



Inter-Lutheran Theological Seminary

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Dear Friends,

He that gathereth in summer *is* a wise son: *but* he that sleepeth in harvest *is* a son that causeth shame.
(Proverbs 10:5 KJV)

There really isn't a great deal written in the Bible about summer. What we do know about it is that summer was not a vacation time as we now often experience it but rather a time of intense labor. It was the season of harvest and people worked feverishly to prepare for the harvest as their survival often hinged on a productive yield from their fields. Not too many years ago, when this nation was mainly agrarian based, whole families labored together in the summer to gather a fruitful harvest and many prayers were uttered petitioning God for His providence. In some places, this is still the case as farmers toil and seek divine aid to receive their daily sustenance. It is no small wonder then that Solomon makes a point of lauding the son who works in the summer and chides the son who makes no effort. Surviving a harsh winter was often only possible through the industry of a farmer with the whole family pitching in to help.

The summer is also a time of work for us here at the Seminary. This is our greatest time of preparation for the coming school year. We have to engage in the great bulk of our study, scheduling and class organization for both fall and spring semester now. We can't wait because there simply isn't sufficient time during and between semesters to get everything done to ensure that our teaching is effective and productive. We too petition the Lord of the Harvest to give us what we need to reach the hearts and minds of those who come to us for instruction and in His kindness He does. However that means long hours of reading, review, translation and interpretation of the materials He provides, threshing and separating wheat from chaff as we seek His guidance in providing the necessities for equipping the ministry of His beloved church.

Unfortunately there is often a drop in our funding in the summer. Perhaps there are those who think because we don't offer summer classes and there are no students here that our needs diminish. Please let me assure you that's not the case. The great bulk of our expenses are fixed throughout the year and they do not drop off in the summer. We need just as much support now as we do at any time of the year.

This year we anticipate a good number of new students joining us in the fall. For that reason we have an increased burden placed upon us to provide extra orientation and introductory level courses along with the required courses for our already established students. Please keep us in your plans for your giving this summer as we continue in our labor in His fields. We do ask your continuing support and prayers and we thank you for your generosity in providing your aid for our shared task. Many of you already receive ministry through those who have graduated from the seminary, you are receiving the harvest of the seeds you helped to plant years ago through your many contributions to us. May God bless your continued industry as a wise, summer laborer.

God's Peace,
Jay Weidner



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Fall Semester Classes Set

The following classes are scheduled for the fall semester which will begin on Wednesday, September 3rd. The Thursday night class in Negaunee will begin on September 4th. The Monday night class in Hancock would 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 Ethics (3 credits) - A study of the systems of ethical thought and an analysis of how the ethical dilemmas of humankind should be addressed by those who confess Christ.

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

Genesis (2 credits) - A study of the origin, thought and doctrinal contents of the book of Genesis.

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.

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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.

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

Galatians (1 credit) - An interpretation of the epistle according to the Greek text along with an analysis of its structure and doctrinal content.

New Testament Greek (6 prerequisite credits) - A course in the rudiments of the language of the New Testament.

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.

Monday (in Hancock) & Thursday (in Negaunee) Night Class:

Gospel of Luke (2 credits) - An in-depth analysis of the Third Gospel with an emphasis on sound and segmentation.

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