

December 2018

Dear Friends,

Sometimes a good hymn simply says all that's necessary to say:

Lo, how a rose e'er blooming,  
From tender stem hath sprung.  
Of Jesse's lineage coming,  
As men of old have sung;  
It came, a flow'ret bright,  
Amid the cold of winter,  
When half spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it,  
The Rose I have in mind,  
With Mary we behold it,  
The virgin mother kind;  
To show God's love aright,  
She bore to men a Savior,  
When half spent was the night.

This Flow'r whose fragrance tender  
With sweetness fills the air,  
Dispels with glorious splendor  
The darkness ev'rywhere.  
True Man, yet very God;  
From sin and death He saves us  
And lightens ev'ry load.

O Saviour, Child of Mary,  
Who felt our human woe;  
O Saviour, King of Glory,  
Who dost our weakness know,  
Bring us at length we pray,  
To the bright courts of Heaven  
And to the endless day.  
(#28 Hymns and Songs of Zion)

God has indeed shown His love aright to us through Mary's birth of God's one and only Son; Jesus our Lord, who has saved us from sin and death and lightened our every load. May God be praised for His goodness and grace in this season and forever and all the blessings of Christmas be yours through Jesus Christ the Savior.

God's Peace,  
Jay Weidner



*DONATIONS RECEIVED...*

*In memory of Mayme Niemitalo*  
from Sharon Lehr

*In memory of Jill Sanko*  
from Joyce Tibbs

*In memory of Ruth Sunnarborg*  
from Arnold Sunnarborg

*In memory of Ross Wolfe*  
from Arnold Sunnarborg  
Joyce Tibbs  
Barbara Worrall

*In memory of Ernest Bylkas Jr.*  
from Pastor Ernest Bylkas III & family

*In memory of Kathleen Forsman*  
from Pastor Ernest Bylkas III & family



*~From the students and staff ~  
of the Inter-Lutheran Theological Seminary*



**2019 Spring Semester**

The 2019 Spring semester will begin on Monday, January 21st. Stay tuned for upcoming classes being offered. Remember to check our website [www.ilseminary.org](http://www.ilseminary.org) for the upcoming schedule.



## DEACONESS STUDIES AT THE SEMINARY

Recently we have had a few inquiries regarding our Deaconess program, so we would like to share the following information on what the program entails and the courses of study required to obtain a Deaconess certificate.

The Deaconess program at the Inter-Lutheran Theological Seminary provides sound biblical educational opportunities for women. A deaconess is a woman who is a church-worker and is trained and dedicated to sharing the Gospel of Christ through acts of mercy and spiritual care. The role of a deaconess is to serve other women by engaging women in diverse settings and specialization, whether in a congregation, in an institution or on the mission field. The Deaconess serves congregations using her gifts to bless and serve other women.

*Titus 2:3-5 "The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things; That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed."*

Upon fulfillment of the program requirements, which can be found in our course catalog (<http://www.ilseminary.org/catalog.pdf>), students receive a Deaconess Certificate endorsed by the faculty. Along with the Deaconess Certificate a student may also receive an additional degree outside the Seminary such as Nursing, Teaching, Counseling, etc. in order to focus on a specific calling.

You may also take the deaconess courses without acquiring a Deaconess Certificate. The courses of study include:

### **Orientation to Deaconess Studies. 3 credits**

An overview of the issues of women's ministry in the contemporary church.

### **Deaconess History. 2 credits**

A study of the role of deaconesses through the history of the Christian Church.

### **Working as a Deaconess I. 2 credits**

A course which explores the use of Deaconess skills involving both congregational and personal care as well as the employment of such skills in the current church setting.

### **Working as a Deaconess II. 2 credits**

A second course which explores the use of Deaconess skills involving community outreach and involvement with the employment of such skills in the current church setting.

If you are interested in learning of the Deaconess program, please contact the Seminary at (906) 482-3337 or email [cilseminary@ilseminary.com](mailto:cilseminary@ilseminary.com).