



SUMMER 2018

Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation.
Mark 16:15

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Change. Just a mention of the word brings strong emotions of vitriol and repulsion. For so many, change is not easily accepted or appreciated. For some it is not just an aversion or stubbornness that causes such strong emotions, but change can severely affect their mental health. Needless to say, change can be hard.

That word is being used on the MLS campus quite often this summer. We have experienced a change in leadership, faculty, dorm staff, support staff, office space, and the normal student body change from one year to the next. For many who remain on campus from the previous year, there have been roles and positions that have changed, duties that are changing, teaching assignments that are different from the previous year, extracurriculars that are shifting responsibilities and office mates that are new. Quite literally, we may have to wear name tags to help identify each other as we pass in the hallways!

What does not change? Our Lord and his grace! He is still the Lord who gives every good and perfect gift from his unmerited love. He is still the Lord who demonstrated to us the depth of his love by sending his Son to make the full payment for our sins. He is still the Lord who guides and protects us as the sheep of his pasture.



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Yes, in the midst of these changes at MLS the Lord of the Church is still the Lord of the Church. And because he is, the mission of our school remains the mission of our school: *The special purpose of Michigan Lutheran Seminary is to prepare high school students for the public ministry of the gospel, encouraging them to enroll in the WELS College of Ministry, Martin Luther College.*

As we settle into the coming school year and all of these changes, we ask for your patience and prayers. As you greet us, please don't hesitate to tell us who you are so that we can get know you better.

On behalf of the faculty, staff and students of MLS, we thank you for your support and prayers as we seek to serve our unchanging heavenly Father.

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created. (James 1:17-18)

Loving and serving Him,

Mark Luetzow, President

Faculty Comings and Goings

When the new school year begins next fall our faculty will have several new faces. **Prof. Joanne Kohler** and **Prof. Carl Weihrach** have retired after many years of faithful service at MLS. **President Joel Petermann**, **Prof. David Lecker** and **Instructor Darrell Berg** have accepted calls to serve in other locations. **Prof. Becky Berg** has resigned her call to accompany her husband in his calling. At the end of the school year **Instructors Brooke DeAnda, Nathan Guhl** and **Lauren Hansen** completed their one-year call. Finally, **Wesley Towne** has finished his two-year tutor assignment.



Prof. Joanne Kohler



Prof. Carl Weihrach

New to MLS will be **Rev. Mark Luetzow** - President, **Mr. Allan Ash** - Professor of Physics and Chemistry, **Mr. Justin Danell** - Professor of History, **Mrs. Haven Jacobs** - Professor of Spanish, **Mr. Jordan Schmitzer** - Professor of Biology and **Miss Katherine Van Alstine** - Instructor of Mathematics, who was assigned out of MLC to a one-year call. God willing, we will be blessed with an assignment from WLS to complete the faculty for the 2018-19 school year.

A System Worth Preserving

The Wisconsin Synod has a unique and valuable gem in our four-school, three-tiered system. This system, unlike any other, is praised and envied by other churches. It continues to supply well-trained workers to a world that more desperately needs their message with each passing year.



STUDENTS RECEIVE ACADEMIC AWARD

Three students from MLS received academic honors from the Tri-Valley Conference for their combined grades and ACT scores on Wednesday, April 25. **Kara Peter** (St. James, Portage), **Reese VanLue** (St. Luke's, Vassar) and **Joe Kieta** (Peace, Livonia) spent the afternoon at Saginaw Valley State University, had lunch with the school's administration, and were given medals for their accomplishments. Congratulations to these students and their families.



MLS Seniors Kara Peter, Reese VanLue & Joe Kieta

Our Mission

The special purpose of Michigan Lutheran Seminary is to prepare high school students for the public ministry of the gospel, encouraging them to enroll in the WELS College of Ministry, Martin Luther College. Our role, so well aligned with the other three ministerial education schools of the WELS, ensures the supply of young men and women whose training enables them to carry out the great commission of our Lord.

From the Admissions Dept.

We at MLS are convinced that the best way to reach the next generation of MLS students is to bring young students and their families to visit our campus. Did you know that a portion of the MLS recruitment budget is designated to help defray travel costs to visiting schools and families? This is what we call our "Joint Adventure," and we want to spend every cent of that fund each year.

Groups and families are welcome to come on any day that we have school, but if you are looking for a more organized event to attend, here are some things to look forward to:

FALL

CARDINAL FOR A DAY : K-8 Students attend classes and activities led by MLS students.

OPEN HOUSE: Focused recruitment for 5th-8th graders and their parents. Tour the school and talk to faculty and current MLS parents.

MUSICAL WEEKEND: Bring a group to attend our musical, *Beauty and the Beast*.

WINTER

BASKETBALL TOURNAMENTS: Bring your team to play against other WELS schools in one of our 4 basketball tournaments.

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SPRING

LOCK-IN: A lot of fun and very little sleep. Games. Snacks. Hymns. New friends. Don't miss this.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WILL I BE ABLE TO AFFORD SENDING MY STUDENT TO MLS?

MLS families come from a wide variety of financial backgrounds. We never want finances to be the thing that keeps a student from the opportunities that MLS offers. A lot of people get scared by the "sticker price," but the reality is that few pay that full amount themselves. All families can apply for financial aid. Many churches also take advantage of our 25% matching program to support students who go to MLS. You may also want to factor in that there are some things that you won't have to pay for if your student is at MLS in the dorms, such as gas money for daily trips to and from school as well as meals for a bottomless teenage appetite.

WHAT IF MY SON OR DAUGHTER DOESN'T WANT TO BE A PASTOR OR TEACHER? CAN THEY STILL COME?

Very few students know what they want to be at age 14. That's okay. If college students change their major 3 times on average, we aren't surprised that 8th graders don't know what they want to do yet. We simply ask that students keep an open mind while they are at MLS. We think that the public ministry is a great thing, and we want lots of young people to think about it seriously. We are going to give them opportunities to observe and experience ministry, and after that, they can make an informed decision. Either way, the church is going to be blessed by these young people. Some will be pastors and teachers. Some won't. But all of them will be prepared to be Christian servants wherever they land.

HOW CAN I SEND MY CHILD AWAY FOR HIGH SCHOOL?

When you send your child to MLS, you're not just sending them away. You're sending them TO something. You are planting them into a spiritual community where they will have the opportunity to grow in their faith several times every day. You are sending them to a family of believers that will love and care for them. You are giving them good Christian friends and mentors. You're sending them to a place that will help you raise your child with you, not for you. If you're scared about sending your child to MLS for high school, that's okay. We'd be a little worried if you weren't. Over our 100+ years of experience, thousands of parents have done what you are thinking about. Don't take our word for it. Talk to them! Let us know, and we can put you in touch with some real live MLS parents.

THERE AREN'T MANY (OR ANY) OTHER STUDENTS FROM OUR CHURCH OR SCHOOL. WILL MY STUDENT MAKE FRIENDS?

If there's anything we have a lot of confidence in at MLS, it's that our students are like a family. MLS alumni are well known for having friendships that last past their time at MLS. Also consider this: most students arrive at MLS looking for new friends, so your student won't be alone. The majority of our dorm students are either the only student from their school or are from out of state. Many students meet their first friends at basketball tournaments, sports camps, and recruitment events. Come visit!



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I thank God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.

Philippians 1:3-5