

## Student Senate: Service, Leadership—and Laughter Too



*Back: Jack Pittenger (Evergreen / Bethany-Port Orchard WA), Espen Storlie (Lakeside / St. Paul-Lake Mills WI), Nathan Pausma (WLA / St. Luke-Oakfield WI), Matthew Koelplin (LPS / Calvary-Dallas), Isaiah Loersch (Luther / St. Paul-Onalaska WI), Justus Borgwardt (LPS / St. John-New Ulm MN), Josiah Koelplin (LPS / Calvary-Dallas); middle: Camden Sulzle (LPS / St. John-Redwood Falls MN), Matthew Hillmer (LPS / St. Matthew-Oconomowoc WI), Caleb Heckendorf (LPS / Light of the Valleys-Reno NV), David Rutschow (LPS / Peace-Cottonwood AZ), Kyle Doering (Lakeside / St. Paul-Lake Mills WI), Manuel Iglesias (Lakeside / St. Mark-Watertown WI), Jason Hanania (MLS / Bethany-Saginaw MI), Joe Schultz (LPS / Zion-Rhineland WI); front: Meghan Johnson (Luther / First-La Crosse WI), Katie Butler (LPS / Star of Bethlehem-New Berlin WI), Emma Schultz (LPS / St. John-Juneau WI), Liberty VanDenHeuvel (FVL / Riverview-Appleton WI), Katie Gilkey (LPS / The Springs-Sparks NV), Stasi Scharf (LPS / St. Paul-New Ulm MN), Taylor Natalie (MLS / Light of Life-Covington WA), Gretchen Lucht (Antigo HS / Grace-Ringle WI), Lily Zimpelmann (LPS / Immanuel-Manitowoc WI). Not pictured: Brian Friesenegger (LPS / Christ Our Redeemer-Aurora CO).*

From Homecoming to Swine Sizzler, from ski trips to blood drives and bouncy houses—MLC Student Senate is *on it*.

“Student Senate is a blast,” says **Liberty VanDenHeuvel**. “You meet so many new people and get to share your leadership with the whole campus.” And the campus is a great place in and of itself. “I love the feel on and around this campus. Everyone is so friendly and kind. And there are so many opportunities to let your light shine here!”

**Gretchen Lucht**’s Senate committee organizes the ski trip and the Swine Sizzler in May. She’s also the club liaison, working with Chess Club, Anchor Club, and all the others on campus. “I came to MLC last year knowing very few people,” she says. “I love the friendships I gained from being in this organization. In Senate, there are wonderful opportunities to gain leadership experiences, plan student-led events, and most importantly, get free shirts from every event!”

**Nathan Pausma** serves on the committee that runs the MLC Cup. “It’s a fun competition between the classes with events like dodgeball, volleyball, and Family Feud,” he says. He likes Senate because of the leadership skills it develops. “If you’ve been told you have leadership skills or want to learn how to be more of a leader,” he says, “Senate is a great opportunity for you.”

**Isaiah Loersch** also serves on MLC Cup committee. He points out that Student Senate and MLC have the same goal: service. “There are few careers more fulfilling than pastor, teacher, or staff minister. God has given you talents to serve him; MLC is a great place to use those gifts! And Senate is a great outlet to serve others, make new friends, and use your gifts to glorify God.”

**Taylor Natalie** loves Senate—“Our meetings are always filled with lots of laughter!”—and she loves MLC. “I’d encourage anyone to come to MLC because of its amazing atmosphere. Everyone is so incredibly friendly and encouraging.”