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The Homesteader

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Dear Kris

Welcome to the The Homesteader!

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Seminary news

by Jerry L. Van Marter, Presbyterian News Service

[Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary](#) has received approval from the Association of Theological Schools (ATS) to offer the Master of Arts in Ministry Practice (MAMP), beginning in fall of 2012. This new degree equips individuals for general pastoral leadership in two years of full-time study, and continues Austin Seminary's tradition of strong theological education for the practice of ministry. "We are excited to begin offering this new degree program, as it increases the options that students have for vocational preparation at Austin Seminary," Academic Dean Allan H. Cole Jr. said. "With its focus on the practice of ministry, coupled with the ability to complete the course of study in two years, the MAMP will allow the Seminary to resource additional communities of learners and leaders called to ministry."

The MAMP degree program requires coursework in biblical studies, theology and history, and the ministry arts (preaching, worship, pastoral care, Christian education, leadership and administration, and mission and evangelism)

Enhancement Program Continues in Pawnee City

The exterior of the [Pawnee City United Presbyterian Church](#) continues its updating with new siding. But it isn't a new look for the building. The match of the old siding verses the new is so good it is difficult to tell which is which!



Once Privileged Position of Church is Gone

Bob Houser, executive presbyter for the Presbytery of Central Nebraska, recently blogged: "How many times have you been part of a conversation that talks about how much competition there is for the time or church members and especially

Message

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Synod School 2012

Register now
"Singing the Lord's Song in a Strange Land."
Annual midsummer ministry of the Synod of Lakes and Prairies

July 22-27

Buena Vista University
Storm Lake, Iowa

Presbytery Day

Saturday, May 5, 2012
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youth? That betrays the fact that we are grieving the church's once privileged position in our communities and culture. It reflects that we are at a much different time than we remember from 30 to 50 years ago. It also indicates that we are denying our need to change and adjust to the changes that have taken place in our culture." Houser's complete comments can be found at "[Change.](http://www.centralnepresby.org/bobs-thoughts/domesticated-church/)" (<http://www.centralnepresby.org/bobs-thoughts/domesticated-church/>)

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