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The apostle Peter encourages us to be growing constantly in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. While this is true of all Christians, it is most especially true of pastors who nourish, guide and protect the flock of Jesus Christ. A pastor's continuing education is not only for his own spiritual well-being but also for the spiritual well-being of the people he serves.

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ATLAS for Alumni

Begun in the year 2000 with a Lilly Endowment grant to digitize “fifty years of fifty journals,” the American Theological Library Association Serials (ATLAS) project has grown to 290 titles. On campus, students experience the fruit of this project each time they use the ATLA Religion Database as a discovery tool for journal articles and find that the

delivery of the full text of many articles is only a click away. ATLAS for Alumni brings this same power of discovery and immediacy of delivery to our graduates who are away from campus.

The breadth of theological literature covered grows yearly and sports a depth of content going back 60 to 70 years, something not found in the full-text databases for other disciplines. Both of

our Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) seminary journals, *Concordia Theological Quarterly* and *Concordia Journal*, are available here, as are *The Springfielder* and *Concordia Theological Monthly*. Also available are *Lutheran Quarterly*, *Missio Apostolica* and many more from AFER: *African Ecclesial Review* to *Zygon: Journal of Religion and Science*.

Alumni are invited to send an email to Library@ctsfw.edu and request credentials to access this resource.

Library Catalog

In the summer of 2014, OCLC WorldShare Management Services became our next generation library automation suite. One huge advantage of this move is that WorldCat became our catalog. For those on campus, WorldCat provides a quick and easy way to discover titles available on our shelves and to discover items held by libraries




across the United States and the world, all in one place. For those away from campus, one aspect of this new catalog is the ability to set your zip code as the center of the universe. In this way, if you find a title you would like to borrow from across the country, you can see what other libraries in the world hold that item sorted by proximity to you. The perfect resource for your sermon, Bible study or research paper may be available in a nearby library, and you can find it in our catalog.

Extension Service

Our seminaries remain seminaries of the church for the church. Professional church workers of LCMS in need of a resource not locally available may find our extension service of benefit. Through this service we extend our circulation and reference services to those who serve our congregations and schools. Need a book? We send books to your doorstep. You have four weeks to use them, and then simply send them back. Need an article from a journal held by us but not yet in ATLAS, an essay from a book in the collection, an entry from an encyclopedia in the reference area or commentary on a passage of Scripture? We can scan it and send a PDF to your email.

Create Your Own Retreat

The completion this spring of the library expansion opens up some new possibilities. Planning to travel to campus for an event such as the annual Symposia Series or the Good Shepherd Institute Conference? Build in an Advent or Lenten Preaching Workshop and stay a few extra days to enjoy some service planning and sermon writing time. Spread out at a table at lake level and immerse yourself in these quiet, naturally lighted spaces. Looking for a place to hold an elders' retreat? Reserve one of the large group rooms in the library and punctuate your retreat with worship time in Kramer Chapel. The library has plenty of space for books, but it is also a calm, welcoming atmosphere for people.

To learn more about all of the services and resources offered go to www.ctsfw.edu/Library, email Library@ctsfw.edu or phone 260-452-2149. 

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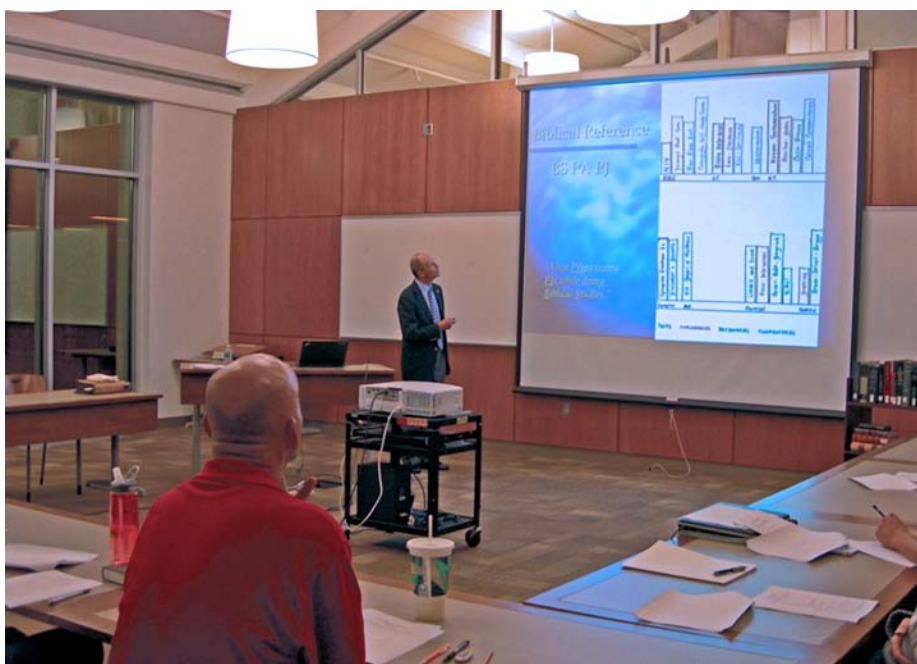


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With humble beginnings in Project Wittenberg and *Pro Bono Ecclesiae* (For the Sake of the Church), the CTSFW Media Site (<http://media.ctsfw.edu>) has grown to over 7,000 items. The full texts of *Concordia Theological Quarterly*, *The Springfielder* and *Concordia Theological Monthly* are now available. All content that is owned by the Seminary or that has entered into public domain and that has been digitized to support courses is also routinely added to the Media Site. Chapel homilies are searchable by preacher and by text.

The new interface allows keyword searching and Scripture reference searching. You may also browse by periodical titles, publicly available collections like Symposia 2015 or by Scripture verses. Search results may also be filtered by author, year or periodical, and "View Now" links make it easy to find what you are looking for, and fast! You can also log in to create and manage lists of available content to find again later.

The faculty of our seminaries are the teachers of our church. Not only do they teach students in the classroom, but with the Internet it is easier for them to teach those far away.



New rooms in the library offer additional options for students and visiting groups.