January 2022

Dear Friends,

Do you know what's going to happen in the new year? Some people think they do. There are always some famous people who predict the future. Most the time they're wrong but people find the predictions entertaining so they continue to be published. I won't even pretend that I know the future, so I won't make any predictions. Still I do know one thing; God will continue to be with us and be faithful to His promises even as Moses said:

Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations. 2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God. (Psalm 90:1-2 KJV)

What a marvelous assurance it is to know that God has always been with us and even more to know that God has become one of us through His Son Jesus. Now we may rest in His peace knowing that He constantly keeps watch over us. In our lives we all have times that we count as good and some that we count as bad, yet we experience all these times under the watchful eye of our God. It is this knowledge that lets us rejoice in the good times and to bear with the bad times realizing that our God is always at work for our good. The seminary has experienced both good and bad times as well but, in every situation, God has shown Himself faithful in sustaining us and keeping us on the course He wishes us to run. There are times when we have many students and times when we have few, times we have sufficient funding and times when we lack for funds. Still God does not change and His steadfastness never wavers. Isaac Watts recognized this when he penned his wonderful hymn based on Psalm 90:

Our God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come, Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home.

Thanks be to God for His kindness toward us visited upon us so gently through Jesus Christ. Thank you for your support in supplying our needs to continue to operate for another year. Please continue to remember us in your giving. May all the blessings of the new year be freely bestowed upon you and yours. Happy New Year!

God's Peace,

Jay Weidner



In memory of Harold & Shirley Myrmel From Kevin Myrmel

In memory of Ray & Bernice Mattinen
From Dale & Joanne Mattinen

**In memory of Dr. Al Saari** From Janis Saari

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## SPRING CLASSES BEGINNING SOON

| 2022<br>SPRING<br>SEMESTER | Monday       | Tuesday    | Wednesday    | <u>Thursday</u> | <u>Friday</u>  |
|----------------------------|--------------|------------|--------------|-----------------|----------------|
| (Begins Jan 17)            |              |            |              |                 |                |
| 8:30a.m.                   | Chapel       | Chapel     | Chapel       | Chapel          | Chapel         |
|                            | History of   |            | History of   |                 | History of the |
| 9:00 -                     | the Medieval | Isaiah     | the Medieval | Isaiah          | Medieval       |
| 9:50a.m.                   | Church       |            | Church       |                 | Church         |
|                            | Lutheran     |            | Lutheran     |                 | Lutheran       |
| 10:00 -                    | Confessions  | Evangelism | Confessions  | Evangelism      | Confessions    |
| 10:50a.m.                  |              |            |              |                 |                |
|                            | Science &    |            | Science &    |                 | New Testament  |
| 11:00 -                    | Christianity |            | Christianity |                 | Greek Readings |
| 11:50a.m.                  |              |            |              |                 |                |
| 7:00 -                     | Gospel of    |            |              |                 |                |
| 8:40p.m.                   | John         |            |              |                 |                |

**History of the Medieval Church (3 credits):** A historical analysis of the Church of the Middle Ages and the Reformation Era.

**Isaiah** (2 credits): An exegetical study of the book of Isaiah, theories of its development and its impact upon the New Testament.

**Lutheran Confessions (3 credits):** An in-depth look at the three ecumenical creeds and the documents that make up the Book of Concord.

**Evangelism (2 credits):** A study of the principles and methods for Christian outreach in one's own church and community, including home visitation.

Science & Christianity (2 credits): A study of the relationships and differences in the methodology and epistemology of modern science and the Christian Faith.

**New Testament Greek Readings (1 credit):** A course designed to apply the principles learned in New Testament Greek and facilitate the mastery of the language of the New Testament through reading selected portions of its text. (New Testament Greek prerequisite)

**Gospel of John (2 credits):** An exegetical study of the text of the Fourth Gospel emphasizing its structure and composition.

If you are interested in enrolling in any of the classes listed above, please contact the seminary at 906-482-3337 or email <u>cilseminary@ilseminary.com</u>