In reviewing the years of service that the Concordia Seminary Guild has provided to Seminary students and their families, it is evident that Guild members have so often added that “personal touch” to the lives of the students and this campus.

The Guild is completing another year of projects that have, in so many cases, added that special touch to individuals and families. God has also embraced the Guild with His personal touch in its 76th year, as this year’s theme indicates—“Continuing in God’s Grace...”

How have you personally touched the lives of students? You have done so with your prayers and with your project donations. For many of you there are countless other ways in which you have added that special “something” so that the days are a bit richer for all involved. Thank you for all of this.

As this Guild Lines goes to press, the completed projects this year total $18,746.78. There is over $3,000 in projects yet to complete.

How have the Guild’s projects affected the lives of students?

• At the beginning of the academic year, two students and their wives were flooded out of their apartments as a result of remnants of Hurricane Ike that affected St. Louis. The Seminary Guild contributed $500 to each of the couples to assist them in their transition to new living quarters as they needed to replace most of their belongings that were lost in the flood.

• To help each incoming student in the expenditures that occur at the beginning of the academic year, the Guild gifted them with a required textbook and a clergy shirt for a total value of approximately $50 per student.

The Guild contributed $1,000 each to three students for the Direct-to-Student Aid project. This money goes directly to each named student who is in need of financial assistance for their educational expenses.

• Deaconess students traveled to New Orleans to experience firsthand the ministry in a different cultural setting, which is part of their cross-cultural module. The Guild helped out with a $1,000 contribution to assist in their expenses.

• At its annual February Food Pantry Shower, the Guild helped to replenish the shelves for the students’ grocery shopping. Also, with an $800 gift, the Food Bank was able to purchase additional rolling carts and storage bins.

The students and their families thank you, the Seminary administration thanks you, and the Guild Board of Directors thanks you. They could not have completed the broad array of projects without your help. Above all the Guild gives thanks and praise for the caring touch of our gracious God who has showered us abundantly with His grace!

Soli Deo Gloria
From Our President

For many years my husband has picked up day-old bread from a local bakery and delivers it weekly to the Food Bank so students have free baked items. This is Hank’s “personal touch” in assisting Seminary students and their families. Many of you likely have similar stories to tell.

What I do know is that the Concordia Seminary Guild has a terrible story to tell when we share with others the power of our projects. In this, my first year as president, I am continually awed by the outpouring of your gifts and support. Thank you!

On this page you will see our new list of projects. When we adopt our projects we know that each one will affect, in a positive way, those who are on this campus. The history of the Guild is to “Support the Work of the Word” and that we continue to do.

It is an uncertain time for all of us. Nevertheless, we know that God continues to touch us with His grace as we continue to share our service with Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. This is accomplished through your prayers, your membership and project support, your volunteering and your telling our story to others. Thank you for how you have touched others in the past. Please join us as we look to the future.

Joan Schlichter
Guild President

Adopted Projects 2009-2010

Supporting Concordia Seminary, St. Louis

Pieper’s Christian Dogmatics, Vol. 1 .............................................................. $2,023.00
($23.80 each x 85 first-year students)

Clergy Shirts ($26.36 each x 85 first-year students) ...........................................$2,240.60

The Minister’s Prayer Book ................................................................................ $1,960.00
($19.60 each x 100 graduating students)

Seminary Chorus .....................................................................................................$500.00
(to help with the fall and spring tour groups)

Center for Hispanic Studies ................................................................................ $1,000.00
(to purchase resources for special collections library)

Food Bank (shopping carts and dehumidifiers) ...................................................... $800.00

Intramural and Club Sports ................................................................................... $800.00

(dequipment needs for soccer/cross country/baseball etc.)

Deaconess Studies (student cross-cultural module) ............................................ $1,000.00

Direct-To-Student Aid ($1,000 each to 4 students) .................................................. $4,000.00

Student Emergency Fund ........................................................................................ $1,000.00

Family Nights ......................................................................................................... $500.00
(fellowship evening supper in Koburg Hall for student families,
about 20 per year are held this project will sponsor one event)

Coffee after Chapel (student fellowship time) ......................................................... $500.00
(this is held Monday thru Friday, following morning chapel.
Approx. cost is $100 per week/this project will sponsor 5 weeks)

Student Etiquette Dinner (with guest speaker) ......................................................... $1,500.00

Seminary Women’s Association ........................................................................... $500.00

Specific Ministry Pastor (SMP – distance ministry program) ............................. $1,000.00

Deaconess Studies (student textbooks) ................................................................... $300.00

Intercollegiate Sports Program ................................................................................ $1,000.00
(equipment needs for basketball, golf, tennis and cycling)

Dorm Counselor Fund .............................................................................................. $1,000.00
(for CPR/AED training for all dorm counselors, and for
special events for students who reside in single student dorms)

Student Services (direct education/tutoring aid to students) ................................. $1,000.00

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

Direct-to Student Aid Project

For this year’s “Direct-to-Student Aid” project, Guild members contributed $1,000 each to three Seminary students: Justin Whitmore, left, and Matthew Borrasso. Not pictured: Kevin Buelmann.

2009-2010 Calendar

September 18, 2009
12:00 p.m., Lunch and Meeting

October 16, 2009
9:40 a.m., Chapel with Students
11:00 a.m., Brunch and Program

Rally Day

December 4, 2009
12:00 p.m., Advent by Candlelight

Lunch and Program

February 12, 2010
12:00 p.m., Lunch and Program

Pantry Shower

March 19, 2010
12:00 p.m., Lunch and Meeting

May 14, 2010
12:00 p.m., Lunch and Meeting

Thank You . . .

Thanks to the various Women’s Ministry Groups and individuals who choose to support our projects.

Some of the organizations worked with Thrivent matching funds so that the contribution would be greater. Other groups chose one of the projects as their own “mission” project with their weekly collections. All of this, along with the individual contributions from all over the United States, helped us to complete the majority of our 2008-2009 adopted projects. Each of you personally touched the lives of students. Thank you for sharing your care and concern in this way.

For additional information or for questions about the Seminary Guild projects, please call 314-505-7374, e-mail SeminaryGuild@csle.edu or visit the Seminary Web site at www.csl.edu.

Continuing in God’s Grace… for the Guild’s 76th Year

“My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness.” 2 Corinthians 12:9

Thank You for Your Support! For questions concerning the Seminary Guild, please call 314-505-7374.