

Letter Writing Activity

Choose who you will encourage.

- A student studying for ministry (*Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary student or Martin Luther College student*)
- A pastor, teacher, or staff minister

Think about their journey.

IF YOU CHOSE A STUDENT

- What challenges might they face while learning and preparing?
- Why is their training important for the future?
- How might God use them to help others one day?

IF YOU CHOSE A PASTOR, TEACHER, OR STAFF MINISTER

- How do they help people grow, learn, or feel supported?
- Why might they need encouragement in their work?
- How are they already making a difference?

Optional sentence starters:

FOR STUDENTS

- "I know you are working hard to prepare for ministry, I want to encourage you by..."*
- "Even though training can be difficult..."*
- "In the future, you may help people by..."*
- "Your decision to study ministry matters because..."*

FOR PASTORS, TEACHERS, OR STAFF MINISTERS

- "Thank you for the work you do each day..."*
- "Your work is important because..."*
- "I want to encourage you by..."*
- "You are making a difference by..."*
- "Even when your job is hard..."*
- "The way you help others shows that..."*

Your letter must include...

- A greeting (Dear ___)
- An introduction (who you are)
- Specific encouragement (at least 4–6 complete sentences)
- A thoughtful closing
- Your name

Final Checklist

- I clearly chose who I am encouraging
- I wrote something specific to their role (student OR leader)
- My letter is kind and thoughtful
- I used complete sentences
- I checked spelling and punctuation

Reflect: How did this letter help you think about serving others?
