

LUTHER PREPARATORY SCHOOL

2018 WINTER UPDATE

*Changeless Message
Timeless Mission*



A Message from the President

A pastor from Florida who sends his children to Luther Prep recently asked me: "What's the one best thing Prep has going right now?" The answer came instantly: "The number of seniors who will continue at MLC next fall."

In early December we sent a box to Martin Luther College containing seventy-eight seniors' applications/recommendations/transcripts. That's more than seventy percent of the entire class, the highest percentage ever in LPS history. In the 153 years of a prep department being on the synod's Watertown campus records indicate that *only one other year* did more than thirty graduates continue for pastoral studies. Thirty five graduates from the class of 2018 plan to do so.

As the vacancies in the teaching and preaching ministry continue to increase in our synod, the Lord of the Church in his grace answers the prayer of his people for more workers in the harvest field. Those prayers will continue to rise heavenward until the Lord of the Church gathers his harvest home.

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We rely on our WELS pastors, teachers, and staff ministers to encourage grade school students (and their parents) to consider LPS and possible full-time ministry. An 8th grade student doesn't have to know for certain that he/she wants to enter the gospel ministry to enroll at LPS. Hundreds of Luther Prep graduates had little or no intention of becoming a pastor or teacher until their junior or senior year.... and now they serve in the public gospel ministry. The Word of God always works in all of our WELS schools and congregations. This same Word works at Prep in the unique way of fostering and encouraging the heart of a teenager for Christ's ministry.

Matthew Crass
LPS President

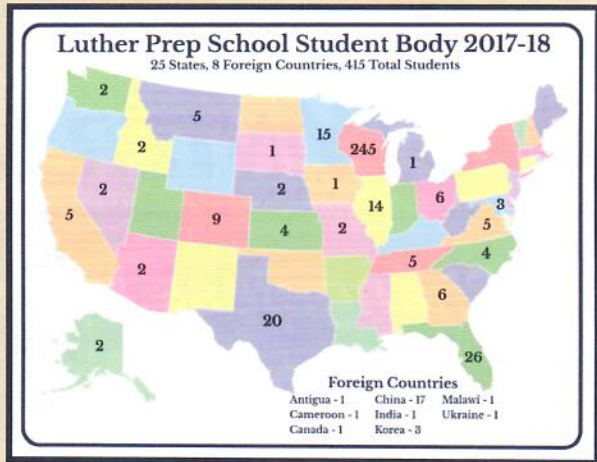
Parental Choice

More than thirty WELS families took advantage of Wisconsin's Parental Choice Programs this past year to send their children to Luther Prep. The State of Wisconsin pays the tuition on behalf of the parents in these income based programs. The parents remain responsible for the costs of room and board. The Luther Prep Governing Board voted to continue with these programs for the 2018-2019 school year. The Governing Board annually reviews Luther Prep's participation in Parental Choice in case doctrinal or practical problems arise.

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Divine Call Accepted

David Dodge (Garden Homes, Milwaukee) has accepted his call to LPS. We pray the Lord of the Church blesses Garden Homes Lutheran School as they seek to fill his position. Professor Dodge will teach History and lead LPS in its program of Urban Outreach for Ministry Preparation.



Disney's
Beauty and the Beast

Book by
Linda Woolverton

Music by
Alan Menken

Lyrics by
Howard Ashman &
Tim Rice

Presented through special
arrangement with Music Theatre
International (MTI).

March 9-11
7:00 pm
LPS Auditorium

Reserved Tickets \$10.00
General Admission Bleachers
(not reserved) \$7.00

Call Weekdays 8:00 am - 4:00 pm - (920) 261-4352
Online: www.ticketsource.us/lutherprep

CARNIVAL OF FUN AUCTION GALA

SATURDAY, APRIL 21, 2018
LPS Funhouse (Gymnasium)
1300 Western Avenue, Watertown, WI

5 p.m.-6:45 p.m. Silent auction, carnival fun,
and complimentary concessions

8 p.m. Elegant dining, dessert display,
and live-auction spectacular

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Wrestlers Wanted

More than thirty boys have participated in a "Wrestling Club" coached by Tutor Ben Ewings the last two years. Because of the high participation and commitment from so many boys, LPS plans to re-establish its wrestling program to a full time, competitive sport next year. Our student body is excited about the proposed plan.

Semester II

March

- 9-10 Co-ed Basketball Tournament
- 9-11 Musical "Beauty and the Beast"
Performances at 7pm in auditorium
- 11 Sacred Spring Concert 2pm in gymnasium
- 15 Spring Break begins at 12:30pm
- 15-24 Europe Trip

April

- 3 Classes Resume
- 6-8 Piano Monster Concert Weekend
- 7 HSPT for prospective 9th graders 9am
- 13-15 WELS Southeastern Handbell Festival at LPS
- 14 ACT at LPS
- 21 Gala XIII 5pm LPS gymnasium
- 28-29 Children's Theater Performances
- 28 Open House for 5th-8th grade families at 5pm

May

- 5 Spring Fling
- 6 Spring Band Concert at 7pm in auditorium
- 18 Commencement Concert at 7pm gymnasium
- 19 Graduation Service at 10am in gymnasium

Grateful for Gifts

106 years ago our church body built a gymnasium on its Watertown campus. In 1974 a new gymnasium was built and the 1912 gymnasium was converted to our present day Music Auditorium. It is in the long range plans of Luther Prep to build a new Music Auditorium to meet the needs of our numerous music offerings (symphonic band, choruses, Prep Singers, handbell choirs, pep and jazz bands, string and guitar ensembles, brass choir, various concerts, etc.) and dramatic productions. Our 106 year old Music Auditorium would again be repurposed as a second gymnasium for lower level team practices and games. With 90% of our 416 students living on campus, a second gymnasium would also afford numerous opportunities for more intramural programs and other activities.

Last November Luther Prep sent an appeal asking God's people to contribute to a special project which would allow us to make initial plans for a possible new Music Auditorium. We hope to have conceptual plans in the coming year. As of today \$150,000 has been given.