Note from the editor
Emma Deignan '18
For me the month of July is centered around one thing: family. Spending time at the cabin, learning how to water ski with my dad, weeding my grandma's garden with my mom, seeing my sister in a play; July is turning out to be a family-packed four weeks. At this point in the summer, I not only feel reintegrated into my home life but also rejuvenated from the time I have spent with family. Having the opportunity to build a Luther family and grow as a Norse is a blessing, but having a place to call home is equally as wonderful. This time spent with loved ones has been exactly what I needed to feel energized and ready to tackle another great year at Luther!
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
The buzz around campus is beginning...we are close to opening the 2016-17 academic year. New students are receiving their first-year housing assignments; fall sport coaches are awaiting the arrival of athletes; student life staff are working on training programs for resident assistants, peer mentors, and student leaders; and faculty are finalizing syllabi for their courses. While the quiet of summer is coming to an end, the wondrous noise of the fall is almost upon us.
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Spotlight On:

Chips

Chips is a student publication of Luther College in Decorah, Iowa. The paper is designed, composed edited and managed entirely by Luther students. It is published weekly during the academic year, excluding the month of January. Read more

Luther News

Time Magazine features Luther Professor Loren Toussaint's take on forgiveness

According to the latest research by Luther College Professor Loren Toussaint, people who are more forgiving can better handle stress. The recent Time Magazine article, "Forgiving Other People Is Good for Your Health," leans on research by Toussaint originally published in the Journal of Health Psychology. Read More

Luther College names new dean for institutional planning and mission

Luther College President Paula Carlson has announced the appointment of Terry Sparkes, Luther associate dean and associate professor of religion, as dean for institutional planning and mission at Luther. Read More

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All Thing$ Financial

- My.luther.edu will be unavailable starting at noon on August 5, and continuing until August 8. During this time, the college will be updating server platforms. This means that users will not be able to review current financial aid awards, missing documents, or account statements online until the update is complete. Since bills for the fall semester are due August 10, please plan accordingly.

- The Financial Aid Office will be open Saturday, August 27, from 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., for New Student Move-In.

- Remind your student to give you financial access to their my.luther.edu account. On this site you can view your student's financial aid award, check for missing documents, and see any balance due.

- Please ask your student if they have turned in all of their financial aid documents for the upcoming year. If your student receives an email from our office asking them to review the “My Documents” section of my.luther.edu, it means that we still need at least one form.

- Avoid additional late fees. Remember, you can still apply for Federal Parent or private student loans. Please ask Financial Aid for assistance. You can also fill out the Work Credit Plan to apply Student Work earnings to tuition or set up a Monthly Payment Plan with the Office for Financial Services.
If this is the first time your student will be working on Luther’s campus, please make sure they bring ORIGINAL documents to fill out the Federal I-9 form. You may go to the finaid.luther.edu website and to the forms page to see a list of acceptable documents.

Students receiving a Federal Perkins Loan for the first time will need to complete a promissory note and entrance counseling in order to receive their loan proceeds. These documents were originally anticipated to be available in early July, but should now be available in early August. Borrowers will receive an email from HeartlandECSI when these documents are ready.