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Prepare for Urban Ministry at MLC



Claire Schimanski (LPS / Our Savior-Zion IL) at gym class with Garden Homes-Milwaukee students.

Last week a bus of future teachers left New Ulm and traveled to Milwaukee to get a taste of teaching in urban schools. They popped into classrooms to see valuable techniques in action and spent time in seminars too—learning the big ideas that have helped urban schools succeed.

“I would highly recommend this trip to anyone in the teacher track!” says **Camryn Biebert** (St. Croix LA / Shepherd of the Hills-Inver Grove Heights MN). “Not only did I get to see the joy involved with urban ministry, but I also walked away with so many tools for my future teaching that I can use wherever God sends me. It gave me a renewed excitement for my future in public ministry.”

CfUT (Center for Urban Teaching) acts as a priceless ally to MLC. Besides helping make this trip possible, CfUT also offers summer school teaching positions that give MLC students experience in urban schools. “When I taught summer school, CfUT taught me specific management techniques and how to develop a classroom culture,” says **Ruth Buchholz** (ALA / Emmanuel-Tempe AZ). “It’s given me confidence for when I have my own classroom.”

Are you especially interested in serving in urban settings? Here are three ways to prepare for that ministry at MLC: 1) Check out MLC’s urban educational ministry minor. 2) Train with CfUT and teach summer school. 3) Go on the Urban Immersion Trip!

Bible Study Blessings



Michelle Goens (GPLHS / St. Martin-Watertown SD) at a tutor-led Bible study.

The biggest blessings at MLC have got to be the ones that immerse students in God’s Word. Chapel services, theology classes, and friends of the same faith top the list. Right alongside those is Bible studies. In dorm rooms, basements, lobbies and more, students come together and dig into the Word.

“Bible studies are a chance for different people with different perspectives and backgrounds to come together and talk about something that for us is all the same—our faith,” says **Brett Burger** (Lakeside LHS / St. John-Waterloo WI).

In addition to student-led studies, the tutors (seminary graduates who serve at MLC) teach a new Bible study each semester. In the current one, based on the book *Quick to Listen*, students discuss valuable strategies for communicating God’s grace to atheists, Bible skeptics, and the LGBTQ community.

“Learning this is important for my future ministry as a staff minister,” says **Simon Johnson** (West LHS / Hope-Andover MN). “If someone walks in the door of the church and I’m talking to them, I’m prepared to listen to them and then give them the comfort they really need.”

“I love small-group Bible studies because they provide an opportunity to be around other Christians who deal with many of the same things you do,” says **Jacob Price** (Northland LHS / St. Peter-Schofield WI). “As a busy college student, having times just to unwind and focus on God’s Word are so valuable to me. I always leave with a greater understanding of God’s amazing love, and that invigorates me to continue to live my life filled with joy.”