Left: Luther Seminary students face off against faculty and staff during May’s annual softball game.

Right: Luther Seminary students chat with Associate Professor of Church History Mark Granquist during First Week activities.

Below: Luther Seminary staff gather for a picnic at President Richard Bliese’s home.

Above: At Blessings, Naomi and Ole Winter, lower left and right, take a photo with one of the students benefitting from their scholarship dollars, Marie Olson, M.Div., center. Also shown are the Winters’ daughter, Kathy Thomsen, and her husband, Jim.

Left: Julie Gilbert, a former vice president at Best Buy and founder of WoLF: Women’s Leadership Forum, speaks in June to members of WeLIFT, a group for women in ministry, about the unique challenges they face.

Below right: Staff members team up on a photographic scavenger hunt during the annual staff picnic in June.

Below left: The annual Blessings event, held in May, allows donors of endowed scholarships and the students they support to come together.

Above: Musical entertainment is provided in the chapel during First Week festivities.


Right: Volunteer Coordinator Mary Steeber, right, enjoys the annual Women in Philanthropy event with donor and trustee Gurine Gall.

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Gifts in Abundance

Generous Support Covers More Than Half the Cost to Equip Each Luther Seminary Student
ENROLLMENT:

**848 STUDENTS**

- **50%** Master of Divinity Program
- **22%** Master of Arts Program
- **21%** Ph.D., Master of Theology and Doctor of Ministry Programs
- **7%** Non-Degree Program

- **38** students enrolled in the Distributed Learning M.Div. degree program
- **30** M.A. and **47** M.Div. students were enrolled in the Children, Youth and Family residential degree program
- **47** students were enrolled in the Distributed Learning Children, Youth and Family M.A. degree program

Median age of a Luther Seminary student in the incoming M.A. and M.Div. class: **30**

ELCA STUDENTS BY REGION:

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INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS:

**51 students** from **20 countries**

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- Canada 6
- Ethiopia 1
- Germany 1
- Ghana 2
- Guyana 1
- India 2
- Indonesia 2
- Kenya 7
- Liberia 4
- Madagascar 1
- Malawi 1
- Myanmar 1
- Nigeria 2
- Norway 2
- South Africa 2
- South Korea 11
- Tanzania 1
- Turkey 2
- Uganda 1

ECUMENICAL STUDENTS:

**28%** (231 students) represent **20 denominations and faiths other than the ELCA**

2009 GRADUATING CLASS:

159 graduates were sent out to serve in God’s world

Luther welcomes 4 faculty members

Luther welcomes 848 students

A group of young leaders gathers together for conversation about their ministry hopes at the Convergence event

Dr. Samuel Ling, professor of systematic theology, Myanmar Institute of Theology, the 2008 Schiotz Visiting Professor, arrives on campus, staying through December

An exclusive viewing of the Luther Seminary Prodigal Son Art Collection is held during the annual PARTNERS/Heritage Society event

WorkingPreacher.org celebrates its one-year anniversary
I’ve been enjoying Garrison Keillor’s latest book, “Life Among the Lutherans.” It’s filled with wit and wisdom from the life and lore of everyday Lutherans. Keillor begins many of the stories in his traditional fashion: “It’s been a quiet week in Lake Wobegon.”

Well, we started the school year with a chapel service filled with new students (more than 250 in this year’s entering class)! The atmosphere was exciting! The Spirit was calling and gathering new leaders for the church. Nevertheless, with these students coming from all around the country and the world (54 international students) to campus, two facts needed emphasis: This isn’t Lake Wobegon, and life hasn’t been quiet around here this week, this month or even this year. Since September 2008 the recession has hit everyone and every neighborhood hard. Tension fills our political debates and policy decisions from the ELCA concerning sexuality still reverberate in congregations. (And to top off this season of change, Brett Favre is playing for the Vikings!) Humor aside, change and challenge are in the air. The message for these new leaders is clear: Ministry doesn’t happen in ideal settings. God sent his son—and sends the church—into a challenging world.

As its primary work, the seminary educates leaders for Christian communities called into apostolic witness. We do this by first walking together in faith. Luke 24 describes the story of Cleopas and a nameless disciple walking to Emmaus after the resurrection of Jesus. As they discuss the amazing events of the week—Jesus’ crucifixion and the empty tomb—Jesus walks alongside and teaches them. “Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” As the disciples accompany each other, Jesus accompanies them. Finally, Luke writes, “Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he [Jesus] interpreted to them the things about himself in all the Scriptures” (Luke 24:27). Mission begins with the resurrected Jesus showing up among his disciples and teaching them how to understand Scripture.

At Luther Seminary, it may or may not be true what Keillor says: “All the women are strong, all the men are good looking and all the children are above average.” Nevertheless, whether strong or weak, good looking or plain, above average or poor, God has called us all to walk together on the road to Emmaus. It’s there we will experience the Lord who will teach us Scripture and send us into mission.

Our mission isn’t in recession. God’s promise in Christ compels us. This report is filled with pages pointing to exciting developments at Luther Seminary. Join us on the walk—of mission.

Pax,

Richard H. Bliese
President
Luther Seminary
EntertheBible.org is a free online resource that thoroughly explores all 66 books of the Bible in a fun, interactive and completely unique way. It was recently released by Luther Seminary to the public. The process took five years and thousands of hours of preparation by more than 40 people.

“The project is a massive undertaking, but the site is truly a gift to God’s church and the people of God,” said Sally Peters, Enter the Bible project manager and director of the Center for Lifelong Learning. “We’re blessed by incredibly talented, knowledgeable faculty, and this site allows us to share them with the world.”

The project began in 2004 when a few Luther Seminary faculty members and media consultants discussed creating new multimedia resources for studying the Bible. Nearly five years later the work of 23 faculty
members, 10 staff members and at least 10 other individuals has finally culminated into a completely unique product. “There really is nothing else like it out there,” said Peters.

What makes Enter the Bible unique is not only the depth of the information it provides on the Bible but also the breadth. Luther Seminary faculty members provide summaries, outlines, backgrounds and information about introductory issues and theological themes on all 66 books of the Bible. In total there are close to 3,000 pages of information. “The overall content on the Web site is easily an encyclopedia worth of work,” said Peters.

“I've been looking for a place I can send my members online to help them engage in Scripture. This is wonderful!”
—Enter the Bible user

“The Web site demonstrates that Luther Seminary takes deep, critical study of the Bible seriously,” said Matthew Skinner, associate professor of New Testament. “It shows that we intend to be at the forefront of discussions about the Bible and its interpretation.” Skinner serves as general editor for the site’s New Testament content. Fred Gaiser, professor of Old Testament, is the editor for the Old Testament content and general editor for the site.

In addition to thoughtful summaries, the site offers other resources that allow individuals to more deeply explore each book. Faculty members interpret certain passages, explain important people and places, and speak about themes in video clips that can be streamed over the Web site. Centuries of artwork inspired by each book’s content are available for viewing and maps of the geographical setting of each book were specifically designed for the Web site.

Anyone can visit the site and use its resources for free. Free membership includes bonus features such as tracking the pages previously visited, a notepad where users can record article details and a profile allowing members access to their notes or bookmarked pages.

“The site doesn’t try to spoon-feed—or force-feed—people all the answers,” said Skinner. “It offers information and perspectives that will make people more informed and intelligent readers.”

Added Peters, “There are infinite ways of approaching reading and studying the Bible.” The vastness of Enter the Bible both allows and inspires infinite ways of doing just that. “The site’s content was written with care and demonstrates deep biblical knowledge. You can really trust it.”

Visit www.enterthebible.org and test out Luther Seminary’s newest and greatest resource in biblical study!
A few months ago, the sound of crying brought Efrem Smith out of his office at Sanctuary Covenant Church in North Minneapolis. A young woman was distraught. She appeared to be searching for someone.

“When I asked her if I could help, she said she was looking for one of our staff. She was looking for Jen,” says Smith.

The tears turned out to be ones of happiness.

“She said, ‘I’m so excited. I got a job today, and I just wanted to tell Jen,’” says Smith, ’96. “See, that’s what we’re about. She has this pivotal spiritual thing going on in her life, but she also got a job. She’s empowered. That’s what we call a holistic impact.”

Smith also sees reconciliation in the link between the young woman, who is black, and the staff member, who is white. Through the Community Development Corporation (CDC) founded through Sanctuary, Jen had taken the young woman under her wing, got her excited about church and helped find her a job.

“This is why we exist,” says Smith. “At the end of the day, it’s not about 900 people. It’s about a relationship between two women and how that relationship leads to transformation.”

**A True Community Church**

None of the pieces of this story happened by accident. From the time Smith planted Sanctuary Covenant Church in January 2003, he has intended it to be evangelical, urban and multiracial. Smith was called to lead Sanctuary through the Evangelical Covenant Church.

Inspired by the writings of Martin Luther King Jr. while working on his master’s thesis at Luther Seminary, Smith thought, “If Martin Luther King were still living and pastoring...
today he would be pastoring a multiracial church.’ It became my vocational passion over time.”

He is living out his passion at Sanctuary, which started with 22 people and has grown to 900. His original goal was to have 1,000 members fill the seats each Sunday. For Smith, it wasn’t so much about the sheer magnitude of a number as it was about proving something.

“I felt like to prove that the multi-cultural, multiracial church can work and be sustainable and have an impact we needed a critical mass, so people wouldn’t write us off as an exception,” he says. “I wanted our church to send a statement that church should be about tearing down walls across race, class and gender.”

The cultural breakdown of Sanctuary is about 50 percent white, 40 percent black and 10 percent Latino and Asian. Forty-five percent live in Minneapolis, and the rest come from all over the metro area.

“There’s a good mix of everyone from single moms to executive VPs of Fortune 500 companies to professional athletes to homeless folks,” says Smith.

More Than Just a Church
From the beginning, the intention was for Sanctuary to be more than just a church. It was important to Smith that transformation move from inside the church walls into the surrounding community. A year after Sanctuary opened its doors, Sanctuary Community Development Corporation was started.

“The CDC was just an extension of the ministry of the church,” says Norman Harrington, executive director of Sanctuary CDC. “The genesis of it was intentional. Part of the strategic direction in founding both the church and the community development corporation was for the church to play a more active role in community development.”

The CDC creates more avenues in pursuing financial resources, and it also gives the church another platform to speak to various issues, says Harrington. The CDC was recently restructured, with focus put on three main areas: children, youth and family; economic development; and community engagement.

Founding and getting involved in initiatives and projects like Love Minneapolis, school-supply and wintercoat drives, tutors, Catalyst, Bridge of Reconciliation and Rock the River, among others, allow Sanctuary and the CDC to dig into these three key areas in focused ways while really getting their hands dirty and making a difference in the community. In addition to a key staff of five, an army of volunteers and interns helps the CDC live out its calling in the community. Harrington estimates the CDC has put in more than 1,000 volunteer hours spanning more than 75 community projects, mostly in North Minneapolis over the past six months. Smith and Harrington have seen both long- and short-term results from their efforts.

True Transformation
The duality of these results signifies a larger transformation of the term “evangelical” that Smith is hoping to see down the road. Personally, Smith continues to build on his deep biblical roots and what he learned at Luther, to think creatively and to be innovative. He has a desire, like others in his generation, to redefine what “evangelical” means. He wants to restore it to what he believes it should be about: good news.

“‘Good news’ is not just about a faith conversion experience but also about the liberating experience you read about in Scripture,” says Smith. “Jesus not only preached the gospel around salvation but also lived it out in his actions. He healed diseases and stood with those marginalized. He radically impacted the social structures of his day. For me, I wanted to be a part of painting a picture of evangelicalism that is beyond Jerry Falwell and James Dobson.”

Like the experience of the young woman impacted by a Sanctuary staff member, true transformation, says Smith, is both spiritual and tactile.

“I feel like, at the biblical root, to be evangelical is about the conversion experience and the liberation experience. It’s an experience of life empowerment and eternal life.”
When Julie Hagen accepted her first call as director of children, youth and family ministries at Advent Lutheran in Manhattan, it was a first for the congregation as well. The church didn’t have a full-time staff member devoted to that part of its ministry in the past. Hagen, a Master of Arts grad born and raised in the Midwest, was the first one to fill the position.

“In my position working with children and youth, youth are the most challenging. Their lives are so much different than my life growing up,” said Hagen, ’07. “I know it takes time to build their trust with me. They’re not used to a full-time person at the church focusing on them.”

Hagen, who has now been at Advent for two years, decided to take her time and learn what would draw the kids in. It’s been a challenge, she said, but they’re all learning together.

J. Elise Brown, pastor of Advent, said the church has seen growth in families since Hagen came on board.

“We continue to see new families come through our doors, and many will comment on the wonderful and committed work Julie does in her position. She loves children and youth, and it shows,” said Brown. After receiving hundreds of applications from around the world, Hagen was chosen because “we believed her spirit, faith and professional training at Luther... were the right match for us,” said Brown.

Hagen’s steady presence has made an impact on Calvin Wine, a 17-year-old high school senior who has attended Advent for about nine years.

Julie Hagen, ’07, lower right, says she gets the most involvement from the youth at Advent Lutheran Church in New York City when she organizes community service projects.
“I appreciate how Julie has stuck with us for so long,” he said. “To be honest, I almost wanted to leave (the youth group) before Julie came in. I felt like the youth group had been let down too much.”

Previous youth leaders, who were serving as volunteers, would get burned out and leave just as Wine felt a trust was being built.

“At first, when Julie came, I thought, ‘How much different can she be?’” said Wine. “But after giving her a chance, I appreciate her working with us and the projects she’s doing.”

Hagen said she gets the most involvement from youth during community service projects. They may play Bingo at a nursing home or help serve community lunch, whatever they can do to be with each other and make a difference.

“They know they’re helping other people and they get something from that too,” said Hagen.

As a child, Wine watched his older sister, nine years his senior, get involved in the youth group at Advent. To him, it seemed like a family. Since then, he’s strived for that feeling, but so far it has escaped him.

He’s now one of the oldest in the group, with a wide berth between him and a number of younger kids. But that hasn’t stopped him from trying to build up that feeling of family for future generations. He introduced friends to the church who now come on their own.

Wine’s actions echo those of a congregation and leadership devoted to families in a city where many churches lack the same focus and some may be dying because of it.

“Advent made a missional commitment to ministry with children, youth and families,” said Brown. “The children and youth programs at other Lutheran congregations in Manhattan were either very small or non-existent. We believed this to be an area of ministry that families from both Lutheran and non-Lutheran backgrounds would embrace and support.”

Hagen felt the support of the nearly 300-member congregation from day one.

“I’ve had the opportunity to bring in new ideas and a new set of eyes and say, ‘Let’s try this. Let’s work together on this,’” said Hagen. “It’s not just me trying to do this. It’s these families and these other young people. It’s already been two years, but the energy and the support system are still there.”

Julie Hagen has built trust with the youth at Advent Lutheran since she arrived two years ago.

Julie Hagen said she has felt the support of the entire congregation at Advent since she was called as the director of children, youth and family ministries.
While God has shown up in many different ways over the course of Jannie Swart’s life, he has always known that God is present and working miracles in the world—a fact he was especially aware of as he experienced firsthand the transition from apartheid to democracy in South Africa.

Swart, a Ph.D. student in Congregational Mission and Leadership, belongs to the Dutch Reformed Church in South Africa. The church mainly consists of white, Afrikaans-speaking people, and for many years was known as the “church of apartheid,” as it theologically justified the legal, racial segregation under the apartheid system.

“I remember church when I was a child. Now it is truly different,” says Swart, 46.

Apartheid was legally dismantled during the early 1990s, leading the
church to confess and reconcile the sin of apartheid. In the midst of these changes, Swart accepted his first call as a minister in the Dutch Reformed Church.

Four years later he was called as lead pastor at Fountainebleau Community Church in Johannesburg, South Africa. Home to more than 5,000 members, Fountainebleau was almost exclusive to white, Afrikaans-speaking people. However, during Swart’s leadership term and under the guidance of the church board, they worked to transform their homogenous congregation into a multilingual and multicultural ministry.

While the change was radical, most members were willing to move forward. “We did lose some people because of it. Others joined. More than I expected were willing to take the next step,” says Swart. “The entire society was going through this transformation.”

Swart was a life-changing presence for the congregation, leading by humble example.

“Jannie Swart has lived a parable of transformation and reconciliation in his life and leadership,” says Dwight Zscheile, assistant professor of Congregational Mission and Leadership. “As an inheritor of the legacy of apartheid, he fought against it at great personal cost. He went on to lead one of South Africa’s largest congregations through a dramatic process of racial reconciliation into mission.”

Change came in simple and practical ways. Fountainebleau began conducting worship in multiple languages: Afrikaans, English and indigenous African languages Zulu and Sotho—an important change in a country that has 11 official languages. The church also filled leadership and staff positions with people from other languages and cultural groups. The changes required many sacrifices and adjustments from both existing members and those who didn’t speak Afrikaans or were not white. This led to some of the congregation’s best learning moments.

“This was not a situation in which we had any ready-made recipes on how to do it,” acknowledges Swart. “It was more like a journey of discovery through trial and error than an execution of a well-planned strategic process.”

Perhaps most notably, Fountainebleau intentionally went out into the community to form new relationships. It entered into partnerships with business and non-governmental organizations to create jobs for black women from disadvantaged communities. This was an important outreach as poverty and unemployment are major issues in South Africa. The women were provided materials and training to learn to sew and sell various products.

“These were fairly unskilled people so we focused on teaching them new skills and how to market their products,” says Swart. “In some cases these jobs helped the women sustain an entire family.”

Knowing his limitations as a white, Afrikaans-speaking male working to lead the church into a new era, Swart left Fountainebleau in 2005 and entered the CML program at Luther Seminary the next year.

Already experienced in mission development, Swart says, “(The missional conversation) helped my congregation understand what is at stake for a church that wants to participate in what God is up to in their community. I chose to do my Ph.D. at Luther because the CML program brings together all the pieces that I found to be of crucial importance for leadership in missional congregations like Fountainebleau. The last few years have been a rich learning experience, helping me reflect theologically on what I have already encountered.”

Swart also helped his classmates and professors bring the pieces together. Says Zscheile, “He is a remarkable theologian who has taught many of us here at Luther about the concrete practices and possibilities of missional leadership in a context even more challenging than our own.”
Five years ago, Justin Mootz was working in admissions at Augustana College when the South Dakota Synod asked him to be on an advisory committee for a new initiative focused on raising up leaders for the church. Today, Mootz is on his way to becoming one of those leaders—in part because that initiative, Answer the Call, opened his eyes to his own gifts and desire to serve and showed him how committed the synod is in making the path to seminary as smooth as possible.

“Ministry is this long discernment process,” said Mootz, an M.Div. junior. “There are so many factors—timing, finances, fit. But to know you have support takes a huge burden out of the discernment process so you can focus on what God is doing.”

**Answer the Call Leads the Way**

The Answer the Call initiative has made the South Dakota Synod the country’s leader in both seminarians and the number of scholarships awarded. Its initial aim is to engage young people and encourage them to listen for a call to ministry.

“We know that if pastors and other adults in the church start identifying gifts for ministry when they (members) are kids, it makes a difference,” said Kristi Lee, director of development for the South Dakota Synod. “We want to make it a part of the culture of our congregations that our pastors, our lay leaders, our parents or anyone who touches the lives of our young people are actively talking about attending seminary as a real possibility for the future.”

**Tapping into Outdoor Ministry**

The initiative has particular success with South Dakota’s extensive outdoor-ministry network.

Nina Joy, a diaconal student in youth and family ministry from Trinity Lutheran Church in Vermillion, S.D., witnessed this firsthand while working at camps such as Atlantic Mountain Ranch and Outlaw Ranch, both in Custer, S.D. A representative from Answer the Call attended staff training for young adults and would occasionally speak to interested campers about how God is calling them as well.

“They would hand out caribiners and say, ‘If you are thinking about seminary, we want to partner with you,’” said Joy. “So many people in ministry come out of an outdoor-ministry background. It seems like a small thing to talk to kids at camp, but in the long run starting them thinking about seminary early is really important.”

This has been phenomenally successful, said Lee. In the past, the South Dakota Synod had five or 10 students at seminary. Now there are 50.

**Scholarships Drive Success**

This is due, in part, to the second focus of Answer the Call. The synod has put its money where its mouth is by providing scholarships for seminarians. “There are a lot of congregations who support seminary students, even if they don’t have a current seminarian from their church,” said Lee.
LIFE IN ABUNDANCE

Seminarians Answer the Call
One example of this is a scholarship provided through American Lutheran Church in Presho, S.D. American member Pauline Engen wanted one of her sons to become a pastor. Even though her boys all continued the family tradition of ranching, they never forgot her dream. They started a scholarship fund for students who wanted to serve rural areas like Presho, which increased as each of the sons died. Since 1972, more than 800 Engen scholarships totaling more than $600,000 have been distributed.

In the last five years, congregations and individuals in the South Dakota Synod have committed more than $3 million to seminary scholarships.

“What’s great about the South Dakota Synod is that it really understands the realistic financial needs seminarians have,” said Craig Wexler, an M.Div. senior from Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls, S.D. Wexler started thinking about his vocation while meeting with an Augustana College Koinonia group. He wanted to attend seminary but felt the burden of his debt from Augustana.

“I said, ‘Look, I feel called, but I also feel broke. I need your help,’” said Wexler. Through its scholarship fund, the synod paid for a third of his tuition costs during his first two years at Luther Seminary.

Wexler hopes to return to South Dakota when he graduates in the spring, in part due to the support he received and the connections he made.

Committed to South Dakota

That is the third goal of Answer the Call: that future pastors will develop ties with people and congregations in the synod that lead them to wish to serve there.

“We know we have challenges. There is a shortage of pastors,” said Lee. While clearly that is true for many regions of the country, it can be particularly challenging in less-populated areas. In a place like South Dakota, despite the church’s deep roots, typically the starting wage doesn’t satisfy the amount of student debt. Many calls are in rural areas, where spouses may not be able to find work.

“People get the fact that we need to attract and retain pastors who love this area,” said Lee. “In the past, it has been difficult but not impossible. But I am very optimistic that if candidates see the commitment the synod has made to their financial and career success they will feel called to say yes to South Dakota.”

Long-term Goals

This year, the synod will launch a $2 million capital appeal to fund the second and third phases of Answer the Call: creating a fund endowment that will assist with leadership development, including expanding first-call theological support and education, annual leadership development retreats for pastors in their first five years of ministry and assistance with debt reduction for some seminary graduates.

And even that comes with a long-term dream: “We would love to work our way out of debt reduction by raising enough money for scholarships so students aren’t burdened with that worry as they are looking for a call,” said Lee.
My hope is that folks throughout the church wouldn’t read the Bible because they’re supposed to but because they get to,” Luther Seminary Professor of Old Testament Diane Jacobson said at the opening of the Book of Faith Jubilee on Aug. 14.

For the 285 pastors, lay people and students in attendance, that sense of enthusiasm for God’s Word abounded. For three days, speakers, workshops, worship and affinity-group conversations provided rich ideas for how to bring the Word back to their churches.

“I was lying on the couch reading the Psalms when I realized they were poems,” said Eugene Peterson, author of “The Message” and a keynote presenter. “I grew up in a culture where you read the Bible to learn something. Poems don’t do that. They are metaphors, meant to spark your imagination. That’s more than just education.”

This perspective influenced Peterson’s belief that Scripture is meant to be a living language, a part of everyday experience.

Some of the weekend focused on how that language either shapes or intersects popular culture. Keynote presenter Deanna Thompson of Hamline University explored using “good books” to encounter the Good Book. Through analysis of two recent best sellers, she posited why such books are so popular, what might be problematic for readers who limit their ideas about God to popular literature and how to find pathways into the biblical text.

“Concerns that readers draw their conclusions from best sellers instead of the Bible may tempt us to ignore these books, but if we do, we might be missing an opportunity to engage people where they’re at,” said Thompson.

Affinity groups—informal conversations around topics such as rural settings, preaching or youth ministry—gave
participants a chance to offer their own experiences. The ideas and community shared in these groups reflected another primary theme of the weekend: that the Bible is richer when experienced with others.

“It’s easy to be a heretic—to attempt to simplify the Bible’s message so I can handle it and take charge of it,” said Peterson. “But it’s hard to do this when you’re in a group. That’s why reading and meditating and reflecting together is so important. Congregations are our safety net against heresy.”

Still, David Anderson of The Youth and Family Institute argued that even more influential than congregations are our homes as places where the Word is truly taught and brought alive. “It’s not enough to have excellent Bible studies and resources and encouragement at church if they’re leaving it all at the door when they leave the building. We need to help them form new habits for living Scripture every day,” said Anderson.

Keynote presenter Rolf Jacobson acknowledged that many adults don’t participate in Bible study because they’re intimidated or afraid. But he described the spiritual maturity that develops when people admit they need to learn more about the Bible. “As leaders, we have to give permission for people to say they don’t know something.”

Whether reading the Bible alone or in a study group, the most important thing a person can do is make a habit of spending time in God’s Word. Anderson likened it to a child learning to talk. “When kids are first starting to speak, their tenses don’t match, their vocabulary isn’t complete. But once they start talking, they don’t stop. You don’t have to be a virtuoso right from page one.”
In Her Hands: Luther Seminary Honors an Incredible Legacy

By Kari Aanestad, M.Div. Middler

Mavone Eidet will forever hold Luther Seminary students close to her heart. As a final request, Eidet, a notable donor to Luther Seminary for more than 20 years, was buried this past May holding a list of the 79 students whose theological education she helped fund.

“Giving was her lifelong passion,” said Eidet’s son, Jim. “She believed strongly in being able to make a difference in the ministry context, and it brought her such joy to know she was able to do just that.”

Eidet’s generosity to Luther Seminary began in the 1980s when a Luther Seminary student interned at her church in Waubay, S.D. After learning the intern could not complete his studies because of finances, Eidet chose to fund his remaining year at Luther Seminary. She and her late husband, Henry, continued to fund students for 20 years after that. “I guess she was the power of one in her own way,” said Eidet’s daughter, Lily Mogen.

Dale Degner, an M.Div. senior at Luther Seminary, is one of the 79 who received Eidet’s remarkable gifts. “Of course she had an impact on my seminary training by helping me monetarily… but more than that, she helped me realize that God (can be known) in a very real way through a person,” said Degner. “There is always support, and that in itself is a lesson (I will) carry with me for the rest of my life.”

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MY SOUL PROCLAIMS YOUR GREATNESS

Advent devotions are written by staff of Luther Seminary and Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary as one of their shared initiatives through the Western Mission Cluster.
Just before Jack Hustad, ’57, graduated he was to serve as a chaplain in Venezuela. However, a few months before he was to leave, Andrew Burgess, professor of missions, called to say the project was postponed.

While his first call to international ministry fell through, Hustad simply had to wait for the right time and place. “It’s all serendipity,” he says. “That’s how it all started.”

What started is a late-career volunteer ministry for Hustad and his wife, Helen, that since 1990 has brought them to serve international congregations and seminaries in 15 countries throughout Europe, Africa and Asia.

Hustad jokes, “When I get to heaven, I’m going to sit down with Andy Burgess and chat about foreign mission!”

Throughout their ministry experiences, the couple has worshipped in a variety of settings and seen a plethora of faith expressions. “It just widens your world,” says Hustad.

At 78, Hustad is far from retiring—in fact, the couple will spend the first seven months of 2010 serving the American Church in Paris.

“It’s the old missionary spirit,” he says. “We’re still going. We can still be of help today.”

Jack Hustad and his wife, Helen, have ministered around the globe, including in South Africa (left) and Switzerland (above).
Do you remember your fifth-grade teacher? Now dig a little deeper. Do you remember your fifth-grade Sunday school teacher?

Adam Dvorak does. In fact, when the honor student graduated from North St. Paul High School this spring, he was asked to select a teacher who made a difference. He chose his fifth-grade Sunday school teacher, Sylvia Johnson, at First Lutheran Church in White Bear Lake, Minn.

“I selected Sylvia as a teacher who made a difference in my life because she really influenced me,” said Dvorak. Johnson showed patience with her sometimes rowdy class and earnestly taught them about the Bible and Christianity.

“In the years after that, even through high school, I remember seeing her still teaching Sunday school, attending services and just being active around the church,” said Dvorak. “She is a model of service and volunteerism.” Johnson still teaches Sunday school, and Dvorak is attending Bethel College and working toward a degree in biblical studies.

“Sylvia was a factor in my decision to pursue biblical studies. Not only did she educate me about the basics of my faith, I think she might have planted the seed of my interest in theology,” said Dvorak. “She has the heart of a servant. I also have a passion for serving others. I think that passion for serving was probably influenced by the example that Sylvia showed me.”

Sylvia Johnson impacted Adam Dvorak when he was a fifth-grade Sunday school student, and now he’s pursuing biblical studies.
The ‘00s
Amy Fondroy Eich, ’05, was installed as pastor at Joy Lutheran Church, Prescott, Wis., on Aug. 2.
Chris Enstad, ’00, published “A Primer on the Emerging Church” in the Easter issue of Lutheran Forum. He began a call as pastor of faith formation at Mt. Olivet Lutheran Church, Plymouth, Minn., in March.
Annie (Janzen) Haverlah, ’05, and Stephen Haverlah, ’08, welcomed Andrew Mark Haverlah on April 9.
Sue Kiester-Grinde, ’05, and her husband, Dave Grinde, finalized the adoption of their daughter, Hannah Mary Elizabeth Grinde, on April 13.
Ingelaurie Lisher, ’06, married Bruce C. Sadler on Nov. 8 at St. Mark’s Lutheran Church by The Narrows, Tacoma, Wash. The same church commissioned her as an associate in ministry on June 14.
Scott Nocton, ’08, was named The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society’s 2009 Man of the Year. A leukemia survivor, Nocton raised $32,865 to advance the mission of LLS. He will be featured in a national USA Today ad and in local bus and magazine advertisements.


Coral Rose, ’02, joined the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod World Mission team and will be sent to Pretoria, South Africa, to serve as regional business manager.

Troy Troftgruben, ’03, received a Ph.D. from Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, N.J., on May 23.

The ‘90s
The ‘80s
Kai Nilsen, ’89, received a Doctor of Ministry degree from Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, Calif., on June 13.
The ‘70s
Susan Hedahl, ’75, was awarded the Herman G. Stuempfle Chair of Proclamation of the Word at Gettysburg Lutheran Seminary, Gettysburg, Pa., on Oct. 13.
James Schroeder, ’73, died June 20.
The ‘60s
Gerald C. “Jeb” Monge, ’69, published “A Spiritual Memoir (Reflections on Mark)” through Publish America on July 11.
The ‘50s
Paul Jorstad, ’58, died March 13 in Calimesa, Calif.
Aaker Vincent, ’58, died June 21 in Rochester, Minn.

The ‘00s
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The ‘50s

What are you reading right now?

‘The Shack’ by William P. Young. It’s changing the way I think about God and the Trinity.
Jessie Niles, Master of Arts junior

The text I’m most drawn into right now is Barbara Brown Taylor’s ‘The Preaching Life.’
Peter Christ, Master of Divinity junior

‘Let the Nations Sing.’ It’s about worship in the African-American tradition.
Jaddie Edwards, Master of Arts junior

‘The World Café’ by Juanita Brown and David Isaacs. It’s an interesting look at Internet communication and social blogging.
Chuck Hoffman, Master of Arts junior

I’m currently reading the first book of ‘The Mitford Years’ by Jan Karon. It is both fun and a part of self care to read a book that’s not for class.
Ann Zastrow, Master of Divinity middler

The book I’m most enjoying is ‘Revisiting Relational Youth Ministry’ by Andy Root (Luther Seminary assistant professor of youth and family ministry).
Will Starkweather, Master of Divinity junior

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Alum News

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Mark Granquist, associate professor of church history, wrote an article, “Religion and Immigration, Old and New,” for the summer 2009 issue of Word & World. He spoke for the 165th anniversary of East Koshkonong Lutheran Church, Cambridge, Wis., in October.

Gracia Grindal, ’83, professor of rhetoric, presented a workshop on Writing Danish Hymns in English at the International Hymn Society conference in Poland this summer and joined with the hymn societies of Great Britain and Ireland, Canada, Scandinavia and the United States for Singing the Lord’s Song in a Strange Land.

Mary Jane Haemig, associate professor of church history, had her article, “Prayer as Talking Back to God in Luther’s Genesis Lectures,” appear in the Fall 2009 issue of Lutheran Quarterly. She taught two adult forums on Challenging Pasts and Futures: Lutherans in America at First Lutheran Church, Bothell, Wash., in June.

Guillermo Hansen, associate professor of systematic theology, contributed “Im Zeitalter der Globalisierung den dreieinigen Gott bekennen—eine lutherische Stimme” to Okumenische Rundschau in April; “Confessing the Triune God in a Globalized Era” to The Ecumenical Review in March; and “Tolerance, Democracy and Fundamentalism(s): Challenges in Time of Systemic Bifurcations” to “Overcoming Fundamentalism: Ethical Responses from Five Continents” (Geneva: Globethics.net, 2009). He was a workshop convenor at Reformation Theology: Reception and Transformation at the University of Aarhus, Denmark, in August. He was a keynote presenter at the Inter-Lutheran Theological Congress in Sao Leopoldo, Brazil, in June and at Theology in the Life of Lutheran Churches—Transformative Perspectives and Practices in Augsburg, Germany, in March.

Sarah Henrich, professor of New Testament, is teaching leaders across the country for the coming year’s WELCA Bible study, which she wrote, on Romans. She taught on the “Visual Book of Faith” at Gettysburg Seminary’s Summer Institute for Ministry.

Mary Hess, associate professor of educational leadership, was a keynote speaker at the annual meeting of the Association of Youth Ministry Educators in Louisville, Ky., on Oct. 18. She directed the 2009-2010 pre-tenure workshop on teaching and learning for theological school faculty at the Wabash Center in Indiana in July. In June, she participated as a Fellow in the AAR/Luce seminar on the theologies of religious pluralism in New York. She presented a paper titled “From ICT to TCI: Communicative Theolog(ies), Pedagogy and Web 2.0” to the annual meeting of the College Theology Society in May.


Rolf Jacobson, ’91, associate professor of Old Testament, spoke at the La Crosse Area Synod’s Pastoral Conference in October and at the Celebration of Faith event of the Manitoba/Northwest Ontario Synod. He and Mary Hinkle Shore, associate professor of New Testament, were the lead speakers at the Northwest Minnesota Synod’s Pastoral Conference in September. Jacobson spoke on “The Heart of the Lutheran Witness” at the Minneapolis Area Synod Assembly in May.


Karoline Lewis, ’94, assistant professor of preaching, led adult forums on Paul’s Letter to the Romans and Bible Basics at Lutheran Community of Grace, Minnetonka, Minn.; and Mount Calvary Lutheran Church, Eagan, Minn., in September. She led an adult forum in May at Mount Olivet Lutheran Church, Victoria, Minn. In April she was the keynote speaker for the Montana Synod Pastor’s Conference. She was elected vice president of the upper Midwest region of the Society of Biblical Literature in March and associate editor of Word & World in January. She was named the 2009-2010 visiting preaching scholar at Como Park Lutheran Church, St. Paul, Minn. She provided a review of “I Corinthians: A Shorter Exegetical and Pastoral Commentary” for Trinity Seminary Review’s summer/fall issue.

David Lose, Marbury E. Anderson Chair in Biblical Preaching, spoke at the Southwestern Minnesota Fall Theological Conference in October and the Tri-Synod Fall Theological Conference for Northeastern, Southeastern and Western Iowa in September.

Lois Malcolm, associate professor of systematic theology, and Janet Ramsey, Pastor George Wienman Chair of Pastoral Theology and Ministry, wrote the article “Forgiveness and Healing,” which will appear in an upcoming issue of Word & World.

Andrew Root, assistant professor of youth and family ministry, and Tim Coltvet, coordinator of contextual leadership and coaching for the
Faculty News (continued)

Master of Arts in children, youth and family ministry program, were the keynote speakers for Dream. Discover. Discern., a conference for youth, families and pastors at Mountain View Lutheran Church, Edgewood, Wash., in October. Root led a youth-ministry training seminar for the Princeton Institute for Youth Ministry, Bloomington, Ill., in October. Root taught a class on culture and the emerging generation at the University of Toronto-Knox College in July. He gave a four-week adult education series on issues facing youth and families today at Mount Calvary Lutheran Church in Eagan, Minn., last spring. He gave two keynotes at Canada Youth 2009 and lectured on “God’s Hiddenness, Suffering and Doubt: Theological Directions for Youth Ministry” at the International Association for the Study of Youth Ministry conference in Cambridge, England, in January.

Christian Scharen, assistant professor of worship and theology, led a seminar in practical theology at St. John’s Abbey, Collegeville, Minn., and spoke on “Why U2 Matters to Those Seeking God” at Midland College and the Nebraska Synod gathering in Fremont, Neb., in October. He taught a course on “Theology and Pop Culture” at Camp Arcadia in Michigan. He was the keynote speaker on “Streams of Innovation: Worship Today” for the Montana Synod Assembly in June. That same month, he taught a class on “Torture and Eucharist” at Holden Village, Chelan, Wash.

Paul Westermeyer, professor of church music, was recognized with the Faithful Servant Award by the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians at its biennial conference in Milwaukie in August.

Coming Soon…

Terence Fretheim, Elva B. Lovell Chair in Old Testament, will teach two courses at the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Hong Kong this fall.

Mark Granquist will speak Nov. 1 for the 140th anniversary of First Lutheran Church, Lake City, Minn.; and Jan. 31 for the 250th anniversary of Zion Lutheran Church, Long Valley, N.J.

Rolf Jacobson will deliver two papers at the annual meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature Nov. 21-24 in New Orleans.

Karoline Lewis will be the keynote speaker at the St. Paul Area Synod Book of Faith Workshop in November. In December, she’ll present at the Academy of Homiletics. In February, she’ll present at Word of Life: Preaching at Funerals. From February through May, she’ll conduct adult forums on the Gospel of John at Mount Carmel Lutheran Church, Minneapolis.

David Lose will speak at the Central States Synod Theological Convocation Nov. 3-5 and at the Southwest Pennsylvania Synod Bishop’s Convocation Nov. 18-20.

Alan Padgett, professor of systematic theology, will be one of 10 lecturers at a conference on Science and Religion: The Current Debate at Tsinghua University in China, Oct. 26-30.


Matt Skinner, associate professor of New Testament, will teach a four-part adult education class on The Apostle Paul and His Letter to the Galatians Sundays at Normandale Lutheran Church, Edina, Minn., starting Oct. 25. He will teach a two-session class on The Fruit of the Spirit at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Minneapolis, Feb. 7 and 14.

Faculty’s Published Books


Amy Marga, assistant professor of systematic theology, published “Karl Barth’s Dialogue with Catholicism in Goettingen and Muenster: Its Significance for His Doctrine of God” (Mohr Siebeck) this fall.

Alan Padgett co-authored with Steve Wilkens “Christianity and Western Thought, Volume 3: Journey to Postmodernity in the Twentieth Century” (IVP Academic), published in August.


Sign up for the trip of a lifetime to sacred spaces!

In May 2010 David Fredrickson, professor of New Testament, and Father John Kostas, Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, will lead a group of students, clergy and lay people to Greece and parts of Turkey. With the help of Greek tour guide Eleni Premeti, the group will tour places such as Istanbul, Thessaloniki, Philippi, Corinth, Delphi and Athens within a 12-day span.

The theme of the trip is Sacred Spaces of Greece and Istanbul. For more information on how to sign up for the trip, contact Lori Moline at CrossingBorders. She can be reached by phone at 952-995-9585, toll free at 800-990-6811 or via e-mail at info@crossingborders.com.
The Rev. Nancy Winder was a pioneer of women pastors in the Lutheran church and among the first in the Pacific Northwest. “Experiencing a very long wait for her first call in a church that was unfamiliar with and sometimes prejudiced toward women clergy, Nancy was sustained by her solid Lutheran theology,” says the Rev. Joan Beck. “She believes that the office of ministry is given by God, in the church, to all those who preach the Word and administer the Sacraments and that our human diversity does not diminish but rather enriches the incarnational nature of our work and witness.”

Winder served Faith Lutheran Church in Seattle for nearly 29 years and is the current pastor at Holden Village. Bishop Chris Boerger considers her “a colleague in the finest sense of the word. She is available to her ministry partners in a variety of ways, her passion for good liturgy and preaching has established her as a mentor to others, and her commitment to raising up leaders means there has been a member of Faith Lutheran studying for ordained service every year of her ministry there.”

Faith Lutheran Church experienced growth on many levels under Winder’s leadership. Beck says Winder measures her success according to the community that has developed at Faith. Says Karla Peterson, parish nurse and visitor, “It is not Pastor Winder’s faithfulness to her ministry that should be celebrated but rather her faithfulness to the specific gifts God has given her, which she has used to lift up the ministry that she leads all of us into.”

Robert Hurlbut has worn the hat of Young Life wrangler, youth pastor, colleague, support-group leader, synod staff member, consultant, counselor and more. He led a support group for wives of military personnel, served as assistant to the bishop, helped publish the Lutheran Book of Worship and had a hand in starting Stephen Ministry. But one thread connects the pieces of his ministry: Robert Hurlbut empowers others to pursue their calls in the world.

“Heave no idea how many pastors and lay people Bob counseled, enabled them to turn their lives around, and released them into a new future to respond to their calling, but I bet the numbers would amaze all of us,” says John Lee, who served with Hurlbut in Texas. Perhaps the role most fitting to Hurlbut is counselor, an innovative approach to ministry he deemed necessary.

He helped students at Luther “work through issues they needed to address in order to become healthy pastors,” said the Rev. Nancy Maeker, former Luther Seminary dean of students. One of those students, the Rev. Stephen Fiksdal, ’95, continued his relationship with Hurlbut for a decade.

“Ministry is hard,” he says. “Bob gave me the tools I needed to continue when I hit a rough spot.”

Hurlbut recently retired from full-time counseling due to health problems, but his legacy is still working in the world today.

His nominator, the Rev. Melinda Melhus, says, “In every situation and circumstance he was the consummate pastor, humble and gentle yet an incredible presence—his very essence empowered by the Spirit.”
Within the last 10 years

Joann Conroy, 2000
Woyatan Lutheran Church, Rapid City, S.D.

Joann Conroy fulfilled a dream to start the first Native American Lutheran Church in South Dakota. As an enrolled member of the Oglala Lakota tribe, she was raised on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. She currently serves as the pastor of Woyatan Lutheran Church in Rapid City, S.D. She was originally called to Atonement Lutheran Church in Rapid City, but when the church decided to relocate, Conroy worked with the South Dakota Synod to create Woyatan from the building Atonement left.

“Despite cultural differences, she has remained faithful to her ministry calling by serving as a mission developer of a new ethnic congregation,” says Pastor Barbara Wangsness Lizarazo, associate pastor of First Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls.

Says the Rev. Keith Zeh, mission director of ELCA Region 3, “Joann has demonstrated a strong faith in Christ in the most challenging context of living in two distinct, overlapping realities. ... Despite the organized, institutionalized expression of the church, she has a love and vision for what the church can do to bring healing and hope as an instrument of God’s mission and grace.”

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Is there someone whose ministry has inspired you?

We’re now taking nominations for 2011 Faithfulness in Ministry honorees! Download a nomination form at www.luthersem.edu/fim. Nominations are due Aug. 4, 2010.
Questions? Contact Mary Steeber at msteeber@luthersem.edu or 651-641-3596.

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Jan. 13-15, 2010

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Mark Allan Powell, Robert and Phyllis Leatherman Professor of New Testament, Trinity Lutheran Seminary, Columbus, Ohio
Mary Hinkle Shore, Associate Professor of New Testament, Luther Seminary

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Faculty: David Lose, Marbury E. Anderson Professor of Biblical Preaching

Evil and the Bible
7-9 p.m.
Faculty: Fred Gaiser, Professor of Old Testament

Winter classes are held Mondays, Feb. 1-March 1. For class descriptions or to register, visit www.luthersem.edu/layschool. For more information, call 651-641-3416 or e-mail kairos@luthersem.edu.

*To attend Making Sense of Scripture via webcast you will need a high-speed Internet connection.

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Mid-Winter Convocation
Jan. 13-15
Luther Seminary
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March 2-3
Olson Campus Center
Dr. Kenda Creasy Dean, Associate Professor of Youth, Church and Culture and Director, Tennent School of Christian Education, Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, New Jersey www.luthersem.edu/lectures/aus

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November
9-11 Preaching and Teaching to a New Generation
30-Dec. 2 School for Lay Ministry

January
4-15 Genesis to Revelation
13-15 Mid-Winter Convocation: Engaging Scripture in a Community of Faith with Heart, Mind and Spirit
25-29 Emotional Intelligence

February
1-2 Discernment for the Practice of Intentional Interim Ministry
9-11 Martin Luther King Jr. and Christian Leadership in the Age of Obama

March
1-5 Intentional Interim Ministry, Phase 1
22-23 School for Lay Ministry
24-25 Children’s Ministry 101
Luther Seminary FINANCES 2008–2009

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It would take more than $186 million of unrestricted endowment to generate the annual spending power given by our friends and alumni/ae each year.

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Friends and alumni/ae give to ensure seminarians are 100 percent equipped to lead in mission. Donor support made up 55 percent of the annual budget when combining outright gifts and endowment income. Charitable gifts cover everything from student scholarships and cross-cultural experiences to new course development and much more!

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The average student receives $5,821.44 per year in scholarships and grants. As the sample student budget below shows, this leaves a significant gap for students to fill.

- Tuition: 11,000
- Room and Board: 6,120
- Books and Fees: 2,000
- Transportation: 3,000
- Misc. Personal: 6,750
- Total: $28,870

Figures are for a typical single student living on campus for the 2008-09 school year.

Luther Seminary awards more than $3.1 million in financial aid each year. Congregations provide another $1.2 million in assistance. On average, this covers approximately four-fifths of the cost of tuition. Students still incur significant education and living expenses.

Scholarships and tuition support make it possible for students to say “Yes!” to God’s call!

Mid-Winter Convocation draws more than 600 church leaders to campus

College juniors and seniors get a sneak peek at seminary during the annual A Day in the Life event

At the 139th Commencement ceremony, 159 students were sent out into the world, ready to share the good news of the gospel

Dr. Nalini Arles, professor, United Theological College, Bangalore, India, the 2009 Schiott Visiting Professor, arrives on campus, staying through May

The Luther Seminary community joined in celebration during the Spring Fling

The 22x24-foot He Qi “Women of Philanthropy” quilt is prominently displayed on campus

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Paul, ’55, and Donna Roe support current and future students

When Our Savior’s Lutheran in Menomonie, Wis., wanted to honor its departing pastor, Paul Roe, for his years of service, he decided to pass the gift on. Roe suggested the establishment of the Paul A. Roe Endowed Scholarship Fund at Luther. It started in 1987.

Paul graduated from Luther with no debt in 1955, when the church still covered the education costs of future pastors. Later, Paul learned that the situation for students had drastically changed. “I was made aware of the large debt incurred by students, and they’re going into a profession where the potential salaries are not that great,” says Paul.

In addition to supporting the sustaining fund each year, Paul and his wife, Donna, have set up four charitable gift annuities to grow the scholarship, so it will increase substantially in the future.

“We have a desire to support the integrity of Luther Seminary and the quality of its students,” says Donna.

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Paul and Donna Roe stand outside their church, Bethlehem Lutheran, in Minneapolis.
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