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## President's Message

I'm the newest member of your Concordia Lutheran Seminary family. For nearly a dozen years, I've been on faculty at Concordia University, St. Paul, MN. I love teaching, but my first commitment is to God's ministry, where the Story of God's redeeming love intersects with real people's lives.

I'm excited to serve as the new President of the Seminary, as a partner in the mission of Christ within Lutheran Church-Canada, supporting the seminary's wonderful, highly talented, deeply committed faculty and staff. The outcome is to have dedicated, well-trained, theologically adept pastors who are ministry practitioners throughout Lutheran Church-Canada. Although I believe that God has equipped me for my role and has clearly called me here, I see my faults and weaknesses and frailties far too clearly. For that reason, I absolutely love the CLS theme of the year, "Christ our Cornerstone."

The key focus of my nearly 30 years of ministry has NOT been about me ... but always about **Christ our Cornerstone**. I've read the history: the focus of nearly 30 years of ministry at Concordia Lutheran Seminary has NOT been about the President, the faculty, the staff, the students ... but always, about **Christ our Cornerstone**. I am excited to build upon the heritage of LCC and CLS ... to form and nurture those who preach nothing but Christ crucified.



DR. JAMES GIMBEL

If things in ministry depended upon me ... or the faculty ... or the staff ... or the students ... or the rest of the pastors and people of LCC, we would miss the mark. With **Christ our Cornerstone**, we are partners in the gospel of Christ that brings light and life to the world. Upon this Rock, Christ still builds His church. Thanks for your partnership serving Christ our Cornerstone, and your prayers and support.

Dr. James Gimbel  
President

*We invite everyone to join CLS in celebrating Dr. Gimbel's installation at 7:00 pm on February 2, 2014 at Redeemer Lutheran Church, 9654 - 74 Avenue, Edmonton, AB.*

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## Lachish Expedition 2014

Concordia Lutheran Seminary extends an open invitation to all LCC pastors, deacons, and church-members to take part in its 2014 expedition to Israel under the direction of Dr. Steve Chambers. This year's group will be based at Lachish, about 40 km SW of Jerusalem, instead of its usual base at Hippos, where previous CLS teams helped excavate a Byzantine church-complex. This spectacular Old Testament-era dig at Lachish (10th/9th c BC) is under the overall direction of Dr. Josef Garfinkel of Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

The group leaves Canada on Tuesday, July 9 and returns on Tuesday, July 29. Two weeks (10 days) of digging at Lachish will be interspersed with touring in and around Jerusalem (4 days), the Negev desert (2 days), and Galilee (4 days). The projected cost per person is approximately \$4,300 CAD. This includes airfare (Edmonton-Tel Aviv and return), local transportation, all accommodations, most meals, and most admission fees. Participants from other parts of Canada may make arrangements to meet the Edmonton group at Pearson airport in Toronto.

For further information and an application form, follow the link on the seminary's website: [www.concordiasem.ab.ca](http://www.concordiasem.ab.ca). The application deadline is March 15, 2014, but earlier applications are encouraged.

*Since 2002, Dr. Steve Chambers has taught at Concordia Lutheran Seminary in Edmonton. He is currently Academic Dean and Professor of Exegetical Theology. This is the fifth time since 2006 that he will be leading a group of archaeological volunteers to Israel.*



2012 CLS DIG-TEAM, ON LOCATION IN ISRAEL...  
JOIN THE 2014 DIG-TEAM NOW!

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### January 6

First Day of Short Term II Classes

#### January 20

First Day of Semester II Classes

#### January 23

Timothy Lectures

#### February 2

Installation of Dr. Gimbel

#### February 3 & 4

Board of Regents Meeting  
Joining Board of Regents  
Meeting with CLTS

#### February 17

Family Day  
Office Closed

#### March 17 - 21

Spring Break  
Office Open

#### March 24 - 27

Association of Theological  
Schools Visit

#### May 2

Last Day of Semester II  
Classes

#### May 5 - 7

Final Exams

#### May 29 & 30

Board of Regents Meeting

#### May 29

Sacred Convocation  
7:00 pm

## CLS Guild "Friends of the Guild" (Membership) Donation Appeal

Dear Friend of the CLS Guild. Thank you for your servant heart and your love of your seminary and especially the students, who are sacrificing a great deal to become pastors in Lutheran Church-Canada. Each year the Guild asks you to support projects which benefit our seminarian students. Guild projects such as, Take Wing, student Christmas and Easter gifts, Convocation, vicars' support, student pantry gift cards, entrance scholarship, missionary experience,

and a seminary wives' retreat. Because you are making a donation rather than actually buying a membership, we would like to refer to you as a "Friend of the Guild" rather than a "member." If you have a representative in your congregation you may make your donation through them or you may mail it directly to Concordia Lutheran Seminary using the donation page in this newsletter.

# Upcoming Quest Course

**WINTER 2014**

**February 4, 11, 18 and 25 @ 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm**

## **“A Man for our Times: Bach’s Music and Theology for a New Millennium”**

*Presenter: Rev. Lorne Manweiler is pastor of Redeemer Lutheran Church, Edmonton, AB, instructor of organ and resident organist at Concordia University College of Alberta, Edmonton, and accompanist for the Concordia Community Chorus.*



REV. LORNE MANWEILER

So often, J.S. Bach is held up as a paragon of the high Baroque and of an even higher church music. It may be surprising to many that Bach dealt with the same grass-roots challenges the modern church worker and church musician faces: chronic lack of resources, doctrinal inconsistency, cultural pressure, few capable parish musicians, and often antagonistic working relationships. These four sessions will examine Bach’s philosophy and theology of church music practice historically, musically, practically, and theologically, and translate those principles into the new millennium. The course caters to the non-musician and musician, theologian and layperson alike.

### **REGISTRATION**

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

**Cost:** No registration fee. Donations welcome.

### **Did You Know...**

that Quest has been offered since 2001 and this will be our 27th course?

## Distance Education

Since 2011, the Edmonton and St. Catharines seminaries have been sharing courses over the internet. This fall Professor Kraemer taught “The Introduction to the Study of Scripture” and Dr. Kettner taught “Christianity and World Religions” to students on both campuses via distance education.

CLS continues to offer a variety of opportunities for students to participate from a distance. In the Fall semester, students in the Open Studies program joined Dr. Kettner via videoconference in the weekly evening seminar, “Theological Method,” to earn credit toward the Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies. One student enrolled from as far away as Mississippi!

Once again, beginning in the third week of January, Dr. Kettner will offer the evening seminar “God, Creation, and Anthropology” for residential and remote students. The class will meet online every Thursday from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm (MDT) using videoconference.

Contact Registrar Jeffrey Nachtigall for more details:  
Tel: (780) 474-1468 ext 227

## The Sacred Convocation

Concordia Lutheran Seminary cordially invites you to attend The Sacred Convocation for the 30th Academic Year

**Friday, May 30, 2014**

**7:00 pm**

Robert Tegler Student Centre  
Concordia University College of Alberta  
Edmonton, AB

Guest Preacher:  
Rev. Larry MacKay,  
Grace Lutheran Church, Edmonton

Join us as we celebrate the mercies  
God has showered upon us throughout  
this academic year.



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## Four Entrance Scholarships to be Awarded Again in 2014!

Do you know of someone who is planning to study at Concordia Lutheran Seminary to prepare to become a pastor? Are they ready to start but just do not have the money?



For a second year, four scholarships of \$4,000 will be awarded to the top LCC students entering the Master of Divinity program in the 2014-2015 Academic Year.

Applicants must have completed both the Greek and Hebrew language requirements and hold a minimum grade point average of 2.5. All MDiv applicants who meet the criteria will be considered for the scholarships.

### **APPLY TODAY!**

Please note, the deadline for application to the MDiv program is April 1, 2014. But those who wish to be considered for an Entrance Scholarship, must submit their application to the MDiv Program by February 1, 2014.

For more information see:  
[www.concordiasem.ab.ca](http://www.concordiasem.ab.ca)

Or contact Professor Jonathan Kraemer,  
Director of Financial Aid at:  
[jkraemer@concordiasem.ab.ca](mailto:jkraemer@concordiasem.ab.ca)

## Seminary Student in Focus

**Name:** Eric Moffett

**Year:** 4

**Home District:** East District

Eric Moffett is originally from Kitchener, Ontario. He grew up attending Historic St. Paul's Lutheran Church and attended Christ Lutheran School for his elementary and high school education. Upon graduation from CLS in 2004 he moved to Edmonton where he attended Concordia University College of Alberta and received his arts degree in music. It was there at CUCA that he had his first thoughts to entering seminary. After graduating from CUCA in 2008 he spent a year as a member of 'Redefined', the full-time CREW Ministries team from 2008-2009. He is currently engaged to the lovely Kayla Tkachyk, and their wedding date is July 5, 2014. She is currently a student at Concordia University College of Alberta taking her bachelor of science in Chemistry.

After many prayerful years and after a long time of consideration and counsel Eric finally applied to Concordia Lutheran Seminary to be accepted



ERIC MOFFETT AND KAYLA TKACHYK

into the Pastoral track. Eric was accepted into seminary and began classes in September of 2011. He is currently in his last year of classes, as he has deferred his vicarage, which will take place as his last year as part of the seminary program. It has been a great joy for him to have the wonderful experiences that seminary has allowed, such as the take wing project that took him to Winkler/Morden Manitoba, and his field education experiences at both Riverbend Lutheran and All Saints Lutheran Church in Edmonton. Eric has certainly found that the seminary experience is one that will stretch you and help you to grow both spiritually and as an individual. Eric and Kayla are both very excited for the future and have great anticipation for the many opportunities the God will set before them.

### HAVE YOU EVER CONSIDERED A CHURCH WORK VOCATION?

Is God calling you to serve as a Pastor, a Lutheran Teacher or a Director of Parish Services (DPS)? Or do you know of someone who should consider a vocation as a full-time church-worker? We want to challenge you and assist you as you work through these questions and, to that end, have launched a new website. The address is: [www.IsGodCallingMe.ca](http://www.IsGodCallingMe.ca)

## Adopt-A-Student

The Adopt-A-Student program has been a great blessing for the students again this year. Already in November there are a total of 43 sponsors. By comparison, the total number of sponsors by the end of last school year was 46.

Who are those sponsors? Most of them come from Alberta and British Columbia (33) with the remaining 10 coming from Saskatchewan and Manitoba. LWML-Canada groups and Ladies' Aid groups make up the majority of the sponsors (28). Congregations also make up a large number of the sponsors (13). Individuals and couples have also taken up the challenge (2).

Why do they do it? One of the congregations, St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Calgary celebrated their 100th anniversary this year. While celebrating

the past, they decided to ensure ministry continues on into the future by adopting four students. Other groups have been adopting students for years, making it their regular goal to get their adopted students through the seminary years. Whatever the reason, the Adopt-A-Student program is a personal way of letting the students know they are cared for. Their brothers and sisters in Christ honour the sacrifices they are making in order to be prepared to serve God and the Church.

If you or your group are interested learning more about the program, please contact Professor Jonathan Kraemer at: [jkraemer@concordiasem.ab.ca](mailto:jkraemer@concordiasem.ab.ca).

## “Well Done, Good and Faithful Servant!”



DR. NORMAN THREINEN  
AND MURIEL THREINEN

### THANK YOU

The Board of Regents, faculty, staff and students extend their warmest thanks to both Norman and Muriel Threinen for their dedication to the Seminary. Our deepest gratitude to Dr. Threinen for his two years of service as Interim President. We thank God for the gifts Norman brought to our Seminary in this time of transition. God truly blessed us with a wonderful leader and a dear friend. God's blessings to you both as you return home and continue to serve our Lord and Saviour in your lives in Summerland.

You may have heard that I have announced my retirement from the seminary at the end of this academic year, which will mark twenty-seven years of teaching here. Since I joined the faculty at the beginning of the fourth academic year, and we are now in the thirtieth, I have had the privilege of teaching almost every graduate of the seminary, missing just a few at the beginning.

When I arrived, Lutheran Church–Canada was still a federation of districts of The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod. Founding seminary president Dr. Ted Janzow had worked to provide a solid theological and academic foundation on which to build, bringing Dr. Ronald Vahl and Dr. Norman Threinen onto the original faculty, and then adding me as the third professor just before he retired. Under Dr. Milton Rudnick's leadership the seminary moved from the original house, and, after a year at Grace Lutheran Church, into its current facility. Under Dr. L. Dean Hempelmann, and with the leadership of academic dean Dr. Vahl, the seminary moved to full accreditation with the Association of Theological Schools. After Dr. Vahl's untimely death in 1999, I moved into the position of academic dean, where I served until 2011. I served during the presidencies of Drs. Bacon and Zeuch, and have had the opportunity myself to serve as interim president. Over the years numerous faculty and staff changes have taken place. Also over the years Mindy has supported me and the seminary, as a volunteer at the front desk, and designing and making the annual theme banners for many years. While the seminary has had its challenges at times, by God's grace it continues to thrive.



DR. EDWARD KETTNER AND WIFE, MINDY KETTNER

God called me as seminary professor, and that call has also given me other opportunities for serving the mission of the church: lecturing and teaching throughout the world, serving on LCC's Commission on Theology and Church Relations, attending and even assisting in planning several of the International Lutheran Council's World Seminaries Conferences, and others. Through these, I have made friends in Christ throughout the world.

Though I am retiring and we are planning on moving from Edmonton, I trust that God will continue to provide avenues of service for me. The knowledge and attitude He has instilled in me, the love for the Good News of salvation, will continue to lead me as I move forward into new ventures.

To God Alone Be Glory!  
Dr. Edward Kettner

## Financial News – 2013 Remembrance Donations

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to November 2013*

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2 Corinthians 9:7

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