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THE
ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY-SECOND
COMMENCEMENT



3:00 P.M., SUNDAY, MAY 29, 2011
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MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

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A WORD OF WELCOME

Luther Seminary is pleased to welcome you to its 142nd commencement ceremonies. Receiving their degrees today are your next pastors, congregational and community leaders, and theologians of the Church.

The student speaker 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 14.

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

THE COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER



Craig Koester, '80, professor of New Testament, began teaching at Luther Seminary in 1986. Prior to that, he served as a pastor in Princeton, Minn. He was ordained in 1980. He holds a Ph.D. from Union Theological Seminary, a Master of Divinity from Luther Seminary and a Bachelor of Arts from St. Olaf College. Koester was recently elected to the Asher O. and Carrie Nasby Chair of New Testament Studies at Luther Seminary. He'll assume the chair on July 1.

Dr. Koester became a member of the Studiorum Novi Testamenti Societas in 1995, and served as associate editor of *New Testament Studies*. Active in the Society of Biblical Literature, Dr. Koester is a member of the steering committee of the seminar on Hebrews, as well as the steering committee for John, Jesus and History. As a member of the Catholic Biblical Association, he currently serves as an associate editor *Catholic Biblical Quarterly*. He teaches the popular Luther Seminary course, *From Genesis to Revelation*, which takes students on a fast-paced trip through the whole Bible using music, drama and hundreds of visuals to bring the text to life. He has twice been a scholar in residence at the Center for Theological Inquiry at Princeton Theological Seminary.

A prolific scholar, Koester has published books on the Gospel of John and the book of Revelation, and many scholarly articles. His most recent books are "The Word of Life: A Theology of John's Gospel" (2008) and "The Resurrection of Jesus in the Gospel of John" (co-edited with Reimund Bieringer, 2008). Other books include "Symbolism in the Fourth Gospel" (2003, 2nd Edition), "Revelation and the End of All Things" (2001), a major commentary on Hebrews in the Anchor Bible Commentary series (2001), and "A Beginner's Guide to Reading the Bible" (1991). He developed "Is This the Time," a video series on the book of Revelation, and "The Bible Tutor," an interactive introduction to the Bible.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

THE PRELUDE

WELCOME FROM CENTRAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

The congregation shall stand.

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Alleluia, Sing to Jesus"

ELW #392

ALL

1. Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;
his the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! his the triumph,
his the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
thunder like a mighty flood:
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation
has redeemed us by his blood."

WOMEN

2. Alleluia! Not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! he is near us;
faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received him
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise:
"I am with you evermore"?

ALL

3. Alleluia! Bread of heaven,
here on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluia! here the sinful
flee to you from day to day.
Intercessor, friend of sinners,
earth's redeemer, hear our plea
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.

MEN

4. Alleluia! King eternal,
Lord omnipotent we own;
Alleluia! born of Mary,
earth your footstool, heav'n your throne.
As within the veil you entered,
robed in flesh, our great high priest,
here on earth both priest and victim
in the eucharistic feast.

ALL

5. Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;
his the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! his the triumph,
his the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
thunder like a mighty flood:
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation
has redeemed us by his blood."

Text: William C. Dix. 1837-1898. alt.

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. Almighty and ever-living God, you hold
together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great
mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to
all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C: **Amen.**

The congregation shall be seated.

FIRST READING

Genesis 12:1-3

(following the reading...)

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

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

SECOND READING

(Read responsively by whole verse)

I lift up my eyes to the hills —
from where will my help come?

**My help comes from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.**

He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.

**He who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.**

The LORD is your keeper;
the LORD is your shade at your right hand.

**The sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.**

The LORD will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.

**The LORD will keep
your going out and your coming in
from this time on and forevermore.**

(following the reading...)

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

The congregation shall stand.

GOSPEL

Matthew 28:16-20

The congregation shall be seated.

THE SERMON

The congregation shall stand.

THE HYMN OF THE DAY

"Be Thou My Vision"

ELW #793

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
thou my best thought both by day and by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
2. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tow'r,
raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
3. Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only, the first in my heart,
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.
4. Light of my soul, after victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860-1935, alt.;
tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880-1931

Psalm 121

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

GREETING

THE CONFERRING OF DEGREES

All candidates listed on pages 6-13

PRESENTATION OF THE CLASS Roland Martinson
Academic Dean

CONFERRING OF DEGREES Richard Bliese

Paul Dovre
Chair, Board of Directors

Diane Doncits
Registrar

Arland Hultgren
Associate Dean—First Theological Degrees

Paul Lokken
Associate Dean—Graduate Theological Education

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; The Children, Youth and Family Prize; and the David W. Preus Servant Leadership Award receive 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.

ON BEHALF OF THE GRADUATES

Joel Skindlov
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.

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

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.

A: 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: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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

"Now All the Vault of Heave Resounds"

ELW #367

1. Now all the vault of heav'n resounds
in praise of love that still abounds:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!
Repeat their song of glory here:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
2. Eternal is the gift he brings,
therefore our heart with rapture sings:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Now still he comes to give us life
and by his presence stills all strife.
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
3. Oh, fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;
set heart and will on things above
that we conquer through your triumph;
grant grace sufficient for life's day
that by our lives we truly say:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
4. Adoring praises now we bring
and with the heav'nly blessed sing:
"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"
Be to the Father, and our Lord,
to Spirit blest, most holy God,
all the glory, never ending!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

THE POSTLUDE

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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.

Marilyn Laurene Maki

St. Paul Lutheran, Lodi, California

Karen Mesrobian

Christ the King, Mankato, Minnesota

Verilyn Roxane Pelava

Gustavus Adolphus, St. Paul, Minnesota

Esther Marie Pufall

Saron Lutheran Church, Ashland, Wisconsin

Catherine Jo Smith

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.

Amanda Kristine Adkins

Church of St. Cecilia, St. Paul, Minnesota

Mesfin Ayele

Our Redeemer Oromo Evangelica Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Jennifer K. Bartholomew

St. John the Baptist Episcopal Church, Linden Hills, Minnesota

Nickolas Clark

Immanuel Lutheran, Bellevue, Nebraska

Christ the King, New Brighton, Minnesota

Laura Marie Connors

Our Redeemer Lutheran, St. Paul, Minnesota

Destaye Crawford *

Teamserve Every Tribe & Tounge, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Lakeside Christian Church, Cambridge, Minnesota

Church of Minneapolis, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Paula Elaine Eggert

Bay View Lutheran, Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin

Immanuel Lutheran, Baileys Harbor, Wisconsin

Galgalo Karre Elema

Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus, Ethiopia

ELCA (Global Mission)

Amber Noelle Espinosa **

Gethsemane Lutheran, Maplewood, Minnesota

Christ the Servant Lutheran, Vadnais Heights, Minnesota

Gemechis Bekele Feyisa

Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus, Addis Ababa

Lynnea Geinert

Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Oakdale, Minnesota

Christopher A. S. Heren

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St. Luke's UMC, Orlando, Florida

Ruth Ann Jeremiason-Jensen

1st Lutheran, Little Falls, Minnesota

Kendall J. Jeske

Trinity Lutheran Church, Lynnwood, Washington

Valley of Peace Lutheran Church, Golden Valley, Minnesota

Kathleen Kaderbhai

Abiding Savior Lutheran Church, Mounds View, Minnesota

Phares Mathias Kakulima

Evangelical Lutheran Church, Tanzania, Karagwe Diocese

Allyson Eberle Lomax

Mount Zion Temple, St. Paul, Minnesota

CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

Amanda Maleska

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Denise Joy Meyer

Beatrice Kamathi Mungania

Christ Lutheran Church, St. Paul, Minnesota

Noreen Nazir

Christian Study Centre, Rawalpindi, Pakistan

Darlene Faye Olson

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Elly Louise Peterman

Grace Lutheran Church, Des Moines, Iowa

Gretchen Ruth Porisch

Grace Lutheran Church, Watertown, South Dakota

Lance Wayne Quick

Bethlehem Lutheran, Mankato, Minnesota

Denis Rakotozafy

Malagasy Lutheran Church, Madagascar

Evangelical Luther Church in America

Katie Kristine Roessler

Arlington Hills Lutheran Church, St. Paul, Minnesota

Thomas W. Schwolert

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Benjamin Joseph Shank

Gethsemane Episcopal Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Timothy K. Snyder

House of Mercy, St. Paul, Minnesota

Hosanna Lutheran Church, Mandeville, Louisiana

Elleni Nebyat Terfassa

Jacqueline Marie Torfin

Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, Maple Valley, Washington

Kathryn Camille Vitek * *

Holy Ghost Lutheran Church, Fredericksburg, Texas

Jacob's Well, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Peter Hathaway Watters

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

* Requirements to be met by August 31, 2011

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* Graduate Preaching Fellowship

* The Children, Youth and Family Prize

⊙ David W. Preus Servant Leadership Award

For prize/fellowship description, see page 14.

CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

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.

Shannon Rae Brockshus *

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Sibley, Iowa

Zachary J. Busch *

Dr. Martin Luther Church, Oconomowoc, Wisconsin

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.

Laura Aase

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Mercy Seat Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota*

Chad S. Anderson

Central Lutheran Church, Mondovi, Wisconsin

Sarah Christine Anderson

*Calvary Lutheran Church, Alexandria, Minnesota
Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Longmont, Colorado*

Grant Robert Applehans ♦

Our Savior's Lutheran, Menomonie, Wisconsin

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*Hope Lutheran, Ladysmith, Wisconsin
Bethel Lutheran, Hawkins, Wisconsin
Bethany Lutheran, Catawba, Wisconsin*

Jeanette June Bidne

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St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Olathe, Kansas
Bethel Lutheran Church, Scarville, Iowa*

Levi Alton Bollerud

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Wasilla, Alaska

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Lutheran Church of Dell Rapids, Dell Rapids, South Dakota
Lutheran Church of the Cross, Berkeley, California*

Jacob Harry Burkman

Lutheran Church of Honolulu, Honolulu, Hawaii

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*Living Lord Lutheran Church, Lake Saint Louis, Missouri
Sammamish Hills Lutheran Church, Sammamish, Washington*

Wendy Grace Cook

Jonathan Shankles Davis †

Zumbro Lutheran Church, Rochester, Minnesota

Taralyn Dee Fisher DeCock

*Peace Lutheran Church, Belgrade, Montana
Christ the King Lutheran Church, Bozeman, Montana*

Mark James Dixon ✕

St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, Mahtomedi, Minnesota

Joshua John Enderson

Trinity Lutheran Church, Albert Lea, Minnesota

Angela Marie Goehring Fairbanks

*Saron Lutheran Church, Ashland, Wisconsin
Bethel Lutheran Church, Northfield, Minnesota*

Justin Reynolds Fenger

St. Mark Evangelical Lutheran Church, St. Paul, Minnesota

John Arthur Gabrielson

*Celebration Lutheran Church, Sartell, Minnesota
Shepherd of the Hills, Edina, Minnesota*

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*St. John's Lutheran, Chehalis, Washington
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Springfield Lutheran Church, Decorah, Iowa

Jacqueline Harvestine

Christ Lutheran Church, Spring Green, Wisconsin

Christopher Johnson

St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, Mahtomedi, Minnesota

Douglas Wayne Johnson

Trinity Luther Church, Hemet, California

Frank Johnson

Valley of Peace Lutheran, Golden Valley, Minnesota

Joseph W. Johnson

First Lutheran, Bemidji, Minnesota

Katie Anjali Johnson

Gustavus Adolphus Church, St. Paul, Minnesota

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Galchutt Lutheran Church, Galchutt, North Dakota

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First Lutheran Church, St. Paul, Minnesota

Janel Lynn Kuester

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First Lutheran Church of Richmond Beach, Seattle, Washington

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Mount Olivet Lutheran, Plymouth, Minnesota
Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran, Apple Valley, Minnesota
St. Marks Lutheran, North St. Paul, Minnesota

Andrew Lundborg

Lutheran Church of Peace (ELCA), Maplewood, Minnesota
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Amy Christine Martinell *

Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Waubay, South Dakota

Cole Roger McCormick

St. John American Lutheran, Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Krista R. Mendoza

Maple Leaf Lutheran Church, Seattle, Washington

Adam Ted Morton *

University Lutheran Church of Hope, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Beau David Nelson

Riverside Lutheran Church, Wannaska, Minnesota

Lydia Nelson

Grace Lutheran Church, Winchester, Wisconsin

Gregory Scott Olsen

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Toledo, Ohio

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Marie R. Olson

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Roseville, Minnesota

Jeremy Alan Pedersen

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Immanuel Lutheran Church, Harlan, Iowa*

Victoria Pederson

Tabernacle of Prayer and Freedom, Brooklyn Park, Minnesota

Lori Lynn Peper

Bethel Lutheran Church, Hudson, Wisconsin

Gretchen Elizabeth Pierskalla *

Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church, Waconia, Minnesota

Karen Lynn Polege *

Zion Lutheran Church, Stratford, Wisconsin

Jason Lynn Pollington

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Kremlin Lutheran Church, Kremlin, Montana
Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Billings, Montana*

Risley Prakasim

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Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, Victoria, Texas

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St. Luke Lutheran Church, Spokane, Washington

Lindsay Marie Stolen

*East Koshkonong Lutheran Church, Cambridge, Wisconsin
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Word of Life Lutheran Church, Fairfield, Iowa
The Crux, Minneapolis, Minnesota*

Nathan Andrew Strong

*First Lutheran Church, Fremont, Nebraska
East Koshkonong Lutheran Church, Cambridge, Wisconsin*

Joseph Chia-yi Su

Minnesota Faith Chinese Lutheran Church, St. Paul, Minnesota

Jacqui Thone

Advent Lutheran, Maple Grove, Minnesota

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*Hope Lutheran Church, Fargo, North Dakota
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Wayzata, Minnesota*

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Zion Lutheran Church, Minot, North Dakota
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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.

Dixie Voss Anders

Sidney, Nebraska

"Gathered and Sent: Biblical Preaching Toward an Apostolic Identity"

Brian Neal Ballard

Hickory, North Carolina

"Global Short-Term Mission and Local Civil Society: A Mixed Methods Study"

Lynette M. Crase

Monument, Colorado

"A Story of Hope: The Role of Biblical Preaching in Shaping Interpretation of the Authority of Scripture"

Karin Marie Derenne

Oshkosh, Wisconsin

"Reclaiming Spirituality and by Implication the Role of Chaplain in Healthcare Through the Spiritual Assessment"

Derrick Thomas Fallon

Randolph, Nebraska

"How Can I Understand Unless Someone Teaches Me? A Renewal of Biblical Pedagogical Preaching"

Cheryl M. Fleckenstein

Mauston, Wisconsin

"Benedictine Values and Practices: A Tool for Enhancing the Missional Awareness of Emerging Adults"

Mark Aaron Hultquist

St. Michael, Minnesota

"Transitional Leadership in Ministry: A Model for Understanding the Contextual Dynamics of 21st Century Pastoral Leadership"

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CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

Michael J. Huntley *Daphne, Alabama*

"Nourishing Grass Roots: Cogenerative Vision Cultivation for Missional Ministry"

Eric Paul Lemonholm *Rockford, Illinois*

"The Open Source Lectionary: Preaching Outside the Box"

Todd Gregory Mathison *Minneapolis, Minnesota*

"Metamorphosis: Transformation into Missional Leaders"

Loren David Mellum *Moorhead, Minnesota*

"Let Your Light Shine: Assessing Missional Capacities in the Worship Life of a Congregation"

Richard A. Nelson *Minneapolis, Minnesota*

"Missional Pastors and a Flourishing Life"

Scott Edwin Olson *North Mankato, Minnesota*

"Apostolic Discernment in Five Rivers: Increasing a Synod's Capacity to Engage Missional Leadership"

Martin N. Overson *Green Valley, Arizona*

"Mission Statements for Missional Identity: Creating Remembrance by Repetition"

Anthony Robert Prinsen *Kennesaw, Georgia*

"Stories Within Stories: Intertextual Biblical Preaching"

Flavia Lillian Skilbred *Lockport, New York*

"Preaching Palliative Pastoral Pericopes: Quality of Faith and the Healing Passages"

William Hayden Smith *Minneapolis, Minnesota*

"The African Methodist Episcopal Church Contribution to Preaching: Celebrating Our Heritage"

Adam P. White *Lincoln, Nebraska*

"Telling the Truth: An Ethical Exploration of Verification and Falsification in Pulpit Storytelling"

James Nyebe Wilson, II *Brooklyn Park, Minnesota*

"Missional Multicultural Strategies for Congregational Leadership"

MASTER OF THEOLOGY

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

Woongdon (Joshua) Choi *Lauderdale, Minnesota*

"An Exploration of Current CYF Curriculum in Relation to Supporting Multicultural Ministry"

Adama Isa *Yola, Adamawa, Nigeria*

"Prophetic Authority in the Book of Jeremiah and its Contextual Relevance to the Leadership Authority in the Lutheran Church of Christ in Nigeria"

Megan Louise Pratola *Minnesota*

"Crisis of Identity: Christians as Minorities in the Holy Land, 1798-1948"

Kang Yun Ryu *Ulsan, South Korea*

"The Temple, the Two Witnesses, and the Faithful God: A Contextual Reading of the Book of Revelation 11:1-13"

Daniel James Stark *Kellogg, Minnesota*

"The Conquest in the Wake of the Sea: Suppression, Reversal, and Restraint in Joshua"

Buntausa Amos Sunday *Yola, Adamawa, Nigeria*

"Exegetical and Contextual Study of the Messages to the Seven Churches in Revelation"

Kristin J. Wendland *St. Paul, Minnesota*

"Two Trees, Two Women: An Intertextual Reading of Genesis 2-3 and Proverbs 1-9"

CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

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.

Dean M. Erickson *Waconia, Minnesota*

"The Characterization of Solomon in 1 Kings I-II"

Lucy Njeri Mungai *Thika, Kenya*

"Hadithi, Hadithi, Hadithi—Njoo! (Story, Story, Story—Welcome!): A Chai Theology for Intentional Engagement with African Immigrant Women"

David Mungai Mwhia *St. Paul, Minnesota*

"Towards a Missional Theology for the African Diaspora in North America"

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

* Requirements to be met by August 31, 2011

** 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

⊙ David W. Preus Servant Leadership Award

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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, young adult or family ministries.

THE DAVID W. PREUS SERVANT LEADERSHIP AWARD
is awarded to a student in a first theological degree program who has demonstrated an interest in and passion for servant leadership to fund a servant leadership project.

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