Luther's Diversity Center arranged an off-campus trip for Luther international and domestic students to celebrate the annual Diwali holiday with the Indian community in Rochester, Minnesota.

Note from the Editor
Emma Deignan ’18
This semester I enrolled in a human anatomy course to fulfill an all-school requirement and a requirement for my major in social work. I’ve enjoyed it immensely. The subject challenges me in a different way than my other classes, the labs are hands-on and exciting, and the professors are passionate and versatile. It’s especially interesting to see how the professors tailor the class for first-year students, as it’s required for all nursing majors. They take time to reinforce good study habits; they are constantly offering academic and life advice from their lectern in the lecture hall; and even their offices are located in the study lounge of the science building so that students have easier access to them outside of class. These aspects of the class feel so "Luther-y": welcoming, community-oriented, and truly geared toward student success.

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 spring, Luther College conducted a Sexual Assault Campus Climate Survey to assess the issue of safety and sexual assault on our campus. President Carlson communicated with the Luther community regarding the results of the survey this week. I am providing you a general overview of the survey and the results (including via links in this document). Sexual violence is a serious problem on our campus, as well as in other settings across the country. At Luther we value safety, trust, and the ability to live without fear of harm—sexual violence violates all of these values. Any incident is one incident too many. We are committed to creating a campus community that is intolerant of sexual violence in any form. Read more.

Dining Services E-Newsletter
To stay in the Dining Services loop on specials, schedules and hours over school
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**Luther junior Hanitrinirina developed strategy for 2019 ELCA Churchwide Assembly**
Sthela Gun Holly Hanitrinirina, Luther College junior, was the research and evaluation intern for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's Global Mission unit in Chicago, Illinois. She facilitated conversations on gender justice within the Global Mission unit, which will contribute to the 2019 ELCA Churchwide Assembly. Read More

**Luther College presents 'Rent' performances Nov. 10-11 and Nov. 16-19**
Luther College's Visual and Performing Arts department presented "Rent," a 90s rock musical loosely based off of Giacomo Puccini's opera "La Boheme," Nov. 10-11 and 16-19 in Jewel Theatre in Luther's Center for the Arts. "Rent" follows a group of struggling artists in Manhattan's East Village who are living in the shadow of the HIV/AIDS epidemic. The individual stories of love, loss, and passion intertwine to create a thought-provoking show that promotes the ideal of living life to its fullest. Read More

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Luther Events Calendar

**Christmas at Luther Performance**
Thursday, Nov. 30, 2017
5:45 p.m.
Center for Faith and Life, Main Hall

**Women's and Men's Basketball - Coe College**
Wednesday, Dec. 6, 2017
6 p.m. & 8 p.m.
Home

**Kwanzaa Feast & Celebration**
Saturday, Dec. 9, 2017
4 p.m.
Dahl Centennial Union, Peace Dining Room

All Thing$ Financial

- Starting October 1, students and parents were able to complete the 2018-19 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Tax data for the 2018-19 FAFSA is from the 2016 tax year.
- Continuing-student award letters for the 2018-19 academic year will be available on my.luther.edu towards the end of spring semester.
- J-Term Study Abroad final payments are due on December 1. Remind your student to watch for a notification from the course regarding final payment amount.
- Spring semester billing will be mailed in mid-December to the student's permanent home address.
- Payment plans for spring semester start in December with confirmation letters for those plans being sent out as students register for next semester. Work Credit Plans that were set up for the “fall only” need to be paid in full by January 14 in order to avoid a late fee.
- We have learned that current and former students may be receiving information regarding loan consolidation. We do not recommend consolidation for borrowers currently in school. Furthermore, we recommend that those interested in loan consolidation do so with a federal loan servicer.