



# Inter-Lutheran Theological Seminary

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Dear Friends,

***“Who hath measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, and meted out heaven with the span, and comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance?”***

**Isaiah 40:12**

During his day, Isaiah speaks to a war-torn people. Assyria will overthrow the Northern Kingdom of Israel and Babylon will ultimately conquer the Southern Kingdom of Judah. The people are beginning to wonder about God’s continuing providence for them. Does God know what is happening to His people? Does He still care? And if God still cares, is He willing and able to help his people?

In the fortieth chapter of Isaiah, the prophet delivers a strong rebuke for such foolish notions. God has not forsaken His people. They have forsaken Him. Through the prophet Isaiah, God profoundly reminds His people of who He is. <sup>25</sup> *To whom then will ye liken me, or shall I be equal? saith the Holy One.* <sup>26</sup> *Lift up your eyes on high, and behold who hath created these things, that bringeth out their host by number: he calleth them all by names by the greatness of his might, for that he is strong in power; not one faileth.* <sup>27</sup> *Why sayest thou, O Jacob, and speakest, O Israel, My way is hid from the LORD, and my judgment is passed over from my God?* <sup>28</sup> *Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding.* <sup>29</sup> *He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength.* <sup>30</sup> *Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall:* <sup>31</sup> *But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.”*

**Isaiah 40:25-31**

We are no different than the people of in Isaiah’s day. When we face battles in this life, we wonder where God is and if He still cares for us. God responds by once again reminding us of who He is and What He has done for us. No matter which enemies we face, they are no match for the Holy One, who dearly loves His children.

***“What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup> He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things? ... <sup>37</sup> Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, <sup>39</sup> Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”***

**Romans 8:31-39**

May God grant us grace to hear and believe His Word.

Yours in Christ.  
Pastor Chuck Bylkas



## *Memorials received...*

*In memory of Joyce E. Magner*  
from Joan E. Ostapenko

*In memory of Milly Otto*  
from Kirk W. Otto  
from Kirk & Carol Otto, Jr.

*In memory of Vieno Stalo*  
from Donna Flaherty

*In memory of Raymond Barney*  
from Phyllis Barney



## **Seminary Service Schedule – 7PM**

### **February**

13<sup>th</sup> - Ray Stenersen @ Laurium  
20<sup>th</sup> - Charles Jousma @ Seminary  
27<sup>th</sup> - Nick Kandoll @ Painesdale

### **March**

6<sup>th</sup> - Ray Stenersen @ Zion  
13<sup>th</sup> - Charles Jousma @ S. Range  
20<sup>th</sup> - Nick Kandoll @ Alston  
27<sup>th</sup> - Ray Stenersen @ Seminary

### **April**

3<sup>rd</sup> - Charles Jousma @ Painesdale  
10<sup>th</sup> - Nick Kandoll @ S. Range  
17<sup>th</sup> - Ray Stenersen @ Laurium

