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Rituals and Rites of Spring

You know spring is here when . . .

The seminary wives have a retreat.



On Saturday, 7 March, Allen Quist, a college professor, former legislator, and highly-acclaimed author on the battle of world views going on in American schools today, presented a fascinating overview of what science won't accept about creation/evolution and global warming based on ancient maps and the discovery of a super-croc skeleton. Allen is the father of sem wife Trisha Zahner.

The students take a break.

16-20 March is officially (and optimistically named) Reading Week at the Seminary. It is intended to give students an opportunity to catch up on reading and other assignments following mid-term examinations.

The Lenten appeal reaches your homes.

Please remember the seminary in your prayers and with your donations. During these challenging times, the world more than ever needs to hear the life-changing, life-saving Good News of Christ proclaimed by pastors and church workers all across Canada in our LCC congregations.

Potential students start showing up to visit the campus and classes.

Interest in studying at Concordia comes literally from all over the world. Now is the time when students who have been in contact with us begin to schedule on-site visits and complete applications.

Current students wonder about their potential.

Mid-terms have been written. Some wonder if these could be finals! Also, theological examinations are required prior to certification for graduating students. Nothing like 1½ hours behind closed doors with two professors asking questions to get the adrenalin pumping!

The Council of Presidents' Placement Meeting is scheduled.

Dr Mundt as Placement Director attends to present the various students and their profiles for consideration as vicars and candidates.

Confirmands descend.

Each year during Reading Week pastors bring confirmands and youth to the Seminary. This year 13 young people from four congregations joined together for

Matins, a scavenger hunt, pizza lunch, swimming at Brock, and touring local points of interest.





The cleaning bug bites.

Traditionally, Seminary Guild members foray into the student kitchen and do a thorough cleaning during Reading Week. This year the Guild also provided funds for materials to repaint the classrooms. Preparation and painting was done by various students, staff, and faculty leading up to the 16 March "paint-athon." Many thanks to Mrs Bonnie Stephenson for co-ordinating the efforts and to Perry Hart for enlisting the student volunteers.

Guild Day is announced.

This year the Guild meets on Saturday, 18 April. Registration begins at 8:30am. Dr Mundt will report on his sabbatical research from last spring: "Saving the Gypsy Soul—Reflections on Evangelical Outreach in the Early 1800s."

The Call Service is planned.

At the Call Service, 9 May, 4:00pm, at Christ Lutheran Church in St. Catharines, two vicars will learn where they will spend the next twelve months as interns. Five regular and one colloquy student will receive their first placement as pastors in LCC or a sister church. Nominees for various service awards are also being finalized for presentation at the service.

The outgo exceeds the intake.

Even without a world economic crisis, this time of year is challenging for the business office. January and February are typically slower months for donations. The Lenten appeal is just beginning to generate returns. Please keep our needs in your prayers and also consider, prayerfully, enrolling in the *Concordia Giving Partnership* whereby you designate a

monthly gift to be transferred electronically from your bank account. Please see our website or phone for more information.

Our thoughts turn to gardening.

Rice Road Greenhouses in Fonthill might be a good place to shop this year. We have registered with them so that when you purchase supplies or plants there between 1 May and 14 June, we receive 5% of the sales. Just make sure to tell the cashier that you are supporting Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary, St. Catharines. Now, let's freshen up those gardens!

You want to play golf.

Plans and preparations are beginning for the Seminary Golf Tournament, June 1, at Sawmill Golf course. Mark the date; details to follow.

The geese start returning.

How we love that honking sound this time of year!

- May we make as much noise about our Seminary.
- May we pull together, as they do, for the sake of preparing servants for God's mission.
- May our prayers ascend far higher than they fly!



Awake, my heart, with gladness,
See what today is done;
Now, after gloom and sadness,
Comes forth the glorious sun.
My Saviour there was laid
Where our bed must be made
When to the realms of light
Our spirit wings its flight.
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