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In 1517 Martin Luther posted Ninety-five Theses on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg and lively discussion ensued. The church has never been the same.

In 2001 over 200 distributed learning students in a single seminary's e-learning program posted lively discussion in the Fisher's Net learning network. The church may never be the same . . .

The Fisher's Net delivers theological learning opportunities that help all members of our church share knowledge that comes from living our faith in daily life.

Providers and learners share collaboratively in a distributive learning network. The result? Each person in The Fisher's Net e-learning network contributes knowledge and receives new insights and skills. Learners and providers are in a new partnership of shared learning.

Join us in these new discoveries of lifelong learning in the church and you may never be the same . . .



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Covenant Cluster of the ELCA

Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago
www.lstc.edu

Trinity Lutheran Seminary
www.trinity.capital.edu

Wartburg Theological Seminary
www.wartburgseminary.edu

Eastern Cluster of the ELCA

Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg
www.ltsg.edu

Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia
www.ltsp.edu

Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary
www.ltss.edu

Western Mission Cluster of the ELCA

Luther Seminary
www.luthersem.edu

Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary
www.plts.edu

Academic Courses



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The Seminaries of the ELCA

Luther Seminary
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Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia
Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary
Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary
Trinity Lutheran Seminary
Wartburg Theological Seminary



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The Fisher's Net is an e-learning group that

reaches learners who are next door or across the country. We support learners within a geographic community - like a congregation or seminary campus - as well as to dispersed learners.

promotes shared learning. Faculty and learners come together virtually to share in-depth discussion, participate in projects and activities, and develop research resources. The learning network achieves one ultimate purpose, that instructors and learners form a partnership of collaborative (shared) learning.

offers anytime, anyplace learning. More people can access learning opportunities using e-learning technologies. Financial constraints, geographic limitations and schedule conflicts - for both the learner and provider - are removed.

What sorts of courses are offered?

The seminaries of the ELCA offer a variety of required and elective courses that contribute toward completing a degree. Check the Fisher's Net course catalog at www.fishersnet.net for current offerings.

Who can take a degree credit course on The Fisher's Net?

Anyone who applies for admission to an ELCA seminary or has already been admitted to another Association of Theological Schools (ATS) accredited institution. Lifelong learners can gain admission to an ELCA seminary to

participate in courses without working toward a degree. If you are not currently a student, please contact the admissions office of the ELCA seminary of your choice.

How do I register for a course?

You can make an online request to register for a course at www.fishersnet.net. You should contact the registrar's office at your institution to determine if credit for another institution's course will transfer. You will pay tuition to the Registrar's office at the offering institution. You'll pay that institution's tuition rate. The Fisher's Net will contact you via email to provide you with information to access your course and introduce you to our technical helpdesk.

How does the online classroom work?

You can take a tour of our Online Student Orientation to see the "classroom", its functions and ease of use at www.fishersnet.net Resources.

Online courses offer time flexibility with few, if any, sessions that require a specific day and time for the "class" to convene. Students complete assignments on a schedule, read assigned texts, listen to downloaded lectures, participate in group projects, reflect on their learning, and share their thoughts with classmates through e-learning technologies.

What do I need for hardware and software?

Internet and Email connection: Students are responsible for their own connection to the Internet through an Internet Service Provider (ISP). It is best if you can obtain a flat rate account (no limit on hours of access per month).

Computer Software: Students need an Internet browser. The minimum requirement is

Netscape Navigator 4.0 or Microsoft Internet Explorer 4.0. You will also need software for email and word processing. Certain courses may require special software.

Computer Hardware: We recommend an IBM-compatible PC with Pentium processor and 32 MB RAM or comparable Mac. You will need a modem with 28.8K or better modem speed. If you are planning to purchase a modem, we recommend that you get at least 56K. Multimedia capability is required (sound card and CD-ROM).

The Fisher's Net is

Responsive to your needs

Efficient in providing a communication system that supports you in the e-learning classroom

Effective in providing collaborative learning that makes a difference in your ministry!

Review our current listing of courses at www.fishersnet.net

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