President’s Message

New. For me everything is new right now as I settle into the office to which the Holy Spirit has called me. Everything is also new for the freshmen who have stepped onto our campus for the first time. It's a new year for our returning students, too. Thankfully also the mercies of our Lord are new every morning and it's in the peace of those mercies we work and study. For the 2012-2013 school year about 236 students (up from 219 at the end of 2011-2012 school year) are enrolled to study under God's mercy, taught by 26 faculty members who are supported by about 26 staff members. We are indeed blessed.

Financially the Lord's mercy continues to provide, although we continue to have to hold down expenses and put off some maintenance. Please pray for MLS during the coming year. We depend on the Lord’s mercies – every year.

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MLS Debuts New Logo & Website

We hope that you will take a moment to check out www.mlsem.org.

After about a year or so of planning and work our new website is now operational. Along with the website we have also introduced our new logo. We have not replaced our school seal which goes back many years and still represents the focus and purpose of our school. However, for ease of publication we have a new logo that will appear on our website and mailed materials. It retains the shield shape of the seal and also focuses on the cross of Jesus who is at the heart of all we do. However, the new logo’s simplicity makes it more versatile and easier to use on publicity and mailings.

We hope you enjoy both.

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New Faces at MLS!

There are other new faces at MLS this year besides that of the new president.

- Tutor Joel Voss from Williamston, MI joins us as a graduate assigned in May from WLS.
- Jonathan Huebner joins us as an instructor in the Math and Science departments. He comes to us after a year of instructing at Nebraska Lutheran High School.
- Melissa LeBair isn’t new to MLS, but she is now filling a new role as our interim Dean of Girls. She had been serving as emergency instructor in the English department and will continue with these teaching duties as well.
- Emily Mayer has now been called permanently to fill the position of Spanish Professor at all levels.
- Jane Petermann has been called to be a piano instructor.

We thank the Lord for all of these faithful servants on our campus.
Project Titus Involves Sixty Students!

About 60 students from MLS spent a portion of their summer helping with VBS or Summer School or Summer camps throughout the U.S. and in four foreign countries. Places visited overseas included Korea, China, Colombia and Germany. In the U.S. students traveled to Cary, North Carolina; Las Vegas, Nevada; Mobile, Alabama; Savannah, Georgia and Milwaukee, Wisconsin. One young lady who participated in the trip to St. Marcus in Milwaukee commented that she was planning to be a veterinarian, but now the choice was going to be much harder – because she enjoyed teaching so much. This is the blessing of the Project Titus trips. Not only do our students have a chance to help missions in many places and even in different cultures, but it also gives them a taste of the joy of the public ministry. It is our prayer that this spurs them on to attend MLC and to the public ministry of the WELS.

Successful Seasons

Both the boys’ and girls’ varsity basketball teams had successful seasons at MLS last school year. The varsity boys mirrored the previous season attaining another 20-5 record. Their 13-1 conference play was good enough for a repeat conference championship. As they did the previous year they also won this year’s district and then regional title but lost in the quarterfinals. Todd Brassow was chosen by the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan (BCAM) for the all-state team. The girl’s program also fared well attaining a season record of 17-7 and a conference record of 8-6. They were victorious in the district and regional finals. However, like the boys, they lost their quarterfinal game. Next year both the boys’ and girls’ basketball programs will move up to class C.

Concert Choir Tour

Over Easter break in 2013, the Concert Choir will be touring Arizona, Nevada, and New Mexico. The choir will spend Easter Sunday in the Las Vegas area. They hope to sing at three congregations on Easter Sunday and then take Monday to tour in the Grand Canyon area. After heading to New Mexico for several concerts, they will return to their “base” in the Phoenix area after stopping to perform a concert at East Fork in Whiteriver. The tour will take place from March 28 through April 8 and will include concerts or services at 14 different congregations. The choir this year consists of 31 members of the junior and senior class at MLS.

Organ Program

In the 2012-13 school year there will be a total of 20 students at MLS studying organ through private lessons. This is up from 9 in the first semester of last year and 12 in the second semester of 2011-12. The student organists rotate playing for morning chapel after approximately one year of lessons. In a typical year, two or three students are capable of playing an entire worship service. In recent history, the most organ students in a year was 24.

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