Note from the editor
Emma Deignan '18
This summer I'm living and working in Des Moines, Iowa. Although I love my hometown, Cedar Rapids, I thought new scenery and new opportunities would be exciting for the summer. This mentality seems to be shared by my Luther peers. From interning at a publishing company in the Twin Cities to exploring the mountains in Colorado with an ELCA summer camp to staying on campus to do student/professor research, Luther students are constantly searching for ways to challenge themselves. Hearing about everyone's summer experiences not only keeps me motivated to find my next best opportunity, but it also reminds me of the many ways I can choose to steer my life as a soon-to-be liberal arts grad!
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

I recently attended the ELCA's (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) Northeastern Iowa Synod Assembly as a delegate for my church in Decorah. I was privileged to be joined by my daughter, who served as a youth delegate from our church and assisting minister for the Sunday morning worship service. Such gatherings are important in the life of the church and provide a means for congregations to gather and meet one another as they engage in a weekend of worship, learning, and decision making. The Northeast Iowa Synod has three ELCA institutions of higher education located within its boundaries, including Luther, which hosted the assembly. Read more

Luther News

Luther College's sustainability receives STARS silver rating

A national assessment shows Luther College has made significant gains in sustainability performance over the past three years. This spring Luther submitted information on the college's efforts to STARS (Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System), a program run by the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education. Luther received a STARS silver rating.
rating of 62.47, which shows improvement from the 47.51 rating the college earned in 2014. Luther's efforts were reported by the college's Center for Sustainable Communities, which coordinates sustainability initiatives at Luther. The mission of the center is to promote sustainability and be a catalyst for change on campus and in the region. Read More

Luther senior Barnes selected to research nanoscale wear during summer

Jared Barnes, Luther College senior of Fort Worth, Texas, is researching and analyzing the effects of nanoscale wear for his summer research project at the college. "Research has taught me a lot about how I can learn things on my own without the help of others. I've always asked a lot of questions, but research has given me the confidence to be creative and bold in my approach to solving problems," said Barnes. Read More

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Spotlight On:

Luther College Pep Band

To serve and inspire the Luther College community by supporting our athletic teams, providing entertainment at various on-campus events, and having fun! The Luther College Pep Band plays for all home football games in the Fall semester. This includes the homecoming parade and game, as well as various school rallies at the beginning of Fall semester. Read more

All Thing$ Financial

- Continuing student billings for the Fall Semester were mailed to students on June 21.
- Students planning to utilize their work-study earnings to pay a portion of their bill must complete a Work Credit Plan Application with the Office for Financial Services by July 1. Anticipated work earnings will not show as a credit on the billing statement until this has been done.
- 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 26th reminding them of any documents needed to finalize their financial aid file. New students will receive a paper letter the week of June 26 outlining missing financial aid documents.
- The Financial Aid Office is open Monday – Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. during the summer to answer your questions and process financial aid. We will be closed on Tuesday, July 4.
- Interest rates on Federal Stafford Loans first disbursed between July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018 will be fixed at 4.45%, while PLUS Loans disbursed during the same period will carry a fixed rate at 7.00%.
- First-time borrowers of a Federal Perkins Loan will receive an email from webmaster@ecsi.net the week of July 3rd containing a link to complete the required loan information and promissory note.