

MEET THE GUILD OFFICERS

PRESIDENT CAROL SCHMIDT



My grandfather was a Lutheran school teacher for 50 years, and my father was a longtime professor at Concordia University Chicago, River Forest, Ill. I served as president of both the Concordia University, Nebraska, Seward, Neb., and the Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Ind., Faculty Wives, and chaired two national Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) committees — experience that has been useful as Guild president. The president prepares agendas, leads luncheons and meetings, and writes for Guild Lines. As my term ends in spring 2026, please consider becoming a nominee. Invite a friend — that is how I became involved! May the Lord bless our service to the Seminary.

VICE PRESIDENT GINGER SCHULTZ

My grandfather built Trinity Lutheran Church, Atchison, Kan., and I attended Trinity Lutheran School, Atchison, Kan. Nursing was my passion from childhood; I graduated from St. Luke's School of Nursing, Davenport, Iowa, in 1972 and retired after 45 years. My husband, Dan, and I were married for more than 50 years and we have been blessed with two children and five grandchildren. I belong to Immanuel Lutheran Church, Wentzville, Mo., and have chaired the Christian Life Committee for the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML). As vice president, I look forward to helping plan programs and supporting our future pastors.



RECORDING SECRETARY DONNA WERNER



I record minutes for Board of Directors and luncheon meetings, working alongside Christian women who dedicate their time, talents and support to the Seminary. My second term ends in May 2026. The Seminary holds a special place in my heart. My first day in Ministerial Formation — the day before Call Day — Dr. Glenn Nielsen welcomed me and set me to work typing student names and assignments. The next morning, he smiled and was glad I came back. My husband, Gus, and I were married for 48 years and blessed with two sons and two grandchildren. I retired in 2020 and now enjoy traveling and volunteering.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY DI EGBERTS

I prepare registration cards and forward them 10 to 12 weeks ahead of each meeting for printing and mailing. When your generous donations are received, I write the thank you notes on behalf of the Guild. I belong to Immanuel Lutheran Church, Olivette, Mo.; the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML); several quilting groups; and Quilts of Valor. My husband and I will celebrate our 38th wedding anniversary this November. We are blessed with one son and two grandchildren. The Lord has richly blessed me, and I am privileged to serve Him and the Guild with gladness.



TREASURER ELLYN PETROVIC



I am honored to serve the Seminary Guild and look forward to this responsibility. I currently work as a dialysis nurse at SLU Hospital and previously served as an accountant. I was called to serve on two short-term mission trips of three months each, supporting finance operations in both Taiwan and the Dominican Republic. I enjoy gardening and hiking and caring for my two Shih Tzus, DOG and Manners. Although talking about myself is not my favorite thing, it is a joy to serve the Lord through the Guild.

FROM THE GUILD PRESIDENT

It was 11 p.m. in June when the tornado siren sounded at my St. Louis home. It has gone off six times for me this spring, but fortunately my area has been spared. Not so in some other places including, on May 16, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis — downed trees, loss of power for a week in some parts and some damage (fortunately minor) to a chapel stained-glass window. We thank God for no loss of life or physical injury. The Seminary Guild board was pleased to send \$3,000 from the Working Dues section of the treasury as a special donation toward uncovered expenses in connection with these items.

We recognize three board members who are completing their service on the board. They are Vice President Jane Schmidt, Treasurer Mary Jane Autry and Assistant to the Treasurer Marie Springer. A normal term of service is two years and one may serve a second two-year term. All of these women have faithfully served not only four years but additional time due to COVID and due to a phrase in the bylaws that says, "or until her successor is elected." We thank them for their generous, dedicated service.

We are pleased to welcome to the board Vice President Ginger Schultz, Treasurer Ellyn Petrovic and Assistant to the Treasurer Julia Petrovic. We thank them for their willingness to serve and look forward to working with them.

What a blessing it has been this year for the Project Fund! We were able to announce at the May luncheon meeting that the projects for this year were fully funded. The Guild was able to donate an additional \$1,000 each to the Holy Land Study Abroad Program and to the Chapel of the Holy Apostles renovation. Thank you for your giving heart!

Lord's blessings,
Carol Schmidt

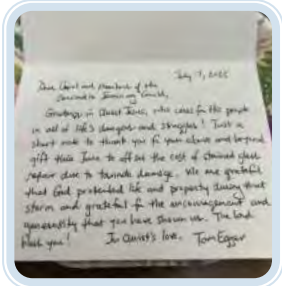
THANK YOU FROM SEMINARY PRESIDENT DR. THOMAS J. EGGER

JULY 7, 2025

Dear Carol and Members of the Concordia Seminary Guild,

Greetings in Christ Jesus, who cares for His people in all of life's dangers and struggles! Just a short note to thank you for your above-and-beyond gift this June to offset the cost of stained-glass repair due to tornado damage. We are grateful that God protected life and property during that storm and grateful for the encouragement and generosity you have shown us. The Lord bless you!

In Christ's love,
Thomas J. Egger



NEW TECHNOLOGY AVAILABLE AT THE CHAPEL

Our new ADA system in the Chapel is called ListenWIFI. It is an advanced WiFi audio streaming product that helps people experience real-time audio for assistive listening during our daily chapel services and special events. It has proven to be very easy to use.

When you attend worship services or other events at Concordia Seminary’s Chapel of St. Timothy and St. Titus, you will have a new listening technology available. If you or a loved one would like to use it, here is what to do:

1. Download the ListenWIFI app from your smartphone’s app store.
2. On campus or in chapel, join the local WiFi network “CSLWiFi” using the password “Seminary1839.” Make sure Bluetooth is turned on for your smartphone.
3. Open the ListenWIFI app and click the “CSL Chapel” play button. This will connect the streaming audio (live sound) to your device (in-the-ear hearing aid, over-the-ear hearing aid or earbuds) through your smartphone.

Using this new technology connected directly to a worshipper’s smartphone (then to hearing aids, etc.), a person with a hearing disability is better able to hear the ongoing worship service. The sound should be crisp and clear with no background noise. Those who already use their smartphone to control their hearing aids will be familiar with this technology. If you would like assistance, please speak with the tech worker at the sound booth on the right side of the chapel.

The Seminary Guild provided \$3,000 toward making this new listening technology available. The Guild is thankful for each new opportunity to help enrich the Seminary community and expand the ability to spread God’s Word. Hearing God’s Word is a true honor and a very comforting, personal experience. We pray that ListenWIFI makes it easier for members with hearing challenges to listen to God’s Word and feel the full impact of those spoken words during worship.

NEW THIS YEAR

ONLINE REGISTRATION

Online registration is available at: csl.edu/sem-guild-luncheon



QR CODE INSTRUCTIONS

A QR code is a square symbol that opens a website when scanned. To use it, open your smartphone camera (or a free QR code reader app), point it at the code and tap the link that appears. This will take you directly to the Seminary Guild webpage.

IN MEMORY OF JOAN SCHLICHTER

We give thanks to God for the life and service of Joan Schlichter, who was called to her heavenly home Aug. 27, 2025. Joan served as Seminary Guild president from 2016–18 and as part of the leadership team from 2022–24. She also served on the LWML Missouri District Board.



NEWS BITS

UPCOMING DATES

Mark your calendars for the 2025-26 luncheon/brunch dates in Koburg Hall and visit us online at csl.edu/semguild for a list of all the programs:

- Oct. 24, 2025, 9:35 a.m.
- Dec. 5, 2025, 11:30 a.m.
- Feb. 13, 2026, 11:30 a.m.
- March 27, 2026, 11:30 a.m.
- May 1, 2026, 11:30 a.m.

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Journaling Bibles for incoming students*	\$4,000
Adopt-A-Student	\$4,000
Musical arts	\$2,000
Commencement reception	\$1,000
After-chapel coffee	\$2,000
Classroom furnishings for Steck and Wyneken Halls	\$3,000
Intercollegiate sports	\$2,000
Werner Auditorium refresh	\$3,000
TOTAL	\$21,000
*Completed	

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