



## ***Ministry Vision, Part 2***

*The people of Martin Luther Chapel actively **make disciples and support disciples of Jesus Christ** among the students, faculty and staff of MSU and among the residents of the East Lansing and area communities so that Christ's kingdom might grow here and around the world.*

Dear Friends,

What is a disciple? When we use that word, our minds often go straight to those 12 men that Jesus called to follow him during His earthly ministry. But a disciple is anyone who follows Jesus (not just those 12). It only makes sense that our Ministry Vision would focus on *disciples*.

### ***"actively make disciples"***

Many people live without a saving relationship with Jesus Christ - our job is to work to change that! This is the Great Commission, "Go, therefore, and make disciples..." It's an active thing; we don't simply sit back and wait for people to come to us; we work to find ways we can carry the Gospel into the world so people can hear it.

This is the work of the whole church. A wise man once said, "You either are a missionary, or you need one." When we come to an understanding of the grace God has given us, that He loves us despite all the reasons that he shouldn't, we can't keep that good news to ourselves! Whenever, wherever and however we tell others about the love that God has shown to us in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, we are *actively making disciples*.

### ***"and support disciples"***

Obviously, many of us have lived many years with the faith that God has worked in our hearts. But we all still need nurturing and support, so that we can grow in our understanding of what God has done for us, and in our ability to follow Christ as His

disciples in this fallen world. Many of the things that we do as a congregation are designed to support and encourage one another. We worship together, we study scripture together, we eat together, we pray for one another, we visit one another when we are going through tough times. As disciples, we want to help one another in our lives of faith and service.

Take a look at these verses as you think about how we can ***actively make disciples and support disciples***: [Matthew 28:16-20](#), [Acts 1:8](#), [Mark 1:16-20](#).

Next week, we will go on for a few more words of the Vision. If you have comments or questions, feel free to drop me a line sometime this week!

In Christ,

Pastor Curt

### ***More than 1000 people...***

That's how many people we served during the East Lansing Art Festival as we opened our doors as a "Family Rest Place". Not only were we able to host many of the people who came to browse through the festival, but we were also able to be host a coffee-and-donut hour for all of the vendors early on Saturday morning. Many of our guests over the weekend expressed their sincere appreciation for our hospitality. Many thanks to all the volunteers who will helped host this weekend, and to the members of the Spiritual Care and Growth team for helping coordinate the event!

Check out the thank-you note we received from Michelle Carlson, Art Festival Coordinator, and Tim Lane, Assistant Coordinator (and member of Martin Luther Chapel):

"To the Congregation of MLC,  
Thank you so much for your support of ELAF. Good neighbors like you help us make the festival a success.  
Sincerely, Michelle & Tim."

### ***Fun in the SON!***

The Spiritual Care and Growth team is looking for volunteers to help with our summer children's program. Last year, we met over the course of several Wednesday mornings in July and August; our schedule has not be finalized yet for this summer. If you might be interested, please [e-mail Pastor Curt](#).