

## *Alice in Wonderland!*

A sweet swarm of little kids—5,000 of them!—are skipping from their buses to our auditorium to see *Alice in Wonderland* this week. This Children's Theatre production is one of four shows that MLC Forum stages every year—and it's definitely the one that gets the most giggles. Want to know more? We asked the director, the lead, and the mischievous little cat to tell us what they loved and what they learned doing this fantastic show.



First-year **Eric Smith** (*MVL / St. Paul-New Ulm MN*) plays the Cheshire cat (*pictured left*). **What he loves:** The amount of creative freedom my director, Emma, is allowing me with my character. It's helping me to get into my role and gain a better understanding of what it truly means to be a cat. **What he's learned:** Forum involvement is a phenomenal way to grow in your path toward being a minister of God's Word. You learn how to lead people, how to be a member of a team, and, perhaps most importantly, you develop speaking skills for the pulpit and classroom.

Senior **Madelyn Plitzuweit** (*Lakeside / St. Matthew-Oconomowoc WI*), appearing in her seventh Forum production, plays Alice (*pictured, right*). **What she loves:** I love getting to work with so many talented individuals who all make me chuckle during rehearsal. This is such an amazing show, and the people in it make the

experience so much sweeter. **What she's learned:** Everyone wants to see you grow. The support in Forum makes the environment so friendly and welcoming. I've made some of my closest friends through Forum.



Junior **Emma Pufahl** (*WISCO / Emmanuel-Tempe AZ*) is the director, a veteran of 11 productions, and the Forum president. **What she loves:** There are so many incredible people in this production who are dedicating their time to bringing my vision to life. I also love getting to bring the magical world that is Wonderland to life on stage and seeing all the fun ideas the cast has. **What she's learned:** I've learned a lot about time management and organization. I've needed to set time aside not only for Forum projects but also for myself. Forum has also taught me about



making lasting relationships and working together with a group of people on a larger project.

**And a final message from Madelyn/Alice to you:** If you're looking for a wonderful way to become involved on campus, Forum has it all. Whether auditioning for a show, applying for a staff position, or joining one of the many crews, every experience will be worth your while. And you'll work with some of the friendliest faces on campus!