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## Where to Worship

If you are looking for a place to worship, Gettysburg offers several options in the Lutheran tradition.

The **Lutheran Theological Seminary** (334-6286) offers daily worship services. Weekday services at midday alternate between preaching, morning prayer (matins), and eucharistic services. Once a month the midweek Eucharist is moved to an evening time slot in order to accommodate commuters, spouses and the families of the seminary community. The Chapel is accessible every night of the week at 10:00 P.M. for students who wish to take part in Service of Compline, prayer at the close of the day. This service is held in the meditation chapel and is student led. Additional worship experiences are announced in the *Nota Bene*, the Chapel newsletter. Student involvement is the standard for Seminary worship. Given sufficient student interest and leadership, other worship experiences can be added to the regular worship calendar. The normal schedule for weekday worship is as follows:

Monday (11:50 A.M.)	Preaching Service (faculty led)
Tuesday (11:50 A.M.)	Matins (led by a Middler)
Wednesday (11:25 A.M.)	Eucharist (led by faculty and students)
Thursday (11:50 A.M.)	Matins (led by a Middler)
Friday (11:50 A.M.)	Preaching Service (led by a Senior)

**Gettysburg College** (337-6000) offers Sunday morning services at 10:45 a.m. while classes are in session. Eucharist during Sunday morning services is on the first Sunday of every month. Wednesday evening Eucharists are at 10:00 p.m. and offer an intimate candlelight setting. The College is a very open community which has welcomed Seminarians in the past.

**Christ Lutheran Church** (334-5212) has a long history as the College church. Located on Chambersburg Street one-half block from the town square, Christ is within walking distance. Sunday services are at 10:45 a.m., with Eucharist on the first Sunday of every month and on all major feasts and festivals. A nursery is provided. Sunday School begins at 9:30 a.m. A weekly spoken Eucharist services is held the first Sunday of each month at 4:00 p.m. in the Donley Chapel.

**St. James Lutheran Church** (334-2012) is located on the corner of Stratton and York Streets. Sunday services are at 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Communion is

every Sunday, alternating between the services. A nursery is provided. The Saturday evening service, at 5:30 p.m. is a weekly Eucharist service as well. Sunday School begins at 9:30 a.m. and offers a full range from two year of age to Senior Citizens.

The **Lutheran Retirement Village** (334-6204) offers a very different worship experience. Serving primarily the nursing home residents, the Pastoral Care Office also provides worship leadership for the residents of the surrounding retirement Village. Sunday services are at 10:00 a.m. with Eucharist every third Sunday. The unique characteristics of this setting include easy wheelchair accessibility, a sound system with special aids for the hearing impaired, and a lively use of the Service Book and Hymnal. Wednesday afternoons at 3:30 p.m. are set aside for "Church School," a short hymn-sing with an inspirational message. To find the Village, take Business Route 15 north from the square for two miles. The Village will be on your right.

**Please note:** Worship schedules may be altered during the summer season (that is, before Labor Day). If you are interested in attending one or more of the worshipping communities listed above, please call ahead to confirm its worship schedule.

## And to Your Left, You'll See

So, you've just arrived in Gettysburg. Have you taken the time to get familiar with your environment? When you leave this place, how are you going to respond to the inevitable challenge: "You must know a lot about the battle!" Will you be embarrassed to discover that it was a National Military Park and not an overgrown athletic field over which you took your dog for walks. Yes indeed! We are in the middle of one of the most famous battlefields in the United States if not the whole world. The Gettysburg battlefield draws well over a million visitors each year, and the number will undoubtedly increase over the next few years with the success of Ken Burns' "Civil War" series on PBS and Ted Turner's "Gettysburg" (once know as Michael Shiraa's The Killer Angels). This article will take a look at the historical landscape which surrounds the Seminary. You won't become an expert reading it, but at least you'll have an idea why traffic is so bad on West Confederate Avenue.

What should you do first? The best way to get started is to visit the National Park Service's Visitor Center. The Visitor Center is located on the south end of town (just beyond Tommy's Pizza) in the angle between Tancycourt and Emmitsburg Roads. At the Visitor Center, National Park Rangers (yes, these are the same folks who run Yellowstone and the Grand Canyon) will assist in orienting you to the services provided by our federal tax dollars. Among these are numerous guided walks, lectures, multi-media presentations, museum services, and park lands.

The "Electric Map" is the absolute must see. A huge relief map rests on the floor of this theater located inside the Visitor Center. This map is studded with small electric light bulbs which indicate troop positions during the days of the battle while a thirty minute recorded presentation narrates the events. There is no finer aid to getting the grand tactical picture of the battle. There is a small charge for the Electric Map Show (\$2.00 for adults, \$1.00 senior citizens, children under 16 years free); fortunately, your Student ID will get you in for free. It will also get you into the Cyclorama and National Tower (the latter only once a month).

After the map, tour the battlefield using the battlefield auto-tour guide supplied at no charge by the Park Service at the Visitor Center information desk. This eighteen mile driving loop winds through the major positions of the three-day battle. You'll want to do this over and over again. There is no requirement that

you do the whole thing at one time. Do bits and pieces, get out of the car and walk around, use your bicycle, or just walk. The options are almost unlimited. The only cautions: watch out for others on the road, observe the speed limit, obey one-way road markings, and remember that park grounds and roads close at 10:00 p.m.

## I Like Ike

The problem with the Civil War craze that is sweeping the country is that people forget that there was a life in Gettysburg before and after those famous three days of early July 1863. One of the most interesting features of Gettysburg history is its role during the Great War (World War I). On the fields just south of the seminary and the town, an army encamped for the second time. This town of tents and huts was called Camp Colt, and although largely forgotten by townspeople and military historians, it made a major contribution to the evolution of modern warfare. The young men of Camp Colt trained to use the secret weapon of the Great War. That secret weapon was the Tank, and the man running the camp was an equally young Captain Dwight David "Ike" Eisenhower.

Eisenhower, a graduate from the lower half of the West Point Class of 1915, distinguished himself as an administrator and trainer during his brief stay here. Poorly provisioned, he worked hard to make sure that there was adequate housing, heating, clothing, and food for the men in his command. When an influenza epidemic broke out in camp, he did everything he could to establish a field hospital and quarantine procedures. Most importantly, without tanks, he successfully trained top notch soldiers many of whom would go overseas to serve under Eisenhower's West Point classmate, George Patton. Flatbed trucks became mobile machine gun platforms, and Little Round Top became a firing range backstop.

The recently married Eisenhower lived only a stone's throw from the seminary, on the corner of Springs Avenue and Hay Street. The plaque on the front porch marks it as an Eisenhower residence. The old Alpha Tau Omega house near the Tiber (Steven's Run) on North Washington Street also served as a temporary residence. After the war ended, Eisenhower continued his military career, serving in Europe under "Black Jack" Pershing, at the Panama Canal Zone under General Fox Conner, and in the Philippines under Douglas MacArthur.

It would be nearly forty years before Eisenhower would live in Gettysburg again. In 1951, now General of the Army, Eisenhower purchased the Allen Redding farm located near the Longstreet Observation Tower on Southwest Confederate Avenue. After major renovations to the property were completed in early 1955, Eisenhower, now the 34th President of the United States, moved into what would ultimately become his retirement home. Deeding the property over to the



National Park Service in 1967, two years before his death, Eisenhower spent his last years playing golf, painting, entertaining, managing a feeder herd of black angus, and attending the local Presbyterian Church.

Now a National Historic Site, the Eisenhower farm is open to the public daily from April 1 through October 31. The remainder of the year the site is open Wednesday through Sunday, with holiday closings on Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day. The site is closed January 9 to February 9, 1994. Access to the site is through the Eisenhower Tour Center located along the North side of the National Military Park's Visitor Center. The tour center is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Cost: \$3.60 for adults, \$1.60 for children (13-16), and \$1.05 for children (ages 6-12). Make sure you visit during December to see the Eisenhower House decorated for Christmas!

#### **Eisenhower Facts:**

- 1) Eisenhower's mother, Ida Stover, was a Jehovah Witness.
- 2) Eisenhower's father, David Eisenhower, gave up on all organized religion and contented himself with reading the New Testament in Greek.
- 3) Eisenhower was not baptized until he joined the National Presbyterian Church during his presidency.
- 4) It was during the Eisenhower presidency that the phrase "under God" was added to the Pledge of Allegiance.



While the Herr Tavern does not have the same ambiance that the Dobbin House does, the prices are cheaper and the variety better without sacrificing culinary quality. Take the special friend who is a little finicky out here for that special occasion.

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*Fairfield Inn* 15 West Main Street, Fairfield

642-5410

Cost: \$5-\$12+  
 Value: \*\* Good food at a reasonable price.  
 A.Q.: Another historic colonial house restored, but not nearly to the quality of the Dobbin House. If you are not a historical purist, it will be a comfortable space.  
 Menu: Limited choices focusing on traditional Pennsylvania fare.  
 Service: Friendly and efficient

This inn is a good place to go with your grandparents or that special someone for a pleasant meal.

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*Farnsworth House*

401 Baltimore Street, Gettysburg

334-8838

Cost: \$5-20+  
 Value: \*\* Good food at a reasonable price.  
 A.Q.: A converted home with a Civil War era atmosphere.  
 Menu: Limited choices focusing on traditional Pennsylvania fare.  
 Service: Friendly and efficient.

The Farnsworth house offers a cozy dining experience inside and the opportunity for dining in an outdoor courtyard.

**Casual Dining**

*Springhouse Tavern*                      89 Steinwehr Avenue, Gettysburg                      334-2100

Cost:                      \$5-\$12+  
 Value                     \*\*\*\*\* Great Atmosphere. Great food, though a tad overpriced.  
 A.Q.:                     Historic colonial bar setting executed with the same thoroughness as the upstairs dining area of the Dobbin House. Wonderfully unique!  
 Menu:                    Extremely diverse. From cold fruit and vegetable plates to BBQ ribs. All well prepared and well served.  
 Service:                Fine.

Located in the basement of the Dobbin House, the Tavern is the best place in town. Take everyone here! Again!!

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JD's Pub                      21 Lincoln Square, Gettysburg                      334-7100

Cost:                      \$4-\$12+  
 Value:                    \*\* Good Value  
 A.Q.:                    Going for the 1900's look and not making it, but not ugly. A comfortable informal setting.  
 Menu:                    Very diverse.  
 Service:                O.K. (but if you've come here, you're usually not in a hurry).

JD's is the traditional seminary hangout. They allow you to move the tables around to seat as many as you bring with you. A good place to eat (and have a drink) with friends. The bar offers a variety of specials during the week.

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Gingerbread Man                      217 Steinwehr Avenue, Gettysburg                      334-1100

Cost:                      \$4-\$12+  
 Value:                    \*\* O.K.  
 A.Q.:                    Very nice casual setting.  
 Menu:                    Wide variety.  
 Service:                Slow.

A very casual "yuppie," lemon-in-the-water place. Parking can be a problem at times.

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Lincoln Diner                      32 Carlisle Street, Gettysburg                      334-3900

Cost                      \$4-\$10+  
 Value:                    \* Good.  
 A.Q.:                    It's a diner.  
 Menu:                    Good variety.  
 Service:                Adequate

Nothing to write home about, but it is open 24 hours and serves the best cheesecake in town. The waiters and waitresses are real hometown people. Go here for a late night snack and a cup of coffee.

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Perkins                      859 York Road, Gettysburg                      337-1923

Cost:                      \$4-\$10+  
 Value:                    \*\* Good.  
 A.Q.:                    Pleasant.  
 Menu:                    A little bit of everything.  
 Service:                Fine.

Like the Lincoln Diner, Perkins is open 24 hours. They have a nice selection of desserts (and a bottomless cup of coffee!). The only drawback is that they are frequently out of items.

# Student Government

## **Student Association Officers**

President	John Brock
Treasurer	Sharon Vak
Recording Secretary	Tiffany Hall
Corresponding Secretary	Ann Dentry

## **Junior Class Officers**

President	Nate Motz
Secretary/Treasurer	Lynette Nelson
Trustees	Christina Abrahamson
	Wendy Abrahamson
	Marsha Adams
	Bill Hughes
	Jason Sigman

## **Middler Class Officers**

President	Jill Wszelaki
Secretary/Treasurer	Tom Teichmann
Trustees	Rob Argot
	Rebecca Davis
	Karen Erskine
	Marjorie Mustafa
	Ruth Rinker

**Senior Class Officers**

President	John Bromhal
Secretary/Treasurer	Doug DeStephano
Trustees (5)	Elsa Clark
	Steve Fiechter
	Wendi Gordon
	Donald March
	Mary Peterhansel

The trustees along with the other class officers make up the Student Association Council. This council meets the third Wednesday every month and acts on behalf of the entire Student Association.

## Divisions, Boards, and Committees

The Student Association maintains divisions, boards and committees to promote community life at the Seminary. In addition, students are asked to serve on faculty search committees when new faculty are being sought. All members of the Student Association (all students registered for two or more courses are automatically members) are eligible and encouraged to serve on all divisions, boards and committees. Each is listed and described below:

### **Divisions**

#### *Athletics*

The Athletics Division is responsible for the coordination of all intramural activities and tournaments. The seminary community typically takes part in intramural flag football and softball, as well as in annual ping-pong and chess tournaments.

#### *Lectures*

The Lectures Division sponsors forums, group discussions and other lectures which are intended to promote learning and reflection on a variety of theological topics. The Lectures Division is also responsible for the student computer lab located on the second floor of the library.

#### *Publications*

The Publications Division is responsible for Table Talk and any other publications which the Student Association deems necessary for student life.

#### *Social Action*

The Social Action Division promotes issues which are of social concern to the Seminary community. This division might sponsor servant events or other activities which promote social justice.



## **Boards**

### *Honor Board*

The Honor Board is made up of the Student Association President and one representative elected by each class. The Honor Board investigates and/or reprimands any student accused of a violation of academic integrity.

### *Student Conduct Board*

The Student Conduct Board consists of the class presidents, one representative of each class, and the Student Association President who serves as chair. This board counsels and/or reprimands students who are charged with misconduct.

## **Joint Student-Faculty Committees**

### *Student-Faculty Relations*

This committee is made up of the president of all of the classes, and three other students appointed by the presidents. They are joined by the Seminary President, the Dean and two other faculty members to consider matters of concern to the seminary community, including student course evaluations, the pet policy and supply preaching.

### *Worship*

The Worship committee oversees the worship life of the community, designating where offerings go and determining the prayer concerns from week to week. Two representatives from each class sit on this committee with the Chaplain, Music Director and another member of the faculty.

### *Academic Policies*

Two students are elected by the Student Association Council to serve on this committee with the chairs of each faculty division, the Dean, Librarian, Registrar, and Field Education

Director. This committee oversees the policies that govern the academic life of the seminary, making recommendations to the faculty for their action.

*Admissions and  
Scholarship*

Two students are elected by the Student Association Council to serve on this committee which, with faculty members, considers such matters as admissions, scholarships, financial aid, and recruitment.

*Field Education*

One junior and senior (elected by their classes) sit on this committee with faculty and oversee the seminary's field education system.

*Library*

One Student is elected by the Student Association Council to serve on this committee which considers matters relevant to the Seminary Library.

*Food Service*

This committee is yet to be created, but will be a feature of student life in the future. The creation of this committee will be an item of business for the Student Association Council to consider in early fall.

## What's What?

### **The Redactor**

is a daily publication (Monday through Friday when classes are in session) of the schedule of events for the day, plus any announcements that need to be seen by the Seminary Community. It is posted in the library, Valentine Hall, the Refectory, and the dormitories. Make sure to check The Redactor each day so that you do not miss important information.

### **Nota Bene**

is a weekly newsletter (generally published on Wednesday) from the Chaplain's office. It lists the worship schedule for the coming week (Thursday through Wednesday), announces special events, and gives helpful information for devotions and prayer. The Note Bene is available on the table at the entrance to the chapel at Wednesday Eucharist. Extras are placed in the shelf in front of the mailboxes in the basement of Valentine Hall.

### **Bulletin Boards**

are located in the basement of Valentine Hall. Information about classes, social issues, employment, and general notices can be found in the hallway. The Student Association bulletin board is in the coffee shop. All items placed on Seminary bulletin boards must be signed by the person posting it.

### **Coffee Shop**

is in the basement of Valentine Hall. Coffee and tea are available for a small fee at most times of the day. On Tuesdays and Fridays doughnuts and bagels are also available. Coffee time runs from 10:00-10:25 a.m. Monday through Friday, except Wednesday, when it runs from 10:00-10:10 a.m. There are also machines containing juice, soda, candy and crackers. Bring your own change!

The lounge next to the Coffee Shop has a ping-pong table, a television with cable hook-up, and a couch and chairs for relaxing. There is also a room on the 3rd floor of Valentine that is available for quiet study. Unlike the library, food and drinks are allowed!

### **The Refectory**

is open to all members of the seminary community, even those seminarians who are not on the meal plan. Meal prices are \$2.00 for breakfast, \$3.00 for lunch, and \$4.00 for dinner. You may also purchase a meal ticket worth \$30.00 for \$27.00 (a 10% discount). It will be a punch-card that can be used for any meal. There will also be a community meal each month, free of charge.

### **The Bookstore**

is located in the basement of Valentine Hall. Its normal hours of operation are 10:00-12:00 a.m. and 2:00-4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. You will buy all of your textbooks in the Bookstore, although you are asked not to buy anything until you have gone through the "Introduction to the Bookstore" during pre-session. Students may have an open account with up to a \$250.00 credit line, but all bills must be paid before the end of each semester. Beginning in the fall of 1994, the Bookstore will be accepting MasterCard, VISA and Discover Card!

### **Student Computer Center**

is on the second floor of the library, in the vestibule before the Library Lecture Room. Hours are the same as the library. There are currently four computers for student use. Paper for printers is supplied by the Student Association. Students need to provide their own disks. All four computers are loaded with Word Perfect for DOS 5.1

## Lutherans On-Line

Want to learn more about what is happening around your synod, in your region, nationally, or with other denominations? LutherLink is your answer. LutherLink is the Lutheran portion part of Ecunet, an ecumenical electronic network linking church people (lay and ordained) around the world. It offers electronic mail, a chance to join various general topic "meetings" (such as Table Talk or Ecunet Chat where just about any topic is fair game), and even gives you an Internet address. You may join meetings, or even start your own. There are special interest meetings such as Rural Ministry, or join the fray and offer your views on the ELCA Human Sexuality Statement or the election of the next ELCA Bishop. Thousands of meetings are available but most folk join a only what they are interested in. Only 400 or so meetings are active in any given week.

Ecunet and LutherLink are not only a great resource for things related to the church (you can download ELCA Documents and Studies), it is a great resource for in many areas. Relaxation aids and software (freeware and shareware) are available, as well as free magazines such as *LOGA Legislative Updates*, *Agricultural Notes*, *Pericope Partners* and more.

What does it take to join? Besides a the obvious computer and a modem, \$11 a month establishes a basic account. You can pay your own long distance carrier or pay an hourly fee to use an 800 number (\$12/hr 8am-6pm and \$7/hr the rest of the time. For a one time fee of \$50 (30 day free trial) you can try out the front end software for the IBM clones called Bizlink. This allows you to have unattended log-ins and downloads when the rates are low. This software also allows you to read, write and respond to messages off line. Similar software is being Beta tested for the Macintosh (see me for details). You can also log in and do manual sessions but these tend to be more costly.

Contact the ELCA Resource Information Service at 800-638-3522 with any questions, or talk with Dave Jcrrigan or John Bröck.

## So You Have Something to Say

Well, you've made it through this issue of *Table Talk*, and now you're interested in seeing your name in print. That's great, because *Table Talk* is always looking for contributions from students, faculty, staff, and families. Many types of articles are acceptable. Fiction, poetry, comments, art - all are welcome. *Table Talk* does reserve the right to edit articles, and all submissions are subject to the Publications Division's discretion.

The Division does ask that all submissions, other than art, be submitted on disk. Preferable format is 3.5" disk in Word Perfect for DOS 5.1. For those who do not have their own computer, or those who use Macs, the Division asks that you use the Student Computer Center, located on the second floor of the library. Files can be saved on floppies there. Submissions may also be saved on the hard drive of the computer closest to the window; simply type the article in Word Perfect, and save it to the directory TABLE (directions are posted in the SCC).

*Table Talk* is published eight times throughout the year, with a submission date of the 15th of each month, and a publication date of the 1st of the month. Questions and comments should be directed to the Publications Division, or submitted to the *Table Talk* mailbox, located in the lower right-hand corner of the mailbox area.

On behalf of the Publications Division, we hope to hear from you soon!

## From the Editor

Welcome to a new year at the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg. This is a wonderful place for learning, spiritual growth, history, hiking, biking, camping, living - simply an all around fine place to be.

*Table Talk* is a publication of the Student Association (see the article "Student Government" for greater details). It comes out eight times during the school year. The contents come from you, the seminary community. The goal of this newsletter is to publish articles of theological interest, poetry, human interest stories, fiction, issues for debate, and anything else the editorial staff feels will be of interest to the seminary community. All submissions must be signed, but the author's name may be withheld upon request. Submitted articles that are unsigned will not be published.

This first issue of the 1995-1996 year owes great thanks to many people. First and foremost, Susan Hermansader Folks, former editor of *Table Talk*. Due to her diligence, the 1993-1994 Publications Division prepared a wonderful pre-session issue for fall of 1995. I have reproduced and updated most of that information for this issue. Thanks also goes to Patti Young, whose fast and flying fingers made this issue possible. A talented typist, she is. In addition, thanks goes to her husband and my classmate Gumbo, who made many of the updates.

I have served on the Publications Division for two years, first as staff and last year as editor. I bow out with this issue. Life as husband, father, student, and Student Association president all call for my time. Rose Ann Campise has graciously agreed to head the Publications Division for this next year. I know Rose Ann is quite capable, and will make this publication even better.

One final note: I strongly encourage you, students and spouses, faculty and staff, to become involved in life in this place. Grab hold of your time here; do not be afraid to become involved, active, and a part of this entity. This is a special and unique place. As we gather together in the name of our God, so is that same God with us. By the Grace of the Son, go forth, willing to learn and to teach, to listen and proclaim, to truly LIVE as Christ would have us live.

God's Peace,

John Brock