“Even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.”
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Each year on Oct. 31 the Lutheran Church commemorates the Reformation. On that day in 1517, a German monk and professor named Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses to the doors of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany. Luther was looking for a scholarly debate, but what he initiated went far beyond the academy as the Reformation challenged emperors and popes, princes and peasants to reconsider fundamental religious questions.

As a theologian, pastor and educator, Luther made history. He was a great man of faith, boldly defending his beliefs. His impact on the history of the Christian church—as well as on Western civilization—is unmatched. But are these the only reasons why we remember Luther? The events of his life and career are matters of history, but historical theology also reminds us that what is more important than the person of Luther is the Gospel message he proclaimed.

By posting his 95 Theses, Luther was calling attention to abuses and doctrinal errors in the Roman Catholic church. But at the same time, he was returning to the Scriptures as the basis for all Christian teaching. Luther’s view of the problems in the church and his understanding of the teachings of the Bible grew out of his attempt to know God and His grace.

Luther’s breakthrough came in hearing and believing that Jesus Christ is God’s answer for our sin.

What Kind of God Do We Have and How Does He Deal with Us?

Luther had become a monk with the hope of leading a God-pleasing life and ensuring his own salvation. But the more he tried, the more he realized that he could not keep God’s Law. In fact, he could do nothing to make himself worthy of God’s love. Luther’s inability to fulfill God’s righteous demands drove him to despair.

The church in Wittenberg had an old cemetery. Above the entrance was a stone carving of Christ sitting on the Judgment Seat. From one side of Christ’s mouth came a beautiful lily, symbolizing life and salvation; from the other side extended a sword, signifying death and condemnation for sin. This was a typical portrayal of Christ in Luther’s day, yet for him it was an object of fear. Fully aware of his sinfulness, Luther dreaded this image because he was convinced that when he stood before Christ on the Last Day, he would receive the sword of eternal punishment. In great anguish Luther struggled to find assurance that God would love him and be merciful to him.

In God’s Word, Luther searched for answers. While seeking to understand the concept of the “righteousness of God” in Romans (1:17), he found comfort in these words from 3:22–24: “This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by His grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.” Later in life, Luther reported that when he read and finally grasped the meaning of the “righteousness of God” he felt he was “altogether born again and had entered paradise itself through open gates.”

Luther’s breakthrough came in hearing and believing that Jesus Christ is God’s answer for our sin. Luther understood that yes, there is judgment for sin, but that judgment took place at the cross—the Last Day Judgment ahead of time. Christ Himself bore sin’s punishment for us—in our place—dying sin’s death that we may have salvation and eternal life. For believers in Christ, there is no impending punishment for sin at the end of history, because sin was crucified and buried with Christ, the Lord of history.

Lessons of God’s History

Luther began the Reformation long ago in a faraway place. He proclaimed the Gospel to peasants in the German language. But does the message translate to our own situation today? Times have changed. The world is a different place. Yet questions such as “What kind of God do we have and how does He deal with us?” are common to people of every time and place. The message of Luther’s Reformation still clearly proclaims to our broken, disillusioned world that God in His mercy is found in Jesus Christ, broken on the cross. He alone brings healing, hope and new life to our world of sin and despair.

Luther knew and proclaimed God’s history of love and faithfulness. Yet the Gospel is not a past-tense event of history. It is the same saving word of forgiveness to us today. It is a life-giving message not merely for Luther’s century, but for our own; not simply for commemorative anniversaries, but for every day of our lives.

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The Second Commandment: You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear; use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.

The Second Commandment draws our attention to a rather personal attribute of God, His name. The very fact that the name of God is not to be misrepresented demonstrates that God is a personal God and does in fact have a name. As we begin our consideration of the Second Commandment in this installment of the “Compassion and Catechesis,” an important question is brought to mind: “What is God’s name?”

There are numerous ways that we could answer the question of what God’s name is. The answer that is given by God to Moses at the burning bush is “I Am.” We may also think of God’s name in terms of the Second Person of the Holy Trinity, Jesus the Christ. Isaiah offers us the familiar list of names we hear often at Christmas—Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace. Each of these names and many others are names for God. The Second Commandment therefore applies to all of them.

Very often, it seems that our focus when discussing the Second Commandment is what we are not to do with God’s name. Certainly, it is important for us to be aware of how God’s name is misused and avoid that misuse in our lives. We dare not profane God’s name, use it to support lies or use it in any careless way. God’s name is holy for God Himself is holy and therefore it must be treated with proper reverence and respect. While this aspect of the Second Commandment is extremely important, there is another aspect of the Second Commandment that is of great comfort and assurance to us.

The Second Commandment forbids the misuse of God’s name but it most certainly does not forbid the use of God’s name. In fact, God desires that we make use of His name. As Luther describes in the later portion of the explanation to the Second Commandment, we are invited to “call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.” God, our Heavenly Father, blesses us with the great gift of being able to call upon Him by name.

God’s presence is a tremendous source of comfort to His people at all times but especially in times of trial and tribulation. God has granted the gift of His name being placed upon us in Holy Baptism, thus marking us as His redeemed children. Each day of our lives as Christians, we live in our baptism with the name of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit upon us. No matter where we find ourselves, no matter the difficulties that we face, no matter the setting, we belong to God as those redeemed by Christ the Crucified. As such, in all places and at all times we are enabled by God’s grace to call upon Him.

Within the context of the Divine Service as the liturgy is prayed, the hymns are sung, the Word is proclaimed and the Sacraments are administered, it may seem easy to call upon God’s name in prayer and in praise. Because God has invited us to call upon Him, it can be just as easy for us in the midst of the most difficult and dark times in our lives. We may not know the words to say or exactly how to call upon God in those times. Nevertheless, we can be assured that He is there and hears us as we call upon Him. As we call upon His name, He hears the voices of His children and He answers with grace and mercy.

As you read this issue of The Servant, you may well be contemplating your future vocation. As you contemplate your vocational calling, perhaps you find yourself with many questions, many difficult decisions to make, and unsure of where to turn for answers. The Second Commandment offers the assurance that the very same God who has purchased and won you as His own child has a personal name and He desires you to use His name to call upon Him. Do not misuse the name of God but by all means use it and receive all of the blessings that He gives to you as His gifts.

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Luther on Ministry

"Christ Sole Head in the Church"

I am a Doctor of Holy Scripture, more learned than the pope, and I am preacher here at Wittenberg. But if I were to speak sacrilege and say: I am the head of the church at Wittenberg, the devil take such presumption. In my home I have the right to be the head of my wife, children, and servants. But over the church or the communion of God Christ alone is to be Head, and no creature whatsoever. A bishop, pastor, or preacher should not be called the head of the church but a minister and steward, as St. Paul says: “Let a man so account of us as of the ministers of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God” (1 Corinthians 4:1). St. Peter calls himself a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ and says: The elders should feed the flock of Christ and not lord it over the people (1 Peter 5:1-3).

What Luther Says: A Practical In-Home Anthology for the Active Christian, compiled by Ewald M. Plass, pp. 930, © copyright 1959 by Concordia Publishing House.

 Thy Strong Word

“From the cross Thy Wisdom shining, breaketh forth in conquering might. From the cross forever beameth, all Thy bright redeeming light.” That is the fourth stanza of the ageless hymn “Thy Strong Word.” It is certain and true that this cross’s wisdom shines forth from the Word and the Word alone. This January, high school men from all over the nation will gather together to study and learn more about God’s strong Word during “Taste of the Sem.” Students will have the opportunity to study the Word in its original languages assisted by one of Concordia Seminary’s faculty. After the first session introduces exegetical theology, the students will learn what it means to proclaim God’s Word in its truth and purity, and how Law and Gospel have proper distinction in the course of a sermon.

The goal of “Taste of the Sem” is not only to show students how Concordia Seminary forms men for service in Christ’s church, but also to equip them to dig deep into God’s Word, and communicate it effectively in their everyday lives. High school students are encouraged to attend “Taste of the Sem” to engage in sound theological study and have opportunities for fellowship. For information on “Taste of the Sem,” call Kyle Castens at 314-505-7224, or e-mail castensk@csl.edu. Register online at www.csl.edu. Go to “Admissions,” then “High School Youth Events.”

AC IX Concerning Baptism

Concerning baptism it is taught that it is necessary, that grace is offered through it, and that one should also baptize children, who through such baptism are entrusted to God and become pleasing to him.

Rejected, therefore, are the Anabaptists who teach that the baptism of children is not right.

Future Shepherd of God’s Flock

Campus Life

Where did you live prior to moving to St. Louis?
I lived in Aurora, Ill. – just outside of Chicago.

From where did you get your bachelor’s degree? What was your major?
For my undergraduate degree I attended Concordia University Wisconsin (CUW). I received a double major in Lay Ministry and Theology.

How were you active in the church prior to coming to the Seminary? How did this activity influence your decision to apply to the Seminary?
Before the Seminary, I was always involved in working with youth. I led Bible studies for several years throughout high school. During college I served on campus and off campus. I became involved with the Campus Ministry Leadership Team at CUW. Off campus I did more youth ministry and retreats at a local church in West Bend, Wis. It was because of the people of that church that I was able to go to India on a mission trip.

What should a single student bring along for dorm life?
One of the most important things to bring to the Seminary is whatever you use for your hobbies. If you play golf, bring the clubs. If you like to throw the baseball around, bring the glove. It’s always nice to be able to get away from studies for a while and do something that you enjoy.

What is the social life like for a single student at the Seminary?
I enjoy the social life around campus. After being here for almost a year now, I can see that there is more to the relationship between student and professor than just academia. Many professors are very engaged in the lives of the students and really help to create an even greater sense of community around campus.

The single guys all have a special bond that is evident fairly quickly. The guys in the dorms go out to Ted Drewes for ice cream and play sports together. One of my favorite things to do is get together in the lounge and watch a game.

Social life off campus is great as well. I would strongly encourage anyone coming to the Seminary who needs a job to look at working off campus. I worked at a local Starbucks last year and met some awesome people. Or if you can’t work, your field work church is another great place to get involved. On-campus jobs are also available.

Who were some of the main influences in your decision to aspire to the Holy Ministry?
It would be wrong of me to mention anyone else before mentioning my parents. My mom and dad have been praying for me and my future since before I was born. Seeing them in ministry together was a great thing for me to witness as I grew up. They are awesome leaders and great sources of wisdom.

Other mentors have also been influential in my life, namely Alan LuLL and Norm Finster in West Bend, Wis. Alan was my youth director for my first few years of high school, and Norm mentored me throughout college. They have taught me to love the Word above everything else and to wrestle with it, absorb it, learn from it and apply it. Without them, I wouldn’t be who I am or where I am today.

Finally, it is because of a close friend who shared a Bible verse with me one day that I am here at the Seminary. God chose to work through that passage to get me to start considering what it would look like for me to be a pastor. And that is why I am here today.

What were some of the helpful insights you gained from these people of influence?
There was one thing constantly expressed to me by each of them—love God’s Word and read it all the time. Each one of these people has shown me the importance of being in the Word and being quiet with our Father. There is no limit to this insight because it keeps bringing you back to the source of truth and wisdom—Scripture.

What do you enjoy most about being a student at Concordia Seminary?
I am constantly looking to learn. Whether it is something from a book I am reading, a class that I am taking, a conversation with a professor, or a situation that I can observe at work, I always try to learn.

How do single seminarians meet women?
The best way to meet women is to expand your
network of people outside the campus. Get to know people at your field work church. Get a job off campus. Play sports or go for walks in Forest Park.

Where are some places to go on dates?
St. Louis provides so many different opportunities. A walk in Forest Park; dinner at the Old Spaghetti Factory on the Landing; eat at a restaurant in Clayton; play Frisbee golf or see a baseball game. The Botanical Gardens are beautiful. No matter how little money you have to spend, there is always something to do.

How are you making ends meet? How have the Food Bank and Re-Sell It Shop helped?
I work as much as I can. Between an on-campus job and the café I keep afloat. The Food Bank has been a life saver. All the money that I would have spent on food I was able to save by going to the Food Bank. Any time I need a suit or some furniture for my room I can go to the Re-Sell It Shop and get whatever I need at a very inexpensive price.

What do you do to keep in good health?
I love to play sports. Whether it is getting together to play basketball or playing intramurals throughout the year, it always seems like I am staying healthy with some kind of activity.

Outside of the Seminary, and in your free time, what are some things you have enjoyed about living in St. Louis?
I am a huge baseball fan, so it is awesome to be able to go to Cardinals games and spend the day at the ballpark. This is a great baseball town. I also love music, and there are plenty of places in the loop or downtown that have live music at night. I play some golf here as well. One of the best things about St. Louis is that it is a big city, but it is very accessible. It is never difficult to get anywhere around town.

Christ Life
How does a seminarian continue to grow in Christ amidst the rigors of Seminary study?
How does the study itself contribute toward this growth?
In order for anyone to continue to grow in Christ he or she must be grounded in the Word daily. It is also important to surround oneself with good people both here at the Seminary and off campus to talk with about life, spiritual things, etc. Finally, I think that in order to grow in Christ, a student should always keep in mind why he or she is here. We are here for people, that they might be strengthened in their faith or introduced to faith in Christ. There is no doubt that studies help you grow in your knowledge of Scripture and God. The thing to be careful with, though, is that it is a temptation to make God into something academic. If you can find a way to practically integrate the things you learn in your studies in your life or in conversations or situations around you, then that can help guard against God becoming too much of a “head thing” and not enough of a “heart thing.” Field work, modules, jobs, neighbors and other relationships are great places to put those things into practice.

What are some ways you keep accountable to a consistent devotional life?
I have accountability partners set up around me to ask me how my devotional studies are going and to tell me what they have been reading. I also have some mentors that I communicate with to ask them what they are reading, what is on their hearts, and I ask them to pray for me. I try to set aside time for reading, praying and some occasional journaling.

What opportunities are present on campus to be fed by the Lord’s Word and Sacrament?
Daily chapel allows for opportunities to hear the Word and every Wednesday there is communion. Also, there are Bible study groups. I really encourage guys to get together to discuss life, pray and dig into the Word. This allows for the formation of friendships, accountability to the Word and prayer, and for wrestling with Scripture in a way that you can’t do by yourself or in a larger setting.

How does the Seminary stress the importance of being in the Word?
I think I can sum this up with something that Dr. Louis Bright said in Greek Readings class. “Men, there is nothing more important than loving the Word of God and applying it to your lives.” He went on to tell us how he spends all morning (from breakfast to lunch) studying God’s Word. He, and the whole Seminary community I’m sure, would stress having a hunger for the Word. (Continued on page 8.)
How does the fact that Concordia Seminary is a Christ-centered campus affect what you see happening on campus?

I think it brings unity to the campus. We have a certain level of commitment to each other that is shown throughout the campus. Students support each other whether it is helping through tutoring or good sportsmanship seen on the intramurals field.

How has the knowledge of Greek and Hebrew affected your study of God's Word?

Seeing the original languages has caused me to have an even higher respect for what I am studying. It makes me hungry to learn more. In personal devotions I'll come across something that catches my interest, and I want to see what it says in the original language. I still have much to learn, but I am interested to see how they work in the exegetical classes that I will begin this fall.

How do you see Christ in the classroom?

It would be easy for me to say that I see Him in our discussions and lectures and studies. More than that, I see Christ in my purpose for being in the classroom. My purpose is to learn and observe and ask questions so I can go and teach, lead and serve in advancing the kingdom of God. I see Christ in those people with whom I will be serving right alongside. I think Paul in Colossians does a good job of putting this into perspective when he refers to “Christ, who is your life.” In other words, Christ is in my studying, Christ is in my purpose for studying, Christ is in the people who I am serving alongside of now and Christ is in the people and places I will be serving years from now.

David Ficken is a second-year seminarian at Concordia Seminary.

Prospective Seminary Student Referral Form

I would like to share with you the name of a person who I feel would be a good candidate for ministerial formation at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis.

Name ___________________________________________ Approximate Age _______________
Phone Number (______)_________________________________ Marital Status _____________
Address __________________________________________ State __________________Zip_________
Church Membership _______________________________________________________________________
(congregation) (city) (state)

_____ I have discussed with him the possibility of studying to be a pastor, and he is interested.
_____ I have discussed with her the possibility of studying to be a deaconess, and she is interested.
_____ I have not discussed this possibility with him, but I feel that he has been blessed with the necessary gifts to serve as a pastor.

My relationship to this person is _______________________________________________________
My name and address (optional) _______________________________________________________

Please mail to Concordia Seminary, Office of Admission, 801 Seminary Place, St. Louis, MO 63105.
It's November already, how can that be? Wasn't it just yesterday that the days were so hot and humid? Well, it is November and November is a great time to be thinking about what needs to be done to apply to Concordia Seminary. Whether it is the master of divinity program, the deaconess program or the certificate program, the application process is essentially the same.

First of all, spend time praying about how to best answer God's call to serve. Next, check out the Seminary Web site (www.csl.edu) to find helpful information online. The admissions office looks at the process from the applicant's point of view and answers some of the common questions a person might have. Various application forms are available for easy access to what is needed.

Early is always better. If you are thinking of becoming a student in the summer or fall of 2009, submit an application now. Once an application is received, the admissions office will make contact with your home pastor and district, making them aware of your application. If you are attending a synodical university, the admissions office will also make contact with its president's office. It is important to note that, while the admissions office makes contact with these various people, it is your responsibility to follow through and make sure that the various letters of recommendation make their way to the Seminary. In fact, Thanksgiving and Christmas breaks are a very opportune time to check in with your home district and get that interview done.

Taking the GRE is a requirement and the scores are good for five years. If you have not taken that already, now is a good time.

What about those entry-level competence exams? November is a good time to take those—or at least a good time to prepare for the exams. Study guides in New Testament and Christian Doctrine are available on the Seminary Web site. Have transcripts sent to the admissions office—even if you have not graduated yet. A final transcript will come after you graduate.

This all sounds like quite a bit to do when it seems like there is so much time. But the days and months pass very quickly. If you can get most of these requirements out of the way early on, you'll feel more relaxed and can focus on the details of actually finishing up your senior year, or selling a house and packing, etc.

Mark March 31, 2009, on the calendar because that is the deadline for completed applications. You can do it!

If you are thinking of becoming a student in the summer or fall of 2009, submit an application now.

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Where Am I in the Admissions Process?

Walk with Walther
Fifth Evening Lecture
(October 11, 1884)

Here is where most preachers make their mistake. They are afraid that by preaching the Gospel too clearly they will be the fault if people lapse into sin. They imagine that the Gospel is food for the carnal-minded. True, to many the Gospel becomes a savor of death unto death, but that is not the fault of the Gospel. That happens only because men do not accept, do not believe, the Gospel. Faith is not the mere thought “I believe.” My whole heart must have become seized by the Gospel and have come to rest in it. When that happens, I am transformed and cannot but love and serve God. Most urgent admonitions must indeed be administered to men, even after they have become believers, but these admonitions must not be brought into the solemn meeting where God justifies the sinner. The Law must first discharge its function in order that those who hear it may accept the Gospel with a hungering and thirsting soul and drink their fill of it.

How often do you consciously consider that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, and that Christ lives in you? There are some profound implications that accompany this thought, as we consider how God created us to be physical, spiritual and emotional creatures, already living in eternity (from the moment of conception!), but bound to this world for the season of our lives. What does it mean to be the temple of the Holy Spirit? How do we learn to take care of ourselves so that we honor Christ with our body, mind and spirit?

We recognize that because of sin, we fail every day at doing what we ought.

St. Paul has a thing or two to say about this! (see Romans 7). Christ set a perfect example for us, but how often do we pour over Scripture to seek out how He lived in His humanity? An interesting exercise: read each gospel with eyes toward Christ’s examples and instructions on how we are to live in our human body, mind and spirit.

For example, how many of you burn the candle at both ends, hurrying about with so much to do, helping others, with no time to take care of yourself? What is often the first thing to suffer when we are running on empty? Prayer and quiet time. When you consider Christ’s example that as the Son of God even He went away by Himself for quiet and conversation (prayer) with His Father, how much more do we, as fallible human creatures, need to set ourselves apart for a time to be in conversation with God?

I challenge you to ponder how you take care of your “tem-ple.” What do you ingest from day to day, through your eyes and ears? What nourishment do you take in for your body, mind and soul? Society would have you ingest emotional, spiritual and physical “junk food,” and it can be so easy to give oneself over to the quick fix of fast food, rote prayer and mindless television. What would it take to decide day to day what you would ingest? Does it sit comfortably beside the Holy Spirit? Would Christ be surprised at what He sees in your “temple”?

As you prepare for your studies at the Seminary, I encourage you to reflect on the state of your physical, emotional and spiritual health. Ask God to show you where your challenges might be, so that He can guide you to a more healthy way of living. Avail yourself of resources to assist in this endeavor—your physician, a counselor/therapist, your pastor or a chaplain. The Seminary also has resources once you begin your studies here—the health center, campus chaplain and the Counseling Center.

Grace abounds through the salvation won by Jesus’ death on the cross and His resurrection. We are driven to the foot of the cross, as we seek His strength to live, as He would have us do.

Kathy Riesmeyer is associate director of the Counseling Center at Concordia Seminary.

Drawn to the cross, which you have blessed, With healing gifts for souls distressed, To find in you my life, my rest, Christ crucified, I come.

How well you know my grief and fears, Your grace abused, my misspent years! Yet now to you with contrite tears, Christ crucified, I come.

Wash me and take away each stain; Let nothing of my sin remain. For cleansing, though it be through pain, Christ crucified, I come.

Then all that you would have me do, Shall such glad service be for you, That angels wish to do it too. Christ crucified, I come.

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As I sit here and write these words that you will most likely see in November, I am frequently glancing out my window watching many new students navigate their way across campus. This is a great sight to see. I have always found much joy in seeing those who have desired to come here and prepare for the ministry, who have worked long hours to become ready for the Seminary, and who have filled out a fair amount of paperwork in the process to attend, finally walking the grounds of this campus.

It is this time of year that makes me focus on what we are doing here in the world of admissions. Often the perception of an admissions counselor is that he is one who needs to meet a quota, push paper, hand deliver glossy brochures and talk a fine talk of Seminary life. Well, we certainly hand out a “mean” brochure, but I thank the Lord that this office is about so much more than brochures and blue information sheets. The goal is to properly introduce these incoming students to the place that will form them for ministry.

As you read these words, these same students have begun their work of preparation. I am sure they have noticed by now that Concordia Seminary is not perfect. I am sure they have noticed that Luther Tower is not lined with gold. I am sure that they have even noticed that on some days the professors’ lectures are not as stellar as the day before. However, given all of that, I pray that they see how the Lord is at work here. I pray that they see that we were sincere when talking to them about attending Concordia Seminary. I pray that they have seen how the faculty cares for them and wants them to succeed. I pray that they have become a part of the Christ-centered community that exists around this campus.

I have discovered that the true joy of an admissions counselor is to watch a student step on this campus for the first time, talk with joy in his voice about what is going on here, come back from vicarage not able to contain what happened there, and see him graduate prepared for what the Lord has in store. I love this time of year, and I hope to see many more students come in thanking the Lord for the ministry He has given to mankind.

**Transformed**

An e-publication for high school males

The admissions office at Concordia Seminary will once again offer a special publication for high school men. This publication is called *Transformed*. *Transformed* has undergone a transformation for its new release! *Transformed* will no longer be published in print form but rather this publication will be housed on the Seminary Web site at www.csl.edu under the admissions section.

*Transformed* will include engaging theology for high school men who are considering full-time service in the church as pastors. Watch for articles on various topics as well as information specifically for young men who are trying to discern their vocational calling. *Transformed* will be published approximately three times each academic year.

To receive an e-mail notification when a new issue has been published, please send a request to admissions@csl.edu.

**From the Director of Ministerial Recruitment**

Rev. Kyle D. Castens is director of ministerial recruitment at Concordia Seminary.
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