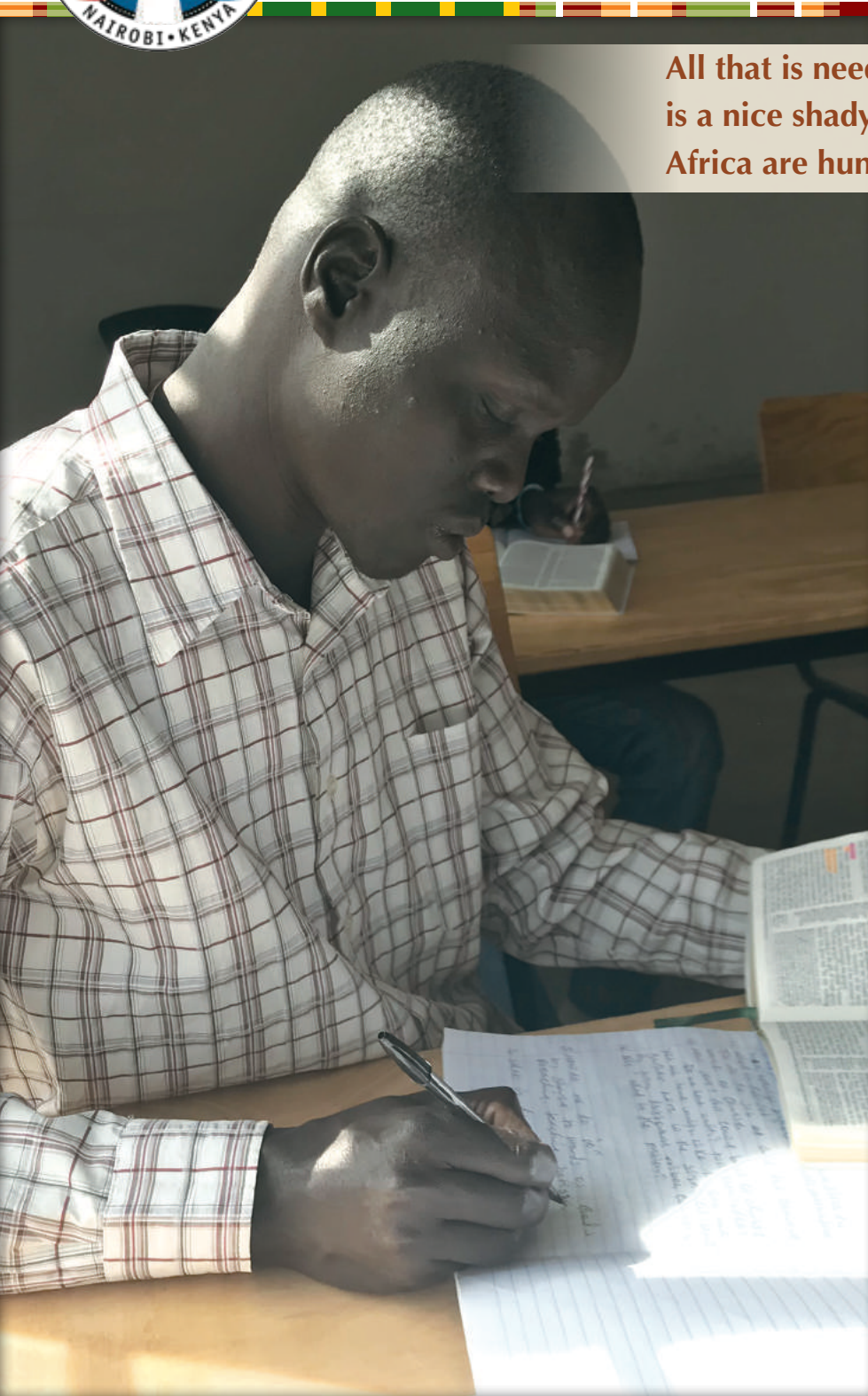




THE NEXT PHASE OF BUILDING

The Lutheran School of Theology



All that is needed in Africa to teach the faith is a nice shady spot under a tree. Christians in Africa are hungry to be taught the Word of God.

Lutherans in Africa (LIA) does that all over Africa and Christians come to learn more about Jesus so they can be teachers of the faith.

When we moved to our new property five years ago, students showed up immediately asking to be taught even though we had not announced classes nor constructed any buildings. They are still coming.

We can teach under a tree but it would be better, more secure and sanitary to construct a permanent mission center, offices, library, dormitories, cafeteria and even a sanctuary. This way, we can lay a foundation for generations to come and we can teach even more students and do so more effectively.

That was the vision of our Director, Rev. May, 11 years ago and already, thanks to your generosity, the first two of five phases of the building project are complete. It is now time to take the next step in forming African Lutherans to be teachers of the faith.

Your Partnership Makes a Difference

Please examine the next few pages to learn more about this vision and see how together we might expand The Lutheran School of Theology (LST) and the vision to prepare more pastors to work in Christ's harvest. These African pastors will proclaim the saving Gospel and faithfully administer the sacraments for the forgiveness of sins so that we may have eternal life with Jesus and all the saints in Heaven.



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The Plan

Thanks to your help, Phases 1 and 2 have been completed. We were able to:

- Construct the administrative building, the library, a guest house, the director's home and the mission center
- Drill a well and also dam up a seasonal river
- Install and develop significant infrastructure

Water is a constant concern for most of Africa. By drilling a well and damming up the seasonal river which runs through LIA's property, clean water is supplied for drinking, cooking, maintaining a garden, and we are also able to share that water with local herdsman for their animals. Your partnership with us furthers our outreach into the community, showing the love of Jesus to our neighbors in a tangible way.

All of these projects create a better learning environment for our students. It also gives them a unique experience to work together with volunteers, to learn new skills which they can take back home with them and develop lifelong comradery with Lutheran pastors from all over Africa, all while studying the Bible to become pastors.



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ADELINO UPWOTH
FIRST YEAR STUDENT AT THE LST.
SOUTH-SUDANESE RESIDING
IN KAKUMA REFUGEE CAMP,
KENYA

I have gained a lot of knowledge in theology. I was baptized in 1999, but I never understood the importance of the baptism. I did not understand that even infants can be baptized. I always looked at children as innocent and without sin, but now I came to realize that there is original sin. Even right from birth you have it. I have been able to study the Small Catechism and I finished the course. Right now I am able to teach it without any difficulty. Still, I need more knowledge. I really want to go further in my studies so that I become a teacher like Pastor May who taught us. My thanks goes also to our other professor, Pastor Mike Schleider, who taught us the book of Jeremiah."

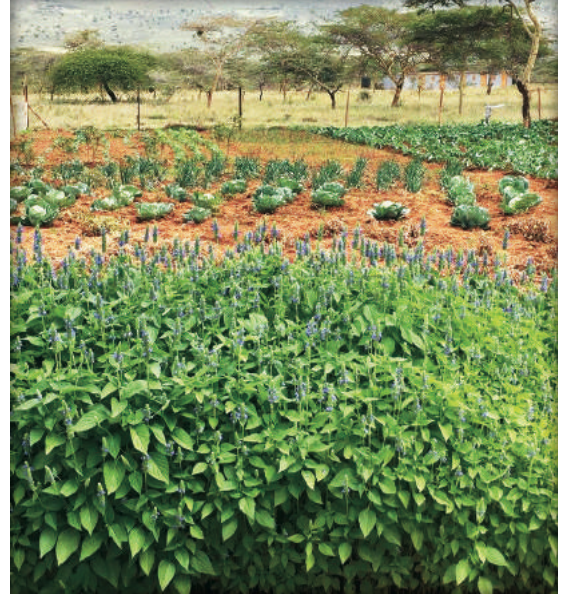


Building a Sustainable Campus

Much of the food on the LST campus comes from our gardens and pasture—vegetables from the garden, cows for milk, chickens for eggs and meat, and drinking water from the well. The high semi-arid plateau of Africa is usually dry and susceptible to drought. We have built cisterns to collect rainwater and are able to irrigate the gardens with water from the dam. The Lord provided us with abundant sunshine and we have harnessed that renewable energy by installing solar panels for electricity.

Future Plans

With your support and God's continued blessing on our efforts, the upcoming Phase 3 will provide a kitchen/cafeteria building and student dormitories. The current kitchen is completely open to the outdoors and the baboons frequently plunder the food supply! The yet-to-be built student dormitories will have solid walls and provide permanent roofs over the heads of the students so they may study and sleep comfortably. As the Lord provides, we will build additional classrooms, a Lutheran primary school, increase staff housing, and build a chapel.



ALFRED KABURU
THIRD YEAR STUDENT
AT THE LST AND THE
DEAN OF STUDENTS.
MERU, KENYA

“Having a background in Methodist church I have seen a very great change in myself after attending the classes at the LST. I have been transformed to a different person, especially through the teaching of the Catechism. I have gained a deep understanding of the Sacrament of the Altar and of Baptism. Before, I thought that the baptism means just getting a new name. Now, I know it is a seal. You have been washed, born again, cleansed of your sins, made part of God's ministry, and sealed for heaven. In His Baptism, righteous and holy Jesus took our sins on him and carried them to the cross. Therefore, we are sanctified, made holy, and our sins are forgiven.”



As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.



for Trusting Us with Your Support

- **Please continue to pray that African Lutherans be formed to be teachers of the faith.**
- **Invite Pastor May or Pastor Rossow to speak** to your congregation about Lutherans in Africa and The Lutheran School of Theology.
EMAIL PASTOR JAMES MAY: proliturgy@icloud.com
EMAIL PASTOR TIM ROSSOW: rossow.tim@gmail.com
- **Support Lutherans in Africa through a financial gift.** We are thankful for the generous monetary gifts we have received from supporters all around the world.

The total cost for Phase 3 is \$550,000, of which we need to raise \$200,000. Please consider giving so that we reach this goal to build the dormitories and cafeteria.

The Lord has blessed LIA with two donors who have provided a matching gift of \$100,000. For every dollar you give; your gift will be doubled, for a total of \$200,000.

Gifts will be matched through December 31, 2021.

In the next generation the money from the West will dry up as Christianity sadly continues to fade. By contrast, Christianity and Lutheranism are on the rise in Africa. Missionaries are already being sent to America, Australia, and Europe from Africa and that will increase. Thanks to your support, The Lutheran School of Theology of Lutherans in Africa is a part of that growth. Imagine, you are already equipping the future group of missionaries!



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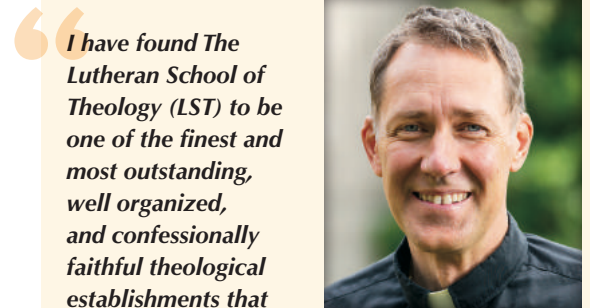
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Based in Nairobi, Kenya, Lutherans in Africa is under the directorship of Rev. James E. May Jr., a graduate from Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana and a former missionary in French West Africa.

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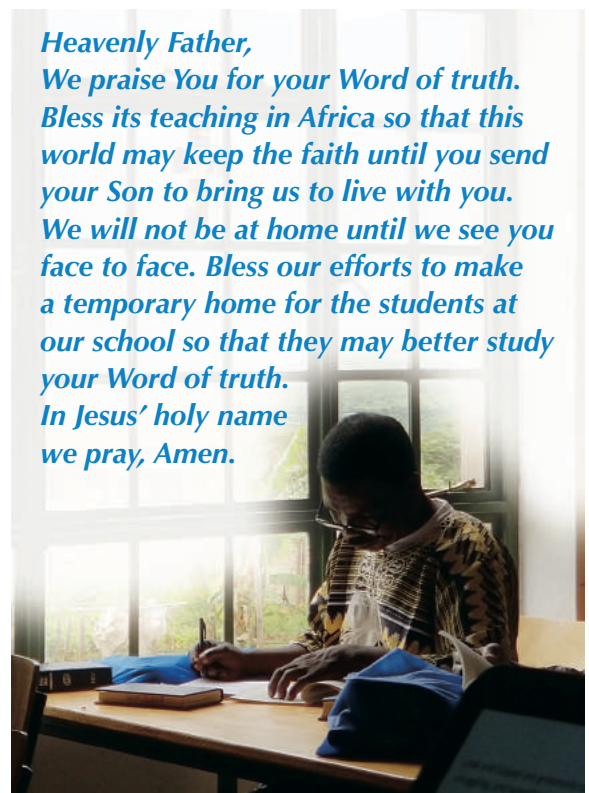
I have found The Lutheran School of Theology (LST) to be one of the finest and most outstanding, well organized, and confessionally faithful theological establishments that I personally have encountered in the developing world. LST is committed to the advancement of the Gospel through conservative, sacramental, and liturgical Lutheran ministry.

"The layout and design for LST place a deliberate emphasis on self-sufficiency and environmental sustainability. The plan is coupled with a clear Christian intent to provide assistance and service to the local community. LST's work-study program demonstrates a holistic vision that intentionally seeks to ensure a healthy balance between soul and body in the formation of future pastors and church workers.

"We want to work together for the common good, focusing on Christ and him crucified. Our seminary is interested in supporting institutions that are honest and run well, but most importantly that do not compromise the Gospel and do not compromise the way that we Lutherans present, explain, and confess that Gospel. Our seminary is happy to work with the LST in the ways of sharing the Gospel."

REV. DR. MAJ (RET) HAROLD RISTAU
PROFESSOR AT CONCORDIA THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY,
ST. CATHERINES, CANADA AND GUEST PROFESSOR AT
THE LUTHERAN SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY, KENYA

*Heavenly Father,
We praise You for your Word of truth.
Bless its teaching in Africa so that this world may keep the faith until you send your Son to bring us to live with you.
We will not be at home until we see you face to face. Bless our efforts to make a temporary home for the students at our school so that they may better study your Word of truth.
In Jesus' holy name we pray, Amen.*





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Dear LIA Supporters,

February 25, 2021

Your prayers and gifts have been wonderful through the years. God has used them to raise up a confessional Lutheran seminary in the middle of the bush country in Africa.

Today we are giving you a chance to see where we have been and asking you to continue your partnership in the Gospel as we realize our plans for *forming African Lutherans to be teachers of the faith*.

The church is growing rapidly in Africa, but it is growing with shallow roots. Lutherans in Africa is dedicated to deepening those roots. To that end we teach seminars on the Bible and Lutheran Confessions all over the continent. At the request of African Lutheran bishops, we are also building a seminary just outside of Nairobi, Kenya. Many of the graduates have already been ordained by their bishops when they returned to their home villages. It is their request and prayer that this would continue!

The enclosed brochure highlights what we have already built and our next steps. It will cost \$500,000. We have saved up \$300,000 over the last few years for this phase. We have also received challenge gifts from two donors totaling \$100,000 for this phase.

That means we are hoping to raise \$100,000 over and above our regular gifts by the end of this year to fund this next phase.

My wife and I are giving \$1,000 toward this goal. We live on a fairly fixed income but believe this is a worthy cause. I work part time for Lutherans in Africa in my retirement. I have met many of you as I travel around the country to tell churches about this great work. It is very encouraging to see all of the support. I hope you will give what you can toward this over and above challenge.

If you cannot give, we understand. But still, we would love to have you praying that our work continues to *form African Lutherans to be teachers of the faith*.

Sincerely,

Rev. Dr. Timothy A. Rossow
Director of Development, Lutherans in Africa

Please use the enclosed envelope if you wish to give by check. To give online go to www.lutheransinafrica.com. **Kindly note on the check or anywhere on the online form that your gift is for the building project.**