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Dear Friends,

<sup>42</sup> So also *is* the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption: <sup>43</sup> It is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power: <sup>44</sup> It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body. <sup>45</sup> And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam *was made* a quickening spirit. <sup>46</sup> Howbeit that *was* not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual. <sup>47</sup> The first man *is* of the earth, earthy: the second man *is* <sup>c</sup>the Lord from heaven. <sup>48</sup> As *is* the earthy, such *are* they also that are earthy: and as *is* the heavenly, such *are* they also that are heavenly. <sup>49</sup> And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly. 1 Corinthians 15:42-29

Easter is celebrated a little early this year, coming on the last day of this month. We realize that with St. Paul, we celebrate the resurrection every day. According to Romans:

<sup>3</sup> Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup> Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. <sup>5</sup> For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also *in the likeness* of *his* resurrection: <sup>6</sup> Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with *him*, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. <sup>7</sup> For he that is dead is <sup>5</sup> freed from sin. <sup>8</sup> Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him: <sup>9</sup> Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him. <sup>10</sup> For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God. <sup>11</sup> Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Romans 6:3-11

Through Jesus Christ and the power of His resurrection, we have been given the victory over sin, death and the devil. We live in full fellowship with Him who is risen from the dead through the Holy Spirit and we wait expectantly for the return of our Lord when the completed vision of His work will be revealed and the resurrection will be fully realized. Until that time, even in the midst of difficulty we rejoice knowing that our Redeemer lives and we live together with Him!

May all the joys of the blessed resurrection of our Lord be yours in this glorious season and may the peace of God, which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus! Thank you for blessing us with your prayers and support.

Happy Easter and God's Peace! Jay Weidner



#### In memory of Verna A. Hendrickson

From Neal & Cheryl Hendrickson
Larry & Evangeline Walters
Pastor Ernest Bylkas III, Joy & family
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Fayth Wolfe
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From Mary (Ojanen) Gustafson

In memory of Jack Hurula From Brad & Bev Aho

*In memory of Richard Lehto* From Health & Sherry Anderson

In memory of Rev. A. William Kyler From Rev. Chad Kyler

In memory of Edward Puumala From James & Laurene Mattinen

In memory of Dr. Albert Saari From Roy Saari

### In memory of David Paul Gustafson

From Mary (Ojanen) Gustafson



### **MEET OUR STUDENTS**

The Seminary is very excited to announce the additional influx of students this semester. We have over 50 online participants for the Monday night class on Revelation as well as those that come in person. Praise God!

Full time students enrolled in our Pastoral program include returning students Caleb Maunu (Hancock, MI), Scott Seppala (Houghton, MI) and Michael Mattinen (Esko, MN). Other full-time students include Garrett Traffie (New Ipswich, NH) and newly enrolled Travis Fredrickson (Calumet, MI). Gwen Fredrickson (Calumet, MI) has started taking classes to obtain her Deaconess Certificate.

Part time students are Matthew Holmgren (Vancouver, WA), Ken Helmes (Finland), Bruce Ruotsala (New Ipswich, NH), Rev. Chad Kyler (West Falls, NY), Garrett Kandoll (Seguin, TX), Pastor Carl Lamppa (Aurora, MN), John Ryynanen (Hancock, MI) and Norma Nominelli (Hancock, MI).

Especially for the full-time students, trying to juggle school and make a living can be challenging. Recently the seminary has established a tuition matching funds program for students taking classes for credit and we ask for your participation if possible. Donations should be ear marked "student tuition program" and will then be used to match tuition payments received. As always, we appreciate your continued support.

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