



Inter-Lutheran Theological Seminary

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Dear Friends,

Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. ⁶ Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. ⁸ Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

(Philippians 4:4-8 KJV)

It seems every time I hear or read the news my mind goes back to these verses penned by Paul almost 2,000 years ago. Our world apparently revels in the distasteful, the wicked and the impure. Likely it was no different in the time of Paul's Rome, so he wrote to the Philippians instructions that would insulate them from the despicable things that would steal their security away and cause them to worry thus robbing them of their peace. It is significant then that he begins by telling them to be glad. As the children of God this is our right, we have the right to be glad. The world always wants to cause us to be troubled by focusing on its evils and so become discouraged. God wants us to focus on the finished work of His Son Jesus and be glad. This gladness leads directly to the next verse where the KJV uses the term moderation to translate a Greek word that means yielding, gentle, kind which in turn is derived from another Greek word meaning clemency, gentleness, graciousness. Paul says let your gentleness, your graciousness be known to all people. The joy that we have in this world will be found by showing the grace of God which we all have received in abundance to one another and to all people. Don Henley, an American songwriter once wrote; "We all need a little tenderness, how can love survive in such a graceless age?" Little did he know that Paul had already anticipated the question many years beforehand and provided the only solution; by the people of God manifesting the grace of God to all God's offspring. This is how true love is shown, when it is selfless and full of grace, so the KJV often employs the term Charity to render the idea of love as opposed to a selfish or romantic desire. We are to do this because the Lord is near, indwelling us by His Spirit and directing us by His grace to live graciously. Knowing the grace of God allows us then to live without worry, we pray and know with assurance that God will provide all that we need when we ask in the name (as representatives of His Son) and by God's grace He gives us His peace which establishes us in heart and mind in Jesus the Christ. Therefore we are to direct our thoughts to those things that keep us focused rightly; the pure and the lovely.

My wife Kristine and I recently made a visit to the congregation in Hockinson WA. The people there were so kind and gracious that we enjoyed our time with them immensely. Rev. Chuck Bylkas and I recently visited with a delegation from the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland and had 2 hours of very interesting and gracious conversation with them. Together with other representatives from the Laurium congregation I have enjoyed several recent visits with congregation members. Coincidentally the name of one of the people is Clement a name derived from the Latin word for mercy and merciful. That describes how each of those visits went; they were full of grace and mercy, a joy to partake of and a pleasure to remember. Now when I hear the news of the world I let my mind go back to those visits and meetings each of them mindful of the things of Christ and I find peace. How wise is the Spirit of God who directed Paul to write such wonderful words. May you dwell in your life upon those things which bring you the peace of God in Christ Jesus.

God's Peace,
Jay Weidner

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Summer *SING Service*

hosted by the Inter-Lutheran Seminary

You are invited to the seminary's Summer Sing Service on Sunday, July 21 at 7PM. The service will include singing by the students, staff and local musicians. The service will take place in the sanctuary which is located at 916 Pine Street in Hancock. Refreshments will be served afterwards. A free will offering will be collected and used to carry on the work of teaching and preparing our students for ministry. Hope to see you there!



Fall Semester Classes Set

The following classes are scheduled for the fall semester which will begin on Wednesday, September 4th. The Monday night class in Hancock will begin on September 9th. For additional information or if you would like to enroll in a class, please email cilseminary@ilseminary.com or call 906-482-3337.

Daily Classes:

Christian Dogmatics I (3 credits) – Lectures, readings and discussion of various Christian Doctrines including an in-depth look at the prolegomena for doing any study of systematic theology.

History of Christianity in America (3 credits) – A history of the spread of the church in the United States from its pilgrim beginnings to the present.

Anthropology & Christology (2 credits) – An investigation of what it means to be human, especially in light of the person and work of Jesus Christ.

Samuel, Kings & Chronicles (2 credits) – A comparative study of the history of the nation of Israel as recorded in these accounts.

Isaiah (2 credits) – An exegetical study of the book of Isaiah, theories of its development and its impact upon the New Testament.

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

Romans (2 credits) – Exegesis and interpretation of portions of the epistle emphasizing its doctrinal content and theology.

Ministry to the Aging (1 credit) – A study of the various facets of ministering to senior citizens as vital members of the Body of Christ.

Edifying Church & Family (1 credit) – A course to develop an awareness of the dynamics of Pastoral duties in shepherding the flock, and the care of family with the necessity of maintaining personal, familial and congregational health through the resources that God has provided.

Deaconess History (2 credits) – A study of the role of deaconesses through the history of the Christian Church.

Monday Night Class:

Revelation (2 credits) – An exegetical study and interpretation of the book emphasizing its structure and content.