

Our Mission

Michigan Lutheran Seminary exists to give teens the opportunity to train for the full-time ministry of the gospel. 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.

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.

A Message from *the President*

Eighteen of our forty-four graduates from the class of 2016 are planning to go on to MLC to continue their training for the full-time ministry. Four of these graduates will be going into the pastor track. Those eighteen represent 41% of the class, close to our historical average of 45% going on into the ministry. At the moment about 60% of the class of 2017 are indicating strong interest in the public ministry. Others from these classes will go into the military, be medical professionals, engineers, veterinarians or a variety of other occupations. These are all ways in which our young people will go on to serve their Lord. But our purpose is to encourage young people to continue at MLC and go on into the public ministry of the gospel. This is the purpose we constantly keep before our students and the members of the WELS. We are one of your high schools of ministry. You support us with your mission dollars because of that purpose. We praise the Lord of the church that we are privileged by his grace to continue to carry on that special purpose for our synod. Having well-trained pastors, teachers and staff ministers who have a heart for the spiritual care of people has been a desire of the Lutheran church since its beginnings in America. It is no small thing that that purpose has been carried out on this campus since 1887. To God alone the glory!



Serving Jesus with you,
Joel V. Petermann
Joel Petermann, President

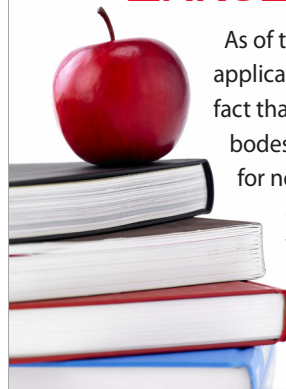
MARTIN LUTHER STATUE

The trees have been removed. A site plan has been developed. New landscaping is planned. By the end of the summer, a new statue of Martin Luther, God's tool for his reformation of the church, will be standing in the mall area off of Hardin street between the administration office and the triple doors that lead into the commons on our campus. This statue and granite base on which it will stand were a gift from a group of donors which they presented to the governing board. The bronze statue of Luther will be about the same size as the Martin Luther statues at MLC, WLS and LPS, except that the likeness of Luther will be from a different period of his life and will look slightly different than those statues. We are grateful to these generous donors. The statue of Luther will remind us daily that the Lord gives gifts to his church to keep it faithful to his Word so that the good news of the redemption won by Jesus Christ may never be lost.



ENROLLMENT INCREASE

As of the time of this writing, MLS has 66 applications for the class of 2020. Considering the fact that the graduating class will only be 44, this bodes well for a significant increase in enrollment for next year. In addition, we have four upper class transfers in for the next school year. We thank the Lord for this blessing on the hard work of our admissions counselors, Prof. Andrew Naumann and Tutor Nathan Moldenhauer this past year.



MLS UPDATE



IMPORTANT DATES

June 1, 2016

Enrollment for the 2016-2017 school year opens for all students

July 20, 2016

Enrollment for the 2016-2017 school year closes

August 20, 2016

Registration and opening service

August 21, 2016

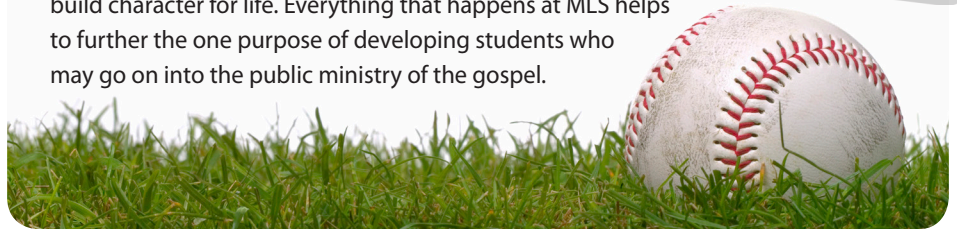
Orientation for new students

August 22, 2016

Classes begin for the 2016-2017 school year

SPRING SPORTS

Our spring sports season is well under way. The weather hasn't always been the best with some cold temperatures continuing to keep its steely grip on Michigan's mid-section. It is a rebuilding year for our baseball and softball teams. Meanwhile many are out for track running or hurdling or throwing to the best of their abilities. Sometimes our teams have winning seasons and sometimes they don't win many games at all. But the teamwork that they are taught, the resilience that they develop, and the leadership that they learn are qualities that are built every year—win or lose. These are all qualities which also are needed in the public ministry of the gospel. Even learning to lose and to fail sometimes are good lessons that help build character for life. Everything that happens at MLS helps to further the one purpose of developing students who may go on into the public ministry of the gospel.



FACULTY CHANGES

We are still calling for faculty to replace the Kocks when they head to Manitowoc at the end of this school year. A new wrinkle came when Prof. Emily Moeller's husband took a job in Texas and so she will resign at the end of the school year. This leaves us without a Spanish teacher. So we are currently calling for a Spanish teacher and since another position was opened on the faculty, we are also calling for a Science professor. Recently Rev. Jeffrey Bonack from Muskego, WI returned our call for him to teach Spanish. Mr. Steve Vasold has also returned the call to teach science.

We also were blessed at the MLC assignment meetings to have two tutors from MLC assigned to MLS. Wesley Towne from Bay City, MI and Elizabeth Jeske from Milwaukee, WI will serve as tutors. Tutor Lauren Maertz was reassigned from MLC and Tutor Josh Schultz was reassigned from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary for a second year on our campus. At WLS we were blessed to have Caleb Schmeige from

Madison, WI assigned as our admissions counselor/tutor to replace Nathan Moldenhauer who was called to Immanuel, Greenville, WI.

Tutor Justin Eternick was called to be principal apprentice at Trinity, Jenera, OH. Tutor Emily Chandonnet accepted a call during the year to teach at Christ the King, Palm Coast, FL.

May the Lord bless all these servants as they serve at MLS or elsewhere in his kingdom.



Caleb Schmeige



Liz Jeske



Wes Towne



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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