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All who call on God in true faith, earnestly from the heart, will certainly be heard, and will receive what they have asked and desired. –Martin Luther

Join Us
at
Caldwell Chapel

Thursdays & Fridays
11:30 a.m.



You are welcome to come to the next Chapel Ministers meeting on Monday, October 23, 2017. Be part of the conversation surrounding worship! Chapel services will resume after Research and Study Week.

Calendar: October 16-20

RESEARCH AND STUDY WEEK

Monday, October 16
Tuesday, October 17
Wednesday, October 18
Thursday, October 19
Friday, October 20



Key Dates to Remember

November 1, 2017: Application Deadline for spring admission to the Master of Arts (Religion) (MAR) and Master of Divinity (MDIV) degree programs.

December 1, 2017: Housing Deadline for spring.

HOURS OF OPERATION

ACADEMIC SUPPORT CENTER

Monday & Thursday
10 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
3:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Tuesday & Friday
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Wednesday
CLOSED

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NEW LEGACY CAFE

Monday - Friday
Breakfast
8 - 10 a.m.

Lunch
11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

LIBRARY

Monday - Thursday
8 a.m. - 10 p.m.

Friday
8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Saturday
12 - 5 p.m.

Sunday
5 - 10 p.m.

Submit all articles, questions or inquiries to
Editor Jean Campbell Herp, ext. 360 or jherp@lpts.edu

LOUISVILLE SEMINARY

President Search Survey

Dear Friend of Louisville Seminary:

I invite and encourage you to take a few minutes and share your thoughts about the next President of Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary.

The President Search Committee would like your answers to a few survey questions, and we believe this will help us in our work. The committee has met and agrees on the importance of including your insights as well as insights from a broad base of Louisville Seminary's diverse constituencies.

Data from all groups will be aggregated and carefully considered together with our other research in this essential process.

Please submit your responses by Monday, October 16.

All responses are anonymous unless you choose to have your name recorded with your results. Only the committee will have access to the raw data. A summary report of the findings will be available upon request.

Thank you for your consideration and participation. Your ongoing role with the Seminary is significant to the future of this life-giving institution.

Lant B. Davis
Chair
Board of Trustees
Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary

TAKE THE SURVEY!

Field Education Info

Future Field Ed Dates To Note

Thursday, Nov. 2	Due date for summer 2018 CPE applications
Monday, Nov. 6	Field Ed Supervisory Studies Program

Thanks, Bread Day Volunteers

Please extend a word of thanks to **Heather Cress, Abby Embry, Val Goins and Sarah Hong** for ensuring that the bread plus other items continue to arrive in the Winn Center.



Domestic Violence Awareness

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Awareness means more than reading about DV statistics in the news. It means understanding the experience of victims, and knowing how to meet their particular need for support and healing. Pastors and caring professionals especially need to be ready as we are often a victim's first point of contact when they realize they are in an abusive and potentially deadly situation.

Marriage and Family Therapy students, Brenda Holder and Rosalie Guthrie, want to help you in being prepared.

Join them and find out how pastoral counselors and pastors can meet the needs of victims and their families. Three meetings will be offered in October. The curriculum consists of a DVD presentation followed by a brief presentation on community resources for clergy in Kentucky and Southern Indiana. Each meeting will last one hour, no more.



Domestic Violence Awareness
Thursdays, Oct. 12, 19, and 26
12:15 p.m. in Schlegel 120

*All are welcome. Come as you are.
There is no homework, no prior
reading requirement, no final.
Just free information.*

Please bring your lunch and join us.

Email or text your RSVP or any questions to:
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From the ASC:

Writing Strong Thesis Statements

The most important thing to remember about a thesis statement is that it should state the main idea of your paper. One way to write a good thesis statement is to pretend that you can use only one sentence to tell readers about your topic. Therefore, you need to make sure that your sentence expresses the most important thing about your topic. Remember that this one statement is so important because the reader decides to continue reading because of it.

You should always have at least a draft of your thesis statement before you start to write. This directs your composing. Often, after you have written the entire paper, you will want to return to the thesis statement and revise it.

A good thesis

- is unique
- is specific
- expresses one major idea
- is a complete sentence
- takes a stand—makes a claim, expresses an opinion, tells the reader what you think (this is an important step in thinking and writing critically)

A thesis is **NOT an announcement** of your subject. A **thesis** expresses a claim, perspective, insight, or opinion. It reveals a specific attitude about your subject.

Announcement

The Japanese are successful in selling cars to foreign markets.

LPTS is a good seminary.

Calvin's account of grace is far more compelling than Luther's.

Thesis Statement

The Japanese sell many cars to foreign markets because they know the needs of those markets.

LPTS is an excellent seminary because of its renowned writing center.

Calvin's account of grace offers hope to people who have been undone by the world.

Notice that the thesis statements include what is stated in the announcement, but they are unique. They tell the reader what claim or stand you are supporting/refuting regarding your topic.

Once you've constructed your thesis, the paper will unfold smoothly. The supporting paragraphs or pages will support and explain the claim you made or the opinion you express in your thesis.

(adapted from notes by Shannon Craig-Snell)

Need Help? Just ASC.



October/November Events

Save the Date

Harvest Bonfire
Tuesday, October 31
7 p.m.
In the valley



Booksigning: Amy Plantinga Pauw



Thursday, November 30
12:30 p.m. | Winn Center

Church in Ordinary Time:
A Wisdom Ecclesiology
Eerdmans (2017)

THE REFORMATION AT 500

A Time to Worship and Break Bread Together



Sunday, October 29, 2017

Worship at 4 PM in Caldwell Chapel

Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary

Rev. Alonzo Johnson, preaching

Catered meal at 5:30 PM in the Winn Center—The meal is free! Register at

<https://presbytery.wufoo.com/forms/z14ynsyr10m0srn/>
to reserve one or more places at the table

Sponsored by the Presbytery of Mid-Kentucky and Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary
• All Churches in the Presbytery are encouraged to attend •
Call Bill Williamson, [502-415-5469](tel:502-415-5469) for more information



2017 PRESLER LECTURE ON JUSTICE AND MISSION

The Necessity of Lament *in a Changing World*

Thursday, November 9, 2017
11:30 A.M. | Caldwell Chapel



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PROFESSOR OF
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THE 21ST-CENTURY WORLD OF CHRISTIANITY IS DRASTICALLY DIFFERENT DEMOGRAPHICALLY AND SOCIOLOGICALLY FROM THE PREVIOUS CENTURY. THESE SHIFTS ARE CHANGING THE PERCEPTION OF THE ROLE OF CHRISTIANITY IN THE WORLD AND IN THE UNITED STATES.

DESPITE THESE DRASTIC CHANGES, MANY AMERICAN CHRISTIANS REMAIN VASTLY UNINFORMED ABOUT WORLD CHRISTIANITY. AS THE WORLD OF CHRISTIANITY CONTINUES TO CHANGE, THE AMERICAN CHURCH, IN PARTICULAR, MUST RECOVER THE LOST SPIRITUAL PRACTICE OF LAMENT.

THE RECOVERY OF LAMENT CAN SERVE AS THE HEALING SALVE NEEDED TO BRING GREATER CULTURAL COMPETENCY AND UNDERSTANDING IN A CHANGING WORLD.