

Making a Dynamic Impact in College Choir

Choral music is big on the MLC campus! We sing every day in worship, of course, and four auditioned choirs sing for chapel, concerts, and tours. Some students make choral music the focus of their ministry preparation with the hope that they might one day serve as worship coordinators, choir directors, or classroom music teachers. Our premier choral group is College Choir, which tours every year. Today, we asked two seniors about finishing their College Choir singing career on a high note.

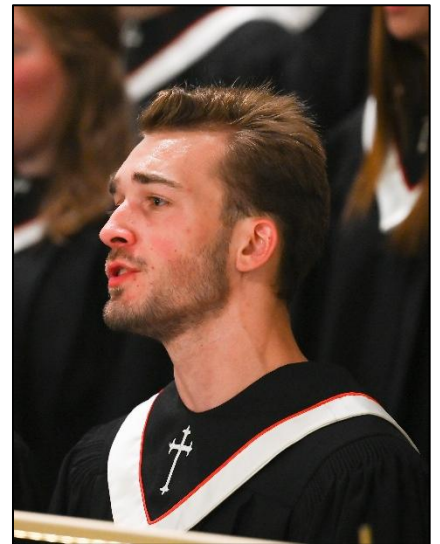
Luke Staude *KML / Christ Alone-Thiensville WI / Senior / Tenor / Preseminary Studies*

Choir is gospel ministry: Professor Smith says you have no idea who's walking through the doors to hear our concerts. They come from all walks of life. They may have had the best day of their life or they may have just lost a loved one. You have the amazing opportunity to share the best message with them!

Crescendo to college: Our high school choir was impressive, but College Choir is a step up. There's more difficult music—and in all different languages. And we have lots of music majors, so we can bring out the strings, brass, timpani On tour we basically had a mini-orchestra behind us!

Music as motivation for his vocation: I love audio! I was going to go to Nashville to study audio engineering, but something made me step back and wonder: Can I better serve as a pastor *and* use my gifts and passions for production and recording?

If you're considering MLC: Definitely pray about it. Work hard, and it'll pay off. MLC has many opportunities to use your gifts and talents to God's glory and even more opportunities to grow—in your faith, your academics, your music!



Hope Sulzle *LPS / Peace-Cottonwood AZ / Senior / Alto / Elementary Education Major*

Yes, she's crying in that picture: Our choir tour concerts often bring me to tears, first of all, because of the message we share, and second, because of the blessing and privilege it is to sing praises to Jesus with so many people. Every concert is just a little piece of what heaven is going to be like!

The gospel is life: We sing many songs about Jesus and what he's done for us. But Professor Smith takes it a step further, connecting the text to the music and the music to the text to provide even more meaning to what we're singing and why we're singing it.

Don't worry about auditions: Professor Smith will test your range. Then you'll sing a specific hymn in your preferred voice part. Finally, you'll sight-read a piece of music. For many, this is the most nerve-wracking part, but just do your best!

She's excited about the future: I hope to serve my congregation, school, and students by accompanying church services on piano and organ, teaching music, directing choirs, singing in choirs, teaching piano lessons, and more. There will be so many opportunities to use my musical abilities to serve God!