

Class Schedule—Fall Semester

Classes begin Monday, September 9

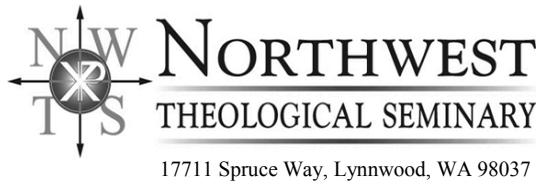
No classes on November 28, Thanksgiving Day

Classes end: December 5

Reading week: December 9-14

Exam Week: December 19-22

Monday and Wednesday classes		Tuesday and Thursday classes	
11 am – 12 pm	Homiletics IA	11am -12pm	Patristics
12:00 - 12:30	Lunch	12:00 – 12:30	Lunch
12:30 – 1:30	Homiletics IIA/ Church Polity	12:30 – 2:00	Old Testament Intro
	Westminster Confession		
1:45 - 3:15	Greek Pentateuch	3:30 – 5:00	Gospels
3:30 - 4:30	Vos Readings	5:15 – 6:45	God and Man
	Medieval Church		
4:45 – 6:15	Hebrew		



Volume 14, Issue 2

August 2013



NORTHWEST THEOLOGICAL
SEMINARY NEWSLETTER

His story is...

Our Story

Living Waters from Jeremiah 2:13

Jesus, Son of God, as active a genesis of this living water as the Lord God of Jeremiah. Jesus, Son of God, as animating, as vivifying an origin of living waters as God the Lord of the prophet Jeremiah. Jesus' self-revelation is identical with, co-equal to the self-revelation of God himself—God who discloses himself to the prophet Jeremiah. In these last days, the God of living waters has become incarnate in his co-equal Son. He has borne witness that what his Father revealed through Jeremiah the prophet in the days of Josiah, he now reveals through his own incarnation in these last days. Jesus, the Son of God, is the fountain of living waters; he gives what God the Father gives; he is the genesis of streams of the river of life as his Father is. He and his Father are one: one in source of life eternal; one in origin of life eternal; one in fountain of living-water streams; streams flowing from eternity to eternity—flowing from life eternal, flowing to life eternal; water of life from God the Father and God the Son by the rebirth of God the Holy Spirit.

Water of life springing up into everlasting life. No more thirst in Christ Jesus; no more parched lips in Christ Jesus; no more dry mouth in Christ Jesus; no more longing for the waters of heaven in Christ Jesus. Streams, rivers, fountains, floods of living water from the throne of God the Son, through God the Holy Spirit, to the praise of God the Father. Streams of water—living water—water of life—water of life eternal as God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit. Streams of water from the Creator of water-streams; from the sustainer of well-springs; from the consummator of glory-streams. Living water from eternal fountains of your soul—of Jeremiah's soul—of the souls of thirsty hearts who long for and possess life—eternal life—possess *the* Life who is *the* water—living water; God's Son, the Lord Jesus, the eschatological fountain of living waters.

(Excerpt from J. T. Dennison, "Deadly Fires versus Living Waters," *Kerux: The Journal of Northwest Theological Seminary* 28/1 [May 2013]: 11-15 <http://kerux.com/documents/KeruxV28N1A2.htm>.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND FACULTY NEWS

Did You Miss Something?

Some of our readers may have missed our usual June issue. In fact, you did not miss a thing. At its May meeting, the seminary Board voted to accept a Faculty recommendation to change the frequency of “Our Story” from four times a year (March, June, September, December) to three (April, August, December). We decided to skip the 2013 June issue and initiate our new schedule with this issue. This will result in a slight savings, but we still intend to keep you informed of the news from the seminary at these pivotal times in our school year: end of the annual academic year (April); inauguration of the academic year (August); close of the calendar year (December).

Enrollment

We are happy to announce the admission of two new M.Div. candidates. Matthew Richardson was previously reported in these pages (March issue). He is joined by Ying-Ru Chen of Seattle. Ying-Ru is a member of Immanuel OPC in Kent, WA where Randy Bergquist is pastor and Scott Hunter is an elder (both NWTS Board members). Our two new additions join Ben Davenport, Stephen Lauer and Carlo Saulzallido who are returning in the Fall. Rejoice with us in these five men and please remember them in your prayers, together with the Faculty and Staff. Auditors are always welcome at NWTS classes (\$40 fee/course/semester). See our class schedule in this issue or online at nwts.edu.

Thursday Night Lectures/Audios: Jude

In May, Rev. Dennison completed his series on the life of the prophet Jeremiah. The entire series is available at nwts.edu (click “Audio Resources”). This Fall, he will begin a series on the Epistle of Jude. The study will start on Thursday, September 12 at 7:30pm in the Lynnwood OPC. All are welcome to attend without charge. As usual, audio versions and handouts will be available at the seminary website above.

Changes to *Kerux*

A new format for searching *Kerux*, the seminary journal, will be released with the September issue at Kerux.com. The website will be updated with a new layout and better searching and indexing. In addition to free-text search, visitors will be able to view lists of all authors, issues and Bible references. Results pages now have clickable author, issue and reference links, making it easy to browse lists of articles, going from author to reference, etc. It will be easier to find an article, author and Scripture text with this helpful new format. We are indebted to our webmaster, Mr. George Young, for this update and new look. Please do not hesitate to send us your comments on this new design. Send comments to registrar@nwts.edu.

Faculty Publications

The copy-edit phase has been completed on Mr. Dennison’s 4th and final volume of his series *Reformed Confessions of the 16th and 17th Centuries in English Translation*. This volume will contain the confessions of the 17th century, including the Canons of Dort and the Westminster Standards. It will also contain some significant surprise documents including the Geneva Theses of 1649 in a fresh transcription and translation. The publisher, Reformation Heritage Books, has also indicated that this final volume will include an Index of persons, Scripture texts and topics. The volume may be ready for Christmas.

Mr. Dennison contributes a unique narrative approach to the epistle of Jude with his article in the forthcoming *Kerux: The Journal of Northwest Theological Seminary* (Kerux.com). It is entitled: “Narrative Echoes: The Words of Brother Jesus in Brother Jude’s Epistle.” He also inaugurates a Biblical-theological catechism for young and old alike in the September issue. The catechism will progress through every book of the Bible in biblical-theological fashion.

Prof. Sanborn is preparing a review of Richard Muller’s work on the Trinity in 16th and 17th century Reformed orthodoxy. The review will appear in the September *Kerux*.

Prof. Vosteen is preparing a book review for the September *Kerux*: D. A. Carson’s, *The Intolerance of Tolerance*.

Giving

With God’s gracious blessing, we were able to cover all seminary expenses through the month of July from the very generous December 2012 gifts we received. We will have to dip into our reserves for August and perhaps September, but we express our sincere gratitude for all of you who donate to this ministry. The Board adopted a budget of \$137,934 for the fiscal year 2013-2014. Slight reductions in the total budget were eked out and no raises were given (as has been true for several years). However, the effect and cost of medical insurance is unknown as we write.

This year, we have received an increase of credit/debit card donors. This solidifies our monthly operating costs, even as it makes giving easier and more regular for some. Please remember our participation in the Vehicle Donation Program and that we accept gifts of stocks, bonds, IRAs, etc. through our Fidelity brokerage. If you need assistance with any of these methods of contributing, contact us for details. We will return your call as soon as possible.

We anticipate slightly higher tuition income this year, yet keep in mind that the bulk of our budget is donor supported. Thank you for your kindness throughout our, now, 13 years of existence. All praise belongs to our Savior and Triune God.