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## YOUR DONATIONS AT WORK

This past December, the Guild presented a \$4,000 check to Gayle Zollmann, grounds coordinator at the Seminary. It didn't take Gayle long to make good use of the funds. So far, she has ordered about 40 fruit trees to replace some mature trees that had been lost last year and some trellises and seeds for the campus garden used by students. "Wow!! Just amazing!" Gail exclaimed when she received the check. "So generous of your wonderful ladies! Thank you for making these projects possible!"

## 2020-21 ADOPTED SERVICE PROJECTS

Journaling Bibles*	\$2,500
Campus landscaping*	4,000
Adopt-A-Student*	4,000
Music arts	2,000
After chapel coffee time	1,000
Student athletics and fitness center	2,000
New student orientation	2,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$18,000</b>

\*Funded

## INTRODUCING OUR NEW LOGO

The Sem Guild Board of Directors recently approved a new logo created by Courtney Koll, a graphic designer working with Concordia Seminary. Courtney explains the idea for the new logo:

"Four years ago, when my husband and I first moved to St. Louis, my grandparents came to visit. My grandfather is an alumnus of Concordia Seminary and wanted to give us a special tour of campus. We were shown the old chapel, known today as Werner Auditorium. He pointed out the apartment where he used to live (just off DeMun Avenue) that was owned by the Seminary at the time. He showed us where the old bookstore had been located, which is now the home office of Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML). It was interesting to see how things had changed in the almost 60 years since my grandfather attended Seminary.

"When I was tasked with the project to update the Seminary Guild logo, I thought about that day four years ago, how the Seminary had undergone so many changes throughout the years and how those changes benefited so many along the way. I also thought about all the ways the Guild had supported the Seminary throughout the years.

"As I sketched out my ideas, I thought it important to walk the line of old and new. I was drawn to imagery of laurel wreaths, as they remind me of this perfect dichotomy of historical and contemporary. This classic imagery has been used for centuries and yet still feels new and fresh. It has been popularized recently along with modernized calligraphy, something I thought to incorporate in the fonts I chose for the logo. I also appreciate how a laurel wreath's crown shape has historically represented Christ, our reason for all that we do as a Seminary and the Seminary Guild.

"I am so thrilled with the way the new Seminary Guild logo came out, and I hope you love it too! The Seminary will always have a special place in my heart as it holds so much history for me and my family. I know my story is not unique and that there are many seminarians, past and present, who have had fathers and grandfathers attend here before them. The Guild's support for these families is so wonderful! I hope this new logo will assist the Seminary Guild in attracting new members of all generations to come together and support the Seminary for years in the future."



## From the Guild President

Three years ago, when this new chapter of my life as Guild president began, I was not sure where it would lead me. It brought me to new Christian sisters, who, like me, enjoyed our time together at luncheons and board meetings. But the pandemic has changed what we once enjoyed. Not only are we not meeting on campus, but so many families are struggling with the pandemic. This includes my family and other Guild members' families, as well as the families of the students, staff and faculty members at the Seminary.

Not so long ago my family was at the dinner table when my 13-year-old son asked, "Mom, will I still be able to go to the Seminary?" He has wanted to be a pastor for as long as I can remember.

After a look from my husband at the other end of the table, I replied, "Yes, with the help of God."

If there has ever been a time that we need to hear and learn God's Word, it is now. The work of the Seminary Guild is so important. By continuing to do what we do, we can help play a part in the formation of our future church workers despite the challenges we are currently facing. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the Adopted Service Projects Fund in these difficult times. We have completed three of the seven projects to date. We ask that you continue giving to help and support our students.

I hope you will join in on our new campaign, "Gifts from the Heart." This is an opportunity for you to personally gift a journaling Bible for an incoming student. Look for the details in this newsletter.

The way we do things as the Sem Guild may have changed for a while, but the one thing that never changes is Jesus Christ. "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever" (Heb. 13:8 ESV).

The Lord's blessing,  
Tami Clardy

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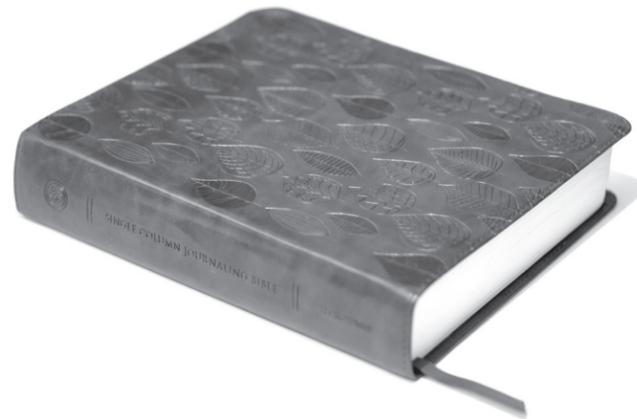
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# New Opportunity: 'Gifts from the Heart' Journaling Bibles

Since 2017, incoming Ministerial Formation students have received journaling Bibles from the Seminary Guild through donations to the Adopted Service Projects Fund.

These journaling Bibles have become a treasure for the students who receive them. Because the Bibles are such a valuable spiritual resource, the Guild's Board of Directors unanimously approved the project again for the 2021-22 academic school year, but with a twist. Guild members now have an opportunity to personally purchase journaling Bibles through the Sem Guild and gift them to students.

Journaling Bibles may be gifted in your name (or anonymously, if you prefer), and/or in memory or in honor of someone who has made the world a more joyful place for you. A personal note from you can be included with the Bible. These personal notes are a great encouragement to our students and serve as a reminder of God's unchanging love in



a changing world. All journaling Bibles will have a bookplate saying that it is a "Gift from the Heart" from the Sem Guild and YOU! The cost of each Bible is \$25.

You can support "Gifts from the Heart" by sending the following for each Bible you wish to gift:

- (1) The name as it should appear on the bookplate. Be sure to indicate if the name is in memory or in honor of someone.
- (2) \$25
- (3) A personal note (optional)

Make your check for the total amount payable to Concordia Seminary Guild, and send it with the above information to Mary Jane Autry, 7609 Fleta St., St. Louis, MO 63123.

About 150 journaling Bibles are needed. The Bibles and accompanying notes will be given to incoming students during Orientation in August 2021. Unfortunately, specific requests cannot be accommodated as the gifted Bibles will be randomly given to students.

Let's show the incoming seminarians what God's and the Sem Guild's love looks like. Send your gift today!

## Powerful Prayer

By Gail Brauer, Historian

*This article appeared in the Seminary Guild's 50th anniversary booklet, which was researched by Juanita Hahn Wolf.*

One member of the sewing society related the following incident shortly before her death: In 1849, Concordia Seminary relocated to a plot on South Jefferson Avenue. One of the earliest groups offering aid was "Mrs. Walther's Sewing Circle." The sewing circle met during an unusually dry period of the year. Much lamentation regarding the drought was heard at the meeting. After having listened for some time to the complaints, Mrs. Emilie Walther arose and said, "My dear friends, we don't pray enough; this drought is due partly to the lack of prayer. Let us all kneel and fervently petition the Lord to send us rain."

All knelt while Mrs. Walther led in prayer. Thereupon the women busied themselves again with the task of sewing for needy students; when lo and behold, from the distance came the sound of rolling thunder. The sun became obscured, clouds gathered, lightning flashed and even before the meeting adjourned, their prayer was answered as a welcome rain refreshed the parched earth.



# Greetings from our Adopt-A-Student Seminarians

The Sem Guild supports four students throughout their time at the Seminary through direct-to-student aid. Each academic year, a first-year student is selected to replace a concluding student. Learn a little more about the students we support below.

*Luke Onken /First-year seminarian*

Spring semester has begun, which is quite welcomed after my long winter break. Our classes are back in-person, allowing me to better connect with my professors and peers. While connecting online has its blessings, nothing quite compares to discussing God's Word together in Christian fellowship. Campus has been displaying God's beautiful creation with the recent snowfalls we had! The trees glisten in the winter snow, providing some reflection on how beautiful and wonderful God is for creating not only this, but also for creating us. I pray Christ continues to bless your ministry here at Concordia Seminary and that we will be able to gather soon in person. God's blessings to you!



*Jacob Moore /Second-year seminarian*

Campus life for this academic year has not been ideal — it has been hard and discouraging at times, but necessary for now. I am grateful to be on campus for classes. It is important to our pastoral formation that we have an in-class experience. While not everything is ideal now, God is good in all that He does, and I trust in Him through the pandemic and in my formation as well. I pray we can return to the fellowship we had at the beginning of my first year soon. I thank all those who work hard to keep us



safe and who make an in-person experience possible. It is a great time to be the church!

*Ezra Grabau /Third-year seminarian*

What a year to be on vicarage! Though a very different time for ministry, I feel blessed, nonetheless. Being able to observe leaders in ministry adapt, communicate and overcome all this pandemic has thrown at them and participate [in ministry] in this time will undoubtedly prepare me for most anything. The hardest thing this year has been the restrictions on visiting people in the hospital, assisted living or nursing homes. I have been drawn to God's words in Ex. 34:6, "The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness ..." May our God continue to strengthen and keep you in the true faith.



*Mason Vieth /Fourth-year seminarian*

Currently in my last semester of M.Div. studies, I cannot believe how fast these past four years at the Seminary have gone! Although COVID-19 has challenged and changed our daily lives, I am grateful for worship and classes on campus. I am looking forward to taking a call and serving the Lord and His church. My lifelong dream is about to become a reality! As I reflect on these last four years, I continually remember your generous prayerful and financial support. You have allowed me to focus on my studies and formation without stressing over finances. As I move to my next chapter, you are in my prayers as you support future servants of the Lord's church.



## Concordia Seminary Guild Annual Membership Dues/Project Fund Donations

**Annual 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?**

Name (or Society) \_\_\_\_\_

Individual membership (\$10) \_\_\_\_\_

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Project fund donation

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \$5 \_\_\_\_\_ \$10 \_\_\_\_\_ \$25 \_\_\_\_\_ \$50

Email \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \$75 \_\_\_\_\_ \$100 Other: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to Concordia Seminary Guild and send to: Mary Jane Autry, 7609 Fleta St., St. Louis, MO 63123

**Membership dues:** Please make certain that your Guild membership is up-to-date so that you will continue to receive *Guild Lines*.

**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 314-429-6302.