



Inter-Lutheran Theological Seminary

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Dear Friends,

Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee: ² And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: ³ And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed. ⁴ So Abram departed, as the LORD had spoken unto him; and Lot went with him: and Abram *was* seventy and five years old when he departed out of Haran. (Genesis 12:1-4 KJV)

There is a saying: "The first step is always the hardest." One can't even pretend to think the thoughts of Abraham or dare to speculate on what went through his mind. However we do know that by faith he took the first step and so completed his journey into the land of Canaan as God had instructed him.

Thirty-one years ago with a wife of four days and a loaded 1979 Chevette I made my journey of faith to the land of the Minnesotans knowing only that God had assured me I was to attend the Inter-Lutheran Theological Seminary and serve His beloved church as a Pastor. By taking that hard first step the journey was completed.

This year we have three people (and perhaps even more that we don't even know of yet) taking that hard first step. They don't realize it yet but by taking that step their journeys will be completed. As they come here to enroll in classes the God who has called them will be faithful and bring them into whatever ministry He has called them. At times their trek will be arduous and even seem to be impossible but in those times it will be their faithful God who will sustain them by His grace and bless them on their way.

At the end of his life Abraham still could not fully realize the promise of God and see the huge multitude of the faithful that through many generations God would call into fellowship with Him, yet each of us has been blessed in faith through faithful Abraham. (Heb. 11:39) In my life the 1979 Chevette is long gone and my beloved wife of almost thirty years has made the final journey to be with her Savior yet God has always been faithful and blessed me by faith by fulfilling the calling he placed on my life. So it will be in the life of every person who places their trust in God. For the journey that begins in God ends in God. The first step is indeed the hardest but the last step is certainly the best.

Please remember to pray for all of us and continue to support us with your gifts and encouragement. Thank you so much for being faithful instruments of our faithful God.

God's Peace,
Jay Weidner



Donations received...

In memory of Jerry Demotts
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In memory of Darlene Heikka
from Gary & Helen Westerholm

In memory of Lawrence & Harriet Rasaka
from Wayne & Ann Waldal



In honor of Kristine & Jay Weidner's wedding
from Ann Lepisto
from George & Carol Lepisto



FALL SEMESTER UNDERWAY

Jay Weidner has begun teaching a class on Ezekiel at the Eastwood Apostolic Lutheran Church in Negaunee at 7PM. He will also be teaching Ezekiel at the seminary in Hancock on Mondays beginning September 13 at 7PM. The class is an exegetical study of Ezekiel's prophecies and an analysis of some of the interpretive methods applied to them through history.

We are pleased to announce that we have two new full-time students in Hancock this semester. Ray Stenersen and Nick Kandoll both have relocated from Washington. Brandon Pereles is a new local part-time student. Also, Charles Jousma and Mike Karinen have returned to continue their studies, and Karen St. Peter will be participating in a Deaconess Training Program. Lynn Jarvi and Tina Kanninen continue to take daily classes part time as well as several on-line students.

If you are interested in taking a class or need additional information, go to our website: www.ilseminary.org or call our office at 906-482-3337.



Upcoming Seminary Rally

Keep the date open...the annual Seminary Rally
and Graduation of Dennis Hannu and Marc Tumberg
will be on Sunday, October 10, 2010.