

MICHIGAN LUTHERAN SEMINARY
A MINISTERIAL PREP SCHOOL OF THE WELS

SNAPSHOT

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT, REV. MARK LUETZOW

For more than a century, Michigan Lutheran Seminary has been dedicated to a clear and blessed purpose, encouraging and equipping high school students for the public ministry of the gospel. Each day we have the privilege of working with students at a formative time in their lives, helping them grow in faith, deepening their understanding of God's Word, and considering how they might serve the Lord with the gifts he has given them. We are continually reminded that the future of our congregations and schools reside in the desks that are in front of us, in the chapel chairs of our daily worship, and on the courts and stages of our extracurricular programs.

Serving at a ministry-preparing high school is a unique joy. Faculty and staff are not only interested in academic excellence, but formation of the whole spiritual life of a student. Through daily worship, Christ-centered instruction, and Christian mentoring, students come to recognize both the need for called workers and the joy of serving in that way. Many of them will choose that option for their life. Many will choose a different way to serve the Lord. We celebrate both!

But this work is not done in isolation. Pastors, teachers, and congregations are vital partners in identifying, encouraging, and supporting future servants of the Lord. We thank God for the opportunity to share this mission with you and for your partnership in raising up the next generation of people who proclaim the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord.

Loving and serving Him,

Pres. Mark Luetzow



MISSION SEMINAR

DR. MICHAEL BERG - CHRISTIAN APOLOGETICS

As part of MLS's annual Ministry Week, we welcomed Dr. Michael Berg from Wisconsin Lutheran College as the keynote speaker for our Mission Seminar. This year, we switched up the normal routine of having a WELS missionary come and speak about their mission work, and instead had Dr. Berg present on Apologetics. The presentations were very informative and well-received, helping to better equip our faculty, staff, and students to serve as missionaries in their own lives and to share their faith with others.



JUNE
11-12

FINE ARTS CAMP
GRADES 3-6

BOYS' BASKETBALL
GRADES 5-9

JUNE
15-17



JUNE
17-19

BOYS' FOOTBALL
GRADES 6-9

FATHER/SON FOOTBALL
GRADES 2-5

JUNE
21
5:30-8:30 PM



JUNE
22-24

GIRLS' BASKETBALL
GRADES 5-9

GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL
GRADES 5-9

JUNE
24-25



MICHIGAN LUTHERAN SEMINARY
2026 SUMMER CAMPS



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PROJECT TITUS 2026

Project Titus plans to send thirty-seven MLS students to eight different churches and schools this summer. Project Titus will help students experience ministry in various settings. The trips include soccer Bible camps, summer VBS, and a summer Bible camp.

NEW this year, MLS has partnered with One Latin America to offer a Spanish, mission trip to Puerto Rico.

This year's locations are Messiah - Johns Creek, GA; One Latin America - Puerto Rico; Northdale - Tampa Bay, FL; Living Savior - Asheville, NC; Camp Shiloh - Dallas, TX; Good Shepherd - Cedar Rapids, IA; Hope - Toronto, CAN; Jerusalem - Morton Grove, IL.

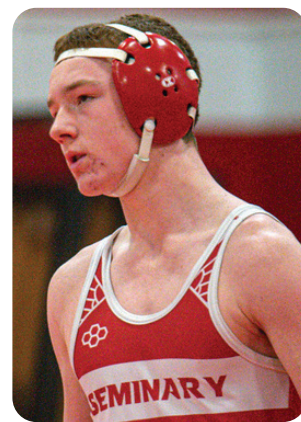
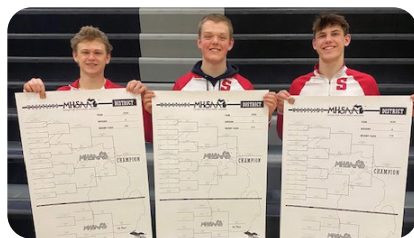
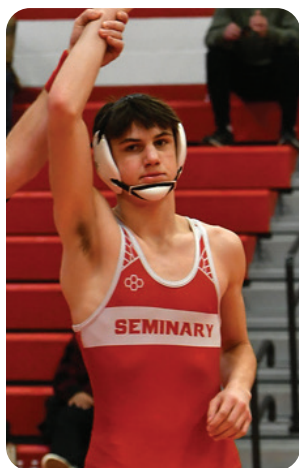


CHILDREN'S THEATER THE ENCHANTED BOOKSHOP

Children's Theater performed *The Enchanted Bookshop* for a variety of audiences, including two full grade school performances and two public performances at MLS.

On March 16, they packed up a bus and traveled to Monroe, MI, where they performed one final show for grade school students and shared the story with a new group of young audience members.





WINTER ATHLETICS RECAP

WRESTLING

The MLS wrestling team delivered an outstanding season, marked by both team success and individual achievement. The Cardinals captured the **Tri-Valley Conference Blue Division Championship** and continued their success by earning a **Team District Championship**.

In the classroom, the team was equally impressive, earning **Academic All-State** honors, a testament to their commitment beyond the mat.

Individually, MLS crowned three District Champions: Noah Adams (165), Elliott Wakefield (175), and Luke Robinson (215). Adams and Wakefield, along with Ridley Wakefield (132), advanced to the state level as qualifiers, representing MLS among the best in Michigan.

BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL

The MLS boys basketball team put together an impressive 19-5 season, highlighted by capturing the **Tri-Valley Conference Blue Division Championship**. The Cardinals consistently performed at a high level, using strong leadership and balanced play to establish themselves as one of the top teams in the conference.

Individually, Noah Reif (Senior) and Andrew Miller (Senior) earned 1st Team All-Conference honors, recognizing their impact and consistency throughout the season. Leading the way on the sidelines, Head Coach Seth LaBair was named Coach of the Year, a testament to the team's preparation, discipline, and success.

GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL

The MLS girls basketball team delivered a strong 17-7 season, showcasing steady growth, competitiveness, and a balanced team effort throughout the year. The Cardinals competed well in conference play and proved to be a tough matchup every time they took the floor.

Leading the way individually, Charli Alcorn (Sophomore), Kerin Gardner (Sophomore), and Adeline Wenzel (Freshman) each earned 1st Team All-Conference honors, an impressive accomplishment that highlights both current success and a bright future for the program.

ADMISSIONS UPDATE



Rev. Jared Natsis

300 grade school students. 185 high school students. 120 pizzas. And 1 seven-foot tall Conrad the Cardinal mascot. Mix for a few hours, attempt to control the chaos, and have a ton of fun. These are the ingredients for our semiannual Cardinal for a Day (CFAD) events!

Held once in the Fall and once in the Winter, CFAD serves two roles. First, and most obvious, is the welcoming of hundreds of K-8 students to MLS to simulate a school day and show them what it might like to be in school here someday. Second, though, is that it gives the high school students a valuable ministry experience. A few dozen high schoolers turn into the teachers for the day's demonstration classes, and for many MLS students, CFAD is their first chance to stand in front of a classroom and deliver a lesson. Many other high schoolers serve as chaperones that interact with, play with, and guide the visiting children throughout the day.

While most CFAD attendees come with their school as a field trip, we also welcome individual families to join in on the fun. Ask our admissions staff about the 2026 and 2027 CFAD events if you'd like to join in!



APPLICATIONS OPEN



Apply now for the 2026-2027 school year! Applying is free and takes less than 5 minutes. Applying is not a commitment for enrollment but will connect you to the campus to receive communication concerning the upcoming school year.

Generous financial aid is available!

MLS LOCK-IN



Calling all WELS 6th through 8th graders! Our annual Lock-In takes place on Friday, April 17th into the wee hours of Saturday, April 18th. Come play games, eat pizza and ice cream, watch movies, compete in mini-tournaments, make an art project, eat a bunch of snacks... and maybe even sleep! Registration closes April 10th.

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