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NOT TO BE MISSED!

Our seminary celebration of the 450th Anniversary of the Augsburg Confession will be in the form of a January course sponsored by LTSP, DWME and LWM. We are appreciative to DWME for providing Strength for Mission funds and to the Fischer Lectureship Endowment at LTSP for financial support. The course will be taught for M.Div credit (Dr. Lull), and S.T.M. credit (Dr. Lehmann), and for continuing education credit.

The title of the presentation is NEW WORLD/THIRD WORLD/AUGSBURG CONFESSION. The celebration will be four weeks in length with following content:
Week 1: The Augsburg Confession in the Lutheran/Catholic Dialogue. Presenters George Lindback (Yale)-Lutheran; Jill Raitt (Duke U.)- Roman Catholic.
Week 2: The Augsburg Confession in Africa. Presenter: Peri Rasolondraïbie (Malagasy Republic).
Week 3: The Concept of Confession in Asia. Presenter: Russell Chandran (India).
Week 4: The Augsburg Confession and Liberation Theology in Latin America. Presenter: Ricardo Pietrantonio (Argentina).
We have also invited (through the auspices of LWM) a representative of the Lutheran Seminary in Bratislava, Czechoslovakia, to be with us the fourth week to speak on the Augsburg Confession in the Christian-Marxist Dialogue. We have, however, had no word yet as to whether someone will be able to come. We probably will not receive confirmation until very shortly beforehand. The Seminary will offer two other January courses this year. Dr. Robert Bornemann is preparing a special course on Church Art and Music. The Course will use extensively the resources of the Philadelphia community. The third course will be in the field of Judaism and will be taught by a Rabbi from the area.

This past week we received final confirmation that Professor Ricardo Pietrantonio from the Theological Seminary in Buenos Aires, Argentina, will be with us this spring. Professor Pietrantonio, a New Testament theologian, will be teaching a course second semester with Professor Lehmann on comparative confessions. He will be presenting some of the recent documents in South America (Medellin, Puebla (Roman Catholic), Oaxtepec (Protestant), The Declaration of the "Comunidades de base" (Grassroots communities), etc. We look forward to having him on campus for the full semester. Professor Pietrantonio will also take part in our special January term course. The apologies of the DEAN to the seniors for not making it to their Reflection Day event. I got lost twice making it from the middler retreat to the junior one, which resulted in my not getting back to Philadelphia until 7:00p.m. too late to get over to see the seniors. My experience of the two retreats, plus reports of the third, indicate that they form a needed break to our routine. AAL is to be warmly thanked for making this possible financially. Any seniors interested in taking part in the special offer to learn something about AA put your request slips in Dean Burgess' box by Friday, November 2.

DR. JOYCE'S BROTHER

Having shaken the last grains of sand from between my toes, I am ready to report to you the unimaginable joys and benefits of a day dedicated to reflecting. WOW! Was the weather great! There must have been a million stars twinkling on the beach Monday nite... but that wasn't starlight shining in the faces of Larry F., Frank and myself, while certain others hid in the dunes. (I gotta stop hanging around with those guys).

What IS the Golden Hok, annaweigh????????.....Bob Hughes momentarily lost his -ahh,eerrr ah - possessions during his presentation on the sandy shore.....and Dr. Borneman introduced a new Latin phrase that not even the Doctors Lee and Lehmann had taught us -solus Teddabearus????????? There certainly was a lot of interest in foot size. Wanda was totally beaten by the shoe-in (pet the nun?) Asha in the women's division and Julius and Calvin gazed in disbelief at the podiatrical wonders of Dr. "B", Larry Hand, and Jan Walker! All the while Cindy and Frank were clowing around....they tied everybody up - sounds kinky to me! Tom displayed a real interest in Rock & Roll which only slightly overshadowed the natural science interest of Kent, Pat, and Larry H. (Huh? You mean that wasn't the reason for all those stops in the pine barrens on the way down?,oh....) Dean Purpess may deny it but there's got to be a clone involved. How else could she get to all those reflection sites in one day?!

Let's peep in now on the site of Junior reflection via my little snoopy informers -

There were some juniors, however - who much preferred to have their own little road ralley -ehh Ivis, Rich P., and Phyllis? I must admit the Pottstonian countryside is rather beautiful and quaint.....The juniors who did make it were introduced to a new means of revelation by the Rev. Ed Dufresne, that of spiritual tickling... why did Cathy and Cindy emerge from the woods with sillier than usual grins on their faces? Did they get into that white plastic bag Jody so lovingly placed in the stream? I hear Steve G-M (How does one derive an initial from a last name like that annaweigh?) Hold off you libbers, hold off..... annaweigh I hear Steve is quite a composer. I also understand that his legal background may come in handy if the lyrics ever got out!

As for the Seniors' retreat I wasn't able to come up with any info. I guess they're all too busy applying for exchange pastorates with the Ethiopian Coptic Church down there in Florida.

By the way Bruce T., what's this about fish on your piano?????? Next week's assignment: COMPARE AND CONTRAST - plagiarism, Confucianism, libertinism, secularism, existentialism, communism, masochism, Lutheranism, baptism, commercialism, legalism, sadism, pietism, monarchianism, druidism, Catholicism, organism, nepotism, symbolism, pessimism, and feminism.

REPRINTED FROM "THE BETHLEHEM GLOBE-TIMES," October 17, 1979

Remember the old chain letters where you were bound to make a fortune provided nobody broke the chain? Well, St. John's UCC in Hovertown has come up with a variation to help churches find the perfect pastor. Quoting from "Steeple News," it suggests: "Send a letter to six other churches that are tired of their pastors. Then bundle up your pastor and send him to the church at the top of your list. In one year, you will receive 1,643 pastors and one of them should be a dandy." But it adds a warning: Once this process is started you must have the faith to keep it

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going. One parish broke the chain and got its old pastor back in less than three months."

And it describes the perfect pastor as one who "preaches exactly 20 minutes... He condemns wrong but never hurts anyone's feelings. He works from 8 a.m. til midnight and is also the janitor. He makes \$40 a week...and gives \$30 a week to the church. He is 26 years old and has been preaching for 30 years." And finally: "He has a burning desire to work with teenagers and spends all his time with older folks. He smiles all the time with a straight face because he has a sense of humor that keeps him seriously dedicated to his work. He makes 15 calls a day on parish members, spends all his time seeking to reach the unchurched and is always in his office if and when needed."

Contributor's note: Naturally, in the course of preparing for this strenuous career as the perfect pastor, she has found herself a "wonderful helpmate," leaving her plenty of free time to give to the church as a model of the generous volunteer who is deeply committed to the family.

Thanks to all who sponsored my participation in the "Philadelphia CROP walk for the Hungry". Between YOU and my Field Education Church I have pledges of \$95.50! Please pay your pledge No Later than Monday, Nov. 12th Linda K. Snyder-Box 808

In the next several issues the Social Ministry Committee will be presenting opportunities for you to serve as volunteers in the Mt. Airy Community. One such opportunity is with the Northwest Center for Community Mental Health and Mental Retardation Programs, 27 E. Mt. Airy Ave. They need chaperones for Saturday field trips (to museums, parks, etc.) We will try to suggest activities that require your time only once a month. Trips usually last from 10-3:00 and chaperones would be assigned to one trip per month. If interested, contact Ms. Preston at 247-8444, ext. 290.

Linda Lehman Peachey,

To the Editors of the Seminarian

My compliments for the issue of 25 Oct. This was an issue that reflected the events of the Seminary life both on and off this campus and challenged me to reflect on issues of our life together.

My first and present reaction to the two editorials is defensive. As a male in the Lutheran Church should I feel guilty for Ann's lack of ordination? As a member of the seminary's football team should I feel guilty for playing hard and as skillfully as I am capable? The writers of both of these editorials seem to miss the essence of our nature.

Ann, I know of at least two male persons who had at least four interviews, one of which still does not have a call. Does everything that happens to a woman have to be a women's issue?

Peter, were you not one of the referee's whose job it is to set the tone of the game and call penalties when persons exceed the limits of the game?

We are all sinful people in need of God's grace. When we point the finger at others, there are also three pointing back at us. This letter is not trying to say that the male dominated church does not need to struggle with its practices of ordination or that the football team does not need to reflect on why we play the game, but we all must realize that

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in many issues we are both the victim and the cause. If this is to be a community where we can wrestle with issues in an open way, editorials need to reflect the tension of our struggles rather than just pointing fingers.

Excuse me, for I need to reflect on my own defensiveness.

Steve Loyer

A senior class meeting will be held on Monday 5 Nov. at 3:30 in the amphitheater. We will be discussing possible speakers and preachers for the AAL Banquet and graduation. See all the seniors there!!

ATTENTION ALL BOOK FORMS

Where have you been this year? The Bookstore has been working hard to fill its shelves with books that are good resources for theological work and even some books that are interesting to read. More books have been put on the half-price shelf and even more on the free shelf. Perhaps now that you have recovered from buying your first semester books you may have saved a few pennies for those little extras in life. Even though the money always seems tight, now is the best time to buy your books, your pastoral tools. The prices go up every few months so sin boldly, take a risk and buy a few books! Ask your profs about good books for your libraries or really go out on a limb and ask someone working in the Bookstore.

Now that the sale's pitch is over, please feel free just to come in the store and look at what is available. We also hope that the Bookstore can be one of those centers on campus where students and faculty come together just to talk and relax. We have several chairs around for you, so come on in! Hope to see you soon,

Your Lonesome Bookstore

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IMPORTANT MEDICAL NOTICE

(REPEATED)

Dr. J.W. Price has requested that he wishes to terminate his medical services with the seminary student Body effective December 31, 1979.

As a result of this request, all students requiring medical attention should contact the Chestnut Hill Family Practice Unit effective January 1, 1980.

The address of the unit is: 8811 Germantown Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19118
Telephone: 247-4145

Please call in advance for appointment and bring student I.D. with you.

CONCERNING FINANCES

Each student is reminded that, at the close of business on Monday, November 26, 1979, any unpaid balance on his/her account will be assessed a penalty of 10% of such balance. (See the current catalog and student Handbook.) This penalty applies to all charges made on the regular semester assessment slips - tuition, dorm room, refectory board, student Body dues, etc. It does not apply to rental on married student housing because such rental is paid monthly. Any student who believes he/she cannot avoid the penalty for reasons beyond his/her control should confer promptly with the Financial Aid Officer (Mr. Kaufman).

ATTENTION - ALL STUDENTS

The Worship and Community Life Committee is discussing whether Room 325 in the Dormitory will continue to be used as a storage room or be re-converted to a chapel as it was in the past. Please make your opinions concerning the use of this room known in writing to Dr. Bornemann.

Editors note: This notice should have been in last week's paper, but we got our wires crossed. Please respond to this notice as soon as possible.

Remember that next Tuesday there will be a communion service as usual, but there will also be a collection taken up for World Hunger. Further announcement of this will appear in the events of the week.

To the Editors:

Steve Moyer in his letter in the Nov. 1 issue, raises questions which he may have meant to be rhetorical but which seem to me to demand a response.

"Does everything that happens to a woman have to be a women's issue?" No, of course not, but that doesn't mean that sexism has ceased to exist. Mr. Moyer may well know men who have gone through long and difficult call processes, but I doubt that their problems were the same as those encountered by women. Were any of them refused an interview by a pulpit committee solely on the basis of gender? Were any of them told by a bishop that he already had two men to place and that was enough? Were any of them told, "We're sure you're very well qualified, but our congregation just isn't ready for a man pastor yet"? Somehow I doubt it.

"As a male in the Lutheran Church ~~should I feel guilty~~ for Ann's lack of ordination?" Perhaps not guilty, Mr. Moyer, but certainly concerned, aware and supportive. Sexism isn't "just a women's issue." It concerns women, of course, as we encounter it, but it hurts all people as it shuts out qualified Christians seeking to follow their calls. It not only deprives Ms. Larson of a job; it deprives the Church of a trained and talented pastor. As a leader of the Church, Mr. Moyer, you have the opportunity and the responsibility to combat that discrimination amongst your colleagues and in the congregations you serve.

Recognizing sinfulness as the essence of our nature does not mean giving blanket approval to sinful actions and attitudes. Rather, it should encourage us to raise them to daily awareness so that they may be "drowned by daily sorrow and repentance (Sm. Cat. IV, 12)." LTSP is not the New Jerusalem where all have been healed. It is a community as filled with sin as any other. I would hope that it is also a community in which those sins can be named and struggled with openly, honestly and lovingly.

In Christ,
Catherine Ziel

THE CHURCH'S GREATEST HITS
(PART III)

Many thanks to TL for this week's submission, another Advent hymn, this time from south of the Kiel Canal. LBW 312, "Once He came in Blessing", was originally sung and published by the Bohemian Brethren in the sixteenth c., and translated by Catherine Winkworth, but suffice it to say that the former was a problem-beset group of Lutherans in Bohemia (where else?) one of whose problems led to the composition of Luther's Concerning the Ministry. The latter, one of two sister-translators, opened the world of German hymnody to the English-speaking world with her LYRA GERMANICA. A good hymn for combining the historical/eschatological/piestistic emphases of Advent.

Once he came in blessing
All our ills redressing;
Came in likeness lowly,
Son of God most holy;
Bore the cross to save us;
Hope and freedom gave us.
Still he comes within us;

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Still his voice would win us
From the sins that hurt us;
Would to truth convert us
From our foolish error
Ere he comes in terror.

Thus, if you have known him,
Not ashamed to own him,
Nor have spurned him coldly,
But will trust him boldly,
He will then receive you,
Heal you, and forgive you.

Those who then are loyal
Find a welcome royal.
Come, then O Lord Jesus,
From our sins release us;
Let us here confess you,
Till in heav'n we bless you.

Mark Oldenburg

MUSIC LOVERS

November 14th at 9:40 am there will be a film shown called "The Joy of Bach", come and preview a new Lutheran film on the music of J.S. Bach.

The film will be shown on national television (a shortened version), around Christmastime.

The Water Closet Story
submitted by Peggy Sue

A Newly married couple were looking for a new home in the country. After finding one which they thought would be suitable they made their way home and upon their returning the wife happened to think that they had not noticed the toilet and decided to write the owner about it. As she was a very modest young lady, she hesitated to spell out the word "Water Closet", so in the letter she referred to it as the "W.C.". The owners of the house in the country did not understand what she meant and after pondering for a while finally decided that she meant the Wesmont Church and answered as follows:

My Dear Madam;

I regret very much the delay in answering your letter and now take pleasure in informing you that the "W.C." is located 9 miles west of the house and is capable of seating 800 people.

This is unfortunate, indeed, if you are in the habit of going regularly, but no doubt you will be interested in knowing that a great number of people take lunch with them and make a day of it. Others go in automobiles, arriving just in time, but are generally in to big a hurry to wait if the house is crowded. The last time my wife and I went was 6 months ago, and we had to stand up the whole time.

It may interest you to know that plans are underway to have a bazaar to raise money for plush seating in the "W.C." as this has been a long felt need. I may mention too that it pains me very much not being able to go more frequently. It is pruely through lack of desire on my part, but as we grow older it seems to be more of an effort, particularly in cold weather.

Yours Truly,
The Owners.

What are they doing in Church and Why are they doing it?

The Mt. Airy Sacred Dance Group would like to give all members of the Seminary community a chance to find out what's behind our occasional appearances in worship. Are there reasons to dance in church? How long have people been doing it? What does it feel like? We'd like to show and share with you what sacred dance is. Join us Thursday, November 8, 7:00 p.m., in the Rotunda, for an hour and a half. Students, faculty, staff, spouses, everyone welcome. There are no pre-requisites for this mini-course, and we won't ask you to stretch beyond your reach. Do wear clothes you can bend in.

Special note to students: rhythmic movement is not just good for the soul, it also stimulates the brain. Try it and see.

Ellen Young

RANDOM NOTES FROM THE DEAN

My random notes last week got elevated to a front page article. (I'm pleased yet wonder if this is the most exciting thing around these days.) I hope seniors were able to note I need any further AA visit slips as soon as possible. Any other students interested in learning more about AA please see me.

1. Is there interest in a Rapid Reading Program on Campus? We have been contacted by a student at Westminster who is an instructor in the AGP Rapid Reading and Comprehension Building System. The cost is \$36. for three two hour sessions and the guarantee is to double your reading speed in 21 days (with a half hour daily practice on your part) or the refund of your money. If interested let me know. If enough students indicate interest we will set up a course.
2. How many people ride bicycles? Do we need a bike rack? Probably over by the library? Make interest known to someone on the First Professional Degree Committee.
3. Last week I gave you some information on the January Intersession course on New World/Third World/Augsburg Confession. Next week I hope to have a description of each of the other courses being offered.

CROP Walk monies must be in to Wanda Snyder (Box 808) no later than Monday, the 12th!

BOOK REVIEW by Joanne Kernitz: Going Home - Robert A. Raines

Bob Raines has been doing some Creative Brooding over the years. Living the Questions, asking Lord, Could You Make It a Little Better? Going Home is a catharsis. Raines uses the Abraham/Sarah story as a framework for his book, weaving in the changes he's experienced in his own journey.

Chapter four, "Being Reborn" speaks of recovering the feminine dimension of God, of ourselves, of the church, and of the culture. This chapter and the final chapter are the best in the book in my estimation and have much to say to us about New Life in the Church.

By the end of this book Raines is able to make good on the title of one of his previous books - he's unburdened himself of; the devastation of divorce, has emerged in a satisfying second marriage and career and is now ready To Kiss the Joy.

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Interpretive Rendering of Isaiah 40ff from the TEV
(Tonight's Eradicated Version)

1 Comfort, comfort my seminarians
says your God.

2 Speak tenderly to Mount Airy
and cry to her
that her examination^a is ended,
that her failure is pardoned,
that she has received from the prof.'s hand
double for all her ignorance.

3 A voice cries: b (help) b
"In the wilderness prepare the way for Thanksgiving Vacation,^c
make straight in the desert a highway for our Fords."

a variant reading: time of servitude

bab

obviously a scribal addition to the text found only in Airyticus (p 7301).

c eschatological implications?

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Exodus motif.

Great Moments from Theology and Ethics in the Pauline Epistles
(attention DPL)

Concerning the question of drunkenness:

1- A nearly Rabbinic statement - "He who subjects himself to needless self-castigations and fastings, or even denies himself the enjoyment of wine, is a sinner."

(That's one point for Sherry Hour)

2- A saying of Rabbi Isaac- "Are not the things prohibited you in the law enough for you, that you want to prohibit yourself other things?"
(he must be one of McCurley's ancestors)

3- Philo really captures the moment- "His name is Abimilech, who, gazing out of the window with the well-opened and radiant eye of the mind, saw Isaac sporting with Rebecca his wife. For what employment more befits the wise man than to be sporting and rejoicing and diverting himself with the perserverance in good things? From which it is plain that he will become drunk, since drunkenness contributes to good morals and also brings about relaxation and profit; for unmixed wine seems to increase and render more intense all the natural qualities, whether they be good or the reverse, as many other things do too... So also unmixed wine when poured forth in abundance renders the man who is a slave to his passions still more amenable and good natured. Who, indeed, is there who does not know that of two opposite things, when one thing is suitable to most people, the other kind must of necessity be suited to some?... And again to be sober and to be drunk are two opposite things. Accordingly, both bad men and good, as the ancient proverb goes, partke of sobriety; therefore, also, drunkenness is suitable to both classes. Therefore the virtuous man will get drunk without losing any of his virtue thereby."

(what does that say for the virtuous women)

- special thanks to Dr. Jeske for
this useful information-

UPON THIS ROCK

My apologies for not having this article ready for last weeks paper, but the way things worked out I was not on campus at the time the paper was put together. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the entire football team on a game well played two weeks ago. What makes this column even nicer to write is the fact that for the third year in a row the Mt. Airy Saints have been victorious over the Gettysburg team.

The weather was beautiful and everyone was really psyched up for the big game. There was a certain crispness in the air which seemed to fill everybody with fresh, clean attitudes where fellowship was the most important outcome. The game began with a brief explanation of the rules (a la a New York referee) and a short prayer (a la a clergy referee). This seemed to set the tone for the entire game (not the rules). The fans, the referees and both teams were involved in a competitive football game that was played to the glory of God.

The outcome of the game was important to all of us, but for me personally, the attitude of the game was more important. Both teams were on the field to have a good time and enjoy the fellowship that can be shared in a good clean competitive sport. The atmosphere, both on and off the field, made the entire day an enjoyable experience.

I think it is important to make note of the fact that my editorial of two weeks was rather pointed and I apologize for seemingly accusing the football team of unnecessary roughness. Steve Moyer's comments in last weeks newspaper were absolutely true. It was my job to set the tone of the game and call penalties when persons exceeded the limits of the game. We were as much at fault as everybody else that day, but that was not my major concern. It was the upcoming game that concerned me more. By saying those things I only wanted to bring forward the issue of competition. I think it was well received by the community and the football team (what else would you have joked about at practice). It was proved in the game.

Again, I would like to congratulate everybody and thank you all, fans, referees, EMT, and most of all the teams for a well played game in the true spirit of Christianity.

Peter Breitsch

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