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Cut from the Same Cloth

Sydney and Ashley Peterson (*Great Plains LHS / Good Shepherd-Sioux Falls SD*) have been best friends for more than two decades. In fact, as identical twins, they've been practically inseparable from birth!

Sydney and Ashley made it clear to me how much they love being together, and they told me how great a blessing it is to train for ministry with a sibling. Their paths MLC, however, have been anything but identical.

"I've always wanted to be a teacher," Sydney said. "For my career dress-up day in third grade, I chose to go as a preschool teacher because I could carry around my Cabbage Patch doll." Sydney is an elementary ed and instrumental music ed double major.

Ashley's MLC story is a little more complicated. She came to MLC to become a PE teacher, but decided during her first year that it wasn't for her. She took a year off to decide what was next. "My gap year was a very rough time for me as I tried to figure my life out," she said. "I had doubts and was struggling. But I knew MLC was a familiar place that surrounded me with people my age—people that believed what I did and wanted to serve God with their lives."

It was Sydney who suggested that Ashley check out the staff ministry program at MLC. "One night I couldn't sleep, so I spent a few hours looking into staff ministry," Ashley said. "That night I organized a course plan, and I was re-enrolled in classes two days later. I returned to MLC and knew after just one week of classes that this is what I feel called to do."

The road to ministry is one that is not often straight, and sometimes it's just plain confusing. Sydney and Ashley are alike in so many ways, but the most important thing they have in common is confidence in a God who holds the plan and loves them no matter what. So if you're not sure about what your future holds, join the club! But put your trust in the God who does.



Returning to MLC Next Fall: Daylight!

Everyone at MLC is rejoicing alongside the rest of the country that the clouds of the COVID-19 pandemic are beginning to part. One of the greatest blessings of this reality is that our Daylight team can resume their work!

"Daylight," said senior Daylight rep **Derek Gulrud** (*Lakeside LHS / St. John-Waterloo WI*), "is an MLC organization that gives college students the opportunity to participate in short-term mission work. Who wouldn't want to travel and do ministry with their best friends in unique places? Daylight is all about getting great experience serving congregations throughout our synod in a ton of different ways."

It's true. Daylight wants to set students up to serve in a way that emphasizes their strengths but also pushes them to grow and learn more about themselves and the ministry. Derek has really embraced these opportunities and has gone on loads of Daylight trips with his friend **Dayne Kopfer** (*Lakeside LHS / Zion-Columbus WI*).

Daylight's slogan is "Work while it is day!" The harvest is plentiful, and we're excited to see where you go to let your light shine on your first Daylight trip!



Derek speaks to some prospective Knights about Daylight opportunities coming next fall.