



# Inter-Lutheran Theological Seminary

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October 2010,

Dear Friends,

*“As I besought thee to abide still at Ephesus, when I went into Macedonia, that thou mightest charge some that they teach no other doctrine,<sup>4</sup> Neither give heed to fables and endless genealogies, which minister questions, rather than godly edifying which is in faith: so do.<sup>5</sup> Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned:<sup>6</sup> From which some having swerved have turned aside unto vain jangling;<sup>7</sup> Desiring to be teachers of the law; understanding neither what they say, nor whereof they affirm. ...<sup>12</sup> And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me, for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry;<sup>13</sup> Who was before a blasphemer, and a persecutor, and injurious: but I obtained mercy, because I did it ignorantly in unbelief.<sup>14</sup> And the grace of our Lord was exceeding abundant with faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.<sup>15</sup> This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.<sup>16</sup> Howbeit for this cause I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might shew forth all longsuffering, for a pattern to them which should hereafter believe on him to life everlasting.<sup>17</sup> Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory forever and ever. Amen.”*

## I Timothy 1:3-7, 12-17

The Apostle begins this epistle by charging Timothy to remain committed to the teaching of “no other doctrine” than that of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Paul tells Timothy that he is to give no “heed to fables and endless genealogies,” which only cause questions and uncertainty, instead of edifying the body of Christ.

The Gospel is not about what we do for God, but what God has done for us in Christ. At the heart of the Gospel of Jesus Christ is the message of grace. Paul clearly spells this out in sharing the example of his own life. Paul was “a blasphemer, and a persecutor and injurious”, seeking to destroy the church. But God was merciful to Paul. He says “This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.<sup>16</sup> Howbeit for this cause I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might shew forth all longsuffering, for a pattern to them which should hereafter believe on him to life everlasting.” In other words, Paul says that God was merciful to Him, so that we might know that God grants mercy to everyone. It is this message of grace that changed the life of Paul and that the world needs to hear. May God grant us grace to heed “no other doctrine” than that of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Yours in Christ.  
Pastor Chuck Bylkas



## ATTENTION: BOARD MEMBERS

There will be a Board Meeting on Saturday, October 9<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m.  
in the Seminary classroom.  
(Lunch will be provided.)



The Board of Directors  
of the

*Inter-Lutheran Theological Seminary*

invite you to attend the  
**ANNUAL SEMINARY RALLY  
& GRADUATION**

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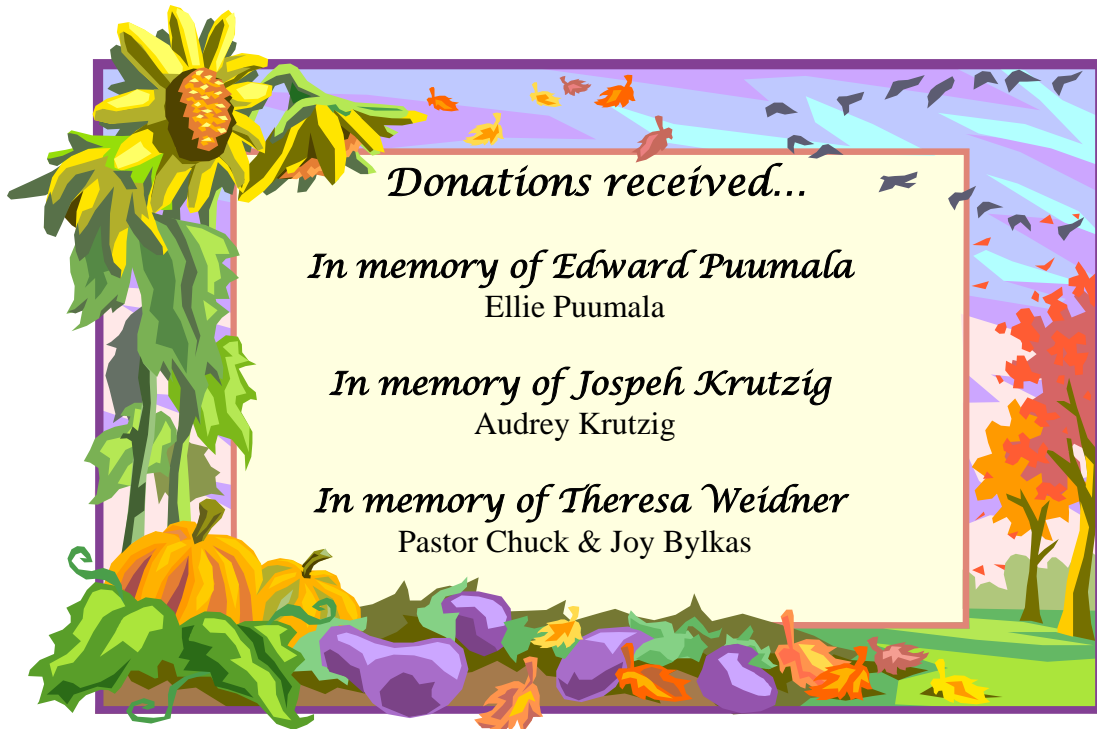
**Dennis Hannu & Marc Tumberg**

Sunday, October 10, 2010 at 3:30 p.m.

at

Zion Lutheran Church  
400 Ingot Street  
Michigan, Michigan 49930

Dinner following.



*Donations received...*

*In memory of Edward Puumala*

Ellie Puumala

*In memory of Joseph Krutzig*

Audrey Krutzig

*In memory of Theresa Weidner*

Pastor Chuck & Joy Bylka



**Seminary Service Schedule**  
**7 p.m.**

**October**

17<sup>th</sup> - Ray Stenersen @ Seminary

24<sup>th</sup> - Charles Jousma @ Laurium

31<sup>st</sup> - Nick Kandoll @ Painesdale

**November**

7<sup>th</sup> - Ray Stenersen @ Seminary

14<sup>th</sup> - Charles Jousma @ S. Range

21<sup>st</sup> - Nick Kandoll @ Zion

28<sup>th</sup> - No Service-Thanksgiving

**December**

5<sup>th</sup> - Ray Stenersen @ S. Range

12<sup>th</sup> - Charles Jousma @ Laurium

19<sup>th</sup> - Nick Kandoll @ Zion

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