Our theme for the year seems quite appropriate since the Seminary Guild has always been, and continues to be “rooted in Christ,” as we continue to grow together in our service to Concordia Seminary, St. Louis.

In spite of being rooted, we will physically be “uprooted” from campus this fall due to Koburg construction. With this in mind we have made temporary arrangements for our fall meetings (see details below). Thanks to the generosity of Village Lutheran Church, Ladue, Mo., and to Pastor Kevin D. Golden, we will have a meeting place for September and October. By December our plans are to be back on campus (to our roots), and we will see firsthand the changes that have taken place with a renovated dining area and a brand new kitchen.

We invite you to join us as we begin work on the completion of a new list of service projects. Inform your friends about the Concordia Seminary Guild, and invite them to join you for one or more of our meetings. Let us grow together, rooted in Christ.

For the Guild’s final meeting of the 2010-2011 academic year on May 13, a large group of students surprised the ladies by stopping by to say “Thank you” with their applause. It was a great way to kick off a fun meeting!

Village Lutheran Church is approximately four miles west of the Seminary campus, on the north side of Clayton Road. It is west of the McKnight/Clayton intersection. There is ample convenient parking. Lunch cost will remain at $8.00 each. At the September meeting, Dr. Dale Meyer will update us on campus construction.

IMPORTANT:
Due to major construction on campus, the Guild will hold the September 16 and October 28 meetings at Village Lutheran Church, Ladue, Missouri.
Some students are in need of Direct-to-Student Aid to assist with educational expenses. Through the financial aid office, the Guild can help three students by “gift ing” them $1,000 each. Also, through our Student Emergency Fund project ($1,000) we can help those students who have unexpected emergencies that require financial outlay.

Our organization is not only rooted in Christ, but also in our years of service to the students and their families at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. Would you believe that next year we will be celebrating our 80th year? With your membership, and with your project assistance, each year we keep growing together and putting down stronger and stronger roots.

Our service projects impact the lives of so many seminarians, and we are recipients of their thankfulness. We are all strengthened as we work together, pray together, rejoice together, and laugh together. You are invited to join us at any or all of our meetings.

Thank you for your understanding during September and October when our meetings will be relocated to Village Lutheran in Ladue. Even though we will be uprooted during this time, we are assured that we are all rooted together in our Lord Jesus Christ.

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Adopted Projects 2011-2012
Supporting Concordia Seminary, St. Louis

Pieper’s Christian Dogmatics, Vol. 1 ....................................................... $2,764.00
(for all incoming residential and SMP students)
Clergy Shirts ($27.96 each for first-year students) ................................... $1,957.00
Seminary Chorus (spring and fall tours) .................................................. $5,000.00
Center for Hispanic Studies (textbooks) .................................................. $3,000.00
Food Bank (rolling and grocerycarts) ....................................................... $600.00
Food Bank (plastic storage bins) ............................................................... $600.00
Student Emergency Fund ....................................................................... $1,000.00
Family Nights ......................................................................................... $800.00
Student Etiquette Dinner ....................................................................... $1,000.00
Seminary Women’s Association ............................................................... $500.00
Pederson Fieldhouse (free weights) ......................................................... $700.00
Pederson Fieldhouse (wall TV for fitness area) ....................................... $700.00
Dorm Appliances (TVs and DVD players) ............................................. $1,500.00
Ethnic Immigrant Institute of Theology (EIIT) ....................................... $1,000.00
Life Transitions (After the Boxes Are Unpacked books) ...................... $2,500.00
Direct-to-Student Aid ............................................................................ $3,000.00
Re-Sell It Shop (racks, shelving, doity) ................................................... $1,000.00
International Student Fund .................................................................... $2,500.00
Dorm Furniture ....................................................................................... $2,000.00
Chapel (sound equipment) ..................................................................... $1,000.00
Deaconess Studies (textbooks) ............................................................... $300.00
Microwaves (for dorm lounges) ............................................................ $300.00

Total ........................................................................................................ $22,021.00

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2011-2012 Project Notes
Helping Seminary Students and Families

International Student Fund
Each year there are several international students who come to the United States to study at the Seminary. To assist with their transition, the Seminary plans events and tours with associated expenses. With our Guild project of $2,500 we can help with some of these expenses and put out the “Welcome Mat” for these students.

Center for Hispanic Studies
Not only do we purchase a required textbook for the residential M.Div. students, but with this project we also purchase a required textbook for the students enrolled in the Center for Hispanic Studies ($300). For students in the ethnic Immigrant Institute of Theology, our project of $1,000 will aid in both educational and travel expenses.

Some students are in need of Direct-to-Student Aid to assist with educational expenses. Through the financial aid office, the Guild can help three students by “gift ing” them $1,000 each. Also, through our Student Emergency Fund project ($1,000) we can help those students who have unexpected emergencies that require financial outlay.

And last but not least, we can help student and family fellowship by supporting the Seminary Women’s Association ($500), Family Nights ($800), Student Etiquette Dinner ($1,000), and with new Dorm Furniture ($2,000).

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Pederson Fieldhouse Projects

This summer we have been able to complete two of our Pederson Fieldhouse projects so that these are in place for the upcoming academic year. Wil Stelzer, athletic director, responded with this note of thanks:

“Dear Members of the Seminary Guild,

Thank you very much for the gifts that you designated for use at the Fieldhouse. The Fieldhouse is a place where students congregate before, in between, and after classes to maintain a healthy body as well as a healthy mind and spirit.

The new set of free weights and the wall hung television will no doubt make the Fieldhouse an even more inviting and beneficial place for seminarians. We very much appreciate your support over the years. Thank you for all you do for the Fieldhouse and for the Seminary.”

Wil Stelzer
Athletic Director

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Concordia Seminary Guild Annual Membership Dues

Individual - $8 Society - $15.00

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 Alice Kastens, 5101 Kings Park Drive, St. Louis, MO, 63129.

Name (or Society) ___________________________________________________ □ Individual Membership ($8)
Address ________________________________________________________________________________________________________ □ Society Membership ($15)
City, State, ZIP ____________________________________________ □ Project Fund Donation
Telephone ________________________________________________________ Telephone _______________________________________________ Total__________
Email ___________________________________________________________ Email ____________________________________________________

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 object.

Thank you for your support! For questions concerning the Seminary Guild, please call 314-505-7362.

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