



# Inter-Lutheran Theological Seminary

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Dear Friends,

“When the going gets tough...” This adage is normally completed with “...the tough get going.” No doubt it has stood many in good stead as they have faced difficult and even dire circumstances so that they would be motivated to press on and persevere through their given situation. No one was tougher than the Apostle Paul; one need only read 2 Corinthians 11:24-27 to realize that. Yet he does not take comfort in his strength but rather in his infirmity and weakness. Paul knew that in himself he could not get going; he needed another, greater power to achieve his purpose and that could only come through God the Holy Spirit. So Luke witnessed to Paul’s experience in the Philippian jail:

And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them.<sup>26</sup> And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken: and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one’s bands were loosed. (Acts 16:25-26 KJV)

When faced with seemingly insurmountable difficulty Paul prayed and he knew that God would answer his prayer and deliver him according to His desire. Paul would later witness to the Corinthian congregation of the tribulation he faced in Ephesus:

For we would not, brethren, have you ignorant of our trouble which came to us in Asia, that we were pressed out of measure, above strength, insomuch that we despaired even of life:<sup>9</sup> But we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God which raiseth the dead:<sup>10</sup> Who delivered us from so great a death, and doth deliver: in whom we trust that he will yet deliver us;<sup>11</sup> Ye also helping together by prayer for us, that for the gift *bestowed* upon us by the means of many persons thanks may be given by many on our behalf. (2 Corinthians 1:8-11 KJV)

The Apostle indicates that it was the prayer of the Corinthian church that aided in bringing about his deliverance from his moment of trouble.

We know that many of you face great turmoil and hardship because of the current bad economy and have faced some desperate times. We too face similar circumstance. Many of our staunchest supporters have simply fallen off in their support because they are in economic straits. So we ask that in this time of need if you are doing well that you could remember us during this time. Our donations normally lessen during the summer months and we simply cannot have that happen this year. Please pray for us as we do for you. In reexamining the adage above through the life of Paul perhaps it is better said, “When the going gets tough the tough pray.”

God’s Peace,  
Jay Weidner



*Thank you* for the GREAT TURN OUT!!!  
FIRST SPRING SING SERVICE

Thank you to all who attended the Spring Sing service at the seminary. The students, staff and local musicians took part in this service, and the support was overwhelming! The sanctuary was packed and the service was enjoyed by all! Thrivent Financial for Lutherans provided matching funds for a total raised of approximately \$2000. We are looking forward to our next sing service coming this summer. Again, thank you for your continued support!



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The following classes have tentatively been scheduled for the fall semester which begins on September 5<sup>th</sup>. Daily classes will be Old Testament Wisdom Literature, Christian Dogmatics I, Principles of Biblical Interpretation, History of the Ancient Church, Old Testament Introduction, and Orientation to Deaconess Training. Samuel, Kings & Chronicles will be taught on Thursday night in Negaunee beginning August 23<sup>rd</sup> and Monday night in Hancock beginning September 10<sup>th</sup>. For additional information or if you would like to enroll in a class, please email [cilseminary@ilseminary.com](mailto:cilseminary@ilseminary.com) or call 906-482-3337.