

August 2015

Dear Friends,

It's hard to believe how swiftly time passes. We will be beginning our evening class on Thursday in Negaunee, MI at the end of this month and our regular seminary schedule will begin next month. "Time flies." "Time marches on." "Time waits for no man." These are some of the quotes we often hear about time. We seem to be enslaved by it, it appears inescapable, we only have so much time. Such is our lot.

These things really aren't true, in fact they're false. In my readings a while ago I came upon an author who indicated that Jesus had come to us from the future. In musing upon that thought I came to understand that it was just as true as saying Jesus came to us from the past. God isn't subject to time; time is subject to God, God created it. God is "I am" and Jesus Christ has always been with Him and in Him from the beginning. Therefore Jesus belongs as much to the future as He does to the past, but really belongs to neither of them. He, in fact, owns them both. So the book of Revelation records of God the Father:

I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty. (Revelation 1:8 KJV)

and of Jesus the Son:

And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last: ¹⁸ I *am* he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death. (Revelation 1:17-18 KJV)

Time, therefore, isn't some independent entity that marches on, it is supervised, God keeps it. The past, the present and the future are all relative to us, one generation's future is another's present and still another's past. Yet God in Jesus Christ remains "the same yesterday, and to day, and forever." (Hebrews 13:8 KJV) We are in union with Christ and therefore are eternal beings filled with the Spirit who have the promise of eternity. We are subject to time only as Christ made Himself subject to it during His earthly sojourn, but in the end it won't be time marching on but us marching in. We often need to be less influenced by time and need more simply follow Jesus. For in the end time will be no more, but God will be all and in all and we in Him. Blessings on your time (it never ends!).

God's Peace,
Jay Weidner

P.S. As they often do in the summer, our donations have dropped off. Anything you might be able to do to help would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.



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School! 

THERE IS STILL TIME TO REGISTER....The following classes will be offered Fall 2015 semester. If you are interested in taking a class, contact the seminary by email (Cilseminary@ilseminary.com) or Call 906-482-3337.

History of the Ancient Church (3 credits) – A historical analysis of the major people and events that shaped the Christian Church from the Apostolic Age to 600 AD.

Old Testament Introduction (3 Credits) – An introductory study of the origin, authorship, purpose and reliability of the Old Testament writings with special attention devoted to their literary design and individual and corporate unity.

Lutheran Confessions (3 credits) – An in-depth look at the three ecumenical creeds and the documents that make up the Book of Concord.

The Pastoral Counselor (3 credits) – A course about the dynamics of the Pastoral counseling process designed to provide insight into human nature and the close relationship between body, soul and mind in human behavior. Students learn to apply biblical teachings to help people resolve problems in their lives.

Pastoral Epistles (1 credit) – An investigation of the thought and doctrinal content of these epistles and a comparison with undisputed Pauline literature to answer questions concerning their Pauline authorship with an exegetical study of the books.

Koine Greek Readings (1 credit) - A course designed to apply the principles learned in New Testament Greek and facilitate the mastery of the language of the New Testament through reading selected portions of its text.

Gospel of Mark (2 credits) – An in-depth analysis of the most concise Gospel with an emphasis on sound and segmentation.

Working as a Deaconess I (2 credits) – A course which explores the use of Deaconess skills involving both congregational and personal care and the employment of such skills in the current church setting.

CLASSES OFFERED FALL SEMESTER

Daily classes begin Wednesday, September 2	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
8:30a.m.	Chapel	Chapel	Chapel	Chapel	Chapel
9:00 - 9:50a.m.	History of the Ancient Church	Old Testament Introduction	History of the Ancient Church ----- Working as a Deaconess I	Old Testament Introduction	History of the Ancient Church
10:00 - 10:50a.m.	Lutheran Confessions	Pastoral Counselor	Lutheran Confessions ----- Working as a Deaconess I	Old Testament Introduction	Lutheran Confessions
11:00 - 11:50p.m.		Pastoral Counselor		Pastoral Counselor	Pastoral Epistles
12:00 - 12:50p.m.	Koine Greek Readings				
7:00 - 8:40p.m.	Gospel of Mark (Begin Sept 7)			Gospel of Mark (In Negaunee Begin Aug 27)	