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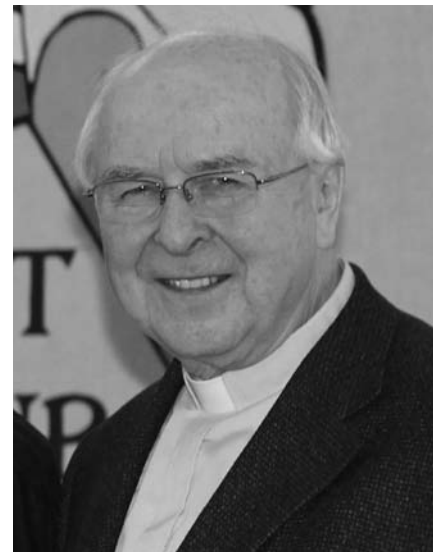


Your Seminary – Your Mission

How does the seminary fit into the mission of your congregation? Think about it. In spite of the important role that the lay men and women in the church play in your congregation, you invariably expect your pastor to play a central role. He is the public face of the congregation. He has been entrusted with the responsibility of preaching and teaching the Word of God through which the Holy Spirit brings people to faith and sustains them in it. He bears the joyous burden of caring for the flock of Christ on a day-by-day basis, exercising the Office of the Keys by proclaiming to you the forgiveness of sins for the sake of Christ. What would your congregation do without men to fill the office of the ministry in its midst?

But, if your pastor is to do what you want him to do – what you need him to do, he must have first been prepared, nurtured, and formed. This is the pattern which Christ Himself gave us. Christ didn't simply call the disciples and send them out. For about three years, our Lord taught those who would bring God's Word to the world. For three years, He prepared them for their ministry. The training which the apostles received from Christ was integral to the world-wide mission of the church in the first century. The training of pastors is also what our church recognized to be important so that Christ's message of salvation would go out into our world today.

It is important that you see the preparation which the seminary provides as a crucial part of your congregation's mission. God chose to carry out



DR. NORMAN J. THREINEN

His mission through flesh and blood people – through pastors. And to prepare these pastors, the seminaries of the church exist. We encourage your support through your prayers, by identifying and encouraging potential pastors to prepare for the ministry, and by supporting your seminary with the gifts which your Lord has placed into your hands. God bless you richly.

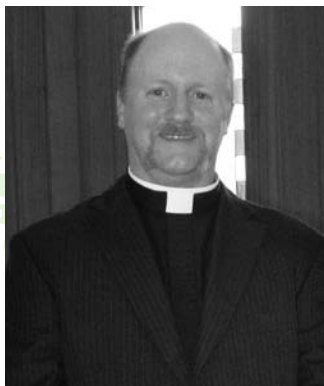
Your Servant for Jesus' Sake,

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The Cloak of Elijah 1 KINGS 19:19



TODD GUGGENMOS

Hometown: Unity, Saskatchewan

It's been a joy to see you grow in knowledge and skills, and in the confidence to use these—and the gifts the Lord has given you—as a servant for Jesus' sake. Everything you've done in life until now has been preparing you for the ministry that lies ahead. That doesn't mean everything will be easy, but the Lord who has been preparing the way and walking with you along it will continue to bless you, so that you can be a blessing to others. Cling to Him; receive His grace, and serve—to His glory and your joy!

Dr. Stephen Chambers

Placement:

*Our Saviour Lutheran Church
Fort Qu'appelle, Saskatchewan*

STEVEN HOFFMAN

Hometown: Nanaimo, British Columbia

Steve, we commend you for persevering in completing your degree and continue to pray God's blessings for you in all of your future endeavours.

Dr. Edward Kettner



VINCENT MOORE

Hometown: Dawson Creek, British Columbia

Vince, you have been gifted with an openness and an honesty about yourself and about God. He is your strength and your hope because of all that He accomplished through His Son. May God bless you as you walk with His people pointing them to the certain hope they have because of their baptisms: "If we have been united with [Jesus] in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his." (Rom 6:5) *Professor Jonathan Kraemer*

Placement:

*Christ Lutheran Church
Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta*



MARK SCHULTZ

Hometown: Grande Prairie, Alberta

Mark, God has given you a gentle and quiet demeanor along with a heart for ministry and for God's people, and we ask God's continued blessings for you and your family as you begin His service as pastor in Rimbey.

Dr. Edward Kettner

Placement:

*Zion Lutheran Church
Rimbey, Alberta*

COLLOQUY PASTORS

Randy Fiege –
Innisfail, AB

John Haycock –
Lloydminster, AB

David Leung –
Richmond, BC

Michael Schutz –
Penticton, BC

Douglas Stapleton –
Creston, BC

VICARAGE PLACEMENT

Aaron Astley –
*Christ the King
Lutheran Church
100 Mile House, BC*

Scott Gamble –
*Foothills Lutheran Church
Calgary, AB*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Did You Know...

The Seminary will be closed July 1 - 31, 2013? Faculty and staff will return August 1, 2013.

July 1 - 31

Seminary Building Closed

July 15

Presidential Nominations Deadline

August 1

Seminary Opens

August 29-30

Retreat for MDiv Students

August 30

Registration for All Students

September 2

Labour Day – Office Closed

September 3

First Day of Short Term I Classes

September 3 - 6

MDiv 1st Year Orientation

September 8

Opening Service at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Leduc, Alberta
Preacher: Rev. Rudy Pastucha

September 10

Founders' Day at CLS Chapel
Preacher: Rev. Mark Ruf

September 16

First Day of Semester I Classes

Honorary Award Recipients

FRIEND OF THE SEMINARY –

Mrs. Doreen E. Christensen



Doreen Christensen is a member of Grace Lutheran Church, Edmonton, Alberta. Doreen began supporting Concordia Lutheran Seminary twelve years ago when she joined the Concordia Lutheran Seminary Guild. As the hospitality coordinator, she has been responsible for organizing luncheons, barbeques and refreshments at several seminary events each year. For one year she also served as a volunteer receptionist at the seminary once a week. Over her years of service she has enjoyed getting to know the students, faculty and staff. They hold a special place in her heart. We are pleased to recognize Doreen as a Friend of the Seminary.

FAITH IN LIFE AWARD –

Mr. Art Timm



Art Timm is a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. At St. Paul's, Art has served on various boards and committees. He has been a long time choir member, Sunday school teacher, and Bible study leader. Currently he is the co-chair for the Board of Lay ministry and continues to lead a seniors' Bible study during the fall and winter months. Art has also used his gift of leadership for the good of the larger church over the years. He has served on the District Board of the Lutheran Laymen's League, the Board of Directors, Lutheran Church–Canada, the Board of Directors, Central District of Lutheran Church–Canada, including several years as board chair. He has also served on the Foundation Board for Luther Care Communities and the Malabar Mission Society. We are pleased to award Art the Faith in Life Award in recognition of faithfully reflecting Jesus in his everyday life.

DOCTOR OF LETTERS –

Ms. Lynn R. Gergens



Lynn Gergens is the Director of Youth & Family Ministry at Walnut Grove Lutheran Church, Langley, British Columbia. She received a Master of Arts Degree at U of A. The topic of her thesis was "Catechetical Literature." Currently she serves as the Chairperson for Ambassadors of Reconciliation Canada. She has helped and continues to help parishes with reconciliation and mediation.

Throughout Lynn's years of service, youth ministry has been a major emphasis. She served on the LCMS Board for Youth Services, Youth Committee of ABC District, chairperson for four LCC national youth gatherings, initiated musical ministry teams (such as The CREW), and served as chairperson for Youth Gatherings in the ABC District. After working at Concordia University College of Alberta as Director of Communications and Alumni Affairs, Director of Church Recruitment, and Dean of Admissions, Lynn went on to found Footsteps Ministry, a ministry designed to help parishes by consulting and teaching about biblical peacemaking, youth ministry, parish planning and parish education. Lynn has also been active in leadership within LCC on various district and synodical boards.

It is our privilege to bestow upon Lynn the degree of Doctor of Letters, *honoris causa*.

Upcoming Quest Courses

FALL 2013

Dates: September 10, 17, 27 and October 1 at 7:00 p.m. (MST)

Topic: "Christianity and the Movies: A Lutheran Approach to Media Consumption"

Presenter: Rev. Ted Giese, associate pastor of Mount Olive Lutheran Church, Regina, Saskatchewan

WINTER 2014

Dates: February 4, 11, 18 and 25, 2014

Topic: "A Man for our Times: Bach's Music and Theology for a New Millennium"

Presenter: Rev. Lorne Manweiler, pastor of Redeemer Lutheran Church, Edmonton, Alberta

REGISTRATION

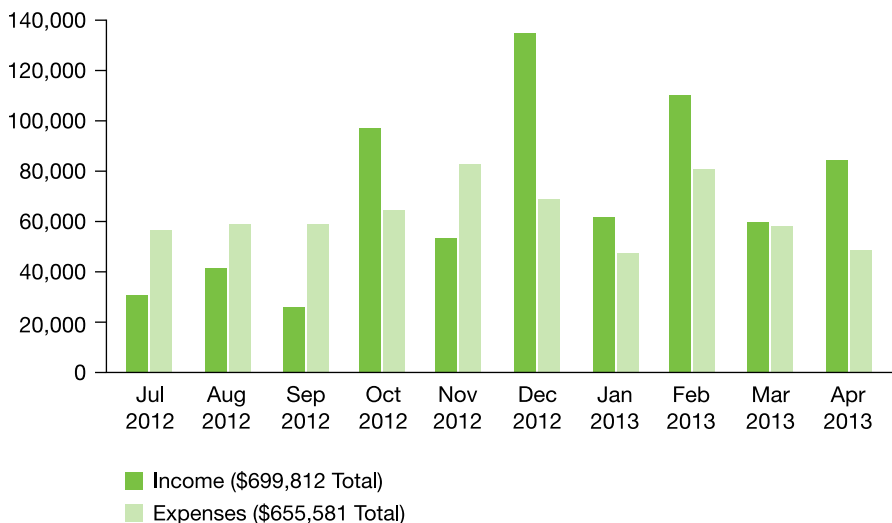
These Quest classes are offered as a class at CLS and a webcast for distant students. www.concordiasem.ab.ca/academics/quest.php

Cost: No registration fee. Donations welcome.



Financial News

INCOME AND EXPENSES BY MONTH (in dollars)



FAREWELL AND THANK YOU

With this issue, we bid farewell to Sandra Esperanza, Development Assistant to the President and our Newsletter editor. She leaves us to take a position in Vancouver. We thank her for her five years of service to CLS and wish her well. God's continued blessings on your new endeavours.

2013 Matching Grant Initiative

Through the generosity of several supporters, we again invite you to participate in a financial initiative where your gift for the operation of the seminary will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$75,000. The initiative lasts until June 30, 2013. Please make all cheques out to: Concordia Lutheran Seminary. Be sure to indicate on the note line that it is for Matching Grant.



TAKE WING – PAT MOORE (PRESIDENT), AARON ASTLEY, KEITH HOVELAND, ERIC MOFFETT

Blessings and Thanks

Through the support received from you, Concordia Lutheran Seminary Guild was able to assist the seminary in so many ways.

Aaron Astley, Keith Hoveland and Eric Moffett participated in the Take Wing program this year. This program allows students to visit one of our LCC churches, participate in a variety of activities and also to be an ambassador for the seminary. Who better to ask about our Seminary than a student? The cost for each student to travel and participate in Take Wing is covered by the Seminary Guild.

The annual Seminary wives retreat was held in November, the chapel flooring was refurbished and gift cards and books were purchased for the graduating students and their wives, the President's luncheon and Sacred Convocation goodies were provided by the guild.

Much success has been seen with the donation and use of grocery gift cards to make it easier to manage supporting our students need for food and other household items.

Moving forward are plans to further assist with needed building renovations and repairs along with replacement of well worn furnishings. Of course, our students' needs are always in the forefront. Any way we can assist our future pastors is such a blessing and honour.

We would like to thank everyone who so generously donates their prayers, time, talents, and funds to the support of our Seminary community.

Pat Moore, President
CLS Guild

CONGRATULATIONS

We rejoice with Professor Jonathan Kraemer as he receives his Master of Sacred Theology degree from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis this spring.

We rejoice also with Mr. Jeffrey Nachtigall, our Registrar, as he receives a Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Technology Based Learning from Athabasca University this spring. He has been accepted into the Master of Education (Distance Education) program at Athabasca University, which he will resume this fall.

Adopt-a-Student

Adopt-A-Student is a program which pairs seminary students with individuals and groups (such as LWML societies) who desire to encourage and support them in their preparation for ministry. Each year sponsors commit to supporting their student in whatever way they can, whether it is corresponding with the student, praying for them, or sending financial support.

For information about the Adopt-A-Student program, and to access the enrollment form for the 2013 –2014 school year, go online to: www.concordiasem.ab.ca/enrolment/adopt_a_student.php

Yes, I want to make a donation to Concordia Lutheran Seminary

Your Seminary exists to serve you and your congregation. Out of love for the Lord's church, we invite you to sustain your Seminary with your interest, your prayers, and your gifts.

So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9:7

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