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College Choir Sings in California

The Martin Luther College Choir just returned from a wonderful West Coast tour. A few stops in Washington and Oregon were clipped off due to bad weather, but they still had plenty of fun giving concerts in California. Two seniors, who both happen to be from Manitowoc LHS, shared some highlights with us.



Sam Eickhoff (*Manitowoc LHS*) Preseminary Studies

A choir with serious skills: I love how everyone uses their talents to praise their Savior. It's a really cool thing to be a part of.

It's also really great . . . to see how thankful the members of the congregations we sing at are. They love hearing about MLC and hearing us sing God's Word in song to them.

Favorite anthem: "Benediction" (Elaine Hagenberg). We close with those words at the end of every rehearsal, and it's really cool to be able to share those words with everyone else too.

Making those WELS connections: It's so good to spend time with other members of God's family and get to know them more. Oftentimes I had some sort of connection with them, either from being from Wisconsin or from knowing people they knew.

Shout-outs: Luther Curia MLC '04 was a big influence when I was in grade school, and Joel Ungemach DMLC '89, my choir director in high school, always pushed me to be a better musician.

Lynsey Marohn (*Manitowoc LHS*) Early Childhood Ed

A big sound: I love singing praises to my Savior with so many other MLC students. It's so neat to fill the entire choir room with such a big sound!

Favorite anthem: "Hallelujah" (Shawn Kirchner). The third verse says "Give joy or grief, give ease or pain, take life or friends away. But let me find them all again in that eternal day. And I'll sing hallelujah, and you'll sing hallelujah, and we'll all sing hallelujah when we arrive at home." Whenever we'd sing this song, I rejoiced, knowing that all of those around me who believed in Jesus would be in heaven someday! Our concerts were just a foretaste of what it will be like to worship together in heaven!

Seeing the sights: Our first few days in California were surprisingly rainy and cold. It even snowed! But the day we went to San Francisco, the rain held off. We had plenty of time to walk around, see Alcatraz, look at the sea lions that lounged around Pier 39, and go to the Golden Gate Bridge. It was a really fun day.

We have these things called bus meetings: The first time I witnessed a bus meeting, I honestly thought it was really strange! But I started looking forward to them! We get to hear fun quotes that choir members said the previous day, learn what free food is on the bus, choose winners for fashion, and much more!

Shout-Outs: Music wasn't a huge part of my life before high school, but Mrs. Natosha Cole MLC '96 and Mr. Joel Ungemach DMLC '89 helped me to grow in my knowledge and love for music. It was always easy to see the passion and enthusiasm they had for teaching high schoolers to sing!



Lynsey plays with some littles at Apostles Lutheran in San Jose. She could be their teacher some day!