

January 2010

Dear Friends,

<A Prayer of Moses the man of God.> Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations.² Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.³ Thou turnest man to destruction; and sayest, Return, ye children of men.⁴ For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night.⁵ Thou carriest them away as with a flood; they are as a sleep: in the morning *they* are like grass which groweth up.⁶ In the morning it flourisheth, and groweth up; in the evening it is cut down, and withereth.⁷ For we are consumed by thine anger, and by thy wrath are we troubled.⁸ Thou hast set our iniquities before thee, our secret sins in the light of thy countenance.⁹ For all our days are passed away in thy wrath: we spend our years as a tale that is told.¹⁰ The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away. ¹¹ Who knoweth the power of thine anger? even according to thy fear, *so is* thy wrath. ¹² So teach *us* to number our days, that we may apply *our* hearts unto wisdom.¹³ Return, O LORD, how long? and let it repent thee concerning thy servants.¹⁴ O satisfy us early with thy mercy; that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. ¹⁵ Make us glad according to the days wherein thou hast afflicted us, and the years wherein we have seen evil. ¹⁶ Let thy work appear unto thy servants, and thy glory unto their children. ¹⁷ And let the beauty of the LORD our God be upon us: and establish thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish thou it. (Psalm 90:1-17 KJV)

This Psalm was the inspiration for Isaac Watts when he wrote <u>O God Our Help in Ages Past</u>. It continues to inspire as it brings us to the only proper place to begin a new year; God. Moses prayer begins and ends with God as does every year that we face. Season and circumstance change but the mercy of the Lord endures forever.

Much has changed in this past year for many of us. Things have happened that often defy explanation and human understanding. We are left with a since of longing for something new. Then comes the change in the year with its promise of newness, the hope of something better, it is the prayer: "Come Lord Jesus," with the realization He may not yet come in the consummation but His Kingdom continues in our midst and that is enough to fuel our hope. It really is all about God and His goodness toward us. The blessings of peace and good will are upon us in the Christ and, in spite of appearances to the contrary, all is well. For God hears our prayer and His mercy does indeed endure forever.

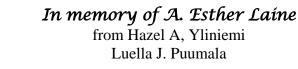
We thank you for blessing us with your support in the past year both in prayer and financially and ask that you would continue to do so as we enter the new in the mercy of our Lord. May the new be filled with blessings of mercy for you and yours.

God's Peace, Jay Weidner



MEMORIALS RECEIVED





In memory of Theresa Weidner from Steven & Cheryl Bukoski



In memory of Norman Ruohonen from Doug & Doris Moyle

In memory of Melíssa (Dahlmeíer) Roeser from Steve & Marilyn Dahlmeier

> In memory of Clifford Palosaari from Mark & Fayth Anderson

Thoughts & Prayers for Paulíne Moílanen from Doug & Doris Moyle



We have very much appreciated your prayers and support during the past year, and we wish you and yours a very Happy New Year.

With sincere thanks from the staff and students of the Inter-Lutheran Seminary.





SPRING 2010 CLASS SCHEDULE

	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
8:40 a.m.	Chapel	Chapel	Chapel	Chapel	Chapel
9:00 – 9:50a.m.	History of Christianity in America	Science & Christianity	History of Christianity in America	Science & Christianity	History of Christianity in America
10:00 – 10:50a.m.	Ancient Church History	Galatians	Ancient Church History	Liturgics & Hymnology	Ancient Church History
11:00 - 11:50a.m.	Evangelism	Gospel of Mark	Homiletics	Gospel of Mark	Homiletics
12:00 – 12:50p.m.	Evangelism				
3:00 – 4:00p.m.	New Testament Greek Readings				
7:00 – 8:40p.m.	Isaiah (Hancock)				

CLASSES BEGIN JANUARY 18, 2010.



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