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By Lawrence R. Rast Jr.

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Well, here we are! On October 31, 2017, we will celebrate the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther posting his 95 Theses on Indulgences on the door of the Schloßkirche in Wittenberg, Electoral Saxony, Germany. Here at Concordia Theological Seminary (CTSFW), Fort Wayne, we have just completed the second in a series of Exegetical and Confessional Symposia focusing on the work of Luther, a half a millennium since its inception. The level of participation was excellent, both in terms of larger numbers than the last several years, but also in terms of commitment, as pastors and laypeople from around the world engaged the timeless truths that the Reformation recovered for the sake of the proclamation of Christ’s unchanging Gospel.

But what was also clear to all of us is that we live in changing times. A surprising American political season coupled with continued challenging news about the Church’s current situation tempered any temptations toward triumphalism. Immediately prior to the Symposia, the LCMS published a special edition of its Journal of Lutheran Mission. This issue (which is available at https://blogs.lcms.org/2016/special-mission-journal-explores-lcms-membership-decline) reminds us that we may never be complacent in proclaiming the Gospel.

It has to be brought new to each and every generation.

The articles in this issue of For the Life of the World underscore this reality. Several years ago CTSFW established an extension site in Gothenburg, Sweden, to offer the Master of Sacred Theology (S.T.M.) degree to faithful Lutheran pastors in Scandinavia and Eastern Europe. The program has been a resounding success, as the articles by Dr. Christopher Barnekov and myself illustrate. Dr. Detlev Schulz shows us that the United States has become a mission field in its own right, particularly in the inner city. Dr. Timothy Quill’s piece on building Lutheran identity through Lutheran hymnody reminds us that Luther’s emphasis on “singing the Gospel” has as much application in the 21st century as it did in the 16th century. CTSFW Academic Dean Dr. Charles Gieschen reminds us of what a great and faithful resource we have in the faculty of this Seminary.

There are also new emphases. In 1517 Luther was surprised by how new technology allowed his 95 Theses to make their way throughout Europe “in two weeks.” The Rev. Bill Johnson shows us that now resources from CTSFW can make their way to your computer in two seconds. The content remains faithful while the speed of delivery and range of materials are astounding. In the end, however, it is all in service to the Gospel of Christ, for our Lord Jesus Christ “is the same yesterday today and forever” (Heb. 13:8).

With you in Christ’s Service,

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Gothenburg in Wittenberg
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For the first time, but certainly not the last, Concordia Theological Seminary (CTSFW), Fort Wayne, made use of the Old Latin School as a forum for its Gothenburg S.T.M. Extension Program. Taking advantage of an absolutely unique setting and using fully the many scholarly and historical resources that Wittenberg and the Old Latin School offer, students from Sweden, Norway, Latvia, Russia and the Czech Republic focused their attention on the years 1546 to 1580, the period in the history of the Lutheran Church when it struggled with any number of theological, social and political questions.

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Gothenburg in Wittenberg

By Lawrence R. Rast Jr.
In many ways the task handed to the Lutherans of the post-Luther period was to give institutional and concrete theological shape to what before had largely been an independent movement. And while it is unquestionable that mistakes were made in the process (e.g., the way the relationship of the Church and the State was defined), it is more so the case that the Church’s confession was established more firmly and clearly by the end of this period. We are the humble heirs of this work, and this course helped us to realize and appreciate that more than ever before.

Together we learned that our task today is to make these confessions our own.
For my part, it was an honor to study together with faithful pastors from another part of the world and to appreciate their sincere and deep commitment to the Lutheran Church and its Confessions, but most especially, their love for their Savior, Jesus Christ, and their devotion to sharing His Gospel throughout the world. These men are servants of Jesus Christ who are teaching the faithful, reaching the lost and caring for all!

Needless to say, it was a busy week of studying. Yet we were blessed to be able to spend time at the Luther sites in Wittenberg, make a day trip to the site of Luther’s birth, baptism and death, Eisleben, and to visit the Thomas Kirche at Leipzig, where Johann Sebastian Bach was kantor for many years. All in all it was an incredibly enriching experience that helped establish relationships that will serve the future leaders of confessional Lutheranism well.

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MARCH 19, 2017

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Dr. Lawrence R. Rast Jr.
President, Professor of Historical Theology
CTSFW
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OCTOBER 31, 2017

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For the Life of the World

In response, a new extension program from Concordia Theological Seminary (CTSFW), Fort Wayne, is providing a “theological Marshall Plan.” Although several good confessional Lutheran schools of theology offer the equivalent of the Master of Divinity degree, there is a critical need for post-graduate instruction on a solid Lutheran foundation. The value of post-graduate studies became apparent after a few Nordic students pursued Master of Sacred Theology (S.T.M.) studies at CTSFW. These men returned home greatly strengthened and equipped as effective confessional Lutheran leaders. But it was extremely expensive to send students to Fort Wayne. Another serious obstacle was leaving their families and congregations for four or five quarters. Very few were able to participate.

Leaders of the Lutheran School of Theology (LSTG) in Gothenburg, Sweden, approached CTSFW about the possibility of offering a joint post-graduate studies program based in Gothenburg. With good and inexpensive transport connections throughout the region, students from all over Scandinavia, the Baltic States and even Eastern Europe could readily take advantage of such an opportunity. The challenge was to design a program that would be both feasible and most helpful to the small confessional Lutheran movements and to the Baltic churches trying to rebuild after their liberation from Soviet occupation.

After several years of discussions and explorations with LSTG and Luther Foundation Finland, in January 2014 Dr. Naomichi Masaki, CTSFW director of the S.T.M. Program, taught an exploratory course. This went very well. With full support from CTSFW President Lawrence Rast and the Board of Regents, as well as the LSTG Board, CTSFW received accreditation for an S.T.M. extension program in Gothenburg. Regular courses began in November 2014.

This new program has attracted students, recommended by their church leaders, from Finland, Latvia, Sweden, Denmark, Japan and the United States with some members of the LSTG faculty when Dr. Naomichi Masaki taught a course on the doctrine of the Office of the Holy Ministry in Gothenburg, March 2015.

Five hundred years ago the rediscovered Gospel spread north and east from Wittenberg. A century later the Nordic and Baltic region was a Lutheran stronghold. Today, however, its churches are largely empty. The Nordic former state churches no longer preach the Gospel, and the Baltic churches are still recovering from the brutal Soviet occupation. The devastation of the Church in these lands reminds one of the devastation of Europe at the end of the Second World War.

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Supporting Pastors in Sweden and Beyond

By Christopher C. Barnekov

Photo courtesy Dr. Naomichi Masaki
Norway, Russia and the Czech Republic. The number of students has grown to near capacity, about 15. With the first students who joined the program nearing the end of their course work, prospective students have already been identified and recommended by their churches to begin as places become available.

A typical student, who is also a full-time pastor serving a congregation, attends three courses per year for three years, then writes a thesis. To minimize time away from family and congregation, the courses are offered as one-week intensives held on the LSTG campus.

The program has been financially sound thus far. CTSFW has established the Bo Giertz Fund, through which American donors have covered tuition and fees for all the Nordic and Baltic students, as well as the remaining operating expenses for both schools. Several Swedish and Finnish Lutheran foundations assist students with transport, books and other expenses, and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod’s (LCMS) Office of International Mission is supporting several Eastern European students. A local congregation of the Swedish Mission Province assists by providing lodging and cooking facilities for the students.

The keys to making this critical resource available to the churches of Northern and Eastern Europe have been the strong support of the leadership of both schools, the tireless efforts of Dr. Masaki and the willingness of many CTSFW faculty to teach in Gothenburg. So far, Dr. Masaki, Prof. John Pless, Dr. Roland Ziegler and President Rast have made the journey, with Dr. Charles Gieschen scheduled soon.

“I am most grateful,” reflects Dr. Masaki, “that our S.T.M. Program is being used by the Lord to develop faithful and vigorous confessional Lutheran theologians and leaders.”

Dr. Christopher C. Barnekov (Chris@scandhouse.org) is the founder of Scandinavia House, Fort Wayne, that assists Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne (CTSW), graduate students from Scandinavia. He also began the Bo Giertz Fund that was established at CTSFW to fund the Gothenburg S.T.M. Extension.

Dr. David P. Scaer, chairman of the Department of Systematic Theology at Concordia Theological Seminary (CTSW), Fort Wayne, participated in the annual international theological conference sponsored by the Lutheran School of Theology in Gothenburg, Sweden, November 11-12, 2016. Scaer’s presentation was entitled “The Sermon on the Mount and Christian Ethics.” Among the other presenters was Dr. Tomas Nygren, Uppsala University, Sweden, who wrote his doctoral dissertation on how Gustaf Wingren, Wolfhart Pannenberg and Scaer handled the doctrines of Law and the Gospel. CTSFW offers courses leading to the Master of Sacred Theology degree in cooperation with the Lutheran School of Theology.
Make America a Mission Field Again

Inner City

By Klaus Detlev Schulz

In recent weeks and months, the political slogan “Make America great again!” reverberated throughout this country. Maybe it would be a good idea for The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) to have a slogan something like “Make America a mission field again!”

We shall refrain from the statistics to prove the point. One trend worth noting, however, is that the LCMS largely has its eyes set elsewhere — abroad. It’s a field that captivates our Synod’s congregations’ attention most. In the December 2016 issue of the Fort Wayne Lutheran, the Rev. Paul S. Zimmerman, vacancy pastor at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Grabill, Indiana, reflected on a short-term mission trip to Guatemala. “Over the years I’ve found it’s easier to get people to swing a hammer for the Lord than it is to get them to teach Vacation Bible School for Him.” In this way, much good is being done for churches that are in great need all over the world. However, in his provocative study “Toxic Charity,” Robert D. Lupton, founder of Focused Community Strategies, Atlanta, Georgia, cautioned Christians in North America that much of the revenue raised and spent, which exceeds three billion dollars annually, creates dependencies and relationships overseas that if stopped, or not appropriately guided with a strategy, easily turn toxic.

One would hope that Christianity in North America comes to the full realization that this one-track orientation to the world outside is not always as healthy as it at first seems. Two factors affected by that trend come to mind. First, for a decade career missionaries of the LCMS have had to raise their own support. Second, large areas in North America, inner cities in particular, are in dire need of compassionate ministries, and especially of the important message of Christ’s forgiveness that is given freely as a gift. These areas had once been the Synod’s backyard, but now stand abandoned and neglected. They deserve our attention once again. One student in the Concordia Theological Seminary (CTSFW), Fort Wayne, Ph.D. in Missiology Program is an ordained pastor of the LCMS working among the Muslim communities in Chicago. Originally, a Muslim himself from Lebanon, he converted to Christianity as an adult and now serves under difficult conditions. Similarly, another recent CTSFW graduate, an SMP educated, bi-vocational African American pastor, serves a congregation in downtown, a neighborhood in which his members are literally dodging bullets.

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Congregations for receiving our students and providing their support. In some cases, students are exposed to gentrification at work in places such as in Baltimore. Improvements may not be as noticeable in other areas, such as Milwaukee, but good work is being done. To learn more about that, be sure to read about CTSFW student, Joshua Ralston, who served a summer vicarage in Milwaukee (pages 16-17). We are thankful that the LCMS Office of National Mission (ONM) has risen to the occasion and struck a partnership with CTSFW offering a stipend to every student who serves in such vicarages, in the hope that some of them will one day after graduation serve as missionaries of the LCMS, not overseas but here in this country.

The LCMS mission paradigm is on the verge of shifting. The Rev. Steven D. Schave (CTSFW 2006), director of LCMS Urban & Inner City Missions and also a current student in the CTSFW Doctor of Ministry Program, has compiled and published a manual that will serve as the blueprint for our future missionaries’ efforts, “Mission Field: USA. A Resource for Church Planting” (lcms.org/churchplanting). We at CTSFW are joining in the effort to address needs in the inner city. In a CTSFW course on church planting, students receive the Lutheran underpinnings of church planting and combined with the inner-city experiences, interviews conducted with church planters and consultations with the LCMS’ ONM staff. Thankfully, it is emerging as a concerted effort involving numerous parties: congregations, districts, pastors and LCMS ONM staff. The vocation of a pastor, under regular circumstances, can be a challenge. Inner city ministries and church planting projects offer situations and conditions to which the average student may not be accustomed. But this unchartered territory offers beautiful work, work which the Lord Himself will bless because He has charged us with it in the words of Matt. 25:35-36: “For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.” Indeed, such people to whom our Lord directs our attention truly exist here and now, and how beautiful it is to have our Synod walk together with our Seminary in this direction. Whether or not we adopt the slogan “Let’s make America a mission field again,” we cannot deny it is so already.

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If you’ve been on the Concordia Theological Seminary (CTSFW), Fort Wayne, campus lately, you might have noticed the large mural in the library which depicts a number of people standing shoulder-to-shoulder. Look closely and you’ll see that the people aren’t simply standing, but are instead talking, writing and communicating in every way possible. It’s a historical look, moving from oral tradition to scrolls and from codex to tablet computer, showing how the Church has used technology from age to age to share its faith from generation to generation.

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The crown jewel of the CTSFW campus, both physically and spiritually, is daily worship in Kramer Chapel. As students, faculty, staff and visitors gather day after day for worship, we have the great joy of experiencing the finest of Lutheran liturgical tradition, excellent preaching and being led by world-class musicians and vocalists. If you’re able to visit our campus and join us for worship, please do! If, however, you’re a little farther away from campus, consider joining us online each day through the Internet. Daily chapel is streamed live to both the Seminary’s website (www.ctsfw.edu/dailychapel) and the Facebook page (www.facebook.com/ctsfw).

Thanks to the generosity of our donors, we’ve been able to upgrade our cameras and audio system for this year, so the chapel stream is looking and sounding better than ever. It’s the next best thing to being here in person.

Another resource you’ll find on the CTSFW Facebook page is our Lectionary Podcast Series. Every Tuesday morning you’ll find a new video from one of our professors working through the Gospel lesson for the coming Sunday. Whether it’s Dr. John Nordling’s in-depth analysis of the Greek text or Dr. David Scaer’s no-nonsense approach to ministry, you’re sure to find some insight to help with your sermon preparation. If you prefer not to use Facebook, the podcasts are also posted to YouTube (www.youtube.com/c/ConcordiaTheologicalSeminaryPodcasts) and to the Seminary Media Site (http://media.ctsfw.edu).

It’s not all video, though. The Seminary has compiled a number of text-based and other resources for the Church.
to a wider audience. The Media Site is your portal to access over 6,500 articles, 1,800 presentations and 4,000 sermons. Included in the online collection is every issue of Concordia Theological Quarterly, Concordia Theological Monthly, For the Life of the World and we’re presently working through adding the Spanish language journal Revista Teológica. We have chapel sermons for the last 16 years, as well as a number of much older sermons generously made available by Lutheran Hour Ministries. There are also several entire courses worth of video from faculty of CTSFW and our sister seminary in St. Louis, which were originally prepared for the Distance Education Leading to Ordination (DELOT) Program. Finally, we have archives of many of the Seminary’s conferences and Symposia Series for the last several years. There is a wealth of resources on the site, so it’s not surprising that it’s seen over two and a half million views since its inception.

To get the most out of the Media Site, you’ll want to know about a few things. First, feel free to search! If you know what you’re looking for, then the search box at the top will likely help you find the information you’re looking for quickly and easily. If, however, you’re just looking to browse a bit, consider using the Browse Titles By… menu at the top and choosing to browse either by Periodical (for magazines and journals) or by Collection (for courses and conferences). Finally, take a few minutes to play with the Scripture verse view. Here you can very quickly retrieve articles, sermons, lectionary podcasts and other resources that are related to a specific Scripture passage. If you’re looking to know how other pastors and CTSFW professors might approach a specific text, this is a great way to hear several sermons in one place, as well as to find other resources.

That’s just a brief sample of the resources available to you online from CTSFW. We have a few more things coming later this year, even as we continue to produce daily chapel, sermons and Lectionary Podcasts. I’m sure we haven’t thought of everything, though! If you have suggestions on how your Seminary might better provide resources for the Church, send us an email at WeAreYourSeminary@ctsfw.edu and let us know how we can serve you.

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Seminary Faculty: An Important Resource for the Church

By Charles A. Gieschen

Most members of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) know that it is important to have seminary faculty in order to form faithful pastors and deaconesses to serve congregations, but the perception may be that faculty members do little more for the Church than teaching students on the seminary campus. Actually, Concordia Theological Seminary (CTSFW), Fort Wayne, faculty are an important resource for the Church in many ways beyond classroom teaching! A few examples will illustrate this truth.

First, several CTSFW faculty members volunteer their time and expertise as they serve our beloved Synod on many of its boards, commissions and task forces. For example, close to half the members of the LCMS Commission on Theology and Church Relations are seminary faculty members. Currently, CTSFW has four faculty serving on this commission. Not only do they give their time for three-day meetings four times a year, but they also write some of the documents and opinions that are requested and approved by the Commission. Some faculty members serve as doctrinal reviewers in order to assure that all that is published within the LCMS reflects the doctrine from the Scriptures that we believe, teach and confess. In a sense, faculty members function as auxiliary staff within the LCMS administrative structure. In this way, the CTSFW faculty makes a huge contribution to the mission of the LCMS.

Second, several CTSFW faculty members assist in the global mission efforts of our Synod. There are few seminaries in the world that have a strong Lutheran identity, excellent curriculum for all its programs and a well-trained and faithful faculty. CTSFW is known throughout the world as such a seminary, and the result is that confessional Lutheran Church bodies look to CTSFW for help. Our professors teach short-term courses all over the world and also train future professors in partner church bodies in our programs on campus. CTSFW faculty, such as Dr. Timothy Quill, Dr. Detlev Schulz and Dr. Arthur Just Jr., work closely with LCMS International Mission in addressing these global needs for theological education and pastoral formation.

Third, Seminary faculty members are an ongoing resource for the continuing education of both LCMS pastors and laity. Faculty record a podcast study of the Gospel reading each week for pastors to access online. Faculty present regularly at symposia, regional pastors conferences or district conventions. Faculty write journal articles and books, including biblical commentaries that are resources which refresh and encourage pastors in their continued service to the Lord. Such teaching, speaking and writing are all over and above what faculty members do through their teaching on campus.

Finally, faculty are also pastors active in the life of local LCMS congregations. They regularly preach, teach and assist with the administration of congregations in the Fort Wayne area. Faculty find being active in the life of local congregations refreshing and renewing. Local pastors and congregations benefit from having such resources in their pews.

Are seminary faculties a vital resource for forming future pastors and deaconesses on the seminary campus? Absolutely! They daily are “teaching all the things” Jesus commanded (Matt. 28:20). Yet, they are also resources in many other ways for the Lord’s work throughout the Church and world. Please pray for them, give thanks for them, support them and make use of them.

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What’s your background?
I was born 1992 in Little Rock, Arkansas. I went to a Lutheran grade school in Little Rock and then went to a Lutheran High School for three years until it was closed. I graduated from Arkansas Baptist High School in 2011. I went to Concordia University Nebraska and graduated in 2015 with a Bachelor of Arts in World and Intercultural Studies. I began my studies at Concordia Theological Seminary (CTSFW), Fort Wayne, in Fall 2015.

Who influenced you to study to become a pastor?
My theology class in high school sparked an interest in theology and how it relates to the life of a Christian. My theology teacher, the Rev. David Witte, and home congregation pastor, the Rev. James Walter, saw that I was interested in theology and encouraged me to look into becoming a pastor. My theology teacher is now a chaplain in The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

Why did you choose CTSFW?
I chose CTSFW because of the care and constant interaction of the professors. They always encourage questions in and out of the classroom, which shows the pastoral approach of the professors here. This is truly a community that cares for one another. Between the coffee hour after chapel, lunch in the dining hall and Gemütlichkeit on Fridays, there are interactions between students and professors. Professors genuinely care about the personal lives of the students. They rejoice with us in the proud moments and accomplishments, and yet they mourn with us in the struggles of life. The community constantly grows together as we continue in our pastoral formation.

You served a summer vicarage in Milwaukee. Was that a positive experience?
My summer vicarage at Mount Calvary Lutheran Church, Milwaukee, was especially helpful in my pastoral formation. I was able to learn from Pastor Czaplewski a way to do urban missions. I learned that making connections in the neighborhood not only put Mount Calvary Lutheran Church on the map, but it makes the church relevant in everyday functions of the Sherman Park neighborhood in Milwaukee. This is vital to ministering to the spiritual and bodily needs of those around Mount Calvary.

It taught me how to bring Christ to those who need the peace which passes all understanding. There are many examples of opportunities where Christ was brought to the needy in outreach situations, but the moment that stands
out to me most was after the riots over the death of a teenager in Milwaukee.

As tensions grew between police and the public in the urban area of Sherman Park, riots erupted as the neighborhood mourned the death of one of their own. After businesses were burned down, many were distressed over the riots. This affected both the owners of the businesses, as well as those who use those businesses each and every day. I had the opportunity to pick up trash in the affected area, listen to the complaints of both sides and pray with those who needed to hear Christ.

What’s your best advice for those considering studying to become a pastor?

I encourage them to visit the Seminary. I would also encourage them to come to Christ Academy. At Christ Academy, students get a feel for how the professors teach and learn some great theology. We have plenty of admission counselors that students can connect with, so that one of these visits can be planned out. Talk with the professors and admission counselors, and they will help alleviate some concerns about attending seminary.

What are your personal goals for your future service as a pastor?

As a pastor in training, I pray that one day I will reach those in darkness with the Gospel, preach Christ to the faithful in the congregation and demonstrate genuine care for all people.

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Tell us a little about yourself.

My grandfather preached in Norwegian to congregations in Wisconsin and Minnesota. He also served as a Lutheran circuit rider in the rugged expanses of North Dakota. My father was also a pastor, serving in California and Nigeria. Both men were chiefly defined by their possession of a pastoral heart and commitment to visitation and mission. From childhood I was instilled with a high and joyful regard for the pastoral office.

I’ve been married to Annette (Ziebell) since 1975 and we have been blessed with our beautiful daughter, Kathryn Ann.

Before coming to CTSFW, I served congregations in New Orleans, Louisiana; New Hartford, Connecticut; and Affton, Missouri. I’ve served as a professor at CTSFW since 1998, primarily teaching liturgy, homiletics and missions.

In 1996 you were named director of the Russian Project at CTSFW. Tell us about your involvement.

Under the Soviet Union, nearly all the Lutheran pastors were killed and the seminaries closed. The Russian Project was formed through a generous grant from the Marvin M. Schwan Charitable Foundation, with the goal of bringing 10 Russian speaking men from the former Soviet Union to CTSFW to be trained as Lutheran pastors. Within 10 years the total rose to 31 men, plus six women who were trained as theological translators, church musicians and deaconesses.

In 1997 a Lutheran Seminary was dedicated in Novosibirsk. Originally the professors consisted entirely of short-term, visiting professors from the LCMS, with the exception of Prof. Alan Ludwig who was deployed as a full-time professor. Today, alongside Ludwig, the entire faculty are Russian Lutherans. Establishing and sustaining a residential seminary with a rigorous curriculum (which includes Hebrew and Greek) requires commitment and funding. Recently, the Seminary faced a fiscal crisis that threatened its very existence. Thanks to the support of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) and President Matthew Harrison, the Seminary survived the crisis and is working on restructuring and strategies that will assure its continuation.

Today, 20 years after its inception, the graduates of the Russian Project have returned to their homelands where they shepherd the faithful, evangelize the lost and lead their churches as bishops, probsts and seminary professors. Through the Russian Project, CTSFW deployed Dr. Charles Evanson to Lithuania, where he served as a professor in the University of Klaipėda’s Department of Theology and as a church theological educator for 17 years, and also Dr. William Weinrich,
How have you worked to grow international work at CTSFW?

In the dual role of seminary professor and director of CTSFW International Studies, I have been blessed over the last 20 years to teach liturgics, homiletics and pastoral theology in Fort Wayne and at Lutheran seminaries and conferences in Europe, Russia, Asia, Africa and South America. The International Studies Office also coordinates the sending of CTSFW professors around the world on short-term teaching assignments and the recruitment of international students to study in Fort Wayne. The two-directional exchange of professors and students has contributed to a positive mission environment at CTSFW.

How else have you served the Church?

In addition to speaking at conferences and preaching in congregations for mission and Seminary Sunday festivals, I served on the Liturgy Committee for the Lutheran Service Book and, since July of 2011, I have served half time as director of Theological Education for the LCMS Office of International Mission.

During international travels in 2014 you had an unexpected and life-changing experience.

In April of 2014 I was traveling from western Tanzania to the highlands of Papua, New Guinea, when I experienced a serious brain aneurism. By the grace of God, I was passing through Adelaide, Australia, when the incident occurred and was a mere 10 minutes from a hospital with the leading brain neurosurgeons in Australia. I gained a greater appreciation for our mission staff who jumped into action, for the pastoral care I received from LCMS missionaries and our Australian Lutheran brothers. It has been my vocation to give pastoral care to parishioners and teach pastoral practice to seminarians. Now I was the recipient of pastoral care from faithful pastors who brought the presence and voice of Jesus Christ to my bedside in their person, with the Word they spoke and the Holy Body and Blood they distributed. They did not come with bells and whistles, with cute, silly novelties. These calm pastors brought me what I needed—the Bread of Life, medicine of Immortality! They brought me Jesus. And, they taught me much about what it means to be a pastor, and, I hope, made me a better seminary professor.

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My first recollection of listening to an African expressing his opinions on the relationship between mission and worship occurred 22 years ago while taking a course on the history of the Anglican Liturgies in the Ph.D. Program at Drew University, Madison, New Jersey. I don’t recall exactly how the discussion moved from Cranmer’s revisions of the Medieval Mass to the difficulty of initiating liturgical changes among the laity of the Anglican congregations in Africa. What I do remember is the intensity with which the Tanzanian student described his frustration that his mother and other congregants resisted the new hymns. Many Tanzanians insisted on singing old Anglican hymns they sang while growing up in the church. For others, it was what they sang when converting to the Christian religion. It is all they had ever sung. The hymns shaped, defined and expressed their faith and piety.

This snapshot from one day in the classroom serves as a window into the complexities of translating Christian worship from one culture to another. At first glance the resistance seems a bit surprising, maybe a bit unwarranted, but the more one looks through this window, the more one sees. With patience and reflection one begins to understand that the liturgical and hymnological endeavor is a complex enterprise involving text, music, ceremony and a host of other elements.

For over two decades, Concordia Theological Seminary (CTSFW), Fort Wayne, has been an international resource for liturgical and hymnological development. International students, especially in the graduate programs, have been exposed to liturgical and sacramental theology in the classroom and chapel. In response to requests from Lutheran Churches around the world, CTSFW professors have traveled the globe lecturing on the history, theology and conduct of the liturgy at conferences, seminars, workshops and in seminary classrooms.

In 2008, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya asked CTSFW to assist with publishing a Swahili hymnbook. Professors assisted the Kenyan Hymnal Commission as consultants and advisors. The book was completed in 2013 under the title Ibadah Takatifu (Divine Service). One of the biggest challenges in producing the Kenyan Lutheran book of worship was finding qualified hymn writers, translators and composers who were gifted linguists, poets, musicians and who were trained in Lutheran theology. Ironically, the Kenyans knew two such musicians in Tanzania. The two Tanzanians traveled to Nairobi to work for several days with musicians of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) and Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya, analyzing and editing the texts and music. The cooperative venture benefited both churches.

The most recent example of a contribution to providing liturgical resources by CTSFW was the International Symposium for Hymn Writers and Translators hosted on the Seminary campus in tandem with the Good Shepherd Institute, November 6–10, 2016. Under the theme “Fresh Hymns of Thankful Praise Arise,” the symposium was jointly organized by CTSFW, the LCMS Office of International Mission and the office of LCMS President the Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison. The organizing committee consisted of the Rev. Dr. Jon Vieker, the Rev. Dr. Steven Starke, Deaconess Sandra Rhein and the Rev. Dr. Timothy Quill.

The symposium brought together translators and musicians from around the world to learn from experts in the field of writing and translating hymns and also to learn from each other. The participants came from Argentina, China, Ethiopia, Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, Romania, Tanzania, Czech Republic, Sudan and the United States. Hopefully, a second symposium can be held in two years.

Today the church has a treasury of hymns written over the past 500 years, not to mention the fact that we are living in a time when many new excellent hymns are being written. Lord willing, CTSFW will continue to play an important role in encouraging and resourcing Lutheran liturgy and hymnody for Lutherans in America and internationally.

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Remembering John Behrendt

On Saturday, November 26, 2016, our Heavenly Father called home His faithful servant and our dear friend John Behrendt. John served The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, our Seminary and his congregation, Zion Lutheran, Fort Wayne, unselfishly throughout his life. He served as chairman of the Concordia Theological Seminary (CTSFW), Fort Wayne, Finance and Investment Committees since 2011 and on the CTSFW Board of Regents since 2012.

Our prayers are with his wife, Ardis, and his entire family as they are comforted with the sure and certain hope of the resurrection. “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die” (John 11:25–26).

Class of 2016 Honors Dr. MacKenzie

On January 18 the Concordia Theological Seminary (CTSFW), Fort Wayne, Class of 2016 presented their class gift. It is a portrait of Dr. Cameron A. MacKenzie, CTSFW chairman of the Historical Theology Department. He was surprised and humbled by the presentation.

“You’d be hard pressed to find a more faithful Christian, more gifted professor or more gracious man,” said CTSFW President Lawrence R. Rast Jr. “We at CTSFW are very blessed to call him colleague and friend.”

Faculty Publications

The Rev. Dr. Gifford A. Grobien, assistant professor of Systematic Theology, serves as general editor of Ethics of Sex: From Taboo to Delight, ed. Gifford Grobien (St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 2017).

The Rev. Dr. Benjamin T. G. Mayes, assistant professor of Historical Theology at CTSFW, has contributed to the following:

Luther’s Works, American Edition, vol. 79 Church Postil V, ed. Benjamin T. G. Mayes, trans. James L. Langebartels (St. Louis: Concordia, 2016). This volume completes Concordia’s edition of Luther’s Church Postil, his sermons for the church year which he began in 1521 at the Wartburg Castle and expanded throughout his life. Aside from the Catechisms and the German Bible, no other writing of Luther affected the faith of the people during the Reformation as did the Church Postil.


Translation of Johannes Rudbeckius, selection from “Oration on the Legitimate Calling of Ministers of the Church,” in Lives & Writings of the Great Fathers of the Lutheran Church, ed. Timothy Schmeling (St. Louis: Concordia, 2016), 143–47.

CTSFW and CSL Boards of Regents Meet in Fort Wayne

The CTSFW community was pleased to host the Boards of Regents from CTSFW and Concordia Seminary, St. Louis (CSL), January 19–20, 2017.

We thank God for the selfless and faithful service of these men and women. We pray that they will be continually strengthened in their important service to the Church and our seminaries.

Front Row: President Lawrence Rast Jr. (CTSFW), Rev. William Cwirla (CTSFW), President Dale Meyer (CSL)
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Buy a Greek Textbook for a CTSFW Student

In conjunction with a grant from Lilly Endowment, Inc., Concordia Theological Seminary (CTSFW), Fort Wayne, is planning a social media campaign to raise funds for incoming Greek students. The aim is to provide them with their required textbooks for Greek class.

☆ The goal is to raise enough money to pay for all textbooks for the entire 2017 Greek class.
☆ The campaign will launch shortly after Easter.
☆ Watch for the project announcements to appear on the CTSW Facebook page www.Facebook.com/CTSFW.
☆ Details will be forthcoming later this Spring.
☆ Please join us in this opportunity to support your future pastors.

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In my experience, however, the essence of our Gospel mission “for the life of the world” always takes place between people, in face-to-face fashion, as the Word of Christ is preached from mouth to ear and from heart to heart. This was the greatest lesson I learned while at CTSFW, and this understanding of pastoral ministry has served me better than any other in my work as the pastor of a congregation.

My studies at the Seminary exposed me to a beautifully evangelical theology, always with the clear understanding that this theology was not meant strictly for the confines of a lecture hall, but to be shared with people in a way that speaks to the sin which sits at the core of our being and serves as our greatest need. In the words of one of my professors, “an undelivered Gospel is no Gospel.” And this people-focused understanding of Law and Gospel proclamation quickly moved me from

In this issue of *For the Life of the World* much has been written about the ways in which Concordia Theological Seminary (CTSFW), Fort Wayne, is providing resources for the mission of the Church in our diverse and technologically dependent world. To be sure, the challenges facing the Church today require open and innovative approaches in order to make the Gospel clear and accessible to “all nations.” As a parish pastor, I am thankful for these efforts and encouraged to see CTSFW stepping out to provide congregations with such resources.
an academic mindset to a very practical focus of making the Gospel clearly known to the people of God regardless of culture, race, ethnicity or socio-economic background.

The pastoral vocation is always about proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ to flesh and blood sinners in need of the forgiveness found in a flesh and blood Savior. Every person I meet is one who is loved by God and one for whom Christ died. Our beautifully evangelical theology gives me the ability to speak this Good Word to everyone I meet, and as God has promised us, I know that His Good Word “shall not return … empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it” (Is. 55:11). This promise drives everything I do as a pastor and, as I reflect on my seminary training, I thank God for the way my professors taught me this unconditional promise of God.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ is our greatest resource and, through the ministry of CTSFW, the Church has been blessed with a Seminary faculty who understand this clearly and continue passionately to instill future pastors with an urgency for the mission of Christ who creates light in the darkness, brings life to the dead and makes disciples out of hopeless sinners like me. Thanks be to God. 

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The work of finding and providing the material, finances and/or people needed for maintenance and advancement of the Church on earth is continuous. Thankfully, there are people at our seminaries and congregations who are dedicated to this effort. There are staff members in place at the seminaries whose job it is actively to seek, find and provide for these needs. But actually, all of us can participate in this resourcing of the Church. Praying, of course, heads the “to do” list. Then there are donations of money and materials to our seminaries and speaking to youth and others about the importance of the need for ministers and deaconesses to preach and teach the Word.

The Guild of Concordia Theological Seminary (CTSFW), Fort Wayne, offers opportunities to help with this resourcing. We focus on the needs of the students who are preparing for ministry as pastors and deaconesses, and encouraging donations to the Food and Clothing Co-Op at CTSFW are just a couple of ways the Guild serves.

We invite you to join us at our meetings to learn how you can help prepare future pastors and deaconesses.

Joyce West (joyciew43@gmail.com) serves as president of the Guild at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. 1 Corinthians 3:7

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Rev. Dr. Benjamin T. G. Mayes
Luther Hall, 1:00 p.m.

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One gentleman in Central Iowa had the desire to help, but didn’t know where to start. He remembered the CTSFW Advancement officer who had visited him the previous year and the offer to assist him with estate planning, so decided to give him a call.

As you can imagine, estate planning for an individual or a couple can be complicated. Some of us don’t ever seem to get around to getting a Will written, and we don’t understand the alphabet soup of the investment industry.

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Acts 1:8—Jesus Sends the 11 on a Mission
The final words of Jesus to the 11 before His ascension announced the extent of the mission:

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth” (Acts 1:8).

Find Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria on a map of the first century. What do you think that Jesus meant by the ends of the earth?

Peter and John were the primary missionaries to Jerusalem and Judea in Acts 1–12, but the Church began to move beyond Judea through Philip in Samaria and Peter’s outreach to Gentiles.

How would you describe Philip’s resources in his evangelization of the Samaritans in Acts 8?

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How would you describe Peter’s resources as he proclaims the Gospel to Cornelius in Acts 10?

The plan of Paul, the apostle of the second part of Luke’s story of the Church in Acts 13–28, was to visit Rome, considered by many the end of the earth. When he wrote the Roman Christians he told them:

“I hope to see you in passing as I go to Spain [which really was the end of the earth in Paul’s time], and to be helped on my journey there by you, once I have enjoyed your company for a while” (Romans 15:24).

By the end of the Acts of the Apostles, Paul was enjoying the company of the Roman Christians, albeit under house arrest, where he “welcomed all who came to him, proclaiming the kingdom of God and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness and without hindrance” (Acts 28:31).

Describe Paul’s resources for evangelizing the Roman Christians in Acts 28.

Luke 9 and 10—Jesus Sends Out the 12 and the 70
The resources for the growth of the Church may be found in the teaching of Jesus during His three-year ministry among the 12 and the 70. But His instruction to them is counter-intuitive. He sent them with nothing.

To the 12 He said:

“Take nothing for your journey, no staff, nor bag, nor bread, nor money; and do not have two tunics” (Luke 9:3).

To the 70 His instructions were even more specific:

“The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go your way; behold, I am sending you out as lambs in the midst of wolves. Carry no moneybag, no knapsack, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace be to this house!’ And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest upon him. But if not, it will return to you. And remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they provide, for the laborer deserves his wages” (Luke 10:2–7).

Did Jesus really send them without provisions that they might be dependent upon the Lord of the harvest through the hospitality of those to whom they were sent? Did Jesus really send them with nothing? Discuss the meaning of Jesus’ words and cite examples.
When Jesus sent the 12, He “gave them power and authority over all demons and to cure diseases, and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal” (Luke 9:1–2).

And to the 70 He said, “Whenever you enter a town and they receive you, eat what is set before you. Heal the sick in it and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you’” (Luke 10:8–9).

The resources that Jesus gave the disciples were the proclamation of the kingdom of God and the power to heal: preaching the Word and performing miracles of healing that testified to the presence of Jesus the Creator in His creation to make all things new.

How are these two resources of preaching the Word and healing the sick connected to the mission of the church today to preach the Word and administer the Sacraments? How are Sacraments the miracles of the apostolic church because they testify now to the bodily presence of Jesus the Creator in His creation making all things new?


The Emmaus disciples were taught by Jesus on the road and that caused their hearts to burn (Word–24:25–27, 32), then Jesus opened their eyes in the breaking of the bread (Meal–24:31). The recognition of Jesus in the breaking of the bread sets them off on a mission to return to Jerusalem to report what they had heard and seen (24:33–35). The presence of Jesus in Word and Meal resources the mission of the Church to seek and save the lost (Luke 19:10). As we have seen, Acts documents how the disciples are now empowered to go out into the world, armed with Word and Sacrament—the means for mission.

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