkosh WI*) tried it out for the first time this year and loved every minute. "I got to meet so many professors with whom I normally wouldn't have crossed paths!" she said. "It was great to have a little friendly competition with the students, faculty, and staff, but in the end we were all rooting for one another."

Bowling wasn't the only opportunity for students to see faculty outside the classroom lately. Last weekend hundreds of students and faculty went to see a concert from MLC's newest band, One Sock. The atmosphere was electric as we enjoyed opener **Luke Staude** (*KML / Christ Alone-Thiensville WI*) and then beheld the face-melting guitar solos of **John Fix** (*LPS / St. John-Lannon WI*), the soaring vocals of **Ryan Boggs** (*LPS / Divine Savior-West Palm Beach FL*), and the abundant energy of **Ezra Blumer** and **Jon Holtz** (*LPS / St. Paul-Appleton WI*).

Honestly, as much as college students love to jump around to some loud music, that wasn't what the night was all about. The members of One Sock set out to provide a night of fun that put their God-given musical talents on full display. "It was a cool way to express my creative side," said the band's leader and drummer, **Atticus Lawrenz** (*LPS / St. Luke-Watertown WI*). "There are plenty of opportunities to use your gifts on this campus. You just need to put yourself out there sometimes."

What unique gifts do you have that could contribute to MLC's campus culture?

A New Place to Practice

Do you know what it feels like to be a spring athlete in Minnesota? Each February when the first hint of warm weather arrives, tracksters lace up their spikes, and baseball and softball players dust off broken-in leather gloves, aching to get out to the field and do some drills. Unfortunately, that first sunny day is almost always followed by sub-zero temperatures and more snow, and athletes are left waiting for their long-anticipated seasons to begin.

Not anymore! The new Betty Kohn Fieldhouse is a place for sporty MLC students to train in rain, snow, or shine.

MLC's teams have wasted no time utilizing the space, with baseball and softball seasons already in, *ahem*, full swing. They aren't the only ones in on the action though. A couple high school Focus on Ministry groups have enjoyed using the space for disc golf, and Prof. Lange has even used "The Betty" as a classroom for his Advanced Coaching Theory students. One thing's for sure: people love this beautiful new facility. We're glad you can look forward to using it someday too!