LIVING IN THE WORD

We are so blessed! Yes, our Vice President Judi Winker outlined the theme for this season in a note that was sent out in August. She is following in the footsteps of our former vice president Dot Hanske assuring the members of the Guild that blessings are in store for all who attend our gatherings. You will not want to miss one of the events!

What does it mean when we say we are “Living in the Word?” Do we pattern our conversations and activities guided by Scripture? Having received knowledge of the Bible and Luther’s Small Catechism in a Christian Day School with heavy emphasis on memorization. “Living in the Word” has a firm foundation on which recalling Bible passages and hymn verses is a real and present blessing. When trials and temptations arise it is wonderful to receive assurance from God’s Word.

Another gift of the Word was given on the day of Confirmation. The pastor was unaware that Psalm 145:18-19 would guide me through difficult times in life. Most confirmed members have such a passage assigned to them. Use make of this as it is your personal gift taken from Scripture.

We begin this fall season awaiting the cooler days as we watch the leaves change to beautiful autumn colors. Here again we are told in the “Living Word” that until the Lord returns we will experience these changes. We welcome these times as they add to the beauty of His creation and guide us to understand that as Scripture reminds us, one day all of this will come to an end. How then can we make better use of our devotional time as we approach another year at Concordia Seminary? Luther wrote that we should begin the day by reading from Scripture. As we conclude the day, we can then go about our day. We begin this fall season awaiting the cooler days as we watch the leaves change to beautiful autumn colors. Here again we are told in the “Living Word” that until the Lord returns we will experience these changes. We welcome these times as they add to the beauty of His creation and guide us to understand that as Scripture reminds us, one day all of this will come to an end. How then can we make better use of our devotional time as we approach another year at Concordia Seminary? Luther wrote that we should begin the day by reading from Scripture. As we conclude the day, we can then go about our day.

Remember to include in your prayers the men and women who are studying here at Concordia Seminary. Ask the Lord to give them the zeal and perseverance to which they are called to an end. How then can we make better use of our devotional time as we approach another year at Concordia Seminary? Luther wrote that we should begin the day by reading from Scripture. As we conclude the day, we can then go about our day.

We are living at a time when the people of God are being silenced … do not let this be said about us!

Joyce Bischoff, President
Concordia Seminary Guild

Project Information

Furnishings for Loeber II
This room serves many different kinds of groups for many different types of meetings. Therefore, the furnishings are in need of updating, to allow flexibility in the set up of the room. The room is used for various student meetings and/or gatherings, for confirmation retreats, for committee meetings and other things.

Student Scholarships
Will we be able to directly impact at least two concluding students, each with $1000? The student names will be given us by the Dean of Ministerial Formation and the Director of Financial Aid. What better way to send a strong signal to these new pastors that the church, as represented by the Seminary Guild, will continue to support and encourage them in their ministry?

Food Bank/Re-Sell It Shop/Intramural Programs
These are all areas on campus that directly impact the lives of students and their families, and their health and well being. The Guild can assist with these areas, through our project donations and the completion of these projects: for the Food Bank, supplies and equipment; for the Re-Sell It Shop, storage and display items; for intramural sports, replacement of sports/fitness equipment.

The above projects are just a few examples of how the Guild, through our collective donations, actively supports this campus. Furthermore, we offer our prayers of thanksgiving for the entire campus community, as each of us in our hearts and homes demonstrate that “…the word of God is living and active…” (Hebrews 4:12a).
Hallo, November 2015

Tell me more...

“What are the Guild projects?” “How do you complete them?” These are some of the questions we hear frequently, especially from new members. The Guild, with our adopted projects, supports Seminary students and their families. This is our service to the Seminary.

As this Guild Lines goes to press, thanks to your contributions, we have been able to complete some of our Adopted Projects for this new academic year.

$1,000 direct-to-student aid to qualifying fourth-year student (see article on page 3)
$500 for incoming Center for Hispanic Studies students for books and educational materials
$500 for incoming Ethnic Immigrant Institute of Theology students for books and educational materials
$1,500 to the Seminary chapel for custom banners and albs
$1,000 to international students to assist with educational and health expenses
$500 to Families in Transition to live-stream some of the seminary wives’ classes
$500 for incoming Center for Hispanic Studies

Plus—required textbook, Gerhard Forde’s Luther’s Heidelberg Disputation that has been ordered for the incoming M.Div., Residential Alternate Route, Deaconess, and Specific Ministry Pastor students (approx $16). These will be gifted to the incoming students at the Information Fair Sept. 1, 2015.

Indeed, the Guild’s service projects are examples of “Living in the Word”. Thank you!

Direct-To-Student Aid Project

Daniel Vang, 28, a fourth-year Master of Divinity student received a $1,000 grant from the Seminary Guild. The grant, named in honor of Jean Barth, wife of former Concordia Seminary President Dr. Karl Barth, was designated for a fourth-year student from the LCMS South Wisconsin District. She died in June at the age of 90.

“They actually surprised me with letter in the mail,” said Vang, who recently returned from vocation at Trinity Lutheran Church of Freistadt in Mequon, Wis. “I felt very blessed. A gift of any sort toward my education is worth a lot of praise and thanksgiving.”

A St. Paul, Minn., native, and son of a pastor, Vang grew up in Wisconsin. He and his wife, Alexandra, have three daughters; Ariadne, Miriam and Tulip.

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2015-2016 Adopted Service Projects

Supporting Concordia Seminary, St. Louis

Text books for incoming students ................................................. $1,600
For CHS and EIT Students ....................................................... $1,000
Food Bank .............................................................. $1,500
Chapel ............................................................... $1,500
After Chapel Coffee Time .................................................... $800
Re-Sell It Shop ........................................................... $300
Campus Landscaping .......................................................... $500
Field Ed Office – Student Off Campus Events .................... $1,000
Can you Spare a Quarter? .............................................. $100
Families in Transition (FIT) .................................................. $500
Direct-To-Student Aid ......................................................... $3,000
Community Student Gatherings ........................................ $2,000
Campus Security ............................................................ $300
Loeber II Furnishings ....................................................... $2,000
Student Intramural Programs ............................................. $1,500
International Students ....................................................... $1,000
Student Scholarships ......................................................... $2,000
TOTAL .............................................................. $20,600

Concordia Seminary Guild Annual Membership Dues

Individual - $10 Organization - $25

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:
Marie Springer, 1115 Oakleaf Cove Court, Fenton, MO 63026

Name (or Society) ............................................................
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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 314-942-7254.