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Emily Dobberstein (*Luther High / St. Matthew-Winona WI*) and **Tiffany Tellock** (*Fox Valley LHS / St. Peter-Appleton WI*) tune in to a talk that will help prepare them for their future ministries.

Happy Evangelism Day!

"What am I training for? Am I really meant to be here? Where will I go after MLC?" These are questions MLC students struggle with sometimes. Evangelism Day helped answer them. A day free of regular classes started with a special service in Chapel of the Christ. Then everyone attended presentations—picking four from a list including "Friends of Vietnam," "Youth Ministry that Counts," and "Serving as Christian Witnesses in Today's World."

While it might sound like a long day of lectures, the giddy students' discussions at day's end in the caf will tell you that's not even close:

"I've never been more excited to be a minister of the gospel!" says **Josh Wordell** (*Shoreland / Bethany-Kenosha WI*). **Abby Mleziva** (*Manitowoc / First German-Manitowoc WI*) adds, "It's encouraging to see all the different ways that God's Word is being spread and then picturing how we can fit into the body of Christ doing the same work."

"It was a great reminder of why we're here," says **Zach Kopplin** (*WISCO / St. John-Wauwatosa WI*). "I came out with this zeal for evangelism," says **Aislinn Eddy** (*MLS / Hope-St. Charles MI*). "It's not just about global missions. It's about evangelism right where you're at too."



Faith-Fond du Lac gave Justin not only priceless ministry experience, like this soccer camp, but also a tuition grant to support him at MLC.

Student Profile: Justin Digman

For preseminary student **Justin Digman** (*WLA*), ministry training doesn't stop when the school year ends. The past three summers, he's gotten hands-on experience at his home congregation, Faith-Fond du Lac WI. The first summer, he planned a camp to develop soccer skills and strengthen souls for 185 kids, and ran it with the help of 50 high school volunteers.

Last summer, Justin organized a one-week in-town mission trip for teens, in addition to prepping for a year of Family Bible Hour, taking kids to youth rally, and much more. "Working here shows me there are lots of opportunities to share the gospel in interesting ways," he says. "Some ways don't work, and those are good lessons to learn too."

The public ministry hasn't always been Justin's passion. "Out of high school, I studied physical therapy for a year, but I realized I was missing out on something meaningful—helping out others in their spiritual lives, not just their physical ones."

Justin's advice for you: "It's easy to make excuses for why MLC is not the place for you. As someone who made every excuse not to come here, I'm telling you that attending MLC will be the best decision you will ever make. You can use the gifts God has granted you in countless ways. MLC will prepare you for the work no one is worthy to do—to be an instrument of the Holy Spirit to reach those who need the life-giving message of Christ crucified."