



# Inter-Lutheran Theological Seminary

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Dear Friends,

I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; 2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. 3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; 4 And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. 5 But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry. (2 Tim. 4:1-5 KJV)

As we prepare for the new school year, these words of St. Paul, sent to his beloved associate Timothy, are most fitting for our meditation. The term translated “charge” in the KJV is from a Greek word that has an additional meaning of “to testify.” Paul is saying “I’m telling you, testifying before God and Jesus as witness.” Paul isn’t telling Timothy to do things based on his authority but because he is telling Timothy what God wants him to do. God the Father and Jesus, who will judge the world, want Timothy to preach the Word. That is the simple commission, preach the Word. The Word is the foundation of all Christian proclamation. Without the Word there may be proclamation, but it is not Christian. All that we have to say of any value springs forth and is confirmed by the Word. That Word is to be preached when people want to hear it and when they don’t (in season and out of season). It is not always popular to preach the Word, but an effective ministry hinges on this requirement. The servant of God must preach the Word. Only the Word has the power to confront those in error (reprove), speak sternly in warning (rebuke) and encourage (exhort) with all patience and teaching (longsuffering and doctrine). It is not the person but the Word that possesses this ability. People are not always going to be willing to receive this message, they will, even as Paul says, turn away from the truth to made-up religious stories (fables). Yet, it must be preached and preached faithfully. So, Paul adds this instruction, be level-headed (watch) in all things. Don’t be captivated by public opinion and give in to false desires in preaching because people may either compliment or criticize you. Suffer patiently (endure afflictions), you will have to endure unkindness and unwarranted attacks. Do the work of a Good News preacher (evangelist). Preach the Gospel always even when you don’t want to because your feelings may be hurt. In this, you fully carry out (make full proof of) your ministry.

These, less than subtle, words have always been the basis of what we do at our seminary. We are all about the Word. Our daily endeavor is to immerse our students in the Word so that they may be purveyors of the same. It is a simple calling but a profound one. All our classes bring us back to this font of life and from it we draw our inspiration and ability to persevere in hope.

We are so thankful to have some new full and part time students joining us for this Fall semester, along with those who have been with us in the past. We look forward to God enriching us all through His Word. We thank you for your continuing support both in prayer and financially. It means so much to us in these times when we must be faithful in carrying out the work He has entrusted to us. May God bless you richly and receive all the glory and honor due Him.

God’s Peace,  
Jay Weidner



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## **FALL SEMESTER IS ALMOST HERE!**



Daily classes are set to begin on Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>. We are very excited to be welcoming two new full time students to our Hancock campus; Caleb Maunu and Matthew Holmgren. In addition, we pleased to have another full time student, Michael Mattinen, joining us online. There are several part time students who continue to take classes as well.

The daily classes this semester include Ephesians/Colossians, Evangelism, Isaiah, New Testament Greek and New Testament Introduction.

If you have never taken a class, we encourage you to try our Monday night class on the Gospel of Mark which begins on September 12 at 7PM EST. It will be offered in person and on Zoom. If you are interested or have questions, please call 906-482-3337 or email [cilseminary@ilseminary.com](mailto:cilseminary@ilseminary.com).

For a complete class schedule logon to <https://ilseminary.org/classchedule.htm>.



## **SAVE THE DATE.... WINTER NIGHT OF MUSIC**

*at Zion Lutheran Church in Hancock, MI, to benefit the seminary on Tuesday, December 6 at 7PM. Join us for an evening of Christmas caroling and special music. Refreshments will be served.*

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We would love to grow our endowment into a major source of ongoing seminary support. Although the seminary still needs the financial ongoing regular contributions of our supporters, please consider the endowment fund for your planned giving needs. For more additional information, please contact Kirk Otto, Jr. at (715) 821-8574 or Cheryl Hendrickson at (906) 482-3337.