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THE
ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY-FIRST
COMMENCEMENT



3:00 P.M., SUNDAY, MAY 30, 2010
CENTRAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

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Master of Divinity Degree Candidate

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Andrew Behrendt

Master of Divinity Degree Candidate

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Professor, New Testament

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Paul Cannon

Master of Divinity Middler

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Randy Winsand

Master of Divinity Junior

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Rolf Jacobson

Associate Professor, Old Testament

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Jane Lien

Associate Cantor, Central Lutheran Church

A WORD OF WELCOME

Luther Seminary is pleased to welcome you to its 141st commencement ceremonies. Receiving their degrees today are your next pastors, congregational and community leaders, and theologians of the Church.

The senior responder during today's service was elected by the senior class. Marshals were chosen by the Office of the Registrar.

Some of the graduates will also receive awards for academic excellence. These are listed on page 13.

Graduates, family and friends are invited to an informal reception in the Fellowship Hall following the service.

THE COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER



Diane Jacobson came to the Luther Seminary faculty as an assistant professor in 1982, and was promoted to associate professor in 1990. In 1999, she became professor of Old Testament. She was chair of the biblical division from 1993-1996. She served as associate dean of the Master of Arts and Master of Sacred Music programs from 1997-2006. She currently serves as director of the Book of Faith Initiative for the ELCA.

Dr. Jacobson was an instructor in biblical studies at New York Theological Seminary from 1980-1982 following work at Union Theological Seminary, New York, as a tutor in Old Testament and Hebrew (1976-1979).

Jacobson is a Phi Beta Kappa magna cum laude graduate of Connecticut College, New London (1970). She earned an M.A. degree from Columbia University/Union Theological Seminary in 1975. She holds Master of Philosophy and Doctor of Philosophy degrees from Union (1982 and 1990).

She is a member of the Society of Biblical Literature and has been an associate in ministry (previously a certified lay professional) of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) since 1985.

Jacobson is a frequent speaker throughout the Church. She co-authored "Opening the Book of Faith: Lutheran Insights for Bible Study" (Augsburg Fortress, 2008) and "A Beginner's Guide to the Books of the Bible" (Augsburg Fortress, 1991) and has written numerous articles on such topics as wisdom, creation and psalms. In addition, she has written "You are Sanctified in Christ, Called to Be Saints" as a part of "In Christ—Called to Witness" Bible studies for the Lutheran World Federation Ninth Assembly in Hong Kong (1997). Dr. Jacobson wrote the 1997 Lutheran Woman Today Bible study, "From Slavery to Service: A Study of Exodus."

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

THE PRELUDE

"La Rejouissance"

George Frideric Handel
arr. S. Drummond Wolff

WELCOME FROM CENTRAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Foy Christopherson, *Associate Pastor for Worship and the Arts*

The congregation shall stand.

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"All Creatures, Worship God Most High!"

ELW #835

1. All creatures, worship God most high!
Sound ev'ry voice in earth and sky: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Sing, brother sun, in splendor bright;
sing, sister moon and stars of night:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
2. Sing, brother wind; with clouds and rain
you grow the gifts of fruit and grain: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Dear sister water, useful, clear,
make music for your Lord to hear:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
3. Sing, brother fire, so mirthful, strong,
drive far the shadows, join the throng: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Dear mother earth, so rich in care,
praise God in colors bright and rare:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

WOMEN (*All join at final "Alleluias"*)

4. All who for love of God forgive,
all who in pain and sorrow grieve: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Christ bears your burdens and your fears;
still make your song amid the tears:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

MEN (*All join at final "Alleluias"*)

5. And you, most gentle sister death,
waiting to hush our final breath: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom,
fair is the night that leads us home.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

ALL

6. O sisters, brothers, take your part,
and worship God with humble heart: Alleluia! Alleluia!
All creatures, bless the Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit, Three in One:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

LITANY

- A: Great is our Lord and mighty in power;
C: there is no limit to God's wisdom.
A: We give you thanks, O God, we give you thanks,
**C: calling upon your name
and declaring all your wonderful deeds.**
A: We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord,
C: and the wonderful works God has done.
A: Those who know your name, O Lord,
will put their trust in you.
C: O Lord, watch over us.
A: You never forsake those who seek you, O Lord.
C: O Lord, watch over us.
A: Sing praises to the Lord;
Proclaim to the peoples the things God has done.
C: O Lord, watch over us.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.
P: Let us pray.
God of heaven and earth, before the foundation of the universe
and the beginning of time you are the triune God: Author of
creation, eternal Word of salvation, life-giving Spirit of wisdom.
Guide us all to truth by your Spirit, that we may proclaim all that
Christ has revealed and rejoice in the glory he shares with us.
Glory and praise to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now
and forever.
C: Amen.

The congregation shall be seated.

FIRST READING

Genesis 18:1-15

(following the reading...)

- L: The word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Psalms 8

(following the reading...)

- L: The word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

THIRD READING

Romans 4:1-9; 15:7

(following the reading...)

- L: The word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

The congregation shall stand.

THE HYMN OF THE DAY

"Oh, Praise the Gracious Power"

ELW #651

ALL

1. Oh, praise the gracious pow'r
that tumbles walls of fear
and gathers in one house of faith
all strangers far and near:

Refrain

We praise you, Christ!
Your cross has made us one!

2. Oh, praise persistent truth
that opens fisted minds
and eases from their anxious clutch
the prejudice that blinds: *Refrain*

MEN (All sing refrain)

3. Oh, praise inclusive love,
encircling ev'ry race,
oblivious to gender, wealth,
to social rank or place: *Refrain*

GRADUATES (All sing refrain)

4. Oh, praise the word of faith
that claims us as God's own,
a living temple built on Christ,
our rock and cornerstone: *Refrain*

WOMEN (All sing refrain)

5. Oh, praise the tide of grace
that laps at ev'ry shore
with visions of a world at peace,
no longer bled by war: *Refrain*

ALL

6. Oh, praise the pow'r, the truth,
the love, the word, the tide.
Yet more than these, oh, praise their source,
praise Christ the crucified: *Refrain*
7. Oh, praise the living Christ
with faith's bright songful voice!
Announce the gospel to the world
and with these words rejoice: *Refrain*

*Out of respect for the graduates, please remain seated during the service,
refrain from using flash photography and
hold your applause until all names have been read.*

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GREETING

THE CONFERRING OF DEGREES

All candidates listed on pages 7-13.

PRESENTATION OF THE CLASS

Roland Martinson
Academic Dean

CONFERRING OF DEGREES

Richard Bliese
Cheryl Chatman
Treasurer, Board of Directors
Diane Doncits
Registrar
Arland Hultgren
Professor of New Testament

THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF AWARDS AND HONORS

Richard Bliese

Winners of the G.M. and Minnie Bruce Prize in New Testament; A.E. Hanson Prize in Homiletics; John Milton Prize in Old Testament; and The Children, Youth and Family Prize receive modest cash awards.

The Graduate Preaching Fellowship is given to an outstanding Master of Divinity degree graduate from the senior class. Descriptions are on page 14.

RESPONSE ON BEHALF OF THE GRADUATES

Andrew Behrendt
Master of Divinity Degree Candidate

THE CALL TO MISSION

The graduates shall stand.

L: There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; there are varieties of service but the same Lord; there are varieties of working, but it is the same God who inspires them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; between slave and free; between male and female; the same Lord is Lord of all and bestows his riches upon all who call upon him.

C: We are the Church, all kinds and conditions of people;
but we are one body of Christ and individually members
of one another.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

L: Graduating students, in the presence of God, we have met here to honor you for your perseverance, faithfulness, and diligence in study, and to present to the Church all of you who aspire to serve the Church of God in a variety of ministries. When he said, I have come not to be served, but to serve, Jesus defined the meaning of ministry. Luther Seminary sends you forth into this service with its love and blessing, and prays that you may be adequate to your task.

Graduates:

With faith in the Triune God, we commit ourselves to this ministry of service and mission. We pray that all our works, through God's gracious help, may be begun, continued, and ended in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The congregation shall stand.

THE PRAYERS

A: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

Following each petition...

A: Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

A: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen**

THE BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

Amen.

THE RECESSIONAL HYMN

"Lord, You Give the Great Commission"

ELW #579

1. Lord, you give the great commission:
"Heal the sick and preach the word."
Lest the church neglect its mission,
and the gospel go unheard,
help us witness to your purpose
with renewed integrity:

Refrain

With the Spirit's gifts empow'r us
for the work of ministry.

2. Lord, you call us to your service:
"In my name baptize and teach."
That the world may trust your promise,
life abundant meant for each,
give us all new fervor, draw us
closer in community: *Refrain*
3. Lord, you make the common holy:
"This my body, this my blood."
Let us all, for earth's true glory,
daily lift life heavenward,
asking that the world around us
share your children's liberty: *Refrain*
4. Lord, you show us love's true measure:
"Father, what they do, forgive."
Yet we hoard as private treasure
all that you so freely give.
May your care and mercy lead us
to a just society: *Refrain*
5. Lord, you bless with words assuring:
"I am with you to the end."
Faith and hope and love restoring,
may we serve as you intend
and, amid the cares that claim us,
hold in mind eternity: *Refrain*

THE POSTLUDE

"Praeludium in G Major"

J.S. Bach

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NEWLY TENURED FACULTY

LOIS FARAG

Lois Farag joined Luther Seminary in 2005 as assistant professor of early church history. Previously she served as adjunct faculty at Ecumenical Institute of Theology, St. Mary's Seminary and University, Baltimore, Md.; Trinity College, Washington, D.C.; and Loyola College, Baltimore, Md.

Farag received a Bachelor of Science degree from the American University in Cairo, Egypt, in 1977. She earned her Master of Divinity from Harvard Divinity School, Cambridge, Mass., in 1997 and her doctorate from the Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C., in 2003. She also was a research fellow at the Institute of Christian Oriental Research, Washington, D.C.

A nun of the Coptic Orthodox Church, Farag is a frequent lecturer. She authored "St. Cyril of Alexandria, A New Testament Exegete: His Commentary on the Gospel of John" (Gorgias Press, 2007). She contributed "Coptic Syriac Relations Beyond Dogmatic Rhetoric" to *Hugoye, Journal of Syriac Studies*.

She is a member of the North American Patristics Society, American Academy of Religion, Society of Biblical Literature, International Directory of Medievalists, the Models of Piety in Late Antiquity Group and the History of the World Christian Movement Group. She serves on the editorial board of the Coptic Encyclopedia.

ANDREW ROOT

Andrew Root joined Luther Seminary in 2005 as assistant professor of youth and family ministry. Previously he was an adjunct professor at Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, D.C.; and Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, N.J.

Root received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Bethel College, St. Paul, Minn., in 1997. He earned his Master of Divinity (2000) and his Master of Theology (2001) degrees from Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, Calif. He completed his doctoral degree from Princeton Theological Seminary in 2005.

Root's ministry experience includes being a gang prevention counselor in Los Angeles, youth outreach director in a congregation, staff member of Young Life and a confirmation teacher. He has also been a research fellow for Princeton Theological Seminary's Faith Practices Project.

Andrew Root is the author of "The Promise of Despair: The Way of the Cross as the Way of the Church" (Abingdon, 2010), "Children of Divorce: The Loss of Family as the Loss of Being" (Baker Academic, 2010), "Revisiting Relational Youth Ministry: From a Strategy of Influence to a Theology of Incarnation" (IVP, 2007) and "Relationships Unfiltered: Help for Youth Workers, Volunteers and Parents on Creating Authentic Relationships" (Zondervan/YS, 2009). He has worked in congregations, para-church ministries and social service programs.

PROMOTIONS

Lois Farag was promoted to associate professor of early church history.

Mary Hinkle Shore was promoted to professor of New Testament.

Alvin Luedke was promoted to professor of rural ministry.

Andrew Root was promoted to associate professor of youth and family ministry.

CANDIDATES FOR CERTIFICATES AND DEGREES

CERTIFICATE

The certificate programs are designed to equip lay leaders across denominational lines. This program provides a basic grounding in Christian theology and tradition, in addition to focusing on various aspects of ministry.

Esther L. Ashley

Chi-Shan Chow

Amber Brooke Hager

Fenecia Lynn Homan

Heidi A. Sells

Lindsay K. Thalacker

Our Redeemer Lutheran, Eau Claire, Wisconsin

MASTER OF ARTS

The Master of Arts degree serves to enrich a person's understanding of the Christian faith and its tradition, to prepare a person to serve in Christian communities and their mission in the world, and to provide the basic theological degree for further graduate study.

Festus Adeniyi Alomaja

The African Church of Nigeria, Lagos, Nigeria

St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, St. Paul, Minnesota

Ina Hanson Barton *

Lord of Life Lutheran, Maple Grove, Minnesota

Mandi Kay Berndt

Tracy Lutheran Church, Tracy, Minnesota

Stephanie K. Bliese

Central Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Sheryl LuAnn Rosenbaum Bousu

Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church, Eagan, Minnesota

Deborah Shannon Finch Brandt

St. Andrew Lutheran Church, Eden Prairie, Minnesota

Kathleen Hughes Brighton

Peace Lutheran, Belleville, Illinois

Paula Koch Canby

Trinity Lutheran, West Bend, Wisconsin

Faith/Santa Fe Lutheran, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Alicia Rae Ehlers

Rejoice Lutheran, Omaha, Nebraska

Cody Michael Eklov

New Life Lutheran, Norwalk, Iowa

Marcia Rae Evenson *

Augustana Lutheran, West St. Paul, Minnesota

Saint Andrew's Lutheran, Mahtomedi, Minnesota

Sabylund Lutheran, Lund, Wisconsin

Michael Owen Feltes

Good Sheperd Lutheran Church, Naperville, Illinois

Dennis Gerhard Gelinek

St. Johannes, Eppendorf, Hamburg, Germany

St. Timothy Lutheran Church, St. Paul, Minnesota

Emily ReLura Rogers Gilbertson

Algoma Boulevard United Methodist Church, Oshkosh, Wisconsin

St. Luke's United Methodist Church, Sheboygan, Wisconsin

Jane Elizabeth Harris *

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, Mason City, Iowa

Donna Elizabeth Johnson

Christ Church International, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Jennifer Ruth Johnson

Central Lutheran Church, Winona, Minnesota

Jeannine Patrice Joy

Trinity Lutheran Church, Vermillion, South Dakota

Custer Lutheran Fellowship, Custer, South Dakota

Noel Christine Kahl

Living Word Lutheran Church, Katy, Texas

Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Names of churches are the candidate's home and/or supporting congregations.

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** With distinction

✕ G. M. & Minnie Bruce Award in New Testament

† A.E. Hanson Prize in Homiletics

❖ John Milton Prize in Old Testament

* Graduate Preaching Fellowship

* The Children, Youth and Family Prize

Prize/Fellowship Description. See page 15.

CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

Deborah Rhee Kim

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Allentown, Pennsylvania

Elizabeth Anne Lynch

Barson Lahivelo Mahafaly

Malagasy Lutheran Church, Madagascar

Sarah R. McGuiness *

Grace-University Lutheran, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Trent Jivan Ostman

Alison Owen

Sara D. Parnell

Resurrection Lutheran Church, Monticello, Minnesota

Martin Isaac Patrick

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Justin Andrew Ridley

Hill Memorial UMC, Bradford, Pennsylvania

Joseph Jamah Roberts, Sr.

Providence Baptist Church, Monrovia, Liberia

Bethel Deleny Baptist Church, Suehn, Liberia

Shannon Savage-Howie

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Thousand Oaks, California

Nicholas James Schaser ✕ ✕

Westwood Community Church, Chanhassen, Minnesota

Clare Cheney Sedlacek

Redeemer Lutheran Church, Plymouth, Wisconsin

Mary E. Stoneback

St. Peter Lutheran Church, Mesa, Arizona

Kallie Elizabeth Stroh

Zion Lutheran, Anoka, Minnesota

Christ the King, Mankato, Minnesota

Amy Kristine Swenson *

Olivet Lutheran Church, Fargo, North Dakota

Jerry Wesley Watts

Preston Meadow Lutheran Church, Plano, Texas

Nicholas Edwin Weber

Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, Maple Valley, Washington

Stephanie Jeanne Wolfe

Peace Lutheran Church, Dresser, Wisconsin

First Lutheran Church, Fargo, North Dakota

Saint Paul Lutheran Church, Wyoming, Minnesota

MASTER OF SACRED MUSIC

The Master of Sacred Music degree is designed to educate church musicians theologically for service in the church as professional pastoral musicians.

Jeffrey Scott Anthony

Orangewood Presbyterian Church, Phoenix, Arizona

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Sean Murray Johnson

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HyeonJeong Lee

Joshua L. Lindgren *

Cross Lutheran Church, Maplewood, Minnesota

Messiah Lutheran Church, Lindsborg, Kansas

Falun Lutheran Church, Falun, Kansas

Ruth Ann Monson

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, Austin, Minnesota

Mark Andrew Stover

Walnut Creek Presbyterian Church, Walnut Creek, California

MASTER OF DIVINITY

The Master of Divinity degree provides a professional theological education for mission and ministry. This degree program prepares persons for ordained ministry in Christian communities.

Jacob Paul Anderson

St. John's Lutheran Church, Killdeer, North Dakota

Aimée Frye Appell †

Gift of Grace, Seattle, Washington

Nativity Lutheran, Renton, Washington

Christ Church Lutheran, Minneapolis, Minnesota

CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

Arianna Noelle Arends

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Spokane, Washington
Amazing Grace Lutheran Church, Spokane, Washington
Redeemer Lutheran Church, Fort Meyers, Florida

Seyward Charlotte Ask

First Lutheran Church, Morris, Minnesota

Andrew James Behrendt †

Peace Lutheran Church, Green Bay, Wisconsin

Nancy Kathryn Carlson *

Lord of Life Lutheran Church, Maple Grove, Minnesota

Benjamin Mark Cieslik

First English Lutheran Church, Appleton, Wisconsin
Mount Olivet Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota

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Holy Communion Lutheran Church, Racine, Wisconsin
Easter Lutheran Church, Eagan, Minnesota
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First Lutheran Church, Prophetstown, Illinois
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Trinity Lutheran Church, Mt. Morris, Illinois

Pauline M. Crowder

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Ross, North Dakota
St. Paul Lutheran Church, Garrison, North Dakota

Jill Davis *

Zion Lutheran, Buffalo, Minnesota
Salem English Lutheran, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Melanie Gibson Davis

Falcon Heights United Church of Christ, Falcon Heights, Minnesota

Dale R. Degner

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Hector, Minnesota

Justin Marcel Dittrich

Nativity Lutheran, St. Anthony, Minnesota
Our Saviour's Lutheran, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Mollie Dvorak *

Mt. Olivet Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Scott Charles Egbers

Redeemer Lutheran Church, Hooper, Nebraska
Elim Lutheran Church, Hooper, Nebraska

Mary Helen Eide

Our Savior's Lutheran, Menomonie, Wisconsin
St. John's Lutheran, Eau Claire, Wisconsin

Katherine E. Fick

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Wells, Minnesota

Elizabeth Arlene Flomo *

Christ Lutheran Church on Capitol Hill, St. Paul, Minnesota
Bethel Lutheran Church, Hudson, Wisconsin

Keely Morgan Franke

St. Mary's Episcopal Church, St. Paul, Minnesota
St. John the Evangelist Episcopal Church, St. Paul, Minnesota

Edith Melinda Gage

Trinity Lutheran Church, Logansport, Indiana
Custer Lutheran Fellowship, Custer, South Dakota

Samuel Barbay Gaye, Jr.

New Georgia United Methodist Church, Monrovia, Liberia
Brooklyn United Methodist Church, Brooklyn Center, Minnesota
Peace Lutheran Church, Lauderdale, Minnesota

Dean G. Grier

Hegland-Lysne-Solum Ministries, Hawley, Minnesota
First Lutheran, Fargo, North Dakota

Clifton Dale Hanson

Goodridge Lutheran Parish, Goodridge, Minnesota

Victor Benjamin Hanson

St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, St. Paul, Minnesota

Kyle Richard Hayes

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Woodstock, Georgia

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Aaron C. Hoffman

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, St. Paul, Minnesota

Michael Thomas Jacobson

St. James Lutheran Church, Hanford, California

Hatton Rural Parish, Hatton, North Dakota

Eastern North Dakota Synod, Fargo, North Dakota

David J. Johnson

Palmer/Suomi Lutheran Parish, Palmer, Michigan

Hannah Gerry Johnson

Christ Lutheran, Marine on St. Croix, Minnesota

Brian Thomas Julin-McCleary

Gift of Grace Lutheran, Seattle, Washington

First Presbyterian Church, Spirit Lake, Iowa

Paula Renee Lawhead

Lord of Love Lutheran Church, Omaha, Nebraska

Thanksgiving! Lutheran Church, Bellevue, Nebraska

Margaret Renee Lier

First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Longmont, Colorado

Matthew Andrew Maas *

Mercy Seat, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Christ Lutheran on Capitol Hill, St. Paul, Minnesota

St. James Lutheran, Crystal, Minnesota

Shannyn C. Magee

Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church, Racine, Wisconsin

Elliott Richard Charles Malm

Grace Lutheran Church, Hallock, Minnesota

Red River Lutheran Church, Kennedy, Minnesota

Amber Sue Marten *

First Lutheran Church, Brookings, South Dakota

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Torrance, California

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Iglesia Centro Cristiano de Minneapolis, Minneapolis, Minnesota

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Comunidad Cristiana Elim, Minneapolis, Minnesota

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Frieden's Lutheran Church, Lincoln, Nebraska

Sarah Louella Ruch

Frieden's Lutheran Church, Lincoln, Nebraska

John M. Sauter *

House of Prayer, Bismarck, North Dakota

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Kinsmen Lutheran Church, Houston, Texas

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Zion Lutheran Church, Caroline, Wisconsin

Donald Eugene Short

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, Bremerton, Washington

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Carol Ann Skjegstad

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Daniel Joseph Streeper *

St. Michael's Lutheran Church, Roseville, Minnesota

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Kristin Diane Swenson

Olivet Lutheran Church, Fargo, North Dakota

Scott B. Thalacker

South Canyon Lutheran Church, Rapid City, South Dakota

Hayti Lutheran Church, Hayti, South Dakota

New Hope Lutheran Church, Hayti, South Dakota

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Riverside Lutheran, Sioux City, Iowa

Gloria Dei Lutheran, Redwood Falls, Minnesota

Jennifer M. Thul

Riverside Lutheran Church, Sioux City, Iowa

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota

Bethany Lutheran Church, Spencer, Iowa

Matthew Johannsen Tingler

Hosanna Lutheran Church, Liberty, Missouri

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Joy Lutheran Church, Prescott, Wisconsin

Calvary Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Kathleen Ulland-Klinkner

Our Savior's Lutheran, New Ulm, Minnesota

Red Oak Grove Lutheran, Austin, Minnesota

Barbara J. VanDrasek

Central Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Brian Michael Ward

St. John Lutheran Church, Mapleton, Minnesota

Thomas Lawrence Welch *

Bethesda Lutheran Church, Eugene, Oregon

Craig Thomas Wexler

Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Jeremy Henry Winter

St. John Lutheran Church, Boyden, Iowa

Natasha Woitzel-Kolles

Lutheran Church of the Cross, West Fargo, North Dakota

Tim Wrenn

St. Mark's, Grand Forks, North Dakota

DOCTOR OF MINISTRY

The Doctor of Ministry is the most advanced professional degree for ordained persons in the parish or related ministries. The primary emphasis of this degree is theological learning and research in the context of the practice of ministry.

Stephanie Lutz Allen

Sunnyvale, California

"Pastor as Manager: Redeeming Management as a Missional Practice"

David K. Anderson

Eau Claire, Wisconsin

"Children with Disabilities in a Missional Community of Mutual Vulnerability"

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*** With distinction*

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† A.E. Hanson Prize in Homiletics

❖ John Milton Prize in Old Testament

** Graduate Preaching Fellowship*

** The Children, Youth and Family Prize*

Prize/Fellowship Description. See page 15.

CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

Jennifer Mary Bannerman

Mason, Ohio

"The New Exodus: Leaving the Egypt of our Past, Being Transformed by God's Sacred Wilderness Time, and Preparing for the Promised Land of God's Kingdom"

Christian Dominic Boyd

O'Fallon, Illinois

"Formed and Always Being Reformed as a Community Under the Cross: The Search for Missional Capacities within a 21st Century Presbytery"

Kurt M. Friederich

Richardson, Texas

"Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Persons Participating in Evangelical Lutheran Church in American Congregations: Hospitality with Insider Outcasts"

Patrick Lee Hall

Minneapolis, Minnesota

"Developing an Intentional Church Identity Strategy: A Model for Ministry"

Richard Lewis Larson

Stillwater, Minnesota

"Partnership: A Practice for Cultivating a Missional Awareness in the Worshipping Congregation"

Elizabeth Davis Miller

Lake Mills, Wisconsin

"Old Wine in New Wineskins: Reframing Moravian Customs as Missional Practices"

Kevin P. Mundell

Oshkosh, Wisconsin

"Missional Preaching in a Small Mid-western Mainline Church"

Dee Haugen Pederson *

St. Cloud, Minnesota

"A Missional Church Community of Many Cultures and Peoples"

John Charles Ragan

Ortonville, Minnesota

"New Life on the Prairie: A Study of the Attitudes, Beliefs, and Behavior Patterns of STaR Congregations in a STaR Synod in the ELCA"

Laurie Skow-Anderson

Pelican Rapids, Minnesota

"Pentecost on the Prairie: The Movement of the Holy Spirit Creating Multiracial Ministries in a Rural Community"

L. Sacia Vik

Kansas City, Missouri

"Vending Machines Don't Make Disciples: How an Understanding of the Redemptive Reign of God can Help Transform the Consumerist Mentality within the Church"

MASTER OF THEOLOGY

The Master of Theology is a research degree that provides continuing theological study through the discipline of academic excellence.

Norman Peter Belland

Prescott, Wisconsin

"Han: A Response to Suffering in Korean Theology"

Christopher Evangelos John Brenna

Rochester, Minnesota

"Sources and Theological Functions of the *descensus ad inferos* in the Early Christian Centuries"

Matthew James Cain

St. Paul, Minnesota

"Muslim Minorities in Light of the First Muslim Hijra from Mecca to Abyssinia"

Katya Elizabeth Ouchakof **

Madison, Wisconsin

"Reclaiming James: Locating James within the Collection of Christian Literature"

Katherine R. Reuer **

Minneapolis, Minnesota

"Healing the Broken Body of Christ: Torture, Brokenness and Ecclesiological Response, A Proposal Concerning the Restoration of Self and Community"

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

The Doctor of Philosophy is an advanced research degree designed to develop scholarly leadership for Christian churches and for work in the community of theological scholarship throughout the world.

Scott James Hagley **

St. Paul, Minnesota

"Sharing Witness Along the Way: Engaging the Lived Theology of an Urban Congregation in Evangelical, Public, and Missional Strands"

David Eric Hawkinson **

New Brighton, Minnesota

"Martin Buber's *I and Thou*, Pastoral Counseling and Reading the Biblical Text: A Proposal for an Integrated Model"

Faith Kokubelwa Lugazia

Tanzania

"Towards an African Inculturation of Biblical Pneumatology: A Response to the Rise of Neo-Pentecostalism in Tanzanian Christianity"

CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

Daniel K. Magnuson *Blaine, Minnesota*

"Postconservative Evangelical Theology in a Postmodern
Context: Three Proposals"

Sheila Strobel Smith *Lake Elmo, Minnesota*

"Complexities of Pastoral Change and Transition
in the Megachurches of the Baptist General Conference,
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and Presbyterian
Church (USA)"

Johannes Gerhardus Jacobus Swart ** *South Africa*

"A Local Christian Community's Missional Imagination:
Accessing, Cultivating, and Assessing Missional Discernment
in Civil Society"

Kenneth Nathaniel Young *Minneapolis, Minnesota*

"John Perkins in Conversation with Other Black Theologians:
Towards a Model for Deconstructing 'Racialization' and
Dismantling Racism in the Evangelical Church"

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AWARDS FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Each year several awards for excellence are given to students.
The awards given this year are:

THE JOHN MILTON PRIZE IN OLD TESTAMENT

is awarded to one or more students based on papers written by graduating Master of Divinity degree or Master of Arts degree students in the area of Old Testament.

A.E. HANSON PRIZE IN HOMILETICS

are awarded to graduating seniors based on homiletical skills.

THE G.M. AND MINNIE BRUCE PRIZE IN NEW TESTAMENT

is awarded to one or more students based on papers written by graduating Master of Divinity degree or Master of Arts degree students in the area of New Testament.

THE GRADUATE PREACHING FELLOWSHIP

is given to an outstanding Master of Divinity degree graduate from the senior class. The fellowship provides the recipient with financing to study preaching overseas to enhance his or her career in preaching and parish ministry.

THE CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILY PRIZE

is given annually to one or more students who demonstrate excellence in reflecting theologically, culturally and pragmatically on the practice of children, youth, youth adult or family ministries.

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