



**SUMMER 2019**

Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation.  
Mark 16:15

### STUDENTS RECEIVE ACADEMIC AWARDS

The Tri-Valley Conference (TVC) to which MLS belongs is most known to parents as an athletic conference. But a major emphasis of the TVC is also on academics. This is the reason awards are regularly given to schools for their scholar-athletes. Another award given by the TVC each year is a purely academic honor. It is given to the top three students at each TVC school based on GPA scores and ACT scores. This year three MLS students were honored and received their awards at a banquet at Saginaw Valley State University on Wednesday, April 24. The three students from MLS were Jochanan Satriabudi, Evan Korthals and Logan Schultz. Congratulations to these top students!



### EASTER CANVASSING

On April 1, our students had the opportunity to be missionaries in their own backyard! St. Paul's, Saginaw kicked off their evangelism efforts for Easter, and they wanted help to make as big an impact as possible. Pastor Julius Buelow led a short Saginaw outreach "workshop" during a pizza dinner, then about 50 MLS students hit the streets to hand out over 2000 Easter invitation flyers. Afterwards, they all regrouped and talked about their experiences over bowls of ice cream. "I loved seeing how excited the students were to support our ministry and invite people to learn about what the resurrection means for them. Our congregation was very grateful for the help!", said Pastor Buelow.



### A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



What does ministry look like? You probably think of pastors preaching and teachers teaching. You think of bedside devotions and evangelism calls, lesson plans and correcting. If you were to observe our faculty and students this summer, what you would see would not typically rise to the top of your list of ministry sights. But I would propose to you that the summer ministry opportunities are a vital part of the education ministry that we do here at MLS.

Over the two summer months of June and July, over 25% of our student body and 33% of our faculty will be in congregations across North America participating in a program called Project Titus. Project Titus provides our students age-appropriate ministry experiences in mission-minded congregations to give them hands-on experience in ministry. Many have identified this program as one of the most important factors that aided in their decision to become a pastor, teacher or staff minister.

Seven groups of teens and chaperones will visit congregations in a variety of settings to assist with youth and outreach ministries in their communities. This year the communities include Living Savior, Asheville, NC; Saving Grace, Mobile, AL; Messiah, Johns Creek, GA; Palabra de Vida, Detroit, MI; Hope, Ontario, Canada; Camp Shiloh, TX; and Camp Chi-Rho, MD. Vital ministry happens during these trips as our students canvass neighborhoods and assist in a variety of camps including soccer camps, science camps, fine arts camps, and summer camps. One camp will even encourage students to utilize their classroom Spanish skills in a multicultural outreach setting. They will be worked hard, but they will be shining examples as they hone the skills needed to be the future leaders in our churches and schools.

Not every one of those students will return from a Project Titus trip convinced that they will be a pastor or teacher, but each one will have had an experience that will benefit them in their future congregations. Please pray for their safe travels and that they may treasure this ministry experience as they seek to serve their Savior in their lives.

If you would like to make a gift to support the Project Titus ministry, you may scan the QR code below with your smart device or call our Administration Office (989-793-1010). Thanks for your prayers and support!

Loving and serving Him,

Rev. Mark Luetzow, *President*



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## SUMMER EXCITEMENT

While the halls around campus are much less busy and much less noisy, there is still plenty going on during the summer months at MLS!



Besides traveling on Project Titus trips many of our students will also be helping run our summer camps. Our camps emphasize teaching fundamentals, skills, and knowledge in a positive, Christian setting. The camp directors see this as an opportunity to use the beautiful facilities of Michigan Lutheran Seminary to work with our synod's youth. Staffs are made up of members of the MLS faculty and staff, who are assisted by

MLS alumni and current MLS students.



We will see hundreds of LES students attending one of our camps! This is a great opportunity for them to become more familiar with campus, use the same facilities as our students, and sometimes dine and sleep here! Many of our students say their first experience at MLS was a summer camp.

MLS offers a variety of camps designed for both the beginners and the advanced. For more information, visit [www.mlsem.org/summercamps](http://www.mlsem.org/summercamps).



- June 16-19 - Boys' Basketball (Grades 5-9)\*
- June 19-21 - Boys' Football (Grades 7-9)\*
- June 20-21 - Fine Arts (Grades 2-6)\*
- June 21-22 - Father/Son Football (Grades 4-6)\*
- June 23-24 - Girls' Volleyball (Grades 6-9)\*
- June 24-27 - Girls' Basketball (Grades 5-9)\*



\*2019-20 school year

## FACULTY CHANGES FOR 2019-20

At the end of this school year, we will saying good bye to a few people who have helped provide encouragement and instruction to many on our campus. Piano instructor **Kelly Schoch** will be moving to the north side of Grayling this summer after her husband was able to secure employment in that area. She has taught piano lessons for the last 8 years. Tutors **Alyssa Maertz** and **Liz Jeske** will also be completing their service on our campus after two and three years respectively. We eagerly look forward to seeing the plans that the Lord has for them. Thank you, ladies, for your faithful service to the MLS Family.



Schoch



Maertz



Jeske

Next year we will also see some familiar faces in new roles. **Megan Plocher**, the wife of tutor **Micah Plocher**, has accepted a call to serve as a tutor. Instructor **Katherine Van Alstine** has been reassigned to MLS as a tutor as well. We are excited to have them and ask for God's blessings in their new roles. We are also anticipating the assignment of a tutor from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary.



Plocher



Van Alstine



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I thank God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.

*Philippians 1:3-5*