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UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb. 4-7
Winter Carnival

Feb. 7-9
Focus on Ministry
Weekend

Feb. 10, 3:00 pm
Wind Symphony
Concert

Feb. 15-17
Winter Play:
*Witness for the
Prosecution*

Feb. 20, 7:30 pm
Lenten Vespers
Service

Visit our website for
more event details.

*Let the Children
Come Report:*
(As of Jan. 31, 2013)

Total gifts received:
\$ 1,335,559

Challenge grant total:
\$ 1,250,000

Campaign total:
\$ 2,585,559

Eligible for match*:
\$ 407,501

Goal for new building:
\$ 914,441

* A group of donors has presented \$1.25M to MLC as a challenge grant. Through June 2013, this group of donors will match gifts for *Let the Children Come* dollar for dollar up to \$1.25M. Visit our website for more details.



February 2013

Early Childhood Center Plans Move Ahead

Martin Luther College's Early Childhood Learning Center (ECLC) is now operating from its temporary location in the Luther Student Center on the MLC campus. The college has received bids on the construction of a new ECLC from RW Carlstrom Construction of Mankato with a guaranteed maximum price of \$3.385 million. Approximately \$2.5M of gifts and commitments has been offered to Jesus to construct this new early childhood center as an important ministry and training tool. Rather than delay construction and risk potential cost increases, and to immediately serve the blessed growth in the MLC early childhood program, an interim funding plan for the new ECLC was approved by the MLC Governing Board and was also ratified by the WELS Synodical Council. Groundbreaking will take place this spring.



Tuition Freedom Day Raises Awareness

The actual cost of education at Martin Luther College is \$23,120 per student in 2012 – 2013. The official fee for a student to attend MLC this year is \$16,340. In actuality, the average student at MLC pays only \$13,160. The remainder of the cost comes from funds provided by our synod, individual donors, and taxpayers. Donors and individual congregations gave \$2,555,836 to Martin Luther College this year for tuition assistance. Tuition Freedom Day was set aside on January 21 this year to increase the awareness of these blessings and to offer opportunities to say thank you. Students filled out 500 thank-you cards and made many thank-you videos.



Urban Ministry Trip – a Valuable Partnership

Now in its tenth year, the MLC Urban Ministry Trip promotes interest in and an understanding of urban schools in Milwaukee's central city. Participants experience worship at St. Marcus; seminars on urban teaching conducted by urban teachers; classroom observation at St. Marcus, Atonement, and Risen Savior; workshops on culture building in the classroom; and talks by school leaders. Developed in partnership with The Center for Urban Teaching, the immersion trip raises the awareness of the ministry opportunities and challenges in WELS urban schools. This year's trip will take place February 15-19.

