

From the 12<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> of September our seminary hosted a regular session of our extension classes. 27 students from a very wide variety of regions our Church attended lectures which were this time prepared by teachers from [St. Andrew's Biblical-Theological Institute](#) in Moscow. The themes of the classes were: Introduction to the Theology and Liturgy of the Orthodox Church, the social aspects of the activity of the Church and Russian Spiritual Culture.

An addition to this course was a meeting with the retired ELCROS Archbishop, Georg Kretschmar, who told his listeners about the Lutheran-Orthodox dialogues, of which he was a participant for many years, and also a lecture about contemporary ecumenical institutes and agreements, read by Seminary President Godeke von Bremen. Anton Tikhomirov lead lessons on comparative theology (Lutheran-Orthodox-Reformed) and gave a short overview of the history of the formation of the major denominations, as wells as read a paper on Protestantism in Russian poetry.

During morning and evening prayer as wells as during the final worship service the students sang songs from the new hymnal, which was accepted at the last General Assembly.