

# LUTHER PREP SCHOOL



Spring 2020



## A Message from the President

"You do not even know what will happen tomorrow." So the Apostle James writes (James 4:14). We respond, "Amen!"

For almost two years the 94 LPS seniors have had May 23, 2020 circled on their calendar. More than a thousand people would gather with them on that Saturday morning to sing God's praises and hear the Word of God proclaimed on this their graduation day. There would be a class hymn, speeches from the valedictorians, diplomas handed out, thousands of pictures taken, and numerous congratulatory words.

When our 396 students left for spring break on March 11, they planned to return on March 23. A quick and dramatic change spread across the globe. Indeed, on March 11 we did not know what would happen tomorrow.

What do we know? Jesus died for us. Jesus lives for us. In him our hope is certain; his promises are sure. "The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word" (Hebrews 1:3).

Since spring break has ended all of our students have been engaged in on-line learning. We are pleased to report that God has blessed LPS with a faithful faculty and faithful student body which have enabled education to continue quite well. We daily Livestream our morning and evening chapel services. On average so far more than 400 people join in every morning.

I write this on what has always been known as tax day—April 15. There remain many unknowns about tomorrow. Will the students be able to return to campus before the school year ends? If so, will there be a sports season? If not, how will graduation take place? Tomorrow's unknowns will continue until Jesus returns.

God has blessed our graduating class with a ministry minded spirit. We rejoice that once again 60+% plan to continue their preparations for ministry at MLC.

We thank you for your support of all of our students who, whether they are studying in our dormitories or at their homes, are gifts from God to his Church.

"Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. He chose to give us birth through the word of truth." (James 1:16-17).

Into our dear Savior's hands we commend our bodies, our souls, and all things,

Matthew Crass  
LPS President

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### *The Little Mermaid*

Capacity crowds filled the LPS Auditorium for the musical March 5-8. Over 2,600 came to be "part of the Prep world" of amazing costumes, set design, and casting roles in the magical kingdom under the sea. Prof Randy Bode and the production crew didn't disappoint as they brought this Disney production to life.





**Forensics team final meet on Feb 22.**



**Sophomore Grace Schmidt  
1st Team  
All-conference**



**Prof Stangl directs "For the Cause" on March 8.**

**Virtual Gala XV**  
LPS needed to "pivot" its 15th Annual Auction Gala on April 18 with an online event. An outpouring of support was shown from our participants! Initial figures show gross proceeds to be \$57,000. Thank you for Rising Up to assist in the purpose of Luther Prep.



**Prof Schroeder and Gala Coordinator Dom Wrobel served as the hosts of Gala XV on Saturday, April 18.**

**Parental Choice**  
LPS is finishing up the third year with 109 students participating in choice. From Milwaukee we have 22 students, Racine has one, and Wisconsin has 86 students enrolled. Once again all the students come from WELS congregations. Deadlines for 2020-2021 school year are approaching fast.



**Faculty Farewell**



**Professor Ken Taylor will be retiring at the end of this school year after serving the NPS/LPS campus since 1985. Ken was a teacher for three years at St. John's in Milwaukee and also taught at Kettle Moraine Lutheran from 1979-1985. "How wonderful it is to see the many, many students who sat at my feet over the years now serving Him with their lives. I thank the Lord everyday for the blessed privilege of serving Him in ministry. Blessings upon blessings have been heaped on my years here in Watertown "**

**Later this summer, LPS Dean Tim Dolan will be serving the congregation at Immanuel in Greenville, WI. Tim was the longest serving "dean of students" (12 years) for the Watertown Prep system campus. Prior to that he was a tutor at MLS in Saginaw, MI, parish pastor at both Divine Savior in Doral, FL and Cross of Life in Cutler, FL. Tim also represented LPS three years in Recruitment before becoming Dean of Students. Tim and his wife Jill, along with Mikayla, Molli, and Elijah will be residents in one of the Fox Cities.**