Once again this Spring we are reflecting on the service projects that have been completed by all of us working together. The completion of these projects was not simply the work of the St. Louis area Guild members, (who are geographically closer to Concordia Seminary), but also the work of members and friends from across the United States. As one student wrote, “Thank you. You would not believe how many of these projects benefited me during my time as a seminary student.”

It is our hope that these photos will help tell the story of what the community of Concordia Seminary Guild is all about. We celebrate the serving and sharing that we have done again this year. We give thanks and praise for the seminary, for the students and their families, and above all we are reminded of the goodness of our God.

A Community Brought Together . . .

It is understandable that on a campus, like Concordia Seminary, there are students and student families from diverse backgrounds. Lives are incredibly busy with studies, extracurricular activities, and often part-time jobs. For student families, the wives are likely employed and children are schooled. In fact, there is a lot of “scurrying and hurrying” by all involved.

With this in mind, how can this seminary community be brought together in some sort of connectedness, with fellowship opportunities for all involved? Some good beginnings include Family Nights, Coffee after Chapel, Student Etiquette Dinner and Seminary Women’s Association Retreats. This year the Seminary Guild has been helpful in all of the above, with contributions totaling $3000.00 for these fellowship events. For the upcoming academic year, our projects once again reflect our interest in assisting in the bringing together of students and/or families. After all we are a community brought together in the Body of Christ.

Will you be a part of this picture?

Mission

The Concordia Seminary Guild’s objectives are to cultivate a deeper interest in Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, and to provide needed items for the campus and students which are not ordinarily furnished by the Seminary.

Financial Costs for a Seminary Student

Our members frequently ask, “How much does it cost for a seminary student to come here?” In asking one of our students about this, he nicely mailed us an estimate that was provided to him by the seminary financial aid office. The estimate per year is close to $44,000. This includes tuition fees (based on 30 credits vs. the normal 40), room and board, other miscellaneous expenses (including mandatory health insurance), and books and supplies.

Of course there are a lot of other items that are not included in the above. Thus, our Seminary Guild projects/contributions are extremely helpful to all students and their families. Whether it be our donations to the food bank or clothes closet, or our purchasing of required textbooks or clergy shirts, the members of the Guild are present with our care and concern for all students and for the campus of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis.

Thank you for your partnership.
In Celebration

I am already celebrating each of you, and the part that you have played in another successful year for the Seminary Guild. As this Guild Lines goes to press, we have completed close to $17,000.00 in projects. This is in spite of the difficult economic times that many of us face. Thank you! I hope that you will be able to join us at our May 14th meeting as we celebrate together our accomplishments during this academic year. We have all had a part in the community of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. Once again we have touched the lives of so many students and their families.

We also celebrate those students who have completed their studies, and who will be called to their respective areas of ministry. We thank you! We may see some of you.

For all of us who have completed their studies, and in our parishes in future years. Thank you! We may see some of you.

Adopted Projects 2010-2011

Supporting Concordia Seminary, St. Louis

Piper’s Christian Dogmatics, Vol. 1 .................................................. $1,904.00
($23.80 x 80 first-year residential students)
Clergy Shirts ($27.96 each x 80 first-year residential students) ........................................ $2,236.80
The Minister’s Prayer Book ................................................................. $1,568.00
(for each concluding M.Div student)
Seminary Chorus ............................................................................... $500.00*
(for spring and fall tours)
Food Bank (to purchase metal storage shelving) .............................................. $800.00
Library (to convert public catalog to web-based interface) ................................... $1,500.00
Direct-to-Student Aid ($1,000 each to 2 students) ............................................. $2,000.00
Student Emergency Fund ........................................................................ $1,000.00
Family Nights ....................................................................................... $600.00
(fellowship evenings in Koburg for student families)
Coffee after Chapel .............................................................................. $500.00
(sponsorship of fellowship time following morning chapel)
Student Etiquette Dinner ........................................................................ $1,500.00
(special evening for students/spouses with guest speaker)
Seminary Women’s Association ................................................................ $500.00
(to assist with retreats and campus events that women plan)
Sustainable Gardening on Campus ........................................................... $400.00
(to support planting endeavors so that students can have access to fresh veggies)
Specific Ministry Pastor (SMP – distance ministry studies) ......................... $600.00
Deaconess Studies (textbooks and cross-cultural modules) .......................... $600.00
Dorm Counselor Fund ........................................................................... $1,000.00
(CPR/AED training for dorm counselors plus help with special events)
EIIT (Ethnic Immigrant Institute of Theology) ........................................... $1,000.00
Campus “Greening” .............................................................................. $400.00
(assist in campus “eco” education/landscape needs/recycling etc.)
Pedersen Fieldhouse (continued updating for fitness/sports) ......................... $1,000.00
Student Services ................................................................................. $1,000.00
(indiv. student educational helps; i.e. tutoring, speech, etc.)
TOTAL .................................................................................. $20,608.80

* Adopted

Thank You!

Thank You from Bill Maxfield, Seminary Athletic Director:
“Please thank all of the Seminary Guild for their welcome contribution of $500.00 to the Intercollegiate Sports Program. It comes at a time when that budget account was stretched very thin. Speaking for all of our student athletes who participate in golf, tennis, cycling, and basketball, we thank you very much.”

Are Your DUES Due?

Please help us by keeping your dues up-to-date. According to the Guild Bylaws the yearly membership dues cover one year, from July 1 - June 30 of the following year. Spring is a good time to think ahead, and to pay your dues for the following academic year.

When our Membership Chairman, Jean Redman, gives her report it is surprising to hear how many of us forget to pay our yearly dues. Would you believe, even some of us who are members of the Guild Board? Tie that string around your finger, and help us out a lot by paying those yearly DUES.

Thank You.

Individual Dues $8.00 per year.
Organization Dues $15.00 per year.

Thank You for Your Support!

To the individuals who adopted particular projects such as Seminary Chorus, The Minister’s Prayer Books, Pedersen Fieldhouse Sports, Coffee after Chapel, etc... Thanks to the women’s ministry or bazaar groups who adopted projects such as Direct-to-Student Aid, Family Night for students, Student Emergency Fund, Clergy Shirts, etc... Thanks to each and every member and friend who helped us in completing close to $17,000.00 in projects this academic year. Thanks to the Seminary Guild community for demonstrating once again your caring and sharing spirit!

Concordia Seminary Guild Annual Membership Dues
Individual—$8  Society—$15

A yearly Guild membership is from July 1 to June 30 of the following year. Have you paid your dues for this current year? Please make checks payable to Concordia Seminary Guild and send to Nina Boehme, 4410 Kerth Circle Crossing, St. Louis, MO 63128.

Name (or Society) ___________________________  ☐ Individual Membership ($8)
Address _____________________________________  ☐ Society Membership ($15)
City, State, ZIP _______________________________  ☐ Project Fund Donation
Telephone (__________) _________________________  Total ____________
Name of Congregation __________________________

Membership Dues: Please make certain that your Guild membership is up-to-date so that you will continue to receive the Guild Lines mailings.

Project Donations: Project donations will be used for any of the Guild projects unless they are specified for a particular project.

Thank You for Your Support! For questions concerning the Seminary Guild, please call 314-505-7362.

Calendar

September 17, 2010 12:00 p.m., Lunch and Meeting

October 22, 2010 9:40 a.m., Chapel with Students
11:00 a.m., Brunch and Program Rally Day

December 3, 2010 12:00 p.m., Advent by Candlelight Lunch and Program

February 11, 2011 12:00 p.m., Lunch and Program Pantry Shower

March 18, 2011 12:00 p.m., Lunch and Meeting

May 13, 2011 12:00 p.m., Lunch and Meeting