

“When I came into Diakonia I was not sure what to expect. To be sure, I was looking for a learning experience, and resources that would help me in those areas of ministry and service in which I was already involved.

What I discovered was that, and so much more—a fellowship of very unique and wonderful individuals with a gigantic love for Jesus, and a call to make the Gospel visible to the world, (at the very least, the corner of the world where each of us is found). I have learned a great deal from the inspired and knowledgeable pastor-teachers, but I have learned healing, beauty, value and faith, and Christian love from this wonderful community of individuals called out by God's Spirit to serve. I thank Him for allowing me to be a part of this.”

George (recent graduate)

“Diakonia has deepened my faith, expanded my understanding, enriched my worship, and opened my heart to God's amazing abundance of blessings. Everything I've learned has impacted how I hear, see and respond to God in my everyday life. Diakonia's spiritual "ripple effect" reaches my family and friends, my workplace, and my participation at St. John's, in ways that simply astound me. Diakonia is the most fulfilling faith experience I've ever encountered; every believer should have an opportunity to be part of this! Praise God for Diakonia!”

Gloria (1st year student)

“For me, Diakonia has been an incredibly inspiring faith journey. It has caused me to question...understand...question...clarify...question...learn...question...deepen my faith in areas where I didn't even know enough to question before taking these classes. The pastors who teach the classes and the students who take the classes with me have been so very inspiring. Although I was concerned about having enough time to do all of the reading before starting the program, the selection of readings has been so interesting that I really look forward to sitting down with my books! I have learned so much, including the fact that I still have so much to learn.”

Nancy (recent graduate)

“Why did I come to diakonia? Not having been raised a Lutheran I wanted to learn more about the church and what makes us different from and the same as other Christian faiths. I learned so very much, but for me (one who believes in service), I have a deeper understanding of what it means to serve the Lord. The history of the church is service, laying down our lives for the faith, feeding the hungry, the homeless and those who are without support systems. Jesus said, “Go!”

Peg (recent graduate)

“Some thoughts about Diakonia:

- 1. Deepening of Faith*
- 2. Everything you wanted to know about being a Lutheran but were afraid to ask.*
- 3. The best is the being in a learning environment with fellow enthusiastic believers.*

Anonymous (recent graduate)