**Voting Information**

**Let your voice be heard! Exercise your right to vote!**

Luther Students who are U.S. Citizens and will be at least 18 years of age on November 6, 2012, can vote either in Iowa (where you are residing) or vote “absentee” in your home state.

**To vote in your home state**

You can request an absentee ballot from your home state and vote by mail. You can just google “voting absentee” and the name of your state, and look for the result that directs you to website for the Secretary of State of your home state. There you will find details on requesting an absentee ballot and registering if you have not registered to vote. You will download an application for an absentee ballot, fill it out and mail it. Plan ahead to be sure your request arrives on time and you get the absentee ballot with plenty of time to send it back before election day!

**To vote in Iowa**

You have a number of options to vote in Iowa.

* Vote right on campus on Wednesday, October 24

An absentee voting station will be set up by the Winneshiek County Auditor on campus and be available from 10 a.m. through 5 p.m. on Wednesday, October 24, right in the Student Union. You can both register and vote on that same day, and it will only take a few minutes. All you need is to know your name and the dorm you live in!

* Vote by Absentee Ballot

You can register to vote by mail. You will download an application for an absentee ballot, fill it out and mail it. Plan ahead to be sure your request arrives on time and you get the absentee ballot with plenty of time to send it back before election day!

<http://sos.iowa.gov/elections/voterinformation/voterregistration.html>

* Election Day, Tuesday, November 6

You can both register and vote in person on election day. All of the dorms vote at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. There are two voting stations there. Brandt, Larson, Olson, Baker Village, and Married Student Housing are in Decorah Ward 5, which votes at the Sanctuary end (west) of the building. Farwell, Ylvisaker, and the Towers are in Decorah Ward 4, which votes at the Fellowship Hall end (east) of the building.

When voting on election day, you will need to provide a form of identification. The best form of identification is a valid Iowa driver’s license with the voter’s current address printed on it. The poll workers will have a list of Luther students that they will use to verify your residency. You may also provide one of the following as proof of identity:

* Iowa non-driver identification card,
* Out-of-state driver’s license or non-driver’s identification card,
* U.S. passport,
* U.S. military ID,
* Employer-issued ID

All forms of photo ID must be current, valid, and contain an expiration date. The expiration date must be the day the voter is registering or later or list “None” as the expiration date. **A Luther ID will not work for identification on the day of election because it does not have an expiration date**. Temporary licenses or IDs issued by the Iowa Department of Transportation must be accepted as proof of identity and/or residency while the temporary ID is valid. The temporary ID is valid for 30

days, and each one will have an expiration date printed on it.