



## Martin Luther (1483-1546) - David Demson

Luther in his younger years was in persistent anxiety over his relationship to God. A turning from this anxiety began as he, having become a professor of Scripture, immersed himself in the study of the Psalms, Romans and Galatians. In 1518, after having engaged with these biblical books, he wrote some theses, with explanations of them, for a disputation in Heidelberg. In this material Luther presents a synthesis of what he had learned from his biblical studies to this point, and this material stands as a basis for his theology and preaching throughout his life.

In the theses (particularly theses 19-24 of the Heidelberg Disputation), Luther speaks of one who, while calling her or himself a theologian, doesn't deserve the name because "...that person looks upon the invisible things of God as though they were clearly perceptible in those things that have actually happened (or have been made)." What does Luther mean

by 'the invisible things of God'? [He is certainly being ironical when he speaks of this pseudo theologian 'looking at' the invisible things of God]. And what does he mean that this supposed theologian thinks they are clearly perceptible?

Luther tells us in his explanation of the thesis, that by the 'invisible things of God' he means God's attributes: power, holiness, wisdom, and righteousness. Since, according to Scripture, these attributes do belong to God, Luther is not denigrating them. What he distains is the way the fake theologian speaks of these attributes. This supposed theologian [Luther now refers to this one as a theologian of glory], looks about him or herself in the world and sees a bit of what that person thinks to be human wisdom, human righteousness, human holiness and constructs a picture of God as the perfection of these elements to be found in the world. In sum, the nature and way of the world reflects the nature and

way of God.

In distinction from this the true theologian is focused on the cross of Christ and suffering. Indeed it is Luther's statement that "the cross and suffering [the cross] are our theology" that has prompted the characterization of Luther's theology as a theology of the cross.

Luther contends that God in undergoing the cross crucifies the wisdom of the wise; that is, the supposing that we see God reflected in the way of humans and in the nature of the world. The true theologian recognizes in the cross, God's power in its powerlessness, God's righteousness in its unrighteousness, God's holiness in its profanity, God's wisdom in its foolishness.

Luther in thesis 20 avers that since God reveals Himself in the humility and shame of the cross, theology that does not begin in the cross is not Christian theology at all. While Luther indicates that some knowledge of the invisible God might be gained from observation of the nature of the world and the way of humans in the world, he declares that such knowledge will be misused by

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anyone whose point of departure is not the place where God makes Himself visible (to faith) – namely, in the suffering, the humility and shame of the cross of Christ. “True theology and recognition of God are in the crucified Christ,” Luther proclaims.

Why do many begin their (so-called) theology with the nature of the world and the way of the human? In thesis 21 Luther remarks that these people are those Paul calls ‘enemies of the cross’ (Phil 3:18). For they hate the cross and suffering [the cross] and love what they consider their own ‘holy achievements’ and the ‘supposed glory’ of them. They call the good of the cross evil and they call the evil of their achievements good. (The evil of these achievements is the supposition that by them

we make ourselves righteous, whereas by them we in fact make ourselves self-righteous and thereby place ourselves at odds with God.) God can be found only in the cross and suffering the cross.

At this point in the theses of the Disputation, Luther refers back to the first few theses. The pseudo theologian of glory thinks that by our own power we can perform acts which enable us to reach God; he/she thinks by our own power we can will to do what God wants us to do; he/she thinks we can know by our own powers who God is and what God wants us to do. The Gospel declares to us that none of these things is true. Where the Gospel hits home in us, we are divested of these false ways of thinking and acting. We suffer a divine action, a crucifixion of who

we have been and are ever tempted to be again. God crucifies in us our self-constructed way by which we think we know Him; crucifies our way of willing what we think is God’s will for us; crucifies what we think are the acts by which we reach Him.

In all of this, Luther is not implying that God is the enemy of His human creatures. God is for us. Luther, following Paul, speaks of the Son of God humbling Himself, receiving suffering and death with us. And as the Father vindicates the humility of the Son, by raising Him from the dead, so too He raises and vindicates all those whom His Son has put on and who by faith put Christ on, and thereby bestows upon them not only new but also eternal life.

### LIBRARY DROP-IN SESSIONS

#### Wednesdays in September/October 2017

#### September 27, 2017

12 noon-12.30 p.m.  
12.30-1 p.m.

Finding the books you need  
Finding articles in theology

#### October 4, 2017

12 noon-12.30 p.m.  
12.30-1 p.m.

Electronic Resources for Bible Study  
Compiling a bibliography

#### October 11, 2017

12 noon-1 p.m.

Ask Me Anything You Like!

Location: Graham Library Classroom

No Sign-Up Necessary. Just Drop-In.

Can't Make It? No problem. Just email me or drop by the Graham Library

Tom Power, Theology Librarian

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## Upcoming/Ongoing Events

### Fall Agapé

*From Conflict to Communion: A Commemoration of the Reformatio*



Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 1:30 PM  
 St. Basil's Church at the University of St. Michael's College  
 (50 St. Joseph Street)

Presiders: Dr. Christopher Brittain, Dr. John Vissers, Dr. Thomas Worcester, SJ

Preachers: Colleen Shantz & Darren Dias

Special memorial for Professor Harry McSorely

Reception to follow in parish hall



*This annual ecumenical service is supported by anonymous donations in memory of Prof. Margaret O'Gara (1947-2012), for 36 years as an ecumenist at TSMC.*



### Writing Workshops Fall 2017 Wycliffe College

✧ 5 Evening Sessions ✧ Tea and Pastries Provided  
 ✧ To register, email [rlott@wycliffe.utoronto.ca](mailto:rlott@wycliffe.utoronto.ca).

Sept.  
25

The Blank Slate. *How to put your ideas on paper.*

- Avoid plagiarism
- Brainstorm a thesis statement
- Organize the chaos

Oct.  
2

Not Your Grandma's Grammar. *How to write clearly & correctly.*

- Rules your teachers never taught you
- Tricks for success

Oct.  
16

Logic. *How to make sense.*

- Deduction & induction
- Validity & soundness
- Practice with syllogisms

Oct.  
30

Rhetoric. *How to sound good.*

- Style
- Conciseness
- Persuasion

Nov.  
13

Argument Boot Camp. *How to prove it.*

- Categoricals & hypotheticals
- Fallacies
- Dichotomies & dilemmas
- Definitions
- In-class calisthenics
- Strategies and tips



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**500**



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## From the Registrar—Barbara Jenkins

### IMPORTANT NEWS UTSU Health and Dental

This year UTSU has agreed that part time TST students in conjoint programs and all non-conjoint students may apply for UTSU health and dental plan. **This must be done before OCT 2, 2017**

Go to the website at this link <https://www.studentcare.ca/coveragemanager/main.aspx?sect=3&lo=1&assocID=88&locale=en&se=1>

and you need to choose "I am a part-time student at the Toronto School of Theology" in the drop down menu. The cost is

\$324.56 for 12 months coverage plus an association fee which will be between \$30 - \$40

Oct 2 is the deadline to either opt out of health and dental or to extend benefits to family

### OSAP Interest Free Status

Also new this year is the way to keep your OSAP loans at Interest free status if you are not receiving a loan in the current academic year. Students may apply for Continuation of Interest free Status (CIFS) by logging into the OSAP website and selecting the "Continuation of Interest-Free Status" application starting 15 days before

the start of classes and up to 21 days before the end of the study period.

If for any reason you cannot complete the online request there is a multi-page Schedule 2 form for students who borrowed Canada Student loans from a province other than Ontario

### Other Reminders:

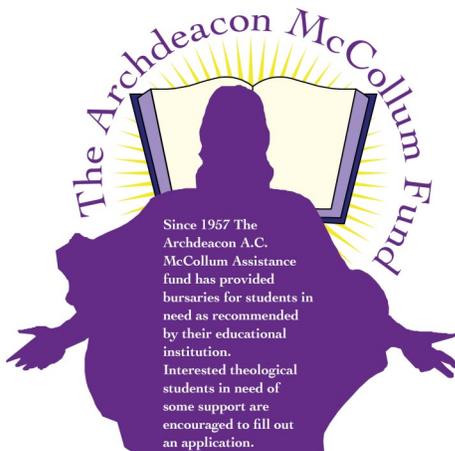
The last date to drop fall or year- long classes without academic penalty i.e. those designated F or Y classes is **November 10, 2017** however this date is **not the same as the last date to be eligible for a refund**. Between

Sept 11 and Nov 13 there is a program charge to drop. For details please check the refund schedule on our website.

<http://www.fees.utoronto.ca/Assets/Student+Accounts+Digital+Assets/2017+2018+Fall+Winter/a+TS+-+TST+17+18.pdf>

September 29 is the U of T date to financial cancel students. If you are cancelled please come and see me about reinstatement.

September 30 is the first assessment date for service charges to be applied to unpaid fall tuition.



Since 1957 The Archdeacon A.C. McCollum Assistance fund has provided bursaries for students in need as recommended by their educational institution. Interested theological students in need of some support are encouraged to fill out an application.

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**DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS OCTOBER 11, 2017**

For details and application:  
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e-mail: [McCollum@sjym.ca](mailto:McCollum@sjym.ca)  
phone: 416-225-6811  
fax: 416-225-6081  
address: 19 Don Ridge Drive, Toronto, ON M2P 1H3

## Student Servers Needed

Principal's Dinner  
Thursday October 12,  
2017  
6:00 p.m.—10:00 p.m.



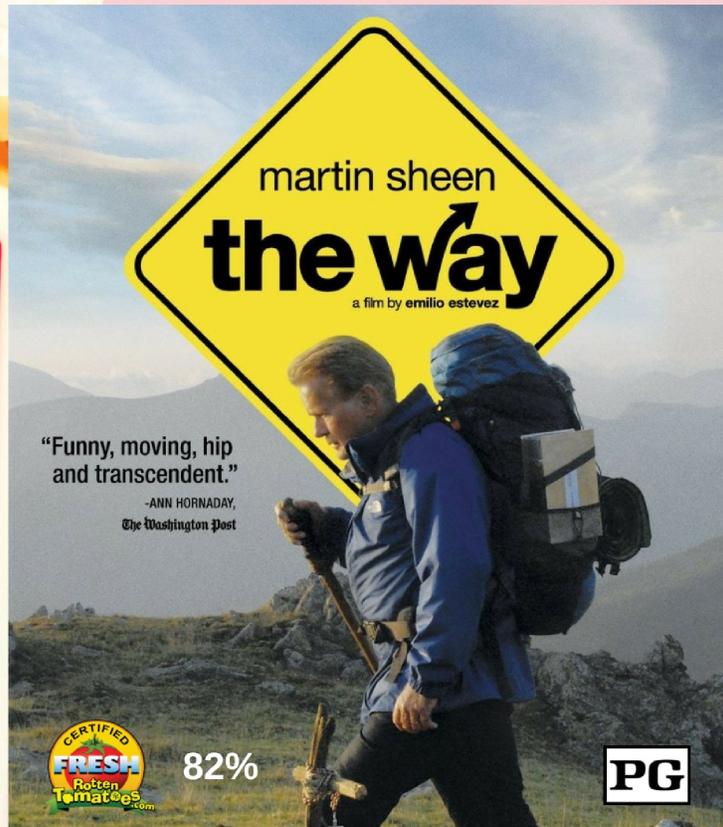
**MUST** be able to commit for the entire evening (no last minute cancellations!)

Dress code or black pants or skirt and white shirt

Rate of Pay—\$15.00/hour  
Five (5) Servers required (Smart Serve preferably)

Please see Shelley in the Development Office, ASAP, Room 101, 416-946-3524 or email [smclagan@wycliffe.utoronto.ca](mailto:smclagan@wycliffe.utoronto.ca)

# MOVIE NIGHT



A fun, epic, moving film about the pilgrimage of The Camino de Santiago, and one man's desire to honor his late son's desire to finish the journey.

Thurs. Sept 28 - 7 pm  
Cody Library

**2017-18 Student Council:**

**Executive Committee**

**Senior Student**

JoJo Duerrstein

**VP Theology**

Jimmy "the Shank" Sholl

**VP Spirituality**

Christine Ivy

**Secretary**

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**House Advocate**

Sydney "I Don't" Caron

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Dayo Olusegun

**Green Chair**

Shelly Pull-hard

**Mission Chair**

TBE

**1st Year Rep**

TBE

**WGS (WADSA)**

Hee! Jun! Kimmmm!

Parker Cotton

**In the Residence..**

**Residence Don**

Lane Scruggs

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**Floor Dons**

Joan Morris

X2329

Anthony Fredette

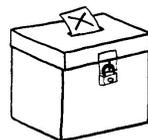
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**Student Council Info**

Thank you to all who allowed themselves to be nominated.

**First Year Rep**

The First Year Representative has the primary responsibility of representing first year students on Student Council. They will attend monthly Student Council meetings and will assist in planning and promoting Wycliffe Student Council academic, spiritual, and/or social events. They will collect and voice any comments or concerns regarding first year Wycliffe students. They will promote healthy fellowship among first years and the rest of the student body, residents, apartment dwellers, faculty and staff.



Nominees: George Simopoulos and William Weiland

William Weiland:

*I am interested in the position of First Year Representative. I think I would be a good first year representative for a few reasons. Firstly, I am a hard worker when put on task and I generally finish the things once I start them. Secondly, I have a wealth knowledge from a variety of subjects: History, Biblical, Philosophical and even some things in Mathematics and Physics. Thirdly, while I no experience working on a student council, holding a position of responsibility and leadership will be good experience for me as I am starting to realize that everyone needs some kind of leadership skills even if they feel like they would not be good leaders.*

George Simopoulos (no description)

**Missions Chair**

The role of the Missions Chair is to promote the ministry of missions both in the local and international context. The responsibilities include creation of a team (committee) to undertake local outreach such as the sandwich run; planning a missions night that focuses on a particular aspect of missions.

Acclaimed Missions Chair: Luis Dizon

My name is Luis Dizon, and I'm in my 2<sup>nd</sup> year of MTS here at Wycliffe, with a focus on biblical studies and languages. My long term goal is to help equip Christians to do missions to various peoples and communicating the Gospel accurately to those peoples, because I believe that we all have a responsibility to fulfill the great commission, and my desire is to see the Gospel permeate all of the world and everything we do. It would be an honour and privilege to serve Wycliffe by coordinating missions outreach to our community and beyond.

**Student Council Elections this Week**

***Voting Hours in the Lobby.***

Monday: September 22: 1pm-2pm

Tuesday: 1pm-2pm

Wednesday: 1pm-2pm and 6pm-7pm

Thursday: 1pm-2pm



**This Friday... Beer & Board Games**

7:00 p.m. —> on in the Refectory

Bring your own game, or enjoy one of the many we already have.

## Chapel Schedule for this week...

Date & Sacristan	Service	Officiant/Homilist	Readers, etc.	Greeters
Monday—J. Smith	MP	E. Radner	S. Otto, S. Kitchen	L. McGrath
A. Johnson	EP—Taize	A. Brownlee	J. Sholl	Z. Bartkus
Tuesday—B. Poole	MP	+S. Andrews/A. Johnson	J. Morris	S. Caron
A. Pohlod	Sung Evensong	J. Smith	A. Pohlod/S. Campbell	Z. Bartkus
Wednesday—B. Poole	MP	K. Steiner		S. Caron
TST Agape—1:30 @ St. Michael's St. Basil;s Church		50 St Joseph Street		
Thursday—A. Johnson	MP	T. Power/T. Donaldson	J. Sholl	M. Waterman
D. Badgley	EP	G. Taylor	D. Badgley	
Friday—A. Polhod	MP	A. Brownlee	B. Jenkins/J. Steiner	M. Waterman
A. Johnson	EP	A. Johnson	J. Morris	

### Fellowship Groups

Sign-up sheets for Fellowship Groups are on the bulletin boards in the main Lobby. Students, residents, staff, and faculty are encouraged to sign-up and attend weekly groups.

Meetings will start next week, so sign-up soon!

#### Mondays

Judy Paulsen—1:00-2:00 p.m.—Cody  
“Encounters with Jesus in the Scriptures”

Glen Taylor—evenings  
Alpha

#### Tuesdays

Ephraim Radner—1:00-2:00 p.m.  
Reading Group

#### Thursdays

Ann Jarvis—1:00-2:00 p.m.  
Studying as a Spiritual Exercise  
David Kupp/Tom Power—1:00-2:00 p.m. alternate weeks  
MTSD Students

+Stephen Andrews—1:00-2:00 p.m.  
Living Anglican Liturgy

Alan Hayes—1:00-2:00 p.m.  
“visio divina: art and Christ”

Please remember to only sign up for 1 group/term.



### Please Pray...

Wycliffe is a community that prays for each other, for our families, and for life events. If you have something you would like prayer for, please let Karen Baker-Bigauskas know—she can be found in Room 104, via phone at 416-946-3521, or email at karen.baker@wycliffe.utoronto.ca . Here are some prayers for this week:

- In our Wycliffe family please pray for Alumnus Rachel & Leeman Kessler on the birth of Martin—little brother for Amanda
- Also in our Wycliffe family, please pray for Alumnus Dave & Kate Turner on the birth of Ezra John and his 3 siblings

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## Calendar of Events—September/October 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
24	25 Writing Workshop - Blank Slate	26 MP: Andrew Johnson	27 TST Agape @ St. Mike's	28 MP: T. Donaldson EP: Calvin Pais Lunch 'n Learn MOVIE NIGHT	29	30 ISM—Apple Picking
1 October	2 Writing Workshop - Not your Grandma's Grammar	3 MP: Daniel Choi	4 WE: J. Bergstrom Pr: J. Bergstrom (Dio. of Dallas)	5 MP: E. Radner	6	7
8	9 Thanksgiving Day (College closed)	10 MP: David Smith	11 WE: A. Ryrie Pr: A. Ryrie	12 MP: A. Jervis EP: Joan Morris Principal's Dinner	13 Scripture & Theology Colloquium	14 Scripture & Theology Colloquium
15	16 Writing Workshop - Logic—How to make sense	17 MP: Joan Morris	18 WE: PWRDF Panel on Gender & Int'l Dev.	19 MP: +S. Andrews	20	21

### Refectory Hours

Monday—Friday

7:15 a.m.—Open for Continental Breakfast

7:30-8:30 a.m.—Breakfast served

9:00 a.m.—Refectory closes

1:00-1:30 p.m.—Lunch served

2:00 p.m.—Refectory closes

6:00-6:45 p.m.—Dinner served

7:00 p.m.—Refectory closes

Saturdays

11:30-12:30—Brunch served

1:00 p.m.—Refectory closes

5:30-6:15 p.m.—Dinner served

6:30 p.m.—Refectory closes

### Coffee Hour

Monday—Thursday

10:50-11:10 a.m. in the

Reading Room (sponsored by the Alumni Association)

### Reformation Events @ Wycliffe

September 25 - Free 12-week Online Course

Of Passion, Politics, Power and Protest: Rediscovering the Reformation

October 11- Afternoon Talk by Professor Alec Ryrie, University of Durham  
*How the Reformation Made Our World (And It's Not Done Yet)*

October 12- Principal's Dinner

*"500 Years After the Reformation, Where is Protestantism Going Next?" - Speaker: Alec Ryrie*

October 13 - One-Day Reformation Conference

*The Bible and Mission in the Wake of the Reformation*

*With Alec Ryrie, Carl Trueman, Eckhard Schnabel and Cheryl Peterson*

November 22 - A Celebration in Song of Hymns Inspired by Reformation Ideals

*Now Thank We All Our God: Hymns of the Reformation and the Rise of Congregational Singing*

### Office Hours

College—8 00 a.m.—8:00 p.m. M-F

Principal's Office—8:00-4:00 M-Th

Development Office—9:00-5:00 M-F

Business Office—9:00-5:00 M-F



### Coffee Hour is back!!

Coffee/tea will be available in the Reg Soward Reading Room each Monday—Thursday @ 10:30-11:30 a.m. Brought to you by the Alumni Assoc.