



Inter-Lutheran Theological Seminary

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Dear Friends,

It is amazing how often when faced with changes to our circumstances we turn to the worst case scenario; the dreaded “what if...?”. What if this should happen or that should happen, what if this doesn't happen or that doesn't happen. What if? We honestly control so little of what takes place in life that “what if?” becomes an empty question. The issue was actually answered long ago in the garden of Eden where there was an “if”. God made plain to Adam and Eve not to eat the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil and told them that if they ate it they would die. They ate and died. So ended the “if” for human beings. Yet a gracious God chose to remedy the “if” by sending His Son in the cloak of fallenness to redeem the fallen through shedding His own blood on Calvary's cross, no ifs ands or buts about it. Still the fallen human being can't leave the “if” alone. What if?

Peter was plagued by his failure in denying Jesus and Jesus graciously restored him in full forgiveness for all he had done. Immediately Peter's attention turned to John.

Peter seeing him saith to Jesus, Lord, and what *shall* this man *do*?²² Jesus saith unto him, If I will that he tarry till I come, what *is that* to thee? follow thou me.²³ Then went this saying abroad among the brethren, that that disciple should not die: yet Jesus said not unto him, He shall not die; but, If I will that he tarry till I come, what *that* to thee? (John 21:21-23 KJV)

The “if” always indicates that like Peter we are looking at our surroundings and not to Jesus. So Jesus says; “what is that to thee, follow thou me.” Jesus is the end of the “what if?”. He is also the author and finisher of our faith and faith is the key. Following Jesus means a life of faith and Jesus never fails. Circumstances will change and people will come and go but the mercies of the Lord endure forever indeed as Jeremiah says they are new every morning.

Changes in circumstances are simply part of our earthly existence and most are beyond our control. Living in a fallen world will always bring us to the brink of the “what if?” but Christ always gives us the “It is finished.” May we have faith to believe and trust in God's Word over all our uncertainties.

Thank you for your unswerving support for our mission at this seminary. Your steadfastness in changing times is most encouraging.

God's Peace,
Jay Weidner



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Summer *SING Service*
hosted by the Inter-Lutheran Seminary

You are invited to the seminary's Summer Sing Service on Sunday, July 29 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!



TENTATIVE CLASS SCHEDULE FOR FALL 2012

If you are interested in taking a class or need additional information, please contact us at phone (906) 482-3337 or email – cilseminary@ilseminary.com.

	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
8:30a.m.	Chapel	Chapel	Chapel	Chapel	Chapel
9:00 - 9:50a.m.	Christian Dogmatics I	Pastoral Counselor ----- Orientation to Deaconess Studies	Christian Dogmatics I	Pastoral Counselor ----- Orientation to Deaconess Studies	Christian Dogmatics I
10:00 - 10:50a.m.	Ancient Church History	Pastoral Counselor	Ancient Church History	Old Testament Introduction ----- Orientation to Deaconess Studies	Ancient Church History
11:00 - 11:50a.m.	New Testament Greek	Old Testament Introduction	New Testament Greek	Old Testament Introduction	New Testament Greek
11:50 - 12:50p.m.	New Testament Greek	Old Testament Wisdom Literature		Old Testament Wisdom Literature	
7:00 - 8:40p.m.	Samuel, Kings & Chronicles (In Hancock)				

Daily Classes in Hancock begin, Wednesday, September 5, 2012.
Monday night in Hancock begins, Monday, September 10, 2012.