Note from the Editor
Hanna Dodd '21
Hello everyone! As Emma, the previous editor of the newsletter, mentioned in last month’s edition, the newsletter is trading hands. I’m so excited for this opportunity to carry on the work Emma has done and continue sharing life at Luther with you. I think this place rocks and it’s my pleasure to keep you updated and informed about all the goings-on. As for me, I’m a first-year English major from the Quad Cities, and a member of the women’s soccer and track and field teams. I have bunches of family that graduated from Luther so this place holds an extra special place in my heart. What a privilege it is for me to get to share it with you, especially at such a memorable time as graduation. Commencement is just around the corner, and I can hardly believe another year has already passed here in the valley!

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

Commencement season is upon us and Luther seniors celebrate their graduation a week from today! It’s a time for joy and celebration, reflection and goodbyes, and looking
ahead to the next stage of their adult lives. Our students will be bring their well-honed gifts, talents, and strengths to a world that is complex, messy, and in sore need of the deep care and consideration Luther alumni offer.

Tanzanian Maasai Warrior lecture on pastoralism and conservation

On Sunday, May 6, Killing’ot Lembikas of Tanzania presented the talk “When Pastoralism Meets Conservation: Challenges to the Maasai Way of Life” on the Luther College campus. Lembikas is a warrior of the Maasai tribe, a people whose culture developed around herding cattle, sheep, and goats on the grasslands of East Africa. Since 2011, Lembikas has worked with Luther students and faculty as a cultural guide and interpreter for January Term programs based in northern Tanzania.

Luther College professor Dan Davis to lead five students on international archaeological excavations

This May and June, Luther College professor Dan Davis will take two different groups of Luther students on excavations: Robert Muller ’20, Anna Luber ’19, and Zachary Ziarnik ’20, will accompany Davis to Caesarea, Israel, where they will help launch a new, multi-year excavation, and Collin Carpenter ’20 and Alex Aakre ’19 will help Davis with artifact processing in Southern Greece. Davis is a classical archaeologist who focuses on both ancient shipwrecks and harbor sites in the Mediterranean and Black Sea regions.

Luther Events Calendar

**Friday Showcase Concert with Symphony Orchestra and Nordic Choir**
Friday, May 25, 2018
7:30 pm – 9:30 p.m.
Center for Faith and Life, Main Hall

**Saturday Showcase Concert with Concert Band and Jazz Orchestra**
Saturday, May 26, 2018
1:30 p.m.
Center for Faith and Life, Main Hall

**Commencement Ceremony**
Sunday, May 27, 2018
10:00 a.m.
Carlson Stadium

**Decorah Norse Athletic Association Benefit Golf Tournament**
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• Continuing students who submitted all the required documentation by the March 15 priority filing date began receiving email notifications on May 4 that financial aid packages for 2018-19 were ready to view. This email directs students to my.luther.edu to view their financial aid awards for the 2018-19 academic year. Emails will be sent out on an ongoing basis as award packages are completed.

• Students who need to submit documents in order to receive a financial aid package were notified of the missing documents via email on May 4.

• Students missing the promissory note for the Norse 17 loan on their 2018-19 financial aid will receive an email from Heartland ECSI on July 1 with a link to the note.

• Students attending Luther for the first time this fall must have their high school submit a copy of their final high school transcript indicating the date of graduation. Financial aid will not disburse to the student’s account until this is received.

• A Cost Estimate Worksheet for the 2018-19 year is available in the forms section of finaid.luther.edu and may be used to determine remaining cost after financial aid is applied.

• Graduating seniors with student loans and/or a Federal Teach Grant have received information about completing exit counseling for those loans. The counseling informs borrowers of their rights and responsibilities and prepares them to enter repayment.

• 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.