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The Concordia Journal is the theological journal of the faculty of Concordia Seminary. The summer issue examines theological issues in a possible restructuring of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS). Your faculty is not only busy in the classroom but also very busy engaging questions of theological importance for the church, and a possible restructuring of the Synod is as big as they come.

Things have changed drastically since Synod’s founding in 1847. Back then, common characteristics abounded. We were Americans but largely a German ethnic church, even when we spoke English. We were concentrated in the Midwest, reflecting the demographics of early immigrants. Two-pocketed offering envelopes reflected our commitment to work at home and Synod-wide efforts. How else could we get things done? From generation to generation we were loyal to our denomination. All that and much more has changed or is completely gone. Are there still practical reasons to perpetuate a Synod? Few. Today large congregations or associations of congregations can do what the Synod historically has done.

Many people do not even consider the congregation as important as it was in the past. If a person is a “joiner,” any congregation may fit the need. When our members move, many do not automatically seek out an LCMS church but look for a congregation that fits what they like. Take the thought further, who needs to bother with a congregation at all? You can get your spirituality from the TV, radio, Internet or at-home reading. Please understand, I’m not endorsing any of this, just describing some aspects of church life in a brand new century.

So why have a Synod? The very first sentence in my inaugural address in 2005 was, “Concordia Seminary is all about Jesus Christ.” That means theology, in all the richness of God’s Word as we have been blessed to know it in The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Dr. Robert Kolb wrote, “About Luther’s way of practicing theology: Biblical interpretation and application in the Wittenberg way operated within a different framework from its predecessors, specifically focused on pastoral care through proclamation…. The Wittenberg way of exercising the office of public teacher of God’s Word presumed that this exercise took place within the struggle of the repentant life and that God’s disposition as the merciful Father placed the gift of Christ in the Gospel at the center of the theological enterprise” (Bound Choice, Election, and the Wittenberg Theological Method, p. 66, 2005, Eerdmans).

That’s why, I believe, we want a Synod also in the 21st century, not a restructuring to perpetuate an institution but a restructuring that really joins us and keeps us accountable to one another for the only thing really left, a theological enterprise centered in the Scriptures of Jesus Christ. The masthead of Der Lutheraner, the forerunner of the Lutheran Witness, used to remind its readers that God’s Word and Luther’s teaching shall never perish (Gottes Wort und Luther’s Lehr vergehet nun und nimmermehr). That has to animate this church, and with God’s help that’s what the faculty is intent to do.

Dale A. Meyer
President
The 169th academic year of Concordia Seminary concluded on May 16. The day’s activities began at 10:00 a.m. with a Theological Diploma service in the Seminary’s Chapel of St. Timothy and St. Titus, followed by a special luncheon for graduates and their families. Commencement exercises were held at 7:00 p.m. in the Seminary’s main quadrangle.

Dr. David Wollenburg, associate professor of practical theology and director of the Specific Ministry Pastor Program (SMP) at Concordia Seminary, delivered the sermon for the Theological Diploma service. Following the sermon, men who successfully completed one of the programs of preparation for service as pastors and the women who successfully completed preparation for service as deaconesses in The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) were presented their theological diplomas. In this act, the Seminary faculty fulfilled publicly the responsibility given it by the LCMS to certify men it determines to be qualified in every respect for service in the pastoral ministry and women it determines to be qualified for service as deaconesses.

At the evening Commencement exercises, Len Walter, business and financial editor of WBBM NewsRadio in Chicago, served as Commencement speaker. Following the address, 134 students were recipients of master of divinity degrees. This is the academic degree that most students who desire to be pastors, missionaries or chaplains in the LCMS receive. Other degrees conferred included two master of arts in deaconess studies degrees, five master of arts degrees, three doctor of ministry degrees and five doctor of philosophy degrees.

Three master of arts students, two doctor of ministry students and one doctor of philosophy student received their degrees on Aug. 3, 2007. Four master of arts students, two master of divinity students and one doctor of philosophy student received their degrees on Nov. 9, 2007. Two master of arts students and four master of divinity students received their degrees on Feb. 15, 2008.

Thirteen students were recognized as candidates for completion of the certificate program (alternate route). Upon successful completion of a one-year vicarage (internship), these students will be certified as eligible to receive a call and serve as pastors, missionaries or chaplains in the LCMS.
The Concordia Seminary faculty selected four individuals to receive special honors during Commencement exercises on May 16. One award was the Christus Vivit, one was the distinguished alumnus, one was the honorary doctor of letters degree and one was the honorary doctor of divinity degree.

Roger R. Wehrli received the Christus Vivit Award. A celebrated football player, Wehrli has set many team records and has been inducted into seven Halls of Fame. Wehrli gave strong public witness to his Christian faith in his notable speech at his induction into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 2007 and demonstrates the character of that faith in service to his church and the community. He has served as a deacon, an usher, a director for the March of Dimes and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, a volunteer for the Old Newsboys collection in St. Louis and the Juvenile Diabetes fund drive, a member of the gospel singing group, “One Accord,” among many other contributions.

Dr. L. Dean Hempelmann received the Distinguished Alumnus Award. He has distinguished himself in a career of over 40 years spent in teaching, educational administration and pastoral ministry. He has served as a parish pastor to Peace Lutheran, Selah, Wash., St. John Evangelical Lutheran, Salem, Ore., and Christ Memorial Lutheran, Affton, Mo. Hempelmann’s service to the church continued at Concordia Seminary where he taught in the department of practical theology and served, at various points, as director of ministerial recruitment, academic dean, director of the doctor of ministry program and acting president. He has also served as president at Concordia Lutheran Seminary in Edmonton, Alberta, as synodical director of pastoral education and as executive director of the Board for Pastoral Education.

Dr. Carl F. Schalk, distinguished professor of music emeritus at Concordia University, River Forest, Ill., received the honorary degree of doctor of letters. Schalk taught graduate and undergraduate courses in church music from 1965 through 1994 at Concordia University, River Forest, Ill., where he was instrumental in beginning the Master of Church Music program, which has produced approximately 140 graduates serving throughout The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. A lecturer and clinician at many church music workshops and pastoral conferences, Schalk was editor of Church Music (1966-1980) and participated in the preparation of the Lutheran Book of Worship. He is a long-time member of the Music Editorial Advisory Committee of Concordia Publishing House and has been active in the Hymn Society of America, the National Association of Pastoral Musicians and Lutheran Church Program, Inc.

Professor Dr. Hartmut Günther, long-time professor at Lutherische Theologische Hochschule in Oberursel, Germany, received the honorary degree of doctor of divinity. Günther has served congregations in Frankfurt, Oberursel and Gross Oesingen. He served as professor of Old and New Testament and academic dean at Oberursel (1960-1996). In the Selbständige Evangelische Lutherische Kirche (SELK), Dr. Günther, who received his D.theol. degree from the University of Erlangen, was a member and chairman of the Committee on Theology (1970-1996) and of the Board for Theological Examinations (1975-1995).
Seminary Guild Adopts New Projects to Assist Students

The Concordia Seminary Guild celebrated 75 successful years and the partnership of members and friends who made it possible to complete another year of service projects. The Guild completed its projects for this academic year, totaling $21,822.85. All of the service projects benefit Seminary students and their families. Guild members are now beginning work on their new adopted projects for 2008-2009, totaling over $23,000.

For 75 years, the Guild has assisted Seminary students and their families. The Guild holds no fundraisers and relies exclusively on project donations and membership dues to complete its projects.

The completion of Guild projects is made possible by the generous contributions of individuals and women’s ministry groups throughout the country. Projects can be sponsored by individuals or women’s groups. Thrivent matching funds may be available through regional representatives to assist in this endeavor.

For more information on joining the Seminary Guild or adopting a particular project, call (314) 505-7374, e-mail SeminaryGuild@csl.edu or visit the Seminary’s Web site at www.csl.edu.

YES, I would like to become a member of the Seminary Guild.

Please accept my check for:

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☐ Yearly organizational membership ($15)
☐ Project goal donation $__________________

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Please make checks payable to Concordia Seminary Guild and mail to: Nina Boehme, 4410 Kerth Circle Crossing, St. Louis, MO 63128.

2008-2009 Guild Projects

Pieper’s Christian Dogmatics, Vol. 1 . . . . . . $2,309
Clergy Shirts . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . $2,760
The Minister’s Prayer Book . . . . . . . . . . $2,156
Seminary Volleyball . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . $500
Pederson Fieldhouse Fitness Facilities . . . $500
Student Emergency Fund . . . . . . . . . . . . $1,000
Food Bank . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . $800
Deaconess Studies (student aid) . . . . . . . . $1,000
Student Cycling Program . . . . . . . . . . . . $500
Direct-To-Student Aid . . . . . . . . . . . . . . $3,000
Dorm Counselor Fund . . . . . . . . . . . . . . $500
Library . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . $2,000
Specific Ministry Pastor . . . . . . . . . . . . . . $1,000
Deaconess Studies (textbooks) . . . . . . . . $350
Seminary Women’s Association . . . . . . . . . $500
Pederson Fieldhouse . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . $1,000
Student Services . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . $1,000
EIIT . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . $1,000
Student Etiquette Dinner . . . . . . . . . . . . . . $800
Seminary Chorus . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . *$500

TOTAL . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . $23,175

*Indicates completed project
German Days at the Sem: Faith and Politics

Germany’s former defense minister Hans Apel and Minnesota’s Supreme Court Justice Barry Anderson will be among the distinguished speakers at this year’s “German Days at the Sem” on Oct. 24-25 at Concordia Seminary.

Theme
Together with other presenters from North America and Germany they will address a theme pertinent in this election year—the impact of religion on public life. The subtitle of the event is “Faith and Politics in Luther’s Land — and Here”.

German Days 2008 will be the second in a series of 10 annual forums leading up to the 500th anniversary of the Reformation on Oct. 31, 2017.

“Every year we will explore the state of faith in the homeland of the Reformation from a different angle,” commented Dr. Uwe Siemon-Netto, director of Concordia Seminary’s Center for Lutheran Theology and Public Life, which hosts these events. “This time we will look at the political and constitutional sides of this issue with European and American eyes.” Admission is free.

“The interface between faith and politics has been a contentious topic in the 2008 election campaign, thus comparisons with Germany and European Union will be tantalizing,” Siemon-Netto continued.

Presenters
Prof. Hans Apel, a Social Democrat and a member of Germany’s Independent Lutheran Church (SELK), takes an ambivalent view of the influence of his country’s Christian heritage on political life. “The glass is half empty,” he commented. Rev. Christian Meissner, who manages the Lutheran protests of the governing Christian Democratic Union, is more optimistic; he will make the point that “the glass is still half full.”

Judge Barry Anderson is a leader of Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (LCMC), the fast-growing movement of confessional parishes within and outside the ELCA.

Two scholars from the University of Calgary—Professors Irving Hexham and Karla Poewe—will discuss the strong influence of new religions and neo-paganism on Nazi Germany, refuting recurrent assertions that Hitler’s regime had Christian roots. Hexham will talk about the anti-Christian fanaticism of Nazi chief ideologue Alfred Rosenberg. Lutheran pastor Larry Nichols from Rhode Island, a noted specialist on cults, will respond by reporting on similarly unsettling developments in the United States today, notably the growing impact of Satanism on segments of American life.

Other presenters include Rev. Matthew Harrison, executive director, LCMS World Relief and Human Care; Dr. Mark E. Ruff, associate professor of history, St. Louis University, and an expert on young Catholics in Germany; Prof. Michael Rutz, editor-in-chief of Rheinischer Merkur, a German weekly newspaper owned by the German (Catholic) Bishops’ Conference; and Dr. James Voelz, dean of the faculty at Concordia Seminary.

Activites
The lectures will be followed by a Winzerfest (vintners’ festival) featuring wines from Hermann, Mo. There will be presentations of the Concordia Historical Institute, the German American Heritage Society and Concordia Publishing House.

“German Days at the Sem 2008” will begin with a bilingual-sung matins at 9:40 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 24 in The Chapel of St. Timothy and St. Titus, and a Bach at the Sem performance in The Chapel of St. Timothy and St. Titus at 3:00 p.m. on Oct. 25, featuring Bach’s cantata, “Ein’ feste Burg” (A Mighty Fortress) will conclude the event.

For more information, call (314) 505-7486 or e-mail center@csl.edu.
Seminary to Host Theological Symposium

Lutheran Ecclesiology for the Third Millennium: Beyond Walther” is the title of the 19th Annual Theological Symposium, to be held Sept. 23-24 on the campus of Concordia Seminary.

The 2008 Theological Symposium continues the theme of ecclesiology begun at the 2007 Symposium. Last year’s major presenters from outside The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS), Robert Putnam, a Harvard researcher, and Rev. Tim Conder, an emerging church leader, helped participants understand the culture and wider church in which LCMS pastors serve. In 2008, Concordia Seminary faculty will consider ecclesiology in the specific Lutheran contexts.

The American Lutheran understanding of what it means to be the church has been shaped by theological heritage and a complicated and ambiguous relationship with American culture. Although the influences of Walther and Loehe, the most important 19th-century figures of American Lutheran ecclesiology, are still felt today, the contemporary situation is not the same as it was during Walther and Loehe’s time. Consequently, their insights do not adequately answer the questions posed to Lutheran ecclesiology today.

Plenary presenters include Seminary faculty members, Dr. William Schumacher, dean of theological research and publication, and mission associate professor of historical theology; Dr. Robert Kolb, mission professor of systematic theology; and Dr. Joel Okamoto, associate professor of systematic theology.

Parish pastors, district and synodical officials, Seminary and Concordia University students, faculty and interested laypersons are encouraged to attend. One CEU is available for attending the Symposium.

For more information and/or registration information, contact the Office of Continuing Education and Parish Services at (314) 505-7486, ce@csl.edu or visit the Seminary’s Web site at www.csl.edu.

Events Surrounding the 2008 Symposium

Several events are taking place on the Concordia Seminary campus in the days before, during and after the 2008 Theological Symposium, encouraging guests to arrive early and/or stay later if they so desire.

Monday, September 22

Day of Exegetical and Theological Reflection – Organized annually by the Seminary’s department of exegetical theology, this day-long event will feature presentations and discussion on a variety of exegetical topics. Dr. Thomas Schreiner, exegetical professor, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., will be the main presenter.

Alumni Homecoming Reception – On Monday evening there will be an opportunity for alumni to reconnect with one another. The reception is open to all Seminary alumni and guests, regardless of graduating year.

Tuesday, September 23

Theological Symposium – morning and afternoon sessions.

Wednesday, September 24

Theological Symposium – morning and afternoon sessions.

Annual Post-Symposium Witness Workshop – “Planting Churches: Paul’s Plan” will be offered by Seminary Professor Dr. A. R. Victor Raj.

Thursday, September 25

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Focus on a Seminarian

Name: Martin Danner
Home District: Texas

You will soon be ready to serve as a pastor. What are your thoughts on your time here at the Seminary?

I can’t wait to get out there. I think that everyone who comes here has some ideal set of expectations in their mind about what Seminary life will be like. Some of it is true and some of it isn’t. I just know that my four years here went by much faster than I anticipated. I remember getting here my first year and wondering why I had just signed up for four more years of school when all of my friends were starting careers. Now I am thinking I should sign up for four more years.

Now that you have completed your time of study at the Seminary, what is something that you know now but didn’t before?

I know I still have a lot to learn. Maybe that answer is a bit cliché but now that I am getting ready to start working at a church I think about the questions I still haven’t thought through all the way and all the questions none of us really have answers to that will come up. In many ways my education is just starting. I think it is the realization that the Seminary cannot teach you everything. You learn a lot more when there is a face attached to the questions that are being asked and you feel responsible for the answers you provide.

What aspect of your time at the Seminary surprised you the most?

What surprised me the most were all the students who have so many different backgrounds. Everyone here has their own story - why they felt God was calling them to the Seminary, what their experience at church was like, what they think the church needs more or less of. It is pretty amazing to me how God can use, and does use, so many different people from different walks of life.

How has your time at the Seminary impacted your view of the ministry?

It has been significantly expanded. My time here at the Seminary hasn’t been just me waiting to get out and do God’s work—God has had work for me to do here. I have had classes to work on and friends to be here for. In many ways everyday I am doing God’s work.

What are your feelings about the future?

I am nervous, anxious, excited. The first e-mail I got that had the title Rev. Martin Danner, and the first phone call I received where the person referred to me as Pastor Danner, really made my stomach sink just a bit. Those fight or flight responses kick in and you realize “I am getting ready to be a pastor.” It is a very humbling experience. I am looking forward to getting to St. Paul Lutheran Church and seeing what God has in store for me there.

What is your best advice to someone considering enrollment at Concordia Seminary?

There are great things about the Seminary experience, and there are professors who will challenge the way you think and view the world. Just be prepared to learn.

What words of encouragement would you share with a prospective student?

The church needs more leaders who have passion and are willing to put themselves out there to share the story of Christ. I think being a pastor is probably more complicated than it used to be. Expectations are different and so is the amount of information that is available to people in your congregation. Be willing to take this challenge on and keep pushing yourself and encouraging those around you who may be considering becoming pastors as well. It is an exciting time in the church and it is full of opportunity.

Martin Danner will serve as associate pastor of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Fort Worth, Texas.
Visitation Event for Prospective Students

Concordia Seminary is pleased to invite prospective students and their guests to attend “Contemplate...” to be held Oct. 9-11 on the Seminary campus. Designed for those who are college age or older, the structured visitation event provides an effective means of learning more about life in the Concordia Seminary community and the preparation that leads to service as a pastor, missionary, chaplain or deaconess in The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

Visitors will have the opportunity to worship with the Seminary community in The Chapel of St. Timothy and St. Titus, visit classes and tour the campus. Participants also will hear presentations on academic offerings, financial assistance, housing, resident field education, internship and the admission process. Guests also may wish to take advantage of the many recreational opportunities in the St. Louis area.

Visitors will attend an Information Fair designed to highlight many organizations and opportunities that life at Concordia Seminary offers. More than 30 representatives from organizations involved in nearly all aspects of life in the Seminary community will be present to share information and answer questions.

There is no charge to attend “Contemplate...,” and all meals and lodging are provided free of charge. Round-trip transportation to Concordia Seminary from the airport is provided.

For more information, contact the Admissions Office at (800) 822-9545 or admissions@csl.edu.

Seminary Sunday Materials Available

Samples of materials congregations can utilize in celebrating Concordia Seminary Sunday have been sent to pastors throughout The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. A special bulletin insert, an adult Bible study, sermon notes, a Seminary DVD and other worship resources are available to assist pastors and congregations in observing Concordia Seminary Sunday. The mailing also includes a form to order these materials free of charge from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis.

While Sunday, July 13, is the suggested date for the observance of Concordia Seminary Sunday, the materials are designed to be used any time throughout the year. The observance is designed to serve as an annual opportunity for congregations to emphasize the importance of forming men for service in the pastoral ministry and enlist prayer support for this activity. It also serves to inform congregations concerning the ways in which pastors are formed for ministry and to encourage congregational activity in the process of identifying, informing and encouraging future pastors. The mailing also provides pastors the opportunity to identify prospective Seminary students and pass their names along to the admissions office at Concordia Seminary.

For more information or to order Concordia Seminary Sunday materials, contact the Communications Department, Concordia Seminary, 801 Seminary Place, St. Louis, MO 63105; (314) 505-7374; communications@csl.edu.
July 19-22

ECCE
Exploring Church Careers Event
An event for high school youth, male and female, to learn about a variety of church work vocations.

Concordia Seminary

July 22-25

ECCE Amplified
Exploring Church Careers Event Amplified
An event for high school youth to learn more about the pastoral ministry and deaconess service.

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SMP Program Is Mission-Driven

Concordia Seminary announces that the admissions process for the new Specific Ministry Pastor (SMP) program and the theological education that leads to it is now receiving applications. The process is complete after months of intensive work by the Synod’s seminaries and the Specific Ministry Pastor (SMP) Committee established by the 2007 Convention. The cooperative and collaborative synodical process has led to a common set of application materials posted on the Seminary’s public Web site, the faculty Web site, as well as on Synod’s Web page. In addition to an application form, admissions guidelines and criteria, and a sequential checklist are provided.

“The important to recognize that this program is mission-driven from within the context of local ministry, and that applicants are first nominated by a congregation or other calling entity,” commented Dr. David Wollenburg, director of the SMP program at Concordia Seminary. “Those responsible for the ministry of this local context will identify, support and then call these pastoral candidates after approximately two years of preparation and study. Consistent with the identification and qualification first at the local and then at the Seminary level, applications are processed through the office of the appropriate district president and only then forwarded to the Seminary.”

The Specific Ministry Pastor program is a part of a larger endeavor that will link distance education to the Seminary’s Master of Divinity residential pastoral formation programs.

Mission-Driven Program

A Seminary faculty task force led by Dr. Charles Arand, chairman of the department of systematic theology, along with individual course design teams, have been working over the past year to develop a new curriculum that will allow for contextualized learning and bring the very best of Lutheran theology to meet mission needs of today’s church.

“This is a significant new venture for our seminaries and our church in utilizing new models of educational delivery,” commented Dr. Andrew Bartelt, vice president for academic affairs at Concordia Seminary. “We have learned a lot over the past 10 years through our work in the Hispanic Institute of Theology (now Center for Hispanic Studies), our leadership in the revision of the DELTO (Distance Education Leading To Ordination) program, our partnership with LCMS World Mission in developing the Ethnic Immigrant Institute of Theology and our pastoral track for the Deaf Institute of Theology, from which we celebrated our first graduate this past Call Day. The hard work of the former DELTO Oversight Committee over many years should also be noted, resulting in synodical Resolution 5-01b.”

New Curriculum

Various focus groups and listening posts throughout the past year have helped shape the new curriculum. The Specific Ministry Pastor program is a part of a larger endeavor that will link distance education to the Seminary’s Master of Divinity (M.Div.) residential pastoral formation programs.

The SMP curriculum follows a structural narrative that integrates the biblical Gospel and the Lutheran expression of it with the work of pastoral ministry. Each course is designed around the themes of witness, spiritual development, teaching the faith and distinctive Lutheran accents. Students will be well prepared to take ordination vows, not only pledging their faithfulness to Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions, but also able to apply and integrate these...
great truths into the hearts and lives of God's people. This curriculum will encourage a commitment to continuing education and the opportunity to engage in M.Div. level work from the beginning.

Students will be designated as vicars as they enter the program, with a basic prerequisite background in Bible and doctrine, including fundamental skills taught in many district programs. The Seminary curriculum begins with an “Introduction to the Pastoral Ministry.” The second course in the curriculum, “Creedal Gospel,” develops the biblical narrative in order to tell God's story today.

The curriculum also includes the primary doctrines of the Trinitarian faith, including the distinctive Lutheran insights and the Means of Grace. Additional courses link God's great story to the life of Christian worship, preaching, teaching, catechesis and witness. After eight courses, augmented by residential and field-based seminars, the candidate will be ready to apply for examination by the Seminary faculty to be certified for a call and ordination.

Annual Seminar Requirements

Required annual residential seminars will bring students together with faculty and residential students on the Seminary campus and play a major role in their formation as pastors. Field seminars will be required appropriate to the needs of their context. The Seminary’s good working relationship with the New Church Development Task Force, for example, will connect those to be engaged in mission planting to the resources of the Center for U.S. Missions. Others may take seminars in team ministry or specialized education relating to urban or rural contexts.

Annual residential seminars will bring students together with faculty and residential students on the Seminary campus.

Following certification, call and ordination as a Specific Ministry Pastor, students are required to complete an additional two years of coursework, after which they can remain rostered as Specific Ministry Pastors, or continue into further distance education and residency toward the M.Div. degree.

“This new venture will certainly enhance our ability to meet the needs for pastoral ministry, particularly in specific ministry contexts,” commented Bartelt. “But it will also enrich and further engage our residential programs with their great strengths. We see distance education as complementing our residential program, not competing with it. By integrating distance education into pastoral formation, we are enhancing the great strengths of our theological education and leadership for a 21st-century church, firmly grounded in the historic confession of God’s great story, in time, for our time, for all time.”

Information

For more information about the SMP program, contact Dr. David Wollenburg, director of DELTO and Specific Ministry Pastor Program, at (314) 505-7764, wollenburgd@csle.edu or visit the Seminary’s Web site at www.csl.edu.
A Significant Shortage of Pastors Is Coming!

Dear Friend in Christ,

You may not think about it if you are blessed to have a pastor, but a significant shortage of pastors is coming.

Projections show the Synod will need as many as 350 pastors every year to replace those who retire, die or leave the ministry for other reasons. Our seminaries placed just 240 this year. That number may plummet to 200 next year.

We simply must recruit and prepare more men to serve as pastors. These pastors are needed to minister in churches like your own and those of our friends, neighbors, children or grandchildren.

Once a person begins to seriously consider preparing for the ministry, what do you think is the greatest obstacle to a person enrolling at the seminary? Finances!

Where will the funds come from to make the preparation of these future pastors possible?

The answer to that question is that times have changed. Gone are the days when Sunday morning worship offerings funded the preparations of our church’s future pastors, missionaries and church leaders.

Out of each unrestricted dollar placed in LCMS offering plates an average of 1/25th of one penny makes its way to Concordia Seminary. Two-thirds of the Seminary’s income comes from direct gifts from caring Christians like you, with much of the rest from tuition charged to students.

To prepare enough pastors to help meet the dramatic shortage of clergy projected in the years ahead as well as to prepare missionaries, deaconesses, church leaders and support all of the Seminary’s programs and ministries, direct support is more important now than ever. Your gift will be gratefully received, carefully used and provide support that is absolutely essential to this ministry.

Most cordially yours,

Dr. Dale A. Meyer, President

your partnership is urgently needed and is a great blessing!
Distribution from Trust Strengthens Paul F. Hartmann Endowment

No one at Concordia Seminary was aware that a sizable bequest from two Illinois sisters would be designated for The Paul F. Hartmann Endowment Fund, strengthening the fund’s ability to provide annual financial aid for Seminary students. Violet and Dorothy Ulrich established a combined trust during their lifetime and designated that a portion of the remainder be given to Concordia Seminary for the Hartmann Endowment after both had passed away.

Born Oct. 29, 1915, and Oct. 18, 1918, respectively, Dorothy and Violet were the daughters of Gustave and Lena Ulrich in Campus, Ill. Their father, Gustave, passed away when Dorothy was 5 and Violet 3, so Lena moved with the girls to Dwight, Ill.

The family of three lived a very frugal life. Lena supported the girls by cooking and cleaning for the local physician, a Dr. Reynolds. Dorothy worked for 23 years as a cook at the Keeley Institute until it closed. She worked as the cook at the Crown Restaurant and then for the Charles McWilliams family. Violet worked as a dietary aide at the Keeley Institute, the V.A. Hospital and the Fox Center.

“Both girls worked very hard, getting up at 4 a.m. and walked to work for most of their lives,” said Fred Zabel, who acted as power of attorney for Dorothy. “They lived in a four-room house with their mother until her death, and neither girl married. They were active members of Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Dwight, Ill., a congregation served by Rev. Paul F. Hartmann. Dorothy served on the Ladies Aid, Mary and Martha Society and the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League (LWML). Violet loved to paint pictures and was a capable artist.”

The Ulrich girls worked hard, lived modestly and made astute financial decisions. In the midst of the Great Depression, Dorothy and Violet took out life insurance policies at a cost of between 10 and 25 cents per week, naming their trust as beneficiary. These two policies, two CDs and a savings account form the majority of a $184,000 distribution from that trust to The Paul F. Hartmann Endowment at Concordia Seminary. Dorothy (or “Dort” as her friends called her) outlived her younger sister, but passed away on May 21, 2007.

The Hartmann Endowment was established in 1989 by Rev. Hartmann’s wife and a Memorial Committee of Emmanuel Lutheran Church to provide a perpetual source of tuition assistance for seminarians. First preference for awarding aid is given to any student who is a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Dwight, Ill. Second preference is given to a fourth-year seminarian who is able to demonstrate sufficient financial need to merit tuition assistance.

Concordia Seminary gives all thanks and praise to God for Dorothy and Violet Ulrich, by the power of the Holy Spirit, who set aside a significant offering that will assist Seminary students in meeting the cost of tuition for generations to come.
Concordia Seminary announces the redesign of the *Concordia Journal*, the Seminary’s quarterly theological publication. The redesign of the *Concordia Journal*, beginning with vol. 34, no. 1/2, is part of the Seminary’s effort to provide the best theological resources it can to the broader church.

The new dark green cover provides a fresh, updated and more professional look to the *Concordia Journal*. In contrast to the familiar red cover, used for over 20 years, the new dark green is more consistent with the Seminary’s identity. In many ways, the new cover echoes elements of the old cover—the title masthead has a similar look and the Seminary seal still figures prominently. The new cover also provides more design flexibility to use the “window” underneath the title to occasionally interchange images based on the themes of individual issues.

The new format of the *Concordia Journal* is user-friendly with more readable body copy and more clearly divided sections. The article titles on the cover also make locating individual pieces easier. “We hope that the changes will deepen the value of the publication for its readers,” remarked Travis Scholl, managing editor of theological publications and editor of the *Concordia Journal*.

“The redesign of the *Concordia Journal* is the first step in an ongoing process,” commented Scholl. “As we move forward, we are looking at how we can make the content of *Concordia Journal* as responsive and useful as possible, an active dialogue partner in the many exciting and relevant conversations happening in theology and in the church,” said Scholl. “This process will involve integrating the various media the Seminary utilizes to provide theological content—*Concordia Journal*, book publications, ConcordiaTheology.org, iTunesU, etc. Together they will make for a constellation of resources that pastors, scholars, lay leaders, congregations and schools can use in their work and ministry.”

Issued by the faculty of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, *Concordia Journal* is the successor of *Lehre und Wehre* (1855-1929), begun by C.F.W. Walther, a founder of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. *Lehre und Wehre* was absorbed by the *Concordia Theological Monthly* (1930-1972) which was also published by the faculty of Concordia Seminary as the official theological periodical of the Synod.

The *Concordia Journal* follows in the tradition of both of these previous publications. As such, it functions as the theological “voice” of the faculty, as part of its work of providing theological leadership to church and world. Yet, it also functions to introduce other “voices” to its readership (primarily pastors, lay church leaders and scholars), perspectives that it sees as important and helpful to the life of the church. The content of the *Concordia Journal* is divided into articles, editorial pieces, homiletical helps and book reviews.

The first issue of volume 34 is a double issue covering what is normally the January and April issues of *Concordia Journal*. The *Concordia Journal* is published quarterly (January, April, July and October) for $12 annually payable in advance for U.S.A., $13 for Canada, $16 for foreign countries, by Concordia Seminary, St. Louis.
LutherHostel 2008 will be held Oct. 4-7 on the campus of Concordia Seminary. LutherHostel is an event designed to provide growth in biblical knowledge and understanding, fun and fellowship, and a chance to gain helpful insights for daily living. It is offered for adults, age 55 and above.

The theme for the event will be “The Newest Oldest Generation: Still on Duty by God’s Design.” Participants will explore how they are still serving God and His church with the good works that He has prepared them to do at every stage of life.

Presenters

Rev. Dr. Charles Mueller, Sr., and Dr. Mary Manz Simon will be the main presenters for LutherHostel 2008. Dr. Mueller is pastor emeritus of Trinity Lutheran Church, Roselle, Ill., and currently serves as staff associate with Wheat Ridge Ministries, Itasca, Ill. In the past, Dr. Mueller also served as president of the Southeastern District of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and is the author of numerous books. Dr. Mary Manz Simon is a noted speaker and author with over two million books sold, a daily radio show, “Front Porch Parenting,” airing on over 200 stations, and national convention presentations reaching thousands of people each year.

Activities

Scheduled activities for LutherHostel 2008 will feature a reception and dinner with President and Mrs. Dale A. Meyer. Other activities include presentations, class visitation, student-led evening devotions, opportunities for informal interaction with faculty, a private demonstration of the organ at The Chapel of St. Timothy and St. Titus and a tour of selected St. Louis area sites. An optional tour of Lutheran historical sites in Perry County, Mo., also is available on Oct. 8, immediately following LutherHostel.

Cost

The LutherHostel fee is $325 per person, which includes all meals and refreshments for the event. Housing is available on campus (on a limited basis for an additional cost) or in nearby hotels.

Information

For more information about LutherHostel, contact the Seminary’s Office of Continuing Education and Parish Services at (314) 505-7486 or ce@csl.edu.

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Wesselschmidt Edits New Psalms Commentary

A new book, *Old Testament VIII, Psalms 51-150*, part of the Ancient Christian Commentary on Scripture, edited by Dr. Quentin F. Wesselschmidt, professor of historical theology at Concordia Seminary, was recently published by Inter-Varsity Press.

“We are not the first generation to read the sacred Scriptures,” commented Dr. Paul Raabe, professor and chairman of exegetical theology at Concordia Seminary. “We stand in the Great Tradition of many others in previous centuries who have faithfully read, confessed, taught and prayed the Scriptures. We owe a debt of gratitude to Quentin Wesselschmidt for his careful and thorough work in uncovering the interpretive treasures of ages past that can illuminate our own meditation on the psalms.”

The Ancient Christian Commentary on Scripture is a unique 29-volume series encompassing all of Scripture and offering contemporary readers the opportunity to study for themselves the key writings of the early church fathers. This Commentary is targeted toward a general lay audience of nonprofessionals who study the Bible regularly and can reflect and meditate on the plain sense, theological wisdom and moral meanings found within the texts.

In the Psalms 51-150 volume, more than 50 church fathers, spanning seven centuries of exegesis, are cited. These selections, some of which appear for the first time in English, reflect on the various roles the psalms have played in the individual and corporate lives of Christians. Not only do the psalms express the full range of human emotions, but they were also employed by the church fathers as both hymns and Scripture readings in the liturgy.

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Wesselschmidt received a bachelor’s degree (1959) from Concordia Senior College, Fort Wayne, Ind.; the M.Div. (1963) from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis; the M.A. (1969) from Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wis.; and the Ph.D. degree (1979) from University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa. Prior to joining the Concordia Seminary faculty in 1977, he served as pastor at Our Savior Lutheran Church, Hillsboro, Ill. (1963-1965); assistant professor at Concordia College, Milwaukee, Wis. (1965-1971); and instructor of religion and administrative assistant at Milwaukee Lutheran High School, Milwaukee, Wis. (1974-1977). At Concordia Seminary, he also served as chairman of the historical theology department (1981-1995) and chairman of the *Concordia Journal* editorial committee (1982-2007).
Dr. Ronald R. Feuerhahn, professor of historical theology and Seminary archivist at Concordia Seminary, and Dr. Richard H. Warneck, professor of practical theology at Concordia Seminary, retired at the close of the 2007-2008 academic year after 22 and 23 years, respectively, of distinguished service.

Feuerhahn, a 1963 graduate of Concordia Seminary, was ordained at Trinity Lutheran Church, Cape Girardeau, Mo. He has served both the Evangelical Lutheran Church of England (ELCE) and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) extensively. From 1963 to 1967, he served as a missionary in England and Wales. He also served as pastor at St. David’s Lutheran Church, Cardiff, Wales, from 1964 to 1970 and at Resurrection Lutheran Church, Cambridge, England, from 1970 to 1977. From 1977 to 1986, he was preceptor at Westfield House, the seminary of the ELCE, in Cambridge, England. He joined the Concordia Seminary faculty in 1986.

“It has been my privilege to know Ron since 1971,” commented Dr. James Voelz, dean of the faculty at Concordia Seminary. “He was my pastor—and a very effective one—during my four years of graduate study at Cambridge, and he has continued to manifest this pastoral orientation in his outstanding relationships with students.”

Feuerhahn became Seminary archivist in 1999 and has served on numerous committees and boards, including the LCMS Commission for Doctrinal Review, the LCMS Commission on Worship, and, while in Britain, the ELCE Board for Overseas Missions, the ELCE Lutheran Free Conference of Great Britain and the ELCE Executive Council.

Warneck, a graduate of Concordia Seminary (B.A., 1957; S.T.M., 1968; Ph.D. 2000), was ordained in 1961 at St. John Lutheran Church, Ellisville, Mo. He served as assistant pastor (1961-1962) and senior pastor (1962-1974) of St. John Lutheran Church, Ellisville, Mo. Warneck joined the Seminary faculty for the first time in 1974, serving as assistant professor of practical theology and director of field education and vicarage until 1977. He then served as pastor of Village Lutheran Church, Ladue, Mo., from 1977 to 1981, while he continued as part-time instructor at the Seminary, and as senior pastor of Grace Lutheran Chapel, Bellefontaine Neighbors, Mo., from 1981 to 1992, at which time he rejoined the Seminary faculty.

“It will be almost impossible to replace someone of the stature of Dick Warneck,” commented Voelz. “He brings such wide-ranging experience from the parish—the perfect background for teaching seminarians the application of theology within the life of the church-at-large. His full-time presence will be sorely missed.”

Warneck has also served on numerous boards and committees in the church-at-large, including the LCMS Commission on Church Literature, the LCMS-ALC Fellowship Commission, the Board of Doctrinal Review, the Lutheran Association of Higher Education—St. Louis Board of Trustees, the Concordia Pulpit Advisory Committee and the LCMS Church Growth Study Committee. He was also counselor to the Ellisville Circuit of the Missouri District of the LCMS.
On April 22, calls to serve as pastors in The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) were issued to 134 students at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. In addition, 147 students received assignments to serve as vicars. Vicarage is a one-year internship that students preparing to serve in the pastoral ministry must complete.

Of the 134 Concordia Seminary students called to serve as pastors in the LCMS, one is from the Seminary’s Center for Hispanic Studies (CHS), and one is from the Seminary’s Deaf Institute of Theology (DIT).

Of the 147 students who received vicarage assignments, nine are from the CHS. The vicarage assignments included one to serve in a mission field outside the continental United States in Kampala, Uganda, in East Africa, which was arranged through the LCMS Board for Mission Services.

In addition to the 281 calls and vicarage assignments, 17 residential students, one Distance Education Leading To Ordination (DELT0) student and two Cross-Cultural Ministry Center (CCMC) students are awaiting calls; and two residential students are awaiting vicarage placements. In each of these cases, the Seminary is awaiting calls in order that these candidates may be assigned their first calls. Great care is exercised in both the candidate call and the vicarage placement processes to ensure that the best possible match is realized between the seminarian and the ministry site.

Concordia Seminary also celebrated the presentation of nine deaconess students who were assigned internships, and five deaconess candidates who await calls. Of the nine deaconess students who received internship assignments, two are from the CHS. The deaconess program at Concordia Seminary began in the fall of 2002.

The Missouri District received the most vicars from Concordia Seminary, with 15 vicars assigned,
followed by the Florida-Georgia District with nine. The Missouri District issued the most calls with 13, followed by the Nebraska District and Southeastern District each with 10.

The Office of Vespers and Assignment of Vicarages took place at 3:00 p.m. in the Seminary’s Chapel of St. Timothy and St. Titus. Rev. Randall L. Golter, president of the Rocky Mountain District of the LCMS, served as preacher. Officiants for the service included Dr. Dale A. Meyer, president of Concordia Seminary; Dr. Glenn A. Nielsen, director of the Seminary’s vicarage and deaconess internship programs; and Dr. William G. Utech, director of the Seminary’s resident field education program.

The Service of Praise and Assignment of Calls, also held in The Chapel of St. Timothy and St. Titus, took place at 7:00 p.m. Rev. C. William Hoesman, president of the Michigan District of the LCMS and chairman of the Council of Presidents, served as preacher. Officiants for the services included Dr. Dale A. Meyer and Rev. Robert Hoehner, the Seminary’s director of placement. LCMS President Dr. Gerald B. Kieschnick greeted the candidates immediately after they received their calls. The calls were presented to the students by Rev. C. William Hoesman.

A complete listing of the calls and vicarages issued is available on the Seminary’s Web site at www.csl.edu.

Gary Timm, Mark Cohen and Daniel Tews gather after the service where they received their vicarage assignments.

David Benning and his wife, Rachel, read over his vicarage assignment to Valley Lutheran Church, Chagrin Falls, Ohio.
On April 22, The Chapel of St. Timothy and St. Titus was filled to capacity for a 7:00 p.m. worship service during which 134 pastoral ministry candidates received their first calls. The following is a list of the calls, arranged alphabetically by Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod district.

**Atlantic District**
Henn, Michael - Trinity, Hicksville, New York

**California-Nevada-Hawaii District**
Glowinski, James - St. Paul's, Susanville, California
Hall, Michael - Trinity, Exeter, California
Putnam, Aaron - Good Shepherd, Hayward, California

**Central Illinois District**
Bahr, Michael - Christ/Immanuel/Trinity Lutheran Churches, Winchester/Arenzville/Bluffs, Illinois
Countryman, Troy - St. John, Mattoon, Illinois
Gauger, William - St. John, Decatur, Illinois
Mueller, Stephen - St. James, Quincy, Illinois
Schellhas, Aaron - Christ, Peoria, Illinois

**English District**
Bernau, Joshua - Hope, Hastings, Minnesota
Biebighauser, Mark - Ascension of Christ, Beverly Hills, Michigan
Gipson, Russ - Christ the Shepherd, Alpharetta, Georgia
Kletke, Daniel - St. John's, Pembroke, Ontario, Canada
Laughridge, Justin - First, El Cajon, California
Myers, Cashius - Hales Corners/Peace, Racine, Wisconsin
Patton, Steven - Lutheran Church of the Risen Savior, Green Valley, Arizona
Schoech, Eric - Ascension, Tucson, Arizona
Wood, Christian - Hales Corners/Ebenizer, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

**Florida-Georgia District**
Estes, Eric - Redeemer, Columbus, Georgia
Johnson, Gene - Grace, Port St. Lucie, Florida
Neugebauer, Aaron - Beautiful Savior, Lehigh Acres, Florida
Prugh, Daniel - First, Gainesville, Florida
Weeks, Peter - Zion, Fort Myers, Florida

**Indiana District**
Galligar, Patrick - St. Peter's, Columbus, Indiana
Roloff, Robb - Emanuel, Tipton, Indiana

**Iowa District East**
Brown, Brad - Grace, DeWitt, Iowa

**Iowa District West**
Huebner, Michael - Christ the King, Spencer, Iowa
Martens, Dennis - Christ, Remsen, Iowa
Stogdill, James (DELTO) - Messiah, Johnston, Iowa
Weiss, William - Immanuel, Lidderdale, Iowa
Zellmer, Robert - Holy Trinity, Farnhamville, Iowa

**Kansas District**
Bonine, Jonathan - Zion, Downs, Kansas
Schneider, Matthew - St. John, Lincoln, Kansas

**Michigan District**
Ferry, Charles - St. Mark's, West Bloomfield, Michigan
Krupsky, Justin - Trinity, Utica, Michigan
McCloskey, David - Zion, Harbor Beach, Michigan
Menz, Andrew - Salem, Coloma, Michigan
Morris, George - Faith, Bay City, Michigan
Newton, Steven - Grace, Canton, Michigan
Scheler, Jason (DELTO) - Living Faith, Marine City, Michigan
Undlin, Paul - Hosanna-Tabor, Redford Township, Michigan

**Mid-South District**
Detrie, Jace - Athens, Athens, Tennessee
Miller, William - Grace, Knoxville, Tennessee
Rhoads, Mark - Christ Our Savior, Loudon, Tennessee
Smith, Gordon - Peace, Prairie Grove, Arkansas
Williams, Brian Scott - Lake Pointe, Hot Springs, Arkansas

**Minnesota North District**
Bitz, Michael - Immanuel, Walker, Minnesota
Lieske, Christopher - St. Paul, Montevideo, Minnesota
Wurm, Matthew - Trinity, Bemidji, Minnesota

**Minnesota South District**
Sage, Jeffery - Our Savior, Brownsdale, Minnesota
Simmons, Patrick - Christ, Shakopee, Minnesota
Troester, Russel - St. Michael's, Bloomington, Minnesota

134 Students Receive First Calls

Rev. C. William Hoesman, chairman of the LCMS Council of Presidents, congratulates Timothy Ahlman on his call to Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Lakewood, Colorado.
Missouri District
Corson, David - Lutherans in Jewish Evangelism, St. Louis, Missouri
Deen, Keffie - Lutheran High School North, St. Louis, Missouri
Futrell, Richard - Shepherd of the Hills, Kimberling City, Missouri
Gledhill, Eric - Lutheran Church of Webster Gardens, Webster Groves, Missouri
Karg, Rory - Immanuel, Olivette, Missouri
Lail, Robert - Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis, Missouri
McBurney, David - Abiding Savior, St. Louis, Missouri
Niles, John - St. Paul, Concordia, Missouri
Parvey, Adam - Redeemer, Springfield, Missouri
Rathje, John - Christ in the City, St. Louis, Missouri
Steenema, Richard - Timothy, Blue Springs, Missouri
Thomas, Brad - Lutheran Senior Services – Meridian Village, St. Louis, Missouri
Trunkhill, Chad - Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, St. Louis, Missouri

Nebraska District
Asbury, Christopher - Grace, Norfolk, Nebraska
Fouts, Bart - Trinity, Hebron, Nebraska
Francik, Brian - St. Peter, Deshler, Nebraska
Gies, Bryan - Zion, Pawnee City, Nebraska
McReynolds, Kevin - St. Paul, Central City, Nebraska
Mortenson, Matthew - Faith, Humboldt, Nebraska
Moyer, Gregory - St. Mark, Omaha, Nebraska
Stavig, Wendell - St. John’s, Omaha, Nebraska

North Dakota District
Waldvogel, Christopher - Beautiful Savior, Fargo, North Dakota

North Wisconsin District
Brandt, Joel - Trinity, Wausau, Wisconsin
Sansom, James - St. Mark’s, Wausau, Wisconsin

Northern Illinois District
Birkholz, Mark - Faith, Oak Lawn, Illinois
Ficken, Paul - St. Andrew, Rockton, Illinois
Huenink, James - St. James, Chicago, Illinois

Dr. Dale Meyer congratulates Robert Donaldson on his call to St. John’s Lutheran Church, West Bend, Wisconsin.
Northwest District
Fenster, Kevin - Immanuel, Sandy, Oregon
Hoffman, Brandt - Zion, Anchorage, Alaska
Schulze, Mark - Immanuel, Twin Falls, Idaho
Sprengle, James - Ascension, Portland, Oregon
Weber, Daniel - Christ the King, Coeur d’Alene, Idaho

Ohio District
Behnke, Timothy - River of Faith Mission, Waterville, Ohio
Honeycutt, Ryan - Redeemer, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio
Schneider, Richard - Emmanuel, Kettering, Ohio

Pacific Southwest District
Baker, William (DELTO) - Good Shepherd, Yucaipa, California
Jennings, Matthew - Good Shepherd, Yucaipa Valley, California
Nelson, Paul - First, Camarillo, California
Schloeman, Karl - Faith, Cottonwood, Arizona
Sundquist, Robert - Abiding Savior, Lake Forest, California

Rocky Mountain District
Ahman, Timothy - Bethlehem, Lakewood, Colorado
Krause, Jason - Cross of Christ, Bountiful, Utah

SELC District
Hoyer, Benjamin - Holy Cross, Lake Mary, Florida
Jacob, Luke - Pentecost, Racine, Wisconsin
McClelland, Philip - Peace, Galloway, New Jersey

South Dakota District
Weispfennig, Steven - St. John’s, Yankton, South Dakota

South Wisconsin District
Bobby, Samuel - Messiah, Beloit, Wisconsin
Donaldson, Robert - St. John’s, West Bend, Wisconsin
Edwards, Eric - Christ the Life, Waukesha, Wisconsin

Lehenbauer, Carl - Trinity, Freistadt, Wisconsin
Roberts, Guy - St. John’s, West Bend, Wisconsin

Southeastern District
Benham, John - Advent, Chapel Hill, North Carolina
Cofer, Michael - Hope, Virginia Beach, Virginia
Dolby, Benjamin - Resurrection, Newport News, Virginia
Eggleston, Joseph - Peace in Christ, Walkersville, Maryland
Hatcher, Joshua - St. Paul, Annapolis, Maryland
Martin, Brandon - St. Stephen’s, Hickory, North Carolina
May, Jacob - Emmanuel, Hampton, Virginia
Merker, Michael - Resurrection, Cary, North Carolina
Rickman, Arthur - Christ/Nazareth, Dundalk/Highlandtown, Maryland
Schilling, Matthew - St. Peter’s, Conover, North Carolina

Southern District
Bahr, Benjamin - Trinity, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
Buth, Kenneth - Trinity, Sulphur, Louisiana
DeMik, Stephen - Holy Trinity, Covington, Louisiana

Southern Illinois District
Kramer, Thomas - Hope, Mount Carmel, Illinois
Theilen, Joshua - Trinity, Hoyleton, Illinois

Texas District
Anderson, Robert - St. John, Mansfield, Texas
Cruz, Evelio (CHS) - Hispanic Missionary at Large, Austin, Texas
Danner, Martin - St. Paul, Fort Worth, Texas
Kennedy, Chris - Shepherd of the Hills, San Antonio, Texas
Ledlow, Landon - Prince of Peace, Carrollton, Texas
Mittwede, Richard - King of Kings, Round Rock, Texas
Rienstra, J. Trey - Our Savior, Centerville, Texas
Schuler, Karl - Cross Point, Katy, Texas

Calls Pending
Buchholz, Nicholas
DeSanto, Steven
Dilbeck, Timothy
Eichhorn, Arthur
Francik, Doug (DELTO)
Francisco, Benjamin
Hofacker, Peter
Jung, David (CCMC)
Kohl, Matthew
Lowe, Joshua

Deaconess Candidates
Calls Pending
Ahlman, Elizabeth
Guerrero, Luz
Hesson, Ashley
Lindgren, Rachel
Sacco, Sarah

Maanum, Edward
Moldenhauer, Joshua
Moorman, Seth (CCMC)
Morfitt, David
Niermann, Scott
Roberts, Scott
Stites, Jonathan
Vasiliev, Sergey
Wilson, Jeffrey
Yee, Travis

CHS = Center for Hispanic Studies
DELTO = Distance Education Leading To Ordination
DIT = Deaf Institute of Theology
CCMC = Cross Cultural Ministry Center
In a worship service held in The Chapel of St. Timothy and St. Titus at 3:00 p.m. on April 22, 147 men received their vicarage assignments, and nine deaconess students received internship assignments. The following is a list of the assignments, arranged alphabetically by Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod districts and calling agencies.

Atlantic District
Albrechtsen III, Henry (DTEP/SMP) – Love, East Greenbush, New York
Cohn, Daniel (DTEP/SMP) – St. John’s Ev., Stuyvesant, New York
Olson, DuWayne (DTEP/SMP) – St. Timothy, Hyde Park, New York
Tyce, Martin (DTEP/SMP) – Lutheran Ministries at West Point, West Point, New York

California-Nevada-Hawaii District
Alvey, Ryan – Peace, Sacramento, California
Baye, Matthew – Mount Olive, Milpitas, California
Behnke, Joseph – Light of the Hills, Cameron Park, California
Cervantes, Jose (CHS) – St. Paul, Mountain View, California
Genter, John – Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit, San Francisco, California
Robinson, Eric – Redeemer, Redwood City, California
Rosebrock, Matthew – Good Shepherd, Hayward, California

Central Illinois District
Booe, Phillip – St. John’s, East Moline, Illinois
Heinecke, Timothy – St. Paul’s, Decatur, Illinois
Koch, Timothy – Salem, Salem, Illinois
McCall, George (Tim) – Lutheran Church of St. John, Quincy, Illinois
Serr, Kenneth – Grace, Canton, Illinois

Eastern District
Brown, Mark – St. Mark’s Ev., West Henrietta, New York
Hoffman, Zachary – Mount Olive Ev., Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania

English District
Gutierrez Ferrero, Salvador (EPCP) – First, El Cajon, California
Richardson, Jr., J. Martin – Christ the Shepherd, Alpharetta, Georgia
Scholl, Randy (DTEP/SMP) – Hope, Kitchener, Ontario, Canada
Tinetti, Ryan – Lutheran Church of the Ascension, Tucson, Arizona
Uglum, James – Chapel of the Cross, St. Peters, Missouri
Wadel, Gregory (DTEP/SMP) – Prince of Peace, Medina, Ohio

Florida-Georgia District
Becker, Andrew – Trinity Ev., Orlando, Florida

Carretto, Stephen – St. Paul, Boca Raton, Florida
Diaz, Luis (CHS) – Our Savior, Lake Worth, Florida
Durante, K. Anthony (DTEP/SMP) – Trinity Ev., Delray Beach, Florida
Kammrath, Luke – First, Gainesville, Florida
Matlock, Albert (DTEP/SMP) – Hope, Pompano Beach, Florida
Ogle, Kevin (DTEP/SMP) – Miramar, Miramar, Florida
Schmidt, Joshua – Grace, Winter Haven, Florida
Thomsen, Dwain – Mt. Calvary, Warner Robins, Georgia

Indiana District
Edwards, Michael – Immanuel, Seymour, Indiana
Elliott, Peter – Faith, Bloomington, Indiana

Iowa District East
Hartwig, Brent – Our Redeemer, Iowa City, Iowa
Pool, Daniel – St. John Ev., Clinton, Iowa

Iowa District West
Bose, Kenneth (DTEP/SMP) – Trinity, Jefferson, Iowa
Durand III, Edward – Grace, Le Mars, Iowa
Lee, Brian – Trinity, Des Moines, Iowa

Kansas District
Appel, Timothy – Trinity, Garden City, Kansas
Brown, Luther – St. John, Aliceville, Kansas
Crawford, King (DTEP/SMP) – St. Luke’s, Manhattan, Kansas

156 Receive Vicarage/Deaconess Internship Assignments

Seminarians, from left, Brian Gauthier and Michael Nielsen, eagerly await their vicarage assignments.
Hasz, Jason – St. Paul’s, Haven, Kansas
Northend, William – Ascension, Wichita, Kansas
Rikli, Richard – Immanuel, Linns, Kansas
Schultz, Christian (DTEP/SMP) – St. Paul’s, Junction City, Kansas
Scott, Jacob – Calvary, Topeka, Kansas

**Michigan District**
Adams, Curtis – St. Paul, Coldwater, Michigan
Arendell, Mark – Calvary, Lincoln Park, Michigan
Graham, Bo – Good Shepherd, Saginaw, Michigan
Hanson, Michael – Messiah, Clio, Michigan
Walla, Jonathan – St. Lorenz, Frankenmuth, Michigan
Wuggazer, Mark – Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, Birmingham, Michigan

**Mid-South District**
Carstensen, George – Cross of Christ, Chattanooga, Tennessee
Easterling, John – Redeemer, Mountain Home, Arkansas
Shrum, Stephen – Christ, Little Rock, Arkansas
Tieman, Nicholas – Faith, Benton, Arkansas

**Minnesota North District**
Meyer, Joel – Immanuel, Parkers Prairie, Minnesota
Vera, Steven – Our Redeemer, Moorhead, Minnesota

**Minnesota South District**
Davis, Joshua – Woodbury, Woodbury, Minnesota
Diedrick, Theodore – Good Shepherd, Circle Pines, Minnesota
Erbel, David – St. Peter, Lester Prairie, Minnesota
Fritz, Ross – Trinity, Rochester, Minnesota
Schuessler, Kevin (DTEP/SMP) – St. Michael’s, Bloomington, Minnesota
Stroming, Randy (DTEP/SMP) – Mt. Olive, Anoka, Minnesota

**Missouri District**
Appel, Anthony – Church of the Reformation – Lutheran, Affton, Missouri
Biesendorfer, Robert (DTEP/SMP) – Messiah, Weldon Spring, Missouri
Brog, Jason – Salem, Affton, Missouri
Butcher, John – Trinity, Troy, Missouri
Dickinson, Bernard (DTEP/SMP) – St. Peter, Spanish Lake, Missouri
Goucher, Mark – Bethlehem, New Haven, Missouri
Greer, Johnny (DTEP/SMP) – St. Peter, Spanish Lake, Missouri
Hays, Jerry – Concordia, Kirkwood, Missouri
Hayter, Mathew – Beautiful Savior, Bridgeton, Missouri
Heimbuck, Joshua – Our Savior, St. Charles, Missouri
Lewis, Johnathan (DTEP/SMP) – St. Peter, Spanish Lake, Missouri
McCall, Willis – Blessed Savior, Florissant, Missouri
Pater, Paul – Zion, Palmyra, Missouri
Peitsch, Nathan – Lutheran Senior Services CPE, Webster Groves, Missouri
Stratmann, David – Lutheran Senior Services CPE, Webster Groves, Missouri

**Nebraska District**
Albertson, Thomas – Peace, McCook, Nebraska
Enterline, Gregory – Trinity, Grand Island, Nebraska
Felix, Obdulio (CHS) – Beautiful Savior, LaVista, Nebraska
Mertens, Melvin – St. John’s, Wilcox, Nebraska
Pike, Joel – Centennial/St. Markes, Superior/Ruskin, Nebraska

**New England District**
Kleimola, Ryan – St. Paul’s, New Hartford, Connecticut

**North Dakota District**
Davidson, Anders – Our Savior, Minot, North Dakota

**North Wisconsin District**
DeCoste, Curtis – Christ of the Bay, Green Bay, Wisconsin
Holoubek, Scott (DTEP/SMP) – St. Paul Ev., Marengo, Wisconsin
LaFeve, Joshua – Bethany, Kaukauna, Wisconsin
Nielsen, Michael – Pilgrim, Green Bay, Wisconsin
Roehrborn, Brian (DTEP/SMP) – St. John’s Ev., Almond, Wisconsin

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Suezel, Michael – St. Peter, Schaumburg, Illinois

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Borg, Michael (DTEP/SMP) – Hoonah Mission Start/Trinity, Hoonah, Alaska/Oregon City, Oregon
Dockery, R. Kent – St. Luke, Oakridge, Oregon
Krystowiak, Dustin – Resurrection, Des Moines, Washington

**Ohio District**
Benning, David – Valley, Chagrin Falls, Ohio
Podeszwa, Michael – Christ, Cincinnati, Ohio
Ramsey II, John (DTEP/SMP) – Trinity, Grafton, Ohio
Tews, Daniel – Zion, Cincinnati, Ohio
Timm, Gary – Trinity Ev., Cleveland, Ohio
Voelker II, John (DTEP/SMP) – Faith, Kent, Ohio

Emil Gretarsson and his wife, Heather, read over his vicarage assignment to Redeemer Lutheran Church, Fredericksburg, Virginia.
Oklahoma District
Hintz, Gregory – Immanuel, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma
Peck, Adam – Holy Trinity, Edmond, Oklahoma
Tiews, Christian – Grace, Tulsa, Oklahoma
Ulmer, Matthew – Redeemer, Bartlesville, Oklahoma

Pacific Southwest District
Chase, Mark – Apostles, Peoria, Arizona
Velasco, Marcelino (CHS) – Centro Cristiano Santa Paula, Santa Paula, California

Rocky Mountain District
Gehrke, Aaron – Bethlehem, Lakewood, Colorado
Haak, Joel – Peace, Arvada, Colorado
Lozano, Mariano (CHS) – Mission, Las Cruces, New Mexico

SELC District
III, Peter – Zion, Clark, New Jersey
Kaiser, Benjamin – St. John, Cudahy, Wisconsin
Rusnak, Jonathan – St. Luke’s, Oviedo, Florida

South Dakota District
Lehr, Gregory – Zion, Sioux Falls, South Dakota

South Wisconsin District
Bell, Aaron – Good Shepherd, Watertown, Wisconsin
Engelhardt, Marc – Brookfield, Brookfield, Wisconsin
Herald, David – St. Peter’s, Arlington, Wisconsin
Kuehn, Aaron – Grace Ev., Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin

Southeastern District
Christenson, Timothy (DTEP/SMP) – Prince of Peace, Springfield, Virginia
Gretarsson, Emil – Redeemer, Fredericksburg, Virginia
McReynolds, Lawrence (DTEP/SMP) – King of Glory, Williamsburg, Virginia
Ruffatto, Frank – Point of Grace, Cornelius, North Carolina
Schermbeck, Andrew – Messiah, Charlotte, North Carolina
Voss, David – Grace Ev., Durham, North Carolina
Ziegler, Michael – Holy Cross, Clayton, North Carolina

Southern District
Conway, Martin (DTEP/SMP) – Faith, Greenville, Mississippi
Kobs, Matthew – Holy Cross, Mobile, Alabama
Mietzner, Kyle – LINC New Orleans, New Orleans, Louisiana
Parham, Collis (DTEP/SMP) – Epiphany Ev., New Orleans, Louisiana
Roggow, Aaron – Trinity, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
Smith, Sean – Immanuel, Bossier City, Louisiana

Southern Illinois District
Eyer, John – Trinity, Nashville, Illinois
Frentz, Steven – Emmaus, Dorsey, Illinois
Hoehler, David – St. John, Chester, Illinois
McMurry, Todd – Zion, Staunton, Illinois
Rodgers, Eric – Good Shepherd, Collinsville, Illinois
Smith, Benjamin – Our Savior, Carbondale, Illinois

Texas District
Brockhouse, David (DTEP/SMP) – Mt. Olive, San Antonio, Texas
Casillas, Mario (CHS) – Lutheran Inner-City Network Coalition, Houston, Texas
Fernandez, Rodrigo (CHS) – Lutheran Inner-City Network Coalition, Houston, Texas
Guerra, Lincon (CHS) – Lutheran Inner-City Network Coalition, Houston, Texas

Deaconess students, from left, Angela Carriker, Ellee Mietzner, Tessa Reed, Jessica Koenig, Leticia Sanchez Pierce, Kim Starr, Jane Stancliff and Olga Eckert pose for a picture prior to receiving their internship assignments.
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July 22-25 .......... Exploring Church Careers Event Amplified
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September 22 ....... Homecoming Reception
September 22 ...... Day of Exegetical Reflection
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