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## A Staff Minister Knighted for Ministry



Call Day is only six weeks away, and senior staff ministry major **Paul Kuske** (*LPS / St. John-Baraboo WI*) can't wait to hear where he'll be assigned. Wherever it is, he'll be ready. At MLC he's being *Knighted for Ministry*.

**Ministry Internship:** Paul is wrapping up his internship at St. John-New Ulm MN, where he's assisting **Pastor Rob Guenther** and working with members of all ages.

He's taught a Bible class on David. He's met with shut-ins, which, he says, "stretched me in new ways and put me in direct contact with people who need encouragement." He's led the liturgy, worked with the worship tech team, assisted at Easter for Kids, and—his favorite—taught catechism class.

A staff ministry call might look like Paul's internship, or it might focus on different areas of ministry. Staff ministers don't preach, but they do assist pastors in worship and music, Christian education,



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family discipleship, evangelism, member care, and more—in whatever ways their ministry gifts match a congregation's ministry needs.

**Ministry Truths:** As Paul finishes his internship, he's learning some valuable truths:

- **Ministry means spending time with people and with the Word.** "Pastor Guenther shared an illustration that's stuck with me," he says. "Ministry is like an airplane with two wings. A servant of Christ needs to spend time with people and spend time in God's Word. If you only study, who will you tell? If you only talk with people, what will you say?"
- **Ministry means teaching truths that are both timeless and timely.** "I'm learning how to communicate clearly, patiently, and confidently so people understand not just *what* we believe, but *why* it matters."
- **Ministry means showing up.** "I'm seeing that faithfulness over time—consistently showing up, listening, preparing, following through—builds trust and opens doors for deeper spiritual conversations."

Through it all, Pastor Guenther has been an excellent mentor to Paul. "The way he blends humility, love for people, and devotion to Scripture is exactly the kind of ministry I hope to reflect. He makes me think, 'I want to serve Christ's people like that.'"

On Call Day, God willing, Paul Kuske will hear his name paired with a congregation or school. "All I want is to serve God's people to the best of my abilities," he says. "Wherever it is, I'll praise God for letting me serve him."