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WELS Prison Ministry

On the first Thursday of every month, students gather in the conference room of the caf to take part in a very special mission: sharing the gospel with prison inmates.

“Prison Ministry is a great way to ‘always be prepared to give an answer’ [1 Peter 3:15], because prisoners have lots of questions, which not only strengthen their faith, but mine as well! While most of us think pastors do most of the telling, we know that as God’s people it’s our duty to be witnesses for Christ. God wants all people to be saved, and we can’t neglect those that are incarcerated,” says student volunteer **Isaac Pappenfuss** (MLS / St. Paul-New Ulm).

While MLC volunteers do not visit the prisons themselves, they contribute to the cause by writing letters, correcting biblical knowledge tests based on synod Bible studies, and sending cards and encouragement.

“Think about what your life would be like if you did not know Christ, and then try to imagine yourself in jail with only walls around you and a couple things in a room. These are the people we’re reaching out to in Prison Ministry. The inspiring stories you hear from these inmates about their lives and how this ministry helped them are incredible, bringing tears to my eyes every time,” adds student co-leader **Monica Pappenfuss** (LPS / St. Mark-Watertown WI).

Check out Prison Ministry when you come to campus, and take part in a life-changing experience.



Rachel Bockoven (LPS / Grace-Sahuarita AZ) and **Monica Pappenfuss** are student leaders of the campus Prison Ministry.

Take a Hike!

Only a short walk from campus, the winding trails and scenic overlooks of Flandrau State Park are a favorite student getaway. Perfect for a run, hike, outdoor devotion, or a quiet place to think, the park is an incredible asset to life here on the hill.

“It’s such a blessing to have a state park as our neighbor!” says frequent visitor **Abbie Mleziva** (Manitowoc / First German-Manitowoc WI). “I’ve personally spent many hours on walks with friends or sitting at Indian Point to watch the sunset. There are even spots for camping, volleyball, and swimming!”

“I love being outside,” adds **Jacob Klug** (Lakeside / St. John-Juneau WI). “Before coming to MLC, I had no idea something like Flandrau was so close by and so accessible. My friends and I definitely take advantage of any opportunity we can to get into nature, so the park is an immense blessing.”



Nearby Flandrau State Park is a student favorite.

With breathtaking views and countless activities to enjoy, Flandrau will become one of your favorites too.