

LTS Update

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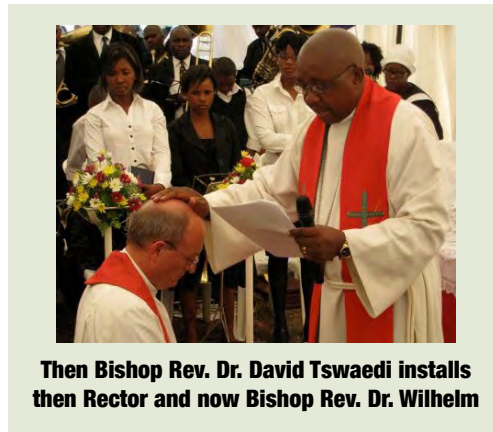
The Rector Is Now The Bishop

While there were many events during the first quarter of the 2010 academic year, nothing trumped the significance and pageantry of Rector Weber's installation.

On March 21, 2010, in a field next to the Lutheran church in Mofolo North, Rev. Dr. Karl Peter Paul Wilhelm Weber was installed as the third bishop of the Lutheran Church in Southern Africa. LTS student carried flags in the pre-service procession and sang as part of the service.

A Precursor to Revelation 7

The parade before the service must have been quite a site for Mofolo



Then Bishop Rev. Dr. David Tswaedi installs then Rector and now Bishop Rev. Dr. Wilhelm

North residents. A brass band playing, women dancing, flags from across Africa and around the world flying, and a procession of pastors standing in the middle of it all. The diversity of tribes, peoples, and languages echoed the words of John in Revelation 7, and yet, it was inside the tent where the picture was

completed, because there we gathered around the Lamb who came to us in Word and Sacrament. We pray not only that the people of Mofolo North would be drawn to the true attraction of Christ crucified, but that the church gathered as one on that day, would work as one in Southern Africa.

Using God's Words Against God

During his installation sermon on the miraculous catch of Mark 5, Bishop Weber talked about clinging to the promises of God, even when all seems hopeless. It's in these times, where all seems lost, that we should point out God's promises to God Himself, and call on Him, in the name of Christ, to do what He said He would. That's right, use God's words against God.



One in Christ Jesus Our Lord.

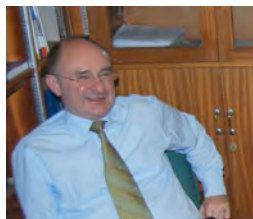
The Lutheran Theological Seminary in Tshwane is a place where students from across Africa gather and live as one in Christ while being formed as pastors of His Church. The picture above features students from Liberia, South Africa, Ethiopia, Uganda, and Kenya listening to Rev. Herb Mueller president of the LCMS Southern Illinois District.

LCMS Presidents



In part to attend the installation and in part to see how things are going in South Africa, LCMS District Presidents Golter and Mueller (seen here with Mike Rodewald from LCMS World Mission) visited LTS in March. Both districts have been a great support to their sister church in Southern Africa and the visit left no doubt that the partnership will continue for years to come.

Professor Klen



It was a joy once again to have Rev. Dr. Werner Klen from SELK, our sister church in Germany, on campus, this time for three weeks in March. However, there is even greater joy that plans are now in the works to have Dr. Klen joining us full-time in Pretoria. Final confirmation is still coming, but he's in process to join the University of Pretoria faculty where he'll serve as a liaison for LTS.

Mrs. Versatility



When LTS brought on Rev. Joe Burnham as a guest professor, they had no idea that he'd be bringing along an English teacher and cook. While Pastor Burnham has been teaching, his wife Anita, in addition to being mom for their three year old son, has been teaching Academic Skills and cooked for all of the Advanced Course students during the first three weeks of March. What a blessing to LTS!

Coming this Quarter



As one quarter winds down, another is about to begin. Bridger students will continue Greek, Hebrew, Augsburg Confession, Survey of the New Testament, and Liturgy.

Theology students will continue Greek, Hebrew, God & Creation, Church History, and Church Administration. They will also add in Paul's Theology of Mission, and an intensive on Romans.

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Salvation belongs to our God

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb ... — John, Revelation 7

Here is a brief highlight of a few things that happened during the first quarter of the 2010 school year.

New Professors: The school year began with LTS welcoming two new professors (Glenn Flugge and Joe Burnham) to campus. Glenn is at LTS part-time as part of his call with LCMS World Mission and Joe Burnham, here from the LCMS Rocky Mountain District, has agreed to extend his stay for another quarter.

New Students: A new group of first year students from South Africa, Zambia, Liberia, and Ethiopia, including the seminary's first future

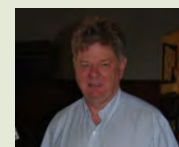
deaconess, were welcomed to campus.

Ash Wednesday: In a first for many LTS students and some staff, this year on Ash Wednesday we incorporated the imposition of ashes into our usual Wednesday confession and absolution service.

Advanced Course: The first session of 2010 Advanced Courses extended to three weeks this year and included sessions on the role of women in the church, the deaconate program, reconciliation, catechesis, and missions. We had students from all over South Africa and Botswana join

us in early March, along with three pastors from Kenya.

The Kenyans Remain: Remaining on campus through the next Advanced Course are three students from Kenya. It's wonderful to have Pastors Stanley, Jacob, and David with us for a few extra months.



Professors Detlev Schulz and John Pless from Concordia Theological Seminary in Ft. Wayne joined us for this year's Advanced Course.