

# LUTHER PREPARATORY SCHOOL

## SPRING UPDATE 2017



### *Gospel Ministry*

I'm sure many of you, if not all of you, have noticed the ever increasing list of vacancies in the pastoral and teaching ministry found on the WELS *Call Report*. Yes, the harvest continues to grow; the workers remain few.

That any fourteen year old boy or girl would consider the vocation of the full time gospel ministry—especially when the Church is so maligned—is a miracle of grace. We have 400+ of those “miracles” at LPS. These “miracles” give testimony to faithful Christian parenting and Christo-centric shepherding from our pulpits and classrooms. The Holy Spirit works on these young hearts through the life-giving Gospel offered by you.

It's most evident that Luther Prep could not exist without the prayers and support from our 1200 WELS congregations. Because of the growing ministerial vacancy rate I want to begin the next sentence with “today, more than ever...” That would not be accurate. All yesterdays, today, and all tomorrows the Lord of the Church has chosen to employ weak sinners for public gospel work in his Kingdom. The best gifts our congregations offer to LPS are their sons and daughters for future ministry.

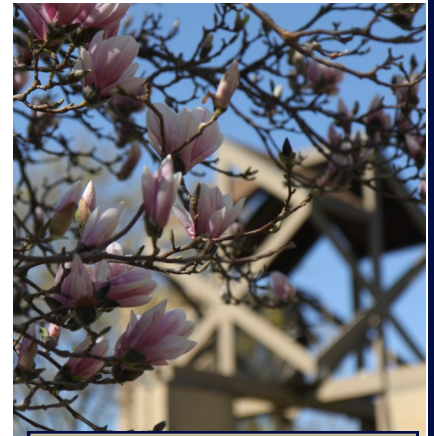
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Thank you for modeling ministry. Thank you for encouraging ministry. Thank you for announcing on account of Jesus “your sins are forgiven” and for proclaiming “Jesus lives!” Until he returns the Lord will continue to use the same messengers for the spread of his life-giving gospel.

President Matthew Crass



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**In 1529 Martin Luther said this regarding giving a servant to the full-time ministry of the Gospel:**

*If you bring up a child in such a way that he is able to become a keeper of souls, you do not give a coat or endow a monastery or church; you are indeed doing something greater; you are giving a servant of God who is able to help many souls get to heaven.*

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Abel Bain portrayed Tevye, the milkman, in the March musical production of *Fiddler on the Roof*.



Art Instructor, Sheryl Ertl, is pictured with some Art II students during their field trip to the Milwaukee Art Museum.

## Parental Choice Program at LPS

At its September 2016 meeting the Governing Board of Luther Prep voted to enter the three Parental Choice Programs (Milwaukee, Racine, and Wisconsin) offered by the State of Wisconsin for the 2017-2018 school year. In these programs the State of Wisconsin offers a voucher which covers the cost of a child's tuition at a private or religious school to parents who fall below a certain income level.

The Governing Board opened up 10 seats for the Racine Program. No students applied. The Governing Board opened up 15 seats for the Milwaukee Program. We are pleased to report that all 14 applicants at the time of this writing are WELS students. The Governing Board opened up 25 seats for the Wisconsin Program. We are pleased to report that all 16 applicants at the time of this writing are WELS students.

## Project Timothy 2017

This year's edition of Project Timothy marks the 25th year that Luther Prep has sent junior and senior students to various congregations and mission fields across the country and the world. It was noted by President Crass, "Hundreds of students have participated in this ministry experience. We've reached a point in its history where we have many of our former Project Timothy participants serving the congregations to which we are sending students." Over 55 students and chaperones will be making trips to various congregations. These trips have been the deciding factor for numerous students to continue their studies at Martin Luther College for full time ministry. This valuable program would not be possible without the generosity of the many friends of Luther Preparatory School. We are grateful.

### 2017 Project Timothy Congregations

Christ Our Redeemer, El Paso, TX	Grace, Falls Church, VA
Living Hope, Wildomar, CA	St. Stephen, Fallbrook, CA
Faith, Sharpsburg, GA	Living Hope, Midlothian, VA
Trinity, St. Lucia, West Indies	St. John, Antigua, West Indies
Cross of Life, Mississauga, Canada	

## Spring/Summer 2017 Events

<b>April</b>	
8	HSPT for prospective 9th graders - 9am
13-17	Easter Break
22	Gala XII - 5pm in gymnasium
29	LPS Children's Theater <i>The Grateful Beasts</i> - 7pm
29	Open House for 5th-8th grade families - 5pm
30	LPS Children's Theater <i>The Grateful Beasts</i> - 4pm
<b>May</b>	
6	Spring Fling - 8pm at Windwood Country Club
7	Spring Band Concert - 7pm in auditorium
19	Commencement Concert - 7pm in gymnasium
20	Graduation service - 10am in gymnasium
<b>June</b>	
9-11	Father-Son Overnight Basketball Camps (2)
11-17	Boys Overnight Basketball Camps (2)
18-24	Girls Overnight Basketball Camps (2)
24-25	Parent-Daughter Overnight Basketball Camp
26-29	Little Hoopsters Basketball Day Camp
<b>July</b>	
9-15	Girls Overnight Volleyball Camps (2)
31-Aug 3	WELS 64th Biennial Synod Convention