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Which would you like first, the good news or the bad news? I’ll take the liberty of giving you the bad news first, and promise I’ll give you some good encouraging news in the next edition of FOCUS.

Last winter we began sharing with you our concern about Seminary finances. As the recession worsened, we realized we are in financial crisis. Several trends over the last decades in Seminary funding have come together in this recession, including declining subsidy from the budget of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) (the Board of Directors is willing but simply doesn’t have the money) and increases in educational costs (salaries that keep up with inflation, costs for new technologies we didn’t have a few decades ago, greater costs for insurance, etc.). Since the Seminary cannot sell more products the way a business would, we’ve increasingly grown dependent upon donations, now almost a 60 percent dependence, and endowment proceeds, almost 10 percent. Unlike most colleges, net tuition income for us is slightly over 20 percent. Wham! The recession has dried up endowment income, hurt donations, and we resist raising tuition because educational debt is already a great worry to many of our students.

The response of the Board of Regents and administration has not been easy. Frozen salaries, early retirements, layoffs, and program reductions are necessary to finish the next fiscal year in the black. This year will end in the red. For the next fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2009, we need cost reductions and revenue increases that together amount to more than $6 million. To get a sense of the size of that amount, $6 million is one quarter of our current budget. I’ve written at length about all this in an article called “Stress Test,” available in the newest issue of the Concordia Journal or online at www.csl.edu.

While there are many ways we are addressing the present crisis, you and others throughout the church can help significantly and quickly. What if every congregation in the LCMS gave a special donation? If our 6,000 congregations gave an average of $500 apiece, the total $3 million would help us weather the crisis. Some congregations could give more and would be willing while others might not. It’s this paragraph that I want to lay on your heart and hope that you’ll take it to the leadership of your congregation.

I’ve never been a fan of churchly statements that gloss over hard realities. The Jesus taught to me faced harsh reality with His Father’s truth and grace. That’s the Spirit at work in us and so I’m confident about the future, believing God is refining His church and Seminary for the future advance of the mission of our Lord Jesus Christ. I see much good news on the horizon and will share it with you in the next edition of FOCUS, but for now I’d like you to ponder the bad news, pray on it, and act in faith to help us overcome it.

Dale A. Meyer
The 170th academic year of Concordia Seminary concluded on May 22. 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. Richard Marrs, associate professor of practical theology and director of continuing education and parish services at Concordia Seminary, delivered the sermon for the Theological Diploma service. Following the sermon, students 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, Hon. Bill Schuette, senior counsel at the law firm of Warner, Norcross & Judd in Midland, Mich., served as Commencement speaker. Following the address, 98 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 four master of arts in deaconess studies degrees, 11 master of arts degrees, five doctor of ministry degrees, three master of sacred theology degrees and seven doctor of philosophy degrees.

“Commencement is always a profound reminder of the mission of the Seminary,” commented Dr. Andrew Bartelt, executive vice president for academic affairs. “We send forth pastors, deaconesses, missionaries, scholars, and leaders into the service of church and world, even as we grant special honors to those who have rendered distinguished service, including the naming of seven of our colleagues as professors emeriti.”

Five 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 calls and serve as pastors, missionaries or chaplains in the LCMS.
Seminary Recognizes Honorees

The Concordia Seminary faculty selected four individuals to receive special honors during Commencement exercises on May 22.

Hon. Bill Schuette received the Christus Vivit Award. Schuette’s public service began in 1984 when he was elected to the United States House of Representatives as a congressman from Michigan. At the age of 31, he was one of the youngest congressmen in America. He stated his determination to be “a full-time voice and a full-time vote—an advocate—for agricultural producers” in his home state and also for the elderly. He served on the House Agriculture Committee and the Select Committee on Aging, as well as the House Budget Committee. His qualifications for service on the state Senate Judiciary Committee and as judge in the Michigan Court of Appeals (2002-2009) can be seen from his academic career. Currently, he is senior counsel at the law firm of Warner, Norcross & Judd, one of the largest law firms in Michigan.

Rev. Robert Bergt received the Distinguished Alumnus Award. Currently, Rev. Bergt is the music director and conductor of the American Kantorei and artist-in-residence at Concordia Seminary. He has devoted his entire career to the musical glorification of God as lecturer, teacher, conductor, musician and consultant on worship and church music. In the fall of 1956 he was appointed instructor of music at the Seminary and became assistant and associate professor, up through 1974. During this period he also served as assistant pastor at Trinity, Alton, Ill., and at Glendale Lutheran Church in St. Louis. After this he became professor of music at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale (1974-1984), chairman of the department of music at Valparaiso University, Ind. (1984-1988), and professor of music at Musashino Academy Musicae, Tokyo, Japan (1988-1995).

Dr. Peter L. Steinke received the honorary degree of doctor of letters. Dr. Steinke is a nationally recognized consultant on congregational life and dynamics and has written extensively on this topic. He has written for diverse audiences, but his Christ-centered approach is always clear. His influence extends far beyond The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. He created the “Bridgebuilder” process for dealing with troubled congregations and developed “Healthy Congregations,” a lay leadership training curriculum. He has served as the director of clergy care in the Lutheran Social Services of the South. Also he has been the executive director of Interfaith Pastoral Counseling for St. Alexis Hospital (1992-1994) and of Janus House, for emotionally disturbed youth (1971-1973). Over the years he has taught courses at eight different seminaries in North America.

Prof. Paulo Nerbas, president of The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Brazil (IELB), received the honorary degree of doctor of divinity. As president of Seminario Concordia, Professor Nerbas was the first president to head the new Pastoral Theological Formation Program for the IELB. When the IELB decided in convention to merge the Escola Superior de Teologia in Sao Paulo with Seminario Concordia in Sao Leopoldo in 2002, he was key in assisting in this transition. Under his leadership, the merging of faculty of these theological institutions continued to provide sound theological training and formation for their students. He has served as pastor and missionary in Portugal and several Brazilian parishes: Lisbon, Portugal; Viamao, RS, Brazil; and Sapirango, RS, Brazil. He was professor of theology at Escola Superior de Teologia, Sao Paulo, Brazil (1985-1989), and Seminario Concordia, Sao Leopoldo, Brazil (1992-2006).

Honorees pictured with President Dale A. Meyer, second from right, include, from left, Hon. Bill Schuette, recipient of the Christus Vivit Award; Prof. Paulo Nerbas, recipient of the honorary degree of doctor of divinity; Rev. Robert Bergt, recipient of the Distinguished Alumnus Award; and Dr. Peter Steinke, recipient of the honorary degree of doctor of letters.
Faculty Publish Theological Resources

On May 19, Concordia Seminary honored faculty members who have recently written or contributed to published books. A reception recognizing them included a book-signing. The following faculty have had books published:

Charles Arand and Robert Kolb: The Genius of Luther’s Theology (Baker)
Charles Arand, Robert Kolb and Robert Rosin: all had chapters in The Pastoral Luther (Eerdmans)
Kent Burreson: editor for He Was Crucified (Concordia Publishing House)
Robert Kolb: Martin Luther, Confessor of the Faith (Oxford)
Reed Lessing: Concordia Commentary: Amos (Concordia Publishing House)
Francis Rossow: Gospel Patterns in Literature (Kirk House)
Quentin Wesselschmidt: Ancient Christian Commentary series: Psalms 51-150 (InterVarsity)

“On top of teaching overloads and immense economic challenges, Concordia Seminary’s faculty is still somehow finding time to write books of the highest caliber with respected publishers and wide-ranging audiences,” commented William Schumacher, dean of theological research and publication. “I continue to be astounded by the deep commitment of my colleagues to provide exceptional theological resources for the wider church and world.”

All books are available for purchase at Concordia Seminary’s bookstore. For more information, contact Communications at 314-505-7379 or communications@csl.edu.

New Seminary Sunday Materials Available

In April, Concordia Seminary sent a packet of Concordia Seminary Sunday materials to the pastor of each Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) congregation. 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 suggested date for Concordia Seminary Sunday is July 19, the Seventh Sunday after Pentecost. Yet the materials are not dated and may be used in a variety of ways throughout the year.

The appointed Scripture reading in the new lectionary series makes Concordia Seminary Sunday an appropriate observance for the suggested Sunday. This year, Mark 6:30-44 is the Gospel lesson appointed for July 19, and “Workers for the Harvest” is the suggested sermon and Sunday theme.

Concordia Seminary offers these materials as an annual opportunity for congregations to emphasize the importance of forming men for service in the pastoral ministry and deaconesses for diaconal ministry, and to assist in the crucial process of identifying, informing, and encouraging future pastors and deaconesses.

“We have received a very enthusiastic response from churches throughout the country in the past and that indicates that the people of the LCMS are aware of how important it is to have faithful, compassionate pastors who proclaim God’s Word with boldness,” commented Lois Engfehr, director of communications. The bulletin inserts offer concrete actions people can take to help in the formation of tomorrow’s pastors and deaconesses.

For more information or to order Concordia Seminary Sunday materials, contact Communications, Concordia Seminary, 801 Seminary Place, St. Louis, MO 63105; 314-505-7379; communications@csl.edu.
LutherHostel 2009 will be held Oct. 3-6 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 older. The main presenter will be Rev. John Nunes, president of Lutheran World Relief.

The theme of this year’s LutherHostel is “Finite and Infinite Games.” “Life is no game,” commented Nunes. “Yet knowing what’s ultimate, what not to sweat, and how to hold all things in balance is a mark of mature faith leading to a playful, bold and happy approach to life. In a world suffering from a joy-deficit, we dare to make the most of every opportunity to witness to the infinitely abundant joy Jesus gives us.”

Scheduled activities for LutherHostel 2009 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. 7, immediately following LutherHostel.

To register for LutherHostel, call Continuing Education and Parish Services at 314-505-7486 or email ce@csl.edu.
Visitation Event for Prospective Students

Concordia Seminary is pleased to invite prospective students and their guests to attend “Contemplate...” to be held Oct. 8-10 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.

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 to Host Theological Symposium

Science and Theology: New Questions, New Conversations” is the theme of the 20th Annual Theological Symposium, to be held Sept. 22-23 on the campus of Concordia Seminary.

Pastors and theologians tend not to have much formal training in science. Scientists tend not to receive much formal education in theology. Yet the two disciplines are often asked cross-disciplinary questions like: How do our understandings of the creation of the universe jive between science and Christian theology? How do scientific theories such as quantum mechanics point toward or away from God’s creative hand? How should Christians take care of the world’s environment? Are our brains programmed to seek and worship God? How should Christians view new technologies like in vitro fertilization or stem cell research?

Primary plenary speakers include Dr. Daniel Botkin, professor emeritus at the University of California, Santa Barbara; Dr. Mario Beauregard, professor of neurobiology at the University of Montreal; Dr. Benjamin Schumacher, professor of physics at Kenyon College; Dr. Del Ratzsch, professor of philosophy and science at Calvin College; Dr. Angus Menuge, professor of philosophy and science at Concordia University Wisconsin; and Dr. Robert Weise, Concordia Seminary professor and The Lutheran Foundation of St. Louis Chair in Pastoral Ministry and the Life Sciences.

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

For more 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.
Seminary Guild Adopts New Projects to Assist Students

A great way to describe the Concordia Seminary Guild, a volunteer organization whose people and work benefit the Seminary and its students, is “A wonderful blessing.”

It’s also a great way to describe the myriad of projects that the Seminary Guild faithfully fulfills each year!

Joan Schlichter, president of the Guild, commented, “The Guild does wonderful things for this campus. We are currently celebrating the fact that members and friends of the Guild completed $20,877.96 in projects this academic year. All of our adopted projects have been completed, and now we begin work on a new list of projects for the next academic year.”

President Schlichter continued, “Our theme for the year has been ‘Continuing in God’s Grace.’ We are indeed blessed by our gracious Lord, and we are also blessed by our many members who lend their prayers and support to the Guild’s mission of supporting the students and their families.”

Concordia Seminary Guild membership is open to individuals and organizations. Individual membership is $8 per year; organizational membership is $15 per year. (A yearly Guild membership is from July 1 to June 30 of the following year.)

If interested in project sponsorship, please call the Seminary at 314-505-7379 or visit www.csl.edu.

YES, I would like to become a member of the Seminary Guild.
Please accept my check for:

☐ Yearly individual membership ($8)
☐ Yearly organizational membership ($15)
☐ Project goal donation $__________________

Name ___________________________________________
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Phone (_____) ____________________________
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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.

2009-2010 Adopted Projects
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Justin Whitmore, left, and Matthew Borasso are this year’s “Direct-to-Student Aid” recipients, along with Kevin Bueltmann (not pictured). They are shown with Joyce Bischoff, center, Guild vice president.
Have you ever thought much about the increasingly diverse population of the United States? Have you ever thought about what the presence of Hispanic/Latino families in our midst might mean for our own Lutheran church? Concordia Seminary has given some serious thought to these questions, and an important part of its answer is the Center for Hispanic Studies (CHS).

The Center prepares men and women to serve respectively as pastors and deaconesses in the challenging missionary contexts of U.S. Hispanic/Latino communities where the use of the Spanish language is a critical component of the mission. The formation process happens in two stages. The first stage is the basic Entrance level of studies, a 10-course curriculum available to students who have been identified by their local pastors or district leadership as potential church workers. The courses are taught across the nation and according to local needs by CHS regional coordinators, district partners, and a variety of local pastors and tutors. This dynamic and “thinking-out-of-the-box” approach permits each student to learn the theological foundations of Lutheran identity and allows each tutor to apply such learning to specific local situations as he/she sees fit. The educational process does not remove students from their mission contexts as they go through their theological formation. They learn as they serve and serve as they learn.

After completing the Entrance level, each student has the option of continuing his or her studies at the Seminary level, which leads to certification for pastoral or deaconess ministry in The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS). Seminary-level students are recommended for admission to Concordia Seminary by their local pastors and district presidents. The Seminary level of studies, an 18-course curriculum, can be completed in a three-year period. Six courses are taught each academic year in a semi-residential intensive format on the Seminary campus, or, as in a recent development in Houston, Texas, at an off-campus satellite site.

CHS students have the option of taking electives in one or all of the following three areas or tracks: (1) missional leadership, (2) family studies, and (3) Lutheran theology and culture. Moreover, CHS is currently working with faculty through a process that will make it possible for the first time for qualified Seminary-level students in the program to receive credit towards an M.A. from the Graduate School.

What does the Seminary level look like from the instructional side of things? On the St. Louis campus, the first half of two courses are taught Monday through Friday (usually in September) and the second half are taught during another intensive week (typically during November). Before, in between, and after these two weeks of instruction, students work on reading and writing assignments and complete exams. The same pattern happens during a week in January and a second one in April. CHS also offers a one-week intensive course each summer, typically at a site where important U.S. Hispanic ministry is taking place. The semi-residential intensive method of delivery permits students to receive a solid theological formation while allowing them to immediately put into practice what they have learned upon arrival at their communities and mission contexts. The face-to-face style of teaching also permits the instructors to get to know the students and interact with them personally in all the stages of their theological development. Pastoral track and deaconess track students respectively complete their vicarage and internship assignments concurrently during the last two years of their Seminary program. Upon completion of the Seminary level, pastoral ministry students are certified and eligible for placement as ordained and rostered clergy of

**CHS Expands to Regional Sites**

**Forming Pastors and Deaconesses for Hispanic/Latino Communities**

CHS vicar Nelson Rodríguez, a certified deacon in the Texas District preparing for the pastoral ministry, presides over the baptismal liturgy in Spanish for a young Latina in an area where no pastors are available to do so.
the LCMS. Deaconess students are certified and eligible for placement as consecrated and rostered commissioned ministers.

CHS also has complementary online distance education, permitting students to work on their own on some of the Seminary-level courses with guided and sequential modules of instruction. As realities change and technology offers greater options, CHS is committed to offering more courses in this format as needed, as well as to providing cutting-edge theological education in general that will facilitate the process of forming men and women who will serve the growing U.S. Hispanic/Latino population.

**Satellite Sites**

In an attempt to multiply efforts and adapt the Seminary level to the needs of churches and students, CHS is redeveloping a concept it utilized some years ago, namely, teaching Seminary-level students at regional sites across the nation, particularly where there is a critical mass of Hispanics/Latinos. The most recent site is in Houston, Texas, functioning at the LINC-Houston installations. A group of 10 students who have finished their Entrance level courses are now enrolled in the Seminary-level, and CHS instructors travel to Houston to offer classes in a way similar to the on-campus program in St. Louis. Other satellite sites around the country are being explored.

Why the intense concern to move forward with the mission of the CHS even in tough economic times? The Seminary is convinced that the church is the Lord’s and that, in good or bad times, His word of forgiveness still needs to reach those who have not heard the Gospel and believed in Christ as their Lord and Savior. The Center fulfills a vital role in the LCMS in the formation of church workers who are both committed and equipped to bringing the Good News to the indifferent and the wandering, healing to the hurt, the poor and the lonely, and hope in Christ to the millions of Hispanics/Latinos in this country.

Those who serve at the CHS often look at the demographics and are moved to compassion and action. The following are some statistics for consideration:

- Some studies show that the United States is the second largest Spanish-speaking country in the world.
- Between 2000 and 2005, the entire United States population grew by about 15 million people. Some 50 percent of the growth (7.5 million) was in the Hispanic population.
- Los Angeles has 4.5 million Hispanics/Latinos. It is now the second largest Mexican city in the world, after Mexico City.
- New York is the second largest Puerto Rican City in the world.
- There are more Cubans living in Miami than in any city of the world except Havana.
- Of the 2.4 million LCMS members, only about 0.4 percent are Hispanic/Latino. We have a challenge but also a great opportunity before us.

Jesus said: “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field” (Matthew 9:37-38).

Today, CHS serves the following number of students:

- 23 pastoral track Seminary-level students,
- Eight deaconess track Seminary-level students, and
- Over 100 Entrance level students across the nation.

CHS is meeting the challenges of a growing U.S. Hispanic/Latino population and proposes to work toward admitting as many as 25 Seminary-level candidates each year by 2012 (the 25th anniversary of the CHS). The focus is one of sustainable and manageable growth without sacrificing quality theological education and pastoral/deaconess formation. CHS is meeting the challenges as a ministry of perseverance, joy and hope.

For more information on CHS, call 1-800-677-9833 or visit us at www.csl.edu (see Academics) or at www.hispanicstudies.org (our Spanish-language Web site).
How do students feel about their Adopt-A-Student sponsors?

- “I was very nervous coming to Seminary this year, and even more nervous with a baby on the way. I can’t express how much (your support) means to me. Your sponsorship is very dear to my wife and me as we take this journey toward ministry.”
- “Everyone I know who receives support like yours is so overwhelmed with thankfulness that they cannot help but acknowledge and keep in touch with those who make donations to their ministry.”
- “It is wonderful to think of all these blessings that I have experienced this year and those that are still to come. Thank you for your help to make all these wonderful opportunities available to me through your Adopt-A-Student support.”
- “I am grateful and I am sure our Savior is as well for the prayers and financial support you have provided for me in my training to become a pastor…I will remember you and be grateful to our Lord for your dedication in providing pastors for our church. Thank you!”

Adopt-A-Student sponsors can expect to hear from “their” student frequently! While students wishing to receive Adopt-A-Student funds are required to write their sponsors every academic quarter, they are encouraged to stay in touch with their sponsors even more frequently during the school year.

Become an Adopt-A-Student Sponsor

Right now there are many students waiting to be “adopted.” In faith, these seminarians have come to Concordia Seminary. Now you can encourage them with your prayers and make their preparation financially possible. Adopt-A-Student participants give $500 or more annually which may be given as a one-time gift or throughout the year through several gifts. Adopt-A-Student gifts are used to prepare future pastors and missionaries, or you may also designate your gift for the preparation of deaconesses.

For questions or more information, contact:

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“How Will They Hear?”

“Do you know a Seminary student? Not know ‘of’ one but really know him so personally that he corresponds with you?

“Through our Adopt-A-Student program you will receive personal letters from a seminarian sharing his progress, challenges and joys. You will also be preparing the right kind of pastor, a spiritual leader who treasures doctrine and has a big heart for people.

“As I travel throughout the church I continue to meet people who with joy and great satisfaction talk about students they have ‘adopted.’

“When you become an Adopt-A-Student sponsor a specific seminarian will be selected for you. He will be in touch with you soon. There is a direct connection between each Adopt-A-Student sponsor and the student that makes participating in this effort fulfilling to students and donors alike.

“Standing together, students and sponsors overcome the single greatest obstacle to students coming to the Seminary—affording it! By overcoming this challenge you are making an eternal difference as the students you prepare now will proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ today and for decades to come.”

Dr. Dale A. Meyer, President
‘Adopting’ More Than 60 Students
Keeping All Their Letters!

Jo Anne Roellig recently said that she and her late husband, Russ, “always had an inner sense that it was important to support Seminary students.” She credits a Concordia Seminary, St. Louis insert placed in her congregation’s bulletin for prompting their first Adopt-A-Student gift. It was 1981.

In the 28 years since then there have been more than 60 “adopted” students. And Jo Anne Roellig still has every single letter she and her husband ever received from the seminarians whose preparation for the Holy Ministry they helped make possible.

“Russ and I always had a feeling that our gifts to the Seminary were more important than any other things we wrote checks for. I can’t teach Bible class, so this is my way of making a difference,” said Mrs. Roellig.

The Roelligs were always concerned about second-career students, especially those with families. They were gratified that their Adopt-A-Student gifts might be able to keep a mother at home with the family rather than have to work to help pay expenses.

Mrs. Roellig has a collection of all the correspondence received from the seminarians over the years. She frequently leafs through The Lutheran Annual to see where the Lord has called “her students” to serve. Occasionally, Russ and Jo Anne met a student when they went on a trip.

“This has been a real blessing to me,” said Mrs. Roellig.

The Roelligs’ generosity has been a wonderful blessing to the seminarians, their families, Concordia Seminary and God’s church at large.

Jo Anne Roellig and her late husband, Russ, supported seminarians through Adopt-A-Student for 28 years.

Campaign Overview

How Will They Hear? seeks to secure $77 million in gifts and commitments for the three major interconnected components essential to Christ-centered theological education in the 21st century.

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www.HowWillTheyHear.org
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The members of Redeemer Lutheran Church in Elmhurst, Ill., have stepped forward in a big way to prepare future pastors. A $12,000 gift to Concordia Seminary’s Adopt-A-Student program is a generous commitment by any congregation regardless of size. The fact that Redeemer has 450 members and intends to support Adopt-A-Student annually makes this gift all the more inspiring. Celebrating 80 years of ministry last year, Redeemer Lutheran, located just outside Chicago, wanted to demonstrate their thankfulness for the Lord’s blessings on the ministries of their pastors—by preparing future pastors!

“Sometimes a congregation can have its focus reduced to its immediate neighborhood,” said Rev. Robert Fitzpatrick, Redeemer’s pastor. “It is good to see the broader pictures of ministry and what goes into the training and preparation of pastors who in the years ahead will be called to provide leadership in this congregation and others, sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ with people for whom He lived, died and rose.”

Congregations throughout the Synod are being invited to consider the importance of keeping Concordia Seminary strong in equipping pastors for generations to come. The Seminary’s five-year How Will They Hear? Campaign is currently in its congregational phase. Funds will help educate students, build its endowment, and renovate areas of the campus.

While in its rich history Redeemer has not had a son of the congregation become a pastor, the congregation is boldly and generously preparing future pastors nonetheless. Last year’s $12,000 donation given as part of the 80th anniversary celebration and the ongoing Adopt-A-Student support through the annual budget are strong statements of thanksgiving for the pastoral leadership that has guided Redeemer’s mission and ministry.

The members of the congregation had an opportunity to meet Concordia Seminary students when the Seminary Chorus performed a concert at Redeemer. “We know congregations are faced with many challenges and opportunities,” said Dr. Dale A. Meyer, Seminary president. “The current economy has become an obstacle for many, and we pray that the vital work of congregations will not be hindered. Also, we know that all congregations recognize the importance of pastoral education and will want to support it as they are able.”

Some congregations are considering special Seminary Sunday observances. Others have included the Campaign and the Seminary in their budgets. Still other congregations are planning special offerings. One congregation wants to say “thanks” for receiving a recent graduate whom they describe as “a wonderful collection of God-given talent, humility and pastoral compassion.” “We applaud congregations that are becoming involved in the Campaign,” said Dan and Sandy Clark, co-chairs of the Campaign’s National Steering Committee. “We are seeing people and congregations doing some wonderful, visionary and creative things to thank their pastors and to support the Seminary’s formation of future pastors,” said the Clarks.

Congregations seeking ways to participate can call 800-822-5287.
Focus on a Seminarian

Name: Timothy Bayer

Home District: Michigan

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

Seminary has been very encouraging for me. It has been a rich four years of building relationships with guys and gals who will be serving alongside me for the rest of my life.

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

Now more than ever, ministry is about resourcing. No one can or should do ministry alone. Of course, you have God’s Spirit but surrounding yourself with other men and women to serve and lead with - you can’t get much better than that! There are men and women who know far more than I do, and I am blessed to be able to partner with them in ministry!

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

The faculty’s desire to invest their time, energy, and resources in helping students become the best pastors that they can be is incredible!

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

Ministry is not just spiritual... it is holistic! Ministry is physically demanding, mentally challenging, emotionally taxing and spiritually stimulating.

What are your feelings about the future?

I feel humbled to share in God’s work in His world and with His people. I also feel very excited to lead God’s people in being the hands, feet, heart and voice of Jesus in the world today.

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

Give yourself a “gut-check.” Do you have a driving passion for people AND a deep desire to learn and grow in faith and knowledge? If so, you could potentially be a wonderful pastor or deaconess! See, if you just have a passion for people and not for God, then you can be a great social worker. If you have only a passion for God and not for people, you can be a super scholar. And both of those careers have opportunities for you to be salt and light in the world. But, be honest with yourself. You have to have a deep, driving passion for both people and God to be a pastor or a deaconess.

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

The career choice that you have is important! If you are married, continue being a faithful husband or wife. Bathe your entire life in prayer. Seek out a mentor or coach to walk with you in whatever career you choose, but especially if you decide to come to Seminary. The Evil One prowls like the roaring lion, seeking someone like you to devour... Resist him and stand firm in both your faith and life. And remember, it’s not about you... it’s all about God’s work of bringing those who are far off, near through the blood of Christ. I trust that God will lead you to make the right choice!
On April 22, calls to serve as pastors in The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) were issued to 122 students at Concordia Seminary. In addition, 98 students received assignments to serve as vicars. Vicarage is a one-year internship that M.Div. and Alternate Route students preparing to serve in the pastoral ministry must complete.

Of the 122 Concordia Seminary students called to serve as pastors in the LCMS, three are from the Seminary’s Center for Hispanic Studies (CHS), 13 are from the Distance Education Leading To Ordination (DELO) program, two are from the Ethnic Immigrant Institute of Theology (EIIT), and two are from the Cross-Cultural Ministry Center (CCMC). One student received a call to serve in a mission field outside the United States in Southeast Asia, which was arranged through the LCMS Board for Mission Services.

Of the 98 students who received vicarage assignments, four are from the CHS and one is from the EIIT. Students in the CHS and EIIT programs serve their vicarages concurrently while taking classes over a period of three to four years.

In addition to the 220 calls and vicarage assignments, one DELTO student and two CCMC students are awaiting calls; and one residential student is awaiting a vicarage placement. In each of these cases, the details of calls to specific sites are being finalized and should be completed soon. 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 seven deaconess students who were assigned internships, and four deaconess candidates who were assigned calls. Two deaconess students are awaiting their internship assignments. Of the seven deaconess students who received internship assignments, three are from the CHS.

The Missouri District received the most vicars from Concordia Seminary, with 13 vicars assigned, followed by the Nebraska District.
with seven vicars. The Missouri District issued the most calls with 14, followed by the Michigan District with nine calls.

The Office of Vespers and Assignment of Vicarages and Internships took place at 3:00 p.m. in the Seminary’s Chapel of St. Timothy and St. Titus. Dr. Gerhard C. Michael Jr., president of the Florida-Georgia District of the LCMS, served as preacher. Officiants for the services 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. Dr. Ray G. Mirly, president of the Missouri District of the LCMS, served as preacher. Officiants for the services included Dr. Dale A. Meyer and Rev. Robert P. 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 Dr. C. William Hoesman, president of the Michigan District of the LCMS.

A complete listing of the calls and vicarages issued is available on the Seminary’s Web site at www.csl.edu.
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 122 pastoral ministry candidates received their first calls and four deaconess candidates received their first calls. The following is a list of the calls, arranged alphabetically by Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod district.

**Atlantic District**
Filipek, Adam - Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Hicksville, New York

**Board for Mission Services**
Cima, John - Missionary to Southeast Asia, Board for Mission Services

**California-Nevada-Hawaii District**
Alvey, Ryan - Peace Lutheran Church, Sacramento, California
Cervantes, José (CHS) - St. Paul Lutheran Church, Mountain View, California
Ng, Christopher - Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit, San Francisco, California
Prill, David - Resurrection Lutheran Ministries, Brentwood, California
Renteria, Félix (CHS) - Trinity Lutheran Church, Watsonville, California
Robinson, Eric - Redeemer Lutheran Church, Redwood City, California
Ureña, Martín (CHS) - St. Andrew’s Lutheran Church, Stockton, California
Woodward, Peter (CCMC) - St. Peter Lutheran Church, Lodi, California

**Central Illinois District**
Latzke, Jeremy - Lutheran Church of St. John, Quincy, Illinois
Serr, Kenneth - Grace Lutheran Church, Canton, Illinois

**Eastern District**
Brown, Mark - Peace Lutheran Church, Sacramento, California
Cervantes, José (CHS) - St. Paul Lutheran Church, Mountain View, California
Ng, Christopher - Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit, San Francisco, California
Prill, David - Resurrection Lutheran Ministries, Brentwood, California
Renteria, Félix (CHS) - Trinity Lutheran Church, Watsonville, California
Robinson, Eric - Redeemer Lutheran Church, Redwood City, California
Ureña, Martín (CHS) - St. Andrew’s Lutheran Church, Stockton, California
Woodward, Peter (CCMC) - St. Peter Lutheran Church, Lodi, California

**English District**
Baggor, Elamin (EIIT) - Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, Lansing, Michigan
Brown, Michael - Redeemer Lutheran Church, Lincoln, Nebraska
Robb, Joseph - First Lutheran Church, El Cajon, California

**Florida-Georgia District**
Davis, Jeremy - Arms of Grace Lutheran Church, Lincoln, Nebraska

**Indiana District**
Gilbert, Jacob - Carmel Lutheran Church, Carmel, Indiana

**Iowa East District**
Fay, Karl - Trinity Lutheran Church, Davenport, Iowa
Hartwig, Brent - Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, City, Iowa
Pool, Daniel - St. John Lutheran Church, Clinton, Iowa

**Iowa West District**
Durand, Edward - Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Fort Dodge, Iowa
Fernandez, James - St. Paul Lutheran Church, Ankeny, Iowa
Jurchen, Peter - Hope Lutheran Church, Des Moines, Iowa
Robarge, Philip - Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Urbandale, Iowa

**Kansas District**
Brown, Luther - St. John Lutheran Church, Aliceville, Kansas
Rikli, Richard - Immanuel Lutheran Church, Linn, Kansas

**Michigan District**
Adams, Curtis - St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, Coldwater, Michigan
Arendell, Mark - Calvary Lutheran Church, Lincoln Park, Michigan
Ketelsen, Joshua - Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Onaway, Michigan
Merrill, John - St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Walled Lake, Michigan
Moyer, Jonathan - Faith Lutheran Church, Grand Blanc, Michigan
Newberg, Steven - Lutheran Church of the Lakes, Addison, Michigan
Voltattorni, Anthony - Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Standish, Michigan
Winningham, Ryan - Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Holland, Michigan
Wuggazer, Mark - Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, Birmingham, Michigan

**Mid-South District**
Easterling, John - Redeemer Lutheran Church, Mountain Home, Arkansas
Peeples, Matthew - Lake Pointe Lutheran Church, Hot Springs, Arkansas
Schneider, Steven (DELTO) - Grace Celebration Lutheran Church, Cordova, Tennessee

**Seminarian Jacob Sletten, together with his mother, Lenora, read over his call assignment to Christ Lutheran Church, Rancho Palos Verdes, California.**
Minnesota North District
Benson, Thayer - Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Moorhead, Minnesota
Drevlow, Ryan - Grace Lutheran Church, Breckenridge, Minnesota
Groleau, James - St. Paul Lutheran Church, Hinckley, Minnesota
Mann, Kevin - St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Melrose, Minnesota
Yearyean, Anthony Paul - Trinity Lutheran Church, Deer Creek, Minnesota

Minnesota South District
Diedrick, Theodore - Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Circle Pines, Minnesota
Erbel, David - St. Peter Lutheran Church, Lester Prairie, Minnesota
Keinath, Daniel - South Shore Trinity Lutheran Church, White Bear Lake, Minnesota
Larson, David - Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Waconia, Minnesota
Lorfeld, Matthew - Messiah Lutheran Church, La Crescent, Minnesota
Middaugh, Michael - Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota
Ruey, James (EIIT) - Sudanese Evangelical Lutheran Mission, Mankato, Minnesota

Missouri District
Bayer, Timothy - Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church, St. Louis, Missouri
Boothby, Michael - Holy Cross/St. John's Lutheran Churches, Cole Camp, Missouri
Butcher, John - Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Centralia, Missouri
Canaday, Matthew - River of Life Lutheran Church, Rogersville, Missouri
Gimbel, Andrew - Holy Cross Lutheran Church, O'Fallon, Missouri
Goucher, Mark - Bethlehem Lutheran Church, New Haven, Missouri
Hays, Jerry - Concordia Lutheran Church, Kirkwood, Missouri

Nebraska District
Albertson, Thomas - Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church, McCook, Nebraska
Earl, Brian - Centennial Lutheran Church, Superior, Nebraska
Mattfeld, William (DELTO) - Immanuel/Trinity Lutheran Churches, Schuyler, Nebraska
Mertens, Melvin - St. John's Lutheran Church, Wilcox, Nebraska
Oetting, Larry (DELTO) - Word of Life Lutheran Church, Lincoln, Nebraska
Safarik, Andrew (DELTO) - Swede Valley Lutheran Church, Ashby, Nebraska
Schneider, Matthew L. - Pacific Hills Lutheran Church, Omaha, Nebraska
Smith, Elmer (DELTO) - Immanuel Lutheran Church, Sterling, Nebraska

New England District
Cundiff, Joel - Immanuel Lutheran Church and School, Danbury, Connecticut
Hallenbeck, Dana (DELTO) - Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Manchester, Connecticut
Lanphar, Ralph (DELTO) - Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Springfield, Massachusetts

North Wisconsin District
Hutton, Aaron - Alleluia Lutheran Church, Wrightstown, Wisconsin
DeCoste, Curtis - Christ of the Bay Lutheran Church, Green Bay, Wisconsin

Seminarian David, Stasia, and baby Myles Zemke anticipate receiving a call assignment prior to the April 22 worship service.

Dr. Dale Meyer congratulates Adam Filipcek on his call to Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Hicksville, New York.
Tonn, Paul - St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin

**Northern Illinois District**
Schermbeck, Andrew - St. Paul Lutheran Church, Chicago, Illinois
Schutt, Timothy - St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Union, Illinois
Serbus, Rodney - Trinity Lutheran Church, Herscher, Illinois
Winkelmann, Mark - St. Peter Lutheran Church, Morrison, Illinois

**Northwest District**
Dockery, Richard - St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Oakridge, Oregon
Farhat, Andrew - St. Paul Lutheran Church and School, Roseburg, Oregon
Lovejoy, Patrick - St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Port Angeles, Washington
Syth, Gary - Faith Lutheran Church, Homer, Alaska
Zemke, David - Immanuel Lutheran Church, Portland, Oregon

**Ohio District**
Hoffman, Robert - Valley Lutheran Church, Chagrin Falls, Ohio
Riley, Jimmy (DETO) - Zion Lutheran Church, Painesville, Ohio
Welsh, Kenneth (DETO) - St. Mark Lutheran Church, Chesterland, Ohio

**Oklahoma District**
Hintz, Gregory - Immanuel Lutheran Church, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma
TIEWS, Christian - Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma

**Pacific Southwest District**
Arroyo, Edgar (CCMC) - Trinity Cristo Rey Lutheran Church, Santa Ana, California
Baumgartner, James - Faith Community Lutheran Church, Las Vegas, Nevada
Benson, Steven - St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Pacific Beach, California
Burke, Jonathan - Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, El Centro, California
Harnack, Michael - First Lutheran Church, Burbank, California
Sletten, Jacob - Christ Lutheran Church, Rancho Palos Verdes, California

**Rocky Mountain District**
Busch, Andy - Immanuel Lutheran Church, Loveland, Colorado
Geminn, Scott - Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Glenwood Springs, Colorado

**South Dakota District**
Garland, Curtis - First Evangelical/Emmanuel Lutheran Churches, Wall/Creighton, South Dakota
Lehr, Gregory - Zion Lutheran Church, Sioux Falls, South Dakota

**South Wisconsin District**
Engelhardt, Marc - Brookfield Lutheran Church, Brookfield, Wisconsin
Kolonich, Eric - Redeemer Lutheran Church, Manitowoc, Wisconsin

**Southeastern District**
Carter, Robert - Redeemer Lutheran Church, Fredericksburg, Virginia
Ruffatto, Frank - Point of Grace Lutheran Church, Cornelius, North Carolina
Voss, David - Nazareth Lutheran Church, Hopewell, Virginia

**Southern District**
Brynestad, Christopher - St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Decatur, Alabama
Lackey, Travis (DETO) - First & Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Birmingham, Alabama
Rosser, Edward (DETO) - Solid Rock Lutheran Church, Argo, Alabama
Snyder, William (DETO) - Grace Lutheran Church, Pensacola, Florida
Vogt, William (DETO) - Prince of Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church, Pineville, Louisiana

**Southern Illinois District**
Busacker, Scott - Trinity Lutheran Church, Harvel, Illinois
Eichhorn, Arthur - St. Salvator/St. Peter, Venedy/New Memphis, Illinois

**Texas District**
Dorsey, Curtis - Our Savior Lutheran Church, Sulphur Springs, Texas
Duerr, Timothy - St. Mark Lutheran Church, Houston, Texas
Kalbas, Aaron - Epiphany Lutheran Church, Pearland, Texas
McQuiggin, Brian - Immanuel Lutheran Church, Clifton, Texas
Strimple, Russell - Trinity Lutheran Church, Corpus Christi, Texas

**Calls Pending**
Krueger, Eugene (DETO)
Ferrero, Salvador (CCMC)
Rumengan, Ery (CCMC)

**Deaconess Assignments**

**Iowa East District**
Carriker, Angela - St. Paul's Lutheran Chapel and University Center, Iowa City, Iowa

**Nebraska District**
Koenig, Jessica - Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Fremont, Nebraska

**Northern Illinois District**
Serbus, Phaedra - Trinity Lutheran Church, Herscher, Illinois

**Southern District**
Alemu, Meseret - Trinity Lutheran Church, Mobile, Alabama

**Assignments Pending**
Brandt, Carla
Stancliff, Jane
Starr, Kim

CHS: Center for Hispanic Studies
CCMC: Cross-Cultural Ministry Center
DETO: Distance Education Leading To Ordination
EIIT: Ethnic Immigrant Institute of Theology
105 Receive Vicarage/Deaconess Internship Assignments

In a worship service held in The Chapel of St. Timothy and St. Titus at 3:00 p.m. on April 22, 98 men received their vicarage assignments, and 7 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**
Gonzalez, Matthew - Trinity Lutheran Church, The Bronx, New York

**California-Nevada-Hawaii District**
Felcher, Lonnie - Vineyard of Faith Lutheran Church, Windsor, California
Hoffman, Charles - Mount Olive Lutheran Church, Milpitas, California
Nava, Jaime - Light of the Hills Lutheran Church, Cameron Park, California
Oetting, Jonathan - Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Hayward, California
Ross, Daniel - Lutheran Church of Arcata, Arcata, California

**Central Illinois District**
Buescher, Jonathan - St. Paul Lutheran Church, Decatur, Illinois
Gibbs, Karl - Salem Lutheran Church, Salem, Illinois
Jensen, William - CID/Wittenburg Lutheran Center, Springfield/Normal, Illinois

**English District**
Hodges, Jonathan - Faith Lutheran Church, Naples, Florida
Kasperson, Nicholas - Christ the Shepherd Lutheran Church, Alpharetta, Georgia
Squire, Mark - Chapel of the Cross Lutheran Church, St. Peters, Missouri
Zank, Steven - First Lutheran Church, El Cajon, California

**Florida-Georgia District**
Adrian, Mark - Mount Calvary Lutheran Church, Warner Robins, Georgia
Barkett, Timothy - Our Savior Lutheran Church, St. Petersburg, Florida
Beck, Dustin - St. Paul Lutheran Church, Boca Raton, Florida
Brown, Joshua - First Lutheran Church, Gainesville, Florida
Kern, Jonathan - Grace Lutheran Church, Winter Haven, Florida

**Indiana District**
Barnett, Shawn - Faith Lutheran Church, Bloomington, Indiana
Luna, Juan Diego (CHS) - St. Paul Lutheran Church, Columbus, Indiana

**Iowa West District**
Cundiff, Quintin - Trinity Lutheran Church, Des Moines, Iowa
Kaiser, Seth - Trinity Lutheran Church, Glenwood, Iowa

**Kansas District**
Eberlein, Scott - Trinity Lutheran Church, Mission, Kansas
Sponaugle, Justin - Ascension Lutheran Church, Wichita, Kansas

**Michigan District**
Adams, Caleb - St. Lorenz Lutheran Church, Frankenmuth, Michigan
Lieber, Todd - St. Paul Lutheran Church, Royal Oak, Michigan
Liermann, Brian - Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Saginaw, Michigan
Lutz, Elliott - Messiah Lutheran Church, Clio, Michigan

**Mid-South District**
Allstaedt, Jacob - Cross of Christ Lutheran Church, Chattanooga, Tennessee
Croom, Michael - Faith Lutheran Church, Tullahoma, Tennessee
Suelze, Daniel - Christ Lutheran Church, Little Rock, Arkansas

**Minnesota North District**
Breitbarth, Marcus - Bethlehem/Bethlehem Lutheran Churches, Baudette/Warroad, Minnesota
Dubke, Dallas - Trinity Lutheran Church, Bemidji, Minnesota

Daniel and Mary Suelze look over his vicarage assignment and her deaconess internship assignment to Christ Lutheran Church, Little Rock, Arkansas.
Minnesota South District
Flick, Seth - Trinity Lutheran Church, Rochester, Minnesota
Koschmann, Mark - Woodbury Lutheran Church, Woodbury, Minnesota
Krueger, Brian - Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Austin, Minnesota
Vogel, Benjamin - Peace Lutheran Church, Hutchison, Minnesota

Missouri District
Anderson, Mark - Lutheran Senior Services, Webster Groves, Missouri
Athey, James - Lutheran Senior Services, Webster Groves, Missouri
Fittje, Kyle - Immanuel Lutheran Church, Lockwood, Missouri
Hemler, Jonathan - Lutheran Senior Services, Webster Groves, Missouri
Hile, John - Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer, Overland, Missouri
Hopkins, Theodore - Immanuel Lutheran Church, Washington, Missouri
Kaelberer, Erich - Our Savior Lutheran Church, St. Charles, Missouri
Matz, Brett - Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Bridgeton, Missouri
Mizel, Christopher - Trinity Lutheran Church, Troy, Missouri
Ondracka, William - Immanuel Lutheran Church, St. Charles, Missouri
Schmidt, Erik - Salem Lutheran Church, Affton, Missouri

Schwan, Kyle - Blessed Savior Lutheran Church, Florissant, Missouri
Wagner, Aaron - Zion Lutheran Church, Palmyra, Missouri

Nebraska District
Boggs, Chad - Zion and Grace Lutheran Churches, Crookston and Merriman, Nebraska
Bur, Peter (EIIT) - Sudanese Evangelical In Mission, Omaha, Nebraska
Feldmann, Michael - Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Gretna, Nebraska
Fick, David - 1C, Mission, Columbus, Nebraska
Leigeber, Joshua - Trinity Lutheran Church, Grand Island, Nebraska
Makelin, Terry - St. Paul Lutheran Church, Chambers, Nebraska
Scherbarth, Chet - Immanuel Lutheran Church, Osmond, Nebraska

New England District
Hutchison, Eric - St. Paul's Lutheran Church, New Hartford, Connecticut
Sahlberg, Eric - Mount Calvary Lutheran Church, Acton, Massachusetts

North Dakota District
Jones, Richard - Our Savior Lutheran Church, Minot, North Dakota

North Wisconsin District
Ripke, Jonathan - Pilgrim Lutheran Church, Green Bay, Wisconsin
Tessone, Andrew - Bethany Lutheran Church, Kaukauna, Wisconsin

Northern Illinois District
Albers, Grayson - Christ the Rock Lutheran Church, Rockford, Illinois
DeArmond, Zachary - St. James Lutheran Church, Chicago, Illinois
Grannis, Michael - St. John's/Winnebago Mission, Pecatonica/Winnebago, Illinois
Peterson, Matthew - St. Peter Lutheran Church, Schaumburg, Illinois

Northwest District
Mantey, Matthew - Resurrection Lutheran Church, Des Moines, Washington
Neider, Shawn - Our Savior Lutheran Church/CROSSings Ministries, Tonasket, Washington
Richard, Donald - St. Paul Lutheran Church, Sherwood, Oregon
Steckel, Michael - Faith Lutheran Church, Juneau, Alaska

Oklahoma District
Antor, Donald - Redeemer Lutheran Church, Bartlesville, Oklahoma
Eldridge, Christopher - Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Edmond, Oklahoma

Seminarian Peter Bur, second from left, a student in the Ethnic Immigrant Institute of Theology, received a vicarage assignment to Sudanese Evangelical In Mission, Omaha, Nebraska. Pictured with him is his wife, Marka Guch, and two members of his congregation, Kuang Machar and Tor Minyijuik, far right.
Pacific Southwest District
Hagerman, Nicholas - Apostles Lutheran Church, Peoria, Arizona
Rooney, Patrick – Christ's Greenfield Lutheran Church, Gilbert, Arizona
Ruiz, Francisco (CHS) - Light of Life Lutheran Church, Indio, California

Rocky Mountain District
Bell, Justin - Peace Lutheran Church, Arvada, Colorado
Matyas, Dennis - Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Lakewood, Colorado

SELC District
Seifert, Joseph - St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Oviedo, Florida

South Wisconsin District
Neider, Erik - Grace Lutheran Church, Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin

Southeastern District
Doenmuhele, Robert - Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Statesville, North Carolina
Keinath, Joshua - Redeemer Lutheran Church, Fredericksburg, Virginia
Korte, Seth - First Lutheran Church, Huntingtown, Maryland
Mullen, Nicholas - Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Clayton, North Carolina
Wood, Matthew - Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Roanoke, Virginia

Southern District
Boldt, Louis - St. Paul Lutheran Church, Hammond, Louisiana
Errer, Joshua - Immanuel Lutheran Church, Bossier City, Louisiana
Meissner, Duane - Trinity Lutheran Church, Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Southern Illinois District
Beltz, Samuel - Zion Lutheran Church, Staunton, Illinois
Evans, Derek - Signal Hill Lutheran Church, Belleville, Illinois
Hayes, Joshua - Our Savior Lutheran Church, Carbondale, Illinois
Kootz, Dennis - Emmaus Lutheran Church, Dorsey, Illinois
Nies, Jared - Zion Lutheran Church, Litchfield, Illinois

Texas District
Escher, Christopher - St. Paul Lutheran Church, McAllen, Texas
McCoy, Sean - Fishers of Men Lutheran Church, Sugar Land, Texas
Nieves, Albert Yamil (CHS) - LINC - Houston, Houston, Texas
Rodriguez, Nelson (CHS) - LINC - Houston, Houston, Texas
Stinette, Eric - Redeemer Lutheran Church, Cisco, Texas
Wood, Mark - Crown of Life Lutheran Church, Colleyville, Texas

Assignment Pending
Ritter, Timothy

Deaconess Internship Assignments

Mid-South District
Suelze, Mary - Christ Lutheran Church, Little Rock, Arkansas

Missouri District
Hirsch, Juliana - Lutheran Senior Services, Webster Groves, Missouri (summer)
Meggers, Kristina - Salem Lutheran Church, Affton, Missouri

South Wisconsin District
Gibson, Dawn - A Place of Refuge Ministries, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Texas District
Casillas, Marisela (CHS) - LINC - Texas, Houston, Texas
Forseth, Ashley - LINC-North Texas, Dallas, Texas
Gaytan, Lorena Senaida (CHS) - LINC - Texas, Houston, Texas
Gil de Rodriguez, Perla (CHS) - LINC - Texas, Houston, Texas

Assignments Pending
Hirsch, Juliana
Willman, Katie

CHS: Center for Hispanic Studies
EIIT: Ethnic Immigrant Institute of Theology

Zachary DeArmond shares excitement of his vicarage assignment to St. James Lutheran Church, Chicago, with his parents, Heidi and Mitchell DeArmond.
The Mission of Concordia Seminary

Concordia Seminary serves Church and world by providing theological education and leadership centered in the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ for the formation of pastors, missionaries and leaders in the name of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

• Coming Events •

July 27-29 . . . . . . . . . . “Faith and Creative Writing” Workshop
August 3-5 . . . . . . . . . . “Teaching the Faith” Workshop
August 22 . . . . . . . . . . Summer Lay Bible Institute
September 6 . . . . . . . . . . Opening Service
September 21 . . . . . . . . . . Day of Exegetical Reflection
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