

MARTIN LUTHER COLLEGE

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Early Field Experience Is Invaluable

The first week of Spring Break, first-year education majors stayed on campus to discover what real teaching is like. They were assigned "faculty groups" of fellow students to work through several different challenges together, and then were asked to design a lesson plan for a specific classroom and subject.

"It definitely solidified my desire to be a called worker in the public ministry," says **Matt Spoerl** (*FVL/First-Green Bay WI*). "Although it was stressful at times, the whole week was made worthwhile when the students came in with huge smiles and a willingness to learn."

First-years also attended presentations by recent graduates who reflected on their first few years in the ministry. "I could see how much they loved and truly enjoyed their calling, even after several years of teaching," says **Noelle Boucher** (*Rocky Mountain LHS / Shepherd of the Valley-Westminster CO*). "It was extremely encouraging and invaluable. I'll definitely remember their advice when it comes to my own call."



Micah Jarvis (LPS / St. John-St. John's, Antigua) teaches a class for his Early Field Experience.

EFE is a great opportunity for students in their first year of college to give teaching a try and clarify whether it's what they want to do. Sophomores and juniors complete additional EFEs in classrooms around the country.

College Choir Tours Texas

For the last tour before Dr. Moldenhauer's retirement, the College Choir traveled to Texas for a week of concerts, sightseeing, and Christian fellowship. They tried authentic Southern fare, rode mechanical bulls, and explored some of the most beautiful parks the state has to offer.

"The food was so amazing," says **Laura Weiland** (*Northland LHS / Christ-Merrill WI*). "Everywhere we went, the congregations just showered us with Southern hospitality and memories we'll never forget. The bus trips from place to place were great because we definitely grew closer as a group and got to meet so many new and interesting people throughout the week."

The choir performed over ten concerts and recorded a video of one of their songs at Water Wall Park in Houston.



Rudy Nelson (*West / King of Grace-Golden Valley MN*), Dr. Moldenhauer, and **Jon Witte** (*WLA / Faith-Fond du Lac WI*) outside of Old Town Albuquerque, New Mexico

"College Choir in general is such a rewarding experience, and the

yearly tour is just one of the amazing highlights along the way," says **Jacob Ungemach** (*Manitowoc LHS / First German-Manitowoc WI*). "We were able to glorify God with our talents and administer the gospel to people who might not have the chance to hear it otherwise through song."