December 2017

Christmas at Luther 2017

Note from the Editor
Emma Deignan '18

Finals week is challenging. First-year students experience their first taste of college-level cumulative exams; sophomores and juniors balance the pressure of upper-level classes; and some seniors say goodbye to a place that has grown to mean more than just school. While finals can be the source of dread and nervousness for students, I have come to realize that they should be the source of pride and excitement. Navigating the academic and emotional challenges of final exams and, for some, the completion of college life is worth celebrating!

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

Last weekend I had the opportunity to hear a message from Luther alumnus Kurt Helmann '16 during church service at First Lutheran in Decorah. Kurt was visiting to share his perspective from his year in Cambodia as part of the ELCA's Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM) program. Kurt was one of several Luther alumni who spent their year
abroad, including Kelly Harris ’15, who was in Rwanda last year and returned to Luther as a residence life professional this year. This year there are again several Luther alumni out in the world sharing their gifts and talents in service as part of the YAGM program. Read more.

"Decorah" Video

Check out this new video produced by the Luther College Visual Media!

Luther News

Luther College Professor Brad Chamberlain named interim dean
Luther College President Paula Carlson announced Monday, Dec. 11, that Brad Chamberlain, Luther professor of chemistry and co-chair of the strategic planning process, will serve as interim dean for institutional planning and mission. As interim dean, Chamberlain will lead Luther’s campus-wide strategic planning process and coordinate the college’s re-accreditation process with the Higher Learning Commission through 2019. Read More

Luther College Candlelight Nativity Service
Luther College College Ministries held a Candlelight Nativity Service on Sunday, Dec. 10, in the Main Hall of the Center for Faith and Life. The evening included fellowship, carols, and readings in preparation for Christmas. At this last student congregation service of semester, students enjoyed a night of calm before finals week through worship. College Ministries invited people to dress comfortably for the event and bring blankets and pillows for comfortable seating on the stage. Read More

See all headlines.

Luther Events Calendar

SAC Cinema Movie Night: Inception
Friday, Jan. 12, 2018
7:30 p.m.
Dahl Centennial Union, Marty’s

Dorian Vocal Festival Grand Concert
Monday, Jan. 15, 2018
7 p.m.
Center for Faith and Life, Main Hall

"Create Community" Workshop for First-Years
Saturday, Jan. 20, 2018
10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Baker Commons

All Thing$ Financial
• Remind your student to check with any outside agency scholarships that we have not yet received payment from. Have them check when spring payment will be made and if anything is needed before payment can be made such as a transcript or copy of billing statement.

• Please remember to file the 2018-19 FAFSA online at https://fafsa.ed.gov/. The FAFSA for 2018-19 was available starting October 1, 2017. This FAFSA uses 2016 tax information.

• Spring semester bills were mailed December 15. Payments are due January 10, 2018. 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 their my.luther.edu to authorize Luther College to deliver their W-2 and 1098T electronically. This allows quicker access to these documents.

• If your student(s) claimed an EXEMPT status in 2017 on the federal or state W-4, they will need to complete a new 2018 W-4 with the Student Employment Office. Reminder emails will be sent to students in January.