

Matt Lee, Ministry Intern at ECRC

Matt Lee, a second-year distance learning student at Western Theological Seminary in Holland, MI, is beginning his second semester as a ministry intern at Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church (ECRC).

The first semester Matt was required to simply observe and get a handle on the culture of ECRC. He attended some Elder meetings, some SLT meetings, and met with Rev each week to discuss a topic that was being addressed in his ministry leadership class. They spent time discussing setting agendas for meetings, the church budget process, sermon preparation and delivery, missional churches, and a variety of other leadership topics. Matt also started a men's small group made up of Elmhurst College students.

This semester Matt will take on a slightly more public role. He will be doing some Pastoral Care work with Lisa Capozzoli and Pastor Bert De Jong, partnering with them in making visits to the hospital, Senior Citizen residences, and shut-ins. Matt will also occasionally participate in worship and sit in on the worship planning process.

The purpose of Matt's internship is to give him an opportunity to learn practical aspects of ministry during his academic training. As a church, we are committed to being a resource for God's kingdom and the training of future leaders.

Last August, Matt married Kim Slotman Lee who teaches fifth grade at Timothy Christian Schools and is member of Elmhurst CRC.

We are grateful to have Matt with us and look forward to how God will choose to use him and shape him for ministry.