



Ministry Vision, Part 4

*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,
So what?

That is the bottom line question for our ministry vision; so what? What difference does it make? What goal have we achieved?

That question is answered in the last phrase of our Ministry Vision: ***so that Christ's kingdom might grow here and around the world.***

Notice; we are concerned about kingdom growth, not just church membership. They are different things.

God's kingdom is anywhere, and among any people, where God rules in His grace. As people come to saving faith in Christ, they belong to God's Kingdom now and forever. That is the ultimate goal of the church; to expand God's kingdom!

That might mean they also become active members of Martin Luther Chapel. It might not. It might mean that, through our interaction with them, they continue to grow in faith at another congregation here in the area, or in a congregation far away from here. In fact, part of our reason for existence is specifically to help students, who will (almost always) move away after a time.

If we, as individuals and as a congregation, can help anyone become a part of God's Kingdom, we will have fulfilled our purpose for ministry. If we can do that dozens, hundreds, or thousands of times, even better! If, through our ministry, someone becomes a strong person of faith who is an active participant in a congregation somewhere else, we will

have met our goal. On the other hand, if they happen to become active members here at Martin Luther Chapel, we will welcome them as fellow workers in this corner of God's Kingdom.

John gives us a vivid picture of what God's Kingdom might look like in Revelation 7:9-10, "*After this I looked, and there as a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice saying, 'Salvation belongs to our God...'*"

All that we do in ministry is pointed toward that moment, when we, and all the people we have touched with the Gospel of Christ, will stand with that crowd praising our God eternally!

In Christ,

Pastor Curt

MSU Student Lunch and Study

Several MSU students have been getting together over lunch for the past two weeks for conversation and a short Bible Study. The day and time may change from week to week, so e-mail [Pastor Curt](#) if you are interested in attending. We have been talking about Paul's letter to the Galatians.

Youth Group Garage Sale!

The Youth Group is now accepting donations for our Garage Sale fundraiser on June 25th! You can bring your donations to the church and place them in the Fellowship Hall any time the church is open, or hold on to them until the week before and deliver them to our sale location, Matt and Katie Montney's home at 2907 Greenbriar Ave. in the Groesbeck neighborhood (contact [Matt Montney](#) to arrange for a drop-off time).

And don't forget to stop by on the 25th to support the group, and maybe find a treasure!

Welcome Back...

Did you see some familiar faces in church last Sunday? Next year's student ministry leadership teams have already begun planning for next semester. The Peer Ministers met last week, and the Lutheran Student Organization leaders will meet this Sunday after church. The Wednesday ON FIRE team will meet later, in July. They are all excited to reach out with Christ's love on campus this fall.

If you want to learn more about this year's leadership teams, follow [this link to read their bio's and learn more about them](#).

How can I give?

The ministry of Martin Luther Chapel is only possible thanks to the faithful and regular support of donors, like you, who have committed to giving generously.

Many people use Offering Envelopes, in which they enclose their weekly offering; new envelopes for the next year are now available at church. Pick yours up this week!

Gifts can also be given online. Follow the link below to give a one-time gift, or set up a recurring gift.

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