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## FEATURES

### 4 Forming Servants to Teach through Christ-Centered Worship

Paul J. Grime

Kramer Chapel towers above every other building on campus, but it's not just the building that towers over these 190 acres. Given that it is within these chapel walls that God comes among the students, faculty, and staff—not to mention the constant stream of visitors—to nourish them with His life-giving gifts, the worship life of the Seminary community extends well beyond the brief time it occupies in our day. Indeed, through subtle ways it shapes everything we do.

### 7 Forming Servants to Teach through Confessional Theology

Jon S. Bruss

At their ordination, our pastors subscribe—"sign on to"—the same Confessions that every single one of our LCMS congregations accepts. Our congregations, after all, are a place for proclaiming and living out the truth of God's Word, not for trying to discover or reinvent it. Our CTSFW graduates are well prepared to sign on to those Confessions, and to "teach the faithful" accordingly.

### 10 Forming Servants to Teach through Lutheran Community

Gifford Grobien

Community life at CTSFW is rich, participatory, and formative: worship and prayer together; the shared communion of Christ's body and blood; mutual conversation and learning; mentoring and material support. In all these ways the community is built up, and members of Christ's body serve one another. By this way of life students learn not just facts to be communicated, but the shared joys, support, knowledge, and love that come in life together.

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# Treasures of the Reformation

Rare Book Collection Dedicated during Chemnitz Anniversary



2022 marks the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the arrival of the “second Martin,” Martin Chemnitz, who was born in Germany November 9, 1522, the same year Martin Luther’s translation of the New Testament into German was published. This fall, Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, celebrated Chemnitz’s significant contributions in memorable fashion, using the anniversary of his birth to showcase the Reverend Doctor D. George Williams Collection of Rare Books, dedicated September 16 in the Elaine Kirkpatrick Rast Reading Room outside the Ross Rare Book Room on campus.

Prof. Robert Roethemeyer, the Wakefield-Kroemer Director of Library and Information Services, integrated several books from the 378-volume Williams collection into a Chemnitz anniversary display that served as a backdrop for the dedication service. At the dedication, Roethemeyer commented on various books in the display and walked several of them around the room, including a 1573 copy of Chemnitz’s *Examen* and Magdeburg and Dresden editions of the *Book of Concord* (two of six copies of the *Book of Concord* in the Williams collection).

“Our students here really enjoy the rare books interlude the

second week of Bib and Tech,” said Roethemeyer as he showed onlookers a clean title page of the Dresden *Book of Concord*. “It associates them with the confession they’re going to make at their ordination in a very real way.”

When pastors make that confession, they speak in one voice with each other and with all those who came before them, including Martin Chemnitz—a fitting example of the order, permanence, and durability of theology that Pastor Williams so admired.

To read more about the dedication of the Reverend Doctor D. Georg Williams Collection of Rare Books, visit [ctsfw.edu/news](http://ctsfw.edu/news).