

September 2012

Dear Friends,

Aller Anfang ist schwer. This well-known German maxim translates in English to; the first step is the hardest. I first encountered this phrase as a caption under a picture of my soon-to-be New Testament Greek professor James Voelz. The picture depicted him lecturing during his summer Greek class at Concordia Theological Seminary Fort Wayne and appeared in the school newspaper in the Fall Quarter of 1981 when I was first a student there. I came to understand the depth of meaning of this phrase when the course in Greek began; it was the first step in Concordia's seminary training and it was hard. Dr. Voelz was a great teacher (and still is) but the subject required much diligence and dedication. Yet as things went on it got easier and soon I enjoyed it so much that the hardship disappeared. The more fluent I got in the language of the New Testament the more the words virtually leapt off the page. That has never changed; whenever I read the Greek New Testament it amazes me how I learn and see new things in it.

This semester a group of students will once again have the opportunity to duplicate the experience provided me and many other students by Dr. Voelz. Their study of NT Greek will enable them to experience the Word of God in a new and marvelous way. It will be hard to begin with but it will be well worth it. That is the greatest reward that we have for our efforts here; when we see people drawn into the Word and their understanding opened through it we can only sit in amazement of the goodness of our God. It has always been the purpose of this institution to introduce our students to a concentrated study of the Word so that they would become thoroughly familiar with it and have that as the foundation of every ministry they are called to.

It is your support under the providence of God, both in finances and prayer that make it possible for us to provide students with this opportunity. Your kindness to us continues to be multiplied in the personal experience of a deeper approach to God for the students and also in the congregations that are now currently being served and those that will be served by our students. Thank you for your steadfastness and dedication.

Aller Anfang ist schwer but the end in Christ is the purest joy.

God's Peace,

Jay Weidner



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FALL SEMESTER UNDERWAY

The fall 2012 semester will begin this week and we are pleased to announce that the following full time students will be returning to continue their studies: Josh Bergstedt, Ryan Kandoll, Brittany Nelson and Karen St. Peter. We have several part time students attending as well and look forward to another year of instruction.

Our third year students are currently doing their internships: Charles Jousma at Laurium Apostolic Lutheran Church; Nick Kandoll at Eastside Apostolic Lutheran Church and Ray Stenersen at Lakeworth Apostolic Lutheran Church.

The Monday night class this semester is Samuel, Kings & Chronicles. It begins Monday, September 10 at 7PM at 916 Pine Street in Hancock. We expect a large turnout for this class and have several students taking it on line. For more information regarding our complete class schedule call (906) 482-3337 or online www.ilseminary.org.

Please keep our students as well as those doing internships in your prayers.



SING Service

hosted by the Inter-Lutheran Seminary

You are invited to the seminary's Fall Sing Service on Sunday, September 30 at 7PM. 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!



UPCOMING SEMINARY RALLY

Keep the date open....the annual Seminary Rally will be on **Sunday, October 14, 2012**, at the Esko Apostolic Lutheran Church in Esko, Minnesota. (Please note this is a different location than previous years.) Pastor Bruce Bergstedt and Pastor Nathan Juntunen are looking forward to hosting the rally this year!

The purpose of the seminary rally is to help inform you about the ongoing ministry of the seminary, meet the students and encourage your support financially and more importantly in prayer. We hope that you will be able to attend but if not, please remember us.

