Serving 80 years...

Picture in your mind the little girl who loves to help mother as she prepares dinner for a special occasion. She insists on setting the table, arranging the centerpiece, stirring the pudding, and being on hand to answer the door as the guests arrive. Now put yourself in a similar situation. Perhaps that little girl was you!

Years have passed but the desire to serve is still very much alive. Concordia Seminary Guild offers a wonderful opportunity to continue to serve, even into our 80th year and beyond.

This year we will be reviewing the many opportunities the Lord has given us to show our love and appreciation to those who go into full-time ministry. These specially trained servants are the ones who bring to us Word and Sacrament. These are the individuals who baptize our babies, confirm our loved ones, marry our children, minister to us throughout life, and finally commit God’s children to His loving care as the soul leaves the body.

Yes, the little girl in us is alive and well. As the Lord gives us the opportunity, we will continue on our mission to serve just as we have done for the past 80 years. I ask you to remember the Guild in your prayers and with your gifts of love to the project fund. To God be the Glory!

Joyce Bischoff
Guild President

Did you know...

- In June 1852, at J.F. Schuricht’s drugstore in South St. Louis, the first meeting was held that eventually evolved into the Concordia Seminary Guild.
- In the 1800s, those ladies helped the Seminary students by making them towels, bedding, shirts, and handkerchiefs. In addition, they offered the hospitality of their homes to the students.
- From 1932-1940, approximately 11,000 women attended yearly “Jelly Showers” and donated more than 23,000 jars of jelly and other canned items to the Seminary – an average of 2,000 jars per year. They also donated cash that totaled $2,806.25.
- In 1932, the original name for Concordia Seminary Guild was “The Concordia Seminary Students’ Welfare Committee” with Mrs. John H. C. Fritz, wife of the Seminary’s dean, serving as chairman. Due to increased membership these ladies became known as “Concordia Seminary Guild”.

Concordia Seminary Guild Board of Directors

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The Guild’s theme verse for this year:
“For I know the plans I have for you,’ declares the Lord, ‘plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.’” Jeremiah 29:11
**Adopted Projects 2012-2013**

Supporting Concordia Seminary, St. Louis

- Textbooks for incoming students ........................................... $2,600.00
- Student Emergency Fund ....................................................... $4,000.00
- Food Bank .................................................................................. $1,500.00
- Direct-to-Student Aid ............................................................... $5,000.00
- Pederson Fieldhouse equipment .............................................. $2,100.00
- Community Nights ................................................................. $1,000.00
- Community Space in Benidt Center ........................................... $800.00
- Seminary Chorus ................................................................. $500.00
- Dorm furnishings for student lounges .................................... $2,000.00
- Seminary Women’s Association .............................................. $500.00
- Student Etiquette Dinner ....................................................... $1,000.00
- Chapel ......................................................................................... $2,000.00
- Campus landscaping .............................................................. $1,000.00
- Orientation Luncheon for incoming students ..................... $1,500.00

Total ........................................................................................ $25,500.00

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**2012-2013 Project Notes**

**A little more information...**

It is hard to imagine any student who has not been impacted in some way by the Guild's projects.

- What student has not used one of the textbooks that the Guild has provided?
- What student or family has not shopped at the Food Bank?
- What seminarian has not participated in sports or intramural activities at the Pederson Fieldhouse, or even enjoyed fellowship time at sports or fitness activities?
- What Seminary family has not visited the Re-Sell It Shop?
- What student has not worshipped in the Chapel of St. Timothy and St. Titus?
- What student or family has not enjoyed the landscaped Seminary grounds, community nights, refurbished dormitory lounges, or community space in the new Benidt Center?

There are countless additional ways that seminarians have been blessed by the gifts from so many Guild members for 80 years. We have not only completed beneficial projects, but we have also remembered these students and Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, in our prayers.

"Called to Serve…With Gifts"

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**Continuing to Serve…**

As the Guild continues in our service to Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, this year we have two additional ways to share, along with those items on our Project List.

- December meeting: Please bring a small gift of new children’s socks or underwear (up to size 12) for the Re-Sell It Shop. This will be our gift to all of the Seminary families who shop here on campus.

February meeting: Please bring personal care items or non-perishable food items for our annual Pantry Shower. This will be our gift to the Food Bank for all of those Seminary students and families who rely on this assistance so that they might stretch their already tight budgets.

"Called to Serve… Those Who Serve"

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**A Two Way Street…**

As we celebrate our 80th anniversary, it is a good time to reflect on the support that Concordia Seminary Guild has always received from the administration and faculty of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. It has been a "two way street" for 80 years, and by the grace of God will continue to be so. Every single Seminary president has given his total commitment to the work of the Guild, including the current president, Dr. Dale Meyer. Thank you, Dr. Meyer!

While Guild members support Concordia Seminary with our projects and our prayers, each and every one of us is supported and appreciated by the faculty, the administration, and the Board of Regents. At the Guild’s 40th anniversary in 1972, Seminary President Alfred Fuhrbringer encouraged the women to see themselves not only as stockholders, but also as saleswomen of Concordia Seminary (from “50 Years of Service to Concordia Seminary”). This message still holds true today.

"Called to Serve…Together"

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

Name (or Society) ____________________________________________________________________________

Address ____________________________________________________________________________________

City, State, ZIP _____________________________________________________________________________

Telephone ___________________ Total________

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 project. Thank you for your support! For questions concerning the Seminary Guild, please call 1-800-822-5287.

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**2012 – 2013 Calendar**

All Guild meetings are held in Koburg Hall on the Seminary Campus

- **September 21, 2012**
  - 12:00 p.m., Lunch and Meeting

- **October 19, 2012**
  - 12:00 p.m., Lunch and Program (following Chapel service with students)

- **December 7, 2012**
  - Advent by Candlelight
    - 12:00 p.m., Lunch and Program

- **February 1, 2013**
  - Pantry Shower
    - 12:00 p.m., Lunch and Program

- **March 15, 2013**
  - 12:00 p.m., Lunch and Meeting

- **May 3, 2013**
  - 12:00 p.m., Lunch and Meeting