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Restructuring vs. Resurrection

You can probably smell the aromatic Easter Lilies ... a vivid, sensory, seasonal reminder of Jesus' resurrection, with "trumpeted" petals proclaiming that "He is Risen ... indeed, Alleluia!" This is most certainly true. Because Jesus lives, we know that we shall live also ... and in the meantime, we live in power ... and peace.

With LCC restructuring, new changes are afoot. We have a new synod President, even as the congregational validation votes are being forwarded to Winnipeg. In anticipation, Districts are beginning to roll up the boardwalks and make way for the new role of Regional Pastors and a centralized, unified structure. But ... the more we expected things to change, the more we cling to those things that will remain the same: Christ's Word and the blessed Sacraments; the Resurrection hope and strength and joy.

Concordia Lutheran Seminary, Edmonton, is not restructuring, even though we are impacted by it. We remain all about the unchanging truths like Jesus' Resurrection. Life in the Resurrection of Christ is not a repackaging of some structure and administrative focus; in Christ's resurrection we are made new, COMPLETELY NEW ... we live as Christ's saints, fully connected with Christ and living a life in Christ. The CLS mission is identical now as before: we **form servants for Jesus' sake** ... the Resurrected Jesus is still our Lord, the focus and object of our preaching and teaching and ministry.



DR. JAMES GIMBEL

This Easter, as you celebrate the new life **you** have in Christ Jesus, trust that we still teach pastors to proclaim *that new life* ... and provide Absolution and Holy Baptism and Holy Communion and the proclaimed Word of Christ, that He who lives *forgives all of our sins and heals all of our diseases*. We live new lives in Him.

And know that in order to fulfill our mission and continue to form servants for Jesus' sake, we now, more than ever, need your financial gifts, your prayers, your partnership, and your support. We thank God at this Easter for the men God sends here to be formed as servants for Jesus' sake ... for the dollars that support our mission and ministry ... and for each of you in our partnership together. Christ is risen! Indeed.

Dr. James Gimbel,
President



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Board of Regents

All non-profit, faith-based charities depend heavily upon their boards. Board *governance* is designed to keep the work of the organization focused clearly on its goals; the external perspective keeps staff from making decisions that primarily have an internal (and sometimes self-preserving) outcome.

Our Board of *Regents* (a historic title for Lutheran seminary governors) draws from across Canada, by design, deliberately representing each of the three “regions” and balancing clergy and the laity.

The Board of Regents has fiduciary responsibility ... acting in good faith on all matters that provide a broad, policy-based direction to ensure that all resources (financial, human, capital) are used to serve the goal and mission of the seminary.

We thank God for our board members:

- **Chair, Daryl Solie** (clergy, Regina, SK)
- **Vice-chair, Aaron Astley** (clergy, Hamilton, ON)
- **Secretary, Ian Lande** (laity, Stony Plain, AB)
- **Scott Lyons** (clergy, Victoria, BC)
- **Corinne Nowaczin** (laity, Red Deer, AB)
- **Rudy Pastucha** (clergy, Saskatoon, SK) represents Synod President Tim Teuscher
- **Glenn Schaeffer** (clergy, Edmonton, AB) represents ABC District
- **Gerry Steinke** (laity, Valleyview, AB)

President, Jim Gimbel, serves as executive to the board.

Pictured to the left are our new board members.



AARON ASTLEY



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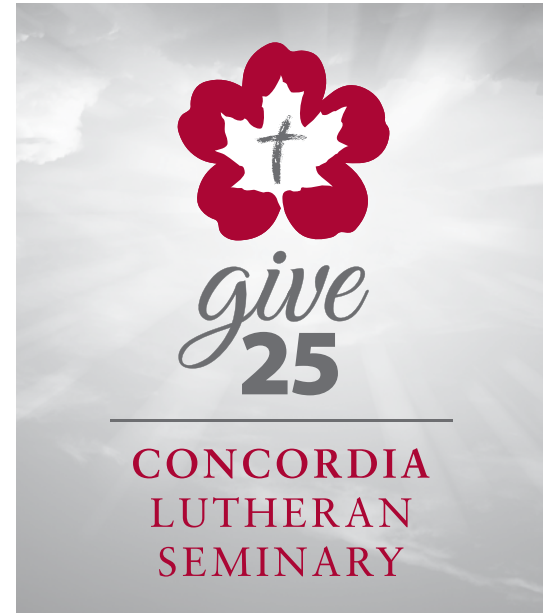


GERRY STEINKE

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you can support the seminary by donating a car through Donate-A-Car Canada? Follow the Donate-A-Car link at www.concordiasem.ab.ca/donate.

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Every year, 55% of the CLS operating budget comes from your donations. The LCC convention clarified that the seminaries are important but separate entities of ministry in the Church. This means that your financial support is more important than ever.

To help you provide that support, we continue to receive cheques and gifts, but have also set up **give25** so you can donate online, or you can use pre-authorized debit (automatic withdrawal from your bank account). Simply download and complete the PAD form, send it to us, and your designated donation will be processed each month.

In order to continue to “form servants for Jesus’ sake”, our budget needs this commitment from individual members like you!

Please prayerfully consider becoming a regular giving partner in ‘forming servants for Jesus’ sake’: either through our online platform www.concordiasem.ab.ca/give25 or through our pre-authorized bank withdrawal option www.concordiasem.ab.ca/donate/documents/PADfillable.pdf or with a monthly or annual cheque commitment.

Take Wing 2018



LEFT TO RIGHT: ADAM CHANDLER, MARK REKKEN, TRAVIS HEIDE, SEMINARY GUILD SECRETARY ELLEN RAAFLAUB, PETER KNELSON, AND JOSHUA KURTENBACH

These smiling faces are the men who received their assignments at the January 29, 2018 chapel service to various Take Wing locations across LCC for two or three days of their Spring Break (March 10-18). Through the generous support of our Seminary Guild, up to \$500 of the cost for transportation is covered; host congregations provide ground transportation, meals, and housing.

Take Wing provides a great opportunity for the student to see a unique side of pastoral ministry somewhere new and different from previous mission and ministry experiences. We encourage that the hosting congregation and pastor engage the student as preacher, possibly teacher for Bible class, and provide an opportunity when the student can give an overview of life at the seminary (for recruitment and soliciting prayers and financial support).

The program is designed to strengthen connections between congregations and pastors who are outside our local Edmonton area with students here at CLS. When a student spends a weekend with a new mentor pastor at an unfamiliar site, the student sees more of the breadth of LCC. It is important that students see as many ministries and mentor pastors as possible for well-rounded pastoral formation. Congregations and pastoral partners gain a strong sense of CLS as a seminary

of the whole church ... and gain an appreciation for these seminarians and their gifts and graces.

Here are the Take Wing assignments of the CLS second-year seminarians for 2018:

- **Adam Chandler** (home: Calgary, AB) to St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Warman, SK and St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Bergheim, SK, working with Pastor Randy Heide
- **Mark Rekken** (home: Edmonton, AB) to Epiphany Lutheran Church, Thunder Bay, ON working with Pastor Steve Bartlett
- **Travis Heide** (home: Warman, SK) to Grace Lutheran Church, Osoyoos, BC, and St. Paul Lutheran Church, Oliver, BC working with Pastor Darren Siegle
- **Peter Knelson** (home: Nipawin, SK) to Bethany Lutheran Church, Campbell River, BC, working with Pastor Tom Kruesel
- **Joshua Kurtenbach** (home: Inglis, MB) to Zion (Augsburg) Lutheran Church & St. Luke Lutheran Church, Eganville, ON working with Pastor Dan Barr

Thank you to the congregations who have requested a seminarian for 2018 Take Wing, and to all who fund the Seminary Guild and its mission to support students of the seminary.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 27

Last Day of Semester II Classes

April 30 – May 2

Final Exams

May 7

First Day of Summer Short Term Classes

May 21

Victoria Day – Office Closed

May 23 & 24

Board of Regents Meeting

May 24

Sacred Convocation at Bethel Lutheran Church, Sherwood Park

May 29 & 30

Assessment Retreat

July 2

Canada Day – Office Closed

August 6

Heritage Day – Office Closed

August 29

1st Year MDiv Student Orientation

August 30 & 31

MDiv Student Retreat

August 31

Registration for All Students

September 3

Labour Day – Office Closed

September 4

Opening Service
First Day of Short Term I Classes

September 4 & 5

Board of Regents Meeting

September 17

First Day of Semester I Classes

The Sacred Convocation

Concordia Lutheran Seminary warmly invites you to attend The Sacred Convocation for the 34th Academic Year:

Thursday, May 24, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.
Bethel Lutheran Church
298 Bethel Drive, Sherwood Park, AB
Guest Preacher: Rev. Rod Buck

We will celebrate the placement of 3 graduates and 5 vicars, and our honorary awardees will be recognized.

The seminary is deeply thankful to our partners in ministry at Bethel Lutheran Church for hosting this year's Convocation. A reception follows immediately after the service. Please come and rejoice with us in God's gifts to his people!



Seminary Student in Focus

Name: Kai Buck

Year: 4th

Home District: ABC District

The pastoral ministry was always a part of my life growing up. The pastoral office was always there and I always admired it, but I never really saw myself filling such a role. I grew up in Winnipeg, Manitoba where I was often told that I should consider becoming a pastor where I would promptly reply "I don't think so." However as I grew, my dear church family would not stop telling me the same thing. I continued to dismiss the idea, but as time went on, and my skills began to develop, I was less and less able to drive away the gnawing feeling that I was headed towards the Seminary.

It wasn't long after I decided to leave myself more open to the possibility of becoming a pastor that my father received a call to Stony Plain, Alberta. From there I came to Edmonton where I attended Concordia University College of Alberta (now Concordia University of Edmonton) where I met my wife Melissa to whom I have been married for four years. With her continued encouragement, I entered into the Seminary and began my journey towards the pastoral ministry.



KAI, FREYA AND MELISSA BUCK

Now after four years in Seminary I have grown in ways that I never could have imagined. God has poured many blessings out upon me from the birth of my daughter Freya (1.5 years old) to the relationships that I have formed throughout my time here. The most exciting revelation for me has been the discovery of the joy that comes with the proclamation of God's Word to His people. From those who encouraged me towards the ministry as a child to those who I served on Vicarage, I have been loved in a most profound way by God's people in the Church. It is my greatest hope and joy that I might serve the Church in response to the love shown to me in Christ. As St. Paul tells Timothy, *"For to this end we toil and strive, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all people, especially of those who believe"* (1 Tim. 4:10).

Kai will receive his first Call on May 24, 2018.

Did You Know...

since 2000, LCC seminaries have produced 94 of the 212 active pastors?

By 2020, our seminaries will have produced LCC 109 pastors:

- 73 from CLS
- 36 from CLTS

Did You Know...

CLS has five vicars and one DPS intern in the field **right now** and anticipates having **five more** vicars out in the field across LCC for 2018-19?

Upcoming Quest Course

THIS SPRING, JOIN US – Wednesday Nights: April 11, 18, 25 and May 2, 2018
@ 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm – CLS Campus

From Luther's Reform to The Reformation, 1521-1530

Presenter: Rev. John A. Maxfield, Ph.D., is an ordained pastor of Lutheran Church-Canada and serves as Associate Professor of Religious Studies at Concordia University of Edmonton. He teaches History of Christianity, Theology, and European History, specializing and publishing in the areas of the German Reformation and Luther Studies.

This Quest course picks up where last fall's course left off. It focuses on Luther's leadership of the evangelical movement as it developed first into the Reformation and then also into distinct Lutheran church structures by the end of the 1520s. These critical developments paved the way for the Augsburg Confession of 1530, and the emergence of Lutheranism as a recognizable—if still maturing—Christian tradition of its own.

Wednesday, April 11

- Reform from Exile: Luther at the Wartburg
- Reform in Wittenberg and Luther's Return

Wednesday, April 18

- Confrontation with "Fanatics"—Controversy among Evangelicals over the Character and Goals of the Reformation
- The Two Realms and the Christian's Responsibilities in Society

Wednesday, April 25

- A Violent Reformation? The Revolution of 1525 and Its Impact
- The Growth, Implementation, and Diversity of the Reformation

Wednesday, May 2

- Diverse Visions of Reform in Conflict: Controversy over the Sacraments
- From Political Protest to Lutheran Confession, 1529-1530

Quest classes are open to lay leaders, pastors, and all Christians as a service of CLS. This course is also available via web-based audio-video link (to those outside of driving distance of the CLS campus) with the same opportunity to hear and interact online.

REGISTRATION

Cost: There is no cost to participate, but kindly register for the **free course** by contacting:
admin@concordiasem.ab.ca
Tel: 780-474-1468, ext. 225

Adopt-A-Student ENCOURAGING FUTURE PASTORS

As a former parish pastor, now a seminary professor, one of the things that I miss from serving a church is the care and support that members gave to me and my family. Cards and other expressions of support at Christmas and other times meant so much to me. To this day I keep the precious mementos given to me by church members whose memories are dear to me. When a church shows love and support for its pastor, it is truly a beautiful and meaningful thing.

The same is true for those who are preparing to be pastors, but have not yet completed their education. Knowing that the Church cares about them and is supporting them in their studies helps provide encouragement and hope. Just this afternoon, I met with a student in my office. He beamed as he told me how much the support he has received from his sponsors has helped him and his wife.

Knowing the value of this support from personal experience I ask and encourage you to do two things. First, please pray for, support, and encourage your pastor(s). The little cards and

even an occasional gift mean more to him than you probably imagine. Second, please consider giving this kind of support to a future pastor as well.

If you, individually or along with others in your congregation, would like to have a specific seminary student that you can pray for, encourage, and support please consider joining our Adopt-A-Student program. If you are already sponsoring a student through the Adopt-A-Student program, thank you. You are truly making a life-long impact on these men by showing them the love of the Church. If you have not yet joined this form of supporting seminary students, please give it some serious thought and prayer. Thank you for walking with your pastor, your seminary, and your future pastors.

If you have any questions, or would just like to talk about the program, contact:
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jhellwege@concordiasem.ab.ca
www.concordiasem.ab.ca/enrolment/
adopt_a_student.php

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- \$1,125 per course (3 credits)
- \$5,800 for a typical semester's tuition and fees
- \$38,390 for the entire four year degree (tuition and fees)
- \$850+ per month for rent (1 bedroom apartment)
Source: Numbeo 2017
- \$900+ per month for food (family of four)
Source: Government of Alberta 2016

Without your support, the full cost of seminary education would be prohibitive.

Financial News – Remembrance Donations

I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

Philippians 1: 3-4



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loves a cheerful giver.*

2 Corinthians 9:7

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that you can set up secure pre-authorized bank (PAD) withdrawal donations by sending in a VOID cheque and completing the PAD form on the CLS website at www.concordiasem.ab.ca/donate/documents/PADfillable.pdf ?

