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Purpose and Objectives

The purpose of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary (WLS) is to equip pastors for the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod or for churches and cultural groups within its confessional fellowship.

In partnership with sister seminaries and theological training programs of its fellowship, WLS accomplishes that singular purpose with two distinct emphases:

- Primarily, WLS prepares men to begin pastoral ministry by providing the spiritual, theological, and professional training needed to enter that ministry.
- WLS also partners with pastors in their ministry-long pursuit of spiritual, theological, and professional growth in their various God-given vocations.

To carry out its purpose WLS has established the following objectives:

- to lead theological students and pastors in a reverent study of the inspired and inerrant Word
 of God so that they are able to understand and apply its Christ-centered message of law and
 gospel;
- to encourage theological students and pastors to grow in their personal faith through daily contact with the means of grace;
- to teach all the areas of the theological curriculum in a thorough and scholarly fashion, in full harmony with the Holy Scriptures and in conscious agreement with the Lutheran Confessions;
- to train theological students and pastors in the skills required for ministry in an ever-changing world;
- to instill in theological students and pastors the kinds of attitudes that will assist them as they carry out their ministry in the contemporary world, e.g.,

Confessional in stance
Evangelical in approach
Mission-minded in spirit
Culturally sensitive
Appropriately flexible
Zealous both to nurture and to equip the saints.

All the work of the seminary on campus, in field work, and in its service to the church, is focused on fulfilling these objectives.

HISTORY

The Wisconsin Synod was founded in 1850 by pastors sent to America by European mission societies. The time was opportune because of the numbers of German immigrants coming into the state. Unfortunately, many of the synod's first pastors had not received sound Lutheran training. The synod's early growth was hampered because it lacked a steady supply of well-trained Lutheran pastors.

When Pastor John Bading was elected president in 1860, he began to promote the establishment of a seminary as a way to ensure both the quantity and quality of pastors that the growth of the synod necessitated. A growing number of pastoral vacancies in the year 1862 made the founding of a seminary imperative. Bading declared, "We must in our country, in our synod, establish a source from which workers will flow. If we wait with the founding of such an institution until we are rich, nothing will ever happen."

The synod responded positively even though money was tight and the Civil War was raging. The Theological Seminary of the Wisconsin Synod was formally opened in the fall of 1863 at Watertown, Wisconsin. Instruction in theology was initially given by Professor Edward Moldehnke, Ph.D., in the school building of St. Mark's congregation. On September 14, 1865, the synod's college (first known as "Wisconsin University," then as "Northwestern University," and eventually "Northwestern College") opened its doors, and for five years the seminary was operated in conjunction with it. Moldehnke resigned in 1866 and Adolf Hoenecke, who had been called to assist him, replaced him as seminary director.

In 1870 the students of the theological department were transferred to Concordia Seminary at St. Louis, Missouri, in accordance with an arrangement made with the Missouri Synod to conduct a seminary jointly. Wisconsin was supposed to supply a professor but was not able to do so.

Eight years later the Wisconsin Synod reopened its own seminary, this time in Milwaukee, where it remained from 1878 until 1893. It was housed first in private residences and later in a remodeled building in Eimermann's Park, now 13th and Vine Streets.

An important milestone in the synod's history was reached in 1892 when a federation of the synods of Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Michigan was effected and Wisconsin's seminary became the federation's seminary. Because of increased enrollment, a new and larger seminary building was erected at 60th and Lloyd Streets in Wauwatosa and was dedicated in 1893. During the Wauwatosa years the seminary faculty began publishing a theological journal which today is known as the Wisconsin Lutheran Quarterly. The small Wauwatosa faculty soon produced a wealth of theological literature.

By the 1920s the seminary building in Wauwatosa was no longer adequate and the synod did not have clear title to the property. A building committee was tasked with finding a new location, hiring an architectural firm, raising the funds for the new campus, and paying off the synodical debt. The synod was able to purchase an eighty-acre farm for \$25,000 just outside the west limits of the village of Thiensville, about fifteen miles north of downtown Milwaukee. The present building complex was dedicated on August 18, 1929. The service was attended by one of the largest gatherings of Wisconsin Synod members in history. The entire project was paid in full by the day of dedication.

Financial difficulties during the Great Depression and World War II meant that large numbers of graduates for a time were without calls into the public ministry. However, Wisconsin Synod expansion, beginning already in the war years and continuing through the 1970s, brought about the need for more pastors. Increasing enrollments resulted in faculty and campus expansion. Four professorages were included in the original campus construction. The seminary added a fifth in 1948, a sixth in 1953, and a seventh in 1955. As the synod authorized the calling of additional professors, four more professorages were built in the late 1960s and six more in the early 1970s.

In 1958 an addition to the main complex was approved to provide an office for the seminary president and secretarial staff. In 1963, the 100th anniversary of the seminary's founding, two new sections were added to the dormitory. In 1968 a library addition was completed providing space for a faculty room and a large classroom which soon became known as the multi-purpose room. A new auditorium/gymnasium was dedicated on October 5, 1986. The old gym was remodeled to provide three classrooms and space for the synodical archives in 1988. In 2019 those archives were moved to WELS Center for Mission and Ministry.

When the city of Mequon was incorporated in 1957, the seminary's address changed from Thiensville to Mequon. The synod changed the school's name to Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in 1959.

The first annual mission seminar was held on campus in 1960. Students planned the seminars in consultation with mission board executives. Missionaries and mission board members made presentations with active student participation. These seminars continue to be held today under the title "Mission and Ministry."

The Pastoral Studies Institute (PSI) was started in 2003 to guide the training of non-traditional students from different cultures or different careers for service as pastors in the Wisconsin Synod and to provide opportunity for mutual encouragement with seminary programs in our fellowship around the world. As opportunities for service increased, the seminary, in partnership with the Board for World Missions and the Joint Missions Council, expanded the staff, culminating in the establishment of the PSI Team in 2016. In 2020 the seminary created an Admissions Committee to take responsibility for the enrollment of non-traditional second career students.

Although the core curriculum has remained the same throughout the years, there have been additions to the seminary program. The seminary added a required vicar year of practical service under an experienced pastor in the field in the 1965–66 school year. There have been new courses in evangelism and counseling and an expansion of courses in Christian education. A two-week "Winterim" held after Christmas break was added in the 2003–04 school year to enable students to participate in mission trips, trips to the Holy Land and to the sites and cities of St. Paul's missionary journeys, archeological digs, and intensive academic courses on campus.

Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary added a Summer Quarter Program for Continuing Education in 1972. In the ensuing years several different advanced degrees were offered. Currently, the Master of Sacred Theology (STM) is offered. The first director of continuing education was appointed in 2010 and Grow in Grace, the seminary's institute for continuing education, was begun.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

The central seminary building complex resembles the architecture of the Wartburg Castle, where Luther translated the New Testament into German. The impressive seminary tower divides the building into two areas: the residence hall and dining hall lie to the west and the administration-classroom building, chapel, and library to the east.

On the west side of the arch the residence hall, consisting of eight units, can accommodate about 80 students. The dining hall contains the kitchen facilities and a dining area seating approximately 150. The mission advancement, Pastoral Studies Institute, and Grow in Grace offices are also located on this side of the arch.

On the east side of the arch, the administration-classroom wing contains the offices of the president, financial aid officer, dean of students, dean of chapel, the business office, and all of the classrooms. Attached to this wing of the building are the chapel and the library. Most worship services are held in the chapel, part of the original campus complex but extensively renovated through private gifts during the 2004–05 school year. The 200-seat chapel houses a baptismal font, a freestanding altar, a 25-rank Martin Ott pipe organ, and a Yamaha grand piano. The chapel is equipped to record and live stream worship services. It also allows for flexible seating. The chancel windows, reredos, and lectern from the previous chapel have been preserved in a preaching classroom.

The library was constructed in 1968, and in 1997 an online catalog was completed. The catalog is on the internet via the seminary's website. Numbering over 75,000 volumes at present, the library's collection of books and periodicals has grown slowly but steadily with the aid of a modest annual synodical subsidy and a number of generous gifts and bequests. The library provides bibliographic services not only to students and faculty, but also to pastors, teachers, and lay people throughout the synod. It also contains office and workshop space, a faculty room, private study rooms, and a multipurpose assembly room.

An auditorium-gymnasium with a seating capacity of 1200 was constructed in 1986. This building provides a venue for large worship gatherings and seminars, including the annual Christmas and graduation concerts, Call Day and graduation services, Mission and Ministry Seminar, and fall symposium. A Schimmel grand piano and a Rodgers electronic organ enhance worship in the auditorium-gymnasium. The building also provides facilities for intramural sports. It houses a racquetball court and weight room equipped with free and machine weights, treadmills, and other fitness equipment. Outdoor recreational facilities include an area for soccer and a tennis court.

A map of the campus can be found on page 28 of this catalog.

PAST AND PRESENT FACULTY AND PRESIDENTS

The following have formerly served on the faculty of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary (WLS): (* Professor Emeritus; † Deceased)

Edward F. Moldehnke†	1863-1866	Irwin J. Habeck†	1966-1984
Adolph Hoenecke†	1866-1870	Siegbert W. Becker†	1969-1984
-	1878-1908	John C. Jeske†	1969-1995
Eugen A. Notz†	1878-1902	Edward C. Fredrich†	1970-1991
August L. Graebner†	1878-1887	Joel C. Gerlach	1971-1981
Gottlieb A. Thiele†	1887-1900	Richard D. Balge*	1971-2002
Reinhold Adelberg†	1897-1901	Martin O. Westerhaus†	1972-1995
John P. Koehler†	1900-1929	David P. Kuske*	1973-2003
August O. W. Pieper†	1902-1941	Paul E. Nitz†	1974-1997
John Schaller†		Armin J. Panning†	
Hermann E. Meyer†	1915-1920	Ernst H. Wendland†	
John P. Meyer†	1920-1964	James J. Westendorf*	1982-2011
William F. Henkel†		Leroy A. Dobberstein†	
Gerhard H. Ruediger†		John F. Brug*	
Frederic Brenner†		David J. Valleskey*	
Max Lehninger†		Wayne D. Mueller	
August F. Zich†		James P. Tiefel*	
Paul W. Peters†		Harold R. Johne†	
Adalbert Schaller†		Alan H. Siggelkow*	
Edmund C. Reim†		John M. Brenner*	
Carl J. Lawrenz†		Forrest L. Bivens*	
Hilton C. Oswald†		John P. Hartwig*	1995-2020
Frederic E. Blume†		Mark G. Zarling	
Gerald O. Hoenecke†		James F. Korthals*	
Arthur P. Voss†		Daniel P. Leyrer	
Heinrich J. Vogel†	1956-1982	Richard L. Gurgel	
Armin W. Schuetze†		John C. Lawrenz	2000-2004
Martin Albrecht†	1962-1985	Paul E. Zell	
Wilbert R. Gawrisch†	1965-1993	Michael J. Quandt	2007-2013
Martin W. Lutz†	1966-1971		
The following have formerly ser	ved as presidents o	f WLS: (* Professor Emeritus	s;†Deceased)

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Edward F. Moldehnke†1863-1866	Edmund C. Reim†1953-1957
Adolph Hoenecke†1866-1870	Carl J. Lawrenz†1957-1978
1878-1908	Armin W. Schuetze†1978-1985
John Schaller†1908-1920	Armin J. Panning†1985-1996
John P. Koehler†1920-1929	David J. Valleskey*1996-2004
August O. W. Pieper†1929-1937	Paul O. Wendland2004-2019
John P. Meyer†1937-1953	

The following currently serve on the faculty of WLS:

Professor Earle D. Treptow (2016), President	Systematic Theology
Professor John D. Schuetze (1997)	Systematic Theology, Pastoral Theology
Professor Paul O. Wendland (2001)	New Testament, Homiletics
Professor E. Allen Sorum (2004) Professor Stephen H. Geiger (2005)	Missiology, New Testament
Professor Stephen H. Geiger (2005)	New Testament, Education
Professor Kenneth A. Cherney, Jr. (2006)	Old Testament, Systematic Theology
Professor Bill I. Tackmier (2010)	Old Testament, Homiletics
Professor Joel D. Otto (2011) Professor Thomas D. Kock (2014) Professor Bradley D. Wordell (2015)	Church History, Education
Professor Thomas D. Kock (2014)	Education, Old Testament
Professor Bradley D. Wordell (2015)	Old Testament
Professor Samuel C. Degner (2017)	Evangelism, New Testament
Professor Robert E. Wendland (2017)	Church History, Homiletics
Professor Steven J. Pagels (2019) Professor Nathan R. Ericson (2019)	Systematic Theology, Homiletics
Professor Nathan R. Ericson (2019)	Education
Professor Aaron L. Christie (2020)	Worship, Homiletics
Professor Jonathan A. Micheel (2020)	
Professor David F. Bivens (2020)	New Testament, Homiletics

ADMINISTRATION

GOVERNING BOARD

Pastor Jonathan E. Scharf, Chairman (2023)————Covington, GA
Pastor Jon R. Bitter, Vice Chairman (2022) Ocoee, FL
Teacher Greg A. Milbrath, Secretary (2022)———Owosso, MI
Pastor Nathan E. Wagenknecht (2026)———————————————Anchorage, AK
Mr. Thomas F. Kissinger (2024)Pewaukee, WI
Mr. Gregory A. Green (2026)————Omaha, NE
Pastor Karl A. Walther (2024) ———————————Watertown, WI
Mr. Gerald E. Zimpelmann (2022)Eagle River, WI
Advisory Members
Pastor Jonathan R. BalgeFormer Governing Board Member
Pastor David P. KolanderPresident, Southeastern Wisconsin District
Pastor Paul T. Prange———Administrator, Board for Ministerial Education
Pastor Mark G. SchroederPresident, Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod
Professor Earle D. Treptow—————President, Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary

COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD

ExecutivePastor)	Ionathan Scharf, Pastor Jon Bitter, Greg Milbrath
Fiscal and Property	Pastor Jonathan Scharf
Student Life	Pastor Jonathan Balge
Faculty Care	Pastor Jon Bitter, Gregory Green
Academic Affairs	
Mission Advancement	Thomas Kissinger
Grow in Grace	Pastor Karl Walther
Pastoral Studies Institute	astor Nathan Wagenknecht, Gerald Zimpelmann

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

Professor Earle D. TreptowPresident
Professor Stephen H. GeigerVice President, Financial Aid Officer
Professor Robert E. WendlandSecretary
Professor Bill J. Tackmier—————————————————Academic Dean
Professor Joel D. Otto
Professor Thomas D. Kock
Professor John D. Schuetze———————————————————————————————————
Professor Nathan R. Ericson——Library Director, Director of Educational Technology
Professor Kenneth A. Cherney, Jr. ———Managing Editor of Wisconsin Lutheran Quarterly
Professor Aaron L. Christie
Professor Samuel C. Degner———————————————————————————————————
Professor E. Allen SorumDirector of Pastoral Studies Institute

ADMINISTRATION

PASTORAL STUDIES INSTITUTE TEAM

Pastor Jonathan M. Bare Professor E. Allen Sorum Professor Bradley D. Wordell

SUPPORT STAFF

Administration and Business	
Brian Treichel	Business Manager and Treasurer
Carol Puglisi	Accounting Director
Leah Leyrer	Administrative Assistant to the President
	Faculty Secretary
Buildings and Grounds	, ,
	Director
Ioel Zak	Campus Grounds Supervisor
Ted Saxe	
	Janitorial Supervisor
Food Service	jumeoriur supervisor
	Director
Iim Cook	Food Service
Tony Ciurro	Food Service
Kristin Moze	Food Service
Grow in Grace	1 ood bei vice
	Marketing & Event Coordinator
Nola Zemlicka	Executive Assistant
Library	Executive Assistant
	Administrative Assistant
	Administrative Assistant
Mission Advancement	Aummistrative Assistant
	Director
	Coordinator
	Coordinator
Pastoral Studies Institute	Communications Coordinator
	Transition Assistant
	Executive Assistant
Technology	m. l l
Jeff Mitchell	Technology Services Coordinator
STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE FAC	ULTY
(First named is chairman; name in italics indicates	s advisory member; president is advisory to all committees)
Admissions Committee	Treptow, Ericson, Otto, Sorum, P. Wendland
Catalog	Bare, Micheel
Continuing Education	Kock, R. Wendland, Wordell
Curriculum & Instruction	Tackmier, Cherney, Schuetze, Treptow, R. Wendland

ADMINISTRATION

Educational Resources & TechnologyEricson, Geiger, P. Wendland
Pastoral Studies Institute Executive —————————Treptow, Cherney, Schuetze, PSI Team
Preach the Gospel ————————————————————————————————————
Scholarship & Financial AidGeiger, Christie, Kock, Otto, Sorum, Treptow
Senior ThesisWordell, Ericson, Tackmier
Special Events & Lecture Bivens, Christie, Pagels
Strategic PlanningPagels, Degner, Treptow
Student Field Services————Geiger, Degner, Otto, Treptow

DEPARTMENT CHAIRMEN

Education	Kock
Historical Theology	R. Wendland
New Testament	Geiger
Old Testament	Tackmier

Pastoral Theology	Schuetze
Systematic Theology	Pagels
Worship	P. Wendland

ADMISSIONS

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

An unimpeachable Christian character is a basic requirement for enrollment. Enrollment at the seminary also normally requires the applicant to have completed a baccalaureate program, with an emphasis on language—especially the biblical languages—and history, or to have earned its reasonable equivalent in college credits. A good working knowledge of Greek and Hebrew is a prerequisite for seminary courses. In addition, the seminary expects that all students who have pursued the regular pre-seminary course will have the equivalent of three college years of a language other than the biblical languages of Greek and Hebrew.

APPLICATIONS

The president of the seminary is the chief admissions officer of the seminary. All applications are processed by the president's office in conjunction with the seminary's Admissions Committee, when needed. Applications should be submitted well in advance of the opening date of the school year for which students hope to enroll.

The student applying as a graduate of Martin Luther College (MLC) is to submit his application with the endorsing signature of the president of MLC, together with a transcript of his college credits, following the established procedure at MLC.

Any MLC graduate who delays seeking admission to Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary should contact the president's administrative assistant (leah.leyrer@wisluthsem.org) well in advance of the opening date of the school year for which the student hopes to enroll.

Any other potential student seeking seminary training in the United States from the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod who has not received either a bachelor of arts degree or a seminary certification from MLC should contact the Admissions Committee (admissions@wisluthsem.org).

Students from other cultures or countries may apply through the seminary's Pastoral Studies Institute. To apply or request more information contact the director of the institute at psi@wisluthsem.org.

Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary requires a Caregiver Background Check as a prerequisite for admission. The student from MLC will submit the appropriate forms along with his application through the office of the president of MLC. The PSI student will submit the appropriate forms along with his application through the office of the PSI director.

REGISTRATION

All enrolled M.Div. students are expected to register in the business office by the end of the first full day of the first week in the fall semester.

FINANCES

STUDENT COSTS 2021-22

The following student costs have been set for the current school year. Tuition, board, and room charges may be revised at any time as changing economic conditions may demand. Total costs may be paid in full during registration week or the student may elect the installment program consisting of nine payments, with the first one due at registration.

All Students	Annual	
General Registration	\$255.00	(payable at registration)
Tuition	\$11,835.00	(nine \$1,315.00 installments)
Dormitory Students		
Board & Room	\$8,865.00	(nine \$985.00 installments)
Off-Campus Students		
Noon Meals (Monday-Friday)	\$1,575.00	(nine \$175.00 installments)

The seminary's master of divinity degree program is approved for U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs benefits.

VICAR FINANCES

Since students cannot engage in outside gainful employment during their vicar year, all vicars receive from synod a monthly stipend from August 15th through August 14th. The amount of this monthly stipend is reviewed and set annually by the Conference of Presidents. Vicar housing costs are subsidized, and provision is made for the vicar's medical insurance coverage. The vicar congregation reimburses him for the use of his vehicle on vicar assignments and for the cost of one round trip between his home and the place of vicarship.

GRANTS-IN-AID/SCHOLARSHIPS

The seminary has funds from various sources available for grants-in-aid/scholarships. A major source is earnings from the investment of bequests and gifts. Additional sources are gifts from individuals and congregations.

Upon recommendation of the financial aid committee, the faculty awards grants-in-aid and scholarships in October and February. The governing board reviews the grants in its fall and winter meetings. Declared financial need is the basis of determining grant recipients. Academic achievement and campus service are the primary factors considered in the selection of scholarship recipients. In recommending grant recipients and amounts, the financial aid committee invites student applications. In a typical school year, almost all of the student body receives financial assistance from school funds. In addition to this, students are eligible to apply for grants from the Salem Lutheran Foundation. For students with demonstrated financial need, financial assistance derived from all sources will, on average, cover the cost of tuition.

FINANCES

GIFTS TO THE SEMINARY

God's people can support the gospel mission of the seminary in various ways. Congregational Mission Offerings (CMO) to the synod remain an important source of support. Individuals and groups may also wish to support the seminary directly. Gifts to the Seminary Fund provide support for the day-to-day operations of the seminary. Gifts to the Scholarship Fund help the seminary provide financial assistance directly to students.

ACADEMIC POLICIES

ACADEMIC RECORD

The seminary's grading policy is based on the conviction that a considerable variety and range of gifts find a place in the public ministry of the church, that almost without exception all of its students already possess such gifts, and that the emphasis in seminary training should therefore be placed on each individual student's faithful use of his particular gifts and talents. To help each student assess how he is using his gifts and talents, the seminary issues academic reports and distributes them shortly after the end of each semester.

Students are advised upon enrolling at the seminary that their academic grades for the various courses of each semester of seminary work are kept on record by the registrar in the event a student requires a transcript for prospective employers, scholarship applications, or future graduate study.

The school year is divided into two semesters of about 80 days each. The student's academic record is kept on the basis of this semester system.

GRADES AND RATING

The grades entered into the school records are to be understood as follows:

Grade	Percent	Grade Points	Description
A+	99-100	4.33	Outstanding
Α	95-98	4.00	Excellent
A -	93-94	3.67	Very good
B+	91-92	3.33	Above average
В	87-90	3.00	Average
В-	85-86	2.67	Fair
C+	83-84	2.33	Below average
C	79-82	2.00	Poor
C-	77-78	1.67	Marginal
D+	75-76	1.33	Unsatisfactory; significant remedial work is needed to
D	72-74	1.00	receive credit for the course
D-	70-71	0.67	receive credit for the course
F	Below 70		Failure; course must be repeated
I	Incomplete		Temporary grade granted upon request to a student who, for a cogent reason, has work that is incomplete; grade may be lowered if work is not completed at the time agreed on when the student requested this grade. Any incomplete becomes an F at the end of the following semester.

ENROLLING IN OTHER SCHOOLS

The seminary does not permit students to enroll in courses at other institutions during the regular school year. The faculty may grant a one-year leave of absence, preferably after his vicar year, to a student who wishes to pursue an approved course of study elsewhere.

ACADEMIC POLICIES

TRANSCRIPTS

A transcript of credits will be issued to former students upon request to the registrar. There will be no charge for a student's first transcript, but a fee of five dollars is required for each subsequent transcript. Requests for transcripts should be made at least two weeks in advance of the date when they are needed.

GRADUATION AND ASSIGNMENT OF CALLS

Participation in the graduation service is extended to students who have satisfactorily completed the prescribed course of study and find themselves in confessional agreement with the public doctrine of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. The call into the pastoral ministry is issued through the Assignment Committee of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. Assignment lists can be viewed here <u>LINK TO ASSIGNMENT LISTS</u>

CURRICULUM

GENERAL PRINCIPLES

All training at the seminary is carried out in the light of the gospel under the full authority of the Holy Scriptures as the inspired and inerrant Word of God. All teaching is carried out in conscious harmony with the Lutheran Confessions as the correct understanding of the Bible's message.

MASTER OF DIVINITY CURRICULUM

The master of divinity (MDiv) curriculum consists of a theological introduction and courses divided into four key concentrations: Biblical Theology, Historical Theology, Systematic Theology, and Practical Theology. Listed below are the general overview of each key concentration and the listing of classes contained therein. Courses numbered 1000–1999 are offered for juniors (first-year students); 2000–2999 for middlers (second-year students); 3000–3999 for seniors (fourth-year students). Master of divinity classes are conducted on a semester basis from Monday through Friday in five fiftyminute periods each day. The school day begins at 7:30 a.m. and concludes at 12:30 p.m.

THEOLOGICAL INTRODUCTION

Biblical Hermeneutics — As an introduction to biblical studies, this course examines the principles governing genuinely Christian interpretation of the Scriptures in their original languages. In the study of New Testament grammar, the student reviews the characteristics of Hellenistic and New Testament Greek, particularly as distinguished from classical Greek. The student also learns the basic principles of textual criticism so as to be able to use the critical text profitably. The text used for the study of New Testament textual criticism is that of the United Bible Societies. The critical Hebrew text of the Biblia Hebraica Stuttgartensia is used for this course and for all Old Testament exegesis courses.

NT1010 Hermeneutics

1st semester 3 credit hours P. Wendland

BIBLICAL THEOLOGY

Biblical Exegesis – Thorough, intensive, and reverent study of the Holy Scriptures is the very heart of seminary training. No one can be a God-pleasing public witness of Christ unless with a believing heart he understands the message which our God and Savior has called us to proclaim to a world of sinners. Certain books of the Bible are taught with special thoroughness in exegetical courses. In this study individual words and phrases, as well as literary structure, are examined on the basis of the original Hebrew and Greek texts. Intensive language study during his college training has prepared the seminary student for this work. An exegetical study of both an Old and a New Testament book is given in each of the three academic years.

OT1001 Genesis I

1st semester 4 credit hours Tackmier

OT1002 Genesis II

2nd semester 3 credit hours Tackmier

OT2001 Selected Psalms I

1st semester 2 credit hours Tackmier

OT2002 Selected Psalms II

2nd semester 2 credit hours Tackmier

OT3001 Isaiah 40-66

1st semester 3 credit hours Cherney

NT1011 Galatians

2nd semester 3 credit hours Bivens, P. Wendland

NT2011 Ephesians

2nd semester 3 credit hours Geiger

NT3011 Romans 1-8

2nd semester 3 credit hours Geiger, P. Wendland

Biblical Isagogics – Those books of the Bible that are not studied exegetically either at the seminary or during the student's college years are covered in a more cursory manner. This is done in the courses in Old and New Testament isagogics (introduction). Here emphasis is on becoming acquainted with the content and line of thought of the biblical books as well as the content of each chapter. The courses also cover what is known about the inspired writers and the time and circumstances of writing.

NT1018 New Testament Isagogics I

1st semester 5 credit hours Geiger

NT1019 New Testament Isagogics II

2nd semester 4 credit hours Degner, Sorum

OT2004 Old Testament Isagogics I

1st semester 5 credit hours Wordell

OT3004 Old Testament Isagogics II

2nd semester 5 credit hours Cherney

HISTORICAL THEOLOGY

Church History – Courses in church history are given during each of the three academic years. At the seminary, students are guided to see how our God and Savior has ruled in grace and judgment through all of world history from our Lord's ascension to the present time. Courses stress that our God has made everything serve his one great purpose of gathering his church of believers from among all nations through the gospel.

Students learn to recognize how the erroneous thoughts and sinful actions of men have been constantly at work in corrupting God's message of law and gospel and thus hindering the building of Christ's church. At the same time God in his might and mercy has continued to raise up staunch confessors to expose human error and to restore and preserve the pure proclamation of his saving Word. The study of church history alerts the student to the subtle inroads of error and confirms him in a joyful appreciation of the gospel as the one power of God for salvation.

Courses in the Lutheran Confessions aim to give the student a thorough understanding of the doctrinal content of the various confessional writings and to help him recognize that they do indeed present the truths of Scripture. The courses emphasize the historical background that led to the

writing of each confession. Students learn the importance and purpose of confessions in general, as well as the meaning and significance of confessional subscription. The Ecumenical Creeds and the Smalcald Articles are included in the courses of Martin Luther College and are prerequisites for seminary work. Luther's catechisms receive attention in the practical theology–Christian education courses.

CH1033 From Pentecost to Pre-Reformation

1st semester 5 credit hours R. Wendland

CH1038 Augsburg Confession and the Apology

2nd semester 3 credit hours Micheel, R. Wendland

CH2031 The Reformation Era

2nd semester 4 credit hours Otto

CH3031 Modern Christianity

1st semester 4 credit hours Otto

CH3038 Formula of Concord

1st semester 2 credit hours Micheel

SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY

Doctrines of the Lutheran Church (Dogmatics) – Students study the doctrines of Holy Scripture for four semesters in their middler and senior years. The various teachings of the Bible are presented and discussed. These courses help the student gain a thorough knowledge of the whole will of God for Christian faith and life. The doctrines of the Lutheran Church as set forth in the Lutheran Confessions are examined in the light of Scripture to strengthen the student's conviction that they are in fact drawn from the Bible. This intensive two-year study of Christian doctrine aims to give those who are preparing to become public ministers of the gospel a clear and comprehensive understanding of the truths of God's Word. This will enable them to preach and teach with the assurance, "This is what the Lord says." Students write several papers on topics of their choice. Opportunities are provided for German, Latin, and Spanish research.

ST2021 Theology and Anthropology I

1st semester 5 credit hours Brenner, Pagels

ST2022 Anthropology II and Christology

2nd semester 4 credit hours Pagels

ST3021 Soteriology I

1st semester 5 credit hours Schuetze, Treptow

ST3022 Soteriology II, Eschatology

2nd semester 5 credit hours Schuetze, Treptow

PRACTICAL THEOLOGY

Christian Education – The seminary aims to produce pastoral candidates who can seize the numerous teaching and learning opportunities present in public ministry. The course in the junior year lays a foundation by teaching the principles and methods which are basic to Christian education at any level (child, youth, adult). In this context, Luther's Large Catechism is also studied. In the middler year students learn to apply these principles and methods as they prepare catechism lessons and youth and

adult Bible classes. Students are also involved in supervised classroom teaching of catechism lessons in a Lutheran elementary school. In the senior year the emphasis is on developing and administering a comprehensive program of education in the congregation. One portion of the course concentrates on the program for adult education; the other focuses on the educational program for the entire congregation.

ED1061 Principles of Christian Education

2nd semester 2 credit hours Kock

ED2061 Methods in Christian Education

1st semester4 credit hoursEricson, KockED3061Educational Programs for Children, Youth, & Adults2nd semester3 credit hoursEricson/Kock

Pastoral Theology – The courses in pastoral theology present the scriptural principles and their practical application according to which a Lutheran pastor will shepherd his congregation as he administers the work of the congregation, ministers to the sick and the dying, counsels the troubled, the distressed, the tempted, and the erring, and reaches out into the community with the gospel. Pastoral leadership and stewardship also are emphasized. A thorough study of St. Paul's Pastoral Epistles in the Greek furnishes much of the material in these courses. Special attention is paid to the vicar and his work in relation to the vicar's supervising pastor and to his further studies at the seminary.

PT1042	Foundations of Evangelism	
1st semester	1 credit hour	Degner
NT2010	Pastoral Epistles	_
1st semester	3 credit hours	Degner
PT2041	Principles of Pastoral Theology	_
2nd semester	3 credit hours	Schuetze
PT2042	Culture & Communication	
2nd semester	1 credit hour	Degner
PT2081	Mission Perspectives	· ·
2nd semester	1 credit hour	Sorum
PT3041	Pastoral Counseling I	
1st semester	2 credit hours	Schuetze
PT3044	Spiritual, Professional Growth	
2nd semester	1 credit hour	Kock
PT3045	Pastoral Counseling II	
2nd semester	1 credit hour	Schuetze
PT3047	Parish Leadership	
2nd semester	1 credit hour	Sorum
PT3048	Parish Evangelism	
2nd semester	1 hour credit	Degner

Worship – Students are prepared for participation in public worship by means of courses that cover the traditional disciplines of homiletics and liturgics. Training in both areas begins in the junior year. The Function and Form of Christian Worship leads students to understand objectives of worship and principles that guide the forms of worship, with special focus on the historical and contemporary use

of the Christian liturgy and the services of the Daily Office. Preaching in Christian Worship IA and IB covers homiletical theory and begins the training that will enable the student to prepare a text study, a basic and expanded outline, and a written sermon. As part of the course, each student writes two sermons on gospel texts and preaches them before the members of his class. After Easter, juniors are encouraged to preach their class sermons in congregations.

Training for preaching continues during the middler year in Preaching in Christian Worship IIA and IIB. After a review of basic theory and topics central to the contemporary task of proclamation, the students are introduced to the unique features of preaching on Old Testament narratives and New Testament epistles. Each student then preaches two sermons in a congregation, the first on an Old Testament narrative text, and the second on an epistle text.

Studies in worship and preaching are combined in the senior year in Preaching and Presiding in Christian Worship. The course includes a review of key liturgical and homiletical principles and includes opportunities for practical discussions concerning worship planning and leadership. Students are also introduced to narrative and inductive preaching styles. During the semester, students prepare one sermon that is preached in a congregation.

Except in cases of emergency, students are not to deliver any sermon that has not been approved by a member of the faculty or the pastor in whose church the sermon is to be preached.

WR1051-1052 Preaching in Christian Worship IA and IB

1st & 2nd semester 2 credit hours Bivens, Christie, Pagels

WR1071 The Function & Form of Christian Worship
2nd semester 3 credit hours Christie
WR2051-2052 Preaching in Christian Worship IIA and IIB

1st & 2nd semester 2 credit hours Micheel, Tackmier, R. Wendland

WR3051 Preaching & Presiding in Christian Worship

1st semester 2 credit hours Christie/P. Wendland

SENIOR THESIS

The seminary aims to produce pastoral candidates who can seize the opportunities for learning that will be all around them in the ministry. One opportunity to develop such skills is the thesis to be completed by each student during his senior year. The thesis allows the student to pursue a topic in an area that matches his gifts and interests. In addition, it provides an opportunity for him to further develop independent study skills that will be useful for years to come. The subject matter for the thesis is chosen by the student in consultation with an advisor. Work on the thesis is done over the course of both semesters. Three credits are awarded upon its completion during the second semester.

TH3300 Senior Thesis

1st & 2nd semester 3 credit hours Wordell

STUDENT FIELD EXPERIENCE

Early Field Training – An Early Field Training (EFT) program during their junior and middler years gives students a modest amount of practical experience under the guidance of pastors in the Milwaukee metropolitan area.

Vicar Year — After completing the middler year, all students are required to complete a full year of full-time training as a vicar in a congregation. This training is a mandatory part of the seminary curriculum and is administered under the supervision of a Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) pastor in collaboration with the seminary. The seminary grants 40 academic credits to students who successfully complete the vicar experience. The credits are recorded on the student's transcript.

Any exceptions to this policy must be approved by the Conference of Presidents in consultation with the faculty. Students receive their vicar assignments through the Assignment Committee of WELS after they have been recommended for a vicarship by the faculty. The pastors of congregations to whom vicars have been assigned submit an evaluation of the vicar's service at the conclusion of the vicar year.

Student Assistants – Students may be engaged by area congregations and ministries as part-time assistants through consultation with the seminary's director of student field services. First- and second-year students have opportunities during the summer to gain experience in evangelism and outreach through a program carried out with WELS Board for Home Missions. Pastors who supervise student assistants provide an evaluation on the student's service.

WINTERIM

In addition to the courses offered in the normal semester schedule, all master of divinity students are required to attend the two-week Winterim between the first and second semester and to enroll in the equivalent of three hours per day (i.e., 30 class hours over a two-week period). Students are permitted to enroll in more than three hours per day. Students are also permitted to audit additional courses if room is available. Faculty-approved mission trips, off-campus study, and directed study are also options. Costs for off-campus study are the responsibility of the student or the sponsoring group.

Winterim courses are also open to Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) pastors and pastors in fellowship with WELS. Credits can be applied toward an STM degree. Tuition costs, registration fees, and course selections will be posted on the seminary's website around October 15. Interested pastors may register by contacting the faculty secretary (nola.zemlicka@wisluthsem.org). If there is room in the dormitory, housing may be made available for those enrolled in a course(s). Contact the seminary for availability.

The dates for Winterim in the 2021-22 academic year are January 10-21, 2022.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

WISCONSIN LUTHERAN QUARTERLY

Since 1904 the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod has published a theological journal. Originally called *Theologische Quartalschrift*, it is now the *Wisconsin Lutheran Quarterly*. This journal is published by the seminary as a testimony of its theological convictions, as a public witness to the saving truths of Holy Scripture, and in the interest of the theological and professional growth of those whom the seminary is training for the public ministry and of those already active in this ministry. The managing editor is appointed by the governing board upon recommendation of the president, subsequent to election by the faculty. The rest of the editorial staff is appointed by the managing editor and ratified by the faculty.

SYMPOSIUM

The seminary's annual fall symposium attracts several hundred pastors who gather with seminary students and faculty to hear and discuss presentations on important church topics. Held on the Monday and Tuesday following the third Sunday in September, the symposium includes three essays, a festival service, and an evening of relaxation and fellowship. Information about the symposium is available on the seminary's website.

GROW IN GRACE

The seminary has long been entrusted with the dual task of preparing students for the pastoral ministry as well as assisting pastors in continuing to grow spiritually and professionally throughout their ministries. Grow in Grace seeks to partner with pastors in the lifelong pursuit of spiritual and professional growth. Through Grow in Grace the seminary seeks to provide opportunities, resources, and encouragement for more informal individual and group study (study groups, circuits, conferences) as well as providing opportunities on campus, off campus, and online to pursue more formal growth (for-credit courses, Master of Sacred Theology degree). Grow in Grace also offers an initiative, called Pastor Partners, which provides mentoring for new pastors and retreats for pastors and wives at key ministry milestones.

In the area of informal growth, a website has been established (www.wisluthsem.org/grow-in-grace/) to share ideas and resources for personal study and growth. Professors also travel to make presentations (Pastors Institutes) at circuits and conferences around the synod. A complete listing of scheduled and available presentations can be found on the Grow in Grace web site.

In the area of formal growth, Grow in Grace coordinates a Master of Sacred Theology (STM) degree that can be earned in any of the nine areas of focused study: Old Testament, New Testament, Systematic Theology, Church History, Preaching & Worship, Education, Pastoral Care, Missiology & Evangelism, and Pastoral Leadership. The STM is made available for the theological and professional growth of all those who are active in the pastoral ministry of the Wisconsin Synod and our sister church bodies of the Confessional Evangelical Lutheran Conference. More specific information on all degree requirements can be found on the Grow in Grace page of the WLS website.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

The STM requires 32 credits which can be earned in classes taught on campus during the two-week Summer Quarter session in June of even-numbered years or during the Winterim session in January every year, online (fall, spring, or summer), or at satellite locations in odd-numbered years. The degree also permits students to design a portion of their own degree by pursuing directed research and/or writing a thesis in their focused area of study. A complete schedule of courses is listed on the Grow in Grace web site. Those interested in organizing for-credit courses in their area can also request a course through the web site.

Any questions about continuing education through the seminary can be submitted through the Grow in Grace page of the WLS website. They can also be directed to Grow in Grace Executive Assistant Nola Zemlicka (nola.zemlicka@wisluthsem.org; 262–242–8141) or to the director, Professor Tom Kock (thomas.kock@wisluthsem.org; 262–242–8181).

BOOKSTORE

The seminary operates a bookstore to provide students a place to purchase books for class and for their personal theological libraries. The books are offered on a minimum margin of profit. The student body elects a student bookstore manager who works along with the seminary business office in managing and overseeing the financial operation of the bookstore.

BUILDING A PERSONAL LIBRARY

While at the seminary, students will want to begin acquiring a personal library of the basic theological books needed by a pastor in the parish ministry. The book expenses of the individual student will vary, but a minimum cost of \$500 per year may be expected.

CAMPUS WORSHIP

Because the seminary believes that Christian faith and life are strengthened by and expressed in public worship, opportunities for worship are offered every morning during the school year and on festivals and special occasions. The seminary's dean of chapel oversees the campus worship life and is assisted by a committee of seniors and a student sacristan. Students and members of the faculty preside at regular services. Students and faculty also serve as organists, instrumentalists, cantors, and members of several chapel choirs. Many of the festivals of the Christian year are celebrated in full-length services in which faculty members are invited to preach.

COMPUTERS

The campus wireless network provides student access to the library, the internet, the seminary's online course management system (SemNet), and email. Classrooms are equipped with presentation technology for sharing computer–generated materials with the class. There is wireless access to the network in the classroom building and the dormitory.

Every entering junior is required to own a laptop computer that meets minimum performance standards to run Logos Bible software and wirelessly connects to our campus network and the internet. For further information see the Logos FAQ at http://www.logos.com/support/tech-faq. All students who ae living off campus are required to have a broadband internet connection.

Students are also required to have the following software programs for personal and classroom applications:

Microsoft Office 365 (provided as a subscription while enrolled) Logos Bible software (provided as a part of enrollment package) Antivirus and anti-spyware software

EMPLOYMENT

Permission to accept regular employment is granted to students, provided this employment will not interfere with their studies and is undertaken with the knowledge and approval of the seminary administration. The total number of weekly work hours, during the school year, should not exceed twenty. The place and the terms of employment are monitored by the dean of students.

FACULTY ADVISORS

Each student is assigned a faculty advisor at the beginning of the student's first year at the seminary. Under normal conditions the student has the same advisor throughout his time of enrollment. The faculty advisor meets with his students periodically. Additional consultations may be initiated either by the student or the advisor at any time as needed. During the vicar year the faculty advisor is in contact with both the student and the student's supervising pastor.

FOOD BANK

The married students operate a food bank through which food and other staples donated by individuals and congregations are distributed on an equitable basis to students who have need of them.

HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM

The seminary does not offer a health insurance program of its own. Students will obtain health insurance either through their parents or on their own. The vicar program provides health insurance during the vicar year.

HOUSING

All unmarried students are required to live in the dormitory unless their parental homes are in the immediate vicinity. Each dormitory resident is provided with a desk, chair, shelves for books, closet space, bed, and mattress for use during his stay. Each dorm section lounge is furnished with a couch, chair, and a refrigerator. The dormitory is also equipped with a digital antenna and wi-fi internet service. The seminary does not provide housing for married students. Students who are married are encouraged to find housing as close to the seminary as possible. To assist married students with this, a designated student maintains a spreadsheet that contains known housing options. Noon meals are available for students who live off campus. Off-campus students who bring their own lunch are also encouraged to join the student body at the noon meal in the dining room.

MISSION AND MINISTRY SEMINAR

A Mission and Ministry Seminar is held annually during the Epiphany season. This three-day seminar is intended to inspire the students for future ministry and to familiarize them with the various functions of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS), including the services it offers the parish pastor.

Three areas of ministry of the synod—congregational services, home missions, and world missions—are invited to make presentations and conduct workshops on the seminary campus during the three days of the seminar. Various WELS commissions and para-synodical groups also set up displays for the students' perusal. The senior class plans for and administers the seminar, involving students from other classes as appropriate.

NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

New students are introduced to the seminary and its policies in an orientation session that takes place on the day before classes begin. The dean of students organizes the orientation and sets the agenda. Students are welcomed to the seminary by the president. The financial aid officer presents pertinent information on the assistance program at the seminary. The director of early field training explains the program and its requirements. The dean of students introduces the advisor system and explains the materials in the student handbook. Additional orientation takes place during various flex hours of the first two months of the school year. A brief evening orientation is also conducted for all new wives of students in early September.

REGISTRATION OF STUDENT AUTOMOBILES

All students who bring a vehicle to campus must have adequate insurance for public liability (personal and property damage). A parking fee is included in the all-student general registration fee.

SEMINARY CHORUS

Membership in the chorus is open to all students without audition. The seminary's dean of chapel serves as the director of the chorus. Several rehearsals are held each week. The group presents its annual Christmas concert in two performances on the second Sunday in December and a graduation concert on the evening before the seminary's graduation service. In addition to appearances on campus and at local congregations, the choir carries out annual choir tours in the various districts of the synod. By its public concerts and appearances, the Seminary Chorus represents the seminary in the synod and seeks to set a standard for confessional church music.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

In view of the maturity that can be presupposed in seminary students, the affairs of the dormitory are predominantly regulated by the students themselves, with a minimum of consultation with the dean of students. The same principle applies in all areas of student life. The seminary endeavors to stimulate in the student body a sense of responsibility for carrying out its own encouragement and

admonition. For consultation with the dean, the student body elects a student council consisting of the student body president and representatives from each class. The students also elect a treasurer. Besides managing the student body funds, he also receives and disburses their weekly mission offerings as designated by the students for special projects.

STUDENT MARRIAGES

Since the seminary desires to counsel students before marriage, all students who contemplate marriage (including vicars, those in emergency service, and those on leave of absence) are expected to consult with the dean of students. Students who plan to marry before registering at the seminary are expected to seek the counsel of the campus pastor at Martin Luther College. In addition, the seminary hosts a special workshop on marriage and ministry for all students. Each year, all seniors and all married middlers are required to attend this workshop.

Since the seminary cannot assume responsibility for the housing and support of married students and their families, the student who contemplates marriage is asked to demonstrate that he has worked out a responsible plan for financial stability. No one can anticipate every emergency which might arise, but students who contemplate marriage are encouraged to include provision for unforeseen expenses in their financial planning.

Although the seminary recognizes that family obligations and emergencies will occasionally preempt a married student's time and energies, students who contemplate marriage are cautioned to remember that a consistent pattern of allowing family responsibilities to hamper the discharge of student responsibility will harm their preparation for the ministry and may establish a dangerous pattern for their future work.

STUDENT-ORGANIZED ATHLETICS

The seminary does not sponsor an organized athletic program. Nevertheless, an excellent athletic facility is available for student use. It includes basketball courts, a racquetball court, and a weight-lifting room with both free and machine weights as well as cardiovascular equipment. A portion of the campus has been allotted for soccer. Students elect an athletic director who organizes and supervises interscholastic and intramural competition in soccer, basketball, racquetball, tennis, golf, volleyball, and softball.

SYNODICAL PERIODICALS

The seminary encourages all students to become acquainted with the periodicals of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. For all enrolled students, subscriptions to the Wisconsin Lutheran Quarterly and Forward in Christ are included in the registration fee. This registration fee, paid during each of the three years a student is in residence at the seminary, also provides him with a subscription to the Wisconsin Lutheran Quarterly while he is serving his vicar year.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

2021-2022

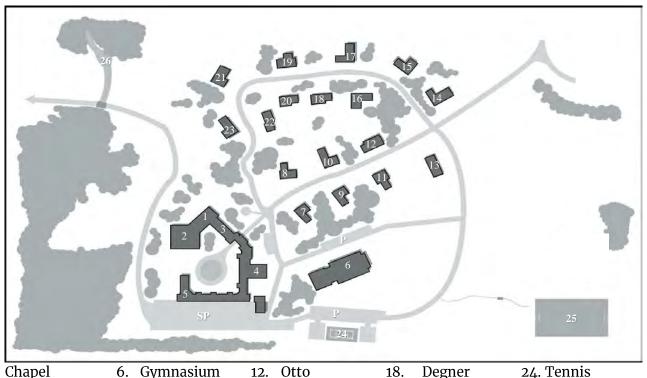
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