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Intersections is a publication by and largely for the academic communities of the twenty-seven institutions that comprise the Network of ELCA Colleges and Universities (NECU). Each issue reflects on the **intersection** of faith, learning, and teaching within Lutheran higher education. It is published by the NECU, and has its home in the Presidential Center for Faith and Learning at Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois, the institutional sponsor of the publication. **Intersections** extends and enhances discussions fostered by the annual Vocation of Lutheran Higher Education Conference, together lifting up the vocation of Lutheran colleges and universities. It aims to raise the level of awareness among faculty, staff, and administration about the Lutheran heritage and church-relatedness of their institutions, especially as these **intersect** with contemporary challenges, opportunities, and initiatives.

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The Hagfors Center at Augsburg University in Minneapolis, the location of the 2022 Vocation of a Lutheran Higher Education Conference, is a physical representation of the University's commitment to living into vocation within their community. The building itself—which houses religion, business, and science in one location—blends community in a way not often seen on college campuses. The space itself mixes disciplines in ways that offer and invite new perspectives on vocation. In bold on the wall, the University proclaims its latest rallying cry, bringing us back to the heart of vocation: "We are called." Further, we are called to think critically, as changemakers in the world, as beings called into action for truth and justice, as people living into our vocation. Turning attention to the inset: the inscriptions in the windows, the hymn "A Mighty Fortress is Our God," handwritten by Martin Luther, is overlaid with the cell structure of an American elm tree. Other artwork within the walls of the Hagfors Center demonstrates the commitment to be representative of Augsburg's diverse community of students, moving towards equity and inclusion through public art, on their campus, and in the world.

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