

# Mission Grant Insider

## Scholarships for Seminarians Texas District

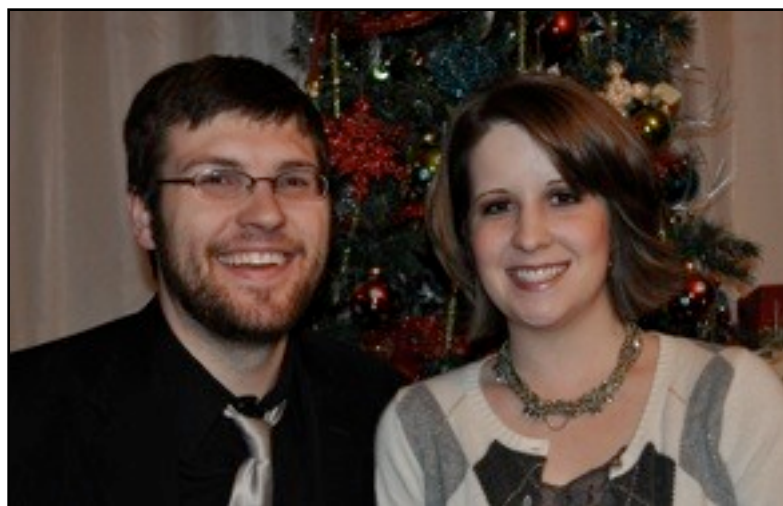
# \$50,000

Your support helps seminary students at various levels of their training. Each semester \$12,500 is sent for scholarships for seminary students from Texas.

More than ever, your mites are needed to support these men and their families who are dedicated to

becoming ordained ministers of the Gospel.

Following are just a few of the many expressions of thanks received from the seminarians for God's blessings that come through the LWML Texas District both in prayer and financial support.



JAMES AND RACHEL FICKENSCHER

James is busy with his internship in Grand Island, Nebraska. Check out the next page for some comments from their Christmas letter. He writes, "Thank you for your support of us at the seminary!"

ANDREW WALKER

"Thank you so much for your generous financial support of me and my family. I've only just started my second year, and I've already gained invaluable experiences and made friendships that will last the rest of my life. You have helped make this possible, and I cannot thank you enough. I pray God blesses you in the name of His Son, Jesus."



JONATHAN KERN

"It's hard to believe that our fourth and final year at the seminary is already under way and how quickly it is passing! This year has been unlike any other year of education that I've had because vicarage opened my eyes to the questions I needed to be asking. We are thankful for the prayers and financial support that you have given."

### Prayer

Father, your church here on earth seeks to save the lost and strengthen the saved. We ask that you would take our gifts and multiply them, so that the young men studying to present Your Word and administer Your sacraments may reach to the furthest ends of the earth.

We ask this so that the precious message of the Gospel may be proclaimed to yet another generation. Amen.



## PETER HAUGEN

**Peter and Bethany with their children**

Peter is preparing for the ministry at Concordia Theological Seminary in Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

"I wanted to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude to you all for your generous financial support of my seminary studies. I am grateful for His blessings. Indeed, without such support as you have elected to provide me, I would not be able to pursue a vocation in the ministry, since the financial burden on my family would then be insurmountably great. I find great comfort in this further confirmation of my calling to the ministry.

In addition to me and my wife Bethany are our four children: Aleithia (9), Isaiah (8), Janoah (6), and Elias (4 1/2). I thought it would be appropriate for you to be able to see some of the people God has used you to bless."

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## JAMES FICKENSCHER

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James and Rachel wrote, "In the past year we've:

1. Celebrated Thanksgiving just the 2 of us!
2. Packed up our entire life to move to a new state.
3. Been surrounded by CORN and fantastic people!
4. Made lasting friendships with new friends!
5. Seen God provide for us through churches, family members, and strangers!

We continue to enjoy our current community (except for the below zero temperatures).

We had the honor for James to preach at his dad's four churches while we were in Texas at the beginning of December. It was a treat for us, and we pray it was for them, too!"

## Payment Updates

**July 2010**

First payment of \$12,500

**December 2010**

Second payment of \$12,500

**Payments Due**

\$25,000



## ERIK SCHMIDT

Erik is finishing his final year at Concordia Seminary, anticipating graduation on May 20th and call day on May 4th, when he will find out which congregation he has been called to serve.

Erik is married to Heidi and has 3 children, Erik (6), Daniel (4) and Katy (2). Daniel has cerebral palsy and Heidi left a successful career to be an at-home mother.

Erik writes, "We are blessed beyond belief in so many ways, particularly by people like you. We are humbled by the way in which our gracious Lord continues to meet our needs."