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Dear Members of the MLC Alumni Association,



Thank you for the opportunity you have given me through the MLCAA Endowed Scholarship to further my education at Martin Luther College. My name is Josiah Smith. I am a 5th-year student graduating in May, and majoring in vocal and instrumental music education.

I currently live in New Ulm, Minnesota. My interest in public ministry started when I was young. Coming from a family of called workers, I have always been around people within the public ministry. I went to Lutheran elementary and high schools, where I was encouraged to consider becoming a called worker. I chose to attend MLC due to its strong music education program and my belief to use music to spread the message of the gospel. Music has always been a passion of mine. I love practicing, rehearsing, and performing. MLC provides opportunities and connections that will benefit me as I work the children and young adults that I will someday teach. Music has become more than just a passion for me; I want to help my future students share their faith and spread the gospel through song. It is important for music to be present within the ministry, because I know how moving it can be for someone listening to it. I pray for success in my calling and hope to strengthen my faith as well as the faith of others through music.

I thank you for the help you have provided me. Your donation is appreciated and will help me continue in my education at Martin Luther College on my path to the public ministry. I am grateful to God for providing me with all the opportunities I have received from MLC. Your help is another reminder of the blessings God has given me. I pray that I will be able to use what I have learned at MLC to spread the gospel and serve God and his people.

Soli Deo Gloria,

Josiah Smith