
Commencement & Call Service

May 15, 2021



New Ulm, Minnesota

To each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it!

Dear sisters and brothers under the perfect and powerful care of our ascended Savior,

Welcome to this Commencement and Call Day service. What you will hear and see is evidence of our Savior's faithful love. As graduates cross the stage with their diplomas, as many continue on toward pastoral ministry at seminary, and as other names are spoken again as they receive their assignment into public ministry, all of that is evidence of our Shepherd's faithfulness to his beloved flock.



⁷ But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. ⁸ This is why it says:

*“When he ascended on high,
he led captives in his train
and gave gifts to men.”*

*¹¹ It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists,
and some to be pastors and teachers, ¹² to prepare God's people for works of service, so
that the body of Christ may be built up. (Ephesians 4:7-8, 11-12)*

Today, Christ again extends his hand to provide gifts to his church! Before us is another class of Christian witnesses trained to be qualified and competent gospel ministers. Among them are also those who have continued to pursue growth for ministry long after beginning public ministry. That too Christ uses to greatly bless his church!

Today, we give thanks to Jesus for his gracious work throughout all their lives. We thank him for faith planted long ago in baptism. We thank him for years during which faithful parents nurtured them in the gospel along with their partners in their churches and schools.

Our Savior's gracious, giving fingerprints are all over this day! To that same grace we commend our graduates that Christ might for decades use them to give further gifts to his dear church!

In our ascended Lord,

President Rich Gurgel

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Mission of Martin Luther College

The mission of Martin Luther College is to train a corps of Christian witnesses who are qualified to meet the ministry needs of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) and who are competent to proclaim the Word of God faithfully and in accord with the Lutheran Confessions in the Book of Concord.

To meet the current ministry needs of the WELS, Martin Luther College

- Prepares men for pastoral training at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary;
- Prepares men and women for service as teachers and staff ministers in the synod's churches, schools, and other institutions;
- Prepares men and women for other church ministries, both full and part-time, responding to the needs of the WELS;
- Prepares international students for ministry in partnership with WELS mission fields; and
- Provides programs of continuing education that meet the ministerial needs of the WELS.

To the glory of God and for the good of his Church!

Explanation of attire

Welcome to the 2021 Commencement Service at Martin Luther College. You will see students graduate with a Bachelor of Science degree or a Bachelor of Arts degree, and still others a Master of Science degree or Master of Arts. This year, 21 persons have completed one of our master's programs. Since its inception in 2005, the master's program has granted 213 degrees (including today).

Academic apparel worn by faculty and graduates in any college setting has its origins in the Middle Ages. Because most universities grew out of church schools, both faculty and students wore clothing that was based upon monastic dress and that reflected the need for warmth in the unheated stone colleges.

Wearing of such apparel is an adiaphoron, something neither commanded nor forbidden by our Lord in his Word. In Christian freedom we can choose to follow such academic traditions or not. In this Commencement, the MLC faculties will visibly demonstrate that freedom: Our graduate faculty has chosen to wear academic apparel, and our undergraduate faculty has chosen not to.

By a miracle of the Holy Spirit, professors in both faculties have humbly submitted their lives and their educational achievements to Christ for the advancement of his kingdom. Although they no doubt could garner more reputation and remuneration in public settings, they have given their time and talents to train students at MLC for gospel service, to the glory of God and for the good of his Church. They have servant hearts.

While the vast majority hold advanced degrees, the undergraduate faculty wears normal attire to emphasize that we train students not just for academic achievement but for ministry. The graduate faculty wears apparel that emphasizes lifelong learning, done to God's glory and in submission to the gospel we proclaim. The various colors of their apparel indicate not only area of study but also the degree-granting institution.

Our baccalaureate graduates wear tassels signifying their field of study: light blue indicates a Bachelor of Science in Education degree; red and black indicates a Bachelor of Arts degree. A hood is worn by our master's graduates. The colors of the hoods signify the area of study and the colors of MLC.

A small percentage of our students are from a foreign country, Christians in our fellowship seeking to prepare for ministry. What a privilege for MLC to serve them. These graduates wear stoles with the colors and insignia of their homelands. May the stoles be a vivid reminder that Jesus said "all nations" in the Great Commission entrusted to his church.

God has given these gifts to us, to his glory, and for the good of the church. *SDG*

MLC Faculty

Tenured

Baganz, Peter A
Balge, Daniel N
Bases, Paul A
Bauer, David T
Berg, Darrell T
Biedenbender, David K
Boeder, John C
Carlovsky, James D
Clemons, Benjamin P
Cox, Rebecca L
Czer, Lawrence J
Danell Jr, James C
Diersen, Gregory T
Dose, Brian L
Feld, Rachel M
Fenske, Daniel J
Fredrich, Joel D
Fredrich, Rachel R
Gawrisch, Daniel P
Green, Kelli L
Grubbs, Paul J
Grundmeier, Timothy D
Gurgel, Richard L
Hanneman, Daryl B
Hennig, Brian K
Hennig, Grace A
Hirschmann, Craig R
Holzhueter, Greg A
Hunter, Thomas N
Klindworth, Robert F
Klug, Theodore A
Koelpin, Paul E
Krause, Jennifer L
Laabs, Jonathan A
Lange, Douglas F
Loomis, Cheryl A
Mehlberg, Jennifer A
Meyer, John E
Munte, Kari A
Nass, Thomas P
Ohm, Ronald C
Olson, Breanna L
Olson, Lawrence O
Otterstatter, Michael J
Paustian, Mark A
Pearson, Matthew S
Pekrul, William A
Pope, James F

Roux, Jonathan A
Santos, Martin
Schaefer, Jonathan M
Scharf, David G
Schmidt, John H
Schmoller, Nicolas C
Schmudlach, Scott D
Schone, Jeffrey L
Schwartz, Tingting Z
Smith, Adrian R
Stein, Mark A
Stelljes, Ross A
Tacke, Mark W
Tess, Paul A
Thiesfeldt, Steven R
Thomford, Joel W
Uher, Alan E
Unke, James M
Unke, Lori L
Wessel, Keith C
Whaley, Cynthia E
Wiechman, Jeffery P
Wurster, Miles B
Zarnstorff, Tyson J

Tutors

Thomford, Hans J
Uhlhorn, Jordan D

Adjunct

Balge, Bethel A
Boeder, Bethel J
Carlovsky, Kathryn E
Cox, Randall L
Czer, Ramona M
Gawrisch, Kaitlin A
Haugen, Jennifer E
Hopp, Brian P
Horn, Katherine L
Laabs, Erin R
Martens, Judith L
Plocher, Michael D
Schubkegel, Joyce C
Spurgin, Dinah L
Trebelhorn, Julianne B
Vogel, Marianne E
Wiechman, Elizabeth J
Wurster, Kathryn M

Graduate

Bakken, Richard E
Boeder, John C
Carlovsky, James D
Cherney, Kenneth A
DeLorme, Carolyn M
Ehlers, Rachel M
Grunwald, James R
Hanneman, Daryl B
Holtz, Lowell E
Johnson, Daniel W
Klindworth, Robert F
Kolander, John D
Lemke, Jeffrey C
Lienig, Alanna M
Lowrey, Jason H
MacPherson, Ryan C
Mears, Joshua T
Meyer, John E
Munte, Kari A
Olson, Lawrence O
Paustian, Mark A
Pfeifer, Carrie F
Pfeifer, Gene R
Plath, Timothy M
Pless, Joel L
Potratz, Gail M
Rathje, Ryan J
Rogers, Leslie A
Rouech, Kristina E
Sallquist, Julie A
Schmidt, Jason E
Schuetze, John D
Smith, Michael K
Steinberg, Paul S
Strong, Kristin L
Tackmier, Bill J
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Wessel, Keith C
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Commencement and Call Service

10:00 a.m.

Processional

Dialogue

M: In the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.** (*spoken*)

M: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

C: **Worship the LORD with gladness;**

M: Come before him with joyful songs.

C: **Know that the LORD is God.**

M: It is he who made us, and we are his;

C: **We are his people; the sheep of his pasture.**

M: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise;

C: **Give thanks to him and praise his name.**

M: For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;

C: **His faithfulness continues through all generations.**

Psalms 100

Prayer

M: Almighty God, you have committed to your Church the task of making disciples of all nations. As we conclude another year of grace at Martin Luther College, we praise you for keeping this task before us. You have enlightened with your Spirit those who taught and those who learned. Through the knowledge of your truth, you have enabled this school of ministry to prepare ministers of the gospel. We praise and thank you on this special day, and we ask for your continued blessings so that we may serve you from generation to generation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns in perfect unity with the Father and the Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.** (*spoken*)

Lesson—Ephesians 3:7-9

I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God's grace given me through the working of his power. Although I am less than the least of all the Lord's people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the boundless riches of Christ, and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things.

Hymn—Father, God of Grace, You Knew Us

Text: Paul Eickmann, 1928-2006

Tune, Setting: John Goss, 1800-1880

1 Father, God of grace, you knew us,
Chose us, named us as your own,
Through eternal ages planning
To redeem us in your Son.
Praise the Father, God who loved us
Ere creation was begun!

3 Counselor, you bring as promised
From the Father and the Son
Righteousness fulfilled, accomplished,
Free forgiveness, heaven won.
Praise the Spirit! He assures us
Our salvation's work is done!

5 Forward lead us; Christ, we follow,
Drawn by Word and promise true:
"To all nations preach the gospel;
I am evermore with you."
Keep us faithful! Then, Lord Jesus,
Quickly come! Make all things new!

2 We, your creatures, sinned against you,
And our guilt was crimson red.
Son of God, you came incarnate,
Crushed the crafty serpent's head,
Died our death, now live triumphant:
Praise the firstborn from the dead!

4 Lord, your changeless Word has fed us,
Spanning time, transcending space.
Water, bread, and wine sustained us
When the darkness hid your face.
Keep us with you, faithful Shepherd,
By your saving means of grace!

6 Praise the Father, great Creator.
Praise the Son, who took our place.
Praise the Spirit, Sanctifier,
God of free and faithful grace!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Amen.

Sermon

Ephesians 3:7-9

You Are Servants by, and of, Boundless Grace!

Please stand to sing

Hymn—Rise, Shine, You People

Text: Ronald A Klug, b. 1939, alt.

Tune: Dale Wood, b. 1934

1 Rise, shine, you people!
Christ the Lord has entered
Our human story; God in him is centered.
He comes to us, by death and sin surrounded,
With grace unbounded.

3 Come, celebrate;
Your banners high unfurling,
Your songs and prayers against the darkness hurling.
To all the world go out and tell the story
Of Jesus' glory.

Presentation of Diplomas

*Please reserve applause for the Presentation of the Class of 2021,
which occurs after the Blessing.*

Choir—Lord God, You Have Called Your Servants

*Text: Closing Prayer from the Vespers Service
Lutheran Book of Worship, 1978
Music: J. Aaron McDermid*

Lord God, you have called your servants
to ventures of which we cannot see the ending;
by paths as yet untrod, through perils unknown.

Give us faith to go out with courage, not knowing where we go,
but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Reading of Assignments

Prayer

M: Heavenly Father, we thank you for making this day possible. We thank and praise you for this school of ministry, for the blessings of the school year, for parents and all who support the training of ministers with prayers and gifts, for faithful students who prepare for public ministry with dedication, for dedicated teachers and staff who follow your ways, and for a church body which sees its mission to spread your Word among all peoples.

C: **Above all we thank you for our Savior whose forgiveness alone makes it possible for sinful people to serve a holy God.**

M: O Lord, bless these graduates. Bless those who will enter your ministry as teachers and staff ministers with the ability to fearlessly speak the mysteries of your Gospel.

C: **In your mercy, hear our prayer.**

M: Bless those who will continue their preparation for the pastoral ministry at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary with patience and diligence.

C: **In your mercy, hear our prayer.**

M: Bless those who will be serving you as lay members in congregations or in international fields with opportunities to use their special gifts and training.

C: **In your mercy, hear our prayer.**

M: Be with us all, gracious God, as we serve as your ambassadors, that we may do and say only that which will bring glory and honor to your holy name.

C: **We bring these requests to you in the name of our Savior, Jesus. Amen.**

Blessing

M: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: **Amen. Amen. Amen. (sung)**

Hymn—God's Word Is Our Great Heritage

*Text: Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783-1872
tr. Ole G. Belsheim, 1861-1925 Tune:
Friedrich O. Reuter, 1863-1924*

God's Word is our great heritage And shall be ours forever;
To spread its light from age to age Shall be our chief endeavor.
Through life it guides our way; In death it is our stay.
Lord, grant while worlds endure, We keep its teachings pure
Throughout all generations. Amen.

Presentation of the Class of 2021

Farewell to Faculty Members Completing Service

Recessional

*Please remain seated until the graduates have recessed.
Following the service, you may greet the graduates on the mall.*

Presiding Minister

Rev. James Pope
MLC Faculty Secretary

Preacher

Rev. Dr. Richard Gurgel
MLC President

Reading of Assignments

Rev. Mark Schroeder
WELS President

Assisting with the distribution of diplomas

Dr. Jeff Wiechman
MLC Vice President for Academic Affairs

Organist

Prof. Craig Hirschmann
MLC Music Division

Martin Luther College Choir Conductor

Prof. Adrian Smith
MLC Music Division

Graduation Marshal

Michelle Gartner
MLC Event Coordinator

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International Service

The following graduates have elected international service in various parts of the world:

Early Childhood Education/Special Education

Annalisa N. Schuette - Mito, Japan - Friends Network

Spanish

Camryn S. Biebert - Quito, Ecuador - Academia Cristo Digital and Field Assistant

Bachelor of Arts



Jonah A. Backus
Two Rivers, WI



Philip R. Balge
New Ulm, MN



Dallas D. Biga
Dexter, MI



Daniel Q. Bilitz
Lake Mills, WI



Jacob D. Bitter
Milwaukee, WI



Samuel J. Boeder
New Ulm, MN



Jacob F. Borgwardt
Fond du Lac, WI



Nathan P. Boulden
Watertown, WI



Mark M. Burger
Grand Ledge, MI



Ethan M. Carter
Eau Claire, WI



Buok P. Chuol
Omaha, NE



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Forestville, WI



Noah B. Giebel
Pleasant Prairie, WI



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Kekoskee, WI



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Brentwood, TN



Jacob M. Kieselhorst
Watertown, WI



Jordan J. Massiah
Pickering, Ontario, Canada



Ryan H. Mitchell
South Haven, MI



Malachi D. Mortensen
Beaver Dam, WI



JonAlden D. Pedersen
Fond du Lac, WI



Jonathan D. Riebe
Eau Claire, WI



Nathan J. Riley
DeForest, WI



Benjamin T. Roekle
Racine, WI



Lukas J. Sak
Lake Orion, MI



Noah W. Satorius
Annandale, VA



Noah J. Schaewe
Colgate, WI



Philip J. Snyder
Wonewoc, WI



Joshua B. Sprain
Surprise, AZ



Caleb J. Strutz
Verona, WI



Zachary A. Turley
Henderson, NV
in absentia



Christopher G. Walther
Watertown, WI



Nathaniel S. Wranovsky
Muskego, WI



Isaiah F. Zabell
Green Bay, WI

Seminary Certification



Zachary D. Flunker
Appleton, WI



Christopher S. Gorr
Kenai, AK

Bachelor of Science in Education

Major: Early Childhood Education



Kati R. Aguilar
Wildomar, CA



Kayla R. Balogh
Mayville, MI



Johanna D. Fischer
Watertown, WI



Taylor A. Glowicki
Jordan, MN



Rachel K. Goddard
Saginaw, MI



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Baraboo, WI



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Barbuda



Mercedes J. Kuil
York, NE



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Vassar, MI



Kendra N. Neumann
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North Fond du Lac, WI



Leah R. Plocher
Pardeeville, WI



Taylor M. Schoenherr
Jefferson, WI



Lydia L. Schultz
Barre Mills, WI



Katelyn G. Schwartz
Bremerton, WA



Emma L. Turriff
Arlington, TN



Megan J. Willick
Benton Harbor, MI



Leah E. Wolfrath
Kaukauna, WI

Bachelor of Science in Education

Major: Elementary Education



Brooke N. Behl
Mukwonago, WI



Lydia J. Bitter
Bemidji, MN



Zachary D. Bloomquist
New Berlin, WI



Amber S. Crowl
Bay City, MI



Brittany L. Denn
New Ulm, MN



Ethan L. Eisenmann
Appleton, WI



Samuel M. Evans
South Lyon, MI



Risa A. Fellers
Monroe, NC



Aaron W. Fischer
Wilmot, WI



Mollie N. Fischer
Greenfield, WI



Matthew V. Fisher
Madison, WI



Sidney N. Glowicki
Commerce City, CO



Katrina A. Halldorson
Greeley, CO



Brad L. Hengeveld
Lomira, WI



Rebecca A. Heyer
Greenville, WI



Hannah M. Hinz
Steger, IL



Ethan J. Jaeger
Watertown, SD



Brittany J. Jensen
Ixonia, WI



Clara D. Kammuehler
Pittsville, WI



Dayne W. Kopfer
Columbus, WI



Paul M. Kramer
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Justus J. Kupsy
Manitowoc, WI



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Onalaska, WI



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Joshua T. Barnett
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Social Studies



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Mathematics



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Chemistry/Life Science



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Life Science



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K-12 Physical Education
K-12 Spanish
K-12 Special Education



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Majors:
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Special Education (K-12)



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Early Childhood Education



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Master of Arts in Theological Studies

The Master of Arts in Theological Studies program provides spiritual and professional growth through advanced studies in Scripture, doctrine, church history, and ministry.

The Master of Arts in Theological Studies degree is designed primarily for ministry-certified staff ministers and teachers, and providing them with a broader and deeper theological foundation for their public ministry service. The degree is also open to qualified laypersons who meet the entrance requirements, allowing them to grow spiritually as they serve in their various vocations and as members of their congregations.

This degree, by itself, does not qualify one for a called ministry position.



Brandon D. Steenbock
Green Bay, WI

Current service:

St Mark Lutheran Church
De Pere, WI
Family Minister
2017-

Previous service:

St Paul's Lutheran Church
New Ulm, MN
Family and Youth Minister
2006-2017

Other degree:

MA Family Life Education
Concordia University St Paul
2013

BS Staff Ministry
Martin Luther College
2006

Master of Science in Education

The Master of Science in Education program has the goal of contributing to the professional growth of teachers and encouraging them to be reflective, competent, and dedicated educators of children in a Christian setting.

The Master of Science in Education degree from Martin Luther College is designed for persons who have an undergraduate degree in education from an accredited college or university. The master's program offers students a choice of four emphases: instruction, leadership, special education, and educational technology.



Michael J. Allard
Milwaukee, WI
Leadership Emphasis



Philip J. Dretske
Sun Prairie, WI
Educational Technology
in absentia



Heidi B. Groth
West Salem, WI
Instruction Emphasis



Justin E. Groth
West Salem, WI
Leadership Emphasis

Current service:

St John Lutheran School
Neillsville, WI
Principal/ Teacher/ Athletic Director
2013-

Other degree:

BS Education
Martin Luther College
2012

Current service:

Lakeside Lutheran High School
Lake Mills, WI
Teacher/ Coach
2017-

Previous service:

Eastside Lutheran School
Madison, WI
Teacher/ Tech. Director/ Coach
2011-2017

Siloah Lutheran School
Milwaukee, WI
Teacher/ Tech. Director/ Coach
2007-2011

East Twin Lutheran School
Mishicot, WI
Teacher/ Technology Director/
Athletic Director/ Coach
2002-2007

Other degree:

Educational Technology Certificate
Martin Luther College
2018

BS Education
Martin Luther College
2002

Current service:

Christ-St John's Lutheran School
West Salem, WI
Teacher
2014-

Previous service:

St John's Lutheran School
Sparta, WI
ECM Director/ Teacher
2012-2014

Immanuel Lutheran School
Hutchinson, MN
Teacher
2006-2010

Other degree:

BS Education
Martin Luther College
2006

Previous service:

St Paul Lutheran School
Bangor, WI
Teacher/ Athletic Director
2014-2017

St John's Lutheran School
Sparta, WI
Principal/ Teacher
2012-2014

Immanuel Lutheran School
Sault Sainte Marie, MI
Principal/ Teacher
2010-2012

Immanuel Lutheran School
Hutchinson, MN
Principal/ Teacher
2006-2010

Mt Olive Lutheran School
Mankato, MN
Teacher
2005-2006

Other degree:

BS Education
Martin Luther College
2005



Anneliese M. Gumm
Watertown, WI
Instruction Emphasis

Current service:

St Mark's Lutheran School
Watertown, WI
Teacher
2020-

Previous service:

Trinity Lutheran School
Nicollet, MN
Teacher
2017-2020

St Paul Lutheran School
Norfolk, NE
Teacher
2013-2014, 2015-2016

Trinity Lutheran School
Hoskins, NE
Director/ Teacher
2012-2015

Salem Lutheran School
Colorado Springs, CO
Teacher
2006-2007

Luther Preparatory School
Watertown, WI
Teacher/ Coach
2004-2006

Northland Lutheran High School
Mosinee, WI
Teacher/ Coach
2003-2004

Other degree:

BS Education
Martin Luther College
2003



Corinne Humann
Waco, NE
Special Education Emphasis
in absentia

Current service:

Nebraska Evangelical Lutheran High School
Waco, NE
Teacher
2000-

Previous service:

Bethlehem Lutheran School-South
Menomonee Falls, WI
Teacher
1996-2000

Other degree:

BS Education
Martin Luther College
1996



Amy P. Lawonn
Oakfield, WI
Special Education Emphasis

Current service:

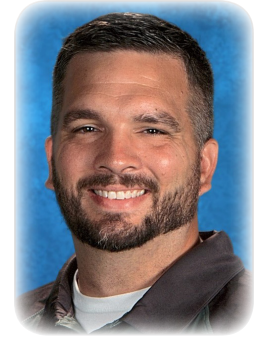
St Luke Lutheran School
Oakfield, WI
Teacher
2017-

Previous service:

New Hope Lutheran Academy
West Melbourne, FL
Teacher
2012-2017

Other degree:

BS Education
Martin Luther College
2012



Kurt M. Nielsen
Apple Valley, MN
Educational Technology Emphasis

Current service:

Zion Lutheran School
Monroe, MI
Teacher/ Athletic Director/
Technology Director
2013-

Previous service:

St Paul Lutheran School
Bangor, WI
Teacher/ Athletic Director/
Technology Director
2004-2013

Other degree:

BS Education
Martin Luther College
2004



Joshua T. Rimpel
Palm Coast, FL
Leadership Emphasis



Richard L. Stockton Jr.
Oshkosh, WI
Special Education Emphasis



Susan M. Van Houten
Belle Plaine, MN
Instruction Emphasis



Timothy A. Wrobel
Watertown, WI
Educational Technology Emphasis

Current service:

Christ the King Academy
Palm Coast, FL
Assistant Principal/ Teacher/
Athletic Director
2013-

Previous service:

Our Savior Lutheran School
San Antonio, TX
Principal/ Teacher
2008-2013

Living Word Christian Academy
Mission Viejo, CA
Principal/ Teacher
2005-2008

Luther Preparatory School
Watertown, WI
Teacher/ Dormitory Supervisor
2003-2005

Other degree:

BS Education
Martin Luther College
2003

Previous service:

Bethlehem Lutheran School
Hortonville, WI
Teacher
2004-2013

Other degree:

BS Education
Martin Luther College
2003

Current service:

Trinity Lutheran School
Belle Plaine, MN
Teacher/ Athletic Director
2015-

Previous service:

Good Shepherd Lutheran School
Burnsville, MN
Teacher
2007-2010

Other degree:

BS Education
Martin Luther College
2007

Current service:

Luther Preparatory School
Watertown, WI
Teacher
2005-

Other degree:

BS Education
Martin Luther College
2005

Master of Science in Educational Administration

The Master of Science in Educational Administration program provides a thorough background in school leadership and administration with a special focus on the spiritual and academic leadership needed to lead Christian schools.

The Master of Science in Educational Administration degree from Martin Luther College is designed for current or prospective school leaders with an undergraduate degree in education from an accredited college or university. Graduate students in this program follow either a principal or early childhood director emphasis.



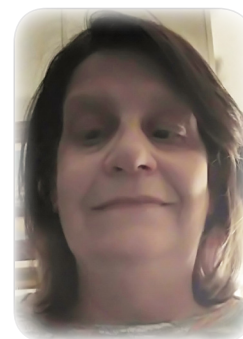
Justin J. Danell
Saginaw, MI
Principal Emphasis



William C. Fuerstenau
Horicon, WI
Principal Emphasis



Charles G. Galecki
Waukesha, WI
Principal Emphasis



Mary M. Lewiston
Lakeside, AZ
Early Childhood Director
in absentia

Current service:

Michigan Lutheran Seminary
Saginaw, MI
Vice President/ Teacher
2018-

Previous service:

St John Lutheran School
Hemlock, MI
Principal/ Teacher/ Athletic
Director
2014-2018

Luther Preparatory School
Watertown, WI
Teacher/ Dormitory Supervisor
2012-2014

Other degree:

BS Education
Martin Luther College
2012

Current service:

Bethany Lutheran School
Hustisford, WI
Principal/ Teacher
2016-

Previous service:

St John Lutheran School
Montello, WI
Teacher
2011-2016

Other degree:

BS Education
Martin Luther College
2011

Current service:

St Paul Lutheran School
Columbus, OH
Principal/ Teacher
2015-

Other degree:

BS Education
Martin Luther College
2015

Current service:

7 Mile Elementary School
Whiteriver, AZ
Teacher
2013-

Previous service:

Whiteriver Elementary School
Whiteriver, AZ
Teacher
2004-2013

Theodore Roosevelt School
Fort Apache, AZ
Federal Program Coordinator
2000-2004

Cibicue Community School
Cibicue, AZ
Teacher
1994-2000

East Fork Lutheran School
Whiteriver, AZ
Teacher
1986-1989

Other degree:

BS Education
Dr. Martin Luther College
1986



Thomas A. Plitzuweit
Oconomowoc, WI
Principal Emphasis

Current service:

St Matthew's Lutheran School
Oconomowoc, WI
Principal
2020-

Previous service:

Commission on Lutheran Schools
Waukesha, WI
Associate Director/ Director of
Accreditation
2015-2020

St Paul Lutheran School
Plymouth, NE
Principal/ Teacher
1997-2015

Other degree:

MS Education
Martin Luther College
2016

BS Education
Martin Luther College
1997



Nathan J. Reich
Green Bay, WI
Principal Emphasis
in absentia

Current service:

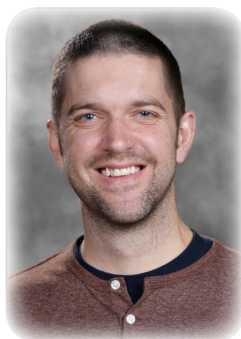
St Paul Lutheran School
Green Bay, WI
Principal/ Teacher
2014-

Previous service:

Friends of China
Hangzhou, China
Teacher
2012-2014

Other degree:

BS Education
Martin Luther College
2012



Phillip P. Sriver
New Ulm, MN
Principal Emphasis

Current service:

Truman Public School
Truman, MN
Teacher
2020-

Previous service:

*Minnesota Valley Lutheran
High School*
New Ulm, MN
Director of Mission Advancement
2019-2020

*Christ Our Redeemer
Lutheran School*
Aurora, CO
Principal/ Teacher
2016-2018

Friends of China
Beijing, China
Principal/ Teacher
2012-2016

St Philip Lutheran School
Milwaukee, WI
Teacher
2009-2012

Other degree:

BS Education
Martin Luther College
2007



Jacob J. Unke
Missouri City, TX
Principal Emphasis
in absentia

Current service:

Divine Savior Academy - Sienna
Missouri City, TX
Vice Principal/ Teacher
2018-

Previous service:

Sienna Lutheran Academy
Missouri City, TX
Vice Principal/ Teacher
2017-2018

Lord and Savior Lutheran School
Crystal Lake, IL
Principal/ Teacher
2017

St Paul Lutheran School
Norfolk, NE
Principal/ Teacher
2015-2016

California Lutheran High School
Wildomar, CA
Teacher/ Dormitory Supervisor/
Coach
2012-2014

Other degree:

BS Education
Martin Luther College
2012

Almighty God, who by your Son Jesus Christ, gave command to the apostles that they should go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature: grant to us whom you have called into your church a ready will to obey your Word, and fill us with a hearty desire to make your way known upon earth, your saving health among all nations. Look with compassion upon the multitudes that are scattered as sheep having no shepherd. O heavenly Father, Lord of the harvest, have respect, we beseech you, to our prayers, and send forth laborers into your harvest. Fit and prepare them by your grace for the work of the ministry; give them the Spirit of power and of love and of a sound mind; strengthen them to endure hardness and grant that your Holy Spirit may prosper their work, and they by their life and doctrine may show forth your glory, and set forward the salvation of all people; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.
