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The LTS Annual Study Conference & Storaasli Lectures

May 1–3, 2018

Singing our Theology
“How Hymns Shape Us For Mission”

Featuring:
Martin Wells & Susan Briehl

Martin Wells has most recently served as Bishop of the Eastern Washington and Idaho Synod of the ELCA.

Susan Briehl is called to serve the wider church as teacher, writer and liturgist. She is a contributor to the ELW, and several of her hymns appear in the hymnal.
Making a Joyful Noise—Professor Ann Salmon

For as long as anyone can remember, the old light-coloured piano in the chapel has been faithfully leading the seminary’s sacred song. Over the years, it has succumbed to the chapel’s dryness and temperature fluctuations and has become impossible to keep in tune and difficult to play well.

Thanks to a generous gift from the Lutheran Triune Educational and Benevolent Society of Calgary and donations to the piano fund over the years, a new piano arrived in the chapel on December 4th. Our new piano has a beautiful rich sound that is already leading our worship well.

It can be found on the opposite side of the chapel because of the built-in humidification system that must be plugged in (there are no easily accessible outlets on the other side of the chapel). While the new piano, when not in use for chapel worship, will be locked and covered, our ‘old faithful’ piano will remain available day and night for anyone who wishes to play it.

We will dedicate our new piano to the glory of God this semester with a service of hymns and sacred music. Be on the lookout for an invitation, and plan to attend!

Expanding Reformation Study Tour

Surprisingly, many people are terrified of history courses. Too often, people think the study of history is all about memorizing dates. While when important events happen are important, the real focus is on learning the stories. Once we know the stories, the dates fall into place.

Another interesting way to learn history is to study the topic in the places where it actually happened. It is amazing how much the context, and physical setting, of a place can help us to grasp the events that shape history. For this reason, Lutheran Theological Seminary offers all students of history (not just those studying to be pastors) a chance to learn the stories of the Reformations by visiting the places where those stories happened.

This spring, from May 24 — June 8, 2018, Dr. Jensen, professor of Reformation History and Theology, is leading a study course on stories of the Early Reformations. You can take this course for academic credit, continuing education, or audit. We will visit Wittenberg, where Martin Luther’s Reformation began. We will also visit Nuremberg, one of the first cities to adopt the Reformation. From there, a visit to Zurich will introduce us to the reforms introduced by Ulrich Zwingli, and where the Anabaptist movement – a precursor to the Mennonite tradition – began. Also on the agenda is Geneva, where John Calvin began the Reformed Church tradition, and Strasbourg, the home of Martin Bucer, one of the first “ecumenical” theologians. We will also visit Edinburgh, Scotland, where John Knox began the reforms leading to the Presbyterian Church, and to London and area, where the Anglican tradition developed. This is a chance to see for yourself the birthplaces of the reforming churches. For further information, please contact Dr. Jensen at gordon.jensen@usask.ca before February 20th.
Time, Talent, and Treasure: our new kitchen at LTS—Hugh Williams

If, at the start of the autumn, you had wandered down the lower hallway at LTS and looked inside our kitchen, your eyes would have been greeted by a chaotic vision: a space on the cusp of a significant overhaul. With Fresh Dish Catering set to move in this February, it was—at that point in time, anyhow—difficult to envision its completion.

But overhauled and completed it was—thanks enormously to Rick Stalwick’s stewardship of the project. Regular visitors to our Seminary will know that Rick has, for quite some time, volunteered his skill, knowledge, and outright hard work to a wide variety of projects around the facility; these are always completed far more quickly than expected, and always to exacting standards.

Rick’s wonderful oversight of the Kitchen Upgrade ensured that the entire project was complete in less than two months. At its completion, the list of upgrades included new ceiling tiles, new lighting, the installation of new kitchen equipment, a total upgrade and repair of the coolers, a new stainless-steel counter-top, new floors, new shelving, and a list of other repairs that extended even beyond that.

Towards the end of this project, an incredibly generous LTS supporter donated a $20,000 gift to cover the full cost of the Kitchen Upgrade—a simply remarkable gift that elevates our kitchen facility to professional standards. Not only is the timing of this ideal—with Fresh Dish moving in very soon—but the presence of a top food caterer on site also heightens the attractiveness of living in our Residence.

Currently, with no food services existing at LTS, and with no kitchens in the rooms, anyone staying in our Residence must make the long, often very cold, trek to the various food facilities on the opposite side of the university campus. Not so anymore, or at least from next term onwards!

With thanks to the grace, generosity, and vision of people such as Rick Stalwick and our wonderful donors, projects such as our Kitchen Upgrade serve to illustrate the greatest gifts that the human community can offer: “time, talent, and treasure.”
From the President...

As I prepare to teach Outreach Ministry next week, I’m reminded again of the important relationship between empowering leadership (leadership that fosters the capabilities of community participants) and gift-based ministry (ministry in which the whole community lives out its God-given and life-developed talents). At LTS, we strive to develop leaders, rostered and lay, who empower others. We can do that only because we are lovingly supported by a large community of faithful people who give of their time, talent, and treasure.

In this issue, you will have seen something of the valuable work that Rick Stalwick has generously performed. Many others who read this give in their own ways. We thank all of you for the many ways that you strengthen us. We are always looking for people to volunteer around the Seminary. If you’re willing and able, be in touch with us. We’d love to hear from you!

Staffing changes

LTS would like to acknowledge some staffing changes that have taken place recently.

**Rev. Dr. Cam Harder** retired last summer after serving as Systematics Professor for 29 years. We wish him a wonderful retirement and thank him for his dedication and commitment to the Seminary!

Our long serving caretaker, **Sou Chanminaraj**, has retired. We thank him for his many years of service to LTS and wish him well.

The staff and faculty are hosting a party for Sou and for Professor Harder in early March.

**Denis Sindano** has moved to Alberta for his internship and is no longer serving as Residence Manager. We ask God’s blessing as he continues in his studies.

There are a myriad of issues in a building such as ours. And as a result of some of the changes and in recognizing the need for a more coordinated effort to manage the facilities, Dr. Harrison has appointed a Director of Operations. **Hugh Williams**, the former Director of Donor Relations, has shifted departments to serve in this new role. Hugh oversees all operations of the facility, including the residence, other rentals, and oversight of all maintenance and caretaking staff.

**Colleen Rickard** had been serving in a very part-time capacity as the Registrar and has now moved into a larger role at the Seminary, serving as the Administrative Assistant and Registrar. She is available Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays.

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