



### ***Ministry Vision, Part 3***

*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 are the three most important factors to consider when buying real estate? 1. Location 2. Location 3. Location. In a similar way, some of the most important factors to consider when talking about the ministry vision of any congregation are location, location, location. Every congregation has a unique setting, and that context should inform it's ministry. Today, let's focus on the context for our ministry at Martin Luther Chapel.

#### **"among the students, faculty and staff of MSU"**

This was the original reason for the existence of Martin Luther Chapel, and continues to be a primary ministry focus in all that we do. Students are intentionally involved in every aspect of our ministry. While they are here for school, they are vital members of our community, and partners in everything we do. In addition, many faculty and staff have also made this congregation their home, some for over 50 years! The three student leadership teams meet regularly on campus to direct our ministry efforts with the students. Through the many personal and professional contacts we have on campus, we are always looking for ways that we can reach out to students, faculty and staff so that they might know the love of Christ in their lives.

#### **"and among the residents of the East Lansing and area communities"**

Even with our focus on the campus, we are a diverse congregation made up of many people of various ages and stages of life, from a variety of communities in the greater Lansing area. As a congregation located in East Lansing, we have a primary responsibility for this community, even as we recognize the impact we can have (through our members) in the many other communities where they live. As a result, we try to take an active part in

the life of the East Lansing Community, to be of service to all those who live here. Whether we are helping with one of the many community festivals, supporting the local public schools, acting as a host location for elections, or simply being good neighbors, we want the community to see us as an asset to the city. The goodwill that we gain through this involvement gives us many more opportunities to share the love of Christ with our community.

As we think about the location of our ministry efforts, reflect on this verse from *The Message* version of John 1:14 "***The Word became flesh and blood, and moved into the neighborhood.***" As Jesus came down and brought the good news to our world, we also take the good news to our neighborhood (MSU and East Lansing/Lansing area).

Next week, we will get to the ultimate goal of the Ministry Vision. If you have comments or questions, feel free to drop me a line sometime this week!

In Christ,  
Pastor Curt

### ***Congratulations Graduates!***

This weekend many of our area High Schools will celebrate the graduation of the Class of 2016. As a congregation, we pray God's continued blessings on those in the Martin Luther Chapel community who are graduating this year:

**Kate Buckland** (Okemos)

**Emily DeWitt** (Liberty Christian Academy, Lynchburg VA)

**Jacob Kroll** (East Lansing)

**Zach Lane** (East Lansing)

**Nash Roberts** (Haslett)

**Christine Scheffler** (St. Johns)

Please join us as we recognize these graduates during worship this weekend!