Note from the editor
Emma Deignan '18
The end of "Christmas at Luther" is always bittersweet. I say bittersweet for several reasons: The week is exhausting but utterly rewarding; students are trying to survive finals week while taking in the last month of the 2015 year; some students are saying goodbye to friends as they head home for break, others are saying goodbye as they head off to study abroad. The feeling of December is bittersweet because we look forward to the holidays, but we are saying goodbye to a wonderful first semester. We are saying goodbye with hope that the next will be even better. I know it will be.
If you have questions, comments, or concerns about this month’s Parent Newsletter, I encourage you to contact us at parentnewsletter@luther.edu.

Message from Corey Landstrom
Vice President and Dean for Student Life
It is time for a change of pace. The fall semester has come to a close and for many students this brings a relatively brief break before beginning the January Term. J-term brings a range of possibilities for students—possibilities quite unlike those in a traditional semester. Surprises can emerge from these experiences. For students who choose to immerse themselves deeply, J-term can lead to a fundamental, life-changing experience. Luther has developed a website highlighting the many features of this special term; I encourage you to explore it: http://www.luther.edu/j-term/. Read more
Spotlight On:

**Ballroom & Swing Club**
Luther College's Ballroom and Swing Club exists to promote dance, culture, and fun on the college campus. The competitive dancing team has nearly 50 members, with our social dancers adding more to our club as a whole. We aim to teach anyone who has ever wanted to learn ballroom dancing how to dance. By bringing in various ballroom dance professionals and collaborating with other college clubs, we provide thorough instruction to all who attend. However, as a student-led group, we also run our own practices weekly and strive to create a responsible and inclusive community through our independence. Read more

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**Luther invited families to 'Christmas in the Union'**
Santa made an early stop in Decorah as Luther College celebrated "Christmas in the Union" Wednesday, Dec. 9, in the lobby of the Dahl Centennial Union on the Luther campus. Activities included cookie decorating, crafts, a holiday movie, music, and games. There was also an opportunity for pictures with Santa by the fireplace. Luther Dining Services concluded the day of Christmas festivities by serving a holiday dinner of ham, turkey, and all the fixings in the Luther cafeteria. Read More

'Savior of the Nations, Come'
In a musical celebration of joy, community and holiday traditions, Luther College presented the 2015 production of "Christmas at Luther" Dec. 3-6 in the Center for Faith and Life on the Luther campus. The 2015 production, titled "Savior of the Nations, Come," was an homage to Christmas music from around the world, including the Spanish carol "Riu, Riu, Chiu," the Ukranian carol "Carol of the Bells", and the Haitian carol "Noel Asyisyen." Read More

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**Women's Basketball - Central College**
Wednesday, January 6, 2016
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**Dorian Vocal Festival Concert**
Sunday, January 10, 2016
Center For Faith and Life, Main Hall

**Men's Basketball - Wartburg College**
Wednesday, January 13, 2016
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The Department of Education is currently sending emails to student and parents who submitted a FAFSA for the current year and have not obtained a new FSA ID. A FSA ID can be obtained at https://fsaid.ed.gov/npas/index.htm. Both the student and one parent will need a FSA ID to file a 2016-17 FAFSA.

- Please remember to file the 2016-17 FAFSA online at https://fafsa.ed.gov/. The FAFSA for 2016-17 is available starting January 1, 2016.

- Spring semester bills are being mailed in December. Payments are due by January 10, 2016. Any questions regarding bills or Form 1098-T should be directed to Financial Services at (563) 387-1015.

- Remind your student to log on to my.luther.edu to authorize Luther College to deliver his or her W-2 electronically.

- If your student(s) claimed an EXEMPT status in 2015 on the federal or state W-4, they will need to complete a new 2016 W-4 with the Student Employment Office. Reminder emails will be going to students in January.