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## Christ is Our Cornerstone

In his letter to the Ephesians, St. Paul describes the Church as a building, a holy temple in the Lord, in which we individually and collectively have a part; in which our foundation is the apostles and prophets; and in which Christ is our cornerstone. It is great encouragement for those of us who serve at the seminary to know that we are part of the Church, that we can find in the Scriptures the foundation for our teaching and, above all, that we are anchored in Christ whose mercy is new to us each morning and who sustains us with His love in all our struggles of life.

It is no secret that the seminary has experienced a few bumps in the road in recent years: financial short-falls, low enrollments, personnel changes. In the midst of these difficulties, we rejoice in the fact that you, the people of God in the Church, have stood by us with your gifts and your prayers. Above all, we rejoice that God in His grace has been with us through our difficulties and continues to bless our efforts to His glory.

As we enter a new academic year, the future of your seminary looks rosier than it has been for some time. Praise God, our treasurer reports that we have had two years of financial surpluses. While our enrollment has not increased substantially this year, a larger class of students appears ready to come in a year or two.



LEFT TO RIGHT:  
(BACK ROW) ERIK OSNESS, CODY COOPER, KEITH HOVELAND  
(FRONT ROW) JASON LEGACY, ERIC MOFFETT

And, as these words are written, the process is underway to elect and call a new and permanent president for our seminary. All of these things are not just good news for the seminary; they are good news for the Church. They are good news for each and every one of us. They are messages of God's undeserved love to us.

We thank you for your love and encouragement. We encourage you to continue to support your seminary with your gifts and your prayers. Please, continue to encourage men to offer themselves for the holy ministry and support them with your prayers.

In the name of Christ our Cornerstone,

Dr. Norman J. Threinen  
Interim President

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## Entrance Scholarships – Giving Abounds



JASON LEGACY –  
ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

For the first time, CLS has awarded an Entrance Scholarship of \$4000 to a first year student, Jason Legacy. Members of Foothills Lutheran Church in Calgary, Jason and his wife, Amber, made the move to Edmonton in August so that he could begin his studies this fall. “The Entrance Scholarship will no doubt help with their transition and alleviate some of the financial pressures that ordinarily confront students and their families as they begin their studies,” said Professor Kraemer, Director of Financial Aid.

In addition, CLS will award four more scholarships to students entering the M.Div. program for the 2014 – 2015 academic year. Although, originally promoted last year as a one-time opportunity, the funds for the three scholarships which were not awarded this year

will be carried over to the next school year and the CLS Seminary Guild has provided \$4000 for a fourth scholarship. “This is just another example of the great generosity of the Seminary Guild toward our students, from the time they enter the seminary, until the time they graduate,” commented Professor Kraemer.

Applicants must have completed both the Greek and Hebrew language requirements and hold a minimum grade point average of 2.5. All MDiv applicants who meet the criteria are considered for the scholarships. However, there is a significant change in the deadline this year. While the deadline for application to the MDiv program is April 1, 2014 **those who wish to be considered for an Entrance Scholarship must submit their application to the MDiv program by February 1, 2014.**

## Adopt-A-Student

### WALKING WITH STUDENTS THROUGH THE SEMINARY YEARS

School has begun again! I can tell that without looking at a calendar. All I have to do is look out my window at the seminary and every morning I see streams of children walking to the nearby school with their parents. Parents do much more than walk their children to school to help them through the school years. They walk them through assignments, encourage them when they struggle. They pray for them.

In many ways that image of walking with someone through their years of study aptly describes the Adopt-A-Student program at Concordia Lutheran Seminary. Adopt-A-Student groups enjoy hearing from their students as they go back to classes. They pray for them and encourage them as they become immersed in their studies, and at times are able to help their student with some financial support.

Yes, the students are grown men, often with their own children, but life at the seminary can be very challenging. Student Keith Hoveland says, “The financial support is nice, but it is something for a student to know you have groups of people

praying for you and your family. Carole and I have talked about it many times. There is a peace that comes from knowing that many others are speaking to God on your behalf.”

Not only have the students themselves felt that support, but also their families, too. Keith says, “Our kids love getting mail, so it is really special when they receive birthday cards from our Adopt-A-Student groups. People they have not even met are making the effort to let them know they care.”

As the Adopt-A-Student program is starting up again this new academic year, it promises to be another great year. As of September 6, there are 28 out of the 46 groups who participated last year who have again made the commitment to walk with their student through this year. Of course, there is always room for more, whether you are an LWMLC group, a congregation, a Sunday school, a youth group, or just an interested individual. For more information, please feel free to contact me [jkraemer@concordiasem.ab.ca](mailto:jkraemer@concordiasem.ab.ca) or check out our website at [www.concordiasem.ab.ca](http://www.concordiasem.ab.ca)

Prof. Jonathan Kraemer

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### October 4-6

Dr. Threinen at ABC LLL Convention – Kelowna

### October 14

Thanksgiving – Office Closed

### October 24 & 25

President Interviews & Election

### October 28-31

All Church Workers' Conference – Calgary

### November 11

Remembrance Day – Office Closed

### November 18

Guild Meeting

### December 13

Last Day of Semester I

### December 16-18

Final Exams

### December 23 - January 1

Christmas Break – Office Closed

### January 6

First Day of Short Term II

## Upcoming Quest Course

### WINTER 2014

February 4, 11, 18 and 25 @ 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

#### “A Man for our Times: Bach’s Music and Theology for a New Millennium”

*Presenter: Rev. Lorne Manweiler is pastor of Redeemer Lutheran Church, Edmonton, AB, instructor of organ and resident organist at Concordia University College of Alberta, Edmonton, and accompanist for the Concordia Community Chorus.*



REV. LORNE MANWEILER

So often, J.S. Bach is held up as a paragon of the high Baroque and of an even higher church music. It may be surprising to many that Bach dealt with the same grass-roots challenges the modern church worker and church musician faces: chronic lack of resources, doctrinal inconsistency, cultural pressure, few capable parish musicians, and often antagonistic working relationships. These four sessions will examine Bach’s philosophy and theology of church music practice historically, musically, practically, and theologically, and translate those principles into the new millennium. The course caters to the non-musician and musician, theologian and layperson alike.

### REGISTRATION

These Quest classes are offered as a class at CLS and a webcast for distant students. [www.concordiasem.ab.ca/academics/quest.php](http://www.concordiasem.ab.ca/academics/quest.php)

**Cost:** No registration fee. Donations welcome.

## Financial News

### MATCHING GRANT

Thank you to our donors who graciously and generously put forward \$60,000 to be matched. Praise be to God and thanks to all who stepped forward and matched dollar for dollar!!

### YEAR END REVENUE (June 30, 2013)

	2013	2012
<b>Revenues</b>		
Donations	\$ 411,045	\$ 802,580
Investment Income – Net	268,572	102,730
Grants (LCC)	178,200	193,903
Student Fees	89,230	77,082
Bequests	48,071	116,983
Bookstore	2,133	4,258
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,026,547</b>	<b>\$ 1,321,775</b>

# Distance Education

## SHORT TERM CLASS GOES ONLINE

Admittedly, 'distance education' is easily confused with offering a class as a correspondence course. As I've come to discover, however, this need not be the case. Using internet technology, it is possible to create a dynamic online learning environment that allows many of the features of the traditional campus-based lecture-style seminar to be integrated into a virtual classroom which then allows students & professor(s) from different parts of the country to come together for the singular task of studying the story of Christian theology as it was carried forward throughout history to our present age.

I have to confess, I am not the most technologically savvy individual. As a result, the prospect of developing an online version of CLS's "Middle Ages & Reformation" course posed a bit of a challenge. Not that the content of the course is different, but in developing this class for an online environment, I had to re-think the way in which students interacted with the materials so that it could be transferred into a virtual environment. Discussions that would normally

take place in the context of a classroom now take place through a variety of interactive discussion posts; in-class presentations are posted on the course-website for other students to comment on; office hours are handled over the internet. One of the changes, however, is that the students are forced into a more direct engagement and ownership of the course materials as they wrestle their way through the topics of the course.

Being the first time that *this* instructor has offered a class entirely over the internet, this class has been a steep learning-curve for me as it relates to both internet technologies and curricular design. As I mentioned to the students, we are all guinea pigs this time around. Hopefully the insights gained about what worked and what didn't work so well will help to tweak the structure for future course offerings through our Seminary institutions.

Dr. Richard Beinert, Adjunct Professor  
Immanuel Lutheran Church, Winnipeg, MB



DR. RICHARD BEINERT

Photo by Mathew Block

# Concordia Lutheran Seminary Honorary Awards

The faculty and Board of Regents of Concordia Lutheran Seminary, Edmonton, invite individuals, congregations, and Boards of Lutheran Church-Canada to submit the names of persons to be considered for one of the Seminary's honorary degrees and awards.

The purpose of these honorary degrees and awards is to acknowledge outstanding service to the church, the Seminary, and the community. Available degrees are: Doctor of Laws (LL.D), Doctor of Letters (Litt.D.), and Doctor of Divinity (D.D.). Available awards are: Faith in Life, Friend of the Seminary, and Doulos Dia lesoun. A description of the awards and degrees and the forms required for each are available at [www.concordiasem.ab.ca](http://www.concordiasem.ab.ca). Desirable qualifications for each position are listed on each nomination form.

Completed forms must be received by January 1, 2014. Degrees and awards will be presented at the Seminary's Sacred Convocation on May 30, 2014.

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## Seminary Student in Focus

**Name:** Cody Cooper

**Year:** 3

**Home District:** Alberta–British Columbia District

“Reading, reading, essay, sermon, more reading, and another essay.” This is what I thought seminary would be like when I began my seminary life. And while much of seminary has been all of that, it has been a whole lot more than what we expected.

My wife, Linden, and I have three healthy, active, and busy children: Tobias (4), Noelle (2), and Naomi (1); and we are expecting our fourth in the spring. And these past years have been for us ones of growth and blessing from God through studies, new experiences, and by the relationships and encouragement we have received from the Church.

Seminary has been moments of deep learning and growth about God’s love and grace to us and also about me. It has been times of struggle as assignments and life pile up and the end seems nowhere in sight. It has been times of tears and joy when you are given a much needed cheque with your name on it from an anonymous donor. Or when after praying the Lord’s Prayer with an elderly shut-in, you see a tear trickle down his face and he beams with a large smile.



CODY AND LINDEN MOORE WITH THEIR CHILDREN

Seminary has been time after time seeing God work through His Church, in the lives of His people, and experiencing the humbling, yet exciting, realization that I am part of this work, for all my strengths and weaknesses. Through opportunities such as my summer vicarage, in which I was able to share in ministry with the congregations in Valleyview and Fairview, Alberta, God has continued to strengthen my family and me, as we were sometimes pushed outside our comforts and forced to rely on Him. It was a time of great blessing to see God at work in the Church and to be blessed by His faithful people. And it was powerful to see His grace and love active in all areas of our lives, using us as instruments in His Church.

What has happened has allowed me to see going to seminary as a journey, in which I not only have lived “reading, reading, essay, sermon, more reading, and another essay,” but also have been molded through experiencing God’s grace and love to us and His people.

### Did You Know...

Typical costs for Master of Divinity students are:

- \$780 per course (3-credit hours)
- \$4,300 for a typical semester’s tuition and fees
- \$26,580 for the entire four-year M.Div. program (tuition and fees)
- \$850+ for rent per month (1-bedroom apartment) (source: CMHC, Spring 2012)
- \$800+ for food per month (family of 4) (source: AB Agric., May 2012)
- \$1255 (single); \$2081 (family of 3); average monthly household expenses (source: Vibrant Communities, 2009)

## GUILD – How Can You Help?

Concordia Lutheran Seminary Guild is looking forward to another fantastic year. We are ready to host events, assist where needed around the seminary and support our students on their road to becoming Pastors. **So how can you help?** First and foremost, pray for our students, seminary faculty and staff. Support Concordia Lutheran Seminary Guild by becoming a member, sending financial assistance, sending grocery cards for our students, and becoming the guild representative for your congregation, if there is not one already. All members are welcome to attend our meetings at CLS in Edmonton on September 23, November 18, January 20 and March 17. Meetings begin at 1 pm and end at approximately 3:30 pm.

The guild would like to acknowledge the dedicated service of Pat Moore who has been the guild president for many years. Pat has stepped down for personal reasons and we pray God’s blessings on him now and always. We ask for your prayers as we search for a new president for Concordia Lutheran Seminary Guild.

We would like to thank all our faithful members for their continuing support. If you are not a member and wish to be, please contact your Guild Representative at your church or contact Concordia Lutheran Seminary at 780-474-1468.



PAT MOORE – GUILD PRESIDENT

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Your Seminary exists to serve you and your congregation. Out of love for the Lord's church, we invite you to sustain your Seminary with your interest, your prayers, and your gifts.

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loves a cheerful giver.*

2 Corinthians 9:7

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