



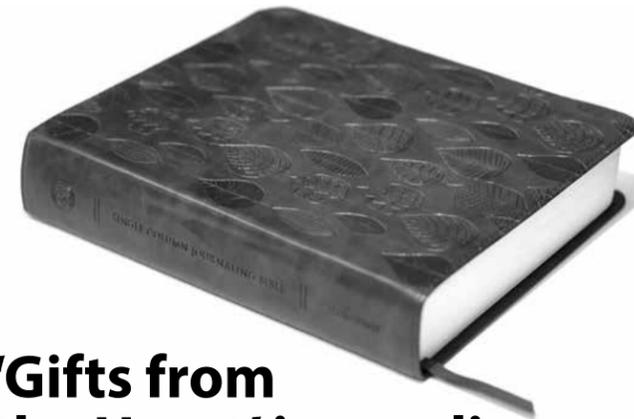
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'Gifts from the Heart' journaling Bibles return!

The Sem Guild Board of Directors unanimously approved the "Gifts from the Heart" journaling Bibles project for the 2022-23 academic school year. Guild members will again 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 anonymous, 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 may be included with the Bible. 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 this project by sending the following information for each Bible you wish to gift:

- Your name as it should appear on the bookplate for each Bible. Be sure to indicate if the name is in memory or in honor of someone.
- \$25
- A personal note, if you wish

Make your check for the total amount payable to Concordia Seminary Guild and send it with the above information to Mary Jane Autry, 1160 London Circle Lane, Apt. 206, Fenton, MO 63026.

The Bibles and accompanying notes will be given to incoming students during Orientation in August 2022. Unfortunately, requests to gift the Bibles to specific students cannot be accommodated. The gifted Bibles will be given randomly to new students.



From the Guild President

As I complete my term as president of the Concordia Seminary Guild, I have been reflecting on the challenges we all have faced during my tenure. My presidency was anything but normal. The coronavirus pandemic resulted in canceled board meetings and members' luncheons. Decisions were made via Zoom or email.

And as difficult as the challenges were, I also have been reflecting on the successes. All of our service projects were funded because of our generous members. Seminarians graduated and went into the ministry, and new students came to campus to take their places. Our members continued with their faithful prayers for students and Seminary faculty and staff.

Ninety years ago, a few women started the Sem Guild and their legacy lives on. I am proud to be a part of that legacy. It has been an honor and a blessing to be president. I'd like to thank all of you for supporting me through the challenges and the successes. I know God will continue to bless future generations as they, too, support the Sem students and their families with prayers and gifts.

Lord's blessings,
Tami Clardy



The Holy Cross Lutheran Ladies Guild in O'Fallon, Mo., sold candy and nuts in the fall and raised \$922 for the Guild's Adopt-A-Student service project. If your organization holds a fundraiser for the Sem Guild service projects, we would love to hear from you! Send your pictures and information to Kim Braddy at braddyk@csl.edu.

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CONCORDIA SEMINARY GUILD CELEBRATES 90TH

Guild members who attended the March business luncheon had a lot on their plates. Besides enjoying the always wonderful buffet they:

- Recognized 90 years of service to the Seminary
- Elected officers – President Carol Schmidt; Recording Secretary Donna Werner
- Approved an increase of annual dues from \$10 to \$15 for next fiscal year (July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023)
- Adopted service projects for the 2022-23 academic year:

Journaling Bibles	\$1,500
Adopt-A-Student	4,000
Music arts	2,000
After chapel coffee time	1,000
Campus landscaping	4,000
Student athletics and fitness center	3,000
New student Orientation	2,500

Total \$18,000

After taking care of business, the members were treated to a tour of the Re-Sell It Shop.

WANT TO DONATE, LEARN MORE OR BECOME A MEMBER?

Visit us online at csl.edu/semguild or on Facebook by searching Concordia Seminary Guild.

Greetings From Our Adopt-A-Student Seminararians

The Seminary 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. Here is the latest from this year's students.

Rob Choate/First-year seminarian

Thanks for the continued support. I am having a wonderful time here at the Seminary. The Holy Spirit is continuing to guide me and my brothers and sisters in our preparation for ministry. I have begun working several jobs, which are keeping me busy, but I am still able to enjoy the school work that I am undertaking. My favorite class this semester is homiletics, and I feel like I am learning a lot in that class about very practical pastoral work. I have been truly blessed with a terrific field education church that allows me to go on hospital visits and get involved on Sundays with Bible studies and the liturgy. Overall, I feel very blessed about all the gifts I have been given, and am optimistic about the future.



Luke Onken/Second-year seminarian

Greetings once again in Christ, our living Savior whose mercies are new every day! I always enjoy giving the Concordia Seminary Guild an update on my studies and life as it displays the community that we all have in Christ. There was quite a buzz around campus surrounding Call Day 2022! As a pre-vicarage student, my friends and I eagerly awaited this blessed day. Nearly all of our discussions were centered around where we wanted to be placed for next year (I was assigned a vicarage in Fairfax Station, Va.). We all understand that God has His hand in our placements and will send us out to learn and be formed by His people. This past winter, I was able to play on the Seminary Preachers basketball team, something that I enjoyed immensely. The fun and fellowship of the basketball court is something that is unmatched in society today. In other news, my older sister is having another child this summer, and she just learned that it will be a boy. I am more than elated to meet him and be the best uncle I can be! I hope to be able to meet him before I head off to vicarage, but if I don't, I know he will be waiting for me when I get a chance to visit back home in Indiana. Thank you all once again for your continued support of my education here at the Seminary, and I pray that God continues to bless you in your ministry.



Jacob Moore/Third-year seminarian — vicarage

Greetings and salutations from Union, Mo. I thank God for your prayers and support through my Seminary career. My wife and I are eternally grateful for your support and care for this time in



our lives. These past seven months have treated us well. We have been getting into the flow of marriage and we both agree that life is much better with a spouse by your side. We also are very excited for our first child in May, and we thank God for blessing us with the gift of a son. Vicarage has been challenging but rewarding at the same time. I've had many opportunities to preach and teach my own Bible study class. It is these experiences that are forming me into the pastor I need to be for Christ's church. We once again thank you for your support and prayers. The Lord be with you!

Ezra Grabau/Fourth-year seminarian

Sami and I have been enjoying the second trimester of pregnancy and the absence of morning sickness. We've had quite a few family and friends visit us lately and we are excited to see more. I'm enjoying my classes this semester and doing my best to stay focused on class work, although there's a lot of other things to think about. We're so excited about our call to Faith Lutheran Church in Sioux City, Iowa, and to finally meet our baby, due July 16.



GENEROSITY AT WORK

Here is a thank you from Grounds Coordinator Gayle Zollmann for the \$4,000 for campus landscaping:

"I bought seeds, plants and compost for the student garden and will soon be replacing some koi fish on campus. I was also able to buy Yoshino and Kwanzan cherry trees, which were planted down the sidewalk path to Demun Avenue by students who are a part of the grounds crew."

Here is a thank you from Admissions Officer Sarah Seying for \$2,500 for new student Orientation:

"On behalf of the Enrollment team, we would like to give our deepest thanks to the Seminary Guild for the continued support throughout the years of our students. This is truly a blessing and will be used to greatly enhance our new students' experiences throughout Orientation as they enter their time here at Concordia Seminary. Thank you again!"

Highlights from the December meeting

At the December "Advent by Candlelight" luncheon, the Sem Guild Board of Directors surprised Diane Meyer, former Seminary first lady, with a gift of a heron statue for her garden. The board had intended to give Diane the gift when she and President Emeritus Dr. Dale A. Meyer left office in June 2020, but the coronavirus pandemic restrictions prevented that from happening. The gift was given in thanksgiving for Diane's devotion to beautifying the Seminary campus during her time as first lady.

Under the direction of Director of Music Arts Dr. James Marriott, who also serves as the Seminary's Krefl Chair for Music Arts, the tradition of a performance by *Laudamus* returned to "Advent by Candlelight" at the December luncheon. The choir delighted the members with traditional Christmas hymns.



Each year, the choir schedules tours throughout the country. Seminary Guild members supported this program through the music arts service project in the sum of \$2,000 during the last academic year. Marriott thanked the members in a letter: "You and the Sem Guild are always so kind and generous to us! Thank you so much for this amazing gift!"

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR DUES?

WHY IT'S IMPORTANT TO PAY YOUR DUES ON TIME

Twice yearly, our *Guild Lines* newsletter is mailed so that our members have updates on the Guild's adopted service projects that benefit seminararians and their families. The cost of printing and mailing of the *Guild Lines* is paid for by dues.

Program guides, which list upcoming events, are mailed at the beginning of each academic year. Dues also pay for the cost of printing and mailing of these guides.

With members and friends from all over the United States, it is important to keep everyone up-to-date with the important work of the Sem Guild through these publications.

If you have not paid your dues yet, won't you please send your check? Thank you for your support!

A yearly Sem Guild membership lasts from July 1-June 30. Dues are \$15 annually for an individual and \$25 for an organization.



Concordia Seminary Guild Annual Membership Dues/Project Fund Donations

Annual dues: Individual – \$15 Organization – \$25

A yearly Sem 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 (\$15) _____

Address _____

Organization membership (\$25) _____

City, State, ZIP _____

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, 1160 London Circle Lane, Apt. 206, Fenton, MO 63026.

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.