Continuing Need with Eternal Consequences

• One-third of active LCMS pastors will reach retirement age in the next five years.
• Annually, 300 to 350 pastors leave the active clergy roster due to retirement, death, or personal reasons, while fewer than 225 new pastors are added.

Candidates Desiring to Have Eternal Impact

• On May 4, calls to serve as pastors were issued to 86 students at Concordia Seminary, and 81 students received vicarage assignments.
• Four deaconess candidates received calls.

Daunting Challenges with Eternal Implications

• The tuition and fees students pay amount to only a portion of what is needed to provide Seminary education. Direct gifts from individuals, congregations, and organizations are needed to cover more than half of the Seminary’s annual operating expenses.
• Regular worship offerings channeled through district and Synod to Concordia Seminary today provide less than two percent of the Seminary’s annual income.

Make an Eternal Difference

• Pray that God will continue to inspire men’s and women’s hearts to offer themselves for church ministry.
• Give an offering in support of our future pastors and deaconesses.
• Encourage individuals toward the pastoral or diaconal ministry and submit their names to Concordia Seminary.