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Checking In with Seniors

With graduation fast approaching, I asked some seniors to ponder their four years at MLC as well as what's to come. Have their goals changed? What professors really made an impact on them? How are they feeling with Call Day coming up?



Courtney (right) is thankful for many friends she's made, including **Lydia Bitter** (Bemidji HS / St. Mark-Bemidji MN).

The Ripple Effect

"My reasons for pursuing ministry have remained the same," said elementary education major **Courtney Ritter** (Michigan LHS / St. Paul-Stevensville MI), "but my love for sharing the gospel has only intensified during my time at MLC!"

She continued, "Professor Roux had a big impact on me. He is so encouraging and makes every student feel important. He was our team professor for the women's soccer team and pushed us to get as involved as possible on campus."

God has richly blessed us with many gifted faculty and staff whose work ripples to their students every day, like a stone dropped into a pond. Professor Roux faithfully did his work, Courtney was blessed by it, and soon she will go into her own mission field to share Christ and make more little ripples.

Equipping the Called

Ruth Buchholz (ALA / Emmanuel-Tempe AZ) shared some words of wisdom with me: "Remember that God doesn't call the equipped. He equips the called."

When Ruth first set foot on campus, she was ready to train to be a teacher, but the most exciting aspect of this career path was the possibility of coaching someday. Ruth would still love to coach, but her horizons were broadened as she was equipped for her ministry. A secondary life science major, Ruth said, "I've really come to appreciate the blessings of teaching about God's creation and building relationships in the classroom."

God worked through MLC Professor Diersen to instill a passion for science and ministry in Ruth. "He models ministry through his passion for students and his subject," she said. "I'm excited to apply what I've learned in my own call!"

Confidence and Fears

Call Day is exciting, but even the most passionate of MLC's future called workers have their fears! **Nathan Wranovsky** (WISCO / St. Paul-Muskego WI) moves on to Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary next fall, so he still has four more years until his assignment. Still, he said, "Getting a call is a nerve-racking thing. You don't know where you'll go!"

But then he spoke to his own fears—and perhaps yours too. "God is with us every step of the way. We don't go through this ministerial education for nothing. MLC provides a super strong foundation in the Word."

Scary? Sure. Exciting? Definitely. These words describe any senior's experience starting a new chapter. But we aren't alone, and the passion put in our hearts by the Holy Spirit motivates us to go bravely into the unknown, preaching Christ as we go!



Ruth was an avid member of the MLC volleyball team for three years.



Nathan thanks some strong influences in his decision to become a pastor.