

MARTIN LUTHER COLLEGE

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While Studying at Home, Knights Are ...



Carley Techlin (WISCO / Christ the Lord-Brookfield WI) and alumnus **Jonathan Witte** rocked their engagement session with Lauren!



Ezra leads dozens of socially-distant teens in worship at an NC Teens event.



Maddy strives to have a lasting impact on her students, even if her time with them is short.

Capturing Precious Moments

Lauren Stuebs (*Luther HS / St. Matthew-Stoddard WI*) decided to use her time at home to breathe new life into her budding photography business. During this tough year, it's more important than ever to appreciate the beauty in God's handiwork. Lauren is especially passionate about helping young couples make lasting memories with engagement photoshoots.

She said, "I love capturing each couple's precious moments, bringing their love story to life with a few snaps of the camera." Lauren's plans for her photography go further than engagement sessions though. She aspires to tell powerful stories about her school's ministry someday as she teaches a classroom full of kiddos.

"Always find avenues to do the things you love!" she said. There are endless ways to serve God with your passions. Sometimes you just need to get creative.

Making Disciples

Ezra Blumer (*St. Croix / NorthCross-Lakeville MN*) is cultivating community, specifically a tribe of excited high school-age Christians. Ezra transferred to MLC this fall after a year elsewhere. He knows firsthand how easily life can cloud one's identity as a child of God. By hosting worship nights at his church twice a month under the moniker "NC Teens," he hopes to rally young men and women around God's Word rather than the things of the world.

"My goal is to get the people that come to NC Teens excited to learn more about Jesus," Ezra said. "I don't want teens to be dependent on us as their sole source of the Word, but to use our events as a springboard to dwell with God in their lives."

He also encourages the members of the NC Teens community to serve God with their gifts *now*. He said, "We're called to make disciples of all nations, and there are so many opportunities for that, no matter what stage of life you're in."

Being Just What the School Needs

Maddy Leckwee (*KML* / *Trinity-West Bend WI*) heard that her local elementary school needed help filling the shoes of teachers who had to quarantine. She was happy to jump in and get some practice for her future ministry! So far she has assisted in five classrooms, directed the choir, and served as school secretary.

Maddy said, "I was afraid that trying to be in a classroom during the craziness of COVID would put a sour taste in my mouth for my future teaching, but, honestly, it has been the opposite! I'm so excited to have my own classroom—for God to put me where I can best serve him and his kingdom. It's cool to see all the real-life applications of the teaching courses I take at MLC."

We can't wait for you to get that same practical ministry education here at MLC. But until that day, look for the opportunities God is giving you to preach the gospel *right now*, whatever your circumstances may be!