Note from the editor
Emma Deignan '18

For most students, summer break is a much needed reprieve from the hectic academic life. It's a time to continue planning for the future by interning or job-shadowing. It's a time to catch up with old friends and spend quality time with family. I know Luther students are doing all of this and more. From traveling Brazil with Jazz Orchestra to a summer internship at a local business to doing summer research on campus, the Norse are everywhere and doing productive things!

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

Summer is here! Or, at least it is come Monday. Summer brings an opportunity for curiosity and exploration, reflection and renewal, and planning and preparation. While the academic year just came to a close last month, the clock has not stopped on campus. Indeed, it keeps moving forward at the same speed it always has—sixty seconds a minute, sixty minutes an hour, twenty-four hours a day, etc. James Gleick wrote Faster: The Acceleration of Just About Everything in 1999. His core argument remains relevant. While
technology has provided efficiencies and saved time in many realms, we can easily succumb to a “hurry sickness.” That is, we pack more into our saved seconds, minutes, and hours and we don’t set aside time for important life activities such as eating well, exercising, developing relationships, and reflecting upon our life experiences. Rather, we do as Dory might suggest, we just keep swimming, just keep swimming…

Spotlight On:

Campus and Community Gardens

Luther College is proud to produce locally grown, organic food throughout the year for its Dining Services locations on campus. Approximately an acre of land, the farm is situated just west of Luther’s main campus. A team of Luther students plants, weeds, and harvests a variety of products through sustainable practices in cooperation with Luther’s Dining Services provider, Sodexo. There are several opportunities for current Luther students to work in sustainability-related fields at Luther over the summer.

Luther News

Luther College names new college pastor

Luther College President Paula J. Carlson announced the appointment of Anne Edison-Albright as college pastor at Luther. She will join College Pastor Michael Blair in Luther’s Office for College Ministries starting Aug. 15.

Luther College presented sixth annual Student Leadership Awards

Luther College’s Launching Luther Leaders program announced the recipients of the sixth annual Student Leadership Awards at their banquet held Sunday, May 1, on the Luther campus. The awards honor individuals and groups for their contribution to the college’s mission of service.

All Thing$ Financial

- Continuing student billings for the Fall Semester will be mailed in late June.
- Families in need of either a federal parent loan (PLUS) or a private student loan for the upcoming academic year should apply for these loans by July 15. Loans for study away experiences should be applied for separately from those meant to cover the academic year.
- Continuing students will receive an email the week of June 20 reminding them of any documents needed to finalize their financial aid file. New students will receive a paper letter the week of June 27 outlining missing financial aid documents.
- The Financial Aid Office is open Monday – Friday from 8 am to 5 pm during the summer to answer your questions and process financial aid.
Interest rates on Federal Stafford Loans first disbursed between July 1, 2016, and June 30, 2017, will be fixed at 3.76%, while PLUS Loans disbursed during the same period will carry a fixed rate of 6.31%.