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President's Message

Life has rhythms. Birth and death. Seasonal weather. Night and day. Laughter and tears. Work and rest. Hellos and good-bye's. The somber ... and the silly. Departures and arrivals. There is a rhythm to the Church Year and the Biblical narrative. At the end of Lent, the dramatic account of God's love comes to a climax in the Passion of Christ. And in God's amazing rhythm, we know the post-script to that: victory and Easter joy in Jesus' resurrection. Thus, the rhythms of a life of faith, nurtured by Word and Sacrament ministry.

Faith has rhythms. Confession and Absolution. Baptisms and Committals. Law and Gospel. The *kyrie* and the *Gloria*. Hearing the Word ... and keeping what it says. Divine Service and serving others. Receiving from God and stewarding those gifts. Listening to God's Word and speaking back in prayer, praise, and thanksgiving.

The seminary has rhythms. Sacred Convocation and placement end an academic year, and the Fall orientation and retreat begin a new one. We are excited to have seven students in the queue for first call assignments as pastors, and three students ready to begin vicarage. Each man has been shaped by God for the ministry God has in store. We are also hopeful that up to 4-5 new students will be enrolled in the fall, by God's nudging.

We said good-bye as Dr. Chambers returned to parish ministry (Grace, Edmonton). We said "serve here" to Dr. Jenn Frim who received the Call (part time) to serve as Coordinator of the



DPS (Deacon) training programme. We anticipate saying hello and welcome to a new faculty member we hope to Call soon.

God works **in** life's rhythms. God works **through** life's rhythms. God is at work here ... and through these men (and their families) that we send, God's work will extend in new locations and anticipated rhythms.

Your life has rhythms; your faith as well. We are thankful for the overlap of our lives in faith, in our common commitment to one Lord, one faith, one baptism. We are thankful for you. You: our donor, our prayer partner, our congregational spokesperson, our Seminary Guild representative, our alumnus who, through your finances and other means of support, **train future pastors and deacons through our programs**. Our prayer is that God will continue to motivate you in your critical role, and us in our hands-on service, to serve Him and His Church. THANK YOU ... as we praise God from whom all blessings flow. In peace and joy,

Dr. James Gimbel,
President

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 20 – 22

AB Churchworkers

April 24

Last Day of

Semester II Classes

April 27 – 29

Final Exams

May 2 – 8

BC Churchworkers

May 4 – 15

Summer Short

Term Classes

May 28 & 29

Board of Regents Meeting

May 29

Sacred Convocation

June 2

Vicar Orientation

June 15 & 16

Assessment Retreat

June 23 – 26

COA-ATS Annual Meeting

July 2 – 5

West Region

Youth Gathering

September 1 & 2

MDiv Student Retreat

September 2

1st Year MDiv Student

Registration & Orientation

September 2 (7 p.m.)

Opening Service

September 3 & 4

Board of Regents Meeting

September 3 – 11

Short Term I Class

September 14

First Day of

Semester I Classes

The Sacred Convocation



LEFT TO RIGHT: JOSHUA KURTENBACH, DARCY ALBERS, SAMUEL KIM, JOSHUA TIMM, KYLE EDDY, PETER KNELSON, KENNETH STADNICK, MARK REKKEN, TRAVIS HEIDE AND ADAM CHANDLER

Concordia Lutheran Seminary warmly invites you to attend The Sacred Convocation for the 36th Academic Year:

Friday, May 29, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Bethel Lutheran Church

298 Bethel Drive, Sherwood Park, AB

Guest Preacher: Rev. Randy Helde



Along with celebrating the placement of seven pastoral graduates and the placement of three vicars, we will also be recognizing the recipient of this year's honorary "Faith in Life" award.

The seminary is deeply thankful to our partners in ministry at Bethel Lutheran Church for hosting this year's Convocation. A reception follows immediately after the service. Please come and rejoice with us in God's gifts to his people!

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students, faculty and staff, partner churches, Board of Regents, church leadership

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Did You Know...

that, in addition to God's nudge and prayerful consideration, local pastors and family members who encourage the ministry are the most significant reasons students give for why they chose to enter seminary and the ministry?

Who can you prayerfully encourage? (Send us their contact information as well!)

GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN PARISH SERVICES

We are now accepting applications for our Graduate Diploma in Parish Services (GDPS), a two-year diaconal training program for men and women wishing to serve congregations as Directors of Parish Services. **The application deadline is April 1.** The forms and program details are on our website at www.concordiasem.ab.ca. If you are thinking of applying, please **contact: Dr. Jennifer Frim** jfrim@concordiasem.ab.ca.

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that CLS is planning to fill the vacancy for a new full-time theological faculty member during the summer, helping our mission but also increasing our financial needs?

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being confident of this, that he who
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it on to completion until the day
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Philippians 1: 3-4

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Seminary Students in Focus

Name: Mark Rekken

Year: 4th

Home District: West (Alberta)

Hi, my name is Mark Rekken and I am a fourth-year seminarian. When I entered university (Concordia University of Edmonton), ministry was the furthest thing from my mind. However, through some amazing friends, chapel services, and some wise and caring pastors, God eventually began to develop a sense of pastoral calling in my life. It was in response to this sense that I enrolled at CLS Edmonton.

My wife Beka and I now eagerly await placement where we will (Lord willing) go and serve God's people. I am grateful beyond words to the CLS faculty, the Seminary Guild, my fellow students, all who support the Seminary, and of course to God my Father, my Saviour, and my Counselor.

Mark will receive his first Call on May 29, 2020.



MARK AND BEKA REKKEN

Name: Kenneth Stadnick

Year: 4th

Home District: West (British Columbia)

After 30 years in the Air Force, I looked forward to retirement in the Comox Valley spending more time with family and friends. That changed as I continued to feel a keen desire to pursue the ministerial office. After prayerful consideration with family, the decision was made to attend CLS in Edmonton, and an incredible journey began for us.

Now in my final year, I look back and marvel how God has prepared me as a servant for Jesus' sake. Both Cindy and I are looking forward to another new and amazing journey in anticipation of my first call. To be sure, there is a certain amount of nervousness regarding that call, but we hold fast to God's sure and steady promises that He has prepared the path that lies ahead of us, as we faithfully trust in His grace and mercy.

Kenneth will receive his first Call on May 29, 2020.



KENNETH AND CINDY STADNICK

Did You Know...

at press time, there are at least 13 LCC congregations requesting pastors or vicars?

CLS will be sending out seven new pastors and three vicars, CLTS will be sending one pastor and one new vicar on May 29 & 30, 2020.

ACTUAL BUDGETED COSTS CLS COVERS TO PROVIDE A SEMINARY EDUCATION

are about \$100,000 per student per year. Your contributions to operations allow us to charge students far less:

- \$1,200 per course (3 credits)
- \$6,355 for a typical semester's tuition and fees
- **\$40,890 for the entire four year degree (tuition and fees)** ...which is *also* offset on a need basis by financial aid awards and direct student support

Although it costs students...

- \$800-\$1,050 per month for rent (1 bedroom apartment)

Source: study.alberta.ca/plan-your-stay/cost-of-living-in-alberta

- \$1089+ per month for food (family of four)

Source: Southeast Edmonton Early Childhood Community Coalitions Sept 2017

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*For you know the grace
of our Lord Jesus Christ,
that though he was rich,
yet for your sake he
became poor, so that
you through his poverty
might become rich.*

2 Corinthians 8:9

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