



JUNE 2010 DEVOTION

Digitize Classes for Specific Ministry Pastor Program (SMP)
Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne - \$36,000

Leader: We make our beginning in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Leader: Then (Jesus) said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field" (Matthew 9:37-38).

All: Join in singing or reading "Lord of the Church, We Humbly Pray" (LW 261).

Leader: Many congregations with specialized ministries or unique backgrounds need pastors to shepherd their flocks. Often the man best suited to pastor the congregation is already an active member/ leader of the congregation. These men are enabled by the Specific Ministry Pastor Program (SMP) to study for the ministry while they serve their congregations under the supervision of an ordained LCMS pastor.

All: Thank You, Lord, for raising up men to serve You and Your people in unique areas of ministry. Help them learn well that You, Oh Lord, are the center of all ministries, the source of all blessings, and the only answer for the salvation of all people.

Leader: Guide the professors who prepare materials to be digitized for the best instruction of all who are enrolled in this unique program to train candidates for specific ministries to further Your kingdom.

All: Bless the seminarians, professors, administrators, and all who serve You at the seminaries so that many more workers will be well-prepared to share the truth of salvation in Christ alone with the people of the world.

Leader: Please bring forth many more workers who through this unique program will serve as shepherds of Your flock – teaching the faithful, reaching the lost, and caring for all.

All: Open our hearts and minds to thankfully assist our pastors and professional workers in the kingdom as they serve You with joy and peace, allowing many more to learn of Your salvation. Open our pocketbooks to gladly share Your gifts as we fill our MITE boxes. Forgive us when we have failed to trust You to provide all that we need and consequently have held back those monies that would let the LWML meet the goals and pay all the grants selected at the last convention. Help us give generously to further the spread of the Gospel through the LWML grants.

Leader: We seek Your forgiveness and trust in Your unfailingly love. Hear our prayer, Oh Lord, in Jesus' precious name. Amen.