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Introducing Professor Luke Thompson

We welcomed five new pastors to the MLC faculty this year, including our new history, theology, and philosophy professor, Luke Thompson. Professor Thompson took a winding road to the pastoral ministry, including an education degree here at MLC, some time at Wisconsin Lutheran College, and an MA in philosophy at Marquette. It was after all this that he and his wife, Christine, began taking roles of greater responsibility at church, and he decided to pursue the ministry.

When he's not in the classroom, Professor Thompson can often be found reading with his wife, reeling in catfish at the river's edge with his son, Soren, or playing with his daughter, Simone. In his alone time, he often has his hands on some carpentry tools or his nose in a book. (*Thompson family pictured.*)

Professor Thompson loves to learn and would love to explore his passion for philosophy more in the future. For now he's seized the chance to take a deep dive into the classes he's teaching this semester. "The Bible History and Literature class," he said, "has been a fantastic excuse to look through all the stuff that's helped me the most in my last eight years of ministry and chase down those rabbit holes. We just spent three weeks thinking about suffering, and next we'll talk about counseling our brothers and sisters through hardship. I love sharing this stuff in the classroom so my students can use it in the world."

Work While It Is Day

MLC has a special program for the type of hands-on experience that can be found only out in the mission field. We call it Daylight. John 9:4 says, "As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me." These words, spoken by Jesus himself, have become the mantra for nearly 2,500 students who have embarked on these mission trips around the nation and beyond. MLC offers a variety of Daylight experiences, from weekend service projects to summer-long teaching positions.

Seniors **Emily Raymond** (*Lakeside / Peace-Sun Prairie WI*) and **Emily Flatau** (*FVL / Mt. Olive-Appleton WI*) have dreamed of spending their summer months on Daylight since they were first-years, and the opportunity finally came last spring in Covington, Georgia.

Emily F. said, "We went door to door, sharing God's Word with all kinds of people, including those new to the Covington area. Through the outreach program, we were blessed to get to know the members of Abiding Grace and partner with them in this important work! Additional opportunities included VBS, Soccer Bible Camp, and Camp South."

Emily R. was grateful for the practical experience and how MLC prepared her for it. She said, "My Teaching Religion class definitely got me ready for youth group and Sunday school, and my theology courses gave me answers to tough questions during canvassing visits!"

It's never too early to start dreaming about where your future Daylight trips could take you! Visit mlc-wels.edu/daylight for more information.



Emily Raymond and **Emily Flatau** offered all kinds of service, including free food!



Jonah Schulz, **Elijah Schulz** (both *LPS / Divine Savior-Delray Beach FL*), **Josiah Koelpin** (*LPS / Calvary-Dallas*), **Michael Zimpelmann** (*LPS / Cross of Christ-Boise*) and **Caleb Heckendorf** (*LPS / Light of the Valleys-Reno NV*) led a youth soccer camp at Delray Beach on their Daylight trip.