



Mark Befus is currently a member at Christ Centred Fellowship in Camrose. He is heading to LB Seminary in the fall along with his wife Arron and 3 children - Rachel, Kaden and Matthew.

THE LORD ESTABLISHES HIS STEPS

SEMINARY WAS FAR FROM MY MIND, but very close to God's plan for me. For many years of my life, God has been planting seeds and preparing me for ministry as a Pastor. I just wish I'd listened years ago. Thank God for his grace and goodness in my life.

When I was young, I knew I wanted to be two things: a football player and a Pastor. As I got older, I played football - for fun. But to become a Pastor? I didn't feel worthy. Or good enough. I had an idea in my head of what I thought it would take to be a pastor and I was sure I didn't have those qualities. That is, until God woke me up.

After high school, I attended the Canadian Lutheran Bible Institute (CLBI) for two years, where people poured into me and I poured into the Bible. It was during those years, and the years that followed, that older pastors and people I looked up to asked me if I'd ever considered going into ministry. They said, "You have some gifts in these areas." I thanked each person for their kind words, but it has taken years for me to see it for myself. God literally had to move me out of

my comfort zone for me to hear what He was saying. Just under two years ago, I moved my family to a small town outside of Camrose. My wife (whom I had met at CLBI) and I had lived in Camrose for 20+ years, so that was a big adjustment for us. But God knew what I needed. It allowed me to think from outside of my normal world - and opened my heart to accept the call from the Lord. My wife has been on board with me since the beginning of this journey, for she knew that God was calling us to something different.

One day, after work, I sat down on the couch and said, "I want to answer God's calling for me to become a Pastor." It was at that moment that everything seemed to come together. And since that day, God has been opening doors for me to serve Him in ministry more, at my local church, as well as swing wide the doors to attend the Lutheran Brethren Seminary this Fall. God is so good. And His plans are always best. I look forward to this adventure with Him as I pursue the call He has laid on my life.

- Mark Befus



LUTHERAN BROTHERN DISCIPLESHIP INSTITUTE

Lutheran Brethren Seminary in Fergus Falls, Minnesota has begun developing online training for leaders and members of CLB congregations.

The soon to be launched Lutheran Brethren Discipleship Institute has the following objectives:

- Apply Scriptural precepts in their daily lives based on a working knowledge of the Bible
- Develop the skills to do ministry in the body of Christ and in the world they interact with on a daily basis
- Develop biblically-based convictions of the truths of Scripture
- Exhibit the character traits of a follower of Christ as the Holy Spirit produces growth in their lives

The vision is to make available several short courses which will teach scripture, doctrine, and leadership skills. The courses will be available on-line and will include short lectures, reading and exercises, and feedback quizzes.

This past week the director, Allan Bjerkaas, connected with John Prem from Pasadena, CA. John has a master's degree in programming. He has continued the development of the technology for the program.

LBS continues to have many conversations around North America with persons that God is calling into ministry. Your prayers for those God is calling are greatly appreciated. - Dr. David Veum, President, Lutheran Brethren Seminary

UPCOMING EVENTS

JULY 9-14

FAMILY BIBLE CAMP

Hastings Lake Lutheran Bible Camp
Register online: lbcana.org/clbccamp

JULY 26-30

YC17 YOUTH CONVENTION

Estes Park, Colorado

OCTOBER 17-19

PASTORS AND LEADERS SYMPOSIUM

THEME: Preaching to the Heart
Dr. Eugene Boe of LB Seminary
Clarion Conference Centre,
Medicine Hat, AB

FINANCIAL REPORT END OF MARCH

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| General Ministries | \$4,549 | \$15,000 | \$60,000 |
| International Missions | \$12,147 | \$11,250 | \$45,000 |
| Church Planting | \$8,817 | \$11,250 | \$45,000 |
| Leadership Training | \$3,755 | \$6,250 | \$25,000 |
| Service & Fellowship | \$0 | \$2,750 | \$11,000 |
| Chad Well Project | \$1,090 | | |

LEGEND

- YTD Actual
- YTD Budget
- 2017 Budget

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