LTS NEWS

Lutheran Theological Seminary in Tshwane [Pretoria, South Africa]



UP and LTS sign agreement

After lots of preparation over the past years. This agreement facilitates the exchange of Vice-Chancellor and principal of the Univer- the Lutheran Chair at UP soon. sity of Pretoria Prof. Dr. Cheryl De la Rey and Instrumental for this agreement was the in-Bishop Wilhelm Weber as the rector of the put by Prof. Dr. Johan Buitendag [Dean of Lutheran Theological Seminary in Tshwane. the theology faculty at UP] and also that by This agreement facilitates the accreditation Prof. Dr. Chris de Beer [vice-rector of the UP]. of the lecturers at LTS and the enrolment of Again we have all reason to rejoice and sing LTS students at the university of Pretoria for praises to the Lord our God, who has done diploma and/or degree purposes.

the accreditation agreement was signed on staff and students between the two instituthe 8th June at the University of Pretoria by tions and will hopefully open the way to fill

great things for us.

Visitors from CU Austin, Texas



Michael and Daniel Grosse together with Pat Fick visited the LTS for nearly 2 weeks together with students from the CU Austin, Texas: Hopefully they come again soon!

Africa, God showed us a side of His creation they are still praising, seeking, and glorifying that we had never experienced. I loved the God. That is beautiful! Katie Prince chance to step into and absorb the culture. Our I gazed into the faces of REAL people dealing first day in South Africa we learned a hymn in with REAL abandonment, REAL abuse, and Zulu (one of South Africa's eleven national REAL poverty, and discovered that God is just languages) that God was able to use throughout the week, allowing us to connect with the people we were serving. The relationships made on this trip, within our group, and with all the people we met was truly the most beautiful part. We met people from all over the world and were able to glorify and serve one God alongside them. The people of Africa have seen more than I can even imagine, apart-

God's creation is incredible. While in South heid, genocide, HIV and Aids epidemics, yet

as REAL! Brittany Scheel

The mission trip to South Africa was absolutely amazing. We were able to do a lot of things, see a lot of places, and spend time with a lot of beautiful people. I will never forget the lives that we changed and the lives that changed us! I can't wait to go back and see how God is continuing to work in South Africa. Emerald Allen

I learned that love transcends all language and cultural differences because people can sense love even if they can't understand your words. I also saw that poverty and injustice is a reality that the church must face, but prayer is where we must start because God is the only one who knows what is best for the world.

Poverty is a reality that the church (body of Christ) must learn to deal with in a better way. It doesn't take a degree to serve God, it just takes the love of Christ in our hearts. We don't need to travel across the world to do mission work; we can start at home.

People have more in common than is evident at first. Prayer is something everyone can do to help fix the problems in the world. We are so rich in America and we have a responsibility to help our poorer brothers and sisters around the world.

Love transcends all language and cultural barriers, people can tell when you love them! I saw the need for the Body of Christ to come together to be the hands and feet of Christ. I saw the need for the Gospel to reach the forgotten, poor and oppressed. Latrisha Hill

My highlight of the trip was when we were at Abba House, where one of the babies came over to me and placed her hands on my thighs. She was my buddy for the rest of the day. The reason it was so special was because it reminded me of our relationship with God. He chooses us for no real or tangible reason and then we are brought into this new world of love and connection. **Sharon Whightsil**

I learned that no prayer is too small or insignificant for God's ears to hear. I wanted to see elephants so badly and we had not seen any all day. We prayed that God would bring us a miracle of elephants and we didn't just find one, but a whole herd! Prayer is powerful! God can use the smallest kids to show you his grace.

In the midst of poverty and strife, God's message stands strong and keeps us hopeful for our reunion with Him. Our lives are to be lived as an example of Christ's love, no matter the circumstance or situation. **Kellye Koyn**

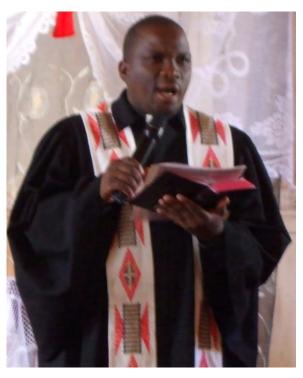
My favorite part of the trip, really the most meaningful to my life, was the night we spent at Themba. Our environment was so beautiful, but instead of glorifying ourselves, we glorified God. That night I realized what a wonderful group of girls I was surrounded by. I am glad to have had this experience with them. I also believe my relationship with God became closer! I don't know what I want to do after graduation, but that night at Themba led me to the next step. It will take a lot of prayer, but I know the next two years of my life will be in Africa. **Fayelon Davis**

Words cannot describe our time in South Africa, all I can say is GO! Go to South Africa and let the people, culture, and creation consume you. Allow God to rock your world by serving in South Africa; it will steal your heart. That is a guarantee. **Amanda White**





Mission fest in Salem



At the end of our stay in South Africa we attended a mission festival called Rogate. Over 1200 people came from near and far to sing, dance, listen to the Word, and praise God together in multiple languages. People filled the church, the staircase, the balcony, and even stood outside the doors and windows. The service lasted four hours, but I think they could have praised God all day long! What a privilege it was to sing with our brothers and sisters in Christ, praising the One who died so we might live! The warm reception by everyone at the seminary and all the places we visited made our trip so memorable and blessed. **Pat Fick**









Visitor from Tanzania



representative of Bishop Andrew Gule, who the Eastern diocese. was unable to come himself.

had started to get acquainted with English the LTS for a suitable time. and the foreign ways at our South African We are very happy to have this cordial rela-

Rev. Emmanuel Makala from the Bishop's return and Rev. Makala was adamant that office in the Eastern diocese of the Tanza- this was without the prior consent of the nian Evangelical Lutheran Church visited the Church Council and against the will of the Seminary just after Easter. He came as the Tanzanian Lutheran Churches leadership in

He was very keen to establish that they One of the main reasons Rev. Makala came would gladly send more students in the comwas to explain why the five beginners from ing academic year and that they would be Tanzania, who had started with their theo- very careful to chose suitable men, who were logical studies at the LTS in February and interested in studying Lutheran theology at

venue. Initially it had been said, that they tionship with the Tanzanian Lutheran Church had just gone home for the Easter holiday. and look forward very much to visit with However after this short break they did not Bishop Andrew Gule in the near future.

President Timothy Scharr's visit strengthens SID and LTS & LCSA ties



Church Missouri Synod South Illinois District mission outreach, HIV/Aids support, poverty came for the Mission festival celebrations in alleviation and improved church governance. Salem on Rogate Sunday, the 29th May.

Here he is seen together with student Madara Scharr preached the sermon and Mr. Eboro lead the liturgy.

As new president of his district President Scharr is keen to confirm and strengthen the existing ties between SID and LCSA. Over the its partner church the LCSA. Areas of special

President Timothy Scharr from the Lutheran concern were the training of Lutheran pastors,

President Scharr is eager to build on this strong cooperation by establishing further connec-Eboro from Nigeria after Matins. President tions, bridges and ties between the partners like involving people from their intensive prison ministry, utilizing administrative expertise from their side and also encouraging more volunteer visits.

We are thankful for President Scharr's visit years SID has built a strong relationship with and pray that his endeavours will be blessed with success and thus benefit the Lutheran Church on both sides of the Atlantic Ocean.

Please continue supporting LTS



Windows shatter, geysers leak, ceilings fall down, connections break and power fails—and at LTS this is no exception. Therefore we need your continual support so that teachers can carry on teaching, students can continue to study, eat, wash, rest and recuperate, visitors can pop in, church meetings can be held and the Seminary can go on with its business! Please help as we continue to face the challenges of running a Seminary for students from around Africa. God bless you +



and N.Botswana.

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Zambia Not only was it good for to get to know the invited to a theological conference just before work of Scandinavian Lutherans in Zambia, Easter. Missionaries, theologians, bishops, Congo and Zaire, but it was also very enrichevangelists, translators and pastors gathered in ing to get to know the Zambians themselves Lusaka to work on topics of common interest like Bishop Samson M. Kipaila, but also pastor like the Lutheran Church Africa Synod or how Robert Kaumba—the father of Benjamin to better serve Lutherans in the Caprivi strip Kaumba, who is a student at the LTS in Tshwane studying Lutheran theology in the 2nd year.

Library donated to LTS



stepped in and taught Reformation History move to a retirement village in Wapadrand. at the LTS.

conferences and workshops at the LTS.

Rev. Heinrich Voges also actively shared the theological literature in seTswana, which was edited by Rev. E.A.W.Weber DD and published with the help of the Lutheran Heritage Foundation, with his broth-[ELM] and beyond.

A few months ago Reverend Voges lost his

For many years Reverend Heinrich Voges wife of over 55 years. The burial service supported the Lutheran Theological Semi- was held in Mabopane and was conducted in nary. During the time the previous rector both seTswana and German by Bishop Rev. Radikobo Ntsimane had a sabbatical Ramashapa. Now Reverend Voges has sold and was on study leave in Germany, he his house in La Montagne and is about to

That is the right time for him to hand over For many more years he regularly preached his theological library to the LTS. He had during the LTS Matins services and was al- stipulated it as the receiver years ago and ways a grateful participant in theological now has deemed the time right for this move. We are very thankful for this significant donation and are very happy that the LTS library is receiving these precious books to supplement its German collection of Lutheran and ecumenical theology.

May these books serve the Lutheran Church ers serving in the Hermannsburg mission in Southern Africa well - and all those, who are serious about Lutheran theology in this part of the African continent.

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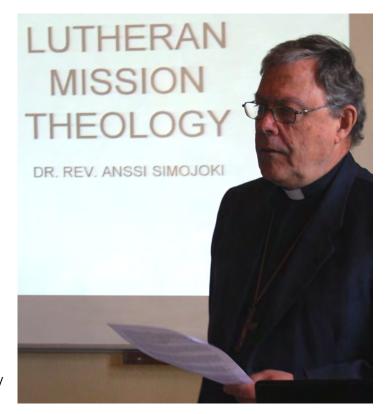
26.7: Start

• 8.8: Prof. Pless—CTS Ft.Wayne

• 15.8: Dr. Simojoki

24.9: St.Michael's break

26.9: Intensive with Rev. J. May



Prayer Requests for the LTS

- More able students to study Lutheran theology and be prepared as pastors and deaconesses in Africa
- > Means to support teachers so that they can concentrate on teaching, preaching and research.
- > More bursaries for students from Africa to study Lutheran theology full-time at LTS and UP.
- > Suitable opportunities for graduates to be called and installed, ordained and taken into service.
- Volunteers to help with a growing work-load: administratively, with house-keeping & tutoring
- > Necessary means to sustain, renovate and expand the facility as required.
- > Good theological books for the library, for teachers and students.
- > Opportunities for Seminarians to tell their story and that of the Seminary in the Churches and beyond.
- > A good start for the Rockrohrs as they begin raising funds for their ministry in SA in July
- Possibilities for international exchange to broaden the perspective of Seminarians globally.