In 1957 Jack Kerouac published *On the Road* (New York, Viking Press). It proved to be a definitive narrative for the so-called “Beat Generation.” If you've read it, you know that it’s a loosely woven together series of stories about Sal Paradise—no coincidence about that name—and his love for “the road.” There is little coherence to the stories, just events that seem to have no real center, only a desire to experience. And that is “the road.” The road—the journey—the experience—becomes the point of Sal’s life, becomes his paradise. But it cannot ultimately be sustained. And finally, Sal realizes it. At one point for Sal it seemed that there was no end to the road—but in the end there was no road, there was only the end.

Contrast Mark 10: “And they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them.”

If there is anything that characterizes the life and ministry of Jesus, it is purpose and direction. He knows where He is going; He knows what He must do. A key moment in the Gospel of Luke reads: “When the days drew near for Him to be taken up, He set His face to go to Jerusalem” (Luke 9:51 ESV). Jesus was on the road—to Jerusalem. And He knew what waited for Him there.

“And taking the twelve again, He began to tell them what was to happen to Him, saying, ‘See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn Him to death and deliver Him over to the Gentiles. And they will mock Him and spit on Him, and flog Him and kill Him. And after three days He will rise’” (Mark 10:32-34 ESV).

The life and ministry of Jesus was a road from a manger to a cross to an empty tomb. And knowing this Jesus still was determined to follow that path to its end. Why? Because of rebellious humankind, which, by its sin, had alienated itself from God. Because of your sin and mine. Jesus’ purpose was to restore all people to God—to return us to the Lord our God. If He did not follow that road, no one would.

The good news is, of course, that He did it. And having gone to Jerusalem, having paid for sin on the cross once for all, He rose from the dead on the third day, opening the gate to everlasting life.

But, no question about it, it was a difficult road. And those with Him knew it. Striking to me in Mark 10 are the plurals. “And they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them.” This story is not only about Jesus, it is about His followers and the road they were and are on. And that road can be challenging and, frankly, frightening. Did you catch it? “And they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid” (Mark 10:32 ESV).

They were afraid. So, too, I would venture, are many of us. Many of our deaconess students are preparing for internships and most Sem IIs are anticipating vicarage. They don’t know much about the place they are going and what the supervisor will be like. Our M.A. students are completing their course of studies and have to think about the next step of their journey.

And, of course, there are the Sem IVs, a few S.T.M. students and deaconesses who have just received their placements. What will the congregation or ministry be like? Will you succeed? Will you fail? What awaits you? After all, this is the REAL thing. If you’re like me, you’ll find that upon entering the church for the first time following ordination/installation ALONE, the reality will finally sink in. And, again if you’re like me, you’ll be utterly terrified. Because, again, this is the REAL thing.

We are not alone on this road. Christ has walked it all before us and through His suffering, death and resurrection has conquered sin, death and hell once and for all. So fix your eyes on Jesus, the beginning and end of your faith. And the words of St. John will become your own, even in the midst of the challenging realities of life: “When I saw Him, I fell at His feet as though dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying, ‘Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades’” (Revelation 1:17-18 ESV).

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4 **Teach the Faithful**  
*By Stephen K. Preus*

By learning skills for sound exegesis, preaching and catechizing, diligently studying the Lutheran Confessions and examining the history of the Christians who have gone before us, the student of theology is prepared not only to learn God’s teaching, but to teach it to others. In addition, he is equipped to continue learning it himself, that he might continue teaching it to others.

6 **Reach the Lost**  
*By Lannon R. Martin*

When the Lord Jesus charged His disciples to make disciples who make disciples and so on, He was doing so with a great love for the generations of people for whom He had just willingly given His life. The lost were the passion of Jesus, and the lost need to be our passion as the people of God and particularly as pastors of His church.

8 **Care for All**  
*By Faith E. Fretham*

It seems the criteria for a deaconess student or a deaconess serving in the field are that they are caring. This caring is seen through the relationships that develop because of the strong passion that these women have for serving the Lord. This passion is prevalent in the classes we take, the relationships among our brothers and sisters in Christ and the compassionate relationships with the people that we get to serve on a daily basis.

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Paul told the presbyters in Ephesus, “Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which He obtained with His own blood” (Acts 20:28). A pastor cannot pay careful attention to all the flock unless he pays careful attention to himself. He cannot pay careful attention to himself without the Holy Spirit teaching him through His holy Word. Quite simply, if a pastor is going to be a faithful teacher of Christ and to His Church, he first needs to be a faithful Christian who receives the good gifts of God and heeds His instruction. Concordia Theological Seminary instills such a conviction in its students.

Concordia Theological Seminary exists to form servants in Jesus Christ who teach the faithful, reach the lost and care for all. From my very first quarter at the seminary, the formation of a pastor concentrated on plunging into the “pure, clear fountain of Israel” of the Old and New Testaments. Holy Scripture is “the only true standard or norm by which all teachers and doctrines are to be judged” (Formula of Concord, SD, Rule and Norm, 3). Teaching the faithful consists of teaching God’s teaching. Pastors are duty-bound to say with Jesus, “My teaching is not Mine, but His who sent Me” (John 7:16). A scriptural foundation is essential to the formation of faithful pastors who teach the faithful.

Yet a seminarian is not simply tossed a Greek New Testament, patted on the back and told to fend for himself. Rather, like a child who is raised in the fear and instruction of the Lord, a seminarian is brought from drinking theological milk to munching theological meat. By learning skills for sound exegesis, preaching and catechizing; diligently studying the Lutheran Confessions and
examine the history of the Christians who have gone before us, the student of theology is prepared not only to learn God’s teaching, but to teach to others. In addition, he is equipped to continue learning it himself, that he might continue teaching it to others.

The theologian never stops learning. He must never stop learning, or he will cease to teach God’s teaching. Therefore, perhaps the most beneficial part of my own seminary training has been to receive guidance from Luther on the correct way to study theology: oratio, meditatio, tentatio. These three simple Latin words push one away from the darkness of the heart to the external word of God, which is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. They show what forms a life-long servant of Jesus Christ. Guided by Psalm 119, Luther writes,

Firstly, you should know that the Holy Scriptures constitute a book which turns the wisdom of all other books into foolishness, because not one teaches about eternal life except this one alone. Luther writes,

Casting aside conjecture, the theologian must despair of his own reason and trust that God alone prepares him for his task. Just as one cannot by his own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, so he cannot by his own reason or strength understand properly God’s holy Word. Thus, oratio (prayer). Pray to God “that He through His dear Son may give you His Holy Spirit, who will enlighten you, lead you, and give you understanding.” Prayer is needed, says Luther, because without the Holy Spirit’s guidance one becomes “his own teacher.”

Secondly, you should meditate, that is, not only in your heart, but also externally, by actually repeating and comparing oral speech and literal words of the book, reading and rereading them with diligent attention and reflection, so that you may see what the Holy Spirit means by them.

The importance that one act like King David in this regard, who would “talk, meditate, speak, sing, hear, [and] read” God’s Word, comes to light when one considers that “God will not give you His Spirit without the external Word.” Without God’s Word you don’t know God. You don’t know Christ. You don’t know anything of theological substance. Luther writes well elsewhere, “When I am without the Word, do not meditate on it, and occupy myself with it, there is no Christ at home.”

When one is occupied with God’s Word, the devil attacks and makes “a real doctor out of you.” Luther writes,

Thirdly, there is tentatio, Anfechtung [temptation]. This is the touchstone which teaches you not only to know and understand, but also to experience how right, how true, how sweet, how lovely, how mighty, how comforting God’s Word is, wisdom beyond all wisdom.

The devil, the world and our own sinful flesh cannot stand to let God’s Word remain intact. They attack it like wolves. Therefore, diligence in studying, preaching and teaching God’s Word will bring affliction, temptation and pangs of conscience. Yet the attacks of the devil teach the theologian to cherish the Word of God even more. This truth brought Luther to say that the devil is the “best teacher of theology.” Through temptation one sees his own inability to conquer the unholy trinity and so he flees for refuge to God’s Word, crying out, “Lord, I believe, help my unbelief” (Mark 9:24). At such a point of despair, only God’s mercy in Christ brings relief.

Oratio, meditatio, tentatio (prayer, meditation, temptation) are a constant throughout the life of the pastor. They are also helpful for the faithful Christians whom the pastor serves. When one is baptized, he is given a “lifelong enemy” in the devil. The devil seeks to steal Christians away from their Lord, who purchased them with His own blood. The devil tempts. The world entices. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak. Christians fall into temptation and sin. So, when a pastor is instructed in such a way that he understands this well and has been taught and learned from experience the way to overcome it, he is able to teach the faithful the same. He teaches them to pray. He teaches them to return to God’s holy Word. He teaches them to repent. He teaches them the Gospel and administers to them our Lord’s Sacraments. He forgives them. He staves off the wolves and points the flock to Christ who has overcome the world, crushed the devil and has taken upon Himself the sin of us all.

When servants of Jesus Christ not only learn while they are at the seminary, but also learn at the seminary to be constant throughout their ministry in prayer and meditation upon God’s Word, the seminary is instilling in its students something invaluable. “Pay attention to yourself” is far from a plea to be selfish. It is an exhortation to pastors to take their task seriously, that they might be a blessing to Christ’s Church and teach the faithful God’s teaching for as long as the Lord desires to have them serve.

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As you read this article, God willing I will be viewing this eternal mission of the church in a different way than I am now as I write it... as a pastor in God’s church. The famous mission from Christ to make disciples of all nations is not merely an echo or a whisper, but a roar through the halls at Concordia Theological Seminary. Seminary is a long and challenging road. Many of the people I meet are astonished when I share with them that I am in my eighth year of studies since high school, and at times I, too, have resented the length of the task. However, when it comes to your pastor; the person you call when your spouse gets sick, the person who baptizes your niece, the person who performs the marriage of your daughter, the person who prays with your father when the good Lord calls him home; when it comes to that person, you should expect nothing less than the best pastor that can be trained. As the redeemed people of God you deserve nothing less. This is the comfort and the strength that we in The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod can rely upon and expect from our well educated roster of clergy.

While on my vicarage I awoke one day to learn my supervisor was ill and I was left, for the time being, primarily to myself for the ministries of the church. This was something that was never specifically covered in the classroom, but when the time came I was ready to take on the task. I learned many things from my vicarage and specifically from the amazing people of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Albion,
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For the Life of the World

Care for All

By Faith E. Fretham

Concordia Theological Seminary exists to form servants in Jesus Christ who teach the faithful, reach the lost and care for all. As a deaconess student at Concordia Theological Seminary, I feel that I especially relate to the last part of the seminary’s mission statement: “Care for all.” It seems the criteria for a deaconess student or a deaconess serving in the field are that they are caring. This caring is seen through the relationships that develop because of the strong passion that these women have for serving the Lord. This passion is prevalent in the classes we take, the relationships among our brothers and sisters in Christ and the compassionate relationships with the people that we get to serve on a daily basis. “Being a deaconess is not merely a career choice in which you perform certain external functions; being a deaconess is an identity to which you give yourself. Being a deaconess is therefore defined by the relationships that are established—relations to the pastor, to the church, to those in your care. It is in and through these relations that the church’s fellowship is constituted as we begin to see each other as we are in Christ,” says Dr. James G. Bushur, CTS Director of Deaconess Studies.

As deaconess students we are constantly learning the role of a woman in the church, and more specifically, the role of diakonia (διακονία) which literally means service. Diakonia is seen as a service to those who are in need, those who are suffering both physically and spiritually. These are reflected in a vertical and horizontal relationship; the former relationship being between God and mankind seen in Word and Sacrament and the latter relationship is us interacting with the world. As Dr. Bushur says, “The Father’s giving of Himself to His Son and through the Son to the church is communicated to the world through diakonia.” These relationships are not interchangeable. One cannot exist without the other.

Our brothers are also called to care for those who are suffering in body and in soul as well, but it sometimes can become too much of a burden for them. This is where the role of the deaconess office comes in. This relationship is reflected in Acts 6. In the early church the widows were being neglected. The disciples, who had been preaching and administering the Sacrament, appointed deacons to serve the tables of the widows so they would not go hungry. That way the Word and Sacrament could still be administered, and the people in need would be cared for. This relationship is important still today, which is why many of us come to the seminary to become deaconesses, so we can take care of those who need to be taken care of in both body and soul while

We care as a natural response to what Jesus did for us. His earthly ministry of caring for others by coming to serve and not to be served and His ultimate act of care through His suffering on the cross (Mark 10:45) stir us to respond by caring for others.

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the pastor continues to preach God’s Word and administer the Sacraments.

The caring relationships that we learn about are not just something spoken but something done. We are learning how to care, but it doesn’t stop there. The caring relationships seen by all the deaconess students living on campus are examples of how we are training to be in caring roles in a church or institution one day. The moment one steps into Phoebe house (the on-campus female dorm) she’s greeted by smiling faces and cheerful hellos. This is just one small example of the caring environment that prepares us for an exciting future of serving God’s people.

This brings to question why we “care.” As for myself, and I believe I speak for all the deaconess students, the answer is simple; we care as a natural response to what Jesus did for us. His earthly ministry of caring for others by coming to serve and not to be served and His ultimate act of care through His suffering on the cross (Mark 10:45) stir us to respond by caring for others (there’s that horizontal relationship again!).

Many deaconess students feel that we can relate personally to Peter’s mother-in-law. Jesus, seeing her, had compassion on her and healed her. Peter’s mother-in-law, out of gratitude for what Jesus did for her, responded by caring for (diakonia) Jesus and those with Him (Matthew 8:15).

Like Peter’s mother-in-law, we respond to what Christ did for us. This is something that we continue to do beyond the seminary. As deaconess students, we are assigned to fieldwork at a church in the community. The congregation I am assigned to provides me with many opportunities to step into the role of caring for those within the church. I get the privilege of working with the senior group by spending time with them, leading their Bible Studies, etc. I have also worked with the children and assisting them in their needs as well. Hospital visits are also another way I get to practice caring for those in need. However, it is not just those inside the church with whom I get to work. I also work with those outside the church by going beyond the doors. I am assigned to residents of a nearby nursing facility and assisted living. I visit them as often as I can. The neat thing about being in the “care” part of ministry is the ministry of presence. Sometimes just being there for someone is ministry in itself.

The seminary prepares the deaconess students for a caring role in the church by providing a curriculum that teaches why we serve and the importance of caring for those we will work with. One of the first classes we take, History of Office of Deaconess, shows the important role of the women in the life of the church. The woman, who naturally has a nurturing and caring personality, is seen throughout the Bible as caring for those in need. The evangelist Luke emphasizes the importance of these women when he highlights the role of the women in Jesus’ life, who took care of Jesus and the other disciples and those in need (Luke 8:1-3).

Care is the result of mercy. In another class, the Theology of Mercy, we are able to learn the importance of mercy and where it comes from; the ultimate act of mercy being the death of the Paschal Lamb, Jesus Christ. The mercy that is shown to us by Christ compels us to care for those in need.

One project that has deemed to be very useful is case studies. In these case studies each student is able to research a typical issue that we might face as a deaconess. After completing the project, we as a class were able to discuss them. Some projects included suicide, teen pregnancy, homelessness. We were able to gather resources and focus on how a deaconess, with the theology of mercy in mind, can care for those dealing with these struggles.

Care is an important aspect of what we learn, see and do at the seminary. It is essential to the relationships that are built with everyone around us. It will continue to be essential. Every day there are deaconesses reaching out to the community, caring for those who are in need, taking care of the suffering in our congregations and reaching out to the hopeless both at home and abroad. These things are what I will be doing someday! Everything I do today is God’s way of preparing me for the caring relationships that I will build in the future. I do this out of sincere response to the mercy that Christ showed us through His earthly ministry and ultimately to His death on the cross.

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Fifty years ago Helmut Thielicke wrote a little booklet under the title *A Little Exercise for Young Theologians* in which he provides a pastoral word of exhortation and encouragement to students embarking on an adventure that can be both exhilarating and fraught with danger. Using Rudolph Otto’s description of the Holy as both fascinating and awesome, Thielicke suggests that the same is true for theology. Theology can be both magnetic in its power to draw, even compel the student ever deeper into the depths of learning and investigation of the holy things of God. At the same time, theology can be dangerous. When unbuckled from the Word of God, the student begins to think of theology as his own creative and imaginative undertaking. Rather than every thought being taken captive to Christ, Christ is held hostage in a theological prison of one’s own design. The man of faith is pitted against the man of intellect. The only alternative then seems to abandon one or the other, faith or learning. In either case theology is lost and the church is not served. Possessed by Christ Jesus, the intellect is not its own lord, but under His lordship pressed into the service of preaching the Word of the cross. Cleansed of the arrogance of agnosticism, genuine theology takes on the form of a servant so that God’s words might have free course.

This theology bound to Holy Scripture keeps the student standing before the text ever speaking Samuel’s prayer: “Speak, for Your servant hears” (I Samuel 3:10). Many are suspicious of theology. Sometimes that suspicion is framed in a way that betrays a bias toward what Hermann Sasse once called Christianity without dogma. Other times it is a suspicion that masks itself behind the claim that theology gets in the way of spirituality. Then what is seen as essential for the church’s mission is not pure doctrine but pure spirituality. What on the surface might appear to an appealing sense of humility is, in fact, undiluted and self-centered arrogance as though the intensity and genuineness of my spirituality is the good news that saves!

When theological education is downplayed as a luxury that cannot be afforded or even worse, as a hindrance to evangelistic effectiveness, the very mission of the church is jeopardized. Make no mistake about it, theological education is hard and demanding work. It requires time and patience to form competent pastors who have the capacity to preach Law and Gospel and care evangelically both for Christ’s sheep and those who do not yet know the Good Shepherd. In that sense, as Oswald Bayer points out, theological education belongs in the realm of the Law where public accountability is essential (see his essay, “Preaching the Word” in *Justification Is for Preaching* edited by Virgil Thompson, Pickwick Publications, 2012, p. 211). Study implies discipline, which is entailed in discipleship itself.

Theological students are disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ. The arena for this discipleship is the classroom and library, the chapel and the Student Commons. The work can be arduous. Commentaries and concordances can be crosses, but with the cross comes the promise of the resurrection. This is the promise that makes the study of theology a joy and a delight, so we press on in the work the Lord gives us to do knowing that in Him our labor is not vain.

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A second-year student has dreamed of studying in this space since he saw the conceptual fly-through as a soldier in Afghanistan. Now, he is here every night from dinner until closing. A fourth-year student said: “It feels good to be in this space. I envy the first-year students who will be able to use this space throughout their seminary careers.” An S.T.M. student stated: “I came for one night, and now I keep coming back.” Another S.T.M. student who, as a graduate assistant, has a tunnel office between the classroom buildings says that he prefers to leave that dark, windowless space and study at the boat-shaped table with a view of the lake. He is much more creative and productive in the new space.

Future phases, including renovation of the historic building, are tied to funding milestones. To learn more about partnering with CTS on this significant expansion, call 877-297-4338 or e-mail Development@ctsfw.edu.
Over the spring break, February 24–March 10, 2012, seven seminarians and five deaconess students from Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, traveled to southern India to study the rich history of Christian mission work as well as experience firsthand the church life and work of faithful Lutherans today. The trip was led by Dr. Cynthia Lumley, CTS Associate Director of Deaconess Studies; Dr. Timothy C. J. Quill, CTS Dean of International Studies; and Dr. K. Detlev Schulz, Professor and Chairman of Pastoral Ministry and Missions at CTS.

“Standing on the shore of the southernmost point of the India subcontinent, where the waters of the Indian Ocean and Arabian Sea converge, brings the history of the Christian missionary enterprise to life,” commented Dr. Quill. In the 16th century Francis Xavier and other missionaries sailed past these shores. In 1895 the first Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) missionaries began their work among the dalits (untouchable class) along India’s southwest coast. The first Lutheran missionary, Rev. Theodore Naether, gave his life for the people of India, dying of bubonic plague in 1904. Today the India Evangelical Lutheran Church (IELC) has 50,000 members with 1,000 congregations and preaching stations.

“This trip was an amazing experience for everyone, but for me it was especially personal. Several Naumanns served as missionaries in India. The first missionary, Theodore Naether was married to my great, great-grandfather’s sister, Johanna. Naether’s brother-in-law, Georg Naumann, also came to India as a missionary where he worked with Naether...
in Krishnagiri. Eight of Georg’s children were born in southern India. One of his children, who died in 1912, is buried in India,” shared CTS vicar, Edward Naumann. “Georg’s son Johannes was also a missionary in India and it just so happened that his daughter, Helen, lives in Faribault, Minnesota, only half an hour from where I was placed on vicarage. I was able to meet her before the trip and hear some fascinating stories from her childhood growing up in India.”

Another student for whom the trip was decidedly personal was fourth-year seminarian Joe Hoem. Joe lived in an orphanage in Kerala until the age of five, when he was adopted by a devout Lutheran family from Sheboygan, Wisconsin. Joe was able to visit the orphanage for what turned out to be an emotional reunion with childhood friends and the Catholic sisters who had loved and cared for him.

In addition to seeing the historic missionary sites, the students visited Lutheran schools, LCMS sponsored Tsunami Child Care Relief projects and other Lutheran mercy organizations. “It was wonderful to see the love of Christ being shown in so many tangible ways by the IELC and to spend time with their deaconesses. They fulfill an important role in providing care for women, who account for over 75% of the IELC membership, many of whom are married to Muslims or Hindus,” explained Dr. Lumley. “With the help of LCMS Deaconess Grace Rao, a new deaconess training program was established in July 2011, and it was a real blessing for CTS deaconess students to enjoy fellowship with their ‘sister’ students in India. We all experienced diaconia first hand in the amazing hospitality that was extended to us throughout the trip, with meals for the whole group being hosted by IELC President J. Samuel, congregations, pastors and institutions.”

On Sunday afternoon a special Seminary Sunday service was held at the church next to the seminary. At the request of Concordia Seminary Principal, Dr. Samuel Meshack, our students formed a choir to help lead the congregation through Divine Service Three in the LCMS Lutheran Service Book (LSB). Deaconess student Stephanie Traphagan noted, “It was a joy to worship together with fellow Lutherans despite the difference in language—singing together the same liturgy and hymns, reading the same Scriptures and hearing the same Gospel proclaimed.” The CTS group was able to bring over 60 copies of the LSB, which were donated to the seminary chapel for use at their regular English language services.

Christopher Gerdes, a fourth-year M.Div. student at CTS, commented, “During our trip we were united in koinonia with our brothers and sisters of the India Evangelical Lutheran Church. The IELC is beset by the same problems as the LCMS. They, of course, also have unique problems like the lack of resources for study, such as good books and scholarly journals. At the same time, we can learn from them how to walk by faith, trusting that God will build His church. Out of this grows the contentment that I saw in the pastors and professors of the IELC, which made this trip a powerful learning experience for me.”

“As challenging as India sometimes was, the trip turned out to be a very unique and uplifting experience for us all. There was evidence of LCMS mission history all around us, as well as so many impressive human care projects. We were also treated to a warm reception at the seminary by its students and professors. We became much closer to our partner church, the IELC. We wish it well and many of us will extend our support in whatever way we can through prayers, gifts and perhaps a repeat visit,” said Dr. Schulz. “Our special thanks to Dr. Samuel Meshack and President J. Samuel, who gave so much of their time to ensure our welfare. We are also grateful to Mr. Ravi Jesupatham, LCMS World Mission Country Coordinator—India, for his invaluable assistance during the trip.”

CTS students with many new friends following a church service in Bengaluru, India.

Dr. Schulz was the guest preacher for the morning service.

CTS student, Vicar Edward Naumann, pauses near a grave marker of Marie Elisabeth Naumann.
Seminary Announces Spring Placements

Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, is pleased to announce its Spring 2012 calls to the pastoral ministry, vicarage assignments, deaconess internships and deaconess placements.

**CALLS**  
May 2, 2012

**JEFFREY C. ROSS**  
Nicolai Lutheran Church & Zion Lutheran Church  
Carby & Boyd, Minnesota  
Minnesota North District

**GEORGE A. RUWiSCH**  
Immanuel Lutheran Church (Associate Pastor)  
Fairmont, Minnesota  
Minnesota South District

**CALEB W. SCHWEV**  
Our Savior’s Lutheran Church & Trinity Lutheran Church  
Willmot & Corona, South Dakota  
South Dakota District

**BENJAMIN T. SCHIMM**  
St. John’s Lutheran Church & Zion Lutheran Church  
Garfield, Minnesota  
Minnesota North District

**MICHAEL E. SCHUETTE**  
Bethlehem Lutheran Church (Associate Pastor)  
Morristown, Minnesota  
Minnesota South District

**RYAN N. SEYMOUR**  
St. John’s Lutheran Church & Zion Lutheran Church  
Beemer & Bancroft, Nebraska  
Nebraska District

**CHRISTOPHER T. STOUT**  
Mount Calvary Lutheran Church & St. Peter Lutheran Church  
Kannapolis & Charlotte, North Carolina  
Southeastern District

**JOEL L. SUTTON**  
St. James Lutheran Church  
Holland, Minnesota  
Minnesota South District

**NORMAN A. WACKER**  
Mount Calvary Lutheran Church & Bethlehem Lutheran Church  
Sunndance & Moorcroft, Wyoming  
Wyoming Wyoming District

**BRIAN G. WEBER**  
St. Paul Lutheran Church & Trinity Lutheran Church  
Marango & Cable, Wisconsin  
North Wisconsin District

**DONALD N. WELMER**  
Messiah Lutheran Church (Associate Pastor)  
Plano, Texas  
Texas District

**SAMUEL S. WIRGAU**  
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Chris Stout, a fourth-year student at CTS, knows a lot about the seminary’s mission statement that includes the charge to teach, reach and care. He has been on the receiving end of those actions and now prepares to leave the friendly confines of campus and serve as a pastor who will, in turn, teach, reach and care.

Chris’s journey started just about 100 miles south of Fort Wayne in central Indiana. Chris was born in Kokomo, Indiana, and was baptized at the Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer. After his formative years in Kokomo, Chris attended Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana, where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology. While in Muncie he and future wife, Kelly, met and became active members of Grace Lutheran Church’s campus ministry. “My wife actually became a Lutheran through the campus ministry at Ball State, through Pastor Peter Cage,” explained Chris.

Before they left Muncie for Michigan State, the seeds had been planted to consider the vocation of pastor. “I was highly influenced by my home congregation’s pastors and our campus pastor at Ball State University. Without their guidance and support, I am not sure I would have had the confidence even to apply for the seminary,” shared Chris. “No one thinks that they are the perfect fit for going into Christ’s ministry. If they do, they probably shouldn’t. It’s a daunting thought if we focus on what we are to do. However, when our Lord leads us to realize that it is He who has the desire for the task and it is He who will carry it out through sinful men, then we can be at peace to know that it is He who will be with us and never abandon us.”

While in East Lansing Chris worked as a residential aide in group homes for men with developmental disabilities. This was a rich experience for Chris who continued to learn as he served. “Parents often state how much they learn from their children. I was able to learn much about the simple joys of life and friendship from these grown men on a day-to-day basis,” offered Chris. “I certainly hope to be able to use my experience with people with
disabilities in the work of the church someday. That experience helped me live each day knowing the great value of every human life and that the church plays a significant role in honoring those lives.”

With Kelly’s graduate studies complete, the Stouts decided it was the time for Chris to pursue the Office of Holy Ministry and to choose a seminary to attend. “Some people believe that since I am an Indiana born-and-bred person, I chose CTS because of its proximity to my family. Although it has been wonderful being close to them, my decision had much more to do with the amazing professors, the surrounding community of strong Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod congregations and the fellowship of students and faculty. Looking back, Kelly and I are completely confident that CTS was the right decision.”

The seminary experience for the Stouts began in the summer of 2008. It has been fulfilling, challenging and life changing. “The structure of the seminary experience is so valuable. My first two years were filled with learning languages, building relationships with classmates, getting experience in a local congregation through fieldwork at Zion Lutheran Church in Decatur, Indiana. I received the building blocks of a seminary education through classes with faculty members who care about pastors and churches. My third year was full of teaching the faithful, reaching the lost and caring for all under the guidance of an amazing pastor during a vicarage placement in Shorewood, Wisconsin. Having that year of experiences has been invaluable to my fourth year at the seminary. This final year is a time to reconnect with my fellow seminarians, continue to be formed by an amazing faculty, build skills in the areas that I needed to work on, reflect on vicarage experiences and prepare myself for what is to come.

“The ‘two years here-plus one year out-plus one year back’ structure can be intimidating for families, as it presents many struggles in moving, schooling for children and financial and career decisions. However, I know that I have benefited from this experience. And in the end, my family has learned to rely on Christ’s gifts more than we ever had before.”

As his time at CTS comes to a close, Chris knows he and Kelly have been given a great foundation. “Finding balance in life is always a struggle. Everyone is busy. We have burdens. We have people depending on us. We have financial concerns. We have hard life and education decisions. Being a student at CTS is no different. However, the community that surrounds my family provides support beyond words. My fellow seminarians are men whom I trust and will depend upon the rest of my life. My wife has fellow seminary wives to lean on in times of struggle. Even when going through life’s largest challenges—like the loss of our first child—God’s people here, the students, professors, administrators, secretaries and bookstore ladies were all in this place to speak Christ’s Gospel to us. And in life’s greatest rewards—like the addition of a child through adoption and another biologically—these same people were there to witness the joy of our sons’ adoption into Christ’s family through Baptism. The best part about the community here is that it doesn’t end when I graduate in May. I consider myself truly blessed to have been able to engage in theological, liturgical and ethical discussions with my fellow seminarians and the faculty here. That is the greatest reward.”

Chris and Kelly, along with sons Solomon and Henry, will soon be moving to North Carolina where Chris has been called to be pastor of Mount Calvary Lutheran Church, Kannapolis, and Abundant Life Lutheran Church, Charlotte.

To learn more about becoming a pastor or deaconess, go to www.ctsfw.edu/admission or contact the Office of Admission at Admission@ctsfw.edu or 800-481-2155.

The Stout family with Rev. Peter Cage on the occasion of Henry’s baptism at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, Indiana.
Teaching, Reaching and Caring on the College Campus

By Jayne E. Sheafer

One of the many blessings of parish ministry is getting to see how God uses pastors to share the Gospel in a variety of situations. Rev. Richard Woelmer had a heart for serving young people, especially college-aged, long before he graduated from Concordia Theological Seminary in 1988. In 1994 he had the opportunity to expand that role when he became pastor of University Lutheran Church, which serves the campus of Indiana University (IU) in Bloomington, Indiana.

University Lutheran’s rich history of serving the students at IU dates back to 1929. While there have been colossal changes in our world in the decades that have passed, the experiences of the students attending IU, largely, remain the same. They are leaving home for the first time, eager to explore what the world has to offer and experience their new found freedom. “It’s a challenge to reach students who are experiencing the world without parental guidance for the first time. They can decide to skip church with no ‘hassle’ from their parents. They are excited to take in the smorgasbord of political, social and religious ideas on the table. Unfortunately, many fail to compare what they are hearing to God’s Word and they fall away,” explains Rev. Woelmer.

So, as new students arrive on the IU campus, Rev. Woelmer and those active in the University Lutheran community get to work on meeting the physical and spiritual needs of students. There are meals hosted twice a week that offer a respite for the hectic college schedule and time to discover education and worship opportunities. Those taking advantage of these opportunities are not just current LCMS members, but also those who are learning about Christ for the first time. “The reach of any campus ministry is unbelievable. Since I began serving here we’ve had people attend from almost every county in Indiana, 37 different states and every continent except Antarctica, although I’m still expecting penguins to waddle through the door,” quips Rev. Woelmer.
“Along with our international ministry volunteer, Doris Zakian, we have presented the Gospel and had Bible studies with visiting scholars who are leaders in their home countries. One South Korean pianist, who was confirmed here, tours the world and teaches at a university in Seoul. When a couple of newly arrived South Korean students came to our church the year after she returned home, I asked how they found out about University Lutheran. They replied, ‘Our piano professor in Seoul told us to come here!’”

While Rev. Woelmer has only four short years with most of the students who attend University Lutheran, he has been blessed to see how many of the students continue to learn and serve. “Some of my greatest joys are hearing from students who tell me that after they graduated they dove right into participating in congregational life in their new home, teaching Sunday School or English as a Second Language, participating in choir or becoming an officer. These are the 20-somethings who haven’t turned their back on the church,” shares Rev. Woelmer. “It’s a particular joy to hear a young man tell me that he is heading to the seminary after graduating from Indiana. It’s a joy interacting with students who have chosen to spend considerable time with our campus ministry despite the distractions of college life. I consider every single one of them to be the cream of the crop. It’s a joy catechizing students so eager to have the ‘mysteries of the faith’ revealed to them and then baptizing them. It’s a joy knowing that students and visiting scholars from many countries have heard the Gospel and are returning home with faith in Christ.”

After serving as a campus pastor for nearly 20 years, Rev. Woelmer continues to be passionate about The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod’s work on college campuses and prays the presence of these ministries will remain. “There are fewer stand-alone campus ministries located on or near college campuses than when I first started here in 1994. I hope that people across the Synod realize how far-sighted and ahead of the curve Lutherans were in establishing campus locations for Word and Sacrament ministry when it was affordable to build them. University Lutheran was built in 1930 at the beginning of the Great Depression. What sacrifices they must have endured to make sure young people from around the world heard the Gospel!” offers Rev. Woelmer. “Selling facilities nets only short-term financial relief, then leaves you with no presence on campus—likely forever. Districts need continued financial support if we want to encourage campus ministry expansion and avoid closing them. Speak up at district conventions. I’m encouraged by the steps taken this year by President Harrison and leaders in the Synod to recognize and support national campus ministry. Since money seems to be such a focus, perhaps a foundation could be set up to supplement district funding.”

As Rev. Woelmer reflects on the joys and challenges of work in a campus setting, he looks toward the future and prays for God’s good guidance for the continued ministry at University Lutheran. “My constant goal is to prepare college students to know the richness of God’s grace and mercy through Jesus Christ and His gifts, maintaining a biblical worldview as they serve in their life vocations as faithful Christians. On the ‘practical’ side, a future goal is to establish an endowment for University Lutheran Church that would someday provide the bulk of funding for LCMS campus ministry at Indiana University, taking some of the pressure off the Indiana District. This has already started!”

Rev. Woelmer  (front row, first from left) with several of the international students who attend University Lutheran. Doris Zakian, University Lutheran international ministry volunteer, is in the middle of the photo in the blue shirt.

Rev. Richard Woelmer is married to Carolyn (Diekmann) and they have two sons, Paul and Philip. To learn more about University Lutheran Church, Bloomington, Indiana, go to www.indianalutheran.org or to their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/ULutheranIU. More information concerning The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod’s work in campus ministry can be found at www.lcms.org/campusministry.
CTS Professor Teaches at South African Seminary

At the invitation of Dr. Wilhelm Weber, Rector of Lutheran Theological Seminary (LTS) in Pretoria, South Africa, and Bishop of the Lutheran Church in Southern Africa (LCSA), Prof. John T. Pless, CTS Assistant Professor of Pastoral Ministry and Missions, was afforded the opportunity to teach a two week ordination course on Practical Theology for ten students from February 27–March 9, 2012. Team teaching the course with him was Candidate Jacob Corzine (CTS 2008; now a Ph.D. candidate in systematic theology at Humboldt University in Berlin). The students were eager to participate in lively classroom discussion. In addition to teaching this class, Prof. Pless also gave a lecture on Luther’s teaching of the two governments for Deaconess Deborah Rockrohr’s deaconess class and preached for two confessional services at the seminary chapel.

“This was my sixth teaching trip to Pretoria. Coming to LTS twice a year has allowed me to build an ongoing relationship with numerous students, who are now nearing the completion of their studies. I have been able to mentor and advise some of these students in their thesis projects at the University as well,” explained Prof. Pless.

With funding from individuals and congregations in the States, CTS was able to send a hundred pounds of books for the library. New volumes added included the three most recent volumes in the extension to the American Edition of Luther’s Works and Infant Baptism by Dr. David P. Scaer, CTS Professor of Systematic Theology. The library facilities at LTS are nearly full. As LTS is developing a distinctively Lutheran collection, Walther Library will supplement the holdings at the University of Pretoria and allow students, faculty, pastors, missionaries and others access to texts needed for study, teaching and research.

CTS Students Serve in Baltimore Mission Field

Most often when we hear the words “mission field” we think of treks to lands halfway across the world. There are, however, many rich mission opportunities in our own backyard. During Spring Break in March of this year, five CTS students traveled to Baltimore, Maryland, to reach out to those in need in a highly urban area. Host congregations for the trip were Martini Lutheran Church and St. Thomas Lutheran Church.

“The spring break trip to Baltimore was a great learning experience to me! We worked in an area of broken houses, heroin addicts and much crime. We met with various mission workers, such as Pakistani pastor, Rev. Philip Robson who taught us valuable spiritual inroads to Muslims,” shared Rev. Daniel Brandt, S.T.M. student at CTS. “I also found it very rewarding to listen to our three host pastors, Rev. Elliott M. Robertson (CTS 1985), Rev. Charles Wildner (CTS 1980) and Rev. Roy Coats (CTS 2010), who had sessions for us sharing insights from their outreach and pastoral ministry. I am thankful to the seminary for offering this trip and, if it is offered again, I would highly recommend students to go!”

“The best part of the trip was all the amazing people we met and how the Lord works through them in their various ministries. Alice Moore, who has been the principal of Bethlehem Lutheran School for over 20 years as it shifted to a more urban demographic, is a great example of this. She was able to tell children the Gospel, despite the school having to make tough financial decisions from time to time. It was great to hear from her about the difference she effected in many children’s lives,” commented David Jacoby, a first-year M.Div. student at CTS.
While there they had the opportunity to visit with some recent graduates of the CTS Master of Sacred Theology (S.T.M.) Program who are playing key roles in their homeland. Rev. Esko Murto serves as Dean of Lutheran Foundation Finland (LFF) and pastor of St. Markus congregation in Helsinki; Rev. Jakob Appell as Admission Counselor of LSTG, rector of the Bible School, Chairman of Corpus Christi youth gathering and assistant pastor of Kvällebäckens’ congregation in Gothenburg; and Dr. Daniel Johansson as instructor of New Testament at LSTG.

During his conversations with church leaders and laypeople, Dr. Masaki gained a deeper understanding of the current Scandinavian ecclesiastical situation. “We keep hearing sad news from Sweden, Finland and Norway that the faithful Lutherans suffer considerably and it is true.” In fact, Bishop Matti Väisänen of Finland stated, “Today it looks like holding to God’s Word is a crime in our church.”

“Under such difficult circumstances,” explained Dr. Masaki, “I was very encouraged to witness not only that our dear brothers and sisters in Christ kept standing firm and bold on the Gospel, but also that the Lord is blessing them with unity of doctrine and increase of missions.”

The leadership at LSTG has also asked CTS to consider starting an S.T.M. extension program at Gothenburg. The urgent need of this project was illustrated by comments passed along to Dr. Masaki by Dean Murto, pastors of LFF and theological students of the University of Helsinki and of Åbo Academy University alike, “A dogmatician taught the doctrine by opening the Greek New Testament and expounding on the words of our Lord!” This was unthinkable in the Finnish context, and such remarks indicate that what we take for granted at CTS is not found in Finland and other Nordic countries.

“Typically we in the United States think that Lutheranism is flourishing in Scandinavia. But that is not the case anymore. Our friends know that unless they do something now there will not be churches for their children which will faithfully proclaim the Gospel and administer the Sacraments according to the Lord’s mandate and institution,” said President Rast.

But Scandinavia is now a mission field, as Dr. Masaki notes, “When we think of supporting missions we may think of other countries first. But I believe that our support for those who are doing whatever they can to stay Lutheran in the Nordic countries is as important and needed as others. The Lord has given us the opportunities to serve them and serve with them to form servants in Jesus Christ who teach the faithful, reach the lost and care for all. We Lutherans need each other. As we assist one another, the Lord enlarges the circle of confessional fellowship in the world.”

In March 2012, CTS President, Dr. Lawrence R. Rast Jr., and Dr. Naomichi Masaki, CTS Associate Professor of Systematic Theology, and Supervisor of the S.T.M. Program, traveled to the Lutheran School of Theology (LSTG) in Gothenburg, Sweden. President Rast and Dr. Masaki spoke on various topics, including “Formed for Christ: The Historical Development of the Lutheran Tradition of Pastoral Education and Formation,” “God in America,” “He Alone Is Worthy: The Evangelical Legacy and Vitality of the Swedish Liturgy” and “God in Japan.”
The second Lutheranism and the Classics Conference will take place September 28-29, 2012, on the Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, campus. The conference celebrates a wide variety of church fathers who are linked to the ancients, and to us, through the medium of the languages.

In addition to the sectional papers (see right) the plenary topics include:

**Lutheranism and the Church's Fathers**
- Dr. Carl L. Beckwith, Associate Professor of History and Doctrine, Beeson Divinity School, and Pastor, Hope Lutheran Church, Birmingham, Alabama.
- Translating Cyril of Alexandria into Life and Ministry—Dr. David R. Maxwell, Associate Professor of Systematic Theology, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri.
- Bach's Latin—Dr. Carl P. E. Springer, Professor of Classics, Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville, Illinois.
- The Virtuous Anger of God: Lactantius' De ira dei in Conversation with the Philosophy of the Third Century—Dr. William C. Weinrich, Professor of Historical Theology, Concordia Theological Seminary, FortWayne, Indiana.

**Sectional Papers 1**

**Psalms, Hymns and Spiritual Songs**
- The Retention of the Latin Sequences in the Early Lutheran Church—Prof. Jason L. Thompson, Indiana Wesleyan University, Marion, Indiana
- Gregorian Chant in Sixteenth-and Seventeenth-Century Lutheranism—Dr. Joseph Herl, Concordia University, Seward, Nebraska

**Lutherans and Pedagogy**
- What Has Athens to Do with Jerusalem?—Dr. Steven A. Hein, The Concordia Institute for Christian Studies, Monรมent, Colorado
- Spare the Rod, Hate the Child—Rev. Wade R. Johnston, Christ Ev. Lutheran Church, Saginaw, Michigan
- Master Müntzer! 10 Minutes in the Naughty Corner for Failing Your Logic Test—Dr. Thomas Kocok, Niagara University, Niagara Falls, New York

**Sectional Papers 2**

**Lutheran Fathers**
- Chemnitz's Use of the Latin and Greek Fathers in His Loci Theologici and the Catalogus Testimoniorum—Dr. Martin R. Noland, Trinity Lutheran Church, Saginaw, Michigan
- Johann Gerhard and Patrology—Dr. Benjamin T. G. Mayes, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri
- Jerome and the Bible
  - Jerome's Use of 1 and 2 Kings in Dialogue against Pelagius and Various Homilies—Dr. Walter A. Maier III, Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana
  - In faciem ei restiti: Argument and Authority in Galatians 2, the Fathers and the Reformers—Dr. Eric J. Hutchinson, Hillsdale College, Hillsdale, Michigan

**Sectional Papers 3**

**From North Africa to Saxony**
- Martin Luther and the Pre-Augustinian African Fathers—Dr. Mark Ellingsen, Interdenominational Theological Center, Atlanta, Georgia
- Cyril of Alexandria’s Christology in the Catalog of Testimonies—Dr. Joel C. Elowsky, Concordia University, Mequon, Wisconsin
- The Disputation between Athanasius and Arius: Luther’s First Reading Assignment while a Novice in the Augustinian Friary of Erfurt—Dr. Franz Posset, Independent Catholic Luther Scholar, Associate Editor of Luther Digest.

**Literature and the Gospel**
- Interpreting the Speaker of the Text: Homeric Scholarship and the Fathers and Luther on Psalms—Dr. Jason R. Soenksen, Concordia University, Mequon, Wisconsin
- The Muses Play David’s Cithara: Helius Eoban us Hessus’ Latin Versification of the Psalter—Rev. Joshua J. Hayes, St. John Lutheran Church, Crete, Nebraska
- Comedy, Epic and Genre Criticism in Christoph Corner’s Oeconomia Evangeliorum—Dr. Christian A. Preus, The University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa

**Sectional Papers 4**

**Freedom and Grace**
- A Revolution among the Greeks: Creatio ex Nihilo and the Theology of Freedom in the Teaching of St. Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyons—Dr. James G. Bushur, Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana
- Augustine and Virgil in Luther’s De servo arbitrio—Dr. E. Christian Kopff, The University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado

**Theological Languages Today**
- Only by Maintaining Luther’s Languages Can We Retain the Authentic Luther—Dr. Cameron A. MacKenzie, Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana
- A Case for Latin: A Linguistic Note on Large Catechism II, 66—Dr. Larry W. Myers, Elm Grove Lutheran Church, Elm Grove, Wisconsin

**Retreat Fees:** $100 (includes banquet, evening of September 28), $40 (college students), $25 (high school students). For additional information and to register, please visit www.ctsfw.edu/Classics, e-mail Retreats@ctsfw.edu or phone 260-452-2204.

**Athena, representing wisdom and learning, flanked by Martin Luther and Philipp Melanchthon.**
The concern of governmental involvement in health care is one of the greatest hot-button issues at present. Even now the Supreme Court prepares to share its opinion of health care reform proposed by President Obama’s administration.

Earlier this year the United States Department of Health and Human Services presented its mandate requiring employers to provide access to health insurance that covers most forms of birth control, as well as drugs that induce abortion.

On Thursday, February 16, 2012, several clergy members were invited to respond at a hearing in Washington, D.C. Rev. John T. Pless, Assistant Professor of Pastoral Ministry and Missions, Concordia Theological Seminary, accompanied Dr. Matthew C. Harrison, President, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, to Washington, D.C. as he testified in front of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee. “The HHS health care plan overreaches the divide of separation of church and state, and President Harrison did a wonderful job of articulating our Synod’s opposition to the HHS policy on the basis of the Lutheran understanding of the Two Kingdoms,” commented Prof. Pless. “Lutherans have no choice but to resist this intrusion of the government into the internal life of religious communities. In reviewing LCMS contributions to the welfare of our nation, President Harrison noted that the HHS would impair this involvement to the detriment of our nation’s citizens.”

Following that hearing the CTS faculty offered a response to the mandate. The response can be viewed and downloaded at www.ctsfw.edu/HHSFacultyResponse. For those without internet access, you may request a copy of the response by contacting the seminary at 260-452-2250 or writing Concordia Theological Seminary, Attn: Office of Public Relations, 6600 N. Clinton Street, Fort Wayne, IN 46825.

CTS Names Rev. John Dreyer as Director of Admission

Rev. John M. Dreyer has been named Director of Admission for Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana. Rev. Dreyer is a 1992 graduate of CTS. Prior to his service at CTS, Rev. Dreyer served congregations in Iowa, Minnesota and Indiana.

“It is my great pleasure to announce the appointment of Pastor Dreyer to the position of Director of Admission,” said CTS President Dr. Lawrence R. Rast Jr. “His relational gifts, strategic insight and theological acumen have served us well in the past, and we look forward to God’s continued blessings on him and CTS as he and his team help us form servants in Jesus Christ who teach the faithful, reach the lost and care for all.”

In response to this appointment Rev. Dreyer commented, “I am looking forward to serving as Director of Admission in a seminary community that is honest to the Holy Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions while preparing men and women to enter into a very diverse and challenging world with a faithful testimony of the victory won for us in Christ Jesus.”

For information on church worker programs and visitation opportunities at CTS go to www.ctsfw.edu/Admission, e-mail Admission@ctsfw.edu or call 800-481-2155.
Pastors, deaconesses and all church workers serve their congregations year round, so it only makes sense for Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana, to offer year-round continuing education opportunities. The list of Continuing Education sites can be found below. As it becomes available, specific information for each site will be posted at www.ctsfw.edu/CE. Online registration can be completed at the same site. You may also e-mail CE@ctsfw.edu or phone Kara Mertz at 260-452-2103 for additional information.

May 21–23
Camp Okoboji, Iowa
1531 Edgewood Drive
Milford, Iowa
Dr. Dean O. Wenthe
The Role of the Old Testament in the Church Today

June 4–6
Austin, Texas
St. Paul Lutheran Church
3501 Red River Street
Dr. Arthur A. Just Jr.
How First-Century Christians in the Book of Acts Walked Together as They Confessed the Faith

June 6–8
Jackson, Wyoming
Redeemer Lutheran Church
175 N. Willow Street
Dr. K. Detlev Schulz
Theological Ethics

June 11–15
Grand Rapids, Michigan
Our Savior Lutheran Church
2900 Burton Street
Prof. Jeffrey H. Pulse
No More “Peek-A-Boo” Jesus: Christology of the Old Testament

June 11–15
Kearney, Nebraska
Zion Lutheran Church
2421 Avenue C
Dr. Naomichi Masaki
Formula of Concord in the Life of the Church

June 13–15
Riverton, Utah
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
12723 Park Avenue
Dr. James G. Bushur
Christianity in Conflict: 2nd Century Faith as Model for the 21st Century Church

June 25–27
Shawano, Wisconsin
St. James Lutheran Church
324 S. Andrews Street
Dr. K. Detlev Schulz
Looking at the Mission of the Church with the Book of Acts and Lutheran Literature

June 25–29
Seattle, Washington
Messiah Lutheran Church
7050 35th Avenue NE
Dr. Cameron A. MacKenzie
Luther’s Theology in Today’s World

June 25–29
Cheyenne, Wyoming
King of Glory Lutheran Church
8806 Yellowstone Road
Dr. Naomichi Masaki
Luther’s Catechetical Instruction According to His Lectures on Genesis

July 16–18
Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania
Calvary Lutheran Church
208 Woods Drive
Dr. Carl C. Fickenscher II
Are Today’s Ears Hearing the Timeless Message? Communicating Law and Gospel in Today’s Culture

July 17–19
Hillsboro, Oregon
Zion Lutheran Church
30900 NW Evergreen Road
Dr. Peter J. Scaer
The Mysteries of Mark: The Churchly Gospel

July 23–27
Paris, Texas
Grace Lutheran Church
739 19th Street SE
Dr. Naomichi Masaki
The Lutheran Way with the Liturgy

July 30–August 3
Albuquerque, New Mexico
Grace Lutheran Church
7550 Eubank Blvd NE
Dr. Uwe Siemon-Netto
Faith, Calamity, Persecution and Vocation

August 1–3
Concordia, Missouri
St. Paul Lutheran High School
205 S. Main Street
Dr. Charles A. Gieschen
Confronting Confusion about the End-Times

August 13–14
Wichita, Kansas
Holy Cross Lutheran Church
600 N. Greenwich Road
Rev. Geoffrey R. Boyle
O Lord, Open My Lips: Praying the Psalms with Christ

August 15–17
Tryon, North Carolina
Trinity Lutheran Church
3353 US 176 Highway
Dr. Peter J. Scaer
The Gospel of Mark: The Mystery of Jesus

August 15–17
Castle Rock, Colorado
Mt. Zion Lutheran Church
750 Cantril Street
Dr. Arthur A. Just Jr.
Liturgy: Yesterday, Today and Forever

September 17–21
Fort Wayne, Indiana
Concordia Theological Seminary
6600 N. Clinton Street
Dr. John W. Kleinig
From Slavery to Divine Service: The Foundation of Israel as a Liturgical Community in Exodus

September 24–28
Grand Rapids, Michigan
Our Savior Lutheran Church
2900 Burton Street
Dr. John W. Kleinig
Participation in God’s Holiness in the Divine Service According to Leviticus

October 19–21
Aurora, Illinois
Emmanuel Lutheran Church
550 4th Avenue
Prof. Jeffrey H. Pulse
No More “Peek-A-Boo” Jesus: Christology of the Old Testament

Please visit our website, www.ctsfw.edu/CE, regularly to check for updates.
Military Project: Caring for Our LCMS Chaplains and Those They Serve
By Deaconess Carolyn Brinkley

We are greatly blessed to have brave and courageous pastors from The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) who are also chaplains in the Armed Forces. They leave home, family and country to be the holy presence of Christ to those who defend America’s freedoms as they serve in war-torn lands. Chaplain Michael Frese writes of his recent deployment to Afghanistan, “In worship services and in personal discussions, soldiers need to hear that God has not abandoned them. I shared with them the words of St. Paul, that neither death, principalities, things present, things to come, homesickness nor war can separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus, our Lord (Romans 8:38-39). The consolation of God’s love and grace in Christ comforts trembling hearts. When danger is a constant threat, they need to hear that Christ is with them more constantly, more surely. They need to hear that in the midst of physical and emotional affliction, only Christ offers true solace in the promise of His salvation. ‘Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest’ (Matthew 11:28).”

What a great privilege it is to provide support and encouragement for our LCMS chaplains as they embody the mercy of Christ to servants from all branches of the Armed Forces who are suffering. Thank you to all who partner with the Military Project in this important opportunity to show love and kindness to those who put their lives in danger so we can be safe and secure.

Chaplain Mark Steiner writes from Afghanistan, “Please accept my gratitude for the delightful care package. It was a wonderful surprise and greeted me upon my return from visiting the Chaplains and Religious Specialists assigned to the USS Carl Vinson. The cookies were delicious and vanished in less than a minute upon opening the package. Your handmade herbal soap gives the office a welcomed fragrance, the Hymns of Comfort and Peace CD blessed me in the aftermath of completing my Gas Mask Fitting/Training this morning.”

Thank you for being part of this important task of bringing body and soul care to our chaplains and the military personnel they serve. Your loving gifts make the continuation of this work of mercy possible. We greatly appreciate your joining with us in caring for those who steadfastly and courageously defend our country in war-torn lands.

How can you help?
Please keep our chaplains and the soldiers they serve in your prayers. They are God’s instruments of protection.

For information on service projects or how to start a military project, please e-mail MilitaryProject@ctsfw.edu or call 260-452-2140.

Monetary donations can be mailed to:
Concordia Theological Seminary
Attn: Military Project Coordinator
6600 North Clinton Street
Fort Wayne, IN 46825
Ecclesiastes 3 tells us there is a time for everything under the sun, and now is the time that technology is used to the fullest. Sometimes it is said that a pastor’s task is not sitting in front of a computer all day, and according to my husband that is true. But he would also be the first to admit that knowing how to use the technology available today and keep up with the rapid changes are a necessity for all pastors and others serving in God’s kingdom. For the students of CTS today and in the future, the use of this technology is vital.

As the Seminary Guild was discussing the areas needing assistance for CTS, the area that kept coming up was technology. Our seminary strives to train students for the ministry, and this is “the” topic that needs the most attention at this time. What a wonderful opportunity for the Seminary Guild to step forward with a project to assist all the students.

This is why we are asking you to consider supporting this project with your donations. The funds received will be used in the most efficient ways possible to serve the needs of all our students. Work has begun by installing LCD projectors in all classrooms and more projects such as computers, cameras and microphones will begin as funds are available. Total cost to equip ten classrooms is $30,000.

The three articles written by our students in this issue were entitled “Teach the Faithful,” “Reach the Lost” and “Care for All.” Because the women of the Seminary Guild truly agree that these topics are the task of our pastors, we want to support our students at the seminary with the best of current technology so they have the most time available for these three tasks.

The Seminary Guild would like to thank you for considering this very important project for CTS. To learn more about how you and your church can assist in this project, please contact Rev. Thomas Zimmerman at Tom.Zimmerman@ctsfw.edu or call 260-452-2152.

If you would like to donate toward this project, make checks payable to the Concordia Theological Seminary Guild and send to:

Concordia Theological Seminary Guild Technology Project
Attn: Rev. Thomas Zimmerman
6600 N. Clinton Street
Fort Wayne, IN 46825

Vicky Geisler served as the CTS Seminary Guild President from 2010-2012. More information about the Guild may be found at www.ctsfw.edu/Guild.
In I Samuel 18 and in Acts 9 we read of Jonathan and Barnabas, two people of encouragement, who support two faithful men of God, King David and St. Paul, protecting them and ensuring faithful, future service. Jonathan and David were one in spirit and loved each other as each loved himself. Their friendship was rock solid. Jonathan was loyal and faithful not only while David was in King Saul’s good graces, but especially when that same jealous and murderous Saul intended to snuff out the one who had faithfully served his king. Barnabas also stood in the relational gap between the Pharisee Saul, now St. Paul, when the 12 apostles did not believe that Paul was truly a disciple. He also stood in the relational gap between Paul and John Mark when Paul lost respect for him. On this occasion Barnabas stood with John Mark as a temporary separation in their kingdom work occurred. Later Paul and John Mark were wonderfully reunited.

Concordia Theological Seminary’s mission to “form servants in Jesus Christ who teach the faithful, reach the lost and care for all” includes being a Jonathan or a Barnabas, standing in the gaps to care for and encourage those who serve faithfully in the trenches of parish ministry, day in and day out.

Pastors spend long hours in preparation for preaching and teaching, visit congregation members when they are sick and sometimes wait with others and pray while one is in surgery. They counsel, forgive, bind up the brokenhearted and pray for all in need.

In the midst of such challenges, CTS offers resources and opportunities to encourage our alumni:

- We listen to what our alumni have to share with us. Feedback is valuable and crucial to our work. Such feedback is welcomed by an e-mail, a phone call or a personal visit. Recently we e-mailed an electronic alumni survey to enable our alumni to identify which resources are most helpful.
- We offer rich theological resources on almost any subject or question through the CTS Media Site. Have you been there recently? Check it out at media.ctsfw.edu.
- We host the annual Symposia Series in January for theological engagement and for reconnecting with fellow brothers in ministry all over the world.
- We present daily, recorded chapel services online at www.ctsfw.edu/Chapel, allowing pastors the opportunity to sit and listen to beautiful, uplifting music and to a short homily.
- We provide quality Continuing Education to pastors throughout the United States (see the 2012 Continuing Education schedule on page 24 or go to www.ctsfw.edu/CE).
- We host reunions every spring for those who are celebrating milestones in the ministry.
- We offer you and your congregation the opportunity to host a “Seminary Sunday.” Members of our staff are ready to visit your church, preach to your people and bring a current message of hope and purpose in the mission which we share together.

If there are other avenues of encouragement that you might consider, please don’t hesitate to contact the Alumni Office at Alumni@ctsfw.edu or 260-452-2260.

You are in our prayers as partners in the Gospel!

Dr. Timothy R. Puls serves as Director of Alumni and Church Relations at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana. He may be contacted at Timothy.Puls@ctsfw.edu or 260-452-2260.
The joy of doing good in Jesus’ name! In good Lutheran terminology, what does this mean? It means as God’s creation, through the faith He planted in our hearts and minds, we want to do good works to His glory. One of our longtime supporters, Carl Hasz exemplifies this passage in Scripture.

Carl was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and raised in northwestern Pennsylvania. He attended Westminster College, New Wilmington, Pennsylvania, before enlisting in the Army, where he served in Intelligence. When he completed his enlistment, the officers under whom he served asked him to stay on in a civilian role. Carl retired in 1995, but the Pentagon kept calling him back for special assignments through 2005. During the Cold War, Carl spent his career in Germany, Korea, Vietnam and many points in between. He was a blessing to his country and those with whom he worked.

A defining time in Carl’s life came when he met Pastor A. E. Batiansila, whose son desired to attend the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). Where was the money going to come for him to attend MIT? Carl advised the pastor to tell the congregation and allow them to help. The congregation did! It was this experience that motivated Carl to encourage young people to seek higher education and also encourage others to help support them financially.

Carl’s love for the seminary came from his grandfather and uncles being pastors in The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) and through the experience with Pastor Batiansila. Over the years, Carl has adopted over 80 men who have become pastors and five women who have become deaconesses! Today, he still adopts students for support and maintains the relationships he has built with these men and women. Today, they invite him to attend their installations for vicarage, internships, ordinations, weddings and the baptism of their children.

Carl has been a part of Concordia Theological Seminary’s President’s Circle. He has encouraged his congregation and others to call seminary graduates as their pastors. He has invited the students he adopted to come preach and lead Bible studies at Sts. Peter and Paul in Sharon, Pennsylvania, and to other congregations in the area. By doing this, congregations have been able to meet men who are studying to become pastors. By doing this, more congregations choose to support the seminaries and also learn about the quality of the education provided to them at CTS.

When it comes to supporting the seminary and its students, Carl is always asking, “Can I help?” Because of this we have been able to aid Carl in setting up a Student Aid Endowment Fund which will provide for students until the second coming of Christ…we have assisted Carl with his estate plan so giving does not stop when God calls Carl home.

Truly, Carl is a blessing from God to our students and His church. We thank God for Carl and all he has done in support of forming servants in Jesus Christ, who teach the faithful, reach the lost and care for all.

For more information on how we can assist you, please call 877-287-4338 or visit our website www.ctsfw.edu, then choose “Support CTS.”

Mr. R. Radcliffe Finch, serves as Vice President for Institutional Advancement at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne. If you would like to discuss ways to support the men and women being formed to teach, reach and care, you may contact him at Radcliffe.Finch@ctsfw.edu or 877-287-4338.
Matthew Leighty, Advancement Officer for Concordia Theological Seminary, is the 2012 recipient of the Jay Bleeke Award from the Association of Lutheran Development Executives (ALDE). This honor is presented to a young ALDE member who has taken a leadership role within ALDE and has demonstrated exemplary leadership and service to a Lutheran organization within the fundraising and/or public relations fields.

Matthew serves the seminary as a Field Officer. His primary responsibility is to call on active and prospective donors, building relationships and requesting continued financial support for the seminary. He also calls on congregations of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod to encourage direct support.

Matthew received a Bachelor of Arts with majors in Communication and Psychology from Concordia University—Chicago in River Forest, Illinois. He has attended The Fund Raising School at the Indiana University Center on Philanthropy, Indianapolis, Indiana. In December of 2011, Matthew was named as a Certified Fundraising Executive (CFRE), reflecting that he has met a series of standards set by CFRE International in philanthropic practice. He is a member of the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) and the Association of Lutheran Development Executives (ALDE).

Matthew and his wife, Kelli (Borchelt), are natives of Fort Wayne. They graduated from Holy Cross Lutheran School and Concordia Lutheran High School before attending Concordia University—Chicago. They are again members at Holy Cross, which is where Kelli taught second grade. Matthew and Kelli have three children, son Ian and daughters Reagan and Addison.

According to Matthew, this was more than just a return to Fort Wayne in 2006. “Watching my father, Fred Leighty, attend CTS and become a second-career pastor allowed me to see firsthand God’s will being done at this place. As a child of a seminary student, my family was grateful for the gifts and generosity of so many people. Today, I’m eager to serve and be a part of advancing the mission of the seminary.”
Teach, Reach, Care
By Thomas P. Zimmerman

Three verbs declare the tasks of the graduates of our seminary: Concordia Theological Seminary exists to form servants in Jesus Christ to teach the faithful, reach the lost and care for all.

When Jesus commissioned His disciples, He said, “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe (keep) all that I have commanded you” (Matthew 28:19-20, ESV).

He didn’t give the church any lengthy job descriptions. He gave the church the command to baptize and teach so that those saints in the flesh would keep what He taught, what He commanded. With Luther we confess that baptism “works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this.”

Jesus also gave His disciples a task in the Gospel of John. Jesus described Himself as the Good Shepherd in John 10. He said that the Good Shepherd would lay down His life for the sheep. Interestingly Jesus said, “And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to My voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd” (John 10:16, ESV). Jesus was speaking of those who were not of the household of Israel. He was speaking of many of us, the Gentile believers. How would they come to be His sheep? That would happen as the disciples would carry out their mission to go to the highways and byways, being the voice of Jesus bringing the message of the Risen Christ.

After His resurrection, Jesus called Peter aside (John 21:15-17). Three times Jesus asked Peter if he loved Him. Three times Peter replied, “Yes, Lord, You know that I love You.” There Jesus gave Peter and all those who would follow in His steps the task to teach, reach and care as He said:

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Feed the young of the flock. Tend to the needs of the more mature and feed them, too! Jesus would work through Peter and the other disciples to teach, reach and care. He still does this through His faithful undershepherds whom He loves and equips with the tools that are necessary for the task. Those tools are the same ones He gave His first undershepherds, the Word and the Sacraments.

The pastoral ministry students who come to our seminary are equipped to be undershepherds of Christ. What does St. Paul tell Timothy to do in 2 Timothy 4:2? ______________

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The technology of this age, such as computers and smartphones, may make the undershepherd’s task of tracking his flock a little easier, but the faithful teaching of the Word and the right administration of the Sacraments are the pastor’s tools. The Word and Sacraments are what he needs to use to accomplish the feeding and tending of the Good Shepherd’s sheep. Gimmicks may amuse, but 1 Peter 1:25 says, “the Word

since this is true, the Word can be our anchor in the storms of life.

By forming “servants in Jesus Christ to teach the faithful, reach the lost and care for all” the seminary sends out workers to feed and tend the flock. However, it is not just the graduates of this institution who have a mission of caring. The entire flock, the whole church, can be instruments of His mercy as, immersed in the Word, they use the Word and its teaching (doctrine) in dealing with everyday situations. Christians who live in God’s grace are immersed in the Word. What does the Apostle Paul tell the church to do in Colossians 3:16? _____

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Since this is true, the Word can be our anchor in the storms of life.

We will struggle. We will fail and the mercy of our living Savior will continue to be available for us when we fail. Thanks be to God! 🌆

Rev. Thomas P. Zimmerman serves as Dean of Students at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana. He may be contacted at Thomas.Zimmerman@ctsfw.edu or 260-452-2152.
Concordia Theological Seminary Calendar of Events

MAY 2012
May 17  Deaconess Placement Service, Kramer Chapel, 10:00 a.m.
May 17–18  Alumni Reunions
May 18  Baccalaureate, Kramer Chapel, 10:00 a.m.
May 18  Graduation, Kramer Chapel, 6:00 p.m.

JUNE 2012
June 17–30  Christ Academy — High School
June 18–22  Organist Workshop: Primer Level for Organists/Service Playing for Pianists
June 25–29  Organist Workshop: Level 1 for Organists

For additional information concerning any of these events, please visit www.ctsfw.edu or phone 260-452-2100.

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2012
Christ Academy High School
June 17–30, 2012
Prayerfully Consider Campus Visit
October 11–13, 2012
Christ Academy College /
Phoebe Academy College
October 18–21, 2012

2013
Prayerfully Consider Campus Visit
March 21–23, 2013
Christ Academy High School
June 16–29, 2013
Prayerfully Consider Campus Visit
October 10–12, 2013
Christ Academy College /
Phoebe Academy College
October 17–20, 2013

2014
Prayerfully Consider Campus Visit
March 20–22, 2014

Contact Information
Contact the Office of Admission for more information about these visitation opportunities.
1-800-481-2155
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www.ctsfw.edu/Admission

Christ Academy High School
For high school-aged men
This two week immersive retreat gives high school-aged men an introduction to Lutheran theology and practice. Specifically, youth who are interested in the Office of the Holy Ministry will benefit from in-depth and hands-on seminary experience as they worship, study and enjoy recreation. Classes are taught by seminary professors and other remarkable teachers and pastors.
www.ctsfw.edu/ChristAcademy

Prayerfully Consider Visit
For all adult men and women
This campus visit is designed for men and women to explore the culture and life of CTS by having their pressing questions answered, such as Where will I live? How will we handle the costs of seminary? This informative weekend has helped hundreds of families contemplating seminary by answering questions about their needs and concerns.
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Christ Academy College/Phoebe Academy College
For college-aged men and women
This event introduces college-aged students to the vibrant academic life at CTS as classes and lectures are spotlighted and hot topics in theology are discussed. Past themes have explored Millennialism, Apologetics and Missiology from a Lutheran perspective.
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Lands of Luther Tour
Hosted by Dr. Lawrence R. Rast Jr.

11 days: November 26–December 6, 2012

We are delighted to be traveling “in the footsteps of Martin Luther” and sincerely hope that you will consider becoming a part of our Concordia Theological Seminary tour. How thrilling it will be to see Wittenberg, where Luther nailed the 95 Theses to the door of the Castle Church; Erfurt, where he went to school and became a monk; the Wartburg Castle, where he lived in disguise and translated the New Testament into German; Eisleben, where Luther was born and died; as well as other important Reformation sites.

In addition to the Luther sites, we will enjoy some of the magnificent scenery of the Rhine River Valley and visit Dresden—famous for its china and fine art—and Leipzig, where Johann Sebastian Bach is buried. Our tour also includes stops in Berlin and Munich, two of the world’s great cities and wonderful places to visit, shop and enjoy German cuisine. We will also be visiting the Christkindl Market while in Munich. What a wonderful place to do some of your Christmas shopping!

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