

WEDNESDAY WORKSHOPS

Martin Luther College International Students Tom Hunter

“I vowed never to read the Bible; now I want to be a WELS school teacher.” “The word ‘pastor’ was unknown to me; now I want to study to become one.” “There’s only 1 true Lutheran church in my country, and I didn’t even know it existed; now I want to serve in a WELS congregation.” These are some of the stories international students tell. The winding paths of most international students at MLC clearly show God’s guiding hand and how he uses mission-minded people to accomplish his purpose. Learn about the work of the International Services Office at MLC, the international students studying for ministry, and interact with some of the ministry candidates from other countries.

Little Known Facts: US Presidents and Wives Tim Mutterer

Theme: A fresh look at the American presidency. Purpose: To encourage a renewed appreciation for our leaders and those in authority. General outline: Our goals met by a) a little bit of comedy, b) pertinent bible passages, c) interesting stories (funny, tragic, happy, profound), d) some singing, e) a quiz—yes, a quiz, f) a list of books to consider and those to avoid along with a surprise beginning to the presentation.

Puppet Ministry—Pastor Dustin Yahnke

Our gracious God has given all of us different gifts and abilities. We derive great joy in developing and using these gifts, all to the glory of God who gave them. It’s an even greater blessing when we are given an opportunity to use these gifts to spread the gospel. Pastor Dustin Yahnke has developed a love and ability for puppetry over the last decade. He has been blessed with opportunities to use puppetry to spread the gospel and encourage God’s people. He also believes that puppetry could be used to reach out with the gospel worldwide. This presentation will encourage you to think about your own unique gifts and how you might use them in service to the Lord.

Tell Your Story! - James R Moeller

In the time of grace the Lord has granted each of us, He has allowed all of us to experience different events at different times in different ways. Each story—just like the individual—is unique. How can you share your story with your children, grandchildren, and others? What you may consider dull and boring, they will find exciting and fascinating. They want to learn more about you. This sectional will look at how you can get started telling your story. Your family and friends will thank you when you do.

The View from Inside: Jeremy Thiesfeldt

A Christian politician in an increasingly militant post-modern world. The USA historically has been a nation that has valued our churches. We have exempted churches from taxation, applied special tax code laws to ‘Ministers of the Gospel’, and contributions to churches are tax deductible. But, it seems that in the last few years, religion—particularly Christianity, has been subjected to increasing scrutiny and criticism in the public square. Christians as a whole seem to be on the defensive as even the most basic, often Biblically-based, structures of society are under open attack. As we approach the 500 anniversary of the Reformation, this presentation will show why it is more important than ever for Christians to speak with boldness and humility in the public square.