

### ENROLLMENT

**620** Undergraduates on campus  
 Representing **28** states and **5** countries

### MINISTRY PROGRAMS

Part-time and full-time students

EDUCATION	PRESEMINARY
<i>Includes Staff Ministry</i>	<i>Year of graduation</i>
<b>130</b> First-year	<b>38</b> 2026-27
<b>98</b> Sophomore	<b>41</b> 2025-26
<b>96</b> Junior	<b>31</b> 2024-25
<b>100</b> Senior	<b>45</b> 2023-24
<b>29</b> Fifth-year	
<b>12</b> Other	
<b>465</b> Total	<b>155</b> Total

### CONGREGATIONAL PARTNER GRANT PROGRAM

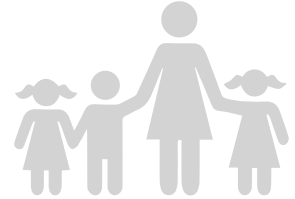
**553** Students supported  
**280** Congregations participating  
**\$797,192** Given by congregations  
*Amount as of 8/31/2023*

### EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

**62** ECE program students

### EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING CENTER

**73** Children  
**4** Lead teachers  
**8** Student teachers  
**2** Student workers  
**6** Full-time staff  
**4** Part-time staff



### CONTINUING ED / GRADUATE STUDIES

**1,145** Continuing Education students  
**133** Graduate Studies students  
**13** MA Theological Studies  
**54** MS Educational Admin  
**15** EC Director  
**35** Principal  
**4** Technology Director

**60** MS Education  
**10** Ed Tech  
**23** Instruction  
**15** Leadership  
**12** Special Ed



### NEW TEACHER INDUCTION

**254** Beginning Teachers  
**175** Schools  
**163** Mentors



### NEW FACES ON CAMPUS

Martin Luther College welcomes these new faculty members who were installed in the 2023 Opening Service on August 21, 2023.

(Back) **Aaron Dolan**, Professor of Theology and Assistant Men's Basketball Coach; **Sam Hunter**, Professor of Physical Education and Strength & Conditioning Coach; **Duane Vance**, Professor of Education and Student Teaching Supervisor

(Front) **Martin LaGrow**, Professor of Education/Instructional Designer for Nontraditional Education; **Nichole LaGrow**, Professor of Education/Director of Nontraditional Education Program; **Alyssa Heckendorf**, Admissions Counselor; **Aaron Bush**, Instructor and Tutor in Summit Hall



# FROM THE PRESIDENT (FROM 2023 SYNOD CONVENTION)



*Pursuing Excellence*  
UNDER THE CROSS

## A PRACTICE LOST, A PRACTICE RESTORED

### A Practice Lost

"Ask the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into his harvest field" (Matthew 9:38).

As we made the switch from *The Lutheran Hymnal* to the *Christian Worship* hymnal in 1993, the weekly practice of petitioning our Father to raise up a new generation of gospel workers was unintentionally lost in our corporate prayers.

### A Practice Restored

That's why the restoration in *Christian Worship* 2021 of the historic practice is so wonderful. Week after week, as the assembled people of God, we send our prayers heavenward, asking our Father to lead many from the next generation to serve in gospel ministry! What a perfect time for this practice to be restored! Anyone who follows call lists and vacancy numbers knows we are struggling as a church body to provide anywhere near a sufficient number of staff ministers, teachers, and pastors.

### Partners in the Practice

I certainly don't wish to shift attention away from MLC. We feel the weight of the responsibility you've given us to train a new generation of gospel messengers. As we **Pursue Excellence Under the Cross**, we assure you that we take seriously the task our Lord—and you—have entrusted to our campus.

But the task was never MLC's alone. The work of recruiting young (and not so young) men and women for ministry isn't something that happens only in New Ulm or wherever our MLC representatives happen to travel. The task belongs to our entire fellowship. It belongs to all who cherish the truth of the gospel proclaimed and shared!

And prayers for such faithful workers aren't meant to rise to heaven only from New Ulm and here and there when we think of it in our church body. If we take seriously Jesus' encouragement to pray for workers, such prayers will rise again and again—corporately and individually—all across our synod.

When all of us do both—pray and recruit—then we may find that God makes those we are encouraging the very answers to our prayers.

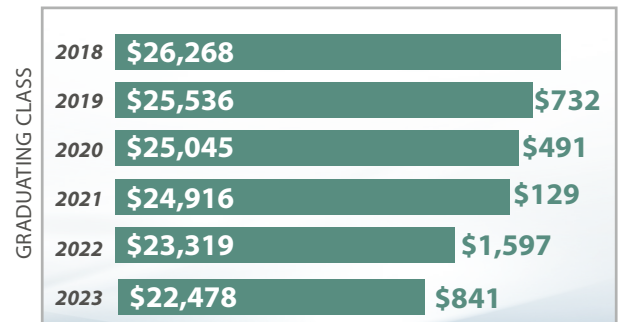


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## MLC GRADUATES ARE BORROWING LESS

We are thankful to report that for five years in a row, our graduates borrowed less money to pay for their education at MLC! Borrowers in the class of 2023 borrowed about \$840 less, on average, than the class of 2022. Reducing student debt is one of the primary objectives in our strategic plan, **Pursuing Excellence Under the Cross**. With God's blessing, donors' generous support, and the cooperation of parents and students, our goals are to see first-year students with no loans and graduating seniors with low loans.

DECREASE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR



TOTAL DEBT PER BORROWER OVER SIX YEARS

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS . . .

### HOME COMING—September 29 - October 1

Join us for a weekend packed with fun for the whole family.

### FALL CHOIR TOUR—October 18 - 22

The MLC College Choir will be making stops in South Dakota, Nebraska, Iowa, and Minnesota.

### MLC FORUM PRESENTS HELLO, DOLLY!—November 3 - 5

Did you participate in either the 1970 or 1995 performance of this much-loved musical? If so, please contact Beth Scharf at 507.354.8221, get on the reunion list, and plan to attend this year's performance. And, of course, even if you didn't perform, please join us for the 2023 production!

