



Inter-Lutheran Theological Seminary

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Dear Friends,

²¹ But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; ²² Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference: ²³ For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; ²⁴ Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: ²⁵ Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; ²⁶ To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus. ²⁷ Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by the law of faith. ²⁸ Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.

Romans 3:21-28

It was nearly five hundred years ago, that Martin Luther posted the ninety-five theses on the door of the church in Wittenberg. Legend has it that it was this event that sparked the Reformation. Luther sought to correct many of the false teachings that permeated the church during his time. The most significant of these corrections was how one is justified in the sight of God. Luther himself struggled with the dilemma of obtaining mercy from a just God. For Luther, the fact that God is just, meant that He punishes sinners. No matter how hard Luther worked to confess his sins and to follow God's will, he never felt at peace. How could Luther preach and teach about a loving God, when God was always angry with him? When Luther finally discovered the Gospel, he experienced a peace and freedom that only Christ can give. Luther tells us in his own words:

“Night and day, I pondered until I saw the connection between the justice of God and the statement that “the just shall live by his faith.” Then I grasped that the justice of God is that righteousness by which through sheer grace and mercy, God justifies us through faith. Thereupon, I felt myself to be reborn and to have gone through open doors into paradise. The whole of Scripture took on a new meaning, and whereas before the “justice of God” had filled me with hate, now it became to me inexpressibly sweet in greater love. This passage of Paul became to me a gate to heaven...

If you have a true faith that Christ is your Saviour, then at once you have a gracious God, for faith leads you in and opens up God's heart and will, that you should see pure grace and overflowing love. This it is to behold God in faith that you should look upon His fatherly, friendly heart, in which there is no anger, nor ungraciousness. He who sees God as angry does not see Him rightly, but looks only on a curtain, as if a dark cloud had been drawn across His face.”

May God grant us grace to “see Him rightly” and trust in His Son, Jesus Christ, whose blood was shed to purchase our redemption; so that we who have been justified by faith might continue to live by faith.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Chuck Bylkas



Donations Received....

In memory of Ernest Bylka Jr.
from Rollie & Rene' Krueger



Seminary Service Schedule
7 p.m.

October

21st – Charles Jousma @ Seminary
28th – Josh Bergstedt @ Laurium

November

4th – Ryan Kandoll @ S. Range
11th – Charles Jousma @ Painesdale
18th – Josh Bergstedt @ Zion
25th – No service (Thanksgiving)

December

2nd – Ryan Kandoll @ Seminary
9th – Charles Jousma @ Laurium
16th – Josh Bergstedt @ Alston





ATTENTION: BOARD MEMBERS

There will be a Board Meeting on Saturday, October 13th at 9 a.m.
at the Esko Apostolic Lutheran Church.



The Board of Directors
of the

Inter-Lutheran Theological Seminary

invite you to attend the

ANNUAL SEMINARY RALLY

(Meet the students and learn more about the ministry of the seminary.)

on

Sunday, October 14, 2012 at 3:30 p.m.

at

Esko Apostolic Lutheran Church

25 Church Rd.

Esko, Minnesota

Dinner following.

