

## 2022 Steinbeck Scholarship Recipient's Thank You Stories Eleanor Clausing — The Fifth of Eighteen

Dear LWML members,

I am grateful for your support of my education here at Concordia, University Nebraska. My major is Elementary Education with an ESL endorsement and a Lutheran Teacher's Diploma. I am in the midst of the first semester of my junior year, and I'm excited to be getting into the practical details of what it means to be a Lutheran school teacher.

While I am starting to imagine what my first classroom might look like, my own education looked very different from the traditional classroom I hope to lead in the future. My parents are missionaries in Tanzania, East Africa, and I lived in East Africa for four years before I moved for college. My dad teaches theology and Biblical languages at St. Peter's Theological Seminary in Himo, Tanzania. I lived out my high school years in both Kenya and Tanzania, and I went to an international school part-time, while taking online and homeschool classes.

Now that I'm here at Concordia, I've absorbed a lot of Nebraska culture, but I am pursuing an ESL endorsement because of my time in Africa. I know what it's like to be a foreigner in a country where very few people speak your native language, and I want to help children here in the US who are also in this situation. Thank you again for your help! I am so excited to start my vocation as a Lutheran teacher to children from all over the world.

In Christ,  
Eleanor Clausing

