



# President's WEEKLY UPDATE

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**Good morning.** Today, on Martin Luther's 525th birthday, we continue a focus on the Reformation as we host the **Founders Day Reformation Lecture** with guest speaker **Deanna Thompson**, chair of the Religion Department at Hamline University. Tonight at 7 p.m. and tomorrow morning at 10 a.m. she will examine Luther's Theology of the Cross within feminist and global perspectives. For information on the two lectures, see the Update calendar.

The Founders Day Reformation Lecture, now in its fourth year, connects Augsburg's history and heritage to the founding of the Lutheran Church and helps us link Luther's theology to issues we face in living our mission and vision as a college. As we move closer to the 500th anniversary celebration of the Reformation in 2017, these lectures help us build a strong Augsburg tradition around the 95 Theses and the issues of the Reformation that inform our vocational education today.

**Friday evening, I look forward to joining with the MBA faculty, staff, and students as we celebrate the fifth anniversary of the program**, which has already graduated more than 400 students. Currently, approximately 270 students in 14 cohorts study at four locations—on the Minneapolis and Rochester campuses, at Thrivent Financial in downtown Minneapolis, and in Bloomington.

MBA students, who work at a number of major corporations and non-profits in the Twin Cities, have completed 67 management consulting projects, in which they collaborate to carry out consulting projects in the community for nonprofit and small companies. MBA students also participate in the Mayo Innovation Scholars Program, in which MBA students, together with undergraduate science and business students, research specific projects submitted by Mayo Clinic professionals.

**Congratulations to the men's soccer team, who earned one of 16 at-large berths among the 58 teams in the NCAA Division III National Tournament.** On Thursday, they play Whitworth College on its home field in Spokane, Wash., at 1 p.m. (PST), with the winner advancing to play University of Redlands on Sunday.

This is the first time in Augsburg's history that the men's soccer team has qualified for the NCAA Division III national tournament. On Saturday at the MIAC postseason playoffs final game, they played to a 0-0 two-overtime draw with Carleton, which was decided in Carleton's favor in a 5-3 penalty-kick shootout.

## **CAMPUS PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES**

### **Military/Veterans reception**

This week also includes Veterans Day on Tuesday. **On Thursday I will speak at a reception from 4 to 6 p.m. to honor our military/veteran students and their spouses, and our military/veteran faculty and staff** and to thank them for their

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service to our country. Duane Bauer, from the Minnesota Department of Veteran Affairs, will be present to meet with students who have questions about the new GI Bill. We have 87 military members or veterans on campus—one of the largest special interest groups on campus.

### **Native American film Series**

During November, Native American Heritage Month, **the first films in this year's Native American Film Series will be shown on Wednesday evening.** Director Randy Redroad will be present for screenings of his films, 133 Skyway, a short award-winning narrative about urban homelessness, and The Doe Boy, a film focusing on indigenous issues and identity. For more information, go to [www.augsburg.edu/filmseries](http://www.augsburg.edu/filmseries).

### **KUDOS**

Kudos to social work professor **Tiong Tan**, who travels this week to Sichuan, China, to participate in the Global Dialog on Wenchuan Earthquake Response: Challenges and Governance. He will also be a guest speaker on disaster management and community response in a lecture series at Dominican University.

### **NOTABLE EVENTS DURING THE WEEK**

#### **November 10-11**

#### **Founders Day Reformation Lectures**

**"New Perspectives on Luther's Theology of the Cross," Deanna Thompson, Hamline University**

Nov. 10—7 p.m., Hoversten Chapel, "Women, World, and Luther's Theology of the Cross,"

Nov. 11—10 a.m., Hoversten Chapel, "More than Miracles: Hope in the Face of the Cross"

#### **November 13**

**Focused Conversation, Ann Garvey, Vice President of Student Affairs  
"Student Affairs 101"**

3:45 p.m., Johnson Conference Center, OGC

#### **November 13**

#### **Military/Veterans Reception**

4 p.m., Marshall Room

#### **November 14**

#### **MBA Program Fifth-Anniversary Celebration**

5:30 p.m., Foss Center

#### **November 16**

#### **Augsburg Concert Band**

7 p.m., Hoversten Chapel

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## DAILY CHAPEL SPEAKERS

M,W,F—10:20-10:40 a.m., Community Time following; T-Th—11:20-11:40 a.m.; Wed—9:30 p.m., Communion; Sat (when weekend classes meet)—First Word Community Gathering at 7:30-7:50 and 8-8:20 a.m.

**Tues., Nov. 11**—Founders Day, Mark Tranvik, Religion Dept.

**Wed., Nov. 12**—Vocatio Chapel, Aimee K. Bryant, singer/songwriter

**Wed. eve.**—Communion

**Thurs., Nov. 13**—Hootenanny Chapel

**Fri., Nov. 14**—Celebration of new life

**Mon., Nov. 17**—Gerda Mortensen Day, Gracia Grindal, Luther Seminary

**Sports results and schedule**—[www.augsburg.edu/athletics](http://www.augsburg.edu/athletics)

Have a great week.