Note from the editor
Emma Deignan '18
As clichéd as it sounds, this time of year really does bring out the best in people. As the air grows colder, my heart grows warmer. I see wonderful things happening around this campus that embody the reason for the season: thankfulness. From the student-initiated discussion about Islamophobia in America to a showing of the documentary "Happy", it's not too difficult to see how blessed we are to be here. With only a couple of days until Thanksgiving break, the students are pretty busy: "Christmas at Luther" rehearsals are gearing up, the winter sports seasons are kicking off, and seniors are working hard to finish their senior projects. Although there doesn't seem to be enough time in the day to get everything done, one thing we always have time for is gratitude. 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
This is a time of year when giving thanks and reflecting upon what makes us thankful is important and necessary. I am continually thankful for the opportunity to work with the tremendous members of our community at Luther—students, faculty and staff. I advise our Student Senate, and three first-year students were elected in September to represent their respective residence halls (Ylvisaker, Brandt, and Olson). I asked our three first-year representatives to reflect on their first few months and note the highlights and challenges at Luther as well as what they are thankful for. Read more
Spotlight On:

Counseling Services
Luther’s Counseling Services provides confidential individual and group counseling; crisis intervention; consultation with faculty, staff, parents, and friends who are concerned about a student; education and training with residence hall staff and other campus groups; outreach and prevention activities related to student mental health; and more. The staff consists of licensed mental health professionals with substantial experience working with college students. Any personal concern is appropriate to bring to Counseling Services. In 2013-2014, 105 clients completed a survey after their third counseling session; Ninety-three percent of them agreed or strongly agreed that as a result of their counseling so far, they were building their ability to cope with their problems, issues, or challenges more effectively. Read more

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Luther presented "Sunday in the Park with George"
Luther's Visual and Performing Arts department presented the musical "Sunday in the Park with George", by Stephen Sondheim and James Lapine, Nov. 13-14 and Nov. 19-21. Inspired by the painting "A Sunday Afternoon on the Island of La Grande Jatte" by Georges Seurat, the musical Sunday in the Park with George imagines the creation of the famous painting and fictionalizes the life of Seurat. Read More

Nationally known nursing advocate Summers presented lecture at Luther
Sandy Summers, RN, MSN, MPH, presented the lecture "Saving Lives: Why the Media's Portrayal of Nursing Puts Us All at Risk" on Thursday, Nov. 19. As the founder and executive director of the advocacy program The Truth About Nursing, Summers has generated a national media campaign to refute popular media's portrayal of nursing. She argues that the media reflects a negative image of not only the nursing profession, but also the delivery of healthcare in the United States. Read More

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Luther Events Calendar

Women’s and Men’s Basketball - UW-Platteville
Tuesday, November 24, 2015
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Wrestling - Cornell College
Wednesday, December 2, 2015
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Christmas at Luther Performance
Thursday, December 3, 2015
Center For Faith and Life, Main Hall

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We place such a high value on what our students contribute to the campus community and offer a wide variety of scholarships and awards based on demonstrated academic excellence, musical talent, and other criteria. Encourage your student to view outside scholarships that are available on our webpage http://www.luther.edu/admissions/financialaid/scholarships/.

Encourage your student to check out the Grad Ready website at Luther.GradReady.com. This money saving, student loan information site has great videos, tools, and resources to help your student get real-world ready. This is not only for graduating students.

J-Term study abroad final payments are due on December 1. Remind your student to watch for a notification from the course he or she will be involved in.

The Department of Education is currently sending emails to students 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. You will need an FSA ID to file a 2016-17 FAFSA.

Just a reminder that payment plans for spring semester start in December and Work Credit Plans will be reviewed in January.