



Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary

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An "Up"-date from Concordia

Here's what's going on in St. Catharines this month.

This is the first newsletter that we are sending out through Google Groups. We apologize if you have already received it through "Constant Contact", but in the transition we want to make sure that no one is missed.

"Lucky in Love" at Hernder Estate Wines

Friday, 13 February 2009



Upbeat was the mood at Hernder Estate Wines on Friday the 13th as 210 guests enjoyed an evening with fine food and musical variety at a fun, friend, and fund-raiser.

The featured artist was Tara Lyn Hart, a Canadian Country Music Award winner and JUNO Award nominee, and a seminary wife (husband: Perry). Tara began singing at age 5, and started recording for Sony Music at 17. She has also performed with CREW Ministries and at the Grand Ole Opry. For her performance at Hernder, she was accompanied by Hal Draper, an accomplished musician and song writer from Oshawa, who has performed with Tara in the past.





Also performing were: Paul Hoerdt, winner of 6 medals (3 gold) and awards at *The World Championships for Performing Arts 2008* in Hollywood, California, and a member at Grace, St. Catharines. He also performs locally at the Americana Hotel in Niagara Falls; Greg Palmer, an M.Div. student here and organist at Grace, St. Catharines, with a training in classical and jazz guitar And John Rapp, nearing the end of his seminary studies, who majored in voice at Wilfred Laurier in Waterloo and toured with CREW Ministries for two years.

What a talented group of individuals, and a fun evening! More photos of the event are available at our seminary's online album: <http://picasaweb.google.com/ConcordiaStCatharines>.

Up, up, and away describes the activities of the faculty as we prepare to have displays and bring greetings to three district and one national LWML convention. They will be up and about at other events as well. Dr Wm Mundt will lead the students from his Evangelism class to Evangel-Fest, 24-26 April at Redeemer College in Ancaster. The Seminary will be represented at the Central District Convention in Regina, 27-30 April, by Dr Mundt; at the East District Convention, 11-13 May in Windsor, by Dr Tom Winger; and at the ABC District Convention, 22-25 May in Vancouver, by Professor Jim Keller.

Dr John Stephenson will be up and away on 7 April, as he departs with his family for a term at Westfield House in Cambridge, England. He is currently on sabbatical. They return the end of June.

Uplifted is how we feel to be remembered when organizations plan fund-raisers, and long-time supporters remember us with bequests and life insurance policies. Redeemer Lutheran in Waterloo recently included the seminary as a recipient of proceeds from their annual Schnitzel Dinner on 21 February. Students helped serve and entertain. Dr Mundt was on hand with a display and ready to answer questions from potential students and donors. Although there may be no such thing as a



“free lunch”, the students did enjoy a free dinner after their hard work.

Recent bequests and life insurance policies have helped to reduce some concerns about meeting budgets, but there is still an opportunity to help us raise that ever important bottom line. To consider making a gift that lasts, contact Al Feth, the East District Gift Co-ordinator of Lutheran Foundation Canada at 1-800-465-8179 or Dr Wm Mundt at the seminary.

Uploaded and overloaded is the way most students feel about now as we are well into the Winter Semester and the new information just keeps coming. Bright spots loom on the horizon, however, with March Break coming up and Easter Holidays.

But it is not all work and no play—so to speak. A Pizza-painting day is planned for Monday, 16 March. Not the pizza but the classrooms are the recipients of the paint so graciously provided by the Seminary Guild. Under the watchful eye of co-ordinator Mrs Bonnie Stephenson, and with the aid of helping student hands organized by Perry Hart, the tired walls are going to find new life with a fresh coat of paint and perhaps a few other decoration innovations. Future plans also include re-

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decorating the student lounge, also thanks to a grant from the Guild.

Uploaded also refers to a new venture in course delivery, as the 2009-10 school year will include a course taught by Dr Jonathan Kraemer from Edmonton via Smart Classroom technology. In return, CLTS will offer our Edmonton brethren a history course taught by Dr Stephenson.

Upset and sad is how we feel when we cannot fill all the requests for seminary services and resources because of time or budgetary restraints.

Please keep us in your prayers so we can continue and expand our mission of preparing servants for God's mission.

Upcoming are pre-placement interviews and meetings for vicars and candidates in preparation for the May 9 Call and Placement Service at Christ Lutheran Church. They certainly appreciate your prayers as they ponder where in the world God may be leading them to serve.

Upon the cross Extended
See, world, your Lord suspended.
Your Saviour yields His breath,
The Prince of Life from heaven,
Himself has freely given
To shame and blows and bitter death.

Your Cross I place before me;
It's saving pow'r restore me,
Sustain me in the test.
It will, when life is ending,
Be guiding and attending
My way to Your eternal rest.
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