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## **Poverty Simulation Opens Students' Eyes**

MARTIN LUTHER COLLEGE

Students and faculty worked together in a simulation of the impoverished life last week. Volunteers ran community centers like the bank, social services, grocery store, etc. Acting out the roles of low-income families, students experienced four "weeks" (15-minute rounds) of living in poverty. Each family had to work, pay bills, take kids to school, get groceries, and finish similar tasks before the round was up. They also had to deal with limitations such as eviction, repairs, and children being taken away by social services. As money ran out, they had to find other means to support themselves.

It was an eye-opening experience! Urban Ministry Professor Ben Clemons ran the event. "Experiencing poverty is a great opportunity for MLC students," he said, "because they'll be able to apply it to their future ministries."

Pictured top: **Desiree Alge** (Cory Rawson-OH / Trinity-Jenera OH) and **Eunseo Yang** (Sang-il Girls' HS / East Seoul Canaan Church-South Korea) show off their simulation role IDs. Pictured bottom: **Will Geisz** (Lakewood HS-CO / Lord of Life-Thornton CO) and **Jarred Beduze** (LPS / St. Paul-Ixonia WI) controlled two of the simulation stations.





## Meet the College Choir

College Choir is MLC's auditioned traveling choir. They sing at WELS churches, in chapel services, at concerts, and on a tour every spring. This spring they'll make stops in Wisconsin, Michigan, Ohio, and Illinois. Find the tour itinerary at **mlc-wels.edu**!



**Emily Wessel** (MVL / St. John-New Ulm MN) Junior Year: 2<sup>nd</sup> Soprano

"I love being in College Choir! It's a great and beautiful way to spread the gospel. I like going out on tour to different congregations and seeing how the Word of God through music moves people. And I love being in choir because I love being with some of my closest friends."



**Jared Natsis** (MLS / Trinity-Saline MI) Senior Year: 1<sup>st</sup> Tenor

"College Choir is at the end of the school day, and even after four years I still look forward to it every day. Dr. Moldenhauer (the director) makes you a better singer, and I just have a ton of fun when I'm in the choir room!"