

ELCA Fund for Leaders

The ELCA Fund for Leaders scholarship program supports students attending ELCA seminaries. By making seminary more affordable, the ELCA Fund for Leaders enables more future ministers to go to seminary and helps them graduate with less debt, empowering those whom God calls into ministry to go and serve as the church needs and the Holy Spirit leads.

We are church, and each of us has a unique role to play in furthering the mission and ministry of the church. Your [gift](#) to the ELCA Fund for Leaders ensures that highly talented individuals will be able to answer the call to leadership for this church and for our future.

While the amount available each year varies due to investment outcomes, for this next academic year, the generosity of donors will provide \$10,800 in scholarship support. We are also grateful for a separate scholarship in the name of Ascension Lutheran in Garland with \$5,500 being provided for this upcoming academic year. They have left a legacy to their congregation that will continue to live on through this named scholarship for years to come.

The nominated recipients for the 2026-27 academic year are:

- Paul Burow (Shepherd King, Lubbock) attending Luther Seminary
- Gabriel Clagett (Grace, Midland) attending Wartburg Theological Seminary
- Eliana Katchkey (Christ, Dallas) attending Wartburg Theological Seminary
- Aaron Colwick (Rejoice, Coppell) attending Wartburg Theological Seminary
- Johnna Page (Bethel, Avoca) attending Wartburg Theological Seminary
- Michael Rivard (Faith, Fort Worth) attending Luther Seminary
- Bryan Swecker (Trinity, Miles) attending Luther Seminary

Eliana and Gabriel are nominated for the Ascension Lutheran Scholarship