



FALL 2019

## WISCONSIN LUTHERAN SEMINARY SPOTLIGHT

### PAGELS AND TREPTOW INSTALLED

At the opening worship service for this school year, Rev. Steven Pagels was installed as a professor of dogmatics and homiletics and Prof. Earle Treptow was installed as the thirteenth president of the seminary. Treptow is looking forward to helping lead the seminary's mission of pastors training men to be pastors. "The men the Lord has called to serve on the faculty are tremendously talented and eager to serve. They are committed to the work entrusted to us and to working together in a brotherly way," he says.



### SCHOOL YEAR BEGINS

This year, 94 students are on campus for classes, which began on Tuesday, Aug. 27. The class breakdown is as follows: 23 seniors, 27 middlers, 43 juniors, and one student from a sister church in Indonesia. Throughout congregations in North America, 28 students are serving as vicars. One student is doing emergency service as a teacher at Manitowoc Lutheran High School.

### PASTORAL STUDIES INSTITUTE UPDATE

I was recently invited to share a few words of encouragement at a funeral. This funeral celebrated the ultimate victory of a Christian by the name of Mr. Adrian Gunn. Adrian was a loving husband, a dedicated father—and a faithful PSI student, working through a significant portion of the training program. We all thought Adrian was preparing to be a WELS pastor. Turned out he was preparing for his journey through an illness that would deliver him to his Lord.

It was a nice surprise when Maureen, Adrian's wife, asked me to share at his funeral a few words about Adrian's involvement in the PSI training program. It made sense. Being a PSI student was a big deal for Adrian. As a person who had not "come up" in the church, Adrian had a deep appreciation for the privilege of even studying for this vocation. He spent hours studying the Bible and talking about ministry with his pastor, Rev. Daniel Leyrer, and with his fellow member at St. Marcus Lutheran Church, Dr. John Lawrenz. One of many reasons his illness frustrated him was that it interrupted his studies.

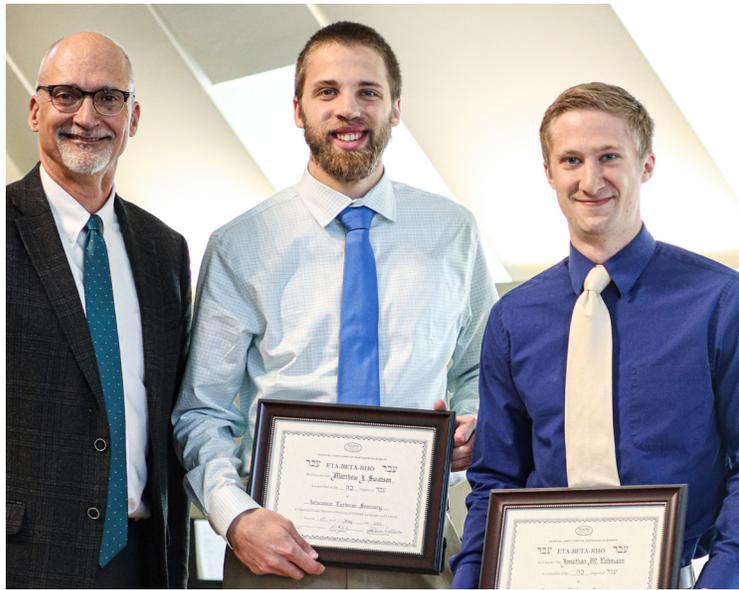
Adrian's dream was to become a WELS pastor. He was also part of a small group of Christians from the city of Milwaukee that is working to expand ministry training opportunities in Milwaukee. I suppose a lot of guys have the capability to study to become a pastor. There are guys that have the time to study to become a pastor. And there is a guy like Adrian who had the passion required to dream about being a pastor and to work hard to make that dream come true.

The main message we heard at Adrian's funeral was that Jesus removed from Adrian and from the human race all guilt from every sin. Thank you, precious Lord! This message was also heard: "Trust the Savior and also do everything you possibly can to share the news of the Savior. The world awaits your witness."

– Prof. E. Allen Sorum

## STUDENTS INDUCTED INTO HONOR SOCIETY

Evan Arrowsmith was the first-ever inductee into the WLS-MLC chapter of Eta Beta Rho, an honor society that recognizes excellence in Hebrew and is operated by the National Association of Professors of Hebrew. Professor Kenneth Cherney surprised Evan, now a middler, with the certificate in March. In May, two more students, Matthew Swanson and Jonathan Lehmann, were also inducted.



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- September 16: WLS Alumni Annual Meeting
- September 16-17: Symposium
- September 27: Prof Paul Wendland 40th Anniversary Service
- October 1-3: Asian Conference
- October 5: Friends of the Seminary Day
- December 8: Christmas Concerts
- January 6-17: Winterim

## GROW IN GRACE PARTNERING WITH PASTORS

## “SUMMER QUARTER ON THE ROAD” SUCCESS!

One of the main values of Grow in Grace is to deliver Christ-centered, accessible, and ministry-impacting events and courses built around the four theological disciplines of biblical theology, systematic theology, historical theology, and practical theology.

Through “Summer Quarter (SQ) on the Road,” we have worked to highlight “accessible.” Since April, when we started holding SQ in satellite locations, over 400 pastors participated in a formal continuing education class. Two hundred more will participate in our fall satellite courses.

This accessibility to courses has proven a blessing to many pastors. Pastor Dan Schmidt, Faith, Tyler, Texas, shares, “I appreciated that I didn’t need to travel to the seminary to take this course and it was encouraging to study alongside men that I see on a regular basis.”



Retired Pastor Lynn Wiedmann wrote a few highlights, “I thoroughly enjoyed that the course was in my back yard; very convenient; special financial arrangements for retired pastors; amazingly low cost for auditing a course; very good agenda; just plain enjoyed the partnership of learning of God’s grace with my brothers in Christ.”

These encouraging testimonials are only a few of the positive responses received. Due to such a positive feedback, this successful pattern of providing courses to outlying districts will continue during odd-numbered years. On campus Summer Quarter will continue to be held in Mequon during even-numbered years.

