If you take a look at our focus for this new academic year, you will see a long title: “Community of Believers Who Serve, Worship, Prepare, Share, Care, and Celebrate.” Wow! This says a lot about who we are and what we do.

Each year the Guild members begin anew on another list of projects that demonstrate our sharing and our caring. In our community of Guild members and friends we hold the same interest in supporting the larger Seminary community, with particular intent on helping the seminarians and their families. Already we have completed a number of our projects for the 2009-2010 academic year. We have cared for the incoming students by gifting them with a required textbook and a clergy shirt. We have shared our blessings with the student services office by contributing $1,000.00 to the student emergency fund. This fund is to assist individual students in times of need.

One of the projects recently completed (from the previous project list) was the purchase of new lockers for the Preachers’ locker room in Pederson Fieldhouse. Bill Maxfield, athletic director, said, “Thanks to the Guild for their contribution to this needed project. This jumpstarted doing other work in the area, including all new painted walls. It looks great!”

Now, on this year’s project list, we have additional projects to support the athletic programs on campus. We do all of this because we care about the health and well-being of the students and their families while they are here on campus.

The entire project list is on page two of this Guildlines. As you review this list please keep in mind how the Guild, our own Community of Believers, shares and cares with so many others.

Our calendar on page three indicates the meeting dates when we plan to come together for worship and fellowship. This is also a time for our Guild community to give thanks and praise for all of the blessings that we have received, and to celebrate together the work that we have accomplished.

We welcome you to join us in our Community!

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Have you paid your membership dues for this year? (membership form on reverse side) When you receive your meeting cards, please note registration deadline for luncheons since we need to give a final count to the Seminary.

For further information or for questions about the Seminary Guild please call 314-505-7379 or email SeminaryGuild@csl.edu. The Seminary Web site is www.csl.edu.

Kindly send any address changes to our treasurer Nina Boehme so that our records can be updated.

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who provides all of them in everyone.”

1 Corinthians 12: 4-6
Adopted Projects 2009-2010
Supporting Concordia Seminary, St. Louis

Pieper’s Christian Dogmatics, Vol. 1 ($23.80 each x 85 first-year students) ... $2,023.00 *
Clergy Shirts ($26.36 each x 85 first-year students) ... $2,240.60
The Minister’s Prayer Book ($19.60 each x 100 graduating students) ... $1,960.00
Seminary Chorus ........................................... $500.00 *
Center for Hispanic Studies (Special Collections library) ............ $1,000.00
Food Bank (shopping carts/dehumidifiers) .......................... $800.00 *
Intramural and Club Sports (soccer/cross country/baseball) .... $800.00 *
Deaconess Studies (student cross-cultural module) ............... $1,000.00
Direct-to-Student Aid ($1,000.00 assistance each to 4 students) .... $4,000.00
Student Emergency Fund ................................ $1,000.00 *
Family Nights (fellowship evening supper in Koburg Hall for student families; project will sponsor one event) $500.00
Coffee after Chapel (student fellowship time following chapel) cost is $100.00 per week; project will sponsor 5 weeks $500.00 *
Student Etiquette Dinner (special dinner for students with guest speaker) ... $1,500.00
Seminary Women’s Association ................................ $500.00
Specific Ministry Pastor Program (distance ministry studies) $1,000.00
Deaconess Studies (student textbooks) ........................... $300.00
Intercollegiate Sports Program (basketball/golf/tennis/cycling) $1,000.00
Dorm Counselor Fund (CPFR/AED training for dorm counselors, and for special events for single dorm students) ... $1,000.00
Student Services (direct education/tutoring aid for students) $1,000.00

TOTAL ...................................................... $22,623.60

*Completed

Intent on Providing

Have you ever visited the Concordia Seminary Food Bank? It is like a small grocery store with a large variety of items all organized on shelves. The freezer is stocked, personal items are all shelved, and rolling grocery carts are at the ready for student shopping.

One of the Guild’s projects this year is to assist with the purchase of additional shopping carts, and also for the purchase of dehumidifiers for the Food Bank area. We have already been able to complete this project with your donations. The Guild’s contributions have been put to use in enriching the shopping experience for the students and their families.

While we can contribute to the Food Bank at any time of year, our designated Pantry Shower is scheduled for our February 12, 2010 meeting. Once again, we will have Food Bank staff ready to help you unload your car. Thank you for being a part of our Community of Sharing!

Advent by Candlelight

Please mark your calendars for the Guild’s “Advent by Candlelight” gathering to be held in Koburg Dining Hall on Friday, December 4th. This is a very meaningful way to prepare for the Advent season.

We will begin at 11:30 a.m. with registration and enjoy a luncheon at 12:00 p.m. This will be followed with Advent musical performances by members of the Seminary community. Consider inviting your Women’s Ministry Group to join you. Introduce them to the Guild!

Further details to come. If you would like to “host” a table (decorating only for a table for 8), please contact Barbara Huggins at 314-505-7900 (days) or 314-487-9884 (evenings). It is a delightful time for Christian fellowship!

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) ............................................................. 
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Telephone ................................................................. 
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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 314-505-7379.