

LUTHER PREPARATORY SCHOOL CONVENTION UPDATE



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The ninety-nine members of the Class of 2014 received diplomas Saturday, May 24th

The Lord is Gracious

The Lord has been most gracious to us. Our senior class displayed excellent school spirit and set a positive tone for the entire year. Over half of our 99 graduates plan to enroll at MLC next fall to continue their studies for gospel ministry. Fifteen will be in the pastor track. **The Lord is gracious.**

Our enrollment continues to increase. Luther Prep will have 100 more students than it did six years ago. **The Lord is gracious.**

Luther Prep continues to fulfill its purpose of preparing young people for Christ's public ministry in the WELS. One in every five students at MLC is an LPS graduate, and more than one third of the students at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary are LPS graduates. **The Lord is gracious.**

Jesus said: "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few" (Matt. 9:37). Because that Word will remain true throughout time, and witnessing the increase of pastoral and teaching vacancies in our church body, the recruitment of young people to Luther Prep to prepare for ministry continues to be a high priority.

It has been a very good year. Why? Because **the Lord is gracious.** Christ has redeemed us. This gracious gospel message predominates on our campus, and it permeates the souls of God's people at Luther Prep. This gospel message encourages ministry.

The Lord is gracious,

President Matthew Crass



LPS Quick Facts

- Enrollment projections for 2014-15 could see total enrollment approach 450.
- Incoming Freshman Class of 110 is possible.
- Over half of the Class of 2014 has enrolled at MLC.
- One-third of the students at WLS are LPS graduates.
- The LPS Forensics team defended its Wisconsin Division 3 State Championship.
- The LPS campus continues to be a center of activities which include various athletic and music camps, conferences, and class reunions.
- Contact Mission Advancement to schedule class reunions, receptions or conferences on campus. (920)262-8104
- Fall 2015 will mark the celebration of 150 years of ministerial education on the Watertown, WI campus.
- Saturday, August 2nd
LPS Phoenix Golf Classic
"The Best Round of the Summer"
Windwood of Watertown
10:00 am Registration
11:30 Shotgun Start
Contact Mission Advancement
(920)262-8104

THE CAMPUS CHRONICLE

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An aerial view of the campus c. 1962. Note that there were only two dorms, West Hall and Augsburg.

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Anniversaries are important times of celebration. They commemorate many different occasions. Their importance is often noted by a precious metal or gem as a symbol of the importance and value they carry for the celebrants. Anniversaries trumpet change that has taken place throughout the course of time passed. Luther Preparatory School and its campus is celebrating a landmark anniversary too. The Watertown campus is celebrating 150 years of blessed service to the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. The campus is celebrating 150 years of **LIVES PREPARED FOR SERVICE** to the church.

150 years ago our church fathers had the practical foresight to establish a school to serve the Wisconsin Synod in training public ministers of the Gospel. Our anniversary is different. It doesn't trumpet the change that has taken place in this little corner of God's kingdom for change's sake. Do not be mistaken. Change has been an important part of the 150 year history of the Watertown campus. Land was acquired to build the original school. That original footprint has changed. It has both outstretched and retracted the boundaries of its original location in the southeast corner of Watertown, WI.

The present generation of the campus boasts three dormitories which can house as many as 480 students, a 1500 seat gymnasium, a 650 seat auditorium, a cafeteria that serves 1200 meals a day, various athletic fields, a library, science labs...the list goes on. In terms of the campus buildings change is evident. The campus has also undergone numerous infrastructure upgrades in order to keep up with the technological demands of the 21st century. There are four computer labs. Most buildings are "connected" to the web. We live-stream events to parents.

The campus has changed, people obviously change. For the past 150 years some of the iconic figures in our church's history have begun their training for the public ministry of the Gospel on the campus. Great hymnists, theologians, district officers, educators, and synod presidents have spent their formative years here. Many of them started as 14 year-olds. We cannot forget that literally thousands of yeomen, hardworking, faithful Gospel ministers who filled the pulpits and classrooms throughout the world for the past 150 years also started their training on the Watertown campus.

The difference between an anniversary which simply commemorates an occasion or a milestone year and the LPS campus's anniversary is significant. We are not celebrating just the changes which have taken place. We are celebrating 150 years of stability, steadfast resolve, and persistence of purpose supported by the strong foundation of God's holy, inerrant and unchanging word.

Buildings, faculty, staff, and students, have undergone inevitable change. We praise the God of Grace who has sustained our school through these 150 years of change by anchoring us in His unchanging Word, the foundation of our continuing and unchanging purpose.

The LPS150: Lives Prepared for Service anniversary celebration will officially get underway in the school year 2014-15. Look for scheduled events and special service information in future Luther Prep publications, on the web at lps.wels.net, WELS Connect, and upcoming issues of *Forward in Christ*. Join us as we give thanks to our gracious Lord for the many blessings that He has provided to the Watertown campus. To Him, alone be glory!