

fall, but also inclined the hearts of an amazing number of students to apply to the school for admission. We thought the pandemic and the volatile summer in Minneapolis would set us back. It hasn't. This is a pointer to the encouraging ways God intends to yet use this pandemic for the glory of Christ in surprising ways.

Riots: 1500 businesses were heavily damaged by riots in Minneapolis at the end of May, largely in reaction to the death of George Floyd. That death and those losses are tragic. The racial nerve endings in our nation have been exposed and raw ever since. In the short run this feels like a set back to so much of my own efforts in racial harmony over recent years. But through the lens of God's merciful providence, I am hopeful that what the summer of 2020 has eaten, God will restore. I believe Bethlehem College and Seminary will be part of that restoring vision.

Providence (the book!): I completed during the summer shut-down the final edits on the longest book I've written. It is a kind of summary and integration of all the most important things I've thought over the years. It will be available in January. The reason I am excited about it is that it has over 3,000