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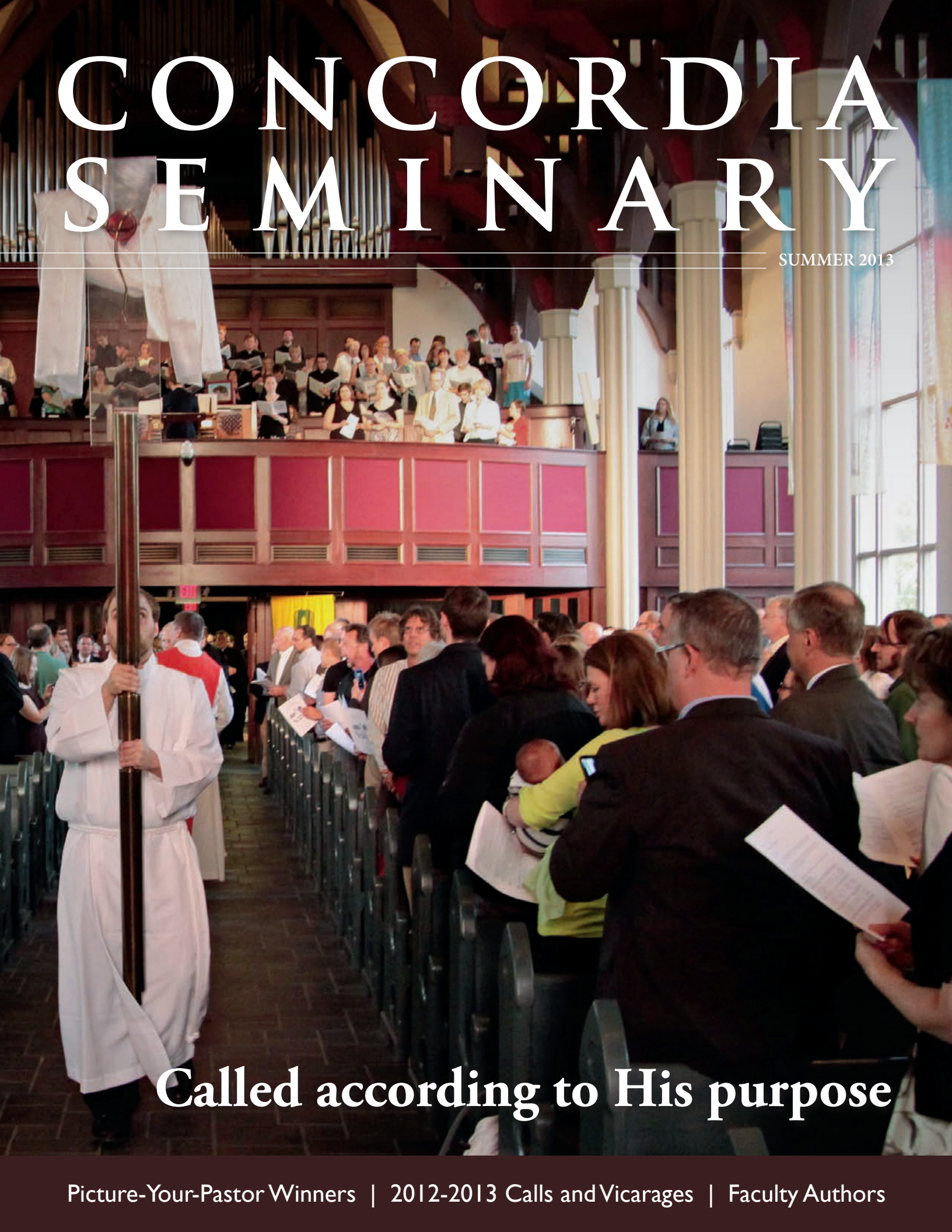
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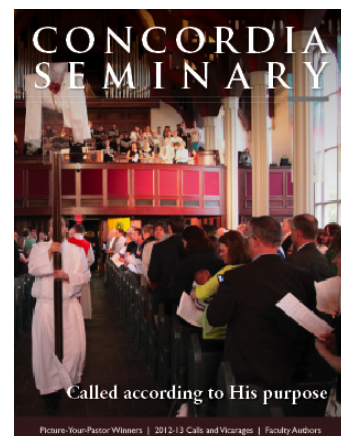
Called according to His purpose

CONCORDIA SEMINARY

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by Harold Rau

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From the PRESIDENT

“Last in, first out.” That’s one of the perks of being Seminary president. “Call Day” is the climax of the year, the day when our students learn where the church is sending them. Actually there are several Call Days throughout the year because we send some students out at the end of each academic term (all calls and vicarages are noted on pages 16-21). But the big Call Day is in May and that’s what is highlighted in this issue of the magazine. The announcements are made in a festive service, joyous but anxious for students and their families (“Where are

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Dr. Meyer gazes over the balcony on Call Day, May 1, 2013.

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we going?”), and the presidential perk is that I’m the last one to process in for the service but the first one to recess out. When I walk out, I head straight up to the balcony so that I can watch the students, call documents in hand, walk out two-by-two.

They are going into a world they do not know and into experiences they cannot imagine. Some go with maturity; others have maturing ahead of them. Their average age is about 32. Some are A+ students but will need to learn better interpersonal skills. Others may not be good at parsing Greek or Hebrew but do have emotional intelligence, a characteristic of a good pastor. Some have grown up worshipping only with the liturgy. Others have been raised only with “contemporary” worship. Some have seriously heavy student debts and are worried. Others have middling debts, and only a few have none. Each candidate is unique but each moved by the Spirit to answer the call. I watch them walk out of the chapel and think of all the interactions I’ve had with them during their time here. Most of all I pray that they more and more consciously follow Jesus Christ. They know it already in their heads, that they can’t put their faith in a seminary or in the institutional church or in their own abilities, good as they may be. They’re walking out to

experience sin and grace in the depth of their souls, and in the experience to be reminded that faith has no other resort than Jesus Christ. Looking down from the balcony, I admit I sometimes get a bit teary-eyed. I also wish I were a young man again, walking out into life and ministry.

“Last in; first out” also happens to be the goal of people who go to church grudgingly. May these new pastors keep walking, walking among their people and walking into their communities, meeting people and becoming known on “Main Street,” for they are not called just to preside in the Sunday sanctuary but to go into the highways and byways with the love and compassion of their Lord Jesus Christ for all people. Then, when Sunday comes, may more and more people say, “I was glad when they said to me, ‘Let us go to the house of the Lord!’” (Psalm 122:1)

*God of the prophets, bless the prophets’ sons;
Elijah’s mantle o’er Elisha cast.
Each age its solemn task may claim but once;
Make each one nobler, stronger than the last.*

Dale A. Meyer

Dale A. Meyer

UPCOMING ON-CAMPUS EVENTS

2013-2014 IS OUR 175TH ACADEMIC YEAR! CHECK OUT OUR UPCOMING ON-CAMPUS EVENTS!

JULY

- 12-13 Next Steps
- 22 “A Taste of Life Together” Convention Event
- 23-25 Faith and Writing Workshop
- 29-30 Summer Workshop: Dr. Weise

AUGUST

- 10 Lay Bible Institute

SEPTEMBER

- 4 New Student Orientation
- 6 Opening Service
- 6 Donor Day
- 24-25 Theological Symposium

OCTOBER

- 2,9,16,23 Lay Bible Institute
- 5-8 LutherHostel

CALLED

ACCORDING TO HIS PURPOSE

CALL DAY IS ABOUT PUTTING ONE'S LIFE AND THE LIFE OF HIS/HER FAMILY INTO GOD'S HANDS, TRUSTING IN HIS DIVINE PROVIDENCE.

If you're familiar at all with Concordia Seminary, you have probably heard the term "Call Day" before.

If you've been a friend, parent or sibling, or spouse of a seminarian, you are probably intimately familiar with what this day means, especially as it relates to your relationship to him or her.

And if you've been a seminarian yourself, you know that this day is perhaps one of the most exciting, nerve-wracking, and life-altering days you will ever experience.

A second year pastoral student will receive a vicarage assignment on this day. He will have given the vicarage/internship director (read the profile on Dr. Glenn Nielsen on page 22) a few ideas on preference, like region of the United States, urban or rural setting, small or large congregation. The rest of the decision-making process is up to God, the vicar-seeking congregations and the Seminary. The first time a future vicar will hear of his location for the next year will be as it is announced on Call Day. Deaconess interns will also hear of their internship assignments for the first time on this day.

A fourth year seminarian will receive his first call assignment on Call Day. He's likely been interviewed by several different people in various calling congregations by this point in order to ensure that he will be a good fit and vice versa. While he may have a good idea of where he will be called, surprises do happen!

Ultimately, though, Call Day is not about the student, or the student's family, or even the congregation where he will serve (though all are important). Call Day is about putting one's life and the life of his/her family into God's hands, trusting in His divine providence. "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." (Rom. 8:28)

The following seven vignettes tell the Call Day story from several different perspectives: from the congregation who desperately prays to call a pastor to fill many years of vacancy; the anxious wife of a seminarian who has no idea where she and her family will spend the next years of their lives; and a few stories from the seminarians themselves who experienced this firsthand.

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KRIS WAGNER, KAYE EICHER, AND JERRY STEGER, MEMBERS OF 1C MISSION, COLUMBUS, NEB.

“After many prayers and years of dedication, attending this service was almost too good to be true. Continuously pinching myself, not really believing we were to finally find out our destiny at 1C and whether or not we would have a pastoral leader.” So say the three members of 1C Mission (an outreach-focused congregation) in Columbus, Neb. (Kris, Kaye, and Jerry) who came to Concordia Seminary’s 2011 Call Day.

Having interviewed then-seminarian Elliott Lutz a few times, they knew that he was a good fit for 1C. “It was hard not to pray for Pastor Elliott to be ‘given’ to us, since we ‘knew’ he was our man,” Kris commented. “We had to remind ourselves continuously that if it be HIS will, we would ‘get’ Pastor Elliott!”

After a painstaking wait to get to the “L’s” in the alphabetic order of the candidates, the three nervous congregants finally heard this: “Elliott Lutz, pastor, 1C Mission Church, Columbus, Nebraska, Nebraska District.” “I remember Jerry had a text message already typed into his phone, just waiting to send it home, saying ‘We have a pastor!’ Sitting next to Jerry, I could see his hands trembling. I will never forget looking at Jerry stare at his phone, as if he were too excited to push the send button,” Kris said.

“I also remember as Elliott turned around to find his seat and he seemed to look right at us, as if he knew we



HOW COOL WAS THIS, PEOPLE WE HAD JUST MET, SHARING IN OUR JOY!

-Kris Wagner



Elliott Lutz (right) is congratulated by Dr. Meyer on Call Day 2011.

were there for him,” Kris continued. “We got to know those sitting around us and after hearing our 1C story, they all seemed to share in our excitement. How cool was this, people we had just met, sharing in our joy!”

“When Kaye, Kris and I went outside to greet Elliott, we saw a number of folks surrounding him and crying,” Jerry added. “We were so excited, we walked right up to introduce ourselves. Only then did we realize that those folks were from his vicarage church and they too had called Elliott. As we shed tears of joy, they were shedding tears of thankfulness for his vicarage and tears of disappointment that he would not return as their pastor.”

VICARAGE, INTERNSHIP AND CALL.....EXPLAINED*



Master of Divinity

DURING 3RD YEAR

VICARAGE

One year assignment at a church to get the pastoral experience after your second year of Seminary

AFTER 4TH YEAR

CALL

First pastoral placement into a church after you graduate



Deaconess
Master of Arts in Deaconess Studies

DURING 3RD YEAR

INTERNSHIP

One year assignment at a church to get the deaconess experience after your second year of Seminary

AFTER 3RD YEAR

CALL

First deaconess placement into a church after you graduate

*These statements are based on a 4-year M.Div. and a 3-year M.A.Deac. program. Variations exist but are not included.

DR. PAUL DEVANTIER, HOST OF “BY THE WAY” ON KFUA AM

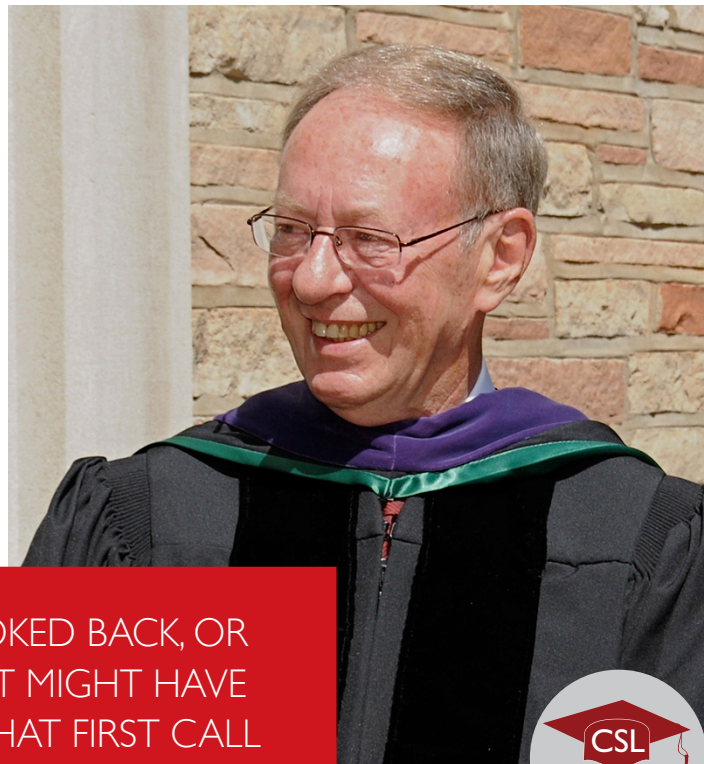
Concordia Seminary, St. Louis Class of 1972

Every Concordia Seminary student approaching that first call understands the power of the Holy Spirit in the process. The Holy Spirit works through a variety of individuals, Seminary administrators, congregations, organizations and other entities to place graduates in specific ministries. Still, it is only natural for graduates to have thoughts about “ideal” placements for themselves - preferred geographical location; perhaps a small town or a large city; a large congregation or a smaller one; and so forth.

Thoughts about “what could be” lead to questions of travel/ moving arrangements, effects on immediate and extended families, and other practical considerations. As is frequently the case, such questions can turn into worry and anxiety and may not be the best use of time and energy. Our gracious Lord has a plan. The plan may not always be exactly what we imagine it will be, but His plans are trustworthy. In a sense, my first call is testimony to that truth.

In my case, the assumption was that I would be placed into a parish ministry. That’s why I sought to be a pastor. It is what I fully expected upon graduation from the Seminary. Call Day arrived, and despite my expectations, the call was not to a parish ministry. I was assigned to KFUA Radio. I had worked in radio for a number of years and even worked at KFUA while a Seminary student. While it was a bit of a surprise, I remember thinking very clearly how grateful I was for the working of the Holy Spirit. I probably would have chosen a different call, but it was not my decision. It was the decision of those inspired by the Holy Spirit. Consequently, my wife and I quickly embraced what we firmly believed was God’s call to service at KFUA.

To this day, I have never looked back, second guessed the call, or wondered what might have happened had that first call been different. That call led to a career and experiences that have brought me so many blessings.



I HAVE NEVER LOOKED BACK, OR WONDERED WHAT MIGHT HAVE HAPPENED HAD THAT FIRST CALL BEEN DIFFERENT.

-Paul Devantier



In my various full-time positions, including those at KFUA, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and Concordia Seminary, I participated in ministries I just never imagined as a Seminary student. These ministries were used by God to proclaim Jesus Christ and to accomplish His purposes. It was my privilege to be part of them. I was even blessed to be a parish pastor through vacancies I was privileged to serve for a number of St. Louis area congregations.

REV. KYLE FITTJE, IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH, LOCKWOOD, MO.

Concordia Seminary, St. Louis Class of 2012

My wife and I always knew we wanted to be in and would most likely end up in a small town rural setting. We both came from that context, and so we were by far the most comfortable with returning. So for our vicarage year, we wanted a totally new experience outside of the Midwest and not in Nebraska or Missouri. For one year, we wanted to try something new, and in our interviews with Dr. Nielsen, we told him so.

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When Kristen and I heard that the Seminary had assigned us to Lockwood, we were more than a little bit disappointed. Gone were our visions of being mere hours from the coasts. After we looked it up on a map, we began to “cope” with our future in rural Missouri. Little did we know then, but we would look back on our vicarage year as the very best year in our short married life together.

Fast forward about 18 months later, I was back at the Seminary finishing my M.Div. and began work on my Master of Sacred Theology (S.T.M.). I often wondered what congregation God would call us to, knowing that none could compare with Immanuel. Kristen and I thought it would



I COULD NOT IMAGINE
BEING ANYWHERE ELSE.

-Kyle Fittje

*Kyle Fittje (right) learns
of his call to Immanuel
with Dr. Meyer.*

be wonderful to go back, but we always thought that was unrealistic, since Immanuel was in a rural setting, and they had never had an associate before. In truth, they had started the vicarage program to find an eventual replacement for Pastor Griffin when he retired in 10 or more years. However, Pastor Griffin had no plans to take a call, so I had set my hopes back on Nebraska.

This was the case until I went back and visited. When I was there, two of the congregational leaders said they wanted to talk to me about something. They took me aside and asked if I had an interest in returning as the associate. Of course, I exclaimed “Yes!”

While we had this informal conversation, this didn’t “seal the deal.” We were anxious because this wasn’t the normal call process. So, with some fear and trembling, we went to our interview with Dr. Hoehner [placement director] and spilled the beans. When I told him, his head dropped and so did my heart. However, to my surprise he looked up and smiled and said, “Well, if they want you back, and you want to go back, what are we doing here?”

So, here we are now. Ministry isn’t without its challenges and Immanuel is not perfect. Still, I could not imagine being anywhere else. I pray to God that I can always serve them as the best pastor I can be, the pastor they deserve. I am excited for my years ahead as I continue my excellent partnership with Pastor Griffin and as Kristen and I start a family here and truly become a part of these people.

LINDA EKONG, WIFE OF ERIC EKONG, TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, JACKSON, MICH.

Concordia Seminary, St. Louis Class of 2013

Before Call Day, our hopes and dreams were simple: we wanted to be sent to a congregation that would be a good fit for us. We were hoping for a Lutheran school for our children to attend. We were also hoping for a placement in the Midwest within driving distance of both our families.

The closer we got to Call Day the more calm I seemed to feel. I think I was more anxious at the beginning of the year than at the end. A certain bit of anxiety remained as you are never truly sure where you are going to go. But overall I just felt a peace about everything and knew that we were in the Lord’s hands!

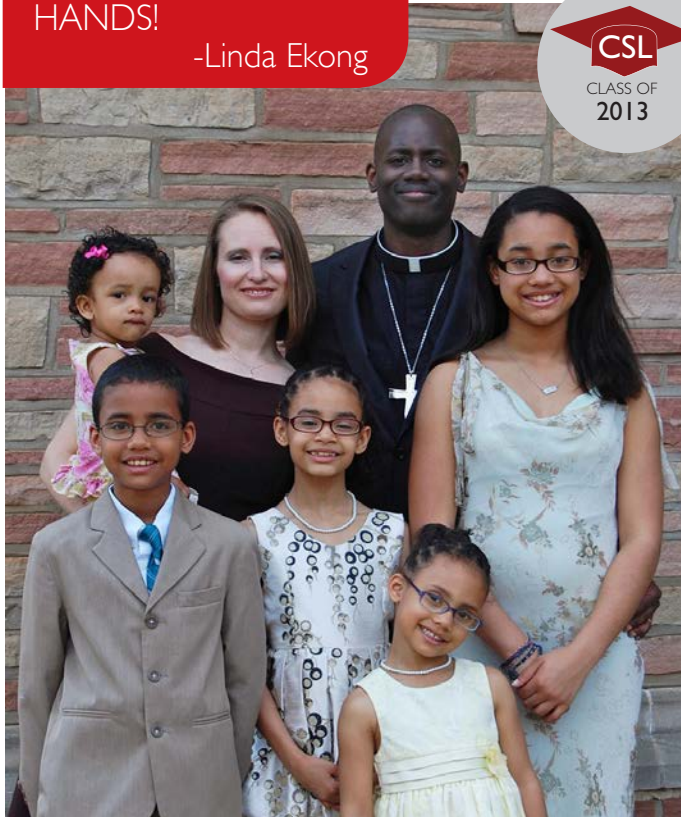
Eric and I have five children, so not only did we have to deal with our own feelings of uncertainty, but shoulder our kids’ feelings as well. They saw and responded to our emotions. I tried to remain aware of that and reassured them that God is in control and we can give our fears

over to him. We prayed together about it during our family devotions and we asked God to grant us His peace through it all.

I JUST FELT A PEACE ABOUT EVERYTHING AND KNEW THAT WE WERE IN THE LORD'S HANDS!

-Linda Ekong

Throughout this last year here at Seminary we have talked about our future move.



The Ekong Family (clockwise from top): Eric, Hannah, Jocelyn, Hailey, Jonathan, Jillian, and Linda

We have encouraged our children to remember that even if they won't be here next year it is still so important to continue to be a part of the community that they are in now! Play with your friends whenever you can and spend those last moments with them building even stronger friendships that can last a lifetime. And we are being honest with them that we will have our happy days and our sad days and that's ok.

When we found out we were going back to Michigan they were so excited! Four of them were born in Michigan and Jackson is within an hour and a half of our old home. They are excited to be able to visit old friends and super excited to make new ones.

REV. DEAN PFEFFER, HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH, PLANT CITY, FLA.

Concordia Seminary, St. Louis Class of 1994

God has blessed this congregation in so many ways that we could not help but move into the vicarage program. God not only opened a window, but a door as well. While we have had some called directors of Christian education (DCE's) and recently interns, for the 2013-14 academic year we are going to have both: a vicar (God-willing) and a DCE intern from Concordia, St. Paul.



Our plan is to utilize the vicar, DCE and myself in our congregation's community outreach ministries. A few years ago Hope made the prayerful decision to tithe 10% of our income and since we have begun doing this we have been abundantly blessed. This has allowed us to move forward in these ministries. Our intern will focus mainly in the areas of youth and education; our vicar will assist in those areas, as well as missions and outreach, worship, visitations, etc. Both students will gain full exposure to congregational life and all phases from cradle to grave.

We are excited about welcoming this new worker into our family! You can be sure that we will be watching the vicarage service to see our newest family member and they will be welcomed home when they arrive here.

WE ARE EXCITED ABOUT WELCOMING THIS NEW WORKER INTO OUR FAMILY!

-Dean Pfeffer

Hope is a very loving, outgoing, mission-minded, outreach focused congregation that God is continually blessing in order to be a blessing to others. If a vicar comes to us with the hunger to learn and the desire to "Connect People to Jesus" (our mission), they will leave here blessed to be a blessing as we will have been blessed by their being here! [Go to page 20 to see which vicar will be serving at Hope next year!]

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DR. JEFFREY GIBBS, PROFESSOR OF EXEGETICAL THEOLOGY

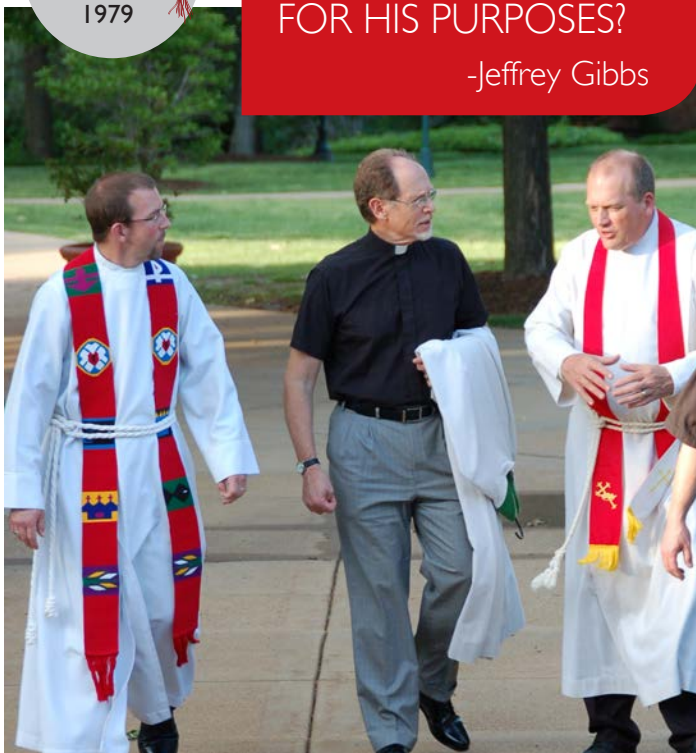
Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne
Class of 1979

When I sit in the chapel on Call Day, and watch the candidates receive calls, I feel very, very small and it's a good feeling. I am strongly reminded of this truth: God is God, and Jesus is Lord of the Church. Who knows what will happen to these young men (and women, in the case of deaconesses)? Who knows what God will accomplish through them? Who knew what would happen in — and in spite of — a young candidate who received his first call in the spring of 1979? No one knows. But there they are, and they confess the Gospel, and they are ready to start. Will God use their plans and dreams for His purposes? Perhaps. Will God shatter their plans and dreams, and re-create in them His own will and way? Probably. Nevertheless — God is God, and Jesus is Lord of the Church. I really like Call Day.



WILL GOD USE THEIR
PLANS AND DREAMS
FOR HIS PURPOSES?

-Jeffrey Gibbs



Jeff Gibbs (center) is flanked by Rev. Kyle Castens (left) and Dr. William Schumacher as they head into the chapel.

DR. JOEL BIERMANN, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY

Concordia Seminary, St. Louis Class of 1987

One of the first lessons new students learn when they arrive at the Seminary is that despite what they may feel, believe, or have been told, God is not calling them to be a pastor — at least not yet. Men come to the Seminary for



Joel Biermann (right) processes into the chapel (with Dr. Jeffrey Oschwald behind).



a number of reasons, of course, but most come because someone they trust has encouraged them to do so. They come with hesitation, self-doubt, appropriate humility, and a raft of very real questions about whether they should be offering themselves to the church to serve as a pastor. Through long days that stretch into long years they study and work and study and stretch and study and grow and... wait... and wonder if the church will actually confirm the word of that trusted person so long ago. Finally, on Call Day, the suspense comes to an end. The church speaks. Methodically, deliberately, according to plan and tradition, one at a time each name is called and each man is told: "Yes, we want you. Come and be our pastor." At last God has called.



Picture-Your-Pastor

More than 1,500 kids describe what makes their pastors wonderful

The Picture-Your-Pastor Contest asked kids to let us know what makes their pastor wonderful—in their own drawings and words. We received hundreds and hundreds of entries from all over the country. The following are the top winners in each grade, kindergarten through eighth grade, full of heartfelt appreciation for the pastors in their lives. Selecting only five from each grade for special honors was not easy. Final judging was done by 80 members of the Concordia Seminary community in April. To view more winners, visit www.csl.edu/picture.



CHANNING

Zion Lutheran Church
Dallas, Texas
Pastor Robert Preece

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"I like my pastor because he baptized my brother Noah!!!"

1

RACHELLE

Lutheran Church of Our Savior
Tulsa, Oklahoma
Pastor Tim Dreier

"I like my pastor because he gives me a hug before I leave."



ARIEL

Abiding Savior Lutheran Church
St. Louis, Missouri
Pastors Jason Hoerth, David McBurney

2

"I like that I can trust my pastor."





HANNAH

Lutheran Central School
Seymour, Indiana
Pastor Martin Keller

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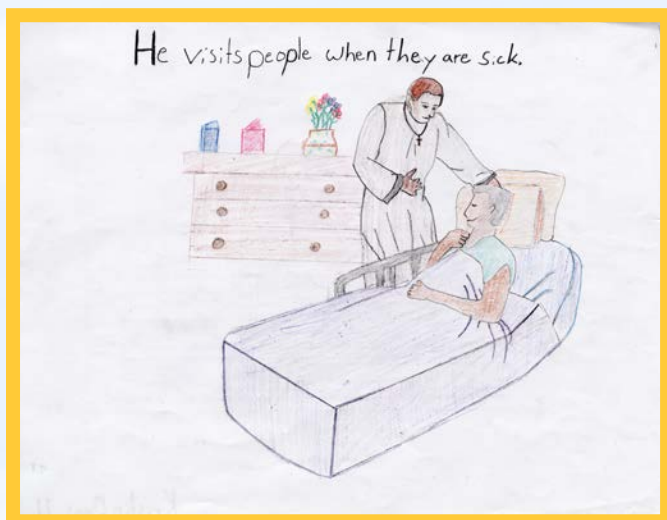
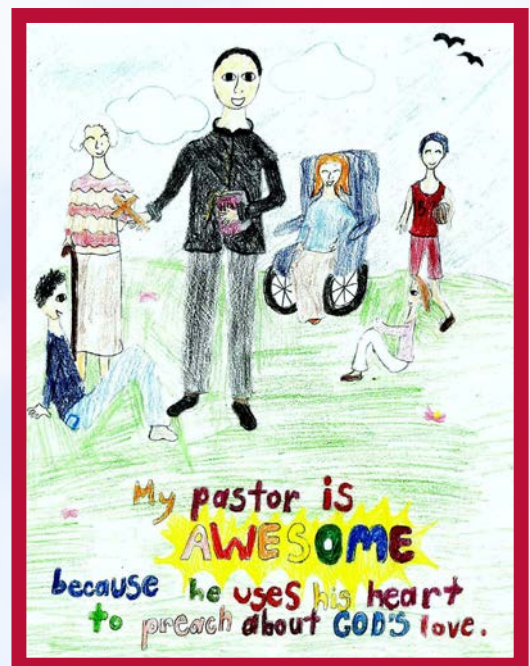
"I like my pastor because when he does the sermon he means what he says."

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JESSIE

Immanuel Lutheran Day School
St. Louis, Missouri
Pastor Paul Shaw

"My pastor is awesome because he uses his heart to preach about God's love."

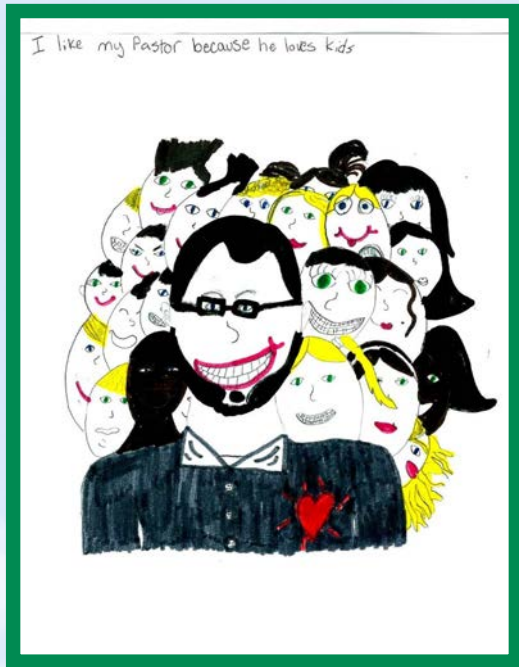


KRISTIN

Faith Lutheran Church
Sterling Heights, Michigan
Pastors Warren Arndt, Paul Arndt,
Joe Casiglia, Tony Boos

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"He visits people when they are sick."



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KAILEY

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Blair, Nebraska
Pastor Jason Duley

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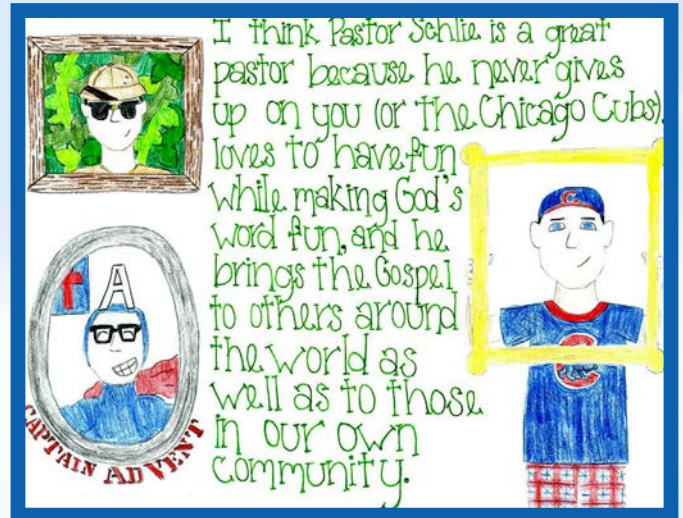
"I like my pastor because he likes kids."

7

ERIN

Messiah Lutheran Church
Weldon Springs, Missouri
Pastor Chuck Schlie

"I think Pastor Schlie is a great pastor because he never gives up on you (or the Chicago Cubs), loves to have fun while making God's word fun, and he brings the Gospel to others around the world as well as to those in our own community."

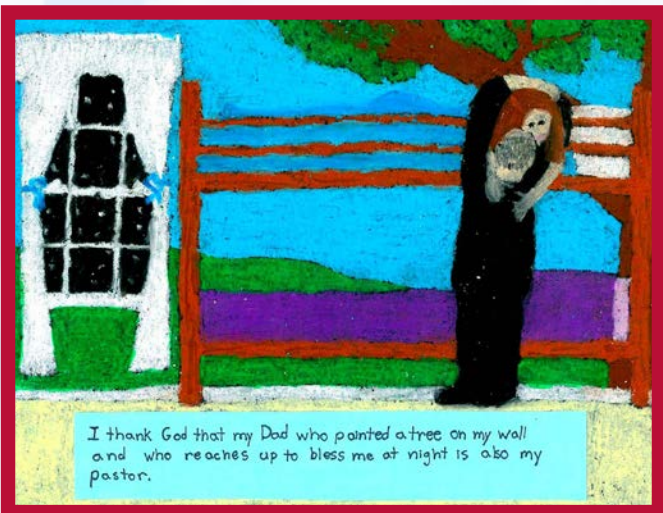


HANNAH

Faith Lutheran Church
Grand Blanc, Michigan
Pastor Todd Biermann

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"I thank God that my Dad who painted a tree on my wall and who reaches up to bless me at night is also my pastor."



“Adopting” students can save them \$4,000



Sonja (holding Aria) and Chris (holding Zipporah) Weber

How important are Adopt-A-Student sponsors to future pastors, missionaries and deaconesses? Without the support of Adopt-A-Student sponsors last academic year, it would have cost each seminarian an average of over \$4,000 more to prepare for ministry. Without caring Christians like you, thousands of dollars could be added to the educational debt that many have already incurred during their college years.

It is sad when a student feels he must delay coming to the Seminary because of financial obstacles. And, it is heartbreaking to learn that a current

seminarian is leaving because he feels he cannot afford to stay.

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2012-2013 ACADEMIC YEAR AT-A-GLANCE

603 students,
125 new pastors,
and much more

SUMMER 2012	FALL 2012	WINTER 2013	SPRING 2013
3 pastoral calls	33 pastoral calls 3 deaconess calls 35 vicarage assignments 2 deaconess internships	3 pastoral calls 17 vicarage assignments	86 pastoral calls 1 deaconess call 72 vicarage assignments 1 deaconess internship

Plus

The Graduate School awarded the following degrees on May 17:

- 7 Master of Arts
- 6 Doctor of Ministry
- 8 Master of Sacred Theology
- 5 Doctor of Philosophy

See pages 16 - 21 for a list of calls and assignments
or go to <http://callday.csl.edu/explore>

**2013 CALLS
AND VICARAGE ASSIGNMENTS**

READ ON

CALLS 2012-2013

Unless otherwise noted, all calls were in the Master of Divinity (M.Div.) program.

CALLS INTO THE PASTORAL MINISTRY

ATLANTIC DISTRICT

- † **Gruenwald, David:** St. Paul's Evangelical, Albany, N.Y.
- † **Olson, DuWayne:** St. Timothy, Hyde Park, N.Y. (DTEP)
- † **Staneck, Matthew:** True Light, New York, N.Y.

CALIFORNIA-NEVADA-HAWAII DISTRICT

- † **Hochgrebe, Ryan:** Mount Olive, Folsom, Calif.
- † **Lee, Khai:** Peace, Fresno, Calif. (EIT)
- † **Rall, Bart:** Bethlehem Evangelical, Monterey, Calif.
- † **See, Soun:** Grace, Visalia, Calif. (EIT)

CENTRAL ILLINOIS DISTRICT

- † **Fiebkorn, Michael:** St. James Evangelical, Quincy, Ill.
- † **Frazee, Joshua:** Immanuel (Augsburg), Shobonier, Ill.
- † **Ray, Adam:** Saint John's, Decatur, Ill.
- † **Traxel, Joshua:** Our Savior, Springfield, Ill.

ENGLISH DISTRICT

- † **Boerst, Aaron:** Peace, New Berlin, Wis.
- † **Hendricks, Dwayne:** Nazareth Evangelical, Buffalo, N.Y.
- † **Holt, James:** Christ, Phoenix, Ariz.
- † **Kinslow, Keith:** Chatham Fields, Chicago, Ill. (SMP)
- † **Simon, Jordan:** Gethsemane, Windsor, Ontario, Canada (EIT)

FLORIDA-GEORGIA DISTRICT

- † **Mezilus, Andre:** Amigos en Cristo, Inc., Immokalee, Fla. (EIT)
- † **Sims, Raleigh:** Ascension, Casselberry, Fla. (SMP)

IOWA DISTRICT EAST

- † **Crawford, Jonathan:** St. Paul Evangelical, Dubuque, Iowa

IOWA DISTRICT WEST

- † **Krause, Matthew:** Faith, Adel, Iowa
- † **Wehmas, Neil:** Zion/St. Peter/St. John, Ocheyedon/Ocheyedon/May City, Iowa

KANSAS DISTRICT

- † **Crawford, King:** Christ/Zion, Manhattan/Latimer, Kan. (DTEP)
- † **Gumz, Patrick:** Grace/Immanuel, Ulysses/Lakin, Kan.
- † **Vossler, Christopher:** Trinity, McFarland, Kan.

MICHIGAN DISTRICT

- † **Chittick, Aaron:** St. Paul, Coldwater, Mich.
- † **Dressler, Martin:** Christ, Milford, Mich.
- † **Ekong, Eric:** Trinity, Jackson, Mich.
- † **Gladden, Dietrick:** St. Stephen, Waterford, Mich. (EIT)
- † **Heiden, Michael:** Immanuel, Macomb, Mich.
- † **Madson, Mark:** Trinity, Port Huron, Mich.
- † **Toman, Jason:** St. Michael, Portage, Mich. (SMP)
- † **Vogeli, Mitchell:** Nativity, Saint Charles, Mich.
- † **VanBriggle, Richard:** St. Thomas, Eastpointe, Mich. (SMP)

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Fourth year seminarians (from left) Ben Delin, Clayton Sellers, Geoffrey Gronewold, Michael Heiden, and Matthew Krause examine their call documents by lamplight after the service.

MID-SOUTH DISTRICT

- † **Graves, David:** St. Paul Evangelical, Wartburg, Tenn.
- † **Sellers, Justin “Clayton”:** Faith, Collierville, Tenn.
- † **Stevenson, William:** Trinity, Dyersburg, Tenn. (SMP)

MINNESOTA NORTH DISTRICT

- † **Dandy, Jacob:** Zion of Crown, St. Francis, Minn.
- † **Gronewold, Geoffrey:** Zion, Alexandria, Minn.
- † **Hartwig, Brett:** Trinity, Sabin, Minn.
- † **Koehler, Paul:** St. John’s, Motley, Minn. (SMP)
- † **Meyer, Matthew:** Beautiful Savior, Callaway, Minn.
- † **Polzin, Lewis:** Trinity Evangelical, Bemidji, Minn.
- † **Schultz, John W.:** St. Paul, Granite Falls, Minn.

MINNESOTA SOUTH DISTRICT

- † **Andrews, Steven:** St. John’s, Stewartville, Minn.
- † **Fofana, Lusenie:** Bethel, St. Paul, Minn. (EIT)
- † **Lane, Matthew:** Peace, Faribault, Minn.
- † **Perkins, Benjamin:** Trinity Evangelical, Mountain Lake, Minn.
- † **Schultz, Daniel:** Zion, Hopkins, Minn. (SMP)
- † **Stefanic, James “JJ”:** Good Shepherd, Marshall, Minn.
- † **Stohlmann, Philip “PJ”:** Mount Moriah, Byron, Minn.
- † **Wait, Matthew:** Messiah, Lakeville, Minn.

MISSOURI DISTRICT

- † **Anderson, Luke:** St. Matthew, Lee’s Summit, Mo.
- † **Elfe, Chad:** New Beginnings, Pacific, Mo.
- † **Engle, Tristan:** Trinity, Park Hills, Mo.
- † **Jameson, Leon:** Immanuel, St. Charles, Mo. (SMP)
- † **Kohn, Elden:** Zion Evangelical, Macon, Mo.
- † **Larson, Mark:** Holy Cross Lutheran Church for the Deaf, St. Louis, Mo.



Jacob Dandy (right) is thrilled to receive his call to Zion of Crown, St. Francis, Minn.

- † **Lewis, Johnathan:** St. Matthew, St. Louis, Mo. (SMP)
- † **Roedemeier, Dennis:** Salem, Salem, Mo. (SMP)
- † **Sponaugle, Justin:** Faith, Dexter, Mo.
- † **Walker, Andrew:** St. Peters Evangelical, La Grange, Mo.

NEBRASKA DISTRICT

- † **Aguilar, Juan:** Cristo Cordero de Dios Iglesia Ev. Luterana, Grand Island, Neb. (CHS)
- † **Bobby, Jacob:** First Trinity, Bloomfield, Neb.
- † **Gulke, Carl:** Christ, Lincoln, Neb.
- † **Heermann, William:** Trinity, Amherst, Neb.
- † **Mau, Matthew:** St. John Evangelical, Waco, Neb.

NEW JERSEY DISTRICT

- † **Fenco, Jose Daniel:** Somerset Hills, Basking Ridge, N.J. (SMP)
- † **Hildebrandt, Bradford:** Somerset Hills, Basking Ridge, N.J. (SMP)

NORTH WISCONSIN DISTRICT

- † **Forke, David:** Peace, Eau Claire, Wis. (SMP)
- † **Stein, Timothy:** Peace, Eau Claire, Wis. (SMP)

NORTHERN ILLINOIS DISTRICT

- † **Ahlersmeyer, Benjamin:** Peace, Lombard, Ill.
- † **Nesbit, Michael:** Zion, McHenry, Ill. (SMP)
- † **Weber, Jason:** Fellowship of Faith, McHenry, Ill. (SMP)
- † **Zárate, Martín:** St. Paul, Melrose Park, Ill. (CHS)

NORTHWEST DISTRICT

- † **Haugen, Daniel:** Redeemer, Bellingham, Wash.
- † **Hood, William:** Hope Evangelical, Seattle, Wash. (SMP)
- † **Hulvey, Kirk:** Lutheran Church of the Cross, Kent, Wash.
- † **Swan, Jason:** Lutheran Church of the Atonement, Burien, Wash.

OHIO DISTRICT

- † **Guynn, Kevin:** Faith, Mentor, Ohio (SMP)
- † **Hanchett, Mark:** St. John Evangelical, Akron, Ohio
- † **Suguítan, John:** Prince of Peace, Cincinnati, Ohio (SMP)

OKLAHOMA DISTRICT

- † **Klade, Jeffrey:** St. John's, Okarche, Okla. (SMP)



Kimberly and Aaron Meyer



Northern Illinois District President Dan Gilbert (right) preached for the call service. His sermon was interpreted by Torri Ryder (left) for a deaf seminarian and his family and friends.

PACIFIC SOUTHWEST DISTRICT

- † **Carnahan, Benjamin:** University, La Jolla, Calif.
- † **Gary, Owen Scott:** Grace, Escondido, Calif. (SMP)
- † **Jay, Eric:** St. John's, El Segundo, Calif. (CMC)
- † **Kim, Seung:** True Love, Fullerton, Calif. (CMC)
- † **Misch, Jonathan "Zach":** Beautiful Savior, Tempe, Ariz.
- † **Rosebrock, Matthew:** Faith Evangelical, Tujunga, Calif.
- † **Signore, Joseph:** St. Paul, Pomona, Calif.
- † **Thomas, Brian:** Grace, San Diego, Calif. (CMC)

ROCKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT

- † **Delin, Benjamin:** St. Paul, Durango, Colo.
- † **Reber, David:** Grace/Our Savior, Hobbs/Lovington, N.M.
- † **Vanderhyde, David:** University Hills, Denver, Colo.

SOUTH DAKOTA DISTRICT

- † **Bierman, Bret:** Trinity/St. Paul's, Mansfield/Stratford, S.D. (SMP)
- † **Mehl, Silas:** St. John/Zion Evangelical, Montrose/Canistota, S.D.
- † **Nelson, Britt:** St. John's, Aberdeen, S.D. (SMP)
- † **Poppen, Tyler:** Our Savior/St. John, Aberdeen/Columbia, S.D.

SOUTH WISCONSIN DISTRICT

- † **Bruskiewicz, Christopher:** St. John's, West Bend, Wis. (SMP)

- † **Erdman, Michael:** Immanuel, Madison, Wis.
- † **Hesse, Jeffrey:** St. John's, West Bend, Wis. (SMP)
- † **Ikanih, Afam:** Mission of Christ, Milwaukee, Wis. (EIT)
- † **Karay, John:** Good Shepherd by the Lake, Stoughton, Wis. (SMP)
- † **Kellerman, David:** St. John's, West Bend, Wis. (SMP)
- † **Meyer, Aaron:** Shepherd of the Hills, Pewaukee, Wis.
- † **Scheil, Joshua:** Hope Evangelical, Twin Lakes, Wis.
- † **Schockman, Gary:** Christ Evangelical, Clinton, Wis.
- † **Vang, Moua:** Benediction, Milwaukee, Wis. (EIT)
- † **Wipperman, Matthew:** Christ Memorial, Fitchburg, Wis. (SMP)

SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT

- † **Greig, Nycholas:** Trinity Evangelical, Henrico, Va.
- † **Miller, Stephen:** Lutheran Church of St. Andrew, Silver Spring, Md.
- † **Upchurch, Lewis:** Hope, Wake Forest, N.C. (SMP)
- † **Weber, Christopher:** Redeemer, Fredericksburg, Va.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT

- † **Malueg-Lattimore, Warren:** St. Paul's Evangelical, New Orleans, La.
- † **McCoy, Shane:** Christ, Albertville, Ala.
- † **Strussenberg, David:** Grace-Toledo Bend, Many, La.

TEXAS DISTRICT

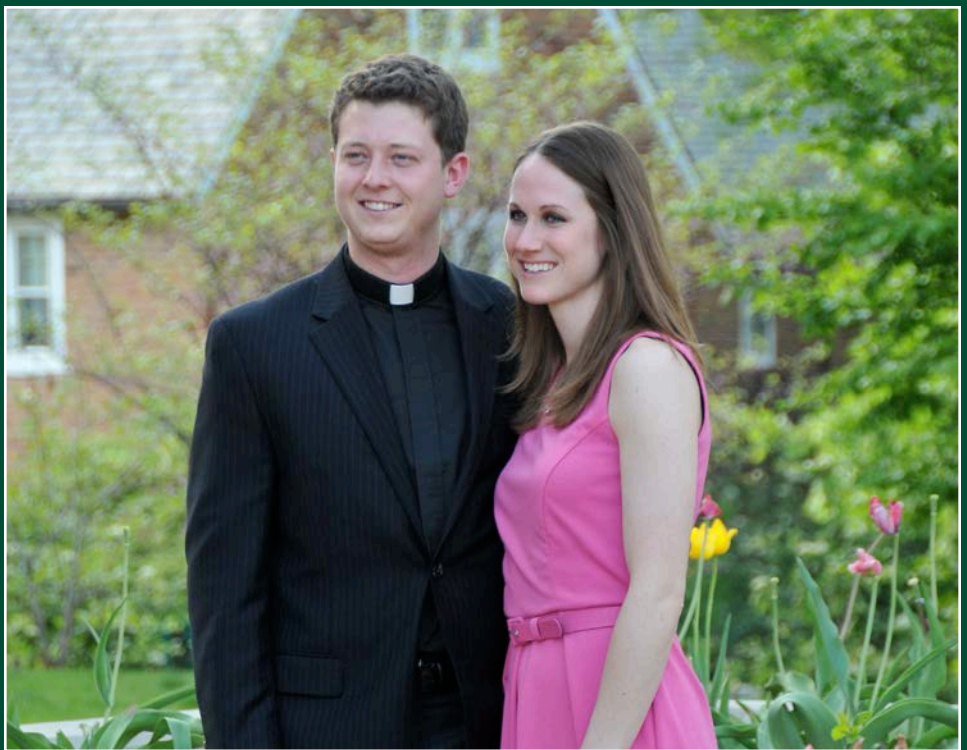
- † **Douthwaite, Adam:** Our Redeemer, Dallas, Texas
- † **Kear, Dustin:** St. Paul, Harlingen, Texas
- † **Kirk, William Kyle:** Trinity, Tyler, Texas (SMP)
- † **Miller, Micah:** Prince of Peace, Carrollton, Texas
- † **Parsons, Jacob:** Peace, Hurst, Texas (CMC)
- † **Scheck, Benjamin:** Crown of Life, Colleyville, Texas (SMP)
- † **Schrank, Benjamin:** Concordia, San Antonio, Texas
- † **Widger, Douglas:** St. Paul, Fort Worth, Texas (SMP)

LUTHERAN CHURCH—CANADA

- † **Barone, Timothy:** Calvary, Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada
- † **Desrosiers, Greg:** Trinity Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Vancouver, BC, Canada (DIT)

CALLS PENDING

- † **Barklage, Rick** (CMC)
- † **Bol, Gabriel** (EIIT)
- † **Doede, Mark** (SMP)
- † **Grosskopf, Sol**
- † **Hannemann, Justin**
- † **Hooper, William**



David and Lindsey Gruenwald

- † **Hopkins, Theodore**
- † **Hues, Daniel** (CMC)
- † **Pahl, Justin**

DEACONESS ASSIGNMENTS

LUTHERAN CHURCH—CANADA

- † **Desrosiers, Linda:** Trinity Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada (DIT)

MISSOURI DISTRICT

- † **White, Sylvia:** Messiah, St. Louis, Mo.

NORTHWEST DISTRICT

- † **Benzler, Catherine:** Lutheran Indian Ministries, Neah Bay, Wash. (EIIT)

SOUTH WISCONSIN DISTRICT

- † **Patricia Hycnar,** Holy Cross Deaf, Delavan, Wis. (DIT)

ASSIGNMENTS PENDING

- † **Douthwaite, Sarah**
- † **Guerra, Noemi** (CHS)
- † **Prothro, Ashley**

CHS: Center for Hispanic Studies
CMC: Cross Cultural Ministry Center
DIT: Deaf Institute of Theology
DTEP: Distance Theological Education Program
EIIT: Ethnic Immigrant Institute of Theology
SMP: Specific Ministry Pastor Program



From left, Kirk Hulvey, Dustin Kear, and Elden Kohn



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VICARAGE/INTERNSHIP ASSIGNMENTS 2012-2013

Unless otherwise noted, all vicarage assignments were in the Master of Divinity (M.Div.) program.

VICARAGE ASSIGNMENTS

ATLANTIC DISTRICT

- † **Mayer, Morris:** Village, Bronxville, N.Y. (SMP)
- † **Taber, Jason:** Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, Garden City, N.Y.

CALIFORNIA-NEVADA-HAWAII DISTRICT

- † **Bokre, Dawit (David):** Good Shepherd, Hayward, Calif. (EIT)
- † **Clausen, Eric:** St. Matthew, Sonoma, Calif.
- † **Gerloff, Gary:** Emmanuel, Clovis, Calif. (CMC)
- † **Hannemann, Aaron:** Trinity, Sacramento, Calif.
- † **Hardin, David:** St. Paul's, Woodland, Calif.
- † **Mommens, David:** Light of the Hills, Cameron Park, Calif.

CENTRAL ILLINOIS DISTRICT

- † **Lange, Alexander:** St. John, East Moline, Ill.
- † **Marth, Cory:** Mt. Calvary, Decatur, Ill.

EASTERN DISTRICT

- † **Ferry, Joseph:** St. John's, Orchard Park, N.Y.
- † **Schultz, David:** Zion, Bridgeville, Penn.
- † **Wolf, Richard:** Holy Cross, Middleport, N.Y. (SMP)

FLORIDA-GEORGIA DISTRICT

- † **Boeck, Thomas:** Faith, Marietta, Ga. (SMP)
- † **Hall, Matthew:** Bethlehem, Jacksonville Beach, Fla.
- † **Jones, Kyle:** Grace, Winter Haven, Fla.
- † **Kueker, Jesse:** Mt. Calvary, Warner Robins, Ga.
- † **LeGreco, Nathan:** Hope, Plant City, Fla.
- † **Luttinen, Calvin "C.J.":** St. Paul, Boca Raton, Fla.
- † **Steinbrueck, Kurt:** Family of Christ, Tampa, Fla. (SMP)
- † **Whitehead, William:** Family of Christ, Tampa, Fla. (SMP)

INDIANA DISTRICT

- † **Huff, Mark:** Immanuel, Seymour, Ind.
- † **Schuler, Matthew:** St. Peter's, Columbus, Ind.

IOWA DISTRICT EAST

- † **Balvanz, Richard:** King of Kings, Cedar Rapids, Iowa (SMP)

IOWA DISTRICT WEST

- † **Anderson, Timothy:** Trinity, Des Moines, Iowa
- † **Sorensen, James:** Timothy, Council Bluffs, Iowa

KANSAS DISTRICT

- † **Blickhahn, Henry III:** Our Redeemer, Hutchinson, Kan. (SMP)
- † **Budenholzer, Mark:** Ascension, Wichita, Kan.
- † **Kapels, Calvin:** Beautiful Savior, Olathe, Kan.

MICHIGAN DISTRICT

- † **Doublestein, Philip:** Messiah, Clio, Mich.
- † **Heckert, Peter:** St. Lorenz, Frankenmuth, Mich.
- † **Howard, Daniel:** Hope, Warren, Mich. (SMP)
- † **Knickelbein, Paul:** Cross & Resurrection, Ypsilanti, Mich. (SMP)
- † **Meyer, Timothy:** Immanuel, Macomb, Mich.

MID-SOUTH DISTRICT

- † **Audette, Andrew:** The Point, Knoxville, Tenn.
- † **Carlone, Brandon:** Faith, Tullahoma, Tenn.
- † **Maske, Daniel:** First, Chattanooga, Tenn.
- † **Tooley, Mark:** Peace, Conway, Ark. (SMP)
- † **Witte, David:** Grace, Little Rock, Ark. (SMP)

MINNESOTA NORTH DISTRICT

- † **Bakou, John:** Trinity, Sauk Rapids, Minn. (EIT)
- † **Manthe, Jeffrey:** SonRise, Avon, Minn. (SMP)

MINNESOTA SOUTH DISTRICT

- † **Bayless, Andrew:** Woodbury, Woodbury, Minn.
- † **Lor, Yia:** Neej Tsiab, Minneapolis, Minn. (EIT)
- † **Mulso, Michael:** Emanuel, Inver Grove Heights, Minn. (SMP)
- † **Vang, Chong Toua:** Our Saviour, St. Paul, Minn. (EIT)
- † **Vang, Johnny:** Neej Tsiab, Minneapolis, Minn. (EIT)
- † **Waffel, Derek:** Trinity, Rochester, Minn.

MISSOURI DISTRICT

- † **Cox, James:** Zion, Valley Park, Mo.

- † **Dehne, John:** St. Andrew, Cape Girardeau, Mo.
- † **Grebing, Barrett:** Christ Memorial, St. Louis, Mo.
- † **Krueger, Kenneth:** Concordia/LFCS, St. Louis, Mo.
- † **Kurka, Gerald:** St. Paul, Stover, Mo.



Daniel Maske (left) and Brennan Woell

- † **Letsche, Jason:** Our Savior, St. Charles, Mo.
- † **Longman, Eric:** Immanuel, St. Charles, Mo.
- † **Nickel, Jeffrey:** Resurrection, St. Louis, Mo.
- † **Palmer, Joshua:** Salem, Affton, Mo.
- † **Riley, Benjamin:** LCMS Office of International Missions, Hong Kong, Asia Pacific
- † **Rolf, David:** Blessed Savior, Florissant, Mo.
- † **Schlund, Thomas:** St. Paul's, Concordia, Mo.
- † **Schweigert, Jon-Michael:** Lutheran Senior Services CPE, Webster Groves, Mo.
- † **Steinbrenner, Adam:** Immanuel, Washington, Mo.
- † **Wagner, Jacob:** St. Stephen, Liberty, Mo.

NEBRASKA DISTRICT

- † **Eliason, Carl:** Peace, Grand Island, Neb. (SMP)
- † **Haack, James:** Beautiful Savior, LaVista, Neb. (SMP)

- † **Haynes, James:** Christ, Lincoln, Neb. (SMP)
- † **Pitsch, David (Sam):** Good Shepherd, Gretna, Neb.
- † **Varns, Jonathan:** Trinity, Grand Island, Neb.
- † **Wiese, Daniel:** Mount Calvary, Holdrege, Neb. (SMP)
- † **Woldt, Adam:** King of Kings, Omaha, Neb. (SMP)

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

- † **Mongeau, Kevin:** St. Paul's, New Hartford, Conn. (SMP)

NEW JERSEY DISTRICT

- † **Schneider, Christopher:** St. Paul, Flemington, N.J.

NORTH WISCONSIN DISTRICT

- † **Balk, Jordan:** Mt. Olive, Weston, Wis. (SMP)
- † **Luhman, Ethan:** Mount Olive, Weston, Wis.
- † **Reifsteck, Joshua:** Pilgrim, Green Bay, Wis.

NORTHERN ILLINOIS DISTRICT

- † **Christensen, Eric:** Immanuel, Elmhurst, Ill.
- † **Duffy, Joshua:** St. Paul, Aurora, Ill.
- † **Federwitz, David:** Lutheran Bible Translators, Aurora, Ill. (SMP)
- † **Richard, Keith:** Immanuel, Belvidere, Ill. (SMP)

NORTHWEST DISTRICT

- † **Krumdieck, Gary:** St. John's, Sutherlin, Ore.
- † **Larmi, Eugene:** Lamb of God, Wasilla, Alaska (SMP)
- † **Noble, Andrew:** Immanuel, Everett, Wash.
- † **Wilson, Winston:** Makah, Neah Bay, Wash. (EIT)

OHIO DISTRICT

- † **Richards, Hunter:** Holy Cross, North Canton, Ohio

OKLAHOMA DISTRICT

- † **Cwymar, Paul (Colloquy):** Holy Trinity, Edmond, Okla.
- † **Smith, Jeffrey:** Holy Trinity, Edmond, Okla.

PACIFIC SOUTHWEST DISTRICT

- † **Barker, Robert III:** Trinity, Simi Valley, Calif. (SMP)
- † **Brouwer, Jack:** Light of Christ, Irvine, Calif. (CMC)
- † **Campbell, Delwyn:** Promise, Murrieta, Calif. (CMC)
- † **Chai, Albert:** Emmaus, Alhambra, Calif. (CMC)
- † **Cuen, Eduardo:** Trinity, Norwalk, Calif. (SMP)

- † **Jennings, Mark:** Our Savior, Bellflower, Calif. (SMP)
- † **Jonas, Scott:** First, Manhattan Beach, Calif.
- † **Martin, Paul:** Faith, Vista, Calif. (SMP)
- † **Ruehs, Jonathan:** Light of Christ, Irvine, Calif. (CMC)
- † **Van Blarcom, Trevor:** St. John's, Orange, Calif. (CMC)

ROCKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT

- † **Lane, Marcus:** Bethlehem, Lakewood, Colo.
- † **Mauss, Douglas:** Family of Christ, Monument, Colo. (SMP)

SELC DISTRICT

- † **Hoyer, Jacob:** Holy Cross, Lake Mary, Fla. (SMP)
- † **Johnson, Christopher:** Holy Cross, Lake Mary, Fla. (SMP)
- † **Woell, Brennan:** St. Luke's, Oviedo, Fla.

SOUTH DAKOTA DISTRICT

- † **Richter, Kevin:** Mt. Calvary, Brookings, S.D.

SOUTH WISCONSIN DISTRICT

- † **Anderson, Daniel:** Mount Olive, Madison, Wis. (SMP)
- † **Kuehl, Kyle:** Trinity, Howards Grove, Wis.
- † **Novelli, German Jr.:** Grace, Milwaukee, Wis. (SMP)

SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT

- † **Biernacki, Christopher:** Concordia, Conover, N.C.
- † **Borrasso, Matthew:** Redeemer, Fredericksburg, Va.
- † **Ellis, Garet:** Living Savior, Fairfax Station, Va.
- † **Rieger, Paul:** Immanuel, Baltimore, Md.
- † **Robson, Falak:** Emmanuel, Baltimore, Md. (EIT)
- † **Thompson, Adam:** Good Shepherd, Roanoke, Va.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT

- † **Miller, Wayne:** St. Mark's, Elberta, Ala.

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS DISTRICT

- † **Bauer, Micah:** Our Savior, Carbondale, Ill.
- † **Ellsworth, Adam:** Zion, Bethalto, Ill.
- † **Resner, Matthew:** Zion, Litchfield, Ill.

TEXAS DISTRICT

- † **Ashcraft, Karl:** Water's Edge, Frisco, Texas (SMP)
- † **Blake, Kyle:** Saint Paul, Fort Worth, Texas (CMC)
- † **Cody, Michael:** St. Paul/Good Shepherd, Wichita Falls/Iowa Park, Texas (SMP)
- † **Jurischk, Bradley:** St. Timothy, Houston, Texas (SMP)
- † **Holder, Christopher:** Holy Cross, Dallas, Texas (SMP)
- † **Kemp, William:** Our Savior, McKinney, Texas (Colloquy) (SMP)
- † **Pulliam, Mark:** Mount Calvary, San Antonio, Texas (CMC)
- † **Smith, Garret:** Cross, New Braunfels, Texas
- † **Winters, Thomas:** Concordia, San Antonio, Texas (SMP)

ASSIGNMENTS PENDING

- † **Shin, Young-sik**
- † **Stetson, Adam**

DEACONESS INTERNSHIP ASSIGNMENTS

FLORIDA-GEORGIA DISTRICT

- † **Jones, Melissa:** Grace, Winter Haven, Fla.

MISSOURI DISTRICT

- † **Hayter, Maryann:** New Beginnings, Pacific, Mo.

SOUTH WISCONSIN DISTRICT

- † **King, Rebecca:** Our Savior Deaf, Madison, Wis. (DIT)

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From left, Andrew Bayless, Kyle Jones, Melissa Jones, Ashley Bayless

Vicarage or internship or classroom: Nielsen emphasizes one-on-one

“Personal” ... “one-on-one” ... “relationship.” These words come up frequently in conversation with Dr. Glenn Nielsen as he describes his work as a professor of practical theology and director of vicarage and deaconess internships at Concordia Seminary.

Whether teaching, assigning students to vicarages and internships, or reviewing evaluations, Nielsen seeks a personal approach to his students and the pastors and congregations.

“I have the honor to meet with every student and to have a hand in his or her formation by being able to recommend where they go for vicarage or internship,” he says. “It is also a privilege to work with congregations, supervising pastors, and district officials to make the vicarage/internship year year the best year it can be for students, congregations and supervisors.”

Since joining the faculty in 1990, Nielsen has found his vicarage-internship role to be a natural extension of his love for teaching and mentoring students. At first, he arranged vicarages for M.Div. and Alternate Route students; now he also has responsibility for deaconess internships and the Specific Ministry Pastor (SMP) program. With assistance, he also works with the Ethnic Immigrant Institute of Theology (EIIT), the Deaf Institute of Theology (DIT) in St. Louis and the Cross-Cultural Ministry Program (CMC) on the Concordia University campus in Irvine, Calif. The Center for Hispanic Studies (CHS) oversees its vicarages, but Nielsen handles administrative responsibilities.

“At any particular time, we could have 200 to 250 students under the umbrella of my office,” he says.

To ready students during the year before vicarage, Nielsen arranges a number of workshops including expert speakers to cover pertinent topics like vicarage procedures, finances, social and personal skills, youth ministry, and sexual ethics. And he spends at least an hour one-on-one with each student to learn about family and learning preferences. Nielsen tries to consider both personal situations as well

as individual learning objectives in arranging vicarages or internships for students. Their children’s education and spouse’s employment may indicate preference for staying in the St. Louis area. They may want experience with certain church or community settings, worship styles, or congregations with schools.

“All those things go into the interview so I have a good sense for each one of the students and so I have a good sense of whom to put where,” he says.

In arranging vicarages and internships, Nielsen says, “I look for congregations that are active and dynamic with a variety of ministries so the vicar gets a broad view of the pastoral office, a positive view of congregational life, and experiences to draw upon when he becomes a pastor.”

-Glenn Nielsen

He also looks for supervising pastors who are confident leaders and theologically astute so they can reflect upon the ministry and serve as mentors by spending professional and social time with the student.

From September through November the director of vicarage and deaconess internships is “on the road.” He visits a third to a half of the M.Div. vicars on site and all the SMP students and deaconess interns at their locations. The onsite visits give him opportunity to learn more about the congregations and their pastors as well as meeting with vicars or interns to discuss their experiences.

Nielsen believes onsite visits allow him to report back to the faculty “just who these students are,” since the vicarage office is a significant source of information to guide the faculty toward certifying students for pastoral or deaconess ministry.

Every M.Div., Alternate Route, and deaconess student and every supervisor makes an individual report at five months and 11 months into the vicarage/internship. A separate report, the Vicarage Evaluation Inventory (VEI), is completed by six laypersons and the supervisor and submitted to

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Nielsen's office. The SMP students and supervisors each complete one report per year along with the VEI. "It's not one of the more glamorous parts of the position. If we have some 85 M.Div. students on vicarage, a few deaconesses, and the SMP cohorts, I probably read over 500 reports a year," Nielsen says.

Reading isn't enough: Thanks to email, Nielsen writes a personal note with comments to each student or supervisor who submits a report.

"I work face to face with all the students so when they come out of vicarage there has been a personal, professional relationship that's gone on — and continues — even over the distance."

Typically, a student returns for a final year on campus after the vicarage or internship. Early in that year, Nielsen meets with each one to discuss the experience and the evaluations. For those who serve an extended vicarage or are in the Alternate Route, Nielsen will go over the reports via Skype.

"Every student will leave my office with a set of two to four goals to continue to work on for the year," he says. If need be, he will work with the Seminary field education office to address areas where a student may need more experience.

Using an hourglass image to describe vicarage (and internships), Nielsen says the seminary process of forming a pastor through teaching, study and interaction is the bulb on top and congregational and other ministries comprise the bottom bulb.

"Everybody will go through the center of the hourglass called vicarage or internship," he stresses, adding that summaries from the vicarage office are a significant source of information for the placement process. One must go through the vicarage/internship "center" of the hourglass in order to get to his or her first call into a congregation in the real world.

In his concurrent role as a professor who regularly teaches homiletics, Nielsen practices what he teaches. Since 1991, he has assisted at Grace Chapel in nearby Bellefontaine Neighbors where he usually preaches twice a month, teaches Bible class, and makes a few pastoral calls.

"One of my ways of teaching homiletics is by actively being a preacher so the students can see what I am doing



Dr. Nielsen (right) congratulates Joseph Barlau on his vicarage assignment.

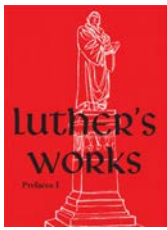
as I prepare a sermon. Quite often I will actually deliver a sermon in class," he says. "So some of my teaching is by example and modeling."

And when a student submits a sermon for review, Nielsen sits with him in his office to review the sermon, make suggestions and corrections, and offer encouragement and praise. "After he leaves my office, a student has had immediate feedback. It's not just written on a paper, but is face-to-face, a conversation."

While he teaches the step-by-step process of sermon preparation and delivery, he also emphasizes that a pastor has an ongoing preaching ministry. It is not one sermon at a time, but building a relationship of pastor and his people. "It is a craft, an art form, not merely an assembly process," he explains.

"I am significantly interested in how people are able to listen and process and remember and take something with them from the sermon," says Nielsen, who holds M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in Communication Studies/Rhetoric from Northwestern University. "You cannot simply assume a unified group of hearers out there. Some listen and learn, others learn more visually, and others learn by doing. So I really try to teach the preaching task as a whole person experience."

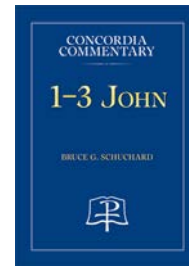
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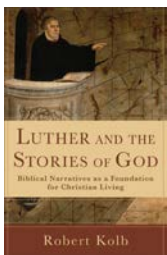
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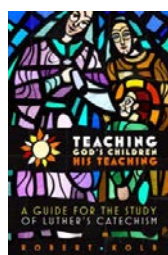
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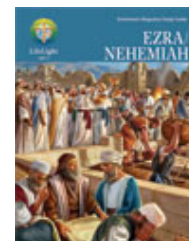
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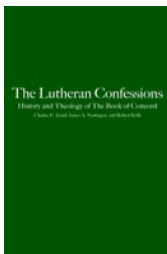
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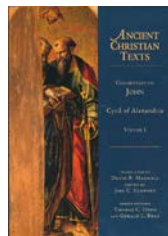
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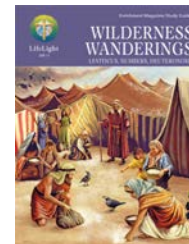
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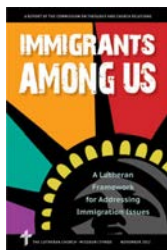
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Center for Care of Creation inspires new growth

One year ago, a pastor led his congregants through a Bible study written by Dr. Charles Arand. Based on the Commission on Theology and Church Relations (CTCR) report called "Together with All Creatures," the Bible study inspired this group to form a "Care of the Earth Ministry Team."

In late fall 2012, Pastor Scott Coerber (2012 graduate of Concordia Seminary's SMP program) formed a garden team to make better use of some of the unused acreage on the church property. This team was given

the goal to have a community garden ready to plant by Seminary Professor Charles Arand's April 2013 visit. The highly dedicated and motivated team built a 15,000 square foot community garden on the church's property. The garden team decided to donate 100% of the food harvested in phase one to the Larimer County food bank. After approaching the food bank, they learned that their goal is to have 50% of the food they give away to be fresh produce, and the team aimed to grow enough produce to achieve that goal.

What Redeemer's Earth Care team is doing is really impressive, especially the way they are integrating creation care with human needs and a witness to the Gospel.

-Charles Arand

Redeemer's garden consists of 42 rows, each of which is 30 feet long. It boasts a drip irrigation system made of 70% recycled materials. In keeping things local, they enriched the ground (largely clay) with loads of local compost and mulch from a mushroom farm, which can be viewed on the horizon from the church. Members of the church and local businesses have already donated hundreds of volunteer hours toward this effort.

Dr. Charles Arand, director of the Center for the Care of Creation at the Seminary, held a workshop sponsored by the CTCR

on Saturday, April 21, and was invited to participate in the dedication of Redeemer's garden following church services. "What Redeemer's Earth Care team is doing is really impressive,

especially the way they are integrating creation care with human needs and a witness to the Gospel," Arand remarked.

And what might the future hold? "What became a good sized, farm-style garden is actually just phase one," Coerber commented. "Next, my team and I envision a fruit tree park as part of a garden space complete with benches facing the mountain vistas and serving as the start of a



Dr. Charles Arand ceremoniously waters Redeemer's community garden at its dedication.

walking path around the property." He describes it as a place where people can hang out, enjoy God's creation, reflect and pray. They plan to continue to seek out ways to reduce waste and human impact on the environment. They will also explore the potential ways to use their 67 acre property in more beneficial ways, looking at everything from raptor stands to a wind or solar farm. Pastor Coerber concluded by saying, "It is so fulfilling to honor God by caring for His earth."

Professor Ji enters eternal rest in December 2012

Dr. Won Yong Ji, emeritus professor of systematic theology at Concordia Seminary, passed away on Dec. 31, 2012.

Dr. Ji enrolled at Concordia Seminary in



Dr. Ji

1950. After graduating with a B.A. and B.D. in 1952, he studied education and languages at Valparaiso University for one year. He then returned to Concordia Seminary in 1953 to receive his S.T.M., studied in Heidelberg in 1955-56, and then completed his Th.D. at Concordia Seminary in 1957. After serving as assistant pastor at Jehovah Lutheran in St. Paul, Minn., he returned to Korea in 1958 to be one of the pioneers in Lutheran mission work in that land, which included the founding of the

theological training program that has now become Luther University and Seminary.

Dr. Ji was called to the faculty of Concordia Seminary in 1979 to teach systematic theology after serving one year as a visiting instructor (1978-79). He retired from his full-time teaching position in 1997 but continued to teach part-time as an emeritus professor for several years. While at Concordia Seminary, he regularly returned to Korea for teaching, preaching, lecturing, and research.

Bach brings blessings for 20 years

With the final chord struck at the April 28, 2013 concert, the *Bach at the Sem* concert series finished out its 20th season. Throughout 2012-2013, the American Kantorei and orchestra was blessed to be conducted by three guest conductors due to the continued search for a full time director after the passing of Dr. Robert Bergt in 2011. Dr. Martin Dicke (Oct. 28), Dr. Andrew Megill (Dec. 2) and Dr. Scott Hyslop (April 28) ably conducted this season's concerts.

It is the purpose and function of *Bach at the Sem* to profess the Christian faith through the proclamation of the Church's rich heritage of sacred and classical music, especially music of Bach and other Lutheran composers.

"*Bach at the Sem* begins another season in October on the Concordia Seminary campus, continuing a longstanding tradition of performing J. S. Bach's music in a sacred setting," Concordia Seminary's Dean of the Chapel Kent Bureson commented. "The Seminary,

host for the series, is very excited about bringing this season's offerings to the St. Louis community. The American Kantorei and top professional instrumentalists will be led by four accomplished guest conductors who specialize in Baroque music. We know that each conductor's professionalism and conducting style will enrich the concerts and match the high standards *Bach at the Sem* audiences expect."

The season begins with guest conductor Mr. Bálint Karosi (Oct.), a native of Hungary, who leads performances of choral and instrumental works at the First Lutheran Church of Boston, and is pursuing a doctorate in composition at the Yale School of Music. Dr. Martin Dicke (Dec.) serves as cantor at Trinity Lutheran Church, Peoria, Ill., and conducts the Peoria Bach Festival. Dr. Maurice Boyer (Feb.)

from Aix-en-Provence, France, is assistant professor of music at Concordia University Chicago. Dr. Jeffrey Wilson (April) is chairman of the music department and director of choral activities at Greenville College in Illinois.

More detailed information on each concert and guest conductor, as well as on the American Kantorei and its personnel, may be found on the *Bach at the Sem* website at <http://bach.csl.edu>.



2013-2014 Season

OCTOBER 20, 2013
BÁLINT KAROSI

DECEMBER 1, 2013
MARTIN DICKE

FEBRUARY 16, 2014
MAURICE BOYER

APRIL 6, 2014
JEFFREY WILSON

New provost focused on forming pastors, leaders

Dr. Jeffrey Kloha, associate professor of exegetical theology, was named provost and chief academic officer by the Seminary's Board of Regents, effective May 20. He takes over responsibilities previously handled by Dr. Andy Bacon, who retired at the end of 2012, and Dr. Andrew Bartelt, previously chief academic officer.



Kloha

"Concordia Seminary has an outstanding faculty and staff and dedicated students," Kloha commented. "We all share a strong desire to serve the

Gospel by forming pastors and leaders for service in congregations and around the world. I look forward to serving Concordia in this new role as together we seek out and flourish in these new opportunities to bring 'Light from Above' into the world."

As provost, Kloha will continue to teach. His new duties include serving on the executive management team with President Dale Meyer and Chief Operating Officer Michael Louis, where they oversee the day-to-day work of the Seminary. He will also directly oversee the areas focusing on preparing people for ministry, including academic programs, student formation, faculty, and the library.

Dr. Kloha began his ministry in the parish, spending six years as pastor of Gethsemane Lutheran in Lakewood, Ohio. He was called to Concordia Seminary in 1999, and received a Ph.D. from the University of Leeds (England) in 2006. In addition to teaching and research, Dr. Kloha has served as the Seminary's dean of theological research and publication and has been instrumental in the growth of Concordia Seminary's resources for the church and the highly successful online theological forum, www.concordiatheology.org.

Within academia, Kloha is an authority on the formation of the New Testament, publishing on topics related to textual criticism and the formation of the Bible in the early church.

Seminary graduates 98 students

On May 17, Concordia Seminary closed its 174th year with the Theological Diploma Service and Commencement Exercises. Dr. Andrew Bartelt, professor of exegetical

theology and executive vice president of academic affairs, served as preacher for the service where students received their theological diplomas. Dr. Abjar Bahkou, lecturer in Arabic literature, language, and culture at Baylor University served as Commencement speaker.

studies (M.A. Deac.), and seven students received the degree of master of arts (M.A.). Six students received the doctor of ministry degree (D.Min.); eight students received the master of sacred theology degree (S.T.M.); and five students received the doctor of philosophy degree (Ph.D.).



From left, Dr. Meyer, Marlyn Graudin, Abjar Bahkou, Carol Petering, David Schneider, Donald Petering

Seventy-one students received the master of divinity degree (M.Div.). Five students received the alternate route certificate. One student received the degree of master of arts in deaconess

In addition, four honorary awards or degrees were given to esteemed persons chosen by the Concordia Seminary faculty. Donald and Carol Petering of St. Louis, Mo., received the *Christus Vivit* award. Marlyn Graudin of St. Louis, Mo., also received the *Christus Vivit* award. David Schneider of Colorado Springs, Colo., received the Distinguished Alumnus Award. Dr. Abjar Bahkou of Hurst, Texas, received the honorary degree of doctor of letters.

Beloved Seminary figure honored with award

The assembly of graduates, family, and friends rose for a standing ovation on May 17 in tribute to the recipient of the *Christus Vivit* award, Mrs. Marlyn Graudin. The award is given by the faculty "in recognition of an evident and sustained devotion to the Lord and a diligent and effective use of her gifts in support of the church and its mission."

Mrs. Marlyn Graudin was born in Guide Rock, Neb., in 1928 to Otto and Marie Bangert. She was the youngest of eight children. She graduated from Warrenton High School.

Marlyn and Arthur married when he was a seminarian in 1949. She worked at the Lutheran Laymen's League (LLL) when it was located at the current space of Concordia Publishing House

(CPH). After serving churches in several locations (Marion, Ind.; Milwaukee, Wis.; Swissvale, Penn.; Seward, Neb.; Claremont, Calif.), Mrs. and Rev. Graudin moved to St. Louis in July 1974.



Arthur Graudin (left), Marlyn Graudin, and Dr. James Voelz

Marlyn devoted 20 years of her life to volunteering at the Seminary's Re-Sell It Shop while her husband served as professor. In her "retirement," she enjoys going to daily chapel at the Seminary, attending Preachers' basketball games, and watching the Game Network.

The Graudins have four adult children (David, Deborah, Elizabeth, and Mark), eight grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.



Kale's parents Clair and Marla, Kale, and Katie Hanson

Vicarage provides real world experiences

**By Kale Hanson, vicar at Zion
Lutheran Church, Bethalto, Ill.,
2012-2013
Southern Illinois District**

I had no idea what Call Day was before I started seminary. I quickly learned what it meant, of course, but, as is the case for many during their first year of seminary, it felt far off. Even when the second year of seminary began, Call Day was an afterthought.

But as May 1, 2012 drew nearer the words "Call Day" began to take on new meaning. It meant numerous possibilities represented by pins on the map that hangs on the wall in the vicarage director's office. It meant a resolution to all the questions about moving, housing, and day care that had arisen for my family.

And suddenly it arrived. Call Day. This thing that had been gradually building for two years was finally here. I stood

among a sea of black suits and white collars in the basement of the chapel, making nervous small talk with my classmates whose last names are close to mine in the alphabet. And then it was time. Down the hall, up the stairs, through the doors, into the pews, all to the words of *Alleluia, Sing to Jesus* sung by every pair of lips in the chapel which was full to capacity.

Before I knew it, Dr. Nielsen was standing before us beginning the process of handing out vicarage and deaconess intern assignments. Thirty-nine minutes and 51 seconds into the service my name was called. "Kale Hanson, Southern Illinois District, Zion Lutheran Church, Bethalto, Illinois." Five handshakes and 15 steps later I was sitting back in the pew, a large, tempting, manila envelope, containing all the details of my future life, in my hands that I had been very

specifically instructed not to open until the service was over. When it was, I followed the black suit in front of me out the door and into the bright sunlight. My vicarage supervisor found me. We spoke briefly and made a lunch appointment for the following day. I opened the envelope and looked at the papers. The possibilities were actualized. The questions were answered.

Before I knew it, nearly three months had passed and I was sitting by a window overlooking I-64 on the twelfth floor

of Barnes Jewish Hospital in St. Louis. I was two weeks into my vicarage at Zion Bethalto, visiting a member who was suffering from a variety of medical issues. He had been in and out of the hospital for nearly six months and had recently been moved to Barnes because of exacerbating medical problems related to a recent liver transplant. His wife sat next to me. This was the first time I'd met either of them.

We sat and made small talk for about half an hour, though he was exhausted and didn't say much. I read a devotion, we prayed, and I got up to leave. As I was walking toward the door, he called me over to his bedside and told me he had a question. He looked me straight in the eye and asked, "Is it a sin to want to die?"

The education I received during the first two years of seminary was excellent. Throughout my vicarage I've felt very comfortable writing and preaching sermons. I felt very well prepared on the first weekend of vicarage when a pastor from a nearby church was hospitalized and my supervisor had to fill in for him, leaving me to cover all four services and Bible class on my own. I even felt comfortable covering the church's needs when my supervising pastor was on vacation for two weeks. But I'm not sure anything could have prepared me to answer the question my hospitalized parishioner asked.

Call Day was the beginning of what is turning out to be an amazing year of growth.

-Kale Hanson

For me, that's what's been so amazing and helpful about my vicarage experience. There are some things I find I learn best by being thrown into a situation, squirming through it and figuring out how I could've done it better. Systematics classes taught me how to think about sin. Exegetical classes taught me that Jonah and Elijah probably asked the same question. Historical classes taught me how Augustine defined sin.

Practical classes taught me how to operate in the church as a preacher, a teacher and a counselor. And all of these classes taught with an eye toward connecting these ideas to the people in the congregation or the mission field. But vicarage has put me into situations like that one on the twelfth floor of Barnes which force me to begin the ongoing process of pulling all the pieces of my classroom education together and figuring out how to use it. Call Day was the beginning of what is turning out to be an amazing year of growth.

Oh, and my answer to that parishioner? What I said that day was that pain is a result of sin, and the desire to escape pain certainly isn't a sin. On the other hand, death is also a result of sin and therefore not a good thing. In the end it's something we have to leave in God's hands. Probably the hardest thing was talking about all of this in front of his wife.

His response surprised me and taught me a valuable lesson about the people side of ministry. Instead of praising my command of theology, he sort of smiled and told me to do a bit of homework and see if I could come up with a better answer. While I may have given him the right answer, he was looking for a simple yes or no. We continued to talk about the topic a few visits later.

He died in December, but before he died I was able to tell him something remarkable. I told him that God was clearly still using him here on earth because he was teaching

me how to be a good pastor. He is now with our Lord, but throughout my ministry, his candid interactions with me will shape how I minister to people in life's darkest moments.



Kale Hanson

\$30,275 in projects donated to students by Guild

In wrapping up their 80th year, members and friends of the Concordia Seminary Guild donated over \$30,000 in fulfilled projects, including dorm furnishings, exercise equipment for Pederson Fieldhouse, and sound equipment for the chapel. They not only provided items, but also the means to have special community events for the campus: community dinner nights in the cafeteria, a student etiquette dinner,

and a retreat for the Seminary Women's Association (SWA). The Guild continues to be an integral and cherished part of the Seminary community, as evidenced by a large group of students who surprised the Guild at the final meeting of the year by showing up and giving them a standing ovation of thanks. To learn more about the Seminary Guild, please visit www.csl.edu/friends/seminary-guild.



The attendees at the Seminary Guild's last meeting of their 80th year

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Wonderful pastors, past and future

I'm not a pastor, but I've attended Call Day services many times. They are full of wide-ranging hopes and emotions. As each name and congregation is read, I'm filled with awe at the step of faith that each man is taking. In its 174 years, Concordia Seminary has sent over 12,000 men out to be pastors. That, too, is awesome.

But personally, for all the Call Days I've witnessed, the two that matter most to me occurred long before I even thought about seminaries. On a Call Day in 1947, a young man named Cecil Skibbe headed into the ministry. In 1961, a second-career guy named John Moyer did the same. Long ago, these men became the pastors who had the biggest influence on my faith in childhood.

One loved the organ and ended every sermon with a verse of a hymn. The other loved guitar music and began every sermon with a joke. But both made the Gospel of Jesus Christ come alive for me as a young person. Both taught my parents a great deal about how to raise children in the faith. Both spoke from personal experience about the transformation that only comes from knowing Jesus.

Because of what they did for a living, the congregations they served were vibrant, thriving communities where the Gospel passed naturally from one generation to the next, and from followers of Jesus into the world.

The pastors who nurtured my young faith are no longer in ministry. But many of those who will shepherd the next generation are among the 600+ current students at Concordia Seminary.

Fond memories aside, there is nothing I now want more than to know that the church will be there for my children and grandchildren, led by faithful pastors who can convey the relevance of the Gospel to the next generation.

Top 3 Take-Aways (Editor's Picks)

- Call Day is a joyous experience that pastors and their families recall fondly throughout their lives (pp. 5-10).
- Kids have a lot of insight into what makes pastors wonderful (pp. 11-13).
- This past year, God has blessed His church richly with 124 new pastors from Concordia Seminary (pp. 15-21).

Call Day, with its steady stream of new pastors, is tangible evidence that God wants that for my family, too.

Now, if you, like me, have had some wonderful pastors in your life, I'd like to extend a three-part challenge:

- If a pastor who nurtured your faith in the past is still living, send him a note. You'll make his day and give glory to God.
- If you are able, please consider making a donation of any size to Concordia Seminary for the future pastors currently studying with us. The Seminary is debt-free, but we depend on direct donations which account for more than 60% of our revenue. Every dollar you provide reduces the cost that must otherwise be passed on to students.
- Please pray, regularly, for those who are still in the process of preparing to become pastors for future generations. If you'd like specific names or ideas about what to pray for, you can drop me a note.

-Phil Ebeling, Executive Editor
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How well do you know Concordia Seminary? (answers below)

QUIZ

- 1 This fall begins our ____ academic year.
- 2 In 10 years, ____% of LCMS clergy will be 65 or older.
- 3 Last year, the Seminary produced ____ new pastors.
- 4 Concordia Seminary is the ____ largest seminary in North America.
- 5 In 2004, the Seminary had long-term debt of over \$28 million, but we've been debt free since ____.
- 6 The people of Synod provide about ____% of the Seminary's operating revenue through donations.
- 7 There are ____ downloads from CSL's iTunes U site per year.
- 8 We have ____ faculty who teach and mentor 603 active students.
- 9 There are ____ different routes to ordination.
- 10 Dr. Dale Meyer has been president since ____.

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