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## Breaking a Leg—and Loving It



**Meet Noah Uhlenbrauck** (*FVL / St. Peter-Appleton WI, pictured*), the director of our Children's Theatre production, *Stone Soup*. Noah has acted in five shows, worked on the crew for three, stage-managed one, and directed two. (Whew!)

**What he loves about drama at MLC:** We all have the same purpose in mind as we work on these productions: using our God-given talents to glorify our Savior.

**This show is especially cool . . .** as it focuses on bringing a community together and loving one another, which is exactly what Christ calls us to do.

**Learning empathy:** As an actor, you really have to dig into your character's background, which gets you thinking about how other

people's experiences might differ from your own. This is an important aspect of ministry, as we'll one day minister to all people and have to understand their perspectives.

**Forum wants you:** Even if theatre isn't your jam, Forum is a great place to grow. Lots of people think of theatre as just an "on-stage" activity, but we need people behind the scenes—to build the set, make costumes, create props, and run the technical side of productions. No matter where your gifts lie, the people of Forum want to get to know you and will support you.

**Meet Marissa Marten** (*Manitowoc LHS, St. Paul-Howards Grove WI, pictured with Noah*), the school performance coordinator. She makes sure that area kids—hundreds and hundreds of them!—get to campus to see *Stone Soup*. Like Noah, she's worked on 11 other shows at MLC.

**She's feeling the love:** I love that Forum is a true community. It's amazing how many students are involved in such prominent roles in each show. Everyone is so passionate about what they do, and we're all extremely supportive of one another.

**To future Knights:** Just try it out. You'll absolutely love the experience you have with all the wonderful people in Forum.

**Meet Josiah Winkel** (*LPS / Redemption-Milwaukee*), who plays Wally Fargin in *Stone Soup*. He's directed one MLC show and acted in 11 more. (*He's pictured here in the spring 2022 show, The Elves and the Shoemaker.*)

**It's an indescribable feeling . . .** to get up on a stage and entertain people. I've always loved acting because it's just fun to put a smile on people's faces.

**What he's carrying into ministry:** Particularly from my experience as a director, I've learned a lot about administration and leadership. I've also learned quite a bit about putting myself out there, as well as public speaking and teamwork.

**What's different at MLC:** Nearly everything is student-run. From those of us who gather and create costumes, to the ones taking tickets at the door, to the actors onstage, we all have particular and indispensable roles to play. Everyone is working together to build something spectacular. That common goal helps create some unique and strong friendships that I'm convinced will last a lifetime.

