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President's Message – Love's Realities

God's love is real. Lent is a season of sorrowful penitence, aching denial, mournful melodies, and deep introspection and reflection, visible signs that God's love is real. Easter is a real, shocking, victorious miracle of a loving God that comforts and strengthens believers to boldly walk together on the journey toward home. Christ's return is the most important real future deadline ever, and we strive to live expectantly each day in eager hope of the reality of Christ's return. That's how love is.

Real love is more than a holiday, a word, or a single gift or action. Love is a lifestyle. God's love, alive in God's people, is at the core of our Lutheran faith. As St. John so wonderfully put it, *"whoever lives in love lives in God, and God lives in them"* (1 John 4:16c).

Concordia Lutheran Seminary was founded by LCC leaders with one simple (but real) mission: we take the men you lovingly send to us and *lovingly* form them as "servants for Jesus' sake." These men who are formed to be pastors while at CLS, and then they return to love God's people with Word and Sacrament ministry that points clearly to Christ the Saviour, on Sundays, and at the bedside, courtyard, and in the neighbourhood. That's how love is.



DR. JAMES GIMBEL

Thank you for sending these servants for Jesus' sake. Thank you for your prayers and involvement in their lives. And thank you for the financial support that we need to fulfill our mission. We form servants for Jesus' sake because that's how love is. You partner with us because that's how love is.

If you have not yet contributed to our ministry this year, please do so now. And please seriously pray about becoming one of our monthly donors in the *give25* campaign ... with 1000 loving donors, giving as little as \$25 a month, our budget will be healthy and we can continue our mission. That is our reality, the reality of living in the amazing love of God.

Dr. James Gimbel,
President



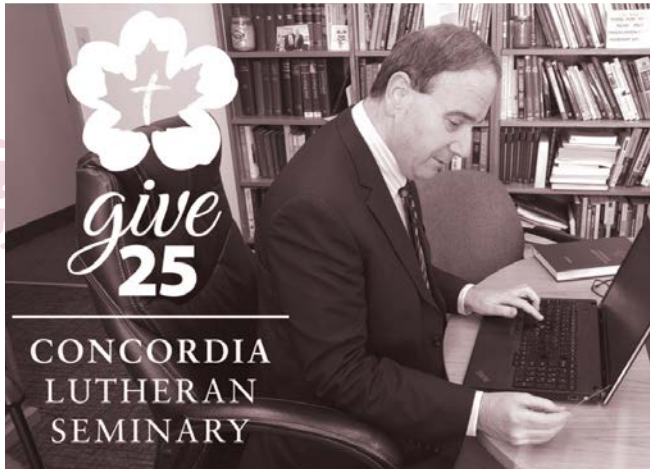
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"I'M SO GRATEFUL TO BE A NEW PARTNER TO CONCORDIA LUTHERAN SEMINARY IN ITS "GIVE 25" EFFORT. THE LORD HAS BROUGHT SO MUCH BLESSING TO OUR CHURCH THROUGH THIS TREASURED PLACE, AND I HOPE MANY OF YOU WILL GET INVOLVED – AS I HAVE – IN THIS VERY MANAGEABLE, ONGOING WAY!"

ROBERT BUGBEE, PRESIDENT
LUTHERAN CHURCH-CANADA

We have launched the **give25** campaign, to encourage 1000 donors to commit to \$25/month. This number isn't arbitrary, as Concordia Lutheran Seminary relies on 55% of its budget to come from our church families.

In order to continue to "form servants for Jesus' sake", we require this commitment from individual members like you!

We have reached 13% of our goal since January 1st, to the glory of God! Thank you to those who have generously stepped forward.

Please consider **give25** either through our online platform www.concordiasem.ab.ca/give25 or through our pre-authorized bank withdrawal option www.concordiasem.ab.ca/donate/documents/PADfillable.pdf or an annual cheque donation commitment of \$300/year.

REGISTER BEFORE
APRIL 15, 2017

to receive available discounts.
Registrations received after
April 15 will include a \$100
late fee.

Pastor's Sabbatical Week – June 6-8, 2017

AT KING'S UNIVERSITY, EDMONTON, ALBERTA

Concordia Lutheran Seminary is hosting the 2017 Pastor's Sabbatical Week, featuring:

- St. Louis systematician, **Dr. Chuck Arand**, with a Lutheran theological perspective on handling scientific information about creation and evolution;
- Canadian native, new president of Concordia College Bronxville NY, **Dr. John Nunes**, on preaching for today;
- **Dr. Colleen Hammermaster** with psychological insights for pastoral care.

There is limited enrolment (50) for our capacity at King's University, Edmonton; \$375 includes program, meals, and housing

To register, see cost options, and available discounts, go to:

www.concordiasem.ab.ca/documents/SabbaticalWeekRegistration2017.pdf

Encourage your pastor to attend as part of a pattern of continuing education. Don't delay...Register today!

Take Wing



LEFT TO RIGHT: GUILD PRESIDENT PAT MOORE, MICHAEL MAYER, SHIEKH LIEF MAURICIO, ALEX TIMM, CHRISTOPHER MCLEAN, CLS PRESIDENT DR. JIM GIMBEL

Four congregations have been assigned second-year students for the Take Wing program.

The goal of the Take Wing program is to strengthen connections between congregations, pastors, and students of Concordia Lutheran Seminary (CLS) who are outside of our local Edmonton area. Through this program, students get a feel and flavour for a part of Lutheran Church-Canada that they may not have had a deep exposure to already. Congregational and pastoral partners gain a strong sense of CLS as a seminary of the whole church ... and gain an appreciation for these seminarians and their gifts and graces.

The Take Wing weekend was March 18 & 19, at the end of the CLS Spring Break.

The Seminary Guild provides up to \$500 of the major transportation costs; the congregation takes care of local/ground transportation and billeting. While in the congregation, the student normally preaches and helps with worship, teaches a Bible class, and often, when there is a reception or lunch, he speaks briefly about his life and experience at the seminary.

Here are the Take Wing assignments of the CLS second-year seminarians for 2017:

- **Michael Mayer** (home: Wembley, AB) to Zion Lutheran Church, Prince George, BC working with Pastor Al Lewis
- **Shiek Lief Mauricio** (home: Surrey, BC) to La Ronge Lutheran Fellowship, La Ronge, SK working with Pastor Cody Cooper
- **Christopher McLean** (home: Meadow Lake, SK) to Trinity Lutheran Church, Richmond, BC working with Pastors Steven Harold and Wayne Zhang
- **Alex Timm** (home: Blaine Lake, SK) to Zion Lutheran Church, Augsburg, ON and St. Luke Lutheran Church, Eganville, ON working with Pastor Dan Barr

Thank you to the congregations who have requested a seminarian for 2017 Take Wing, and to all who support the Seminary Guild and its mission to support students of the seminary. If you are interested in a Take Wing student in *your* congregation for 2018, please contact Dr. Gimbel.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 28

Last day of Semester II Classes

May 1 – 3

Final Exams

May 22

Victoria Day – Office Closed

May 24 & 25

Board of Regents Meeting

May 25

Sacred Convocation

June 5 – 9

Pastor's Sabbatical Week

June 9

Vicar Retreat

July 3

Office Closed

August 7

Heritage Day – Office Closed

August 31 & September 1

MDiv Student Retreat

September 1

Registration for All Students

September 4

Labour Day – Office Closed

September 5

Opening Service at CLS Chapel

September 5

First Day of Short Term I Classes

September 5 & 6

Board of Regents Meeting

September 5 – 8

1st Year MDiv Student Orientation

September 18

First Day of Semester I Classes

The Sacred Convocation

Concordia Lutheran Seminary cordially invites you to attend The Sacred Convocation for the 33rd Academic Year:

Thursday, May 25, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Robert Tegler Student Centre
Concordia University of Edmonton
7128 Ada Boulevard, Edmonton
Guest Preacher: Rev. Karl Keller

We will celebrate the placement of our vicars and graduate, and our honorary awardees will be recognized.

The *Doulos dia Iesoun* Award Recipient:
Rev. Karl Keller

The Friend of the Seminary Award Recipients:
Myron and Anita Yurko

Free parking has been arranged with Concordia University of Edmonton.
All are welcome. Please plan to join us.



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Are you receiving the correct number of CLS Newsletters? Please **contact Rhonda at admin@concordiasem.ab.ca** with the number of newsletters you would like to receive.

Visiting Professor – Spring Semester



Dr. Joel Heck and his wife Cheryl have come to Concordia Lutheran Seminary, where Joel is serving as Visiting Professor of Old Testament for the spring semester. They have been married for more than forty years, and are blessed with three grown children and three grandchildren. With children in Cincinnati, Denver, and San Francisco, they have plenty of places to visit.

Joel is former Provost and currently Professor of Theology at Concordia University Texas. He teaches Old Testament, New Testament, Reformation

history, and C. S. Lewis. His graduate work was done at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, under Dr. Horace Hummel. He is the author or editor of fourteen books and dozens of articles, especially in the areas of Old Testament and C. S. Lewis.

The Hecks have lived in Austin, Texas for 19 years, and before that they lived in Wisconsin, where Joel taught at Concordia University Wisconsin. The Hecks are thankful for previous sabbatical semesters in London, Oxford, and Cambridge.

Joel and Cheryl love music, and while in Edmonton they are singing with the Te Deum Singers and volunteering at the Winspear Centre for symphony concerts. Cheryl is playing the organ at Bethlehem Lutheran Church and leading a seminary choir.

They are thankful to Dr. Jim and Jill Gimbel for providing a lovely place to live while in Edmonton, and they enjoy hiking around the Rundle Park area. They are very thankful to all of you for helping make wonderful memories. To God be the glory!

Upcoming Quest Course

FALL 2017 – Wednesday Nights*: October 4, 11, 18 and 25, 2017
@ 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm – CLS Campus

Martin Luther's Road to Reformation, 1483-1521

Presenter: Rev. John A. Maxfield, PhD is an ordained pastor of Lutheran Church-Canada and serves as Associate Professor of Religious Studies at Concordia University of Edmonton. He teaches History of Christianity, Theology, and European History, specializing and publishing in the areas of the German Reformation and Luther Studies.

What better way to celebrate the "Reformation 500" anniversary than to learn about the man who started it all? In this course we will examine Martin Luther's life and the development of his theology from his birth in 1483 to the controversy that developed thirty-five years later after his posting of the Ninety-Five Theses on Indulgences on October 31, 1517 and that initiated the Reformation.

Wednesday, October 4

- Church Life and Spirituality in Germany on the Eve of the Reformation
- Luther's Family, Upbringing, and Education

Wednesday, October 11

- Life in a Monastery and Student of Theology
- Luther as Professor of Theology and Maturing Theologian

Wednesday, October 18

- Luther's "Reformation Discovery" of Justification by Faith—Early Developments and His Reflections as an Old Man
- A Theologian of the Cross and the Beginnings of Reform

Wednesday, October 25

- The Controversy over the 95 Theses and the Development of a Reformer
- A Wild Boar in the Vineyard?—The Road to Luther's Stand at Worms

Quest classes are open to pastors, lay leaders, and all Christians as a service of CLS. This course is also available via web-based audio-video link (to those outside of driving distance of the CLS campus) with the same opportunity to hear and interact online.

REGISTRATION

Cost: There is no cost to participate, but kindly register for the **free course** by contacting:
admin@concordiasem.ab.ca
Tel: 780-474-1468, ext. 225

**Note the change from Tuesday nights.*

Adopt-A-Student THE CHURCH AND HER SEMINARIANS

On Sundays we often confess in the Nicene Creed that we believe "in one holy Christian and apostolic Church," or as the Apostles' Creed puts it "the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints." What does it mean to be united together into one holy Christian Church? There are many reasons that churches throughout Canada joined together to form our synod. One reason is based upon a founding purpose of our synod, to form pastors. This is so central to what we are about that both of our LCC seminaries predate the formation of our synod!

Unfortunately, sometimes the costs of the formation of pastors and deacons is taken for granted. However, as a seminary of LCC, all members of LCC are our important partners.

Would you prayerfully consider joining this partnership by adopting a student? Churches, LWMLC groups, and individual Christians from British Columbia to the Maritimes are supporting students.

When you support a student, not only are you supporting his education, but you are showing how the love of God's church is with him as well. You are teaching him how God provides for His people *through* His people. You are reflecting the unity of Christ's body in one purpose. Your prayers, letters and cards, along with your financial gifts, help to encourage and uplift these men as they prepare for service to the Church.

If you are already sponsoring a student through the Adopt-A-Student program, thank you. You are truly making a life-long impact on these men with your love. If you have not yet adopted a seminary student, please give it serious thought and prayer. We are all one holy Christian Church, knit together in LCC. Thank you for walking with us and our students.

If you have any questions, or would just like to talk about the program, contact:
Dr. John Hellwege, Director of Financial Aid
Tel: (780) 474-1468
jhellwege@concordiasem.ab.ca
www.concordiasem.ab.ca/enrolment/
adopt_a_student.php

TYPICAL COSTS FOR SEMINARY STUDENTS

- \$840 per course (3 credits)
- \$4,400 for a typical semester's tuition and fees
- \$28,680 for the entire four year degree (tuition and fees)
- \$850+ per month for rent (1 bedroom apartment)
Source: Numbeo 2017
- \$900+ per month for food (family of four)
Source: Government of Alberta 2016

Financial News – Remembrance Donations

I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

Philippians 1: 3-4



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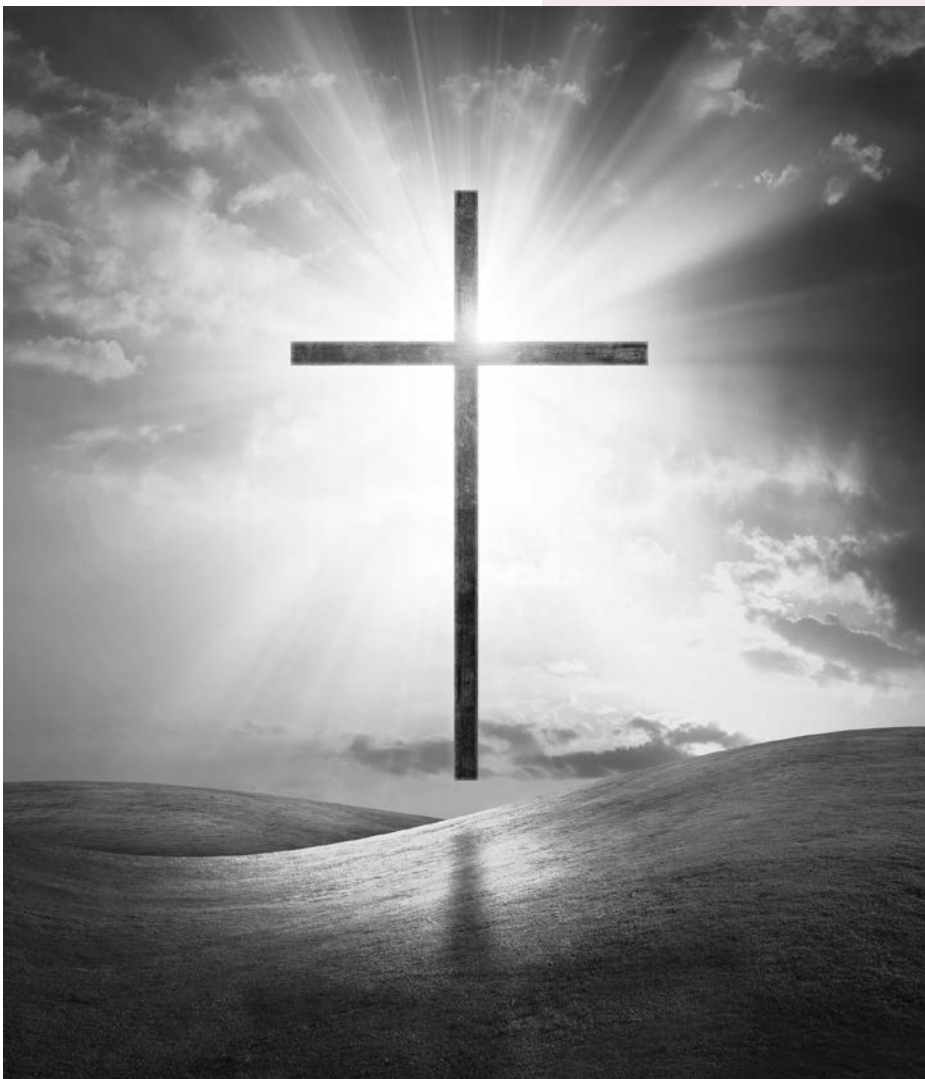
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Yes, I want to make a donation to Concordia Lutheran Seminary

So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9:7

Did You Know...

that Spring is a great time to renew your annual commitment as a "Friend of the Seminary"?

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that you can set up secure pre-authorized bank withdrawal donations by sending in a VOID cheque and completing the form on the CLS website at www.concordiasem.ab.ca/donate/documents/PADfillable.pdf ?

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