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Eager to Serve at Evening Chapel

Every weeknight at 7:15, students come together for time with God's Word at evening chapel. Throughout the year, different students beautify the service with music, keep the behind-the-scenes tech running smoothly, and preach the message. This real-life ministry experience right on campus helps prepare students for future service in congregations near you!



Playing the piano. "Playing for chapel is a huge privilege," says **Morgan Shevey** (*LPS / St. Paul-Muskego WI, pictured*). "I actually get pretty nervous before I play because I'm playing in front of my classmates and people who have spent their entire lives in congregations with keyboard players who rarely mess up. It's intimidating!"

"Ultimately, though, I recognize that I'm using these abilities to praise our LORD, and I want to give my best to him in worship. I'm thankful to be able to use those gifts completely to his glory, even if I do miss a note or two!"

"MLC is a great place to enjoy opportunities to edify worshipers and to praise God with the gifts he has given you. It also gives you a whole new perspective on what worship means to those who lead it."



Running the AV booth. In the back of the beautiful Chapel of the Christ, students sit behind soundboards and computers out of sight, but with an integral role. They keep chapel going smoothly—turning on and off mics, playing post-chapel video announcements, running the livestream, and more!

"I love that we're able to use the gifts God has given us to help people throughout the world have access to these services through the livestream," says **Donovan Waege** (*pictured*). These students don't just run the tech, they're a crew that does it all. "My favorite part is lighting the candles before the service," says **Luke Willems** (*pictured*). "It symbolizes that God's here, and it makes chapel, chapel."

Pictured: Luke Willems (Lakeside / Bethany-Ft. Atkinson WI), Donovan Waege (Manitowoc / St. Paul-Tomah WI), John Niebuhr (MVL / Immanuel-Gibbon MN)



Preaching the Word. "Any chance to minister, whether in a dorm room or from a pulpit, is an honor from Christ—he lets you handle his words for him!" says **Ross Gottschalk** (*Lake Country LHS-WI / Christ-Pewaukee WI, pictured*), a senior in the preseminary program. "This was on my mind from the moment I first read the verses weeks in advance until I said 'Amen' at the end of my sermon."

"It's a blessing to dig into God's Word and find the text's connections to Christ and the cross where you can build up the broken—including yourself. Being able to do this in chapel for other students who are also preparing for ministry makes it even more memorable. Our brothers and sisters in Christ are there to build each other up because we're all on the same journey with the same passion for ministry."

"These experiences leading chapel have been some of the highlights of my MLC career. While I enjoy the classes I take, leading worship and speaking the words of God is especially edifying. It's one of the many reasons I want to become a pastor."