



# Inter-Lutheran Theological Seminary

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Dear Friends,

***““And when they had found him on the other side of the sea, they said unto him, Rabbi, when camest thou hither? Jesus answered them and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Ye seek me, not because ye saw the miracles, but because ye did eat of the loaves, and were filled. Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed. Then said they unto him, What shall we do, that we might work the works of God? Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent. They said therefore unto him, What sign shewest thou then, that we may see, and believe thee? what dost thou work? Our fathers did eat manna in the desert; as it is written, He gave them bread from heaven to eat. Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Moses gave you not that bread from heaven; but my Father giveth you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world. Then said they unto him, Lord, evermore give us this bread. And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.””***  
**John 6:25-35**

The time period on the church calendar between the Day of Pentecost and Advent is often referred to as “ordinary time”, because there are only a few major festivals (Holy Trinity Sunday and Christ the King Sunday). Ordinary is an unfortunate name, because it may tempt us to take the blessings of God for granted.

In the appointed Gospel readings during the season of Pentecost, we hear Jesus give sight to the blind, give hearing to the deaf, heal the lame, cast out demons and even raise the dead. In the sixth chapter of his Gospel, John records Jesus feeding of the five thousand. As the crowds follow after Him, Jesus reveals their true concern ***“Verily, verily, I say unto you, Ye seek me, not because ye saw the miracles, but because ye did eat of the loaves, and were filled.”*** Even when Jesus encourages the people to believe in Him, they ask ***“...What sign shewest thou then, that we may see, and believe thee? what dost thou work?”*** Even though Jesus had just fed the five thousand, the people saw this as ordinary. We often do the same. Sometimes we even take the cross for granted. Our God is anything but ordinary. In fact, He does the extra-ordinary, by sending His Son Jesus to cleanse us from sin with His precious blood. Through the death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ, we have new life in this world, a life that lasts unto eternity. Thanks be to God that He has blessed us and continues to bless us. His mercies are new every morning.

Thank you for your prayerful support during the past school year. We certainly could not do this work without your help. Please remember us during the summer months as well. Although there are no classes in the summer, there is much work to be done in preparing for the coming school year. We appreciate your fellowship in the Gospel, as we continue to serve our gracious and extra-ordinary God.

***“I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy, for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now; being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ...”***  
**Philippians 1:3-6**

Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Chuck Bylkas

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*Annual SPRING SING service*  
 hosted by the Inter-Lutheran Seminary  
**NOTICE OF DATE CHANGE**

The Spring Sing service originally scheduled for Sunday, May 31 at 7PM has been **changed to Sunday, June 14**. All other details remain the same. 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!



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	Old Testament Introduction	History of the Ancient Church
10:00 - 10:50a.m.	Lutheran Confessions	Pastoral Counselor	Lutheran Confessions	Old Testament Introduction	Lutheran Confessions
11:00 - 11:50p.m.	Romans	Pastoral Counselor	Romans	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)	
Day & Time to be announced	Working as a Deaconess I				



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](mailto: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.

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

**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.