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What Are We Up To? Systematic Theologians at Work

The 59th Annual Mid-Winter Convocation

The six lecturers for the 59th annual Mid-Winter Convocation are all members of Luther Seminary's own faculty in systematic theology. Together they have served as Luther Seminary faculty for 151 years.

Each of the six is addressing one aspect of the theme: "What Are We Up To? Systematic Theologians at Work."

James Burtness leads off on Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 8, with "Asking the Core Question." **Patrick Keifert** opens the next day with "The Once and Future Seminary: Equipping the Faithful after Christendom," and **Lee Snook**, professor, follows with "Power and Spirit: God in the World and in the Church."

Paul Sponheim steps to the podium after lunch to talk about "Transforming Knowledge: Immigrant Interruption."

Mary Knutsen starts off Friday morning with "God on the Loose: Theology for a Post-Constantinian Age," and **Gerhard Forde** sends everyone home with "The End of Theology."

In his annual address to the convocation, Luther Seminary President **David L. Tiede** is speaking on "Repentance and Faith for the Journey," a Bible study of Luke 10:1-24 at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 9.

About the Speakers

James H. Burtness

James Burtness joined the Luther Seminary faculty as an instructor in 1955 and was named professor in 1972. His primary work is in the field of Christian ethics. He has been editor of both *Word & World* and *dialog, a Journal of Theology* and has chaired the Aus Memorial lectures committee.

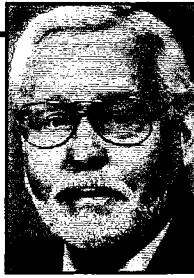
A graduate of Luther Seminary in the class of '53, Burtness earned the Th.D. degree from Princeton Seminary in 1958.

His books include: *Shaping the Future: The Ethics of Dietrich Bonhoeffer* (1984); *Whatever You Do* (1967); *The New Community in Christ* (edited with John Kildahl) and *All Things Are Yours* (1962). His published translations include *Psalms: The Prayerbook of the Bible* by Bonhoeffer.



Gerhard O. Forde

Gerhard Forde became a member of the Luther Seminary faculty as a lecturer in church history in 1959-61. After moving to Luther College in Decorah, Iowa, as assistant professor of religion in 1961-63, he returned to the seminary as instructor in 1964 and was promoted to professor ten years later.



A graduate of Luther Seminary in the class of '55, he earned the Th.D. degree from Harvard Divinity School in 1967 and has studied at Tübingen University in Germany, and was a Lutheran tutor at Mansfield College at Oxford University in England.

His books include: *Theology Is for Proclamation* (1990); *Where God Meets Man* (1972); *The Law Gospel Debate* (1969); "Forensic Justification and Law in Lutheran Theology," *Justification by Faith, Lutherans and Catholics in Dialogue VI* (1985); "When the Old Gods Fail," *Piety, Politics, and Ethics, Reformation Studies in Honor of George Wolfgang Forell* (1984); "The Work of Christ" and "Christian Life," *Christian Dogmatics* (1984); and *Justification by Faith: A Matter of Death and Life* (1982).

Patrick R. Keifert

Patrick Keifert was named an instructor at Luther Seminary in 1980 and promoted to professor in 1996. He has been an adjunct professor at the School of Law, Hamline University, St. Paul, since 1984. His teaching experience began at Christ Seminary-Seminex where he was a teaching assistant in 1976-77 and instructor in the summer of 1980.



Keifert is president and director of research of Church Innovations Institute, a non-profit organization dedicated to discovering tools for congregational renewal.

He received the Ph.D. degree from the University of Chicago Divinity School in 1982 and has done additional

study at the University of Heidelberg and the University of Tübingen in Germany.

His books include: *Welcoming the Stranger: A Public Theology of Worship and Evangelism* (1992); *Worship and Evangelism: A Pastoral Handbook* (1990); and *People Together*, a set of small group ministry manuals (1994).

Mary M. Knutsen

Mary Knutsen came to Luther Seminary as an associate professor in 1981 following two years on the faculty of Lutheran Theological Seminary in Gettysburg and four years teaching at Phillips Graduate Seminary, Enid and Tulsa, Okla.



She is a Ph.D. degree candidate at the University of Chicago Divinity School.

Her book, *Faith and Feminism: The Challenge and Promise of Christian Feminist Theologies*, is forthcoming. She also wrote "Religion and Aging: A Christian Feminist Theological View," a chapter in *Handbook on Aging, Spirituality and Religion*.

Lee E. Snook

Lee Snook was named to the Luther Seminary faculty in 1970 and became a professor in 1977. He has taught twice in Zimbabwe.

He holds the S.T.M. and Ph.D. degrees from Union Theological Seminary in New York (1967 and 1970).

Snook's books include: *The Anonymous Christ: Jesus as Savior in Modern Theology* (1986); *The Church Emerging*

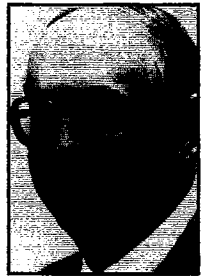
(edited by John Reumann, 1977); *O God ... Pay Attention: A Journal for Lent* (1970); and *Renewal in the Pulpit* (edited by Edward Steimle, 1966).

Paul R. Sponheim

Paul Sponheim came to Luther Seminary as a visiting lecturer in 1964, 1966 and 1969. He was named professor in 1974 and served from 1974 to 1976 as dean of academic affairs.

He had been professor and chair of the department of religion at Concordia College, Moorhead, Minn., and also taught at Luther Seminary in Gettysburg and at the University of Chicago.

After graduation from Luther Seminary in 1957, he earned the Ph.D. degree from the University of Chicago in 1961 and has also studied at the University of Copenhagen, Denmark, the Claremont School of Theology in California, and Cambridge University in England.



His books are: *Faith and the Other: A Relational Theology*

(1993); *Lutherans and the Challenge of Religious Pluralism* (co-author, 1990); *Suffering and Redemption: Exploring Christian Witness within a Buddhist Context* (co-author, 1988); *A Primer on Christian Prayer* (co-author, editor, 1988); *God: Question and Quest* (1985); *Christian Dogmatics* (co-author, 1984); *Faith and Process* (1979); *The Future of Empirical Theology* (co-author, 1969); *Kierkegaard on Christ and Christian Coherence* (1986); and *Contemporary Forms of Faith* (1967).

David L. Tiede

David Tiede was named president of Luther Seminary in 1987 after serving on the faculty in the New Testament department for 16 years.

His teaching career began in 1967 when he was a summer instructor in Greek at Harvard Divinity School. He became a teaching fellow in New Testament at Harvard University in 1969 and was a part-time instructor in religion at Northeastern University in 1970. He was assistant professor of religion at Scripps College and assistant professor of New Testament at Claremont Graduate School in 1970-71.

He received the B.D. degree from Luther Seminary in 1966 and earned the Ph.D. degree from Harvard University in 1971.

His nine books include: *Jesus and the Future* (1990); *Holy Week: Proclamation 4* (1989); *Luke: Augsburg Commentary on the New Testament* (1988); *Search Bible Studies, Units 1 and II, Acts* (1983); and *Prophecy and History in Luke-Acts* (1980).



Audio Tapes Available

Audio cassette tapes of only the primary convocation lectures are available for \$15.00 per set. Tapes of the entire convocation cost \$20.00 per set. If not already ordered with your registration form, either set must be paid for during the convocation at the registration table.

Parking

Special parking, with shuttle bus service to and from the center of campus, is available during convocation on the athletic field north of the Lutheran Social Service Center. Watch for signs on Como Ave.

Schedule

Wednesday, Jan. 8

1:00 p.m. OPENING WORSHIP / EUCHARIST

Preacher: **Marc Kolden**, academic dean, professor of systematic theology, "Jesus Christ and Him Crucified" *Chapel of the Incarnation*

2:15 p.m. Introducer: **David Tiede**, president

LECTURE: "Asking the Core Question," **James Burtness**, professor of systematic theology *Chapel of the Incarnation*

4:00-5:00 P.M. SEMINARS

James Burtness, Discussion of Lecture ("Asking the Core Question"), *Chapel of the Incarnation*

James Boyce, professor of New Testament, "He Opened Their Minds: Persuasion and Mission I" (Luke 24) *Bockman Hall Room 7*

Mark Hillmer, professor of Old Testament, "Christ in the Old Testament," *Northwestern Hall Room 230*

Patrick Keifert, professor of systematic theology, "Conflict and Character: Talking, Deciding, and Acting as Christian Community" *Gullixson Hall Room 104*

Mary Knutsen, associate professor of systematic theology, "God on the Loose: Biblical Studies for Adult and Confirmation Classes" *Northwestern Hall Room 231*

Lee Snook, professor of systematic theology, "Authority in the Church: Structure, Spirit, Scholar," *Northwestern Hall Auditorium*

Walter Sundberg, professor of church history, "The Reformation and the Christian Life," *Olson Campus Center, Faculty/Staff Board Room*

EVENING CLASS REUNION DINNERS

1951 - 45th Anniversary Class Reunion
6:00 p.m., *Augsburg College Dining Room*

1956 - 40th Anniversary Class Reunion
6:00 p.m., *Augsburg College Dining Room*

1961 - 35th Anniversary Class Reunion
6:15 p.m., *Olson Campus Center, Room to be Announced*

1966 - 30th Anniversary Class Reunion
6:15 p.m., *Olson Campus Center, Room to be Announced*

1971 - 25th Anniversary Class Reunion
6:15 p.m., *Olson Campus Center, Room to be Announced*

1976 - 20th Anniversary Class Reunion
6:00 p.m., *Lido Restaurant*

1981 - 15th Anniversary Class Reunion, **Tuesday, Jan. 7**,
6:00 p.m., *Olive Garden Restaurant, Roseville*

1986 - 10th Anniversary Class Reunion
5:00 p.m., *Olson Campus Center, Room to be Announced*

1991 - 5th Anniversary Class Reunion
5:00 p.m., *W.A. Frost Restaurant*

Thursday, Jan. 9

9:00 a.m. Introducer: **Marc Kolden**, academic dean
LECTURE: "The Once and Future Seminary: Equipping the Faithful after Christendom," **Patrick Keifert**, professor of systematic theology, *Chapel of the Incarnation*

10:00 a.m. CHAPEL: Preacher: **Lois Malcolm**, assistant professor of systematic theology, "The Word Becoming Flesh in Our Lives," *Chapel of the Incarnation*

10:30 a.m. BREAK

10:30 a.m. RECEPTION for **Olaf Storaasli**, professor emeritus of New Testament and donor of more than 100 Medieval manuscripts, *Library Reading Room*

11:00 a.m. Introducer: **David Tiede**, president
LECTURE: "Power and Spirit: God in the World and in the Church," **Lee Snook**, professor of systematic theology, *Chapel of the Incarnation*

12:00 noon LUNCH

The box lunch available from Luther Seminary Dining Services for \$5.00 includes a sandwich, chips, a dessert, fruit, and a beverage.

1:30 p.m. Introducer: **Lloyd Svendsbye**, president emeritus
LECTURE: "Transforming Knowledge: Immigrant Inter-uption," **Paul Sponheim**, professor of systematic theology, *Chapel of the Incarnation*

2:30 p.m. BREAK

3:00 p.m. Introducer: **Tom Jolivet**, major gifts consultant, Office of Seminary Relations
PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS: "Repentance and Faith for the Journey: A Bible Study of Luke 10:1-24," **David Tiede**, *Chapel of the Incarnation*

4:15 P.M. SEMINARS

James Boyce, professor of New Testament, "Who Was I to Hinder God?: Persuasion and Mission II" (Acts 10-11), *Bockman Hall Room 7*

James Burt, professor of systematic theology, "Consequences: Morality, Ethics, and Future," *Gullixson Hall Room 103*

Gerhard Forde, professor of systematic theology, Discussion of Lecture ("The End of Theology"), *Chapel of the Incarnation*

Mark Hillmer, professor of Old Testament, "Christ in the Old Testament," *Northwestern Hall Room 231*

Mary Knutsen, associate professor of systematic theology, "God on the Loose: Biblical Studies for Adult and Confirmation Classes" *Gullixson Hall Room 104*

Paul Sponheim, professor of systematic theology, "Transformation in Life and Thought" *Northwestern Hall Auditorium*

Walter Sundberg, professor of church history, "The Reformation and the Christian Life" *Olson Campus Center Faculty/Staff Board Room*

5:00 p.m. REHEARSAL, Luther Brass reunion ensemble *Chapel of the Incarnation*

6:30 p.m. BANQUET RECEPTION, Music by Luther Brass *Olson Campus Center Commons*

7:00 p.m. BANQUET

EMCEE: **Diane Jacobson**
associate professor of Old Testament

SPEAKER: **Michael Rogness**, professor of homiletics, "A Diary from the Parish"

Recognition of three
"Faithfulness in Ministry Cross" honorees

Election of new members to the
Luther Seminary Alumni/ae Council

Friday, Jan. 10

9:00 a.m. Introducer: **Marc Kolden**, academic dean
LECTURE: "God on the Loose: Theology for a Post-Constantinian Age," **Mary Knutsen**, associate professor of systematic theology, *Chapel of the Incarnation*

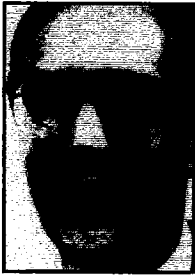
10:00 a.m. CHAPEL: Preacher: **Roland Miller**, visiting professor of missions
Special music by Reunion Luther Brass

10:30 a.m. BREAK

10:45 a.m. Introducer:

Lloyd Svendsbye, president emeritus
LECTURE: "The End of Theology,"
Gerhard Forde, professor of systematic theology, *Chapel of the Incarnation*

Noon Lunch with Faithfulness in Ministry Cross honorees, *Olson Campus Center Faculty/Staff Board Room* (Box lunch, \$5.00; reservations needed in advance; limited to 75)



Kolden



Malcolm



Miller

Worship Services and Seminars

Preachers for the convocation's three worship services are also all Luther Seminary faculty.

Marc Kolden, academic dean and professor of systematic theology, is delivering the sermon for the opening eucharist at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 8. Lois Malcolm, assistant professor of systematic theology, is preaching at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 9, and Roland Miller, visiting professor of missions, is the preacher for the 10:00 a.m. chapel service on Friday, Jan. 10.

Burtness, Förde, Keifert, Knutsen, and Sponheim are joined by James Boyce, professor of New Testament, Mark Hillmer, professor of Old Testament, and Walter Sundberg, professor of church history, for faculty seminars on either or both Wednesday and Thursday afternoons.

Titles and times for each seminar can be found in the day-by-day schedule. The seminars are traditionally conducted by faculty who returned in the fall from sabbatical leaves together with informal discussions with the major convocation speakers.

Convocation Procedures

Nametags indicating registration must be worn for admission to any of the convocation lectures and seminars.

Luther Seminary emeriti, faculty, and students are exempt from registration fees, but are still required to register as participants and wear their name tags for admission to events.

All participants are asked to return their name badge holders at the end of the convocation.

The seminary does not provide any housing for convocation participants, and all meals are "on-your-own."

The box lunch available from Luther Seminary Dining Services on Thursday, Jan. 9, costs \$5.00. It includes a sandwich, chips, a dessert, fruit, and a beverage.

Lunch with "Faithfulness in Ministry Cross" Recipients

A new event added to the program after the final lecture on Friday, Jan. 10, is an informal lunch with the three alumni recognized with the "Faithfulness in Ministry Cross" during the banquet the night before. The honorees will discuss their experiences in rural, urban, and specialized ministries.

The event in the Faculty/Staff Board Room upstairs in the Olson Campus Center is limited to 75 participants. A box lunch similar to Thursday's lunch is available for \$5.00.

Paid reservations for the "Faithfulness in Ministry" lunch must be made at the registration table by Thursday, Jan. 9.

The Banquet

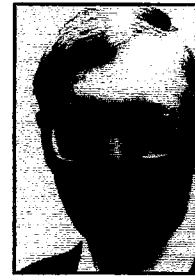
Following the "home grown" pattern developed for the presenters, the banquet at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 9, also features Luther Seminary faculty. The speaker is Michael Rogness, professor of homiletics, speaking on "A Diary from the Parish."

Emcee is Diane Jacobson, associate professor of Old Testament.

Three alumni are being recognized with the Faithfulness in Ministry Cross, an honor originated by the Luther Seminary Alumni/ae Association.

New members of the Alumni/ae Association Council will be elected during a brief business meeting.

Banquet tickets are \$12.50 per person, a charge not included in the registration fee. Banquet seating in the Luther Seminary Dining Room in the Olson Campus Center is limited to 250, and available tickets are limited to those turned back at the registration table during the convocation.



Rogness



Jacobson

Storaasli Reception

A unique gift of 106 Medieval manuscripts from Olaf K. Storaasli, '41, professor emeritus of New Testament, is being acknowledged during a special reception in the library reading room in Gullixson Hall during the beverage break following chapel on Thursday, Jan. 9.

The collection, to be housed in the Rare Book Room, includes leaves from "The Book of the Hours," Missals, Antiphonaria, and related publications, mostly from the 14th and 15th centuries.

Storaasli became intrigued by these preprinting manuscripts when he was a graduate student at Princeton and Temple Universities and was guided and assisted by Raymond Albright of the Episcopal Divinity School in Philadelphia.

The intricate handwork on vellum, with considerable artistic ornamentation and illumination, is a rare phenomenon of the preprinting days, according to Storaasli. The manuscripts will be on display in the Rare Book Room on the third floor of Gullixson Hall throughout the convocation.

Luther Brass Reunion

Current and former members of the Luther Brass will put their horns together for a reunion during the Mid-Winter Convocation.

The group will perform twice: once during the reception preceding the banquet on Thursday night, and again during the chapel service on Friday morning. Rehearsal is at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 9, in Chapel of the Incarnation.

Bookstore

Convocation participants are encouraged to better acquaint themselves with the Luther Seminary Bookstore and its services.

Many of the books written by Luther Seminary faculty who are convocation lecturers will be available for purchase from a special display.

The bookstore is located downstairs under the dining room in the Olson Campus Center. The stairway is located near the dining services entrance, and an elevator can be found behind the dining services complex.

Art Exhibit

All participants in the Mid-Winter Convocation are encouraged to view the art of Robyn Sand Anderson on exhibit in the Faculty/Staff Board Room, upstairs in the Olson Campus Center. Since the exhibit space also is being used for a variety of events during the convocation (it is the overflow space with video monitors for lectures and worship in the chapel) please respect the rights of others who might be using the room when you view the art.

Sand Anderson has combined her interests in theology and art to create works that "invite viewers to think about their faith, their relationship to each other and to God." Her paintings and sketches in watercolor, pencils and pen and ink include florals, landscapes and biblical themes.

A native of Decorah, Iowa, she graduated from Luther College with a bachelor's degree in fine arts. A freelance artist for the past 13 years, her artwork has been shown in Texas and Minnesota.

Vendors

Participants are encouraged to visit the tables of vendors with displays in the narthex of Chapel of the Incarnation. They are:

- Adorn This House (liturgical weavings)
- Augsburg Fortress
- Church World Service
- Handweaving for the Church
- Lutheran Bible Institutes
- Mount Carmel Ministries
- *The Rose*
- *Word & World*
- Youth Encounter

Refund Policy

If a pre-registered participant is unable to attend Mid-Winter Convocation because of a pastoral or family emergency, a full refund is granted if notice is given by the first day of the convocation. No refunds are given for absences caused by inclement weather.

If a pre-registered participant is called away because of an emergency during convocation (Jan. 8-10), a \$30.00 refund is made. Those who register at convocation, and are called away because of an emergency, can receive a \$25.00 refund.

No refunds are available for part-time registrants.

Requests for refunds must be made by contacting the office of seminary relations (612 641-3419) before the

convocation, or someone at the registration desk while the convocation is in progress. No requests for refunds are accepted after the convocation.

In Appreciation

Volunteers who are serving as guides, hostesses and hosts are Luther Seminary students and members of the Luther Seminary Friends.

Friends is a group of members and congregational representatives who are liaisons between the seminary and congregations in the larger Twin Cities area.

Sponsorship

Luther Seminary is grateful for a substantial grant from Aid Association for Lutherans in Appleton, Wis., in support of the 1997 Mid-Winter Convocation.

1998 Mid-Winter Convocation

The 1998 Mid-Winter Convocation on Jan. 7-9 will focus on "Pastoral Care in Historical Perspective."

Speakers will be **James M. Kittelson**, professor of history at Ohio State University, and **Thomas Oden**, Henry Anson Buttz Professor of Theology at Drew University.

Supplementary Events

Two separate events follow immediately after the Mid-Winter Convocation. Both will be in the Olson Campus Center.

Rose Conference

The 1997 Rose Conference on Friday afternoon, Jan. 10, features Harry Wendt, Crossways Bible Ministries, on Bible Study, and Dave Luecke, Fellowship Ministries, on "Worship Models." The conference begins at 1:00 and ends at 8:30. Registration is \$15.00.

Fellowship Ministries Conference

Speakers for the Fellowship Ministries Conference on "Ministry Models" on Saturday, Jan. 11, are David Anderson, Gary Lohmeyer, and Cindy Warnier, all from Fellowship Ministries. The conference begins at 8:00 a.m. and ends at 5:00 p.m.

Registration is \$45.00 for the first person from a congregation.

Coming Events

- Jan. 27** Bread for the World Concert
"An evening of Piano Music – and Songs About Lutherans" presented by Charles "Jake" Dyrhaug, '93, pastor of Grace Lutheran Church in Brandon, Minn. Freewill offering for Bread for the World. 7:00 p.m., *Chapel of the Incarnation*
- Feb. 25-26** Hein/Fry Lectures
"Ecumenical Decisions '97: Implications for Teaching Witness and Outreach." The lecturer is **Michael Root**, director and research professor at the Institute for Ecumenical Research in Strasbourg, France. Free and open to the public. *Chapel of the Incarnation*
- March 25** Word & World Lecture
Paul Martinson, professor of Christian Mission and World Religions, 10:00 a.m., *Chapel of the Incarnation*
- April 2-29** Art Exhibit
The work of contemporary Chinese artist He Qi is on exhibit. *Olson Campus Center*. Opening reception, April 2. He Qi will be an artist-in-residence at Luther Seminary throughout the month of April.
- April 5** 13th Annual Lutheran Mission Conference, *Olson Campus Center*
- April 13** Music With a Mission
Benefit concert for the Global Mission Institute, *Chapel of the Incarnation*
- April 15-16** Aus Memorial Lectures
H. George Anderson, Presiding Bishop, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Chapel of the Incarnation
- April 18** Global Mission Institute Annual Banquet, *Olson Campus Center Dining Room*
- May 7** 50th Anniversary Class Reunion, *Olson Campus Center*
- May 7** Heritage Society Appreciation Banquet, *Olson Campus Center Dining Room*
- May 25** Commencement, 3:00 p.m., *Central Lutheran Church, Minneapolis*
- May 27-31** Second National Student Conference on Islam
"Muslims and Christians: Friendship and Faith" is the theme for the conference for college, university or seminary students. For more information: Phone – (612) 641-3487; FAX – (612) 641-3498; e-mail: gmi@luthersem.edu
- Sept. 8-12** "First Week" for entering students
- Sept. 14-20** Elderhostel
Luther Seminary's first Elderhostel, a study opportunity for persons over 60. For more information, contact Bob Palmer, a volunteer in the office of seminary relations, (612) 641-3448 or 1-888-3LUTHER, or e-mail: wdebner@luthersem.edu
- Sept. 17** Fall Quarter classes begin
- Jan. 7-9** 1998 Mid-Winter Convocation



**The
Mid-Winter Convocation
Banquet**

7:00 p.m., Thursday, January 9, 1997
Olson Campus Center Dining Room

Alumni/ae Council

The following persons have been nominated for three-year terms on the Luther Seminary Alumni/ae Council:

- Marci Behrens, '90** (incumbent)
Associate in Ministry, Englewood, Colo.
- Roger Bruns, '79** (incumbent)
Pastor, Richmond, Va.
- John Folkerds, '71**
Pastor, Buffalo, Minn.
- Wendell Frerichs, '51**
Professor Emeritus, Luther Seminary
- Robert N. Pearson, '85**
Retired, Bloomington, Minn.
- Laurie Skow-Anderson, '86**
Pastor, St. Cloud, Minn.

Retiring members of the Alumni/ae Council are:

- Rolf Aaseng, '50**
Retired, St. Louis Park, Minn.
- Lori J. Bonkoski, '85**
Pastor, Sumner, Wash.
- Michael L. Edwins, '68**
Pastor, Minneapolis, Minn.
- Clifford M. Johnson, '39**
Retired, Bloomington, Minn.

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- O. Craig Ause, '60**
Pastor, Slater, Iowa
- Mary Brown, '91**
Pastor, Minneapolis, Minn.
- Paul K. Johnson, '57**
Businessman, Denver, Colo.
- L. DeAne Lagerquist, '80**
Professor, St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minn.
- Robert Sorenson, '56**
Retired, Grand Marais, Minn.
- Craig Wolfgram, '86**
Pastor, Shawano, Wis.

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- Beth Gaede, '79**
Pastor and Freelance Editor and Writer, Minneapolis
- Harold Hoekstra, '70**
Pastor, Dearborn Heights, Mich.
- Rolf Jacobson, '91**
Student, Princeton Seminary
- Roger S. Johnson, '58**
Chaplain, Phoenix, Ariz.
- Marilyn Preus, '83**
Freelancer, Published Author, Fridley, Minn.
- Susan Tjornehoj, '83**
Assistant to the Bishop, Saint Paul Area Synod

The Program

Emcee

Diane Jacobson
Associate Professor of Old Testament

The Invocation

The Banquet

Mixed Garden Greens with
Mandarin Oranges and Poppysseed Dressing
Stuffed Chicken Breast
Whipped Sweet Potatoes
Nuttled Wild Rice
Buttered Peas
Hearty Whole Wheat Bread
Tiramisu
Coffee, tea, milk, iced water

Annual Meeting

Luther Seminary Alumni/ae Association

Harold Hoekstra, '70, *President*

Presentation:

Faithfulness in Ministry Cross Recipients

The Address

"A Diary from the Parish"
Michael Rogness, '60, *Professor of Homiletics*

Closing Remarks and Benediction

David L. Tiede, '66, *President*

Note that all three recipients of the Faithfulness in Ministry Cross will be guests of honor at lunch following the concluding Mid-Winter Convocation lecture tomorrow. Each of them will speak briefly about defining moments, guiding forces and high points (and maybe instructive low points) in their ministries and then respond to questions from participants. The luncheon in the Faculty/Staff Board Room on the upper level in the Olson Campus Center is limited to the first 75 who reserved a box lunch today.

The Faithfulness in Ministry Cross

The Faithfulness in Ministry Cross was established in 1991 by the Luther Seminary Alumni/ae Council to "identify, recognize, celebrate, and give thanks for alums, both clergy and lay, who have lived lives of faithfulness in ministry."

The recognition is a miniature of the large Celtic cross shipped from Norway and placed in front of the entrance of Bockman Hall in 1956. A gift from the Young People's Society of Nordfjord, Norway, the cross is a replica of what is thought to be the first Christian symbol in Scandinavia, dating from 1000 A.D.

The cross is placed in a specially designed, enclosed cherry wood shadow box with an appropriate inscription inside the right door. The cross as it stands in front of Bockman Hall is pictured on the program cover.

The three persons honored at the banquet tonight are the fifth group to receive the annual recognition which is limited to no more than one alumn in each of three categories: parish ministry: urban/suburban; parish ministry: rural/small town; specialized ministry (including education).

Alums recognized with the Faithfulness in Ministry Cross in the past are: **Arthur Bagaason**, '51, **Bernt M. Hofrenning**, '13, and **Norbert Mokros**, '64, in 1992; **Leroy J. Iseminger**, '59, and **Fred J. Wolff**, '52, in 1993; **Paul A. Hanson**, '50, and **Morris M. Johnson**, '55, in 1994; **Robert L. Anderson**, '52, **Barbara Andrews**, '69, and **George Thompson**, '53, in 1995; and **Harris A. Hostager**, '60, and **Roger W. Peterson**, '60, in 1996.

Candidates for the Faithfulness in Ministry Cross must: be alums of Luther Seminary or its antecedent schools; have demonstrated exemplary faithfulness and service in ministry; and be nominated by fellow alums or other colleagues. No member of the Luther Seminary faculty or staff is eligible for the recognition. The selection committee has generally chosen candidates who have served faithfully throughout a long career in ministry.

Tonight's honorees are being recognized for their faithfulness in rural, urban and specialized ministries.

The Alumni/ae Council welcomes nominations of candidates for the Faithfulness in Ministry Cross any time. Note that a nomination form is in your convocation packet. Mail nominations to the office of public relations at Luther Seminary. The cut-off date for nominations to be considered by next year's selection committee is Aug. 15, although files of candidates are built up throughout the year.

The selection committee consists of two members of the Luther Seminary faculty, four members of the Alumni/ae Council, and one member of the Luther Seminary staff.

The Faithfulness in Ministry Cross Recipients, 1996-97



Rolf Aaseng, '50

Specialized Ministry

Writer, editor, missionary, author, interpreter of the life of the church are all designations marking the ministry of Rolf Aaseng. He also served as a parish pastor.

He was publicity director for the Evangelical Lutheran Church the year he graduated from Luther Seminary. He then served a two-point parish in Park Rapids and Dorset, Minn., before becoming editor of *Lutheran Teacher*. From that post he moved to the position of associate editor of *The Lutheran Standard* and then became curriculum editor at Augsburg Publishing House.

Then, responding to a call to a completely different specialization, he became teacher and acting rector of Lutheran Theological Seminary in Uppumulo, South Africa. During his eight years in South Africa, his wife Viola also contributed a special ministry by building up the seminary's library.

Through all of those ministries, Pastor Aaseng also wrote 12 books, and he and Viola raised five children. In the time left over, he wrote several curricular items and uncounted articles published in *The Lutheran Standard*, *Christian Herald*, *Christianity Today*, *Lutheran Partners*, *National Lutheran*, *New Christian Advocate*, *Metro Lutheran*, and *World Encounter*.

His faithfulness flows over in service as a member of Westwood Lutheran Church in St. Louis Park, Minn., where, with the blessings of his pastor, he started a cell Bible study program 30 years ago. He wrote all the studies and taught all the leaders. At its peak, 55 cells of eight people each were active. It is still the primary adult Bible study program in the congregation.

Alvin J. Bergh, '89



Urban/Suburban Ministry

The ministry of Alvin Bergh is marked by the day-to-day hopefulness he brings to people who live with many hardships and lots of disappointments.

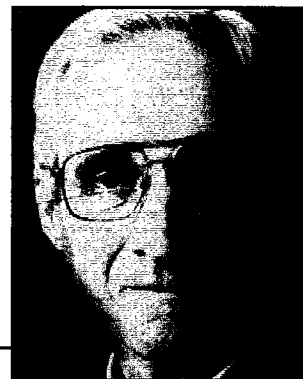
He has served as executive director of Lutheran Family Mission, a social service agency ministering to children and families in Westside Chicago, since 1980. Under Pastor Bergh's leadership and vision, Lutheran Family Mission has grown from an annual budget of \$100,000 to more than \$3.6 million.

A year ago, Lutheran Family Mission delivered educational, child care and social services to more than 5,000 children and 3,500 family units. It distributed food to 2,200 individuals, employed and trained 25 youth, and gave technical assistance to 23 community-based churches and other organizations. Lutheran Family Mission created 50 full-time positions and five part-time positions – 90 percent of which were filled by community residents – as well as 25 summer jobs.

Lutheran Family Mission provided specialized home care for nearly 200 HIV-positive and other high-risk infants and toddlers, and home day care through 116 trained and licensed providers while training nearly 100 new home care providers. The day care training sponsored by the mission has enabled many women in the inner city to become self-supporting. In 1994, more than 1,200 children were in day care provided by people trained by the mission.

Lutheran Family Mission releases the power of people through their churches and other institutions to put their values into action, meet the challenges the community faces and have a positive impact on its future.

James H. Hanson, '54



Small Town/Rural Ministry

When James Hanson comes to serve a congregation in a rural community, watch out. Old patterns are going to change, and things will never be the same.

James Hanson is described as "one who has bloomed wherever he has been planted in ministry and encourages others to bloom with him in service to Christ."

In three parishes in Montana he began the Rocky Mountain Lay School of Theology, responded to needs of Native Americans, helped people suffering alcoholism, led a congregation to financial recovery, helped build Dawson County Junior College and was instrumental in establishing a 19-county program of regional mental health centers.

In Minnesota, Pastor Hanson initiated one of the first parish nurse programs and established the Glenmore Foundation for the treatment of people suffering dependence on alcohol and drugs.

When called to Texas, he was instrumental in the outreach of Hospice into rural communities, originated annual ecumenical Rural Minister's Retreats, Rural Church Leadership Conferences for laity and clergy, and Rural Church Round-Ups at the Synod Assembly for the encouragement and recognition of the difficulties of rural Christian leadership.

He has helped develop programs for the mental and spiritual health of farm families in crisis and has been active in the Great Plains Coalition of Rural and Small Town Churches since its inception, encouraging ecumenical and community cooperation.

He has also encouraged more than a dozen men and women to enter the Lutheran ministry. Ten are graduates of Luther Seminary.