

CONTENTS

Volume Twenty-Six, Number Four

CTSFW Wall Calendars

Now Available

Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne (CTSFW), mailed its 2023 wall calendar to CTSFW alumni and congregations of The Lutheran Church—



Missouri Synod at the beginning of December. A limited number of additional copies are available to individuals and congregations.

Special features include:

- ✦ Three-Year and One-Year Lectionary
- ✦ Church Seasonal Colors (Advent to Advent)
- ✦ Feasts and Festivals
- ✦ CTSFW Campus Events
- ✦ CTSFW Academic Calendar

To request your calendar(s), please contact Colleen Bartzsch at (260) 452-2150 or Colleen.Bartzsch@ctsfw.edu. There is an \$8.25 mailing charge for quantities of two to 10 calendars.

For the Life of the World

PUBLISHER

Dr. Lawrence R. Rast Jr.
President

PUBLISHER ASSISTANT

Carrie M. O'Donnell

PRODUCTION MANAGER

Colleen M. Bartzsch

EDITOR

Kristine S. Bruss

COPY EDITOR

Trudy E. Behning

ART DIRECTOR

Steve J. Blakey

For the Life of the World is published by Concordia Theological Seminary Press, 6600 N. Clinton St., Fort Wayne, Indiana 46825. No portion of this publication may be reproduced without the consent of the Editor of *For the Life of the World* by email at FLOW@ctsfw.edu or (260) 452-3153. Copyright 2022. Printed in the United States. Postage paid at Berne, Indiana.

For the Life of the World is mailed to all pastors and congregations of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in the United States and Canada and to anyone interested in the work of Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Unless otherwise noted, all Scripture verses are from the English Standard Version (ESV).

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.

Also in this Issue:

Able to Teach	13
Formed to Teach the Faithful	14
Treasures of the Reformation	16
Admission: Start the Conversation	20
Faculty Focus: Dr. David P. Scaer	22
Faculty News	23
Events Schedule	24
Seminary Guild: Touches of Home	25
The Impact of Legacy Giving	26
Bible Study: Teaching Throughout the Bible	28

Alumni Profile

The Reverend Dr. D. Georg Williams

September 5, 1950 – December 16, 2021



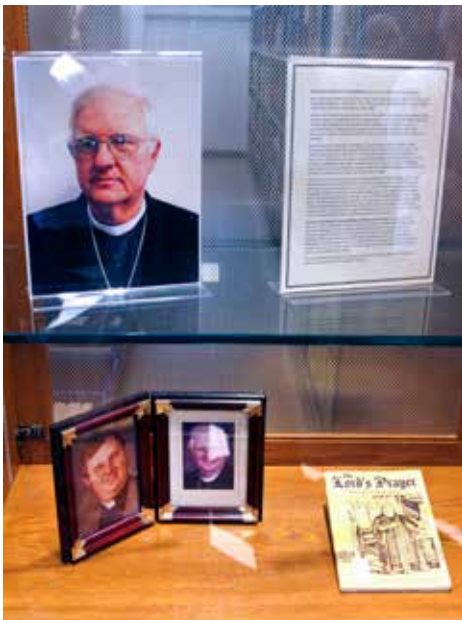
1 Peter 1:13: “Gird up the loins of your mind.” This could well be the proper epitaph for the life and ministry of Georg Williams (MDiv, 1977; STM, 1982, Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne.) He was the consummate pastor-scholar who placed his considerable intelligence in the service of the crucified Savior. He was a scientist, a wonderful linguist, a deeply read theologian, and a remarkable preacher. After short pastorates in Louisiana, Georg was pastor for 42 years at Zion Lutheran Church, Ainsworth, Nebraska.

For many pastors, Georg was a theological mentor and counselor. His influence and theological interest went well beyond the little town of Ainsworth. For 27 years, under Georg’s leadership, Zion Lutheran Church hosted the Ainsworth Pastors’ Symposium. Presenters at this symposium were among the best thinkers that the Lutheran Church has to offer, and attendance was high, frequently with 50–70 pastors and lay in attendance. Pastor Williams was a self-educated expert on Martin Chemnitz, publishing a translation of Chemnitz’s commentary on The Lord’s Prayer (CPH) in 1999.

Concerning what Georg thought about his book collection, his wife, Georgia, says, “I can only repeat what he said every year at the pastors’ symposium at our church. Everyone came to our house for a barbecue one evening, and at some point Georg would lead a procession of pastors and vicars, usually first-timers, back to the bedroom to look at the books. Georg always said the same thing: ‘I don’t consider myself to be the owner of these books. I am merely the caretaker until they can be passed on to future generations.’ Georg collected for all the 50 years that I knew him, and he got his last books just a few weeks before he died. It was his dream to have all these books collected in one place for the use of the Church, and it was his dearest wish to have them at the Seminary.”

Pastor Williams himself noted his love of old books in a biography submitted to the Seminary in 2014. “Whether it be the first edition *Dresden Book of Concord*, a 1560 edition of Melancthon’s *Loci*, or a sermon by Luther printed in Wittenberg in 1523, I love to collect my books. I do this so that once we are out of this dark age of scholarship, future generations may have access to the original copies of these monumental works.”

The Seminary, as the new caretaker of these treasures of the Lutheran tradition, now has 378 new ways to resource the Church and the world, thanks to Pastor Williams’ passion for preserving and passing on what has been handed down to us through the ages. 📖



This text is a slightly revised version of a profile prepared by Dr. William Weinrich for the dedication of the Reverend Doctor D. Georg Williams Collection of Rare Books.

