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A Break from School, Not from Ministry

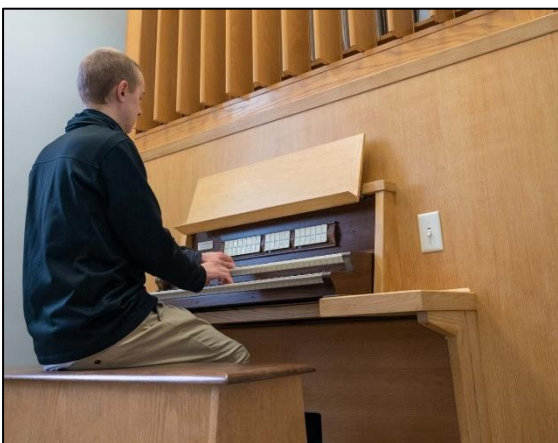


Two of Alyssa's young listeners settle in to watch her daily Advent message.

A Different Advent Season

While elementary education major **Alyssa Heckendorf** (*FVL / Light of the Valleys-Reno NV*) was home this Advent season, she saw the need for children to learn about their coming Savior in a new way. The circumstances the congregation faced called for a fresh approach to sharing the good news!

So Alyssa made daily videos using a collection of Advent devotions created by MLC faculty, staff, and students called *The Jesse Tree*. The result? Kids had a fun new opportunity to prepare their hearts for the Christ Child and engage in the Christmas story! Alyssa said, "Ministry can take different forms. It's all about sharing the news that God loved us enough to send his Son in the form of a baby in a manger. Sharing this life-saving story with families everywhere was such a cool experience."



Noah Melso takes advantage of one of MLC's many organ practice rooms to prepare for worship.

Oodles of Organ

What do Superman, Batman, Spiderman, and an MLC student with buckets of musical talent have in common? They all come to the rescue when people need them most. This Christmas season, **Noah Melso** (*Manitowoc LHS / Bethany-Manitowoc WI*) found out that his church was in a bit of a bind due to multiple organists being quarantined. So he sprang into action. He had precious little time to prepare, but by the time the last chord was played on Christmas Day, he had accompanied six services in less than 48 hours!

Noah started playing the organ in fifth grade, and he feels his years at MLC have been extremely beneficial. He said, "My organ instructor, Prof. Hirschmann, is very talented and has taught me so much! My favorite part about the organ is the ability to praise God with my gifts and to help others praise him as well."

An Early Start at Evangelism

So many students sent me messages this week when I asked how they'd used their time over our long break. I was overjoyed to read about all the ways they served God in their schools, churches, and communities.

Mikayla Kiedrowski (*WISCO / St. Lucas-Milwaukee*) helped wrap presents for her school's toy drive. **Lexi Dabe** (*MLS / Beautiful Savior-Cincinnati*) tutored students, taught virtual Sunday school, and made outreach calls. **Mollie Hinz** (*Illinois LHS / Amazing Love-Frankfort IL*) and several other future teachers lent a hand in the classroom.



Mollie Hinz enjoys being the teacher in a classroom where she was once a student!

At MLC we're constantly reminded of the many reasons we have to praise God with our lives. That's what motivates us to serve, and that's what made our return to campus this week so sweet. It's a celebration of our current gospel mission and continuing preparation for our ministries to come!