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September 27, 2007

"Preaching Lively Sermons" with Thomas Long

What: Sit at the feet of one of the twelve most effective preachers in the English-speaking world and learn his secrets. Long encourages creativity in sermon content, fresh takes on biblical texts, and lively, engaged delivery. This seminar is said to be one of the Long's most useful seminars, which is saying a lot since he is a consummate teacher of preaching.

Who: In 1996, *Newsweek* published the results of a two year study by Baylor University. In an article on "A Preachers' Hall of Fame," they listed 12 most effective preachers in the English-speaking world. ***Thomas Long*** is among them. Long, who is Bandy Professor of Preaching at Emory University's Candler School of Theology, is the author of numerous books. Among them, *The Witness of Preaching* (1990; 2nd ed., 2005) is regarded as the most widely used textbook in homiletics in American seminaries. Long's research interests are homiletical theory and biblical preaching, as well as the theology and practice of Christian funerals. He is an ordained pastor in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

When: Thursday, September 27 from 10am - 3pm

Where: The Oak Room of the Grant Center at Concordia College in Moorhead, MN

Cost*: Fee includes lunch & breaks
Clergy; $85; Laity: $75

CEUs: .4 (= 4 contact hours)

Cancellation & Refund Policies

Participants who wish to cancel must provide notification in writing by mail, phone, or email to receive a refund. A 15% administrative fee will be charged for all refunds.

October 11, 2007

"Taizé and Prayer: Cold-Shower Ecumenism" with Dirk G. Lange

What: This workshop will explore the ministry and witness of the Taizé Community in the world today. Why has it been called a "parable of community"? Why do thousands of young and not-so-young people go to Taizé every year for prayer? What can we learn from the prayer of Taizé that could help us reflect on mission and worship in our local parishes? The exploration will happen on several levels: personal reflection, theological inquiry, and practical application. This will be a remarkable opportunity to gain insight into the powerful impact of Taizé by a former member of the community, and how to translate that power into your congregation.

Who: ***Dirk Lange*** was a member of the Taizé Community for nearly 20 years. During the 1980s, he worked with church leaders and many lay people in the formation and animation of prayer groups in the Eastern European underground (especially in the former East Germany and Czechoslovakia). During the 1990s, he was responsible for the prayer and songs of Taizé and worked with Father Joseph Gelineau, whose contributions to liturgical prayer, especially psalmody compositions, are well-known. Today, Lange is Assistant Professor of Christian Assembly (liturgy and homiletics) at the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia. His Ph.D. was completed at Emory University under Don Saliers. To learn more about Taizé, go to www.taize.fr/

When: Thursday; October 11 from 10am – 3pm

Where: Holy Cross Catholic Church and Lutheran Church of the Cross, 1402 & 1420 16th Street East in West Fargo, North Dakota

Cost*: Fee includes lunch & breaks
Clergy - $79; Laity - $69
Early Bird Rate (if paid by September 27) = $10 off

CEUs: .4 CEUs = 4 contact hours

CEU Certification

CEU certificates are available for a $5 administrative fee.

Payment

We accept checks, Visa or Mastercard.

October 1, 2007

"Evolution and Faith: What is at Stake?" with **John Haught**

What and Who: The Concordia College Religion Department has scheduled a lecture that is free and open to the public. Haught is one of the leading figures in the US on science and religion. The Landegger Distinguished Professor of Theology at Georgetown University, Haught is the author of numerous books, including *Is Nature Enough? Meaning and Truth in the Age of Science* (2006)*; Deeper than Darwin: The Prospect for Religion in the Age of Evolution* (2003)*; God After Darwin: A Theology of Evolution* (2000; 2007), and *Science and Religion: From Conflict to Conversation* (1993). Haught is also Director of the Georgetown Center for the Study of Science and Religion.

At the 2005 trial in Pennsylvania about the decision of the Dover school board to require the presentation of "intelligent design" in public schools, the Catholic theologian was an expert witness. He testified that "intelligent design" is simply "a reformulation of an old theological argument for the existence of God," and argued that it is religion, not science, and thus should not be taught in public schools. But Haught also does not see a conflict between science and religion because they represent different explanatory approaches.

When: Monday, October 1 at (Time - TBD)

Where: The Large Conference Room in the new student center at Concordia College.

Cost: Free

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November 8, 2007

"Romans: Paul's Letter for the 21st Century" with **Robert Jewett**

What: Paul's Letter to the Romans has played a key role in the history of biblical interpretation and of church doctrine. While no study of the letter can ever be called "definitive," Jewett's new 1,250 page *Hermeneia Commentary* - many years in the making - represents not only a prodigious amount of work but a new direction in the interpretation of the letter, and at least for now the most definitive commentary on Romans.

Who: ***Robert Jewett***, currently a visiting professor of New Testament at the University of Heidelberg in Germany, is one of the very few New Testament scholars who successfully combine exacting scholarship with a passion for translating scholarship into incisive proclamation of the gospel. A prolific author, Jewett's books include *The Captain America Complex* (1973, with a revised and expanded version in 2003), *A Chronology of Paul's Life, The Thessalonian Correspondence, St. Paul at the Movies*, and *Paul the Apostle to America*. He has also researched the exact routes of Paul's journeys. At Heidelberg, Jewett has compiled a bibliography of studies of Romans that runs 1000 pages, single-spaced, and is expected to run to 1,500 pages.

When: Thursday; November 8 from 10am - 3pm

Where: The Oak Room of the Grant Center at Concordia College in Moorhead, MN

Cost*: Fee includes lunch & breaks
Clergy, $99; Laity $89;
Early Bird Discount (if paid by October 20) = $10 off

CEUs: .4 (= 4 contact hours)

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January 31, 2008

"Tales from the Crypt: Theology and Practice in Funeral Ministry" with **Mark Molldrem** and **Julie Tweit**

What: Whether you are a veteran pastor or a relatively new one, you will find much that will be helpful in this workshop. After sharing some of your funeral nightmare stories, you will learn about theologies of death, historical and cultural variations on funeral practice, biblical pictures and personal metaphors for preaching life out of death, and unavoidable details, like church funeral policies, the role of the pastor in various situations, funeral bulletins, eulogies, etc. About as much as can be crammed into one day!

Who: Mark Molldrem is pastor of First Lutheran Church, Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, and a previous CHARIS presenter. Julie Tweit is a Presbyterian pastor serving as Certified Preplanning Consultant for Boulger Funeral Home in Fargo.

When: Thursday, January 31 (2008) from 10am – 3pm

Where: The Oak Room of the Grant Center at Concordia College, Moorhead, Minnesota

Cost*: Fee includes lunch and breaks. $89
Early Bird Discount (if paid before January 11) $10

CEUs: .4 (= 4 contact hours)

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* Discounts

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(for retired pastors & pastors
in their first 3 yrs of ministry)
25% discount on registration fee:
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