



Stay up to date with the exciting things happening at Eden!

Advent and Christmas traditions are important parts of the Seminary's life together. Just as we've been gathering physically and digitally during the past year, those holiday traditions took on that look as well. We are so pleased that you can be part of these beloved traditions. Be part of the Christmas Concert and the annual singing of the Hallelujah Chorus. Just click on the recordings in the links of this newsletter. Please keep the students and faculty in your prayers as classes have come to a close for the fall semester and final exams, papers and grading all are in process.

At this time when natural disasters have created loss and grief for so many, and

as the COVID pandemic continues in its enduring and ever-changing forms, our hearts are stirred to even greater compassion to serve with those who are suffering and to advocate for just and equitable relationships for all people and all of creation. Words of the refrain of "Canticle of the Turning" by Rory Cooney come to mind: "My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn. Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn!"

May your Advent and Christmas be blessed.

If you missed Eden's annual Christmas concert on December 7th, don't worry...you can [watch it here now!](#) You will be encouraged through the Advent and Christmas season with carols, poems and musical selections. Guest musicians included countertenor Tai Oney, the Eden Seminary Upper Voice Choir, and Kendall Moore, accompanied and directed by Paul Vasile.

"Alleluia: the Lord God omnipotent reigneth!" Although not in the Rand rotunda, the treasured tradition of singing the "Hallelujah chorus" occurred on campus last week. Staff, faculty, students and friends met outdoors to continue the tradition. [Watch here!](#)

Join us for the next *Walker Leadership Institute's* "Langenberg Leadership Breakfast" on December 21st, at 7:30 am CT. Guest speaker will be Desiree S. Coleman-Fry, DEI executive and Founder of "@queenwithinyou." Desiree holds a Master of Public Administration, is a *Loyola Academy* trustee and received *Investment News'* 2019 *Rising Star in D&I* Award.

[Click here for details and to register.](#)

"*This Week in Eden History*," presented by the [Archives at Eden](#), spotlights Julius W. Varwig, 1898 graduate of Eden. Appointed as a full time city missionary by the Evangelical Synod, Varwig became the first institutional chaplain in the United States. [Read more of the story here.](#)

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